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Games hero

How Damien Hooper lost his Olympic medal hopes, but won our hearts **P5**



Jessica Mauboy, Miranda Tapsell, Shari Sebbens and Deb Mailman shone brightly as they performed at the Australian premiere of *The Sapphires* last Thursday as part of the Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF). The film received a ten-minute standing ovation from an audience that included the four Aboriginal women whose life stories inspired the film, which was directed by Wayne Blair and adapted from a stage play penned by Tony Briggs. See who else was there, on pages 12 and 13. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

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My FAMILY

CHERRIE SHERMAN – Humpty Doo, NT



● Above: Patriarch Alex Kruger, middle, and Cherrie Sherman, far left back, with female members of the Kruger family.

THIS photo was taken at the Kruger family reunion, in Katherine, held from 6-10 July and shows six generations. There were just over 100 people at the reunion, from my great grandfather Alex Kruger – who is 88 – down to a six-month-old baby.

People came from Darwin, Alice Springs, Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Coober Pedy. Unfortunately some couldn't get here from Queensland.

Family, to me, is who I am – it makes me. Without them I don't think I'd be anybody, so in a way they define me.

Given my great grandfather (Alex Kruger's) health condition, it was important to get us all together.

Everyone knew of him, but not everyone had met him, so it was a good opportunity for everyone to be introduced and spend some time with him.

He's a part of the Stolen Generations, he was taken when he was three-and-a-half but he was privileged to have older siblings, so he knew where he came from and who his family were.

I think the biggest significance of the reunion was getting family together for

great grandfather for the first, and maybe the last time.

His older sister, who he never actually met, and her children had never met any of this side of her family, and a few representatives from her family came up. So to bring them into the family for the first time was a big deal.

When we all get together, you think to yourself 'I'm not such a bad person, I'm like my family'. It gives you an identity, a realisation of who you are and where you come from.

The reunion was amazing for me and I'm probably speaking on behalf of everyone who went when I say it felt like one chapter of life closed and a new one began.

I met family who I didn't know before and developed a really good relationship with them. You'd probably think I'd had a relationship with them all my life.

Over the weekend we became very close, and I can't say I've experienced that before.

I learned about myself and who I am, and I'm very proud and honoured to have been there and been a part of it.

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OUR CHILDREN



Mooritj Keela 12 and Under players, from left, Shauna Michael, Lily Wilson and Courtney Goods at this year's NAIDOC Netball Carnival in Perth. More than 750 players from across Western Australia and beyond took part. See our report and more photos from the carnival on Page 87.

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Screen printing, Tiwi Islands-style



Vivien Douglas Walapini Kerinauia, of Tiwi Designs, leading a screen printing workshop at last month's 11th Festival of Pacific Arts (FoPA) in Honiara in the Solomon Islands. An Australian delegation of 50 artists was the largest ever to attend FoPA, which is held every four years, and represented an extensive range of Indigenous artforms and cultural practices, from dance and visual arts in the Torres Strait, desert reggae in Papunya, fabric design in the Tiwi to glassworks and poetry in Canberra. See pages 56-57 for more. Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

Ex-minister Brough wins Libs backing



OPPOSITION
Leader Tony Abbott says he's happy with his front bench, as former Howard Coalition government minister Mal Brough prepares to make a bid to return to Canberra.

On 29 July, Mr Brough won Liberal National Party (LNP) pre-selection to run for parliamentary Speaker Peter Slipper's Queensland seat of Fisher at the next Federal election in late 2013.

Asked whether Mr Brough would be considered for a front bench position if the Coalition won, Mr Abbott said he wasn't going to get ahead of himself.

"I've got a very good front bench now," he said in Sydney.

"I've got some outstanding people who are knocking on the door of the front bench.

"But whether you're on the front bench or off the front bench, the important thing is to win the election."



MAL BROUGH

Mr Abbott said Mr Brough was an outstanding candidate.

"The fact that we have someone of Mal's calibre eager to rejoin the Coalition team in Canberra I think says something about the good work that we're doing," he said.

Mr Brough won pre-selection

despite his links to James Hunter Ashby, the Slipper staffer who has filed a sexual harassment claim against the speaker.

Mr Brough allegedly had extensive contact with Mr Ashby before the claim, which Mr Slipper denies, was made.

Mr Abbott said Mr Brough has been 'entirely up front' about his involvement in the case.

Mr Brough said that if elected he would do whatever role the leader asked him to, adding that he had a 'lot of corporate knowledge' across a range of portfolios.

The former Aboriginal affairs minister also said a future Coalition government should take action to improve the lives of Indigenous people.

"It is a very complex issue," Mr Brough told Sky News.

"It is going to take a lot of time and effort, but we have to be honest with ourselves – that we have failed, we are still failing, and children are hurting as a result of that." – AAP



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The art of helping koalas

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN artist Karla Dickens was approached to come up with an idea for a public art mural, she turned to her neighbours – the koalas who live in the trees in the northern NSW city of Lismore.

"I grew up in Redfern so I'm amazed that you can live in a suburban area where the local park has koalas in the trees," Ms Dickens, a Wiradjuri woman, said at the opening of her artwork *Dreaming of a Koala Haven* last Friday.

"If this mural means that one kid remembers to keep his dog on a lead when he goes for a walk, or if he mentions it to his grandfather or uncle when they're chopping down habitat, or if one driver slows down..."

"I hope it brings awareness of our vulnerable neighbours."

Plight

Fellow artist Fiona Foley opened Ms Dickens' mural, which is on the side of a new shopping centre in Lismore's Goonellabah, and spoke of the plight of koalas since colonisation.

"It was a world where colonial men exhibited their masculinity through killing animals and birds; and women demonstrated their femininity by accepting such animals and birds in the shape of hats, coats and muffs," Ms Foley said.

"In the month of August exactly 85 years ago, I think it is important to remember that 600,000 koalas were killed in an open season in the name of export and commerce.

"I've only ever seen two koalas in the



Artist Karla Dickens in front of her mural *Dreaming of a Koala Haven*. Ms Dickens has organised an art auction to raise funds to help protect koalas.

wild. One was in Noosa with artist Tracey Moffat and the second time earlier this year with Karla Dickens driving back into Lismore, it was perched high in a tree branch. Environmental activism and artists have a long association in this country. It is through artists being agitators for social change that I would like to declare the mural open."

As well as using her art to raise awareness of the vulnerability of koalas, Ms

Dickens has organised a silent auction, en(Danger), with other artists, who have donated works to raise money for wildlife group Friends of the Koala, who run a koala care centre in Lismore.

"We went down and visited a couple of the old girls in the centre who are blind," she said. "I want to help keep this amazing animal alive and well. The country I stand on has treated me so well and remember when you're driving fast on a country road

and you see those signs with koalas, put your foot on the brake."

Artists contributing works to the silent auction include Gordon Syron, Elaine Perot-Syron and John Dahlsen.

en(Danger) is supported by the Lismore Regional Gallery, Friends of the Koala and the EIGHT collective. To look at or bid on the artworks for the silent auction, visit www.eightcollective.com/endanger-silent-art-auction-for-the-koalas/

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SA talks on Aboriginal recognition



SOUTH Australians are being asked how Aboriginal people should be recognised in the state's

constitution.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Paul Caica says constitutional recognition is long overdue and widely supported.

The minister says an advisory panel will seek community views about how appropriate recognition should be provided in the *Constitution Act* and that amending the Act will be of profound importance to all South Australians.

"What we will be doing is including an historical fact which is not in the *Constitution Act*, a step that I expect will further support reconciliation in our

'What we will be doing is including an historical fact which is not in the *Constitution Act*, a step that I expect will further support reconciliation in our community'
– Minister Paul Caica



community," Mr Caica said.

The advisory panel will hold consultation sessions in

venues across metropolitan, regional and remote areas of the state. – AAP

No medal, but Damien sure won our hearts

By KIRSTIE PARKER



HE may have missed out on a medal, but he sure won our hearts. Damien Hooper, a 20-year-old Aboriginal boxer from Toowoomba,

Queensland, created a media storm when he approached the ring for his opening London Olympic Games bout against American Marcus Browne last week wearing a t-shirt bearing the Aboriginal flag.

The red, black and yellow was instantly recognisable as a major symbol of pride for Indigenous and other Australians.

Hooper's actions were immediately compared to those of Cathy Freeman, who ran a lap of honour draped in the Aboriginal flag after she won the 200 metres and 400 metres at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Canada.

Hooper won the fight (13-11) but, by the time he stepped out of the ring, he had another on his hands – accounting to Australian team officials for his choice of pre-bout attire.

The shirt was deemed in breach of Olympic rule 50, which bans demonstrations of political, religious or racial propaganda at any Olympic sites, venue or other areas. It can lead to sanctions against the athlete and their team.

Soon after the bout, Hooper said he wore the shirt because he was representing not just his country but also his Aboriginal culture.

"I am an Aboriginal, representing my culture and all my people, and I am very proud," he said.

"I am not saying I don't care. I was not really thinking about any fall-out.

"I was thinking about my family and all that. It made my whole performance better."

Traditional and social media including Facebook and Twitter was soon awash with comments about the light heavyweight's actions.

A post on the *Koori Mail's* Facebook site attracted thousands of likes and more than 400 comments, many complimenting Hooper on his stance and defending his action against a minority of detractors.

"Good 2 c 1 of our Aussie sports star wearing Australia's real colours," posted Debbie-Anne Gallpen.

"Well done Damien. Be proud and loud you deserve it. Inspire the young brothers and sisters," posted Justin Payne.

"Put your big girlie pants on Aussie Olympic Committee and get over it!!!" posted Karen Houssenloge.

"Wear it with pride mate. You've done us all proud. Good luck for next round," posted Noel Johnstone.

"What's political about the Aboriginal Flag. Concentrate on his boxing ability and not his t-shirt. Can he box? Hell yes, hope he bags a medal! I'm a white Australian with a respect for the people who came before us!" posted Adam Straney.

And James Eric Mercy summed it up for many in the Indigenous community when he posted a simple, "On ya Cuz".

But Hooper was counselled by Australia's Olympic chef de mission, Nick Greene.

"We know Damien has a very proud



Olympian Damien Hooper wears an Aboriginal flag t-shirt as he makes his way to the ring to fight the United States' Marcus Browne on 30 July. AP Photo

Indigenous heritage and he has indicated to me that, just as an extra motivation – he was fighting a very strong opponent – he wore an Indigenous t-shirt on to the field of play," Green said at a press conference in London.

"Now, unawares to him, he was in breach of the IOC rule 50, their rule guidelines. I have had a conversation with Damien this morning (and) he's extremely apologetic of his actions yesterday. He has confirmed with me that it was a one-off and he will not do that again. He was very remorseful about what he's done.

"We recognise his Indigenous culture and

he's very proud of his Indigenous culture. In this instance, the IOC have rule 50 which he was now well aware of; we've talked him through it and, you know, he's learned a lesson and he won't do that again."

That was confirmed by Hooper himself on Facebook, where he posts under the name Damien 'Super' Hooper.

"Unfortunately I can't wear my shirt again due to IOC rules but I'm so proud I did it n represented. Lots of love!" he posted last Wednesday morning.

But while Hooper was content to have made his point, his old and many

new fans leapt to his defence.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples said the boxer had shown his identity as an Aboriginal person in the Australian team and urged the Australian Olympic Committee to find a way through 'this bureaucratic insanity'.

"Damien Hooper has nothing to apologise for being proud of who he is and where he came from," a Congress statement said.

"Our peoples should be able to show that they are both Aboriginal and Australian."

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

"(Hooper) has admitted he broke a rule and as far as I am concerned that is adequate. However, I encourage the IOC to change their rules to allow for the recognition of indigenous peoples," Mr Gooda said.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are proud of Hooper. He is Australia's best chance in boxing since 1988."

Mr Gooda said the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags were recognised as official flags of Australia, and shouldn't be viewed simply as a political statement – a sentiment that was picked up in many more Facebook posts.

Last Wednesday, Hooper described as 'awesome' the support he received after wearing the t-shirt and said he was nervous but couldn't wait for his next fight on Saturday against former world heavyweight champion Russian Egor Mekhontcev.

"Knowing use (sic) are all behind me back home gives me extra strength. Aussie Aussie Aussie!!" he posted on Facebook.

Alas, his fans' support wasn't enough to get Hooper over the line on Saturday night, and he lost every round to Mekhontcev.

The 19-11 defeat signalled not only the end of Hooper's London Games, but also his amateur career.

"I want to turn pro – I've showed to the whole of Australia I went further than most amateur boxers ever in Australia," the Queenslander said, adding there were offers on the table but he had not yet made up his mind who he would sign with.

"I want to go straight away. I want to learn as much as I can and maintain it, turn myself into a champion."

Minus his flag shirt, Hooper also called for greater recognition of Indigenous culture. He said he was disappointed he was not allowed to wear it again.

"I think there should be awareness of that. We are two cultures living in one nation," he said.

"We all get along these days, we're not Pommies, why should our flag be another flag – we should all just represent the same one and be happy with it because we all get along, we're all friendly people."

Hooper later took to Facebook again.

"Happy I represented my country and my people! I've learnt as much as I could in the amateurs with 140 fights!! Bigger things to come... gonna focus on progressing into a world champion; I'm only 20. And with all your support out there, (the) sky's the limit. Thanks and love yas all." – With AAP

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Together as partners

Brown in Broome for gas talks



FORMER Australian Greens leader Bob Brown arrived in Broome over the weekend to join protesters campaigning against Woodside's Browse gas hub.

Dr Brown was expected to join the crew of the Sea Shepherd ship *Steve Irwin* when they docked on Monday afternoon for 'Operation Kimberley Miinimbi' and he is to meet with key stakeholders while in town during the week.

The *Steve Irwin* has been sailing to Western Australia's Kimberley region to protest against the proposed \$30 billion

development at James Price Point north of Broome, particularly its impact on whales.

Dr Brown, who is the team leader of the operation, said he was looking forward to meeting with the local community and raising awareness of the effect that the proposed gas hub would have on the humpback whales that use the area as a nursery.

Also, Dr Brown and head of Sea Shepherd Australia Jeff Hansen are expected to visit the community science whale tracking project and meet with the researchers and the Goolarabooloo people at James Price Point.

"The science that Woodside commissioned into the impacts of

the gas hubs on whales is deeply flawed," Dr Brown said in a statement.

"The community science project has helped to demonstrate this, by identifying and tracking more than 1000 whales in six weeks of shore-based observation, compared to the Woodside estimate that about 650 whales would pass within five kilometres of the coast in an entire season."

Invitation

Dr Brown and Mr Hansen have also been invited to talk to the traditional owners of Jabirr Jabirr country at James Price Point.

Warren Greateorex, the

chairman of the Waardi Corporation which has been formed to benefit from the gas hub, said the group had requested the meeting to clear up misconceptions about traditional custodianship and to explain the opportunities that the project brings to traditional owners and the wider Kimberley community.

"We will be offering to take them out to our country with senior Elders to show them around and explain about cultural heritage," Mr Greateorex said.

Media reports last Wednesday suggested 120 police officers would be sent to Broome this weekend for Sea Shepherd's arrival but police said that was incorrect.

In May, WA police spent \$1 million to send more than 140 riot police to Broome to deal with a small number of protesters who tried to stop surveying equipment from being mobilised to the project site.

West Australian Premier Colin Barnett told reporters in Perth on Sunday that he hoped people would express their point of view in a lawful way this week to avoid police intervention.

A record number of appeals – almost 250 – have been lodged against the Environmental Protection Authority's recommendation of the Browse proposal to WA Environment Minister Bill Marmion, and are being reviewed. – **AAP**

Rates of suicide 'a national tragedy'



INDIGENOUS wellbeing champion Tom Calma has called on the Australian Government to properly resource and implement the nation's first Indigenous suicide prevention strategy once it is finalised.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's suicide rates revealed in a new Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) report were 'a national tragedy' that must be addressed, Dr Calma said.

The ABS report covers the period 2001 to 2010 and actually found that the suicide rate in Australia had decreased by 17 per cent over that period, from 12.7 to 10.5 deaths per 100,000 people.

But it also revealed the overall rate of suicide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be twice that of non-Indigenous people.

Nearly 1000 Indigenous suicide deaths throughout Australia between 2001 and 2010 represented about five per cent of all suicide deaths registered in this period.

Dr Calma, who chairs the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Advisory Group, said the gap in rates of suicide in young people was particularly disturbing.

"Suicide rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females aged 15-19 years were 5.9 times higher than those for non-Indigenous females in this age group, while for males the corresponding rate ratio was 4.4," he said.



PROF ALLAN FELS AAP Image

"This is an appalling national tragedy that is not only depriving too many of our young people of a full life, but is wreaking havoc among our families and communities.

"As anyone who has experienced a friend or family member committing suicide will know, the effects are widespread and devastating and healing can be elusive for those left behind.

"...It is time that we draw a line under this tragic situation that is impacting so significantly on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, families and communities in this nation."

In June, the Gillard Government appointed the

Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin to help develop the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Strategy.

Advisory group

The research institute is working with the advisory group headed by Dr Calma and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) to ensure the strategy is coherent and comprehensive, and backed by a strong evidence base.

Dr Calma said the ABS report highlighted the timeliness of the developing strategy and commended the Government 'for taking the



DR TOM CALMA

issue seriously'. "However, I also call on the Australian Government to properly resource and implement the strategy once it is finished," he said.

"Australian governments must support, and work in partnership with, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to develop these community based solutions.

"As the example of programs in the Kimberleys demonstrates, just as disempowerment is part of the problem, so empowerment of our communities must be part of the solution to suicide among our young people."

Dr Calma said it was also vital that mainstream mental health services

were properly equipped and staffed to work with young Indigenous people at risk of suicide.

The ABS report said the exact scale of difference between the suicide rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people was difficult to establish conclusively.

National Mental Health Commission (NMHC) chairman Allan Fels said as much when he addressed the National Press Club (NPC) last week on the commission's progress in developing Australia's First National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

"Scandalously, we don't know the true rates in

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities but it is at least 2.5 times higher," Prof Fels said. "And for every completed suicide, there are up to 50 attempts."

He said mental health and Indigenous health – of which mental health was a very significant component – were the two profound weaknesses of a health system that was good by international standards.

The NMHC will meet in Alice Springs next week, giving Prof Fels and commissioners, including Aboriginal psychologist Pat Dudgeon, their first opportunity to dedicate a whole meeting to Indigenous mental health, social emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention.

In his NPC address, Prof Fels expressed concern that the mentally ill could be excluded from Labor's national disability insurance scheme (NDIS) as the Federal Government negotiates with the states and territories on the costs of trial sites.

He said it was 'critical' the scheme covered people with serious psychiatric conditions as well as the physically disabled.

"It is a key need for the mental illness agenda," he told journalists.

– **By KIRSTIE PARKER**

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Jobs, programs go as Govt wields axe

But Minister offers small degree of hope



AS the Newman Government cuts are made public and programs are notified they will be discontinued, Queensland Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Glen Elmes has offered a glimmer of hope.

The Queensland Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has offered voluntary redundancy or redeployment to its 52 Indigenous employment and training officers (IETOs).

As part of the Government's decision to cut 'non-frontline' public service positions, the Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs have been discontinued, including the IETOs employed to 'help Indigenous apprentices, trainees and vocational students complete their training and stay in the workforce' and dozens of Indigenous employment programs.

In Annandale, north Queensland, a training program for single and teenage parents has been helping young people learn the skills necessary to re-engage with education and the workforce.

Run by the Bindal Sharks United Sports and Recreation Aboriginal Corporation, the program was a Federal Government initiative, administered under Skilling Queenslanders for Work, meaning it will have to wind up by November.

Bindal's Jenny Pryor said the program had been giving a chance to young people who were trying to turn their lives around.

"There are very few program opportunities for young people who dropped out school when they were 15 and all they've been doing is looking after baby," she said.

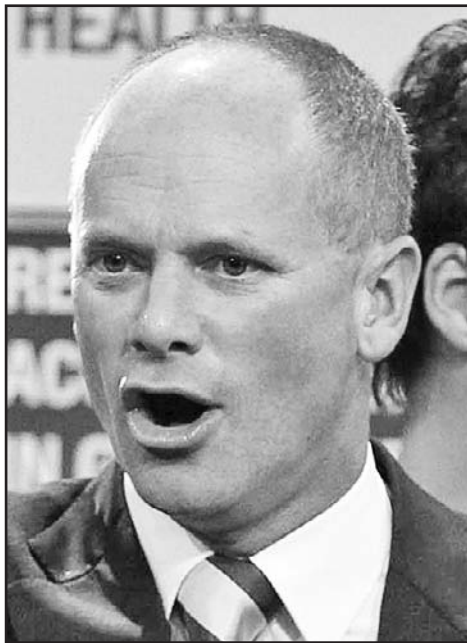
"Programs like this one for young parents are very beneficial, helping them re-engage and build confidence to get back into work.

"Our young parenting program was going to be a pilot, going to be exciting. The young women we've engaged have already done the young leadership program to really get them motivated to get them out of the scene of only looking after baby at such a young age, get them into some type of structure or routine.

"These are young people who want to get out of the welfare system, they just want opportunities.

"In programs like this, mentoring plays a big part, not just with the academic aspects but with social issues you have dealing with a young baby.

'This isn't a guarantee, but if there are programs getting people into jobs then come and talk to me' – Glen Elmes



Queensland Premier Campbell Newman.

"Arranging child care can be hard, even getting kids into daycare can be a big challenge but they've been taking that challenge for this program."

Ms Pryor said cutting funding would put pressure on Federal Government programs that were already straining at the seams.

"Our people make up a high percentage of the long-term unemployed, and disengaged and if we're not going to have the State funding any programs to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people get into work then the barriers are going to be even more unachievable in terms of our mob trying to get to first base," she said.

"If our people don't get the training, then it opens the floodgates to overseas labour, so it's not just about cutting funding here, it has long-term effects.

"Naturally if private enterprise and big mining companies are looking for skilled people they will get them from overseas if there are no programs to give our mob an opportunity to get into market. It has a spiral effect.

"Then you have high unemployment rates for our mob, and the other social problems with that keep coming – it's keeping us on welfare."

FNQ Volunteers has been running a community literacy program for the past 18 years, which had been exceeding its performance targets and was ready to expand.

"We'd just had approval for our funding to be increased for next year, then we got an email saying the whole program was being canned," program head Melinda Stockwell said.

"We were on track to double our program. Last week we'd gone into two more Aboriginal communities where we were helping people learn how to do their tax, now on November 1 we finish.

"There was no discussion, we'd excelled in our targets with greater than 95 per cent of people going on to further education and 65 per cent to get jobs, while our targets were 30 per cent and 10.

"We'd just been asked to be part of a conference mentoring other organisations, showcasing our methods – all canned."

While Premier Campbell Newman declined interview requests by the *Koori Mail*, he told ABC Radio that Queenslanders were thanking him for making the 'hard decisions'.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Glen Elmes told the *Koori Mail* he was all about 'jobs, jobs, jobs'.

"If you can create an employment market, create meaningful jobs, then everything else is possible," he said.

"What we have done very well for many years is training. Indigenous people who happen to live in Queensland are trained better than Olympic gold medallists.

"Anyone who wants to see me to ask for money for a project, I'm happy to talk to you, but show me where the jobs come at the end of it.

"This isn't a guarantee, but if there are programs getting people into jobs then come and talk to me."

Deputy Opposition Leader Tim Mulherin said Premier Newman should list which 30 regional court houses his Government

plans to shut. "There are 80 Magistrates Courts across Queensland and everyone in the local communities they serve know they deliver frontline services," Mr Mulherin said.

"Suggestions that up to 30 court houses across Queensland are facing the axe mean up to 30 local communities could be big losers in terms of both services and jobs.

"These courthouses provide vital frontline services and access to the justice system in small towns.

"If there are fewer people in town, it means fewer children at school, so ultimately teachers and support staff numbers could fall.

"The same goes for other government services. It could mean reductions in health services not to mention the financial hit local economies always take when people move away."

The union of public sector workers has condemned the Government's mass sackings of thousands of public sector workers as an unprecedented attack on public services for Queenslanders including regional communities.

Together secretary Alex Scott said the 2000 jobs slashed at Transport and Main Roads would hit communities hard as well as families with breadwinners thrown into unemployment.

"These job cuts will do nothing in relation to the debt and deficit of the Queensland Government," he said.

"These are cuts the Government is choosing to make to pay for election promises and to provide a cover for privatisation of the public services that Queenslanders are relying on each and every day."

The Newman Government has scrapped more than \$20 million of funds for Tenant Advice and Advocacy Service program that provided advice and legal representation for renters.

It has discontinued airfare subsidies for remote Cape York communities and outlying Torres Strait islands, which allowed residents to make return flights to Cairns and Horn Island for \$99 each way.

Qld cuts remote airfare subsidy



THE Queensland Government has scrapped airfare subsidies for remote Cape York and outlying Torres Strait islands communities.

The Local Fares Scheme, in place since the beginning of the year, allowed residents of remote

Cape York communities and the outlying Torres Strait islands to make return flights to Cairns and Horn Island for \$99 each way.

Transport Minister Scott Emerson said the Government could no longer afford the scheme.

"This scheme was a pre-election bribe by Labor, started in

January 2012 with operators contracted to deliver it only until April 2012 – a month after the election," Mr Emerson said in a statement.

"As the former Labor government ... left the state heading towards a \$100 billion debt, this scheme will not be continuing."

Mr Emerson says fares already booked would be honoured.

Without the subsidy, one-way flights from Horn to Yorke Island can cost more than \$400, while flights from Cairns to Aurukun can cost around \$500.

Opposition treasury spokesman Curtis Pitt said the subsidy was crucial for poorly

served communities. "It is really important for people to be able to travel to Cairns for funerals, health services and the like without breaking the bank," he told reporters in Cairns late last month.

"The reaction from people when they've heard that this is going to be axed has been quite overwhelming." – AAP

Court victory for sea rangers



ABORIGINAL sea rangers in Maningrida scored a win last week after successfully prosecuting a fisherman for

entering and working in a sacred site on the Blyth River in Arnhem Land.

Barramundi fisherman Leslie Leigh Dale, 40, was fined \$1500 in the Darwin Magistrates Court after he admitted to laying gill nets within the boundaries of an Aboriginal sacred site on the Blyth River in September last year.

Dale was apprehended just a day after the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) provided the Djelk Sea Rangers with training in relation to the law, evidence gathering, professional conduct and GPS data collection.

It was Mr Dale's second conviction in two years on the Blyth River, both in contravention of the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989*.

Djelk sea ranger Victor Rostron, who gave evidence against the fisherman, said it was important to protect sacred sites.

"A lot of fishermen don't respect our law and they come into our sacred sites looking to make a quick buck, so we feel good about working with AAPA and the police to keep our sites safe," he said.

AAPA CEO Ben Scambary said that over the years his organisation had received many



Victor Rostron, of the Djelk Rangers, during sacred site protection training, 300km east of Darwin on the Liverpool River in Arnhem Land.

complaints from local people about fishermen entering and working in the sacred site in the Blyth River, which had resulted in five convictions.

"That's why AAPA has teamed up with the Djelk Sea Rangers, to

give them the training, technical skills and confidence to monitor and record any illegal activities in those waters," Dr Scambary said.

"The rangers are using modern technologies and traditional knowledge to protect their waters

and lands. They're all local people so they have a great interest in looking after their special places, as they have done for thousands of years, so they're perfect for the job of keeping an eye on things.

"They're motivated, they're

knowledgeable and they're learning new skills fast."

Dr Scambary praised the Fisheries Division of the Department of Resources for funding the Djelk Sea Rangers and providing a comprehensive training package for them.

The Blyth River is about 500km east of Darwin and its sacred site is important to several Aboriginal custodial groups.

The ancestral figures and events associated with the site connect custodians to its natural topography, and to the wildlife of the area. Many of these site features are highly restricted, in accordance with Aboriginal tradition.

Dr Scambary said AAPA had received complaints from local people about commercial fishermen entering and working in the Blyth River site. Traditional custodians made their thoughts known in an impact statement relating to one successful prosecution.

"For a long time we've been having these problems," they said.

"We're worried all the time because they sneak in and out of the estuary at night. Those fishermen don't care about blackfellas.

"When we see balanda signs saying 'Keep out' we respect balanda law and property. (But) they don't respect our law or culture and this makes us angry and sad. With the fishermen, everything is still out of balance."

Hearing delayed by error



A NAMING error in a complaint accusing a mining company of desecrating an

Aboriginal sacred site has caused a delay in court action. A hearing in Darwin Magistrates Court over allegations that OM Mining (Manganese) Company desecrated and damaged a sacred site near Tennant Creek was adjourned on Friday until 11 September.

The delay came because the original complaints named the company as OM (Manganese) Ltd.

The accused company, an OM Holdings Ltd subsidiary, has been charged with four counts of desecrating an Aboriginal sacred site and seven counts of damaging the site.

If found guilty on all charges, it could be fined up to \$1.95 million.

The allegations relate to works at a manganese mine in Bootu Creek, 170km north of Tennant Creek.

The Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority say cracks were detected around the site on 7 July last year, making a collapse imminent, and the miner set off a blast two weeks later that split the site in half. — AAPA

\$100m promise for homelands



THE Northern Territory Government has promised to spend \$100 million to improve conditions on Aboriginal homelands. The funding would add to the Federal Government's pledge of \$200 million over ten years announced in March.

With an election looming on 25 August, Chief Minister Paul Henderson's Government appears to have backflipped on its earlier decision to freeze funding to homelands, concentrating instead on what it termed 'hub towns'.

The Country Liberal Party (CLP) Opposition has previously committed to preserving and maintaining homelands and outstations, and has promised long-term funding support, although no figures have been announced.

Mr Henderson made his latest homelands pitch last Tuesday, 1 August, with Indigenous Development Minister Malarndirri McCarthy, at the homeland town of Gangan, south of Nhulunbuy in north-east Arnhem Land.

"Under our Homelands Policy we're committing to investing up to \$20,000 for each homeland dwelling for power, essential services, repairs and maintenance, and to giving homeland residents more say in how funding is spent," the Chief Minister said.

"This Homelands Policy reconfirms my Government's commitment to provide long-term certainty and clarity for homelands residents."

Ms McCarthy said that during 2012 the Government would work with residents and others to transition to the new arrangements, which would start on 1 July 2013.



NLC chief executive Kim Hill.

Northern Land Council (NLC) chief executive Kim Hill welcomed the increased funding commitment, but expressed disappointment at both the Territory and Australian governments' refusal to allow the funding to be used for roads and new houses.

He said the continued funding would provide support for essential services such as access to reliable power, functioning water and sewerage systems.

"This announcement will provide Aboriginal peoples residing on their homelands with the

service delivery certainty they have been asking for, and is a wise investment into the well-known long-term health and conservation benefits of living on homelands," Mr Hill said.

However, he said roads and housing remained a problem.

"Lack of infrastructure including telecommunications, problems with road access and maintenance and overcrowding are still significant issues for those living on homelands in the NLC region," Mr Hill said.

"The NLC will continue to lobby governments on these important issues."

Meanwhile, Amnesty International called on both major parties in the NT to honour their commitments after the poll.

"The announcement of long-term funding investments for essential services and infrastructure by both parties signals that there is support across the political spectrum to ensure the long-term viability of homelands communities," Amnesty said in a statement.

"Bipartisan recognition of the importance of preserving homelands must now translate into bringing essential services and infrastructure up to minimum international standards.

"The NT Government must also continue working in partnership with both the Federal Government and homelands communities to ensure homelands are included in policies and programs for health, education and infrastructure."

Amnesty has been lobbying for a better deal for homelands since last year, and will hold a public forum later this month to discuss progress.

Candidates gear up for Territory election

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL politicians and aspirants are gearing up for a hard-fought contest as the Northern Territory barrels towards its

next general election later this month. The poll will be held on Saturday 25 August and the number of Aboriginal candidates looks like exceeding 20.

Paul Henderson's Labor Government will be hoping for a fourth term.

The 25-seat Parliament has been close since the 2008 election, when Territory Labor won 13 seats to the Country Liberals' 11. That lead narrowed last year after former Labor Minister and then independent Alison Anderson joined the Country Liberals, giving both parties 12 seats each and forcing Labor to rely on the support of a sole independent, Gerry Wood, to govern.

Nominations for the elections close on Friday, but both major parties had unveiled their candidates by the weekend and those of the fledgling First Nations Political Party were firming up. The Greens had yet to reveal theirs when the *Koori Mail* went to print on Sunday.

The NT Intervention and its new incarnation Stronger Futures, with income management, alcohol bans, and push for community leasing, is expected to influence the votes of many Aboriginal Territorians. Indications are that the future of homelands and outstations, the new 'super shires' and what many see as a corresponding loss of community autonomy, employment, and law and order could all impact on the outcome in electorates with sizeable Aboriginal constituencies.

With the retirement of Tiwi Islander Marion Scrymgour, Labor will have two Aboriginal MPs hoping to hang on to their seats – Indigenous Development Minister Malarndirri McCarthy in the bush seat of Arnhem, and Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton who holds Stuart, around Katherine.

The party is fielding another six Indigenous candidates: Dean Rioli in Marion Scrymgour's old seat of Arafura; Des Rogers running against Alison Anderson in Namatjira (formerly known as MacDonnell); Cerise King in Katherine; Ken Vowles in the Darwin seat of Johnston; Russell Jeffrey in the outer Darwin seat of Brennan, and young Damien Smith in Goyder, also outer Darwin.

The Country Liberals also have two incumbent Aboriginal MPs – Shadow Minister for Indigenous Policy Adam Giles and Parliamentary Secretary to Shadow Cabinet Alison Anderson in Central Australia.

The party is fielding three other Aboriginal candidates: Larissa Lee in Arnhem; staunch NT Intervention supporter Bess Price in Stuart; and Francis Xavier Maralampuw in Arafura.

The First Nations Political Party (FNPP) is expected to field eight or nine candidates, two of them non-Indigenous.

Party co-founder and Alice



The Northern Territory's seat of power ... Parliament House in Darwin.



MALARNDIRRI MCCARTHY

Springs-based cross-cultural consultant Ken Lechleitner was still deciding at the weekend whether to run, but other likely FNPP candidates include activist Maurie Japarta Ryan in Stuart; Bill Risk in Daly; Valda Shannon in Barkly; Daniel Fejo in Blain; and popular country singer Warren H Williams in Namatjira.

Aboriginal author Yvette Holt had been expected to stand for the FNPP against Adam Giles in Braitling but has withdrawn for family reasons.

The *Koori Mail* asked the NT Greens for details of their candidates but, aside from a suggestion that several would likely be Indigenous, had not heard back at the time of printing.

Elected unopposed in 2008, Malarndirri McCarthy's seat of Arnhem has been considered a very safe Labor seat, but she thinks that's changed.

"I don't think anything is safe anymore," she told the *Koori Mail* on Sunday. "The political landscape has changed quite significantly across the bush and no seat is



ADAM GILES

being taken for granted.

"We've had our ups and downs – without a doubt – but Labor has a genuine interest in improving the lives of the country's most disadvantaged people, Aboriginal people."

On the largely unpopular NT Intervention and the shift to super shires, Ms McCarthy said the Government was conscious that there was 'a fair bit of discontent'.

Fighting

"But we're also conscious that people know that we are the ones who are there with them all the way and we're not going to give up. We're fighting for them," she said.

She said the Intervention had magnified the Constitutional vulnerability of the people of the NT, in particular Indigenous people, but the Henderson Government was determined to work through that. "We know that Federal decisions can always override our decisions, but knowing that doesn't mean we give up," she said. "Knowing that means we fight harder."



KEN LECHLEITNER

One example of 'a massive win', Ms McCarthy said, was the Federal Government's promise in March of \$200 million over ten years for NT homelands and outstations. That will be further bolstered by the Henderson Government's own announcement last week that it would provide \$100 million in homelands support.

Ms McCarthy said improved co-ordination across government agencies, a high proportion of Aboriginal employment in shire councils, a push for greater financial stability of shire councils on Aboriginal land, and implementation of the Federal Building the Education Revolution had all benefited Aboriginal Territorians under Labor.

Country Liberal MP Adam Giles enjoyed a 20.3 per cent margin in the 2008 election. While not taking anything for granted, he said he expected his party to take Aboriginal votes off Labor.

"I think Aboriginal Territorians are pretty unhappy with being tricked over by Labor for many years and I expect more and more

people will vote with their feet," he told the *Koori Mail* on Sunday.

"Everyone knows that Labor has just announced their second intervention and people are unhappy about that. There are some elements like welfare reform that some people see as a positive thing but not others."

"And the consultation has provided a great level of dissatisfaction. We're seeing billions of dollars being spent but the tangible results on the ground are not being seen as much as we'd like."

Mr Giles said that, while former PM John Howard had the Intervention for four months, 'Labor have had it for five years and the results haven't been as substantial as we'd like to have seen'.

"And there are some clear disincentives to progress in the Intervention, such as welfare quarantining for CDEP participants," he said.

Mr Giles listed the Country Liberals policy of 'giving people their voice back' by moving away from super shires towards regional councils, a promise of \$50 million over four years for outstations, greater support for bilingual education, rigorous support for mining expansion, and a yet-to-be released roads package for Aboriginal communities would all benefit Aboriginal Territorians.

The First Nations Political Party's performance at the ballot box will also be keenly watched.

Co-founder Ken Lechleitner is hoping the FNPP's ideas around replacing NT super shires with more culturally appropriate structures, a shake-up of alcohol management that would enable people to drink responsibly, structured community work and proper rehabilitation for Aboriginal prisoners, and ways to allow Aboriginal people to leverage their communal ownership of land for greater development would resonate with Aboriginal voters throughout the Territory.

Mr Lechleitner said he thought the FNPP had good electoral prospects. Five seats would give the party the balance of power, he said, but 'even just two or three would be good because it'd be saying we're here and this is how we want to do business'.

"In the whole of Australian history, this is a first," he said. "This process has been waiting for the host (Aboriginal) people to lead the way and this is what we're doing; leading a change to a new direction but in an inclusive manner."

Last month, the Greens received a major reputational boost when Arnhem Land Elder and fierce NT Intervention critic Reverend Dr Djiniyini Gondarra encouraged Aboriginal people to abandon Labor and vote Green instead.

The Greens have been strident opponents of the NT Intervention and have called for greater support for Aboriginal homelands and outstations. They have also backed traditional owners of Muckatj Station against a push for the site north of Tennant Creek to be considered for a nuclear waste dump.

AFL star Jurrah faces trial



AFL player Liam Jurrah will face trial over claims he attacked his cousin with a machete and three other people earlier this year, in

what his lawyer says is a case of the 'tall poppy syndrome'. Seated behind his lawyer Jon Tippet, QC, Jurrah did not react on 25 July when Magistrate David Bamber said the Melbourne Demons player and his two co-accused would face trial for all but one of the assault charges laid against them.

The case will go to the Alice Springs Supreme Court on 3 September where Jurrah is expected to plead not guilty to three counts of aggravated assault and one count of causing serious harm.

Jurrah is likely to appear via videolink at the September hearing, where it is expected a trial date will be set.

Mr Tippet told reporters outside the Alice Springs Magistrates Court the threshold of evidence needed at the preliminary hearing for the case to proceed to trial was so low he had expected it would occur.

"My client is not guilty. He will be found not guilty," Mr Tippet said. "He has a good case, but we move now from this jurisdiction into the Supreme Court where a trial will be held."

The barrister said Jurrah had been targeted for the crimes because of his high public profile.

"He is in this position as a result of problems not of his own making associated with family difficulties," Mr Tippet said.

"I think it is the tall poppy syndrome and unfortunately my client is a victim of it."

He said Jurrah was bearing up well despite the strain.

"For a person, any person, in such a position, you would expect them to be in worse shape, but he is a tough guy," Mr



Footballer Liam Jurrah arrives at the Alice Springs Court House in the Northern Territory on 23 July. *Newspix image*

Tippet said.

During the three-day hearing, the court heard sometimes contradictory evidence from people who were at the Little Sisters town camp on 7 March where Jurrah is alleged to have attacked several people, including a woman.

Several witnesses gave evidence they saw Jurrah and his two co-accused – Josiah Fry and Christopher Walker – involved in the incident, and some testified they saw Jurrah strike his cousin Basil Jurrha using a weapon.

Others said it was Basil Jurrha who had a machete and one said

the footballer was defending himself from his cousin.

Prosecutors have alleged that Jurrah was carrying a machete and led a group of about 20 people who went to Little Sisters during an altercation over a long-standing feud that relates to a death in the outback town of Yuendumu, where Jurrah is from, in 2010.

A rival group from the nearby Hidden Valley town camp travelled to Little Sisters on the night of the incident to be involved in the fight, prosecutors have alleged.

Prosecutor Steve Robson said

Jurrah and others shared a common purpose, which meant individual defendants didn't need to commit specific acts of assault for the charges to proceed to trial.

Evidence

Magistrate Bamber said there was direct evidence from Basil Jurrha that he was assaulted and that was supported by the evidence of other witnesses.

"There is also medical evidence to support that the injuries he suffered were serious," he said.

Many of the witnesses

admitted to being partially drunk on the night in question.

Outside court, Melbourne Demons football manager Josh Mahoney said the club continued to support Jurrha.

"Liam will return to Melbourne as per his bail conditions where he will continue his preparation and recovery from his ankle injury and hopefully resuming to play in the short term," Mr Mahoney said.

Legal counsel for Walker, Tania Collins, indicated in court that her client intended to plead guilty to striking Basil Jurrha. – *AAP*

Push for Opal fuel



A SENATE inquiry has heard there is overwhelming support for Canberra to force roadhouses to sell low aromatic Opal fuel to stamp out petrol sniffing.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, who introduced a Bill to the Senate earlier this year, said the inquiry had heard clear evidence that supported the need for legislation to ban sniffable fuel near troubled communities.

"Witnesses and submissions say the progress on stamping out petrol sniffing has been very good but the gains are fragile as ongoing access to sniffable fuel can seriously undermine progress," Senator Siewert said, after the inquiry in Alice Springs.

"Witnesses say they want to finish the job and that giving the Minister the power to mandate the supply of non-sniffable fuel will help achieve that.

"The inquiry heard that there are ongoing outbreaks of petrol sniffing because of access to sniffable fuel and I want the sources of such fuel stopped.

"I urge the Government to support our

Bill and help end petrol sniffing."

The head of the Senate committee examining the issue, Claire Moore, acknowledged that a lot of work had been done in recent years to combat petrol sniffing, but more needed to be done.

She said low aromatic fuel has been rolled out in Central Australia as a way of reducing petrol sniffing among young Indigenous people.

Senator Moore said the Commonwealth was looking at the option of making that rollout mandatory.

"What we hear is some frustration that there are still some proprietors that continue to sell the alternate fuel which then is taken back into communities and people use it," she said.

"But, what seems to be is that we've gone so far with that approach and this is what's in the submissions.

"Where can we go next to ensure that there is such a low probability of the other fuel coming back into communities?"



Meanwhile, Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon has written to health ministers in Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory to seek their views on mandating Opal fuel.

"I am eager to hear back from my state colleagues," Mr Snowdon said.

He has also suggested the

Commonwealth will look at hosting a cross-jurisdictional forum to discuss a consistent legislative approach to petrol sniffing.

He said the rollout of low aromatic Opal fuel was an important

element of the Petrol Sniffing Strategy and had proven to be successful in reducing petrol sniffing and the serious social and economic consequences it can have.

"In towns where Opal fuel has replaced regular unleaded, research has found a reduction in petrol sniffing of up to 94 per cent, as well as an associated reduction in crime.

"In one Northern Territory community, break-ins, vandalism, car thefts and sniffing-related injuries fell significantly following the introduction of Opal."

Mr Snowdon said the Australian Government had committed an additional \$38.5 million over four years starting in 2010-11 to tackle petrol sniffing, which includes the expansion of Opal fuel to at least 39 new retail sites across the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland.

"The funding will support construction of new bulk storage facilities for low aromatic fuel in Darwin and northern Queensland to ensure supply to the Gulf region of Queensland, the East Kimberley in Western Australia and the Top End over the next two financial years.

"In addition, more than \$750,000 has been committed in 2012-13 under the Petrol Sniffing Strategy for treatment and diversion activities.

"Having healthy and positive activities available keep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaged and away from petrol sniffing is critical, particularly in remote communities."

Shining a light on our children



Celebrating our kids.
Photo: MAHALA STROHFELDT

By RUDI MAXWELL



NATIONAL Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day (NAICD), observed at the weekend, was an opportunity to share many positive stories from our communities.

But Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) CEO Frank Hytten also wants Australians to remember the reason why the occasion falls on 4 August.

"Going back far enough to when children were being removed, they did not know when they were born, so the department simply made children's birthdays 4 August," Mr Hytten said late last week.

"Aboriginal people recently have been celebrating children on that day, but unfortunately the reason gets lost in the mists of time, which speaks volumes about how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are considered.

"So we celebrate on this day and we also try to remind people of the continuing disadvantage suffered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and, more importantly, urge people to find ways ameliorate that disadvantage."

This year was the 25th NAICD and had a theme of 'Our Children, Our Culture, Our Way'.

In June 2011 there were 12,358 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care, representing a third of the total.

"Despite all the time and money spent there are still record numbers of Aboriginal children in out of home care," Mr Hytten said.

"While you have a top-down approach where the Government dictates what happens, these trends are going to continue.

"I don't know what we've got to do to get the Government to understand, how much more evidence to they need?"

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need to be supported, encouraged and given resources to

manage our own affairs.

"Children are joining society and there needs to be some understanding that they need to come from a strong base, with their own culture, their parents and the community so they can grow from strength rather than disadvantage from day one."

SNAICC chairperson Dawn Wallam called on Australian governments to take heed of embarrassing international criticism of Australia's efforts to protect the rights of Indigenous children.

"As the recent United Nations (Geneva) report on Australia found, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children still face serious and widespread discrimination in accessing health, education and housing services," Ms Wallam said.

"The report also expressed deep concern about a number of issues that should make uncomfortable reading for leaders of an affluent country such as Australia and inspire some urgent action.

Important issues

"These issues included inadequate standards of living, higher suicide deaths, homelessness, high levels of family violence and the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the out-of-home care and criminal justice systems."

Ms Wallam said the Australian Government's latest Closing the Gap report had provided encouraging news on Indigenous child mortality rates, access to early childhood and education outcomes.

"It's pleasing that there has been some progress in these areas. And we welcome the Government's decision to establish a National Children's Commissioner. They throw a glimmer of light on an otherwise grim picture," she said.

Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said it was unacceptable that 40-50 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people still lived in poverty across Australia.

"Since the first children's day and the adoption of the United Nations

Convention on the Rights of the Child, we've seen some encouraging gains for our children, including in the areas of education and health, especially infant mortality rates," he said.

"However, it is not enough when it remains the case that our children are ten times more likely to be removed from their homes and families, or 26 times as likely to be in juvenile detention."

Mr Gooda said governments had to do things better and differently if the development, well-being and protection of Indigenous children was to improve.

"Our people need to own the solutions and genuine partnerships need to be created – partnerships which support and enable a place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in every aspect of our children's lives," he said.

"NAICD provides us with a moment to stop, to celebrate our children and to reflect on how we are doing in giving them the best start."

Youth Off The Streets CEO Father Chris Riley said, in terms of disadvantage, no group in Australia faced more challenges than the Indigenous population.

"The lack of cultural understanding across Australia has meant that kids from these communities are facing greater barriers to opportunities, and statistics show that they experience an enormous gap in their lifespan, education, housing and health in comparison to children from non-Aboriginal communities," he said.

"Australia's lack of culturally specific support is having a phenomenal impact on their abilities to connect with their community and therefore access the services that can assist them to live long and healthy lives.

"NAICD is a fantastic opportunity for us to learn about the cultures of young Aboriginal people and to celebrate them; it is an opportunity for us to develop greater understandings of the needs of Aboriginal youth."

Community organisations, schools and peak bodies across Australia held events to celebrate the day.

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Prison report shows needs



AN annual inspection report of Queensland prisons has earmarked education and cultural awareness as key areas needing improvement for Aboriginal prisoners.

The report is a collaboration between the Catholic Prison Ministry and Prisoners Legal Service, and comprises the only independent monitor of places of detention in the state.

The group made several recommendations that hinged mostly on greater education opportunities and the provision of education in a culturally appropriate style for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander inmates.

The report said disadvantage among inmates that increased their risk of re-offending, stemmed from a lack of education and high levels of mental illness.

The group recommended that provision of education needed to be embodied in the *Corrective Services Act*.

"Queensland's prisons continue to have the lowest education participation rates in the country," the report said.

"Existing educational programs should be modified where necessary in order to meet the particular needs of Indigenous prisoners by, for example, providing one-one-one literacy support or adapting teaching styles to incorporate Indigenous ways of thinking and learning.

"Focus should be placed on courses that improve employment opportunities."

Qld Community Safety Minister Jack Dempsey, last week publicly defended Qld Corrective Services courses that prepare prisoners to gain work in the state's mines upon release.

Mr Dempsey responded to the inspection-based report, saying that although authorities needed to be tough on serious offenders, they 'also have a responsibility to break the cycle of crime'.

"The best tools we have to prevent prisoners re-offending upon release are education and real industry job skills," he said.

The Minister said the department was committed to assisting offenders through education and joint industry programs, 'to ensure they have the best possible chance to have lives, the rest of us often take for granted'.

Stable work could mean the difference between settling into a normal life or 'falling back into a life of crime', the Minister said.

"The best way to prepare prisoners to become productive members of the community is to equip them with skills that are directly transferable to real jobs," Mr Dempsey said.

He added that more than 31 per cent of prisoners who undertook training in the past year were Indigenous and they also made up 36 per cent of vocational students.

Indigenous parolees were also keen participants in post-release courses, he said.

'Queensland prisons continue to have the lowest education participation rates in the country'

Sapphires national premiere

Stars on parade for film



Naomi Mayers and Laurel Robinson with Cathy Freeman.



Pam Pederson and Antionette Braybrook.



Larissa Toby and Lou Bennett.



Blake Tatafu and Natasha Barker.



Lisa Maza and Gregory J Fryer.



Shanika Briggs and Felica Robinson.



Jessica Mauboy with her parents Theresa and Ferdie.



Miranda Tapsell with family and friends from Darwin.



Michelle La Come with Louise Peeler and Tanya Peeler Marchesani.



Tony Briggs and producer Rosemary Blythe

Photos by JOSEPH MAYERS



THE Sapphires may have received a 10-minute standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival, but its Australian premiere

was held before even tougher critics – the families of the cast and the Australian public.

For Jessica Mauboy and the rest of the cast, Thursday night's Australian premiere produced a heady mixture of nerves and excitement.

Mauboy walked the red carpet of the local premiere of *The Sapphires* in Melbourne with her co-stars Deborah Mailman, Shari Sebbens and Miranda Tapsell and director Wayne Blair.

The premiere, which opened the Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF), was very much a family affair for all involved.

"We've all got family (here)," Mailman said, with Sebbens adding people had come from 'every corner of Australia'.

Mauboy, whose parents were watching the film for the first time, said she was a little nervous, but that her parents had no idea what they were in for.

"I mean, they know the basics of the story, but it's more powerful than they think," she said.

Inspired by a true story, *The Sapphires* follows four Aboriginal girls who in 1968 travel to Vietnam with the help of a down-on-his-luck Irishman (Chris O'Dowd) to sing soul music to US troops.

Mailman, Mauboy, Sebbens and Tapsell posed on the red carpet with the four women on whom the story was based – Naomi Mayers, Beverley Briggs, Laurel Robinson

and Lois Peeler (see facing page). "They're very proud," Mauboy said later.

"(They're) really relaxed and I guess they're kind of waiting for the reaction of the public, friends and family.

"I guess for us four girls, too, we're just really waiting to see the reaction of our family, their faces."

However, Mauboy said she still felt a lot more pressure at Cannes compared with the Australian premiere.

"Here it's home-grown. It's where it all started and people recognise the humour (and) that family-orientated (story)," she said.

"I think people get it more here than anywhere else."

For Blair, having *The Sapphires* open the festival was special because it meant opening the film up to Australian audiences.

"It's a great feeling, so just to kick this film off and hopefully Australia will get behind it," he said.

The Sapphires opens nationally tomorrow, 9 August. – AAP

● The Melbourne International Film Festival runs until 19 August. Visit miff.com.au for more details.

ANTaR screening

ANTaR National is hosting a special screening of *The Sapphires* at The Verona Cinema in Paddington (Sydney) tomorrow, 9 August, with an introduction by the film's director, Wayne Blair.

Proceeds from the night will support its Constitutional Recognition and Justice campaigns.

Tickets are \$25 and available online through the ANTaR website at: http://www.antar.org.au/store/the_sapphires_at_verona or by phoning (02) 9564 0594. The screening starts at 6.15pm.



Kaye and Paul Briggs with Beverley Briggs and Karana Harris.

at Melbourne Film Festival



At the Melbourne Film Festival premiere, from left, director Wayne Blair, Jessica Mauboy, Beverley Briggs, Miranda Tapsell, Laurel Robinson, Deb Mailman, Naomi Mayers, Shari Sebbens, Lois Peeler and playwright and screenwriter Tony Briggs.



Sofii and Kylie Belling.



Lisa and Rachel Maza.



Jessica Mauboy performs.

Eight vie for awards



EIGHT of Australia's top Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are in the running for the 2012 Indigenous Governance Awards (IGAs).

The 2012 IGAs attracted over 100 applications from Indigenous-owned organisations and projects, more than tripling the number from the previous awards program in 2010.

An independent judging panel chaired by Professor Mick Dodson had the job of selecting the eight finalists.

"Indigenous governance is really improving and our finalists represent the best of what is happening in Indigenous communities," he said.

"We're very pleased with the enormous response. We received a record-breaking 107 applications and the standard of quality was also very high.

"They are true success stories, achieving clear results in what are largely very challenging environments."

The eight finalists are competing in two categories.

Category A recognises 'Outstanding examples of Indigenous governance in Indigenous incorporated organisations'.

The finalists include the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation (NPY Women's Council), which runs programs and services in more than 25 communities and homelands spread over 350,000 square kilometres of the NT, WA, and SA.

As well, the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) is in the running, along with the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC), the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation in Alice Springs, which provides remote dialysis services throughout central Australia NT/WA, and the Yawoorroong Miriung Gajerrong Yirgeeb Noong Dawang Aboriginal Corporation (MG Corporation) of Kununurra, WA.

Category B recognises 'Outstanding examples of Indigenous governance in a non-incorporated initiative or project'.

Finalists include the Martumili Artists of



Judging panel chair Mick Dodson.

Newman, WA, servicing Martu artists in the communities of Kunawarritji, Punmu, Parngurr, Irrungadji, Jigalong, Warralong and Newman.

As well, the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, which represents the Community

Working Parties of Bourke, Brewarrina Broken Hill, Cobar, Collarenebri, Coonamble, Dareton/Wentworth, Enngonia, Goodooga, Gulargambone, Ivanhoe, Lightning Ridge, Menindee, Walgett, Weilmoringle and Wilcannia, NSW is a finalist, along with the Yiriman Project of Fitzroy Crossing, a youth diversionary program servicing the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Organisers said that while the 2012 finalists represented a diverse range of services, each had been developed from the ground up and were genuinely owned and driven by the communities and members they represent.

Judges will visit each finalist throughout August and September, with the winners announced at an awards event at BHP Billiton in Melbourne on the 12 October.

Held biennially, the IGAs were created in 2005 by Reconciliation Australia in partnership with BHP Billiton, to identify, celebrate and promote strong leadership and effective governance.

Further information: www.reconciliation.org.au/iga

High notes for Yarrabah



IT has had a hiatus of more than 30 years, but the Yarrabah Brass Band is set to make music once again thanks to a Queensland Music Festival project. The festival's artistic director and legendary jazz musician, James Morrison, is working with local musicians in the north Queensland community to kick-start the band's revival.

The festival and the Gindja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation plan to create a music program for Yarrabah that will encompass instrumental music education and instruction for youth and adults.

"I will be personally hands-on with this program, and participants will have opportunities to see a range of professional musicians perform as well as having access to some of Australia's best instrumentalists," Mr Morrison said.

After a recent visit, Mr Morrison discovered that few people knew about the history of Indigenous brass bands in far north Queensland.

"The last band to exist in Yarrabah disappeared in the 1970s, having been originally

formed in 1901," he said.

"The exciting news is that Yarrabah Brass Band will once again be making music."

Gindja community alcohol prevention officer Gregory Fourmile said while the project was called the Yarrabah Brass Band, the intent was to invite anyone with a passion for making music.

"This can include local rock and folk bands who are interested – we want the whole community to participate," he said.

Initiatives

The Yarrabah Music Program is one of several festival initiatives with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Cape York and the Torres Strait Islands.

"Seeing the impact of music programs that many of us in urban areas take for granted on these communities is incredibly rewarding," Mr Morrison said.

The Queensland Music Festival offers local, national and international talent performing different styles of music from all walks of life, in Brisbane and in regional and remote centres from Thursday Island to the Gold Coast. It will take place in July 2013.



Jazz musician and Queensland Music Festival artistic director James Morrison at the launch of the Yarrabah Band Project with local school children Levi Johnson, Mesicah Mudu and Colin Fourmile.



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Big weekend for Cootamundra



ORGANISERS are expecting a big crowd for the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls' Training Home 100th year commemoration this weekend in Cootamundra.

Two formal events will be held on the Saturday, and the home will be open all weekend.

Committee member Bob Glanville said organisers were

expecting a big crowd for the commemorative weekend, with the town's accommodation booked out.

A program has been set for over three days starting this Friday, with Mr Glanville saying all were invited to all functions during the course of the weekend.

The program will begin with an art show at the Cootamundra Art Centre from 7pm on Friday.

Depicting memories of the girls' home, the display will remain open all weekend.

A commemoration service will be held in the Cootamundra Town Hall at 2pm on the Saturday.

The ceremony will close with the unveiling of a plaque in the lawn area of the Cootamundra Post Office Plaza, in memory of the girls who had passed through the home and their descendents.

Mr Glanville said anyone wanting to visit Bimbadeen (the Christian Training Conference Centre now on the site of the former girls' home) may do so for a smoking ceremony. Transport is available if required.

A free afternoon tea will be provided at the Town Hall and Bimbadeen, with both venues open all weekend. "Tours of Bimbadeen and the opportunity to view the Wiradjuri windows in

the town hall will be also be available," Mr Glanville said.

He said bookings had been strong for the welcoming dinner and dance at the Cootamundra Ex Services Club. Ex-home girls plus one companion have priority.

As well, a memorial painting to past residents of the home with their names burnt on the wooden frame of the art work will be presented, with names missing taken and added.



Griffith University director of Indigenous engagement, policy and partnerships Professor Boni Robertson.

Elders ask for talks with PM

By DARREN COYNE



SEVENTY Indigenous Elders from across Australia have written to Prime Minister

Julia Gillard requesting an urgent meeting to discuss ways to improve higher education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The letter emerged from a Think Tank of Elders held at Griffith University in Queensland, and was also sent to the Governor-General Quentin Bryce, the patron of Griffith's Council of Elders.

Council of Elders co-chair Ann Chapman said the recent gathering was a major turning point in the engagement of Aboriginal communities in the higher education sector.

Ms Chapman told the *Koori Mail* it was wonderful to have so many Elders attend from different parts of Australia, each with a passion for improving the education potential of their people.

"It was beautiful to see the wisdom of our Elders gathered together. There were some of the greatest minds I've ever seen," she said.

"I could feel the spirit of our old people guiding us."

Ms Chapman said that while most of the Elders present had never had the opportunity of higher education themselves, they had life skills and thousands of years of wisdom between them. It was important, she said, to embrace that wisdom, especially in the education sector.

"While we have gained much in Indigenous participation in higher education, there is still a long way to go before we reach parity with non-Indigenous Australians," she said.

The Think Tank examined higher education issues such as embedding Indigenous knowledge across the curriculum, graduate attributes and identity.

"As the discussion around cultural integrity and



At the Think Tank, back from left, Graham Dillon, Eddie Ruska, Thomas Sebasio, Bill Chapman. Front, from left, Pauline McGrady, Anne Chapman, Martin Watego.



Neil Holland and Shae Fitzsimmons addressing the Elders during the gathering.

scholarship becomes more prominent within the higher education sector, the reliance upon Elders to become actively involved becomes all the more imperative," Ms Chapman said.

"How can other people talk about our culture without talking to the Elders?"

Griffith University director of Indigenous engagement, policy and partnerships Professor Boni Robertson said

Elders were the keepers of the culture and responsible for the way Aboriginal people were represented in research, teaching and policy.

"The Think Tank was part of a strategic initiative by the Griffith University Council of Elders to build upon the work of a number of universities to formalise the role of our Elders in higher education over the past decade," she said.

"We have seen the

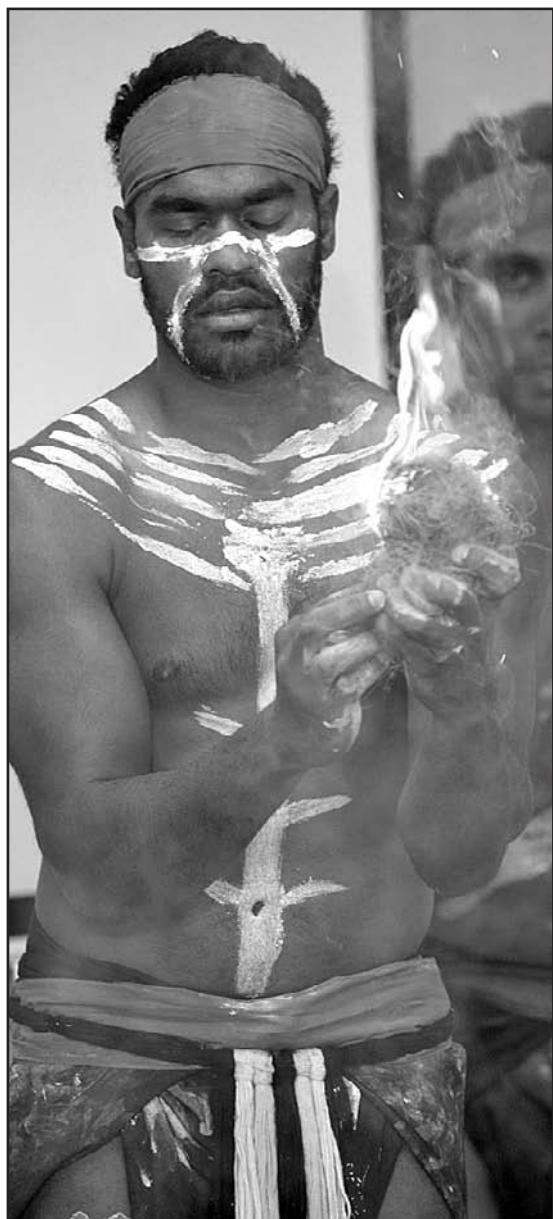
appointment of our younger people to senior academic and administrative positions across the sector and we believe it is time for the Elders to take up their rightful position within higher education.

"At a time when country is talking about embedding Indigenous culture across the sector, we need to have Elders in residence and Council of Elders, guiding that."

The Office of Indigenous Community Engagement, Policy and Partnership and the Griffith University Council of Elders hosted the Think Tank. It built on recent negotiations by the Griffith Council of Elders to develop a Global Elders Indigenous Alliance discussed with the United Nations and endorsed by the World Indigenous Network Higher Education Consortium.

Ms Chapman said the next Elders Think Tank would be held late this month or early September.

After that Think Tank, Elders would travel to Taiwan to take part in a meeting of the Global Elders Indigenous Alliance.



The Nunukul Yuggera dancers performed during the gathering at Griffith University, in south east Queensland.

Devastated family seeking answers

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AN Aboriginal family devastated by the death of their father while in custody in Alice Springs earlier this year appears closer to receiving answers about the tragedy.

Father-of-nine and grandfather Peter Clarke died in the Alice Springs Hospital on 3 April 2012, several weeks after complaining of chest pains and suffering a very bad cough while incarcerated in the Alice Springs jail for drug offences.

The 56-year-old Arabunna man's transfer to hospital occurred on 19 March, just days before his parole date of 26 March. Tests revealed he had pneumonia, emphysema and a possible cancerous node in his lung so he was sedated and placed in the intensive care unit (ICU).

Mr Clarke's brother and sister were shocked when they visited the hospital to find him shackled to his bed and a prison guard watching him until the officer was ordered out by the ICU registrar.

Mr Clarke never regained consciousness. When he died just under two weeks later, the doctor overseeing his care told Mr Clarke's family that his death would not be treated as having occurred in custody due to his scheduled release date of 26 March.

Mr Clarke had been 'a free man' as of midnight that day, the family were told, even though he had remained unconscious throughout, unable to consider or sign any release papers.

Mr Clarke's family, including his eldest daughter Kylie Hampton who currently lives in Perth, say they believe he received inadequate care while in prison and don't trust the hospital's diagnosis that he died from pneumonia, lung cancer and emphysema.

"To date we haven't been contacted in regards to the autopsy report that I requested," Ms Hampton told the *Koori Mail* last week.

"I was told by the medical registrar's office that they sent it to the coroner in Darwin, that it would then go to the specialist and then back to Darwin so it could be six to nine months before we have answers.

"I feel that our family had been robbed of a proper diagnosis from knowing what my dad really died from. I want to expose the flawed nature of their system.

"Knowing my dad was shackled in the bed in ICU is sickening. I feel he died with no dignity and my family has had not justice."

NT authorities have since agreed to treat Mr Clarke's death as a death in custody, but



Peter Clarke, whose family is seeking answers over his death in Alice Springs Hospital in April. Photo provided by Mr Clarke's family

Ms Hampton feels the delay in doing so might mean some crucial information will never be known.

"As a death in custody, (the authorities) would be held accountable and they would have done a post mortem on Dad when he died," she said.

"Usually a post mortem is carried out in the first 24-48 hours to get a proper diagnosis of what someone died from. We insisted on it but they didn't carry out an autopsy until four days later because Dr Raj (Goud) had to ring Corrective Services and they said he needed to ring the coroner's office and then the coroner's office said 'No, we're not treating it as a death in custody so go ahead (with the post mortem)'.

"It was crucial to get those cells and get a proper diagnosis of what my dad died from. (But, by then) the cells are dead. I can't trust the diagnosis now."

Mr Clarke, a diabetic and heavy smoker, was hospitalised five months earlier with pneumonia, but no cancer was detected.

"Look at how fast the cancer came; it must have been a very aggressive cancer," Ms Hampton said. "I reckon Dad had it then

but they said they didn't treat him for that and didn't detect it."

She said the family sought and received a second opinion from a forensic consultant, who had picked up from her father's records, post-death, evidence of a bacterial culture that was legally reportable to the disease control section of the Department of Health.

However, there was nothing in the initial doctor's report to say such a report had been made.

'Hiding something'

"It makes me feel they were hiding something," Ms Hampton said. "I don't have the autopsy report; it's strange because I was the one who requested it."

Ms Hampton said she understood the particular bacteria was widespread in water and soil and not usually a major health concern.

However, she said she'd learned that if present in shower heads, the bacteria could cause an 'inhalable aerosol' – a potential serious threat to anyone with a low immune system such as cancer sufferers.

The forensic consultant had advised that, were the bacteria to be found in a prison, the

matter would need to be seriously considered by the Health Department from a 'public health point of view'.

"In addition, past and future diagnoses of sick inmates should be followed up properly," the report said.

Last month, Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) of Western Australia member Bruce Campbell told Brisbane broadcaster Tiga Bayles that the case highlighted 'the vicious and twisted nature of the prison system'.

"(Mr Clarke) definitely was still in custody... whether he'd served his parole and the technicality of that, they want to try and wriggle out of it actually being recorded as a death in custody," Mr Campbell said.

"The facts of him being not released is just black and white; it's just ridiculous."

The NT Department of Justice has told the *Koori Mail* that Mr Clarke's death had always been viewed as a death in custody and would be the subject of a full coronial inquest.

A spokesman said he could not account for the family's insistence that it wasn't treated as such initially.

"From our perspective, it is a death in custody. All deaths in custody are subject to a coroner's inquest and, as far as I am aware, that has been the case since the day Mr Clarke died," the spokesperson said.

The *Koori Mail* also asked the NT Health Department about the forensic consultant's discovery that bacteria had been found to be present in Mr Clarke.

However, a spokesman said the department could not comment, as the matter was before the coroner.

The Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) is supporting Mr Clarke's family in their quest for answers.

Its president, Ray Jackson, said the use of shackles for prisoners in public hospitals is a general practice throughout Australia and must be stopped.

"Recently the South Australian system was dragged over the human rights coals when they shackled a woman giving birth. Her male guards were also present during the birth," Mr Jackson wrote in an email to ISJA networks.

"The practice of denying legitimate deaths in custody as such is also prevalent around Australia, especially with the police.

"We and the family call on the Northern Territory coroner to hold a full and open inquest into how and why Mr Clarke died so the family can find at least some peace from this tragic event."

Dominello releases progress report



CREATING jobs and opportunities for Aboriginal people, along with preserving language and culture, are among reforms proposed by a NSW taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs.

In a report on its progress, the taskforce, which was formed in August last year, said employment and training opportunities within schools would help radically boost opportunities for Aboriginal people.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said the report also outlined ways to strengthen accountability, the capacity of communities and service delivery.

The taskforce was established

following a NSW Auditor General's performance audit report into the former government's 'Two Ways Together' approach, that found that plan was not delivering for Aboriginal people.

Mr Dominello said the progress report was a step towards the NSW Government's new Aboriginal affairs strategy, to be released at the end of the year.

It was drafted following consultation forums throughout NSW attended by 1700 people, as well as 200 submissions.

"More economic opportunity, more language and culture, more local community decision-making and more responsibility – this is the basis of our new approach," Mr



VICTOR DOMINELLO

Dominello said. "With more than one third of NSW's Aboriginal people aged under 15, it's vital that we and the Aboriginal community

build this future in partnership."

The Minister said he fully recognised the need to take a long-term approach, with improvements sometimes incremental.

"To find out whether our proposals are the right ones and to make sure we are working with communities to create success, many of the changes will begin in a select number of communities," he said. "The taskforce recognises that a 'one size fits all' approach does not work and that every community has different needs and different aspirations.

"Staged reform will allow community and government to work together, to ensure that implementation occurs with the

community's support and at the community's pace."

Mr Dominello said the taskforce had announced nine community forums to be held in August and September for people to have their say on the new directions and ideas under consideration.

Further meetings will take place at Batemans Bay on Friday 24 August, Newcastle on 27 August, Kempsey on 28 August, Lismore and Griffith on 29 August, Tamworth on 30 August, Dubbo and Cobar on 31 August, and Campbelltown on 3 September.

To view the progress report, visit www.daa.nsw.gov.au/taskforce or contact the Taskforce Secretariat at taskforce@dhs.nsw.gov.au.

Hope remains in Bromley case

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE rejection of a criminal cases review committee creates a bleak outlook for Aboriginal inmate and activist Derek Bromley, but it's not all bad, according to one South Australia legal expert.

The *Criminal Cases Review Committee Bill (2011)* was sent to a parliamentary inquiry, but appears likely to be scrapped. However, a recommendation to allow more than one appeal if there is new forensic evidence is on the horizon as a new bill.

Doctor of law Robert Moles said the development represented an important opportunity to find a way forward for the Bromley case.

"Over the last few years, the Attorney-General has failed to exercise his powers to refer meritorious cases to the courts for an appeal," Dr Moles said.

Derek Bromley was convicted of the murder of Stephen Docoza in 1984. Although he completed his prison sentence in 2008, he remains in prison because he maintains that he is innocent of the crimes

for which he was convicted.

Currently, if a South Australian is wrongly convicted they have no legal right to any further hearing – even if they have compelling evidence of their innocence. It's a situation that Dr Moles said the Human Rights Commission had suggested was against international human rights obligations.

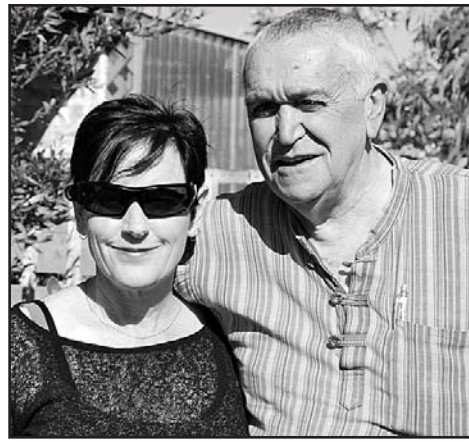
Under the *Corrective Services Act Amendment Bill*, passed in June, the Parole Board can ask the relevant minister to explain his parole refusals within 30 days.

That amendment fell short of the expectations from the Deadlock Conference in May, but Mr Bromley's family, the Mileras, hold out hope that it will be enough to facilitate better justice for their loved one.

The possibility of a statement of reasons for refused applicants would have improved government transparency and brought SA into line with other states.

However, two added sub-sections now mean parole refusals will stay a government-held secret.

While Dr Moles describes the prosecution evidence used against Bromley as 'thoroughly unreliable', repeated



Robyn and Russell Milera (Derek Bromley's sister-in-law and brother).

petitions have failed to motivate the Government to allow him a new appeal.

With doubts hanging over Mr Bromley's 1984 murder conviction and petitions refused, secrecy surrounding ministerial reasons for repeated parole refusals could potentially make those decisions appear arbitrary.

"Clearly something has to be done to

break the deadlock," Dr Moles said, adding that a new right to appeal would allow evidence problems to be tested by a fair hearing in court.

"If (Mr Bromley) was wrongly convicted and has been in prison for nearly 30 years as a result, clearly something needs to be done – and done sooner rather than later."

The state's rejection of all legal avenues for Mr Bromley have wearied his family, but they still cling to the possibility the Parole Board may be able to use the new amendment to enact some justice.

"It's a hope-if-you-dare waiting phase right now," said Mr Bromley's sister-in-law Robyn Milera. "We are frayed."

"(But) we are not resenting the stress and expenses. We are committed to supporting Derek."

Mr Bromley's most recent parole refusal came as the amendment act was brought in.

"They put Derek back inside the walls... his room in the cottages has been packed up and he's back in a cell again," Ms Milera said.

The Department of Corrective Services was approached for comment.

ABA cash for new projects



THIRTY-FOUR new projects aimed at improving health and education services for Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory will share in \$13

million from the Aboriginal Benefits Account (ABA). And for those who missed out, the application process for grant funding under the ABA opened again on 1 August and includes funding opportunities for projects of more than \$250,000, and small projects of up to \$250,000.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the latest round of grants would go to 28 Aboriginal organisations.

Among the biggest winners, the Michael Long NT Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre will receive \$3.5 million from the ABA towards the \$25 million development.

And the Djabulukgu Association will receive \$2 million to expand the Lakeview tourist park in Jabiru.

The tourist park is Aboriginal owned and run, and all profits go towards community development in the Kakadu West Arnhem Region.

As well, the Apiwentye Pastoral Company Pty Ltd will receive \$600,000 to increase its herd on Atula Station.

Ms Macklin also said that the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation would receive \$500,000 to upgrade its premises and build two new training rooms for staff, such as rangers and night patrol workers.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the Government would provide \$220,000 to the Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation in Tennant Creek.

"These funds will be used to



A file photo of ministers Jenny Macklin and Warren Snowdon.

upgrade the Anyinginyi Sport and Recreation facility and enable sport and recreation officers to work with more Aboriginal clients to improve their fitness and health," he said.

Meanwhile, NT Senator Trish Crossin welcomed funding for two projects in Wadeye and on the Tiwi Islands focused on getting women more connected with each other and their community.

In Wadeye, a grant of \$465,000 will be used to establish the Wadeye Ngepan Patha (Strong Spirit) Centre, a dedicated community facility for local women. The centre will offer young mothers' support groups, mentoring and life skill coaching and mental health services as well as providing support to help local women get into work.

On the Tiwi Islands, \$497,000 will be used to support the Tiwi College 'Growing Young Women' program, including buying new computers and sports equipment.

The ABA is funded by payments from the Federal Government equivalent to the value of royalties paid by mining interests on Aboriginal land in the NT.

Applications for the next funding round close on 31 August. For more information go to <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/aboriginals-benefit-account-aba>

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Hear our voice, says United Nations



THE United Nations has urged greater use of the media – Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and especially news outlets – to provide greater opportunity for Indigenous peoples.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon says the media could 'create bridges and establish a truly intercultural world, where

diversity is celebrated; a world where different cultures not only co-exist but value each other for their contributions and potential'.

He made the statement in the lead-up to this year's International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, to be held tomorrow, 9 August, with a theme of 'Indigenous Media, Empowering Indigenous Voices'.

"From community radio and television to feature films and

documentaries, from video art and newspapers to the internet and social media, indigenous peoples are using these powerful tools to challenge mainstream narratives, bring human rights violations to international attention and forge global solidarity," Secretary-General Ban said.

"They are also developing their own media to reflect indigenous values and fight against myths and misconceptions.

"Indigenous voices are recounting compelling stories of how they are combating centuries of injustice and discrimination, and advocating for the resources and rights that will preserve their cultures, languages, spirituality and traditions."

The Secretary-General said indigenous media offered alternative perspective on development models that exclude the indigenous experience.

"They promote the mutual respect and intercultural understanding that is a pre-condition for a society without poverty and prejudice."

He pledged the full support of the UN system to co-operate with indigenous peoples, including their media, to promote the full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).



Michael Anderson, centre, led the discussions.



Participants in the Sovereign Union gathering held at Moree on 28 July.

'Refugee camp' plan by Sovereign Union

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Sovereign Union led by Aboriginal Tent Embassy co-founder Michael Anderson says it will establish Aboriginal 'refugee camps' as safe havens where Aboriginal people can exercise self-determination.

About 50 people attended a gathering of the 'national unity government' in Moree on 28-29 July, with some travelling from as far away as Sydney and Yarrabah in far north Queensland.

Representing more than 30 Aboriginal nations, the group declared Aboriginal affairs to be at an 'all-time low' and said Aboriginal people needed to 'go full steam ahead' to win back their rights and take responsibility for their development and wellbeing.

They resolved to establish refugee camps encompassing self-help and two-way education programs, self-built housing and communal vegetable gardens, as well as separate police and judicial systems.

"One suggestion was to relocate and build our own refugee camps, because after all we are displaced people and in this regard we must apply to the United Nations for assistance," Mr Anderson said in a statement last week, on behalf of the gathering.

"...We must if necessary establish safe havens for our people where we can grow and prosper."

The group also plans to issue 'citizenship identity cards' in their respective Aboriginal nations and to appeal to international organisations and overseas countries for assistance.



Dancers at the gathering. Photos by ELLIE GILBERT

The location of the first refugee camp – 'somewhere in northern NSW' – was expected to be determined at the weekend, as the *Koori Mail* went to print. Mr Anderson said he expected more to follow.

"Once we start this one up and get the process up and running, a lot of people will no doubt follow. We need to get runs on the board and get focused and show

people there is a way," he told the *Koori Mail*.

The gathering highlighted issues including incarceration rates, growing domestic violence matters, poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, crime, child removal rates exceeding those of the Stolen Generations and sub-par school curriculums, all of them complicated by poor housing and low income.

"This is further compounded by the forced government programming of 'closing the gap', which is in effect measuring their assimilation objectives," Mr Anderson said.

"That is, how far they are removing us from our culture and how successfully we have been absorbed into the white one through their reconciliation program."

Mr Anderson said 'little to no resources' were available for Aboriginal community based initiatives to deal with community needs, with programs instead controlled by contracted white organisations such as the Red Cross and church-based charities.

Native title was cited as an area where Aboriginal people lacked control over their own affairs.

The Sovereign Union called upon Aboriginal people to stop doing deals with governments and other interests and 'signing away their sovereign rights' under Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUAs)

"Under the majority of cases, the people are blackmailed into agreeing to sign their lands back to the governments in perpetuity if they want their names on the title deeds," Mr Anderson said.

"This is traded off by offers such as getting a ranger employed on their own land. In some cases, maybe the right to engage a tourist guide. But the tourism is owned and controlled by white operators. "...There are no other real benefits to the rest of the respective nations who are being bludgeoned into these shonky deals," he said.

Mr Anderson said the Sovereign Union would challenge the authority of the current Australian establishment 'at every opportunity'.

MOB is riding high

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



WHAT'S tougher than 50 leather-clad Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men on Harley Davidsons roaring down an open highway at 100kmh?

Well, not much actually, but fortunately this crew of tough guys has a soft spot for giving. Just don't tell any rival bikers or their reputations will be shot.

Murris on Bikes president Bevan Barba insists that he doesn't mind carving out a somewhat different reputation for his Queensland-based Indigenous riders group than many motorcycle gangs.

He said the club was about two things – brotherhood and giving back to community.

In fact, get to know this group and it's their giving spirit that you'll notice before the leathers and tattoos.

Murris on Bikes, now known simply as MOB, is made up of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander bikers and their non-Indigenous mates who came together through a shared love of motorbikes.

Numbering somewhere in the 50s, the group have been getting together for an annual bike ride since 2008 and, somewhere along the way, became involved in charity.

"We were just a group of fellas riding up and down the coast. It started out with just a few brothers and uncles and grew from there," Mr Barba said. "Around 2009, we decided to form our own group. A few blokes were hanging around with the outlaw clubs and we decided that's not what we wanted to be involved in. We called a meeting and that was the start of Murris on Bikes."

While Mr Barba says the club remains mainly Indigenous at around 80 per cent, non-Indigenous riders are accepted, but all members, black and white, must conform to a riders' constitution and club rules.

"At the heart of our club is Indigenous and non-Indigenous riders and it's about bringing everyone together," he said.

"We all had mates or brothers-in-law who wanted to be a part of it so we opened it up, but at the same time it is exclusive in some ways, not just everyone can automatically be a member. You've got to come with some sort of recommendation from one of the existing members and also understand and follow our club guidelines."

After seeing some of the damage Queensland's recent floods and cyclone had wreaked up North, MOB decided they wanted to give back to the people who had lost so much, so they decided stage a flood and cyclone relief concert. In what marked the start of their charity work, they raised about \$6000 and all that went back up north to Mission Beach and Cardwell.

Charity work

"We do a fair bit of other charity work throughout the year," Mr Barba said. "We like to help people and it's not only Indigenous people we help but wherever we see a need."

"We donate to one of the special schools that send children to Townsville for a special athletics carnival. We've raised money for breast cancer and we also focus on helping people that don't normally get government assistance."

"We travel around to schools and have talks with Indigenous students about the importance of education and of staying in school. The kids really love it."



● Above: Brothers together ... members of the Murris on Bikes (MOB).

Mr Barba says he understands that images of bikers can arouse fear and suspicion of anti-social behaviour, but insists MOB members are just like anyone else, working hard to raise their families.

"I think it helps for people to see we're not an outlaw club; we're actually doing things to help the community and giving to charity," he said.

With an office based in Mackay and members from all around Queensland, Mr Barba says running the club like a business has been a steep learning curve, but well worth it with their official clubhouse finally built in January this year.

"We want to show people that not only do we do good things for the community but that as Indigenous guys we can move forward. Look at us now, we're running our own club and we're proud to wear that patch that represents all cultures," he said.

Club patch

Mr Barba's talking about the MOB club patch that took almost a year to design and takes a bit from all the cultures of the club – a boomerang, a Torres Strait Islander headdress, cane knives for the South Sea and a skull with flaming red dreadlocks.

In red, black and yellow, it's an impressive and somewhat fearsome logo and sets MOB bikers apart from the rest. And you've got to earn a place in the club to be able to wear the logo with honour.

"If you want to join our club you've got to have a member nominate you first and then we mentor you for up to six months," Mr Barba said.

"We're not just about drinking beer and riding bikes so, if anyone brings the club into disrepute, it's on us. We do promotion and charity work and you have to be committed to the club in all these ways – not just for the rides."

"...It's about striking that balance with families and not just spending all our time on the club. The best thing is having the satisfaction of giving to charities that really need it."

"...It's really a brotherhood and it's not only us members but our families as well, our wives and girlfriends and children. Supporting each other."

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Actor Geoffrey Rush, Australian of the Year 2012.

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Quote



'You can't put a value on culture or language'

– Kamilaroi Elder Wayne Griffiths

● See Page 27

Unquote

We can all win in the human race

THE games are by no means over but we can safely describe all of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes who've competed in the London Olympics as winners.

As with all sporting contests, there've been tears and rapturous smiles, 'high fives' and heads hung despondently.

Since they began a week and a half ago, the Olympics have been a magnificent demonstration of sporting prowess, endurance, guts and determination. But it is the stories of humanity, on top of the medal counts and records, that truly cement the Olympics' place as the greatest show on earth.

All of our athletes have carried weighty hopes and expectations upon their shoulders, but boxer Damien Hooper went one further and emblazoned his and our pride across his chest.

Now, boxing isn't everyone's cup of tea. It certainly isn't for the faint-hearted and some of us shudder at the prospect of flailing fists, even those encased in padded leather and despatched by a skilled practitioner. But we think Hooper's humble, intuitive actions outside the ring will grow the sport's fan base considerably.

The heavily-tattooed athlete displayed a soft side, too, sending love to his supporters via Facebook and posting a personal message to his grandmother saying 'I love you Nan'. Aaaaaw!

Speaking of which, social media like Facebook and Twitter has been



an incredible boon for sports and news fans. Eight years ago in Athens, it would have been unimaginable to hear direct from athletes literally within minutes of their performance. Now we can take it for granted and for all of social media's failings – around privacy, time wasting, and the potential to post publicly things that should remain private – we love it. No doubt there'll be plenty more Olympic news to report in our next edition.

The impending Northern Territory general election will be another contest where Aboriginal people – sitting politicians, aspirants and voters alike – will be hoping for a win.

None of the parties will be taking matters for granted, and neither should they. Aboriginal voters are becoming increasingly savvy to the issues at play, including those that affect entire electorates and others that are Indigenous-specific.

We'd like to wish all of the expected 20-plus Indigenous candidates the best for the poll. And, with the Territory's electoral roll having closed today, we hope Aboriginal Territorians have been pro-active and enrolled to vote.

You've got to be in it to win it.

A Yarn With...



HAZEL RHODES

Born in Ballina, living in Lismore
Retired school teacher

Favourite bush tucker?
Echidna.

Favourite other food
Damper with butter and syrup.

Favourite drink?
A cup of tea.

What are you reading?
Local newspapers and the *Koori Mail*.

Favourite footy team?
Northern United, based in Lismore.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My sister Bertha Kapeen, my grandson Blake and my daughter Debra.

Favourite music?
Country and Western.

What do you dislike?
I don't dislike anything at the moment.

If you could change anything to improve the lives of Indigenous people what would it be?
I'd like to see all Aboriginal people living together with other people and enjoying life.

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Bernie tells it straight



By MAHALA STROHFELDT

BERNIE Singleton (above) is a storyteller. And not just of the kind of yarns told around the campfire, though he's got a few of those too. His are intricate cultural tales of the Stolen Generation and Aboriginal history going back generations.

His stories are steeped in the rich cultural fabric of his family history. They are stories his father told him and he passed on to his own children and now, as a great-grandfather and Cape York community leader, he sees the passing on of culture as more important than ever.

But Bernie is a true bush character too. You'll hear him before you see him. After hearing his ringtone of ABBA's *Dancing Queen*, you'll never be able to hear that song again without thinking of him. He has no shame about declaring his love for the 1970s Swedish supergroup, and his impressive iPod playlist is filled with a vast array of tunes from Alan Jackson to the Eagles to keep him company on his frequent road trips throughout the Cape.

Instantly recognisable with his meandering gait and brilliant white moustache, Bernie has built up a reputation for straight talking that's unsurpassed.

But the mantle of responsibility of the political agitator is not borne lightly. Luckily, he's had a few years to get used to the discomfort of challenging the status quo.

"I was at some event and I pulled up then State Health Minister Paul Lucas who was giving a speech on how Queensland had one of the best health services in the country," he recalled to the *Koori Mail*.

"I said to him right there that, yes, we have one of the best health services in the country... if you're white. But if you're a blackfella, then forget about it. Maybe some people don't like to hear that, but it's the truth."

Born in Cairns and raised in Yarrabah, Bernie came from humble beginnings but always

understood his family history and what that meant for him.

"All four of my grandparents were taken off their land, they all belonged to the Stolen Generation," he said. "I was born in 1948 and didn't become a citizen until 1967. I only went to Grade 8 but I tell people I went to the university of life, only I didn't get any credit for it."

With the confidence of youth and luck on his side, Bernie jumped on a plane with a cousin in 1966, landing in Darwin for 12 months before driving to Port Hedland to work for a mining and construction company.

It was the best decision he could have made, and before too long the young Bernie was getting to know the other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers who'd travelled great distances for a chance at work, and enjoying all the experiences in his new life.

"Coming straight off a mission and flying to Darwin was pretty scary, but it was the best thing I could have done," he said. "Flying anywhere wasn't like it is today. Back in those days, you didn't have accommodation waiting for you at the other end, and all the money I had was in my pockets."

Still, it was a world away from the early days growing up on the mission, fishing with his dad and watching his mum work hard to make the rations last.

"I had a pretty good life, it was a basic life but a good one," he said. "My mother couldn't just go out and buy groceries, all the families lived on rations. You'd have to go and get your rations every week of flour, sugar and tea."

"My dad was a hunter so we lived off the land and sea; we were pretty lucky that way. We used to eat pig, turkey and cassowary and whatever we got from the sea."

"Someone said to me once why

I ate all those protected species and I said 'hey, I'm a protected species too'."

It was after returning to Cairns and marrying that Bernie landed a job as a ranger in Injinoo and his cultural learning began in earnest.

"I returned to Cairns and married, we'd been keen on each other for a long time," he said.

"We moved to Weipa and in 1979 I started working as a ranger with Aboriginal relics and remains. I was working on locating and recording sacred Aboriginal sites, protecting those sites and educating people about Aboriginal culture."

"It was around this time I really got interested in culture and I started asking my dad about it and really listening."

'We need our health services set up by black people and for black people. There's just no other way.'

"During my time as a ranger, we uncovered many skeletal remains of our old people back on country taken away all along the coast of Cape York and brought them back and buried them."

Bernie and his growing family continued to work and live around Queensland, from Townsville to Mackay, Maryborough and Rockhampton, finally settling back in Coen in Cape York in 1986.

Retiring as a ranger in 1995, Bernie worked as the district workplace health and safety officer for Queensland Health until 2005, but by then his passion for community control in Aboriginal communities was well and truly ignited. It's a cause that's still close to his heart and

one that he champions daily.

"I truly believe community control is the way to go in Cape York and in other Aboriginal communities," he insists. "If we ever want to pull ourselves up we've got to be in control of our lives, and that's including health and our social well-being."

"Cape York has one of the highest rates of suicides in the country and yet we still don't have full control of our health services."

"We've got to be in charge of our own health. We need black community controlled health services. I still remain hopeful that we'll get there, but we've got to realise that no-one else is going to improve health but us."

"It's about Murri medicine and community control, those are the keys to our health and our future."

Bernie says he sees first-hand how a white medical model of health is still being imposed on Aboriginal people, and its effects. He believes, however, that rather than avoid Western medical ways altogether, Indigenous community control of health and non-Indigenous medical models can co-exist, paving the

way for better choices for Aboriginal communities.

"You talk about closing the gap and look at our high rates of suicides and mental illness and you see white people coming into communities and imposing their health system on our people, white psychologists and psychiatrists coming in and talking to our people about these things and our people don't have a choice," he said.

"If you told a white man that he had to see an Aboriginal doctor and he had absolutely no choice in the matter he wouldn't accept it, so why should we?"

"I see the best way of moving forward in health is about having that choice and that's at the core of community control. We need our

health services set up by black people and for black people. There's just no other way."

As chairman of Apunipima Cape York Health Council for four terms and on the Link Up Qld board for two terms, Bernie shows no signs of slowing down. There is simply too much to be done, he says, and no time to waste.

"I've been asked how I can keep going in the face of all these challenges?" he says.

"(But) look at Charles Perkins, Mick Miller, Clarrie Grogan... did they ever stop? They went on 'til they died. You can't stop and you can't afford to stop. You just keep going about your business and hope you make a difference."

"Aboriginal people have been on a big slippery slide, sliding into nowhere. How do you stop that slippery slide? Once you stop that slippery slide you've got to get them off and lead them on to the right path, and it's hard."

"There are so many great people that are fighting for our rights – Sam Watson, Les Malezer, Tom Calma and Mick Gooda, Michael Mansell just to name a few... everywhere you look there are people fighting for our rights, and that fight continues."

While hope might be a rare commodity in some remote Aboriginal communities, Bernie says Aboriginal people must continue to agitate for change, knowing that change will only come from them.

"Do I have hope that life will improve for Aboriginal people? Can it get any worse?" he muses, before declaring with conviction, "It's got to come from the community and it will come from community."

"In Cape York we know the problems can only be fixed by us. We've got a lot of smart people up there, a lot of strong people. We as Aboriginal people have always looked to the old people to do the talking, but in today's world we've got to create a forum for our young people to have a say."

"That's our way forward, together."

Scoring relationship gold

VERY late one night watching the Olympics, somewhere between awake and asleep, my mind was wandering around until a thought just popped into my head: Relationships are like training for the Olympic Games!

Athletes have to be committed and always improving on their personal best.

In a relationship you also must be committed to the other person and always trying to be a better person.

Isn't it funny I thought about this while the Olympics are actually on! Amazing!

I think everyone should get a gold medal for a successful relationship, and here are my top three ways to win one.

Number one is to swim in pools of love. Sometimes it's just easier to look at your partner with love and not anger.

Like the time you ask your lubba to empty the washing machine but yet again the clothes have gone mouldy.

It's much easier to just smile and put the washing machine on again. Just swim in the love.

But if this was a yarn about all the biscuits being gone, well that would be another story!

The second thing I'd do is to jump over the hurdles. Jump over the hurdles of the crappy days.

Everyone has bumpy days, but you gotta give it a good go. After all, it's how you deal with it that matters. Sometimes you need a bit more help so you should reach out for help when you need a hand. No shame in that!

The third thing is my favourite thing to do and that is to dive into something fun.

When you have fun you don't notice the bad times as much and they get you through them much quicker. My

favourite fun thing to dive into is watching funny movies and mountains of air popped popcorn.

You must always watch movies that you know line for line, too!

Now, even though there are no medals given out for Awesome Relationships, it doesn't mean you can't try for a gold-winning performance.

It's all about feeling the love, sharing the love and jumping over hurdles.

So just like all our deadly athletes, keep on trying to be better and give it a red hot go. I hope you get the gold!



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Answers to our Edition 531 Crossword. How did you go?

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2. Abbott
4. Dodson
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17. Sorry

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Our brain-teasers

Edition 532 Koori Mail Word Search

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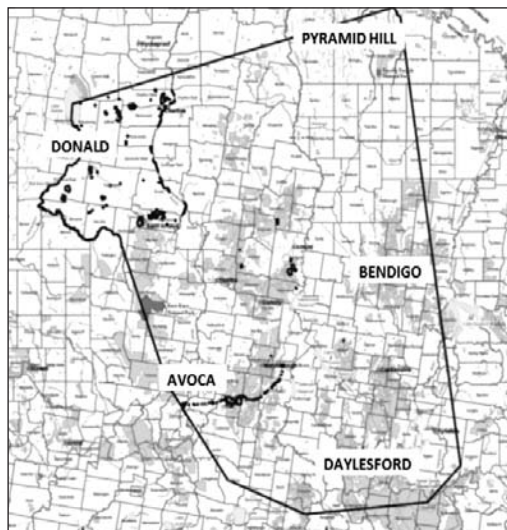
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For all people who hold or may hold native title to the land and waters in the area subject to the Dja Dja Wurrung registered native title claim VID6001/00

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

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The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress of settlement negotiations with the State under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic) and the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), authorise boundary agreements, discuss future act matters, and any other associated matters.



Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) assists native title holders in relation to native title matters across Victoria, including negotiating native title settlements. NTSV is organising this meeting. If you would like further information, including assistance to attend the meeting, please contact **Drew Berick** at NTSV on 9321 5300 or toll free 1800 791 779; and email dberick@ntsv.com.au

Edition 532 Koori Mail Crossword

SOLUTIONS IN OUR NEXT EDITION

ACROSS

2. Indigenous athlete Benn Harradine throws this (6)
4. City hosting next year's NRL All Stars game (8)
5. Final event of Olympic Games (8)
8. Palawa come from this state (8)
10. Aboriginal author Heiss (5)
12. Nick-name of AFL's Lance Franklin (5)
13. Bankstown is a suburb in this city (6)
14. South Australian town Pedy (6)
16. Aboriginal comedian Sean (10)
17. Torres Strait Islander singer-songwriter Seaman ... (3)
18. Renal relates to which human body part (6)

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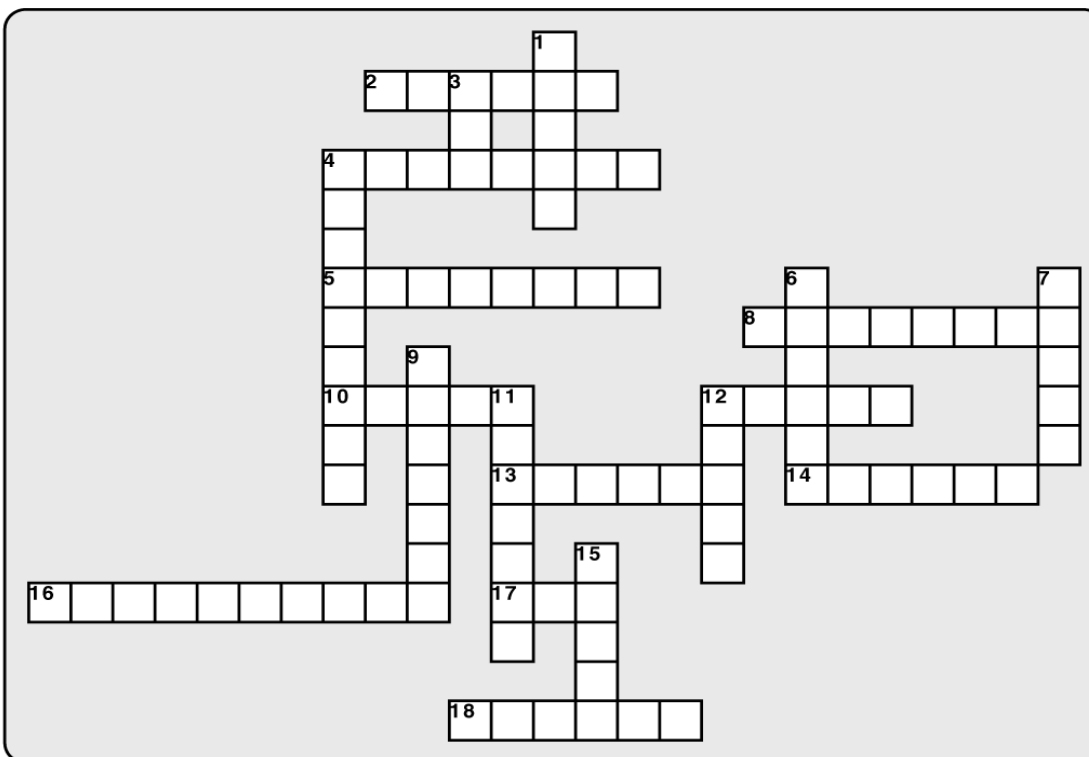
1. Australian Rights Commission (5)
3. NITV is now part of this broadcaster (3)

4. Throw this and it should come back (9)
6. Annual Indigenous week of celebration (6)

7. Major Aboriginal festival in Arnhem Land (5)
9. Port Hedland is in this

- WA region (7)
11. Federal Government support scheme for Indigenous students (7)

12. Governor-General Quentin (5)
15. The Ella brothers played this rugby (5)





Name that fills some with fear

SO let's talk about Mal Brough. Now, there's a name that fills some with fear and trepidation. When he announced the NT Emergency Response, he shot down any objections by suggesting people didn't care about the poor little kids.

Mal Brough's first bombshell Intervention announcement included the measure that all NT children – some 25,000 kids under the age of 12 – would be subjected to mandatory child sexual health checks.

Think about that for a moment – this man proposed that all children would be subjected to an intrusive physical medical examination. All children. Mandatory. And the police and army would be on-site to assist.

This was quickly shot down in flames by health practitioners – not even Defence medical teams would do this. And who would make that kind of announcement, without checking the legality of it first? Or the practicality of it? Or the morality of it? Well, Mal Brough did.

Let's be clear – child abuse is NOT automatically child sexual abuse. Child abuse can be hungry, homeless, emotionally neglected kids. But it's not always sexual abuse.

But many hear 'child abuse' and go straight to salacious pseudo concern about child sexual abuse, and people who cite 'child abuse' as their reason for acting – and in some cases breaching international human rights conventions – get away with crazy schemes because they know people will automatically link 'child abuse' with 'sexual assault'. They're two very different things.

Neglected kids are those who live in poverty, in sub-standard



Former Indigenous Affairs Minister and newly pre-selected LNP Candidate for the Federal Queensland seat of Fisher Mal Brough.

housing, with care givers often doing the best they can on compromised welfare payments. Ready access to their financial entitlements, adequate housing and access to education and health services come under government control. And failure to provide these things is neglect. That's child abuse.

Everyone has been very quiet about the numbers of

substantiated sexual abuse cases – there aren't many proven, and convicted. But Mal, and the mainstream media and government-funded organisations don't go there.

If Mal Brough and his kind are going to devastate an entire generation by broadcasting accusations and suspicions, why so quiet about the results?

Mal Brough's record was to

make wild claims, spend millions, terrorise entire communities, earn the disdain of swathes of stakeholders, and finally be booted by his own electorate.

And surely he doesn't want another go at it?

Just go away Mal. We don't need you.

ELOISE PAPILLON
Address supplied

POETRY

A Woman's Place

WHEN I was young I yearned to be a boy
As my brothers always had more freedom to play and enjoy
I was taught to clean house, to wash, sew and cook
To preen myself so society was pleased with how I looked.

Life for me was planned by social rules in place
No career, no education, just marriage, children and grace
Girls were meant to do as told and follow their mother's fate
To marry well, to keep the house and meet husband at the gate.

Women were meant to stay at home for children and wifely duties
While husband worked to pay the rent, the food and wool for booties
The frustration and women's loneliness was never comprehended
And any dreams she had of a different life were very swiftly ended.

Then the 1960s ambled in and with it came great change
Now women when they married could even keep their name
Women could now wear jeans either loose or deadly tight
Bright coloured skirts were ultra mini and the bee-hive looked a fright.

The biggest change of the times was that women had more say
She could marry or stay single and not always do it a man's way.

When women's rights came to being and they stood up to the men

The rules that governed our society had to start again
Girls could now stay at school, go to uni and have a career
The choice was their decision to make without judgment or with fear.

Yes, this sounds all too easy and we know that wasn't so
For there were always stubborn men who just couldn't let it go.

It's been five decades since women's liberation raised its radical head
And the idea of women just barefoot and pregnant is well and truly dead
There are women who want life that way and surely that's their choice
But for those who don't want that path they need to raise their voice.

In our country all women get a say and we're really glad of that
For no women should be told her place or be a man's door mat.

MARGARET CLARKE, 2012
Via email

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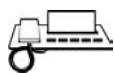
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Your Say

Don't knock me off my podium

IT is a sad day when an Aboriginal boxer wears a shirt that identifies him as an Aboriginal Australian and he gets in trouble.

This comes in the same light of fellow Olympian John Steffensen coming out with the racism he has suffered as a top athlete.

As we know, becoming a top athlete does not just magically happen. There is a massive amount of skill, commitment, sacrifices, tears, fears, high and lows and mostly being selfish and putting yourself and career first.

There is also dealing with 'parents' that feel that their child should have been selected and not the 'darkie' down the road.

There is a saying by US actor Will Smith 'if you were absent during my struggles, don't expect to be there for my success', and I would also at this time use the quote from *Star Wars* 'fear leads to hate' – you fear something you do not understand and have no education on the subject.

I think that these two quotes are important when dealing with these two situations as these Olympic competitors would have had to deal not only with the life of a top athlete but with buckets of endless racism, bigotry, setbacks and leaving their family and community.

I know people say 'But everyone leaves home'. People forget the Stolen Generations, forget that



Olympic boxer Damien Hooper (file photo).

Aboriginal people's relatives such as parents and grandparents were not considered a part of Australia until the 1967 referendum.

When an Aboriginal person finds success, the first

you will hear them do is say this is for their people, their family and especially their grandparents and the fallen.

I personally saw my mother stand in the Prime

Minister's home and welcome people to her land of the Ngunnawal people. The first thing my mother does is state 'This is for my grandfather who would be so proud'.

What was the first thing boxer Damien Hooper did? He put a photo of his grandmother on his Facebook page.

But I think the real fat to the fire is he wore the t-shirt in the heart of a place that tried to exterminate his and my peoples; he looked them in the eye and stood proud. His stance is and was – we survived in spite of you but through the strength of my people and people like my grandmother!

I would also like to note that the Queen's representative, the Governor General, in 1996 recognised the Aboriginal flag as part of this country's law, stamped and sealed!

I am so proud of our Aboriginal athletes and relate back to the Will Smith quote. Do not knock any of Aboriginal athletes as you weren't there during their struggle to represent Australia. You would have no idea how and what they did to get there; leaving their life, their family and their community.

So, when they stand there proud, they stand there for all those people they had to leave behind.

**DELEPHENE FRASER
Canberra, ACT**

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I WOULD like to provide your readers with correct information about Voluntary Income Management and the \$250 incentive payment.

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This amount is payable to all Voluntary Income Management customers for every 26 weeks they remain on Voluntary Income Management.

**HANK JONGEN
General Manager
Department of Human Services**

The Doctrine of Discovering Identity - Part 2

By ANGELINA HURLEY

THE most impressive showcase of cultural diversity I have seen was definitely the 11th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), held in New York during May.

What an amazing collaboration and representation of Indigenous voice; a highlight being an opening assembly dominated by participants proudly adorned in traditional dress.

A unique opportunity to engage with representatives of the world's 360 million Indigenous peoples was enhanced by side event presentations, visual arts exhibitions, dance performances, film screenings and a deadly Mayan band called Sak Tzevul.

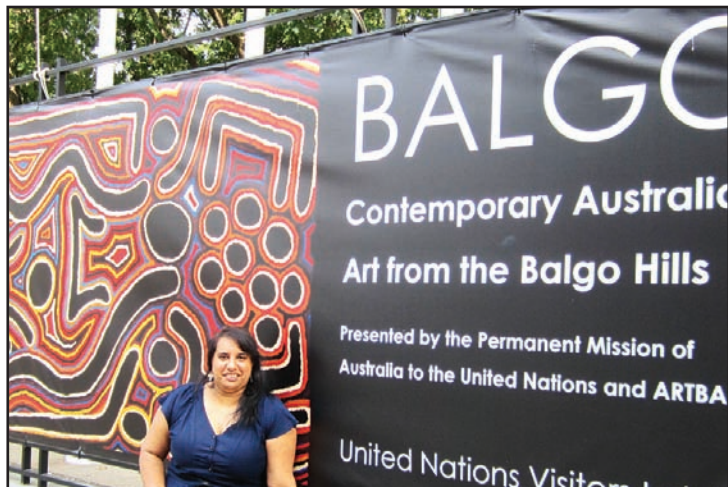
The theme for the forum this year was the 'The Doctrine of Discovery'. Sessions outing the repercussion of poverty and war, child slavery and the oppression of women made you gasp and your heart hurt.

Then with the shine of a politician in the making, a representative from the International Indigenous Youth Caucus delivered a speech with such strength and positivity for the future that it evoked mass pride, applause and tears. Well, it did amongst the sistas I was standing with, and you know how we go... it's the domino effect.

Just in case you don't know, the 'The Doctrine of Discovery' is explained in Wikipedia as 'a concept of public international law justifying the way in which colonial powers laid claim to lands belonging to sovereign indigenous nations during the Age of Discovery. The doctrine has been primarily used to support decisions invalidating or ignoring aboriginal possession of land in favour of colonial or post-colonial governments'.

In the words of Lauren Hill, let me break it down for you again – i.e. the load the crap we have been hearing all our lives about how we didn't exist, our lands were vacant, and colonisation was peaceful... blah, blah, blah. So yeah, whatever, talk to the hand. It's centuries-old dogma used to justify theft and genocide.

After a lifetime of our rebuttals and educating migoalos, they have definitely come up with an interesting array of reconciliatory type manoeuvres. What is it about Indigenous culture and events that brings out the wombaist (is that a word?) of them all? There are, of course, the obvious opposers – i.e. racists, royalists etc. There are those who genuinely get it and work



Angelina Hurley outside an exhibition of Balgo art held in New York during the Eleventh session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) in May. The exhibition opened at the forum.

ethically alongside us. Then there are those who get it... I think... but who tend to go overboard with excitement, inspiration or something – e.g. The English woman with the 'Hug a Black' affliction (Womba World, July 2010) spotted zig-zagging like a Tour de France cyclist through the crowd at the UNPFII. Her goal? To accost the six-foot traditionally dressed Masai representative, and manhandle him while introducing herself. To which he responded 'There is no need to touch'. As my mob back home says... Told! LOL! I noted the brotha seemed to spend the rest of the forum suited up.

'Wannabe'

There is also the overzealous 'Indigenous Wannabe'. They are a person who seems to be taking the Indigenous plight for the right reasons. However, they aggressively insist on having the right of voice, position and power via dubious Indigenous association, ironically mimicking the behaviour of a colonial oppressor.

Are they blind to this? Hmm, maybe, but I think not. In any case I am baffled as to how and why Indigenous people let them in, and in my opinion vigilance is a must.

Then there is the extreme 'Adopt an Indigenous Identity' weirdo. Immediately coming to mind is an article about a womba Welsh man who lives life as an Apache in Swansea, England... WTF? (MailOnline, July 2012).

Charged with illegally possessing wild animal parts, he even tried to live on a Native American reservation but the US Government wouldn't let him. LMAO! Too much Pimms in the old English breakfast cuppa? Or an overdose of illegally imported peyote? I think I could actually hear the eye roll of my sista in Arizona (who actually lives on an Apache reservation). Her all too knowing response of 'Yeah

you get that' made me laugh out loud.

It may seem that it could be easy for me to pass myself off as a senorita, une femme, una donna or a back-up dancer in a Bollywood movie (so on my bucket list and would be a bit like looking for Wally). However, I've never been able to completely fathom why someone would want to adopt a nationality not their own.

I am totally blessed with my Australian Aboriginal identity. A pride instilled in me by my parents and family and delivered at times with the sidekick of humour. Most mob can relate to the experience of fending off racial taunts and being called 'black' or worse at school.

A key lesson learnt early, when recalling these stories to my father and his typical humorous and practical response was, 'Yeah so! You are!'

My hanging bottom lip retracting with the realisation of the power of owning my identity and laughing!

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Entries must be in the form of a song that explores the harmful impact of cannabis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Issues that could be explored include how cannabis negatively affects families, relationships, educational attainment or culture. The competition is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians of all ages.

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There will be one national winner with prize money of \$5,000. The winner will also have the chance to professionally record their song at a two-day workshop with Skinnyfish Music, Australia's leading record label for Indigenous Artists, as well as receiving advice about the industry. A runner up prize of \$1,000 will also be awarded.

For more information go to www.nepic.org.au or call (02) 9385 0213



Children's day celebrations



IN Lismore, northern NSW, local families celebrated National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day with a barbecue, songs, dancing and stories.

Families joined at a gathering organised by the YWCA and celebrated the energy and potential of their jarjums (children) and the passing of knowledge from the older generations to the younger.

The YWCA's Lara Bennett said she

loved this year's theme of 'Our Children, Our Culture, Our Way'.

"It's about capacity-building being a parent," she said.

"So often with programs it's about how not to be Aboriginal, it's about what people want to change and I think the theme really focused on the strengths of Aboriginal parents and the valuable things we have to offer.

"Learning culture together is so important." – by RUDI MAXWELL



Nine-year-old dancer Tu-wai Duncan.



Anthony Adam Proberts-Pittman at the day.



Blomeley Kaiya, 2, with his mum Danielle Kaiya.

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NSW carers given help to 'raise them strong'



MORE than 3500 Aboriginal carers in NSW will have access to new 'Raising Them

Strong' resources and training, which was officially launched at a family fun day in Parramatta Park on Saturday.

The new resources were launched on National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day as part of a push by the Department of Family and Community Services and the Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) to increase support services for Aboriginal foster carers.

Community Services chief executive Maree Walk said the new resources were developed in collaboration with Aboriginal communities, carers and agencies.

"Raising Them Strong resources and training reflect our overall philosophy to keep Aboriginal families together whenever possible and maintain the identity of Aboriginal children and young people in out of home care," she said.

'Raising Them Strong' has three new booklets: *Caring for kids with a disability*, *Supporting Deadly Behaviour*, and *Case Management: What I need to know as a carer of children and*

young people in out-of-home care.

Community Services, in partnership with St John Ambulance (NSW), AbSec, ACWA and Connecting Carers NSW, has also developed culturally appropriate first-aid training for carers across NSW, which will be provided free of charge.

"This training will be especially useful for Aboriginal kinship and foster carers in rural and remote locations and is also available to those in metro regions," Ms Walk said.

For more information, go to www.community.nsw.gov.au/fostercarer_resources

Gunnedah's new start



KAMILAROI Elder Wayne Griffiths believes the construction

of Winanga-li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in Gunnedah will mark a new beginning. The centre, due for completion by mid next year, will bring together a range of family, early childhood and health services as part of a \$74 million initiative aimed at improving the health and well-being of Aboriginal children and families across NSW.

Winanga-li means 'to hear; to listen; to know; to remember' and Mr Griffiths is chair of the centre's local reference group.

"We have other services, but the one thing dramatically lacking is the ability to have early childhood intervention, which is crucial," he said. "And support services – the ability for parents to be able to connect to professional services that can help child develop and grow from an early age.

"The centre will perform those dual roles, it's outstanding, exciting and we can't wait for construction to finish.

"We've spent so much time getting everything right from the word go, now actual construction has started people can see we have the ability for a real difference in our community.

"Once building is completed that's when the real journey begins. I sense that this is something we own, people can feel a sense of there's somewhere where I can turn, and know is our own.



The first sods are turned for Winanga-li, the new Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in Gunnedah, north-west NSW. Photos by the Namoi Valley Independent

"Here's a real opportunity for us, learning in a new millennium, but not forgetting that the integrity of our culture is most important."

Mr Griffiths said language was a big part of that learning.

"Language is our culture and that's something that hasn't been lost but has been forgotten and here's an opportunity to reinvigorate that through our children," he said.

"You can't put a value on culture or language; that's

why the old people left remnants left behind, in the hope that one day someone would pick it up."

Community Services project officer Simon Munro said the purpose-built facility would enable parents and families to access a range of services, in the one place, to give their child the best start to life.

A partnership between Relationships Australia NSW and UnitingCare Children's Services is providing interim services

while construction of the new centre takes place. Services include supported playgroups as well as parenting programs and adult education opportunities.

The Winanga-li Young Mothers Group and the Winanga-li playgroup have also begun.

Aboriginal child and family centres will also be established in Campbelltown, Blacktown, Mt Druitt, Ballina, Lightning Ridge, Brewarrina, Nowra and Toronto.



Elder Wayne Griffiths believes Winanga-li, the new Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in Gunnedah, will give local families new opportunities.

Alcohol restrictions for WA community



LIQUOR restrictions are set to apply in the West Australian Pilbara community of Cheeditha.

WA Gaming Minister Terry Waldron said he would declare the community a restricted area under section 175 of the *Liquor Control Act 1988* after approaches from local residents.

The declaration means it will be

an offence to sell/supply, possess or bring liquor into Cheeditha.

"Community representatives said they considered these restrictions the most effective way of reducing the amount of alcohol-related harm and ill-health in the community," Mr Waldron said.

"It (is) clear the bans have widespread community support, and become a circuit breaker to stop the cycle of alcohol abuse and community harm."

Canon grants on offer



IMAGING organisation Canon is seeking applications for its annual environmental grants program. Grants in-kind of Canon equipment like cameras and printers totalling \$40,000 are available to Australian and New Zealand organisations making a positive impact on their

environment and community.

Last year's Canon Grassroots Award winner was the Woppa-burra Land Trust, an organisation working to promote an understanding of Aboriginal culture in the Rockhampton area.

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1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Sixty Thousand Barrels PG (Documentary)
11:00 Night Cries: A Rural Tragedy PG (Documentary)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes PG (Documentary)
1:00 Yarning Up: Behind the Scenes PG (Series)
1:30 Sacred Ground 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 G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Special Treatment PG (Documentary)
9:00 On Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
10:00 Black Pearls PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 9TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Surfing the Healing Wave PG (Documentary)
11:00 Homelands NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 On Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
1:30 Crossing The Line 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Black Magic PG (Documentary)
9:30 Stories from Inside PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa Series 4 M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
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9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Ailan Kores G (Entertainment)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 Jane Elliot's Australian Eye PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Samoana PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)
10:30 In a League of Their Own PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 11TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
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8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Samoana PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV News NC (News)
12:30 The Road to St Andrews PG (Documentary)
1:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
1:30 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)
2:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
3:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 On Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
7:00 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)
8:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Yalukit Wilam Ngaree G (Entertainment)
10:30 Shifting Sands M (Drama)



SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
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9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 On Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
11:00 Art From The Heart PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News NC (News)
12:30 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
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4:30 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Yalukit Wilam Ngaree G (Entertainment)
7:00 Bush Bands Bash 1hr G (Entertainment)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
9:30 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
10:30 The New Black M (Drama)

MONDAY 13TH AUGUST

12:00 Moccasin Flats PG (Drama)
12:30 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:30 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Yalukit Wilam Ngaree G (Entertainment)
11:00 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Dreamtime to Dance PG (Documentary)
1:00 Cracks In The Mask PG (Documentary)
2:00 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Film Essay of Maasai Life PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Malcolm X PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Mi Chacra (My Land) PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 GROUNDED G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Ochre and Ink PG (Documentary)
10:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
11:00 My Bush Tukka Adventures PG (Lifestyle)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Dreamtime to Dance PG (Documentary)
1:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
1:30 Ken Thaiday Snr 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Homelands NC (Current Affairs)
10:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:15 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
10:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Documentary)
11:00 Stone Country PG (Series)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Dreamtime to Dance PG (Documentary)
1:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
2:00 Among Us 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)
9:00 Sister if only you knew PG (Documentary)
10:00 Black Pearls PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte NC (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:15 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Coolbaroo Club PG (Documentary)
11:00 Mer Rrkwer-akert PG (Documentary)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Dreamtime to Dance PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Spirit in Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
1:30 The Kimberley Mob 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 1000 PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Land Bilong Islanders PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa Series 4 M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:15 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 Intervention 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Mi Chacra (My Land) PG (Documentary)
10:00 Portrait of a Distant Land PG (Documentary)
10:30 In a League Of Their Own PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)



SATURDAY 18TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:15 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Yaarmz G (Kids)
8:15 Yaarmz G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
11:30 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News NC (News)
12:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Portrait of a Distant Land PG (Documentary)
2:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
3:00 Yaarmz PG (Series)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Sister, If Only You Knew PG (Documentary)
7:00 Portrait of a Distant Land PG (Documentary)
7:30 Jumba Jimba G (Documentary)
8:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Blekbal PG (Documentary)
10:30 Southern Cross PG (Drama)

SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:15 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)
10:30 Homelands PG (Documentary)
11:00 Sister if only you knew PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News NC (News)
12:30 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
1:30 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:30 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:30 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:30 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Blekbal PG (Documentary)
7:00 Bush Bands Bash 1hr G (Entertainment)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
9:30 Miss Navajo PG (Documentary)
10:30 My Tehran For Sale PG (Drama)

MONDAY 20TH AUGUST

12:00 Moccasin Flats Series 3 M (Drama)
12:30 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
11:00 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Portrait of a Distant Land PG (Documentary)
1:00 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
1:30 Blekbal PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time 2 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Film Essay of Maasai Life PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Malcolm X M (Documentary Series)
9:30 The Last Explorer PG (Documentary)
10:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ngurratjuta Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Aboriginal RL Knockout PG (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarmz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Coolbaroo Club PG (Documentary)
11:00 My Bush Tukka Adventures PG (Lifestyle)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Milli Milli Nganka PG (Documentary)
1:00 Talking Broken PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time 2 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 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Among Us PG (Documentary)
9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)



South East Arts chair Lindy Hume, Ella Cameron (nee Price), Pauline Grant (nee Price) and south coast artist Cheryl Davison.

Price's right for art project

Story and photos by
LAURELLE PACEY



AS legend has it, Fridays were once 'huge' at Price's Welcome Café in the New

South Wales far south coast town of Moruya.

Now, those special times are to be re-lived as part of a special art project that it is hoped will tour Australia.

Friday was payday for bean and pea pickers on farms around Moruya, Bodalla and Nerrigundah in the 1950s and 60s. They would meet up with friends and family in Price's Café, have a chat, a good feed, relax and dance to the jukebox. Not many doors were open to Aboriginal people in those days, but Price's was open to everyone.

There was little transport then and Aboriginal people moved between Nowra and Bega mainly by a bus that had its rest stop at Price's. The café was where they all met.

South coast artist Cheryl Davison will celebrate those times in a major art installation for the 2013 Eurobodalla River of Art exhibition, prompted by her conversations

with many local Elders.

"It will be about their stories and those from people of my generation, about that time in our history, and about our challenges as Aboriginal people," she said.

Ms Davison is asking anyone with stories or photos of Price's or Moruya from this time to contact her.

The project will be produced by South East Arts. Its recent launch in what used to be Price's Café prompted many memories of the childhood treat of a milkshake on trips from Wallaga Lake, the old jukebox, the Price family's generosity, the hearty meals, and Jimmy Little singing in the shop.

'Living exhibition'

The project will be 'a living exhibition' recreating a section of Price's Café, full of life and personalities, celebrating a shared social history, and providing a fascinating glimpse of the politics, music, dances and the country café scene of that time.

The Price 'girls', Pauline and Ella, who continued to operate the café into the 1990s, are thrilled with the project.

South East Arts chair Lindy Hume said Price's Café was the

first project under the organisation's new three-year Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Action Plan.

"It is a beautiful and extraordinary project," she said. "Cheryl's vision of this installation will speak to everyone."

The idea is to ultimately take the Price's Café project on tour to other parts of Australia.

Ms Hume said the new action plan would help the organisation engage with local Aboriginal artists and communities in south-eastern NSW to strengthen Aboriginal culture and develop careers and businesses in the arts and cultural sector.

The Price's Café project is supported by the Australian Government's Indigenous Culture Support Program and Arts NSW.

South East Arts is also calling for donations from businesses and the community to broaden the project's reach.

If you have information for Cheryl Davison, would like to find out more, or want to donate to the project, contact South East Arts general manager Andrew Gray (02) 6499 2286, 0429 909 447, or email agray@southeastarts.org.au



Ella Cameron (nee Price), Ross Moore, Doris Moore (nee Davis) and Pauline Grant (nee Price) recall old times at the recent launch of the Price's Café art project in Moruya.

Scientist says fire was vital

By GEOFF VIVIAN



AN American scientist has published evidence to show desert hunting fires actually help small animals and various native plants to survive.

Associate Professor Rebecca Bliege-Bird said people in remote desert communities were performing a valuable service to the environment by preserving plants and animals, and also helping prevent large hot bushfires.

"This could be one reason to continue to fund these remote communities, even if they're not economically viable," she said.

Prof Bliege-Bird and her husband Dr Doug Bird are ecological anthropologists at Stanford University who have been working among the Martu people of the Great Sandy and Little Sandy Deserts in Western Australia since 2000.

Their latest paper is called 'Aboriginal hunting buffers climate-driven fire-size variability in Australia's spinifex grassland'.

Bess Nungarrayi Price, a Warlpiri woman from Yuendumu now living in Alice Springs, agreed with Assoc Prof Bliege-Bird, saying people in remote desert communities were close enough to regularly burn the bush.

"People don't have access to that country any more," she said. "You need vehicles to actually get right out there and go out and burn country."

Desert people, such as the Walmajarri, Martu and Warlpiri, used fire as a way of flushing lizards out of their hiding places.

Ms Price said her people had always burned the country.

"They needed to have access to game and had to do it seasonally," Ms Price said.

"It was done before the rains, because you find that the lizards and goannas would be in hibernation."

Lightning

"(During) the September rains you'd get storms and the lightning would strike the ground and that would then shake the goannas, lizards and snakes out of hibernation."

"By then the grass would have grown back so they'd go back and burn again."

Prof Bliege-Bird said the patches of ground already burned provided a refuge for animals, because bushfires started by lightning could not spread very far.

She said clearing spinifex clumps with fire also allowed other plants to come up and thrive for a couple of years before the spinifex once again spread and choked them out.

Ms Price said her people used to move about their traditional country constantly, burning as they went.

"That's how they managed to be sure there was enough food to provide for everybody, even the animals," she said.

"Once you have the new shoots you then have the kangaroos (and other animals) eating grass, which you then hunt and gather."



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IRENE JIMBIDIE

"Whilst they moved around that country there'd be somewhere where they knew they'd gather bush potatoes, then they'd move on to areas where they knew they could live off witchetty grubs."

"During September-November, they'd go out where they knew there'd be plenty of dogwood seeds and bush tomatoes to live off, and bush raisins."

"So they'd move in an area about maybe 100km one way, 40km the other, and they'd just move around, burn off country and it was a cycle."

"I've been through areas where there'd obviously been bushfire and in amongst the new growth, new shoots and everything else, there's lots of bush raisins out there."

Walmajarri woman Irene Jimbidie said hunting fires were banned in the pastoral station country where her people lived, having moved out of the Great Sandy Desert.

"It's illegal to light fires now," said Ms Jimbidie, who now lives in Fitzroy Crossing. "You get fined as an arsonist, and people are so afraid to do that."

"(But) these native plants need the fire to germinate. Our younger generations now won't even get to see these plants, let alone learn how to hunt using fire."

Former Origin Greats on the job



From left, Gene Miles, Carl Wyles from Thuringowa High, Colin Scott and Allan Langer.



Townsville City Council workers John Lawrence, left, and Nicky Pryor were there advising on careers.



Marlene Henaway and Daniel Baker.



Corrective Services' Drue Ross, middle, with Jon Sallee, of Murray descent, and Jailal Paynter, of Darnley descent.

Students pack expo

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander students were out in force at a Former Origin Greats (FOGs) Indigenous Employment and Career Expo (FOGS) held in Townsville last fortnight. They travelled from as far away as Ayr, Charters Towers and the Herbert River district to check out hundreds of potential careers from employers who had stalls at the Townsville Entertainment Centre on 25 July.

Former or current Origin greats amongst special guests included Allan Langer, Colin Scott, Gene Miles and Greg Dowling.

Townsville truck mechanic Morrison Mosby, originally from Thursday Island, was on the Townsville City Council stall. "I would recommend being a

mechanic as a great career for young people," he said.

Corrective Services Department cultural liaison officer Drue Ross said he would recommend a career as a prison officer.

Harriet Tapim, from Thursday Island, checked out opportunities in the hospitality industry, while sisters Nazeer and Sheree Captain were looking at careers as chefs.

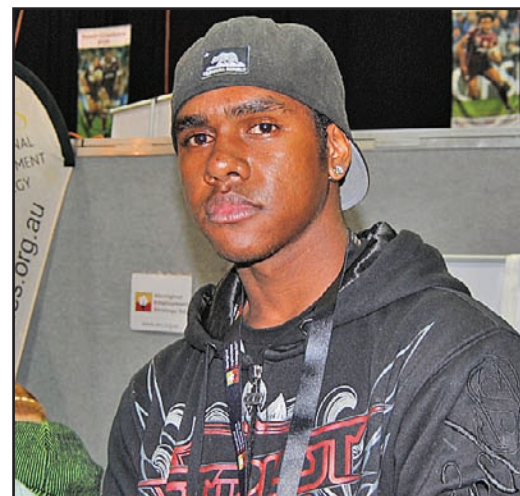
Former Qld Origin, Brisbane Broncos and Test great Gene Miles said he was delighted with the turnout at the event.

"This expo was created to assist Indigenous Australians fulfill their potential by bridging the education and employment gap between Indigenous and non Indigenous Australians," he said.

"It is an opportunity to investigate options for your future whether you are looking for employment, education or training providers in one place, for one day, and for you."



Shane Sibley scored an autographed photo from former Origin great Greg Dowling.



Charters Towers youth Grant Kennedy.



Lots of reading ... volunteers Samantha Crawford, left, and Wynnita Ludwick at the entrance where Koori Mail newspapers were handed out.



Pictured between cardboard cut-outs of Origin stars Cameron Smith and Sam Thaiday are Jalu Kyle, Kalinda Butler, Rebecca Tomkins and Harriet Tapim, from Pimlico High.

Bathurst Island has new water supply



WURRUMIYANGA residents on Bathurst Island in the Northern Territory have a secure fluoridated water

supply, after the opening of a new water production and storage project.

The Federal Government provided \$2.7 million in funding for the project, one of eight in the NT receiving a total of \$20.25 million under the National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns.

Officially opening the project, Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water Don Farrell said the number of bores producing drinking water had been increased, more than 3.5kms of higher capacity water mains constructed and a new 1.8 megalitre storage tank installed just out of town.

"The consistent, year-round water supply supplied through this project has meant the local football oval's irrigation system can be repaired and upgraded," Senator Farrell said.

"That will improve the playing surface for local football matches and has flow-on effects for recreation, health, social amenity."

Tiwi Islands Land Council's Brian Clancy said the water supply would make a difference to people's health.

"It's got fluoride in it now, which will make a huge difference in terms of teeth," he said.

"Also with the water supply it's really handy with things like the oval. Last season the Tiwi Bombers, who play in the Darwin competition, were supposed to have four home games but couldn't because the oval was not up to standard.

"Now, it's as good as I've ever seen it, beautiful and green, and I'm confident we'll get our home games.

"But the main benefit is healthy teeth."

Indigenous Health Minister and Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon said the project meant the water supply would be secured for 90 new houses constructed under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.

"The Tiwi Dialysis Unit and the Wurrumiyanga Wellbeing Centre will also benefit from consistent water supply and water pressure, factors essential to these life-saving facilities," Mr Snowdon said.

"As part of this project, Wurrumiyanga is also the first Indigenous community in the Northern Territory to receive a fluoridated water supply.

"This will help prevent dental health issues such as cavities and infections."



Corey Allan and Deon Cox from Save the Children's Kununurra Youth Development Program with the award.

Kununurra youth program wins highly commended



A YOUTH development program in the Kimberley town of Kununurra has received a Highly

Commended award at the 2012 Constable Care Child Safety Awards in Perth.

The West Australian awards acknowledge the efforts of individuals and organisations in child safety across Western Australia.

The Kununurra program, run by leading child rights agency Save the Children Australia, was acknowledged in the WA Community Program and Partnership Award category.

Save the Children WA regional manager Brook Friedman said the award was an acknowledgement of the 'effective use of an holistic approach to address a range of needs that vulnerable children in the region have.

"Our youth engagement

programs provide young Australians from marginalised communities with skills and opportunities to participate in community life," he said.

"By working with young people who have become disengaged from education, or come into contact with the law, Save the Children equips young people with the tools and the resilience they need to turn things around.

"This work must continue because the safety needs for

many children continues to be dire. It is vitally important to develop the social and emotional resilience of young people so that they can better engage and participate in the community and family life, and transition through education, training and employment."

The awards were presented by the Constable Care Child Safety Foundation, the Department for Child Protection, Working With Children Screening Unit and Apache.

Report violence, residents urged



VICTORIAN Aboriginal communities are being encouraged to report family violence and sexual assault.

A new television campaign will air across the Grampians, Shepparton and Echuca regions as part of the Indigenous Family Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign.

Victoria Police's Violence Against Women and Children strategy group, working with Aboriginal communities and government agencies, is leading the \$400,000 State Government initiative.

The television commercials, as part of the

'Strong Families, Strong Culture: Use Your Strength Wisely' campaign in Shepparton and Echuca and the 'Speak Out Against Violence' campaign in Western Victoria, will run for three months.

Previous campaigns were rolled out in the Gippsland and Warrnambool regions in late May and early June.

Understanding

Deputy Police Commissioner Tim Cartwright said the campaign aimed to raise community awareness and understanding of family violence and sexual assault.

He said the campaign also built on the

partnerships between Victoria Police and the Aboriginal communities.

"Family violence is responsible for a significant portion of all crime – so this is such an important campaign," Mr Cartwright said.

"Family violence and sexual assault crosses all boundaries and different communities.

"Aboriginal people have strong families and a strong culture. There is no room for violence in our community. We want people to break the silence and speak out against violence.

"We hope the television commercials get people thinking, reporting it and helping us to prevent this insidious crime. It is everyone's responsibility."

Waru program inspires Anangu



A BREEDING program for the black-footed rock-wallaby has inspired Anangu people to sing a new song.

Five black-footed rock-wallabies have been released into a predator-proof enclosure in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, after being raised at Monarto Zoo, an open-range centre located just outside of Adelaide.

Known as waru by Anangu, traditional owners of the APY Lands, the black-footed rock-wallaby is one of South Australia's most endangered animals, with fewer than 200 remaining in the wild due to predation by foxes, cats and wild dogs.

Traditional owner Tjariya Stanley, from Ernabella, said the program had become part of the Anangu's Tjukurpa, or dreaming, stories.

"When the first waru were caught and their joeys were taken to Monarto Zoo, our old people were sad," Ms Stanley said.

"We started to sing a song about



A black-footed rock-wallaby.
Photo by Bronwyn Dutch

how the mother waru were missing their babies, but now those babies have come back and we have a new song about their return.

"That song is very special to all of us on the recovery team because it represents the fulfilment of a promise to return them to our home.

"We sing it every time we come together."

SA Environment and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Caica said it was the third group of waru to be released to their native habitat.

"As well as returning these beautiful animals to country, the project provides employment for 26 staff from APY Lands communities, who carry out work such as feral animal control and monitoring the waru," he said.

Zoos SA team leader native fauna Mick Post said the next step would be to release the waru into the wild.

The recovery program is a partnership between the communities of Ernabella, Pipalyatjara and Kalka, APY Land Management, the Australian Government's Working on Country Program, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR), Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board, Conservation Ark / ZoosSA, Ecological Horizons Pty Ltd and The University of Adelaide.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
TIME FOR RESPECT

The South Australian Government has made a commitment to give formal recognition to Aboriginal peoples as the First People of this state by asking the Parliament to amend the state's constitution.

Consultation is being undertaken by an Advisory Panel established by the State Government to advise on options for amending the constitution.

To assist in the consultation process, a discussion paper has been prepared. It can be read at www.timeforrespect.org.au

The Panel is first seeking written comments from the South Australian community, and particularly from Aboriginal people.

Note that written submissions must be received by 15 September 2012.

Consultation meetings will then be held across city, regional and remote South Australia to seek further feedback.

The Panel will then report back to the Government by 30 October 2012.

Details of how to make submissions and consultation dates and venues are available at: www.timeforrespect.org.au

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Elder disputes Macklin claim



A SENIOR Elder has disputed Federal Government claims that Aboriginal communities in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands called for the introduction of income management during a recent round of consultations.

Murray George, an executive member of the APY Lands Council and its law and culture chairperson, has a different recollection of 'well-attended' meetings held from 8-17 May.

He says community members were strident in their rejection of the measure, first introduced under the controversial Northern Territory Intervention.

Income management, recently extended on a compulsory basis to several general community trial sites outside the NT, sees half of recipients' welfare payments quarantined for food, clothes, rent and other household essentials.

The influential Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council has asked the Government to introduce the scheme in the APY Lands on a voluntary and, where deemed necessary, enforced basis.

It says doing so would help put food on the table for families and, in reducing the amount of household income that could be spent on alcohol, drugs and gambling, help combat domestic violence, child abuse and neglect.

On 18 July, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin spoke to the media about the Government's recent consultations with communities, individuals, families, and women in the APY Lands.

"They've come back with a very strong message that they think income management would be very helpful just as another useful tool to help look after their children," Ms Macklin said.

But that's not so, according to Mr Murray, who has penned a letter to his



APY Lands Elder Murray George.

File photo, courtesy of NSWALC

countrymen and women.

"I travelled to every community to talk about income management," he said in the letter, written in Pitjantjatjara and translated into English.

"There are a lot of things inside income management we couldn't understand, so we left it to the Government to explain to us clear, so we can understand.

"As we were talking about the income management every community were not happy for income management – stating – Wantingiya – we are not happy, we do not agree with income management.

"Inside income management there (are) a lot of things, we can't see?"

"Listen! Some people join in with government but we should listen to our people and stop just following government.

"All Anangu have to listen, we have our own culture. In our country, some young people don't make humbug."

NPY Women's Council chairwoman Yanyi Bandicha told ABC News last month that she'd like to see the community involved in choosing families in need, who would benefit from income management.

"We want this income management to be done. This will help a lot, I think," she said.

"We need help. This place – it's not the kids are skinny, but the communities are skinny, with nothing. It's empty."

But Mr Murray appeared to refute Ms Bandicha's comments.

"All the children are not skinny, they are healthy. Our children are taught their culture," he wrote.

"In our country when we teach young people our tjukurpa (way-of-life). Our tjukurpa is passed on from generation to generation our culture never finishes it remains forever."

But Mr Murray said outside influences were causing problems.

"When young people travel to another country and they buy marijuana and alcohol if they bring it back to our community – this is not our way," he said.

"People have to think? All these bad things come from outside our country.

"When we work for government we should not tell lies, we should speak straight and honest. We should keep our country strong inside Anangu Pitjantjatjara / Yankunytjatjara Land."

Oops

We inadvertently left out a credit for the splendid photo that went with Michelle White's Reflections profile of Noongar Elder Hazel Winmar (aka Nana Purple) in our last edition. The photo was by Jarrad Seng, courtesy of CAN WA's Bush Babies Project.

Dubbo association celebrated



Yarradamarra Elders Choir sang a couple of songs at the end of speeches before adjourning to morning tea.



Ray Peckham pictured at a street meeting in the lead-up to the 1967 referendum.



Pam Touma and Ellie Gilbert, who filmed proceedings on the day.

Activists' heroism honoured



Uncle Ray Peckham speaks.



Michael Anderson was a guest.



An historic photo of Pearl Gibbs.



THE heroism of a band of community activists who founded an organisation that was to become crucial in the struggle for Aboriginal rights has been commemorated in western New South Wales.

The 75th anniversary of the Dubbo Aborigines Progressive Association was observed in Dubbo at the end of June with a morning tea and exhibition at Macquarie Regional Library.

Aboriginal Tent Embassy co-founder Michael Anderson and Dubbo's Ray Peckham were guest speakers on the day, sharing personal insights on their own activism and that of others.

Descendents of the association's stalwarts attended and reminisced while inspecting photos and records relating to the association's campaigns.

Charlie Frost opened the 1937 public meeting that launched the Aborigines Progressive Association and drew attention to the serious situation of the treatment of Aboriginal people and conditions on the Aboriginal Reserves. William Ferguson, Pearl Gibbs, George Carr, Tom Peckham and Tom Carney were also part of the organising committee.

The Aborigines Progressive Association followed on with a meeting known as the Day of Mourning held at Australia Hall, Elizabeth St, Sydney on 26 January 1938 to mark 150 years of European settlement.

The exhibition will be on display at Charles Sturt University (CSU) Library, Dubbo from Monday 20 August until December 2012, before touring other CSU campuses in Bathurst, Albury and Wagga Wagga.



Dubbo City Council Aboriginal liaison officer Grace Toomey, who organised the event and her grandmother Grace Toomey Snr, who gave the welcome to country.



Members of Pearl Gibbs' family going over historic documents with Uncle Ray Peckham and John Nolan.



Participants at the anniversary celebration looking at historic documents.



Ruth and Dick Carney, from Narromine.



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GAANGALU NATION NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

All members of the Gaangalu Nation (as described below) are invited to an Authorisation Meeting at the following time and location:

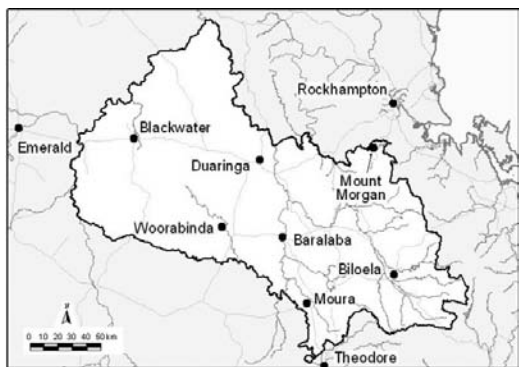
Date of Meeting: Saturday 18 August 2012
Venue of Meeting: Leichhardt Hotel, Cnr Denham and Bolsover St, Rockhampton
Registration: 9.30 am
Meeting: Starts at 10.00 am

The **Gaangalu Nation** is described as all persons who are biologically descended from the following ancestors:

1. Maggie of Dingo 2. Biddy of Wooroona 3. Sandy of Wooroona 4. Henry Williams of Duaringa 5. Jack (of Coomoolooloo) and Maggie (parents of Gypsy Tyson and Jack Mack) 6. Billy Mickelo 7. Claude and Anne Anderson 8. Rose Ann Tyson 9. Biddy (wife of Jumbo) 10. Lizzy Tiger (Blackwater) 11. Blanche of Duaringa 12. Annie French 13. Polly Doctor 14. Annie of Orion Downs (and her children including Jack and Grace Harrison) 15. Annie and Ned Duggan 16. Peter Tyson 17. Lily of the McKenzie River Bend 18. John 'Jack' Bradley 19. Violet Thompson 20. Jenny Doctor [not the daughter of Polly Doctor] 21. Polly McEvoy/Brown 22. Queenie (Hart) of Duaringa. 23. (Brothers) Charlie, Willie and George Riley 24. Lily/Lilla Livingstone and 25. William Toby

The **Purposes of the Authorisation Meeting** on 18 August 2012 are to:

1. Authorise a number of persons as Applicant to bring the Gaangalu Nation native title determination application and deal with matters arising in relation to it and other relevant matters on behalf of the Gaangalu Nation;
2. Authorise a boundary for the new claim (as proposed in the map below);
3. Provide a description of the native title rights and interests claimed in relation to Gaangalu Nation lands and waters; and
4. Determine the scope of the authority of the Applicant of the Gaangalu Nation claim.



All members of the Gaangalu Nation (as described) are invited to contact **1300 787 301** to register their intention to attend the meeting. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to attendees of the meeting but travel and accommodation costs cannot be met. Limited transport may be provided from various locations to and from the meeting once the number of attendees and their locations are known.



ILC staff Brendan Richards and Hayley Mcquire sort through the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre's photographic archives, looking for familiar and unfamiliar faces.

Centre getting ready for Leadership Plus forum



WITH more than 1000 graduates to its name, the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) in Canberra can claim to have been a serious agent for change. But in the years since its establishment in 2001, the innovative organisation has lost touch with many of the national community of leaders it has helped to nurture, and it wants to reconnect.

Helping to fuel this desire is the AILC's second national 'Leadership Plus' forum, to be held in November.

Leadership Plus is Australia's largest Indigenous alumni group and encompasses AILC students who have completed the Certificate II, Certificate IV and Advanced Diploma of Indigenous Leadership with the innovative organisation.

"Now, more than ever, there's a need to provide a national space, a place

where people can have discussions about leadership and support each other to transform words into actions," said AILC CEO Rachelle Towart.

"This network enables our graduates to support each other on an ongoing basis, delivering a synergy together that they could never achieve on their own.

"This provides the opportunity for new and emerging leaders to unite and support each other in a way that has never

been done before."

Leadership Plus network members will be involved in regular regional meetings, online discussion forums, networking meetings with industry, and this year's National Leadership Plus forum with a theme of 'Resilience'.

Anyone who has completed an AILC Accredited program is asked to contact the AILC on ailc@indigenousleadership.org.au or phone (02) 6251 5770.

Brahim back as chair of ABAAC



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has reappointed Pat Brahim as the chair of the Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee (ABAAC) for a further three years.

Mrs Brahim is the general manager of Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation in Tennant Creek.

The organisation was the first to agree to a long-term lease of town camps, meeting the criteria for funds to flow under the Federal Government's Indigenous Remote Housing National Partnership.

Ms Macklin said Mrs Brahim had provided strong leadership of the ABAAC over the past three years, helping to effectively manage a large increase in the number of applications for

Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) s64(4) grants, which was established to hold and distribute statutory royalty equivalent monies generated from mining on Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.

The ABAAC provides the Federal Government with advice about appropriate projects to receive ABA funding.

Mrs Brahim has guided the development of a number of key strategic initiatives, including the ABA Stores Infrastructure Project, which is helping provide communities with healthy and more affordable food.

She has more than 30 years of experience in both the public and private sectors.

Since December 2011 there has been a suspension on applications for grant funding under the ABA to allow time to

process the large number of applications that had been received.

The next application process for grant funding under the ABA will open on 1 August.

For 2012-13 applicants will be able to apply for funds from the ABA under two streams of funding: Large projects of more than \$250,000, and small projects of up to \$250,000.

Each year, there will be two opportunities for applicants to apply for small projects grants, and one for large projects.

Both funding rounds will open on 1 August and applications close on 31 August. These applications will be assessed and considered at the November meeting of the ABAAC.

More detailed information can be found at <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/aboriginals-benefit-account-aba>

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Airline's plans taking off

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



AT 30,000 feet and flying high, Billy Gordon's head is often in the clouds. But for regional airline Skytrans' community

development manager, that's just the way he likes it.

Covering Cape York, the Northern Peninsula Area and east to some of far north Queensland's most remote Indigenous communities, Mr Gordon's foray into the aviation industry has presented him with a few new challenges.

But for this one-time public servant, embracing the change in altitude and moving back to Cairns to take up his current position last year has taught him to approach business from a different perspective.

And it's paying off, with publication recently of Skytrans' inaugural 'Social Investments Report'.

"Skytrans understands its obligation to give back to communities and this is reflected in our first ever report on social investment," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's all about having a greater sense of purpose and questioning, 'what is our place in this space?'"

"I think I've gone a long way to redefining this role and challenging people's perceptions of the airline. It's not just about creating structural changes but philosophical ones too.

"We're not just a fly-in-fly-out company; we're invested in communities and into building lasting relationships with those communities. Our social consciousness is robust and it's set to only get stronger."

Mr Gordon predicts a challenging but exciting 12 months ahead for the airline.

"We're working on our Reconciliation Action Plan and we're also on the cusp of launching our first Indigenous employment strategy," he said.

"For me it's about redefining the art and culture of giving and I



Skytrans community development manager Billy Gordon with the airline's Social Investments Report.



Billy Gordon with Anthony Daniel, captain of the Kowanyama Strangers rugby league side which travelled to Rockhampton in January for the city's annual Reconciliation Carnival.

believe we're really blazing a trail in social responsibility.

"The way we do this is by taking the time to understand the remote communities we fly in to."

Mr Gordon sees social responsibility as one of Skytrans' absolute imperatives. With that, he says, comes real understanding of the challenges of living and working in such isolated areas. The challenge is to encourage more businesses to get aligned to a more philanthropic way of working.

"We're a business just like any other and we need to make a profit too," he said. "But we're about building relationships the old-fashioned way. By listening to what it takes to live in these isolated and remote communities and understanding the challenges that people face on a daily basis and how this impacts and burdens their quality of life.

"Corporate social responsibility is so vibrant and we'd like our partners to mirror what we do.

"For us, it's about the kind of relationships that transcend the passenger-airline type of relationship.

"Let's go beyond that and match our resources with the opportunities and create something truly unique. And it's got to be something ridgy-didge, not tokenistic, built on trust and understanding.

Social investments

"We're getting rid of the use of the term sponsorship – that only implies a passive one-way give – and embracing social investments. It's something that the aviation industry and other industries will have to embrace more and more, and that is social responsibility."

Under its Social Investment Strategy, Skytrans has invested in a range of initiatives and programs as well as organisations that support youth development, deliver sporting opportunities and raising funds for much-needed community and social services.

These include supporting local basketball and rugby league teams the Taipans and Northern Pride in Cairns, the Mount Isa Rodeo and Birdsville Races or Royal Flying Doctor Service primary health care clinics in Coen.

With a combined financial and in-kind contribution of \$846,404 in 2011, Mr Gordon says the airline is punching above its weight.

With the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) little over a week away, Skytrans is in for a busy period, flying artists in and out of

communities to meet busy schedules.

For remote Indigenous communities it's a potentially lucrative time of year and a big chance to make a name for themselves.

Since 2009, Skytrans has given \$5000 in monetary donations and \$15,000 in-kind assistance annually. This year, that'll increase to up to \$15,000 in monetary donations and \$30,000 in-kind assistance for a three-year term.

"We value the art and culture of this region and this is our way of supporting it," Mr Gordon said.

"I use this analogy: Let's stop dating the girl, let's marry her, and let's put a ring on her finger if we're serious. This company values Indigenous culture and its people and this is the way we want to show it, through long-term social investments."

Grog ban win claim

But coalition says it's too soon to tell

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Northern Territory Government says its 'Enough is Enough' alcohol reforms, including the Banned Drinkers Register (BDR), have led to a decrease in alcohol-related violence.

But a spokesperson for the People's Alcohol Action Coalition (PAAC) says it's too early to properly analyse the data.

NT Alcohol Policy Minister Delia Lawrie said last week that in the past year, since Enough is Enough had been operating, there had been 20 per cent – or 14,000 – fewer alcohol-related incidents across the Territory.

Dr John Boffa, from the PAAC, said alcohol consumption was definitely down across the Territory, with the average per capita consumption each year going from 15.5 litres of pure alcohol to 13 litres since 2005. However, that was mainly due to alcohol supply reduction measures like an increase in floor price, he said.

Since 2006, the minimum price has gone from 25c per litre to 80c.

"Along with other measures to get rid of cheaper wine that's had a big impact, so it's too early to say what effects Enough is Enough has had," Dr Boffa told the *Koori Mail*.

"There is some evidence it may be having positive effects when added to supply reduction measures.

"The assault data is very subjective because it's difficult to say what actually

happens, but the consumption data is good.

"What's more objective is the number of people presenting at emergency departments and hospitals, but it's too early to be able to say Enough is Enough is having an effect.

"Overall there's been a big improvement in alcohol consumption and that trend is continuing, including with the BDR, so I think it's good news for the Territory as far as alcohol goes."

'Assaults down'

Ms Lawrie said alcohol-related assaults not associated with domestic violence had decreased by 6.3 per cent Territory-wide, including drops of 6.2 per cent in Darwin, 10.2 per cent in Palmerston, 18.1 per cent in Katherine and 19.6 per cent in Tennant Creek.

"Increased domestic violence numbers in some regional centres led to a two per cent increase overall, reflecting successful campaigns by Northern Territory Police over the same period to increase reporting and

changes in recording of certain offences," she said.

"Even more telling has been the impact on anti-social behaviour, with a reduction of more than 15 per cent Territory-wide, and 25 per cent in Darwin.

"This means a staggering 10,000 less anti-social behaviour incidents over 12 months, supporting anecdotal evidence that our streets and parks are far quieter since the introduction of the BDR."

The Government has spent \$34.2 million in treatment for problem drinkers, including more places in rehabilitation, counsellors and outreach services.

"Pathways to treatment or withdrawal have been reduced from eight days to three hours, with emergency alcohol and drugs nurse positions established or being established at Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy hospitals," Ms Lawrie said.

The Drugs Tribunal's new income management powers come into effect on 1 October.

Recognition campaign funds on offer



ORGANISATIONS wanting to help raise awareness and community support for constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can now

apply for funding.

You Me Unity campaign director Tim Gartrell said any organisation could apply – schools, non-government organisations, associations, clubs and businesses.

“We are looking for like minded

organisations that are able to organise an activity or series of activities that will lead to more people being informed about the campaign for the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our Constitution,” Mr Gartrell said.

“Our latest research shows that around 60 per cent of Australians are unaware of the Government’s plan to hold a referendum and unaware of the You Me Unity Campaign, and that needs to change if we are going to be successful in our

long-term goal of achieving constitutional recognition.

“We are looking for a broad range of activities and partners and for creative ideas to engage Australians from all walks of life about the need for the recognition of Australia’s First People in our Constitution.”

This is the first of a series of funding opportunities over the next two years. Funding is available between \$1000 and \$5000.

Mr Gartrell said the You Me Unity

Campaign would support each successful organisation with a pack of materials including information on the referendum, the report of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and promotional merchandise.

Applications for this round of funding (Round one) close at 5pm on 24 August.

Further information and funding guidelines can be found at www.youmeunity.org.au

Savannah's gift

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



FOR ONE perfect moment in time, Nancy Nona was the happiest new mum in the world. But in an instant her world came

crashing down.

As soon as her daughter Savannah was born on 28 August 2005, Nancy knew that something was wrong. While doctors tried to calm and assure her there was nothing wrong with her ‘perfect baby girl’, her mother’s instinct was telling her something very different.

When the doctors finally did call her in and asked her to sit down, she already knew.

“The doctors told me Savannah had brain atrophy, which meant most of her brain cells were dead. You can’t even imagine the pain as a mother to be told that,” Nancy told the *Koori Mail*.

“The doctor said she’d never walk or talk and all I could think was what have I done to deserve this? I was healthy and didn’t drink or smoke and did everything right I could have.”

While Nancy was left reeling with the news, she soon had to take action. She already had a toddler who needed her attention and, now, a baby with special needs.

Moving away from family and friends in Badu Island, Nancy and her partner Aaron made the tough decision to be closer to the Cairns specialists she would soon be all too familiar with.

“The first year away from home was hard. The doctor told me Savannah probably wouldn’t live past two months and definitely wouldn’t last the year,” she said.

“Some days you think is this the day, is this the day I’m going to lose her? All of a sudden you appreciate every single minute you have with this baby. She taught me how precious life is and we just decided that every day we had together was a blessing and we’re going to make the most of it.”

From the fragile baby who wasn’t expected to live past eight weeks, little Savannah survived each passing month, then years.

“It’s 24/7. Some days I was tired and depressed and I don’t know how I made it through, but you just get through as best you can,” Nancy said.

“We had fun together. We’d dress up in silly outfits and take photos just for fun. Just spend mother-daughter time together.

Nancy Nona holding a photo of her precious daughter Savannah.



“She loved dancing and I’d put a hoola skirt on her and put her on my hip and we’d dance together on the verandah.”

However, nothing could have prepared Nancy for the worst moment in her life.

“She was five when she passed away in my arms,” she said.

“We were on our way to hospital in the ambulance and it was just like all the other times

and I told her we’d be back home, but she never was. It was the darkest moment of my life and I never want to go through that again.

Sleeping

“I sang her the song my mum sang to my dad when he was dying, ‘my heart’s in trouble’. I hugged her for two hours and it was like she was sleeping.”

After that, the young mum who

had never drunk in her life started drinking.

“I blamed God and wondered why me?” she recalled. “I’d lock the door to her room and smell her clothes and hold her toys.

“But eventually I realised I had to stop drinking and think of my son. He’d been missing out through all of this and I knew I had to start bonding with him again. You always think you’ll go before your kids, not

your kids go before you.”

But Nancy knows life has a strange way of giving you the things you least expect, just when you need them most.

“I was sitting in the park in Gordonvale with some friends and I happened to look up and see that the florist was for rent. It had been one of my favourite shops,” she said.

“My friends said ‘why don’t you just go for it?’ and something inside me said ‘yes’.”

With one month’s free rent as an incentive, Nancy jumped right in, and six weeks later ‘Savannah’s Gifts Café and Flowers’ was born.

“It still hasn’t sunk in, it still feels so surreal,” she said.

“I never imagined I’d be running my own business. The main thing for me is having something to do and getting me out of the house.

“I have a smile that my daughter passed on to me, she was always smiling and that’s what I give to my customers.”

But it has still been a steep learning curve for the one-time athlete and former model. With a barista’s course, food license and florist training under her belt, Nancy set about making Savannah’s the most beautiful space she could imagine.

“I wanted for people to walk through the door and feel how beautiful it was,” she said.

“I wanted the space to be relaxing and comfortable, a space where you could sit with a friend and share stories. A warm and inviting place.”

While her heartbreak is still raw and close to the surface, having a son to raise and a business to run keeps her mind focused on getting through each day, and remembering the good times.

With photos of Savannah lining the walls and a special children’s area for parents, the café is as much a tribute to her little girl as a burgeoning business.

“I look at life in a different way now. Life is so short and you need to make the most of it. My daughter taught me that,” Nancy said.

“Life can be so unfair sometimes, but I don’t regret having her and, if I had the chance again, I’d do it all over just to hold her.

“I know in my heart that I gave Savannah a good life. Some days are still hard but I have my son Ameilio, my partner Aaron and wonderful family and friends.

“Life is a blessing and just having somewhere to go every day is a blessing.”

How a good YARN is proving the answer for young people

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN Warren Roberts was a student at the University of NSW, he had a flash of inspiration

in a tutorial. He realised that if Australia was to truly change it would take some effort and communication and that there were people in his class who wanted to know about Indigenous Australians but didn't know where or how to ask questions.

So in 2007 Mr Roberts, who has Bundjalung and Thunghutti heritage, started an informal group of Indigenous and other young people, where they got together over coffee and simply talked. Nothing was off the menu and, as Mr Roberts had believed, his non-Aboriginal classmates had many questions about Indigenous issues.

"They wanted to know 'What is Indigenous health? Who is the local Indigenous community? What's happened in Redfern with the redevelopment of the Block? How do you engage with the local community?'," Mr Roberts said.

"We quickly reached the point where we could look at anything, and I realised there was no space for young people who wanted to get involved but didn't know where to start, so I thought 'Let's create a space where people can ask questions, have a dialogue, a safe space for these relationships to be built'."

So Mr Roberts started the Youth Awareness Resource Network (YARN).

"I believe it's a unique

'We want to create space where people can talk about anything – it doesn't cost; who stops anyone from going out and having a yarn?'

– Warren Roberts



Canberra University and UTS and is in discussions with the University of Queensland, QUT, James Cook University the University of Southern Queensland and Southern Cross University.

Mr Roberts also returned to his former school, The Armidale School (TAS), and spoke to about 250 boys.

"It worked really well, and there were only two Indigenous kids in the school, so the ultimate story is that change is coming," he said.

"At uni, you're dealing with students who think critically and who are trying to develop their own ideas and opinions, so they're open to new ideas, and these guys go off and be leaders of tomorrow of this country so I think it's really awesome that people want to know, want to be engaged."

As well as yarning, Mr Roberts facilitates groups to invite speakers on particular topics and go on trips.

"At QUT, one of the young Indigenous students talked about what it's like to live as a blackfella with white skin, so everyone was able to listen in to us having a dialogue," he said.

"We want to create space where people can talk about anything – it doesn't cost; who stops anyone from going out and having a yarn?"

YARN is trying to raise \$4000 to start its website. To donate or listen to Mr Roberts, visit http://startsomegood.com/venture/youth_awareness_resource_network/

More details at @YARN2 on Twitter or email Mr Roberts on yarn.unsw@gmail.com

organisation with young people getting together and having a yarn, something we often do in our culture," he said.

"We tell a story, in many ways it's not complicated, it's simple – we sit down and have a talk. A lot of questions are collected anonymously, so we can create those sort of discussions."

In early July, former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd came on board as patron.

"I think you've captured the

vision right," Mr Rudd said in his speech.

"Sharing stories, sharing experiences, making it possible between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Rudd support

"Then to reach a point of resolve about what you are then going to do, community by community, centre by centre, city by city across Australia.

"To yarn is not simply to have

an idle conversation. To yarn is to do something a bit deeper than that and to tell a long story.

"And a long story which often lies imprinted in someone's mind and their memory.

"I think you've captured, therefore, the spirit of your organisation well in the word that you have chosen to describe it."

YARN is active at the University of NSW, LaTrobe (Melbourne), is being established at Sydney University,

Inmates 'need help'

Study reveals major mental health issues



MENTAL health services for Aboriginal people in custody need to be developed urgently, according to a study that found most Queensland Indigenous inmates suffered from a mental illness.

The Queensland Forensic Mental Health Services study of 419 Indigenous men and women from six high-security prisons found that 73 per cent of men and 86 per cent of women had a mental health disorder.

Women were more likely than men to report suffering from an anxiety, depressive or psychotic disorder, the study found.

Half the women suffered anxiety, about a third suffered depressive disorders and 23 per cent had a psychotic disorder.



This compared with 20 per cent of men with anxiety, 11 per cent with depression and eight per cent with a psychotic disorder.

The most common anxiety disorder among men and women was post-traumatic stress and the most prevalent depression disorder was major depression.

Most men and women – 66 per cent and 69 per cent respectively – had a substance

misuse disorder, usually alcohol or cannabis dependence.

"These findings highlight a critical mental health need for these individuals, both in custody and during the transition back to their communities," the report in the *Medical Journal of Australia* said.

"There remains an urgent need to develop and resource culturally capable

mental health services for Indigenous Australians in custody."

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists president Maria Tomasic said there was a shortage of culturally appropriate mental health services for Indigenous people in rural and remote regions and in prisons.

Dr Tomasic said Indigenous people experienced significantly higher rates of health problems and mental illness than other Australians.

"With such high rates of Indigenous representation in prisons, Indigenous mental health is a priority," she said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were 14 times more likely to be jailed than other Australians, the report said.

Meanwhile, in a letter published in the *MJA*, Heart Foundation clinical issues director Robert Grenfell said hospitals needed to improve care of Indigenous people with symptoms of heart attack.

He said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were less likely to receive the diagnostic tests and treatments they need and were therefore more likely to die of heart attack in hospital. – AAP

Judge rejects unborn baby defence



A JUDGE has rejected a man's last-ditch attempt to have his trial for killing an unborn baby thrown out, ruling the legislation was wide enough to protect the early-term fetus.

The man was accused of causing a miscarriage after he assaulted his wife, who was 15 to 18 weeks pregnant. He pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court in Cairns last month to killing an unborn child in December 2004 at Saibai Island in the Torres Strait.

The man was acquitted at the end of the trial, but not before his lawyer tried to have the charge thrown out after the Crown closed its case. His lawyer argued there was no case to answer as the fetus was not a child within the meaning of the law

because it was too young to survive outside its mother's womb. Justice Jim Henry rejected the argument and published his reasons for doing so on Thursday. Justice Henry found the law did not qualify the age of

unborn children covered under the piece of legislation used to prosecute the charge. He acknowledged the matter attracted significant philosophical debate but said that had no relevance to the interpretation of this section of law. — AAP

Gudjuda in bid to help turtles

By Townsville correspondent ALF WILSON



THE Gudjuda Aboriginal people from the Whitsunday region have joined with representatives

of Townsville's James Cook University, the Queensland Government, and World Wildlife Fund Australia (WWF) in a bid to manage turtle populations on the Great Barrier Reef and to find out more about the debilitating facio papilloma (FP) virus.

JCU scientists started catching, tagging then releasing sea turtles off Bowen in July to find the source of a mystery disease that causes horrific 'cold sores' in the reptiles.

Dozens of turtles caught at Bowen's Edgumbe Bay have been infected with tumours believed to be caused by a herpes virus.

The virus is similar to the disease that causes cold sores in humans, but when turtles become infected tumours are formed which interfere with their organs and damage their eyesight.

Last month, representatives of the organisations released turtles caught the day before back into Bowen waters near the Port Denison Sailing Club.

WWF Australia spokesman Darren Grover told the *Koori Mail* that the new partnership was formed to protect the health and conservation of the Great Barrier Reef's sea turtle populations.

"WWF Australia is proud to support the Gudjuda people and their partners James Cook University, the Queensland Government, and the Bowen community in their efforts to manage turtle populations on the Great Barrier Reef and to find out more about the FP virus," he said.

"The commitment of the Gudjuda people to be actively involved in the management of turtle populations in their Sea Country is inspiring and has mobilised a diverse group of partners and supporters.

"While the marine turtles of the Great Barrier Reef will undoubtedly benefit from this work, it is the powerful



One of the turtles, fitted with a transmitter, which was released at Bowen.



Darren Grover, left, and Cliff Cobbo with one of the turtles released at Bowen. Photos by Kasia Wallis

example of reconciliation and co-operation that provides ongoing inspiration."

Townsville-based WWF representative Cliff Cobbo said marine turtles remained an important part of the culture of Indigenous peoples of Australia.

"The turtle project in Bowen brings together the Gudjuda and Giringun organisations in doing research with James Cook University and working closely with the Queens Beach Action group in developing local and regional management plans and also

identifying the threats to their local turtle populations. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners in marine turtle conservation," Mr Cobbo said.

Giringun, an Aboriginal group from the Ingham, Cardwell and Tully areas north of Townsville, had representatives in Bowen for the turtle release.

Statistics show that since January, nearly 1000 of the marine reptiles have been stranded on Queensland beaches, most of them dying. By comparison, there were

538 turtle strandings during the same period last year. It is suspected the turtles have been dying due to a lack of sea grass, which was decimated during the floods and Cyclone Yasi.

Under the new partnership, JCU and WWF will work together to provide care for sick turtles, conduct research into turtle disease and health, and promote the establishment of protected areas where turtles can be safe from fishing nets and development.

JCU virologist Dr Ellen Ariel told the *Townsville Bulletin* that researchers fitted turtles with radio transmitters to gain a better understanding of the disease.

"What we're really hoping to find out is what's actually going on, the epidemiology of the disease and whether it's something to do with the environment in that area, whether they are weakened by one thing or another," she said.

Dr Ariel suggested the bay could be a refuge for the turtles, an area where there were weak currents, and warmer water.

"It's a very small area, the area we're studying in Bowen, but every second turtle we've caught has shown signs of the disease," she said.

Festivals continue in Territory



THE Northern Territory's festivals season continues this month with the Stone Country Festival at Gunbalanya on 25 August. This follows last weekend's second Milimika Festival, on the Tiwi islands.

Many festivals are supported by the Northern Territory Arts Grants Program, and director of Arts NT Hania Radvan is encouraging people to enjoy them.

"Audiences can enjoy the incredible diversity of our cultures and talent, with all ages able to join in the many creative and fun activities offered by our innovative arts community," she said.

"Festivals provide employment and training opportunities for artists and local community members, while showcasing performances and art works from the region to audiences within their community and beyond."

The Stone Country Festival offers an insight into East Arnhem Land's art and culture.

Also coming up is Alice Desert Festival from 7-16 September and the Darwin Fridge Festival, presented in Malak, which runs from 13-28 October.

For updates on the Territory 2012 Arts Festival Calendar visit http://www.nretas.nt.gov.au/arts-and-museums/arts/_festivaldates

Campaign to target drugs



CINEMA and radio advertisements form part of a West Australian Government campaign targeting alcohol and other drug (AOD) use among young Aboriginal people.

WA Mental Health Minister Helen Morton said the

advertisements would feature as part of the 'Strong Spirit Strong Mind' Metro Project, designed to strengthen the range of AOD prevention and service responses for Aboriginal young people, their families and communities in Perth area.

"This campaign has been designed with help from Aboriginal young people keen to get the message out that alcohol and drugs can lead to doing things they may regret, and to encourage those who need help to seek support," she said.

"The advertisements are the first of their kind for young Aboriginal people in Perth, and it's great to see a focus on alcohol and cannabis, which are the primary drugs of concern."

The Minister said consultation with Aboriginal youth groups and agencies identified that the campaign should focus on the effects of alcohol and other drugs on the mind and body, the law and where to get support.

Funding for the 'Strong Spirit Strong Mind' Metro Project was made available through the Council of Australian Governments Closing the Gap National Partnership Agreement, and includes culturally secure prevention and early intervention initiatives, along with the establishment of an outreach treatment team.

Charities to look after kids



CHARITIES will now be looking after thousands of vulnerable children in NSW foster care after the system was overhauled to free up the time of government case workers.

Family and Community Services Minister Pru Goward says the Government will award 38 charities and non-government agencies a total of \$123.9 million over four years to support foster parents and children.

Ms Goward said the main responsibility of the Department of Community Services (DoCS) case workers was child protection, and foster children were often neglected.

"Our key job is actually investigating complaints and suggestions that a child is at risk," Ms Goward said.

"Case workers are now free to do that job because the non-government sector will, over the next four years, progressively be taking up the children and caring for their needs.

"Remember the Government's community services was not accredited to provide foster care; we did not see children.

"We were lucky if they saw a child other than in a crisis."

New regime

Under the new regime, the children will be in regular contact with accredited workers from the non-government organisations.

Among the 38 organisations are 11 Aboriginal agencies to support Indigenous children and foster parents.

In total, as many as 6800 children who cannot live safely with their families will be supported by charities such as Wesley Mission, which will receive \$15.3 million.

Smaller charities will also be involved such as the Benevolent Society, which will receive \$1.4 million.

The society's chief executive, Anne Hollonds, said her staff were committed to giving vulnerable children the best chance in life.

"We owe it to these children and young people to do everything we can to turn these odds around by making the experience as positive as possible and giving them a shot at a better future," she said.

Association of Children's Welfare Agencies chief executive Andrew McCallum also welcomed the reform, saying it would create a more specialised system.

The changes follow a special commission of inquiry into child protection services in 2008 after the deaths of several children known to DoCS.

Justice James Wood recommended that the private sector take control of foster care in the state because DoCS workers were often preoccupied with crisis-driven work.

NSW has the highest rate of children and young people in out-of-home care at 10.7 per 1000, compared with the national average of about seven in 1000. — AAP

Program can make returns less taxing



DO you need help completing your tax return? July to October is tax time, which means most people need to fill out their tax return and lodge it to the Australian Taxation

Office (ATO).

If you earned around \$50,000 or less and have simple tax affairs, you might be able to get free help through the Tax Help program.

Tax Help volunteers are fully trained and accredited by the ATO, and work from participating community centres to assist people with their tax returns.

To find your nearest Tax Help centre, call the ATO's National Indigenous Helpline on 13 10 30, or visit www.ato.gov.au/indigenous for more information.



This young fella is showing the new 'Watercolours of Namatjira' app on his tablet.

App apt if you like Namatjira



EVER wanted to paint like Australia's most iconic watercolour artist Albert

Namatjira?

Now you might just be able to, with a new iPhone and iPad application launched by Big hART and the Namatjira family.

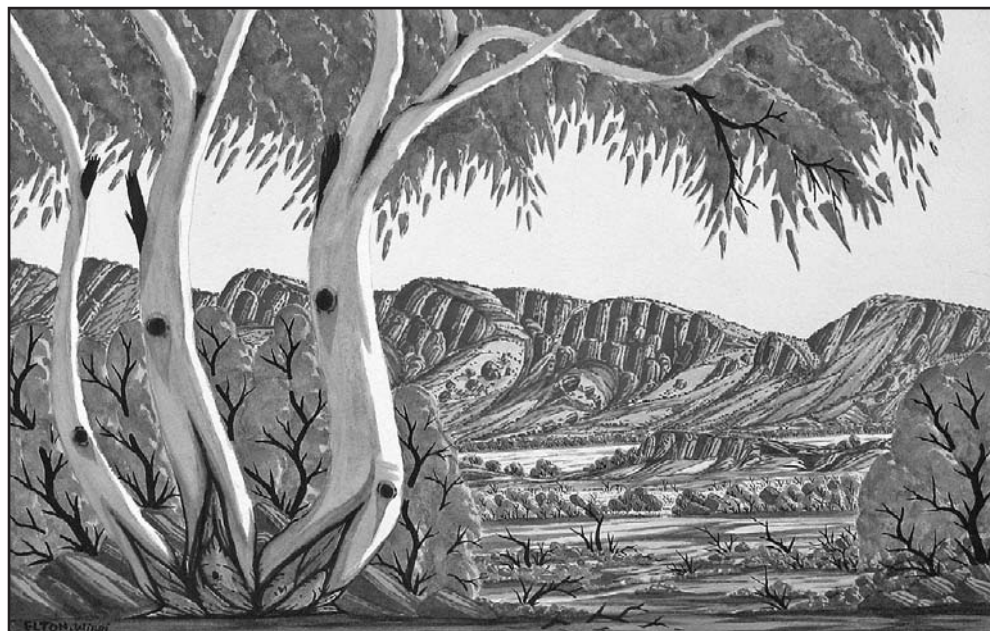
The app, called 'Watercolours of Namatjira', is available through iTunes.

It was developed over the past three years as part of a community development project between Big hART and the people of Hermannsburg in the Northern Territory. Together they created the award-winning theatre show *Namatjira* and an accompanying watercolour exhibition, both of which finished a two-year tour in May this year.

The company is now working with the descendants of Namatjira to build the Namatjira School of Watercolours in the NT.

When launching the app, Big hART artistic director Scott Rankin said the contemporary watercolour movement was struggling to survive.

"In order to provide something young people in Australia's remote and



A watercolour by Alice Springs-based Aboriginal artist Elton Wirri.

disadvantaged communities would be proud of, we needed to create something that was relevant," he said.

"And, in doing so, we are helping keep the spirit and the art of Albert Namatjira alive all over the world."

Watercolours of Namatjira replicates realistic watercolour techniques, vibrant colour washes and mixing, allowing users to create their own desert landscapes.

The app costs \$2.99 and all money raised from sales

goes to the Namatjira School of Watercolours, training and supporting Australia's established and emerging watercolour artists.

Mr Rankin said every download would contribute to the survival of 'this vital piece of Australia's national artistic heritage'.

He said the goal was to raise \$250,000 over the next six months.

"As Big hART celebrates 20 years bringing art and opportunity to some of Australia's most remote

communities, the 'Watercolours of Namatjira' app reflects just how far we have come," he said.

"We know that the adoption of new technologies amongst young people is much greater than say the uptake of a paintbrush.

"Digital art making is a vital part of the future of Indigenous art making, in terms of maintaining the storytelling, connection to culture, country, family, community and language."

Yaygirr being saved



A YAEGL (northern NSW) group has taken important steps in revitalising and reclaiming the Yaygirr language by compiling a dictionary and developing a language strategy.

Yaegl Elders Irene Randall, Lorraine Randall, Beatrice Heron, Neville Binge and Muriel Burns and her son David Prosser launched the dictionary at Maclean TAFE on Friday.

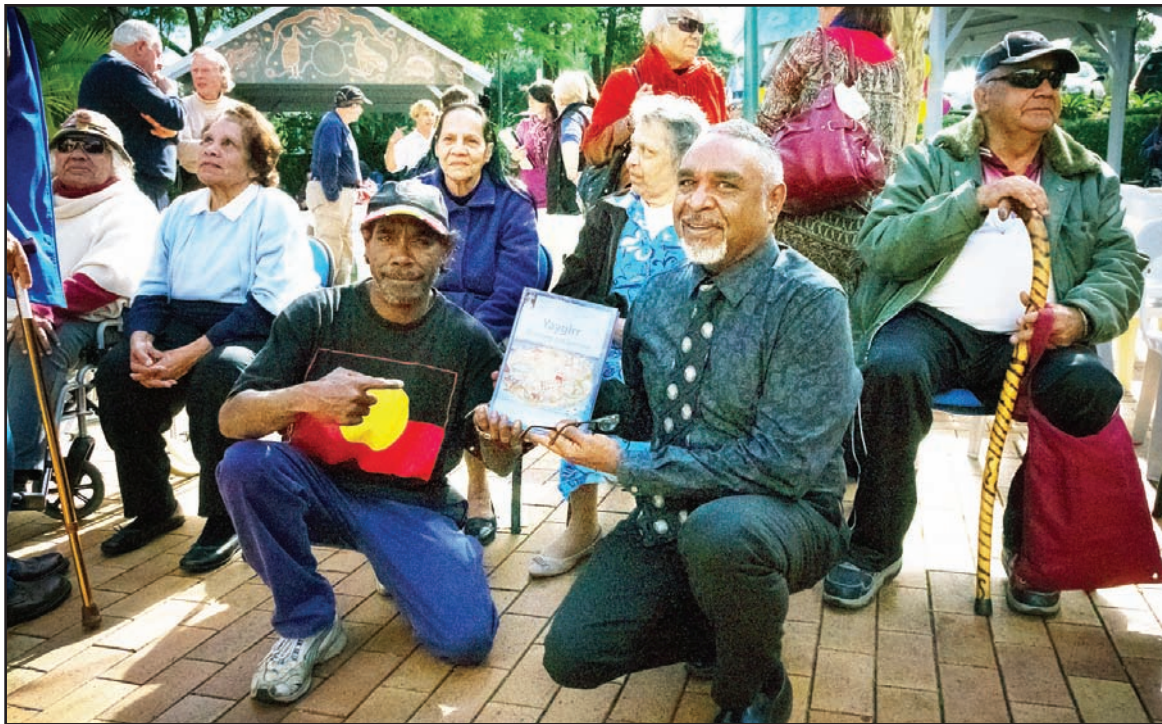
"They took our language away when we were quite young, we weren't allowed to speak it at all," Mrs Burns said of the motivation behind the project.

"What more could we do? They took our children, they took our land and they took our language – this is the only thing we have to fall back on so the little ones get to know our language.

"We need to teach the younger ones.

"I know one chap who teaches his children Yaygirr, and when they call up or send text messages it's always in Yaygirr – it sounds so lovely and our aim is to have much more of that."

The project has been a collaboration between Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Cultural



With the dictionary at the launch are Ferlin Laurie, left, and his brother David Prosser.

Centre and the Maclean TAFE Yaegl Elders Class, with Mr Prosser facilitating.

It began with a question in a Yaegl Elders class about place names and what they meant.

"We have dual signage in the

Clarence Valley and over the years travellers were asking about the meanings of different place names, so the Elders class undertook research and then the next step was to look at our language and carry on the work of

Aunty Della Walker from way back," Mr Prosser said.

"I think we realised we're part of not only a reclamation and revival of language phenomenon here in NSW but revival and reclamation of Indigenous

languages worldwide."

The group launched a draft language strategy, which was also written by a Yaegl person.

"We believe it's time to fly our flag," Mr Prosser said.

"We've supported other language groups, now it's our turn to highlight and showcase our language, which I believe hadn't been lost, just sleeping, and we've woken it up."

The group realised as they researched that there were Bundjalung and Gumbaynggirr words mixed in and the Elders felt the need to reclaim as many Yaygirr words as possible.

They compiled 1000 words, building from resources started by Uncle Sandy Cameron in the early 1970s.

"We didn't know anything about our own language and now we do," Mrs Burns said.

Mr Prosser said the next part of the process would be to up-skill adults.

"Then they can go into schools and the children will look up to adults, so the whole model is one of respect, family, land, language and people," he said.

"Adyinda (hello or welcome) and dyaarri dyaarrang (farewell or goodbye)."



A young dancer with a happy vibe. Photos by Kelly Connor, courtesy of Vibe Alive

Talent on show in Townsville



THERE was plenty of talent on show when the Vibe Alive Festival came to Townsville in Queensland.

The two-day event was held at the Townsville Showgrounds on 26-27 July and 37 schools from the across state attended.

Casey Donovan, actor Luke Carroll, dancer Matty Shields, artist and performer Gail Mabo, as well as performers from the TV show *Move it Mob Style* Darren Compton and Juanita Duncan, attended.

Event producer Mayrah Sonter said the Townsville Vibe Alive was one of the best she could remember.

"It was the best Vibe Alive over the last five years, that's for sure," she said.

"The amount of talent the children displayed and how respectful they were – it embodied what Vibe Alive is all about.

"They were engaged with the activities and had prepared their dances and music sections and as a result they all shined."

Ms Sonter said Casey Donovan and Luke Carroll really bounced off each other well as the MCs and that the community concert was 'amazing'.

"This concert was huge, with thousands attending. Along with Casey, it was an unbelievable line-up with hip hop star Joel Winitong and

Matty Shields of *Australia's Got Talent* fame.

Film clips were screened from the Song Nation Music Project that were made by local schools – including the Ayr State School (The Burdekin Crew) and St Teresa's College, Abergowrie.

The students also performed their songs at the festival in front of the huge Vibe Alive audience. The project was a joint initiative of the crew from Desert Pea Media and the Smugglers of Light Foundation.

Other events included culture sessions run by Lucas Proudfoot, including sessions with instruments such as the didgeridoo and guitar.



Dancers from Wulguru Kaba Walkabouts.

Community-building



Alice NAIDOC Committee chair Derek McInnes, left, Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton and some youngsters cut the cake to launch Alice Springs NAIDOC Week 2012. Photo: Centre for Appropriate Technology



NAIDOC Alice Springs 2012 Male Elder of the Year Jim Bray and NAIDOC Alice Springs 2012 Person of the Year Frank Curtis.



High-jinx at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre during the NAIDOC Week Family Day. Photo by OLIVER ECLIPSE



STRONG attendance marked NAIDOC Week celebrations in Alice Springs from 16-21 July. There was a focus this year on community-building and bringing people together.

Organisers set out to create a space to 'heal, bring together black and white people, to build friendships and create more unity' in the desert city.

About 500 people marched from Anzac Oval and through Todd Mall to the lawns outside Alice Springs Town Council for the opening ceremony. Hundreds more attended other events throughout the week, including a seniors day at the Garden of Reflection, Desert Peoples Centre, a family day at Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre, and a youth day.

The big finish was a community festival day at the Old Melanka Site on the Saturday, where there was traditional dancing and bush band entertainment and the 2012 Alice Springs NAIDOC Awards were presented. Recipients were:

- Person of the Year: Frank Curtis
- Elder of the Year: James 'Jim' Bray
- Youth of the Year (Senior): Jackie Foster
- Employer of the Year: Woolworths Alice Springs
- Trainee of the Year: Mikaela Simpson
- Sportsperson of the Year: Jaiden Preece-Forrester
- Sportsperson of the Year: Reggie Smith
- Youth of the Year (Senior): Dylan McDonald
- Business Person of the Year: Denis Maher
- Artist of the Year: Zita Wallace
- Employee of the Year: Mischa Cartwright
- Community Service Achievement: Kathleen Wallace, Dawn Ross, Jennifer Mahoney, Marlene Doolan and Rita Nangala Dixon.

Proud Cohen waves flag



NAIDOC celebrations are about many things but tradition, pride, unity, identity, youth and family all rank highly for most people.

And so it was for Adelaide mum Nicole Gollan, whose son Cohen, then a few weeks shy of his third birthday, was captured by photographer Colleen Raven, riding on the shoulders of his grandfather Malcolm Gollan Snr during the city's recent annual NAIDOC street march.

Ms Gollan, a primary school teacher, told the *Koori Mail* that the march had been a significant event for her family since she was a little girl.

"Cohen called the march the 'Nunga Walk' and when I shared the picture with him, his response was 'Mum, Nunga Walk is fun! Cohen shake the flag fast!' she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I am extremely proud of the image, it depicts many emotions, so much that I cried when I saw it."

Photo by Colleen Raven, Nharla Photography



Alice Springs focus



The Alice Springs 2012 NAIDOC Award winners with representatives of the organisations which sponsored their awards. From left, Reggie Smith, Dylan McDonald, Donna Lemon, Peter Renehan, Nicole Walsh (front), Jackie Foster, Jaiden Preece-Forrester, Jim Bray, Chad Hamnett, Mikaela Simpson, Derek McInnes (sitting), Kenny-Anne Iles (on behalf of Georgina Iles), Denis Maher Ruby Neale, Zita Wallace, Michael Robertson, Marlene Doolan, Deanella Mack, Mischa Cartwright, Frank Curtis (Person of the year), David Atkinson, Minister Warren Snowdon MP, Nanet Pagsanjan and Brendan Heenan (Alice Springs Deputy Mayor).



Artist of the Year Zita Wallace with Louise Wellington, Warren Snowdon and Deanella Mack at the presentation.



A flag-raising during the NAIDOC opening ceremony at the Alice Springs Town Council lawns. Photo by OLIVER ECLIPSE



Trainee of the Year Mikaela Simpson with Donna Lemon and Warren Snowdon.



Youth of the Year (Senior) Dylan McDonald, with Noel Hayes, Warren Snowdon and Deanella Mack.

\$33.4m to fund child care places



ABORIGINAL non-government organisations have received \$33.421 million funding to provide out-of-home care places for vulnerable Aboriginal children

throughout NSW over the next four years, NSW Minister for Family and Community Services Pru Goward said the provision of out-of-home care (OOHC) to the non-government sector was part of major reforms to the NSW child protection system.

"This significant investment in Aboriginal services will strengthen Aboriginal organisations who we know are best placed to provide out of home care placements for vulnerable Aboriginal children," Ms Goward said.

"KARI Aboriginal Resources has been awarded over \$9 million growth funding over the next four years to provide out of home care placements for hundreds of children."

KARI chief executive Paul Ralph said the decision would eventually see all Aboriginal children in care transferred to Aboriginal-controlled OOHC placements within ten years.

New locations

"KARI is looking forward to taking its cultural OOHC services to unprecedented heights and into new locations," he said.

"It is vitally important that new and existing Aboriginal OOHC service providers take their rightful place in the care and protection of Aboriginal children and young people.

"Acknowledging the importance of culture in providing OOHC services to Aboriginal children and young people is a major step forward that will assist in the prevention of more young Aboriginal children entering the care system."

Other Aboriginal agencies awarded funding included Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney, Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service, Burrun Dalai Aboriginal Corporation Inc, Hunter Aboriginal Children's Services, Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Corporation, South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation, Wandiyali ATSI and Wundarra Services.

Across NSW 38 agencies, including many new players in the sector, were awarded almost \$124 million in growth funding over four years to provide secure, stable and safe places for up to 6800 of the state's most vulnerable children.

Elder queries welcome to country costs



MELBOURNE city councils are shelling out tens of thousands of dollars each year to stage Aboriginal welcome to country ceremonies that should cost a lot less, an Elder says.

The *Herald Sun* reported it can cost up to \$850 for an Elder to perform a 20-minute welcome and smoking ceremony.

Moreland, Port Phillip and Yarra councils have each spent about \$22,000 of ratepayer money on ceremonies over the past two years, the paper says.

Indigenous ceremonies have been performed at council events such as citizenship ceremonies, multicultural and Australia Day celebrations, with most done by the Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council.

But Wurundjeri Elder Ian Hunter, who split from the group years ago, says it is trying to monopolise the market by actively lobbying councils and other organisations.

Mr Hunter, who has a business performing the ceremonies, says the group is overcharging its clients. He says he can perform the same ceremony for a few hundred dollars. — AAP



Four Deadly finalists Leon Burchill (Male Actor of the Year), Thelma Plum (Most Promising New Talent in Music), Sky'High, aka Skhai Gerrey (Hip Hop Artist of the Year) and Dale Wright-Dennis (Health Worker of the Year) were at the launch of the 2012 Deadlys at SBS in Sydney.

Have you cast your vote yet?



THERE may still be a month left until votes close in the 2012 Deadly Awards, but time flies when there's research to do, predictions to make and outfits to plan so don't get caught out. The winners in this year's music, sport, arts and community awards will be revealed in the usual S-T-Y-L-E at the Sydney Opera

House on 25 September.

The award hosts, actor Luke Carroll and *Living Black*'s Karla Grant, joined a gaggle of finalists at the launch of the 2012 Deadlys at SBS studios in Artarmon, Sydney, on 23 July, hinting at what might be to come.

To vote (the awards close on 9 September) go to www.vibe.com.au or fill in the voting form in the August edition of *Deadly Vibe* magazine. A

voting card will also be distributed in rural and remote areas of Australia.

Editor's note: In the list of finalists in our last edition, Brenda L Croft – nominated for the Visual Artist of the Year award – was stated as hailing from Western Australia. In fact, Brenda is a proud Gurindji/Malngin/Mudpurra woman from Wave Hill in the Northern Territory. We apologise for this inadvertent error.



Actor Luke Carroll and Karla Grant, from *Living Black*, will host the 2012 Deadlys.

PM opens Wyndham centre



PRIME Minister Julia Gillard has opened the new Wyndham Early Learning Activity Centre in Western Australia.

The centre was funded through a \$1.7 million grant from the Federal Government under the East Kimberley Development Package.

The purpose-built facility has a new space and playground areas for community programs, with a focus on supporting parents and early learning opportunities for children.

Ms Gillard also announced \$100,000 to help Indigenous women build leadership

skills and improve their well-being.

"The centre will use this funding to establish a community garden and teach Indigenous women about gardening and growing healthy food, in partnership with the Kimberley Training Institute," she said.

"The centre will also teach women about how to prepare healthy meals and educate their children about the benefits of healthy eating.

"Other activities include a family day with arts and craft and a sewing group where women can learn how to make items for themselves and their homes.

"As well as teaching new skills, these activities will also provide the women with

an opportunity to meet new people and make friends."

Save the Children WA state manager Glyn Davies said the new centre was another important step forward for families in Wyndham.

"We are delighted that this new centre has been built after the great success that the Communities for Children program has had over the years," he said.

"The new building is fantastic and it will be a great place for women and children to meet new people and make friends."

The Wyndham centre was one of 10 organisations to share in more than \$800,000 in federal funding for Indigenous

Women's Grants in Western Australia.

Other organisations in WA to receive funding included the Paupiyala Tjarutja Aboriginal Corporation (\$100,000), the Pilbara Indigenous Women's Aboriginal Corporation (\$100,000), the Marninwarnikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre (Aboriginal Corporation) (\$170,000), the Geraldton Streetworks Aboriginal Corporation (\$95,000), the Yawaru Jarndu Aboriginal Corporation (\$80,000), the Kiwirrikurra Council Aboriginal Corporation (\$52,128), the Beanangirng Kwuurt Institute (\$34,100) the Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation (\$38,100) and the Langford Aboriginal Corporation (\$32,800).

Matjarra takes root

SA brand now on shelves



AUSTRALIAN Aboriginal produce brand 'Matjarra' has hit the supermarket shelves in South Australia.

Matjarra founder Ron Newchurch, a Narungga man from Yorke Peninsula, said he was excited by the development, and hoped now for the opportunity to extend Matjarra into other states.

The Matjarra range of herbs and spices is grown by Aboriginal farmers on the Yorke Peninsula and near Mt Gambier in South Australia.

It is available at the Adelaide Produce Market and hit the shelves a couple of weeks ago in IGA and Foodland supermarkets.

"It looks beautiful on the shelves," Mr Newchurch said.

Matjarra says its herbs and spices can thrive in poor soil and don't need a lot of water. The brand features coriander, curly flat-leaf parsley, chillies, sage, oregano, tarragon, dill, spring onion, and chives.

The brand is part of Nunga Produce, which arose from a partnership between Mr Newchurch and Juliet Giangregorio, who he met when looking for a produce buyer.

Ms Giangregorio sold the produce that Mr Newchurch grew on his property and personally trucked to Adelaide at the Adelaide Produce Market.

"Ron has established a lot of networks through other Aboriginal growers," she said.

"Because we had this network and mutual respect, whatever produce farmers he was connected with and was mentoring, I would buy it."

The idea to group all the produce together and brand it 'Nunga Produce' came from their relationship, and Matjarra was born from this initial idea.

Together with production manager Nigel Tripodi, Mr



Ron Newchurch, Juliet Giangregorio and Nigel Tripodi at the official Matjarra launch on 4 July.

Some of the Matjarra herbs now on sale.



Newchurch and Ms Giangregorio see farming as a regular income stream for Aboriginal communities.

"Matjarra is about creating employment and sustainable business," Mr Newchurch said.

"It will create a domino effect. When people buy our produce, they are helping Aboriginal people get off the dole."

Mr Newchurch's next project is to recruit six to eight Aboriginal families in the Riverland to

undertake a pilot scheme where they are trained to grow Matjarra's line of produce and package them for sale.

"There's a lot of untapped farming potential in Indigenous lands," he said.

"A lot of the communities were given the land through the native title process and have the potential to earn an income off it for their families and communities by growing produce.

"I knew the land was out there and we knew that water was on it, good water.

"Some communities have 5000 or 10,000 acres and we only need 1000 or 2000 acres for the produce we want them to grow. We give them the plants to grow that are going to be sustainable."

Matjarra is the name for the local Yorke Peninsula community's silver wattle tree.

"Dreamtime Public Relations did a fantastic job of designing the brand with me and my team, and they also developed our website and other marketing collateral," Mr Newchurch said.

"I would like to thank Indigenous Business Australia for funding the development of our website and some of our initial marketing collateral.

"The support they provide for Indigenous business start-ups is integral to getting us going."

About 25 people have been employed as a result of the project thus far, and Mr Churchill hopes that many more Aboriginal people across Australia will benefit from being growers for them.

"When people buy Matjarra produce, they are supporting Aboriginal enterprise, Aboriginal employment and the future support of Aboriginal employment, training and enterprising," he said.

"If you are an Aboriginal produce grower and would like to be part of the Matjarra family, contact me via our website at www.matjarra.com.au"

SA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Paul Caica said the brand was a shining example of what could be achieved when Indigenous and other people collaborated.

"This is a true partnership between growers, markets and greengrocers," he said.

"Every time a South Australian buys a Matjarra branded product, they will be contributing to the development of this self-sustaining Aboriginal enterprise.

"I encourage all South Australians to support this initiative by adding Matjarra produce to their shopping lists."

Teachers are Deadly

200 at first event



Conference convenor Prof Peter Buckskin (centre) with Torres Strait delegates, from left, Ned David, Dalton Cowley, Stephen Foster, Richard Matthew and Judith Ketchell. Photos courtesy UniSA



Conference delegates listen to an address.



● Above: Keynote conference speakers Konai Thaman, from Fiji, and Leanne Otene, from New Zealand.

● Left: Prof Paul Chandler, Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Wollongong.

● Right: MATSITI Conference facilitator Dr Kaye Price.



THE inaugural More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative (MATSI) 'Teachers are Deadly' conference was held in Adelaide last month, attracting about 200 delegates from all states and territories and representing more than 80 First Nations.

Co-ordinated by the University of South Australia (UniSA), it is believed to have been the biggest ever gathering of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers and educational leaders.

UniSA Dean of Indigenous Scholarship, Engagement and Research Professor Peter Buckskin said the conference was designed to plan effective ways to increase the number of Indigenous teachers in schools.

"With Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students making up around five per cent of the school population, it is now more important than ever to increase the numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers beyond the current one per cent of the teaching workforce," Prof Buckskin said.

Education departments in the Northern Territory, NSW and SA provided additional funding for groups of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers in their respective state systems to attend.

Indigenous keynote speakers

included UNESCO Chair of Teacher Education Professor Konai Thaman, Stronger Smarter Institute executive director Dr Chris Sarra, Manaia View School principal Leanne Otene from New Zealand, Tagai State College principal Judith Ketchell (Torres Strait), Craigmore High School teacher Corey Warrior, and University of Wollongong Education Dean Professor Paul Chandler.

Conference delegates contributed to a planning process to influence change in schools,

universities and their own communities, including a desire to create a strong national education voice and network through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education academy.

"The academy would also provide peer support and mentoring for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers and education

leaders, and would promote the teaching profession as a career option in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," Prof Buckskin said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers are role models for their students and assist their teaching colleagues to be more culturally competent in the teaching of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in their classrooms."

For more information on the MATSITI 'Teachers are Deadly' conference and project, go to www.matsiti.edu.au/



Keynote speaker Tagai State College executive principal Judith Ketchell.

conference



Northern Territory delegates, from left, Valerie Bulkunu, Joy Mundhu and Gwen Warmbirrirr.



Zaachariah Fielding and Ellie Lovegrove from the CASM SOUL Band, from the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music.



Conference presenters Dyonne Anderson and Will Davis.



Paulina Motlop and Isabella Adams.



Vincent (Jack) Bucksin gives the welcome to country.



Conference facilitator Prof Paul Hughes.

TAFE's Gili honours to Riverina



TAFE NSW Riverina Institute has won the 2012 TAFE NSW Gili Industry Partnership Award and two of its students earned individual awards.

The Gili Awards recognise the achievements of TAFE NSW Aboriginal students, staff and programs who have contributed to their communities through training and education.

Fourth-year Wagga Wagga bricklaying apprentice Kaven Lewis won the Achievement Award and ranger Jamie Woods won the Encouragement Award.

Mr Lewis graduated from the Certificate in Bricklaying / Blocklaying at Riverina Institute Albury campus in 2011. He is now studying a Certificate IV in Building and Construction and works for G&D Bennett Bricklaying in Wagga Wagga.

Mr Woods graduated from the Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management in 2011. He is now studying the Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management and works full-time as a land management ranger at Toogimbie Indigenous Protected Area near Hay.

Mr Woods grew up in the Toogimbie region and his father is chair of the Nari Nari Tribal council that looks after the land.

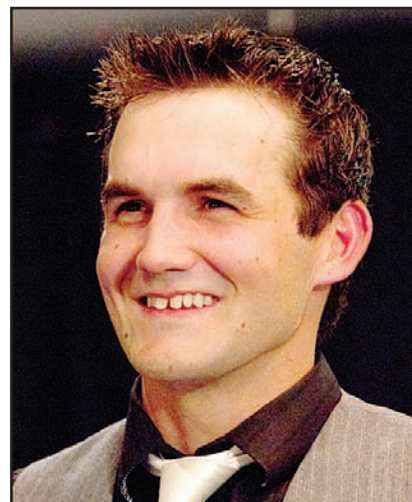
Natural resource management training is also helping to formalise Mr Woods' on-ground experience. Through his role as a ranger, he is responsible for the daily management of the property, including the protection of cultural heritage sites, regulating the flooding program into the wetland systems, revegetation activities to reintroduce species lost because of grazing practices, weed and invertebrate pest animal control and biodiversity surveying.

Over the past year, Riverina Institute and its partners have been involved in five projects that have resulted in promoting community acceptance and engagement, capacity and resilience building, empowerment and investment in Aboriginal people, aspiring towards learning and work, cultural and community pride, and future generations.

The partnerships have led to better education and jobs, and contributed to



Ranger Jamie Woods won the 2012 TAFE NSW Gili Encouragement Award.



Bricklaying apprentice Kaven Lewis has won the TAFE NSW Gili Achievement Award.

the social, economic and cultural development of the community.

The partnerships were established through the institute's Denilquin Learning Hub (incorporating the Finley, Balranald and Hay regions) with local, regional and statewide organisations.

"Aboriginal communities have been at the heart of these projects from their inception, and throughout their implementation and execution," Riverina Institute director Kerry Penton said.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony in Sydney on 30 August.



Don't miss our Education 2013 Feature!

The Koori Mail will publish our Education Feature in the Sept. 19 edition.

PaCE course has parents up to speed



HELPING the kids with their homework can be a little daunting if you're not very computer savvy.

But a new four-day course being run in Toowoomba, southern Queensland, is helping parents demystify the digital age.

Run by education engagement project PaCE Toowoomba, the course takes parents through the basics of computer use as well as more advanced research tools.

Mother-of-three Tracey McGrady said she was more confident helping her son Jamahl, 12, with his homework and assignments after completing

the Digital Literacy course.

"The course helped me get a more thorough knowledge of how to use search engines and how to use different software, which is helpful when my kids come to me with questions," Ms McGrady said.

The Digital Literacy course was held through the Business Success Group in the Bell Street Mall, Toowoomba, by trainer Carol Mallinson.

PaCE Toowoomba co-ordinator Bobette Robinson said research showed that computers were a positive learning tool in the classroom for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

"So it's more important than ever that parents are well-versed in the use of the

computer as a learning tool as well as a way to keep in touch with family and friends," she said.

"Indigenous students learn most effectively through observation and imitation and have strong visual spatial skills so it's important our parents can keep up with them.

"The course went through not just basic computer skills, but also how to search topics so parents can help out with their kids' homework and assignments as well as offer advice when a child gets stuck."

For information about courses, contact PaCE Toowoomba co-ordinator Bobette Robinson at Lifeline Darling Downs on 1300 991 443.



Business Success Group trainer Carol Mallinson with Digital Literacy course graduate Tracey McGrady and PaCE Toowoomba co-ordinator Bobette Robinson at a dinner for all graduates.

Students score league reward

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



MORE than 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Townsville's Kirwan High School got to meet NRL stars Matt Bowen and Johnathan Thurston after being part of a program, which increased school attendance.

One of the biggest high schools in Queensland with 2200 students including 450 Indigenous youths, Kirwan High joined forces with the North Queensland Cowboys for the 'Every Day Counts' program.

The three-week term two initiative rewarded improved attendance rates with student incentives such as inspirational visits to the school by Cowboys players, merchandise, game tickets and opportunities to visit the stadium and watch training sessions.

Statistics show that 15 per cent of the 154 challenge champion winners had 100 per cent attendance during the period and the others reached higher than 90 per cent – a major increase on the attendance figures for the same time last year.

Indigenous school captains Chris Nai, of Masig Island descent, and Jo Hourigan-Scammell want students around Queensland to attend school as often as possible following the success of the program.

'Major success'

"This has been a major success and to have Cowboys star like Matty Bowen and Johnathan Thurston here is great. I urge all students everywhere, especially those in the Torres Strait, to go to school as often as they can," Chris said.

The successful students – 40 per cent of whom were of Torres Strait Islander descent – were joined by their families to celebrate their achievements

with Thurston and Bowen on 25 July.

Julie Thaiday, the school's communication education counsellor, and the mother of Brisbane Broncos, State of Origin and Test star Sam Thaiday, went to Kirwan High.

"This program has achieved wonderful success," she said.

Thurston said he and his teammates were more than happy to support and promote the Every Day Counts strategy.

"Kirwan State High School is renowned for the sporting achievements of its students, and rugby league plays a big part in the student community," he said.

"If we can use the sport of rugby league, and the involvement of Cowboys players, to encourage kids to stay in school to better their futures, then it's a very worthwhile cause."

Thurston told the students that more days at school led to a better education, which ensured better career options.



Julie Thaiday, Kirwan High's communication education counsellor and the mother of Brisbane Broncos, State of Origin and Test star Sam Thaiday, being interviewed. "This program has achieved wonderful success," she said.



Indigenous school captains Chris Nai and Jo Hourigan-Scammell with North Queensland Cowboys NRL star Matt Bowen.



NRL stars Johnathan Thurston and Matt Bowen with some of the 154 program winners at Kirwan High School.



Waagan Waagan man Jack Hampton delivers a lesson to a captive student audience on brown snakes – babies or otherwise.



Year 11 student Donovan Pengelly and Aboriginal education officer Michelle Gemmell with armfuls of plants for the Indigenous garden.

Learning grows

By LINDSAY HAYES



BUDDING green thumbs at Mount Austin High School in Wagga Wagga, southern NSW, are looking forward to harvesting their Indigenous garden now evolving under the guidance of bush tucker experts.

Started from scratch on a site conveniently close to the food technology kitchen, the garden is part of a mentoring program for Aboriginal students who comprise 40 per cent of the school's 500-member roll.

The program is run in conjunction with Wiradjuri men's group Waagan Waagan, whose members are advising students on the culinary uses of native grasses, saltbush and seed and berry-producing trees.

The other party involved is TAFE NSW Riverina Institute, which selected a variety of food-producing plants for the venture from its horticultural nursery. The plants were bought with an Enviro Trust grant.

Mount Austin Aboriginal education officer Michelle Gemmell said the garden would link with hospitality and cultural studies.

It will be expanded later to include vegetables and serve as an outdoor classroom and venue for performances.

A concrete slab has been poured for a stage and learning area. Six tribal poles

and traditional summer and winter humpies are in place.

The garden was a hive of industry in the lead-up to NAIDOC Week and the excitement of the young gardeners was palpable as they transferred rice grass, chocolate lilies, several types of saltbush, happy wanderer and other future bounty from nursery boxes to newly-tilled soil.

A juvenile brown snake disturbed by the activity provided an unexpected surprise, bringing gardening to a temporary halt and providing an opportunity for an on-the-spot wildlife lesson from Waagan Waagan man Jack Hampton.

Applying skills he acquired on a reptile handling course, Jack picked up the snake the right way and told the students that it might well be a 'baby brown', but it carried almost as much venom as an adult and could be equally lethal. He had a

captive audience, and nobody wanted a closer look.

The Wildlife Information and Rescue Service Riverina branch was contacted and the snake was placed in an ice-cream container away from the garden awaiting relocation to a suitable habitat.

Food technology/hospitality teacher, Wiradjuri woman Kerrie Gale, is thrilled with the 'from-garden-to-plate' opportunities the Indigenous garden will give her students.

She has introduced bush tucker food into her lessons, turning out wattle seed damper, johnny cakes and other delights.

"Where we can we are sourcing our

products locally," Ms Gale said.

"We got the students to design what they would like to see in a garden."

Ms Gale, who was educated in Wagga Wagga and gained an Indigenous scholarship to study at Charles

Sturt University, is one of several Aboriginal teachers on the Mount Austin High staff and is role model for Indigenous students.

Three former Mount Austin students are on the staff and also serve as role models.

Aboriginal studies teacher Wendy Dennis said an increasing number of Aboriginal students were completing their senior years and going on to university or choosing other career paths.

She attributed much of the turnaround in the retention rate to the Mount Austin Koori Education Team (MAKET) leadership program for Aboriginal students from Years 7-12 who meet regularly to discuss their progress, organise workshops and performances.

Many of the Koori students find dance an avenue for creative self-expression and are given the opportunity twice a week to hone their talents.

Aboriginal community engagement officer Judy Solomon said the classes were open to all students and were part of the Youth Excel Program to give the students an activity they enjoyed and did well at, to try to boost student retention.

The students are following through on their commitment and a total of 16 dancers – in hip-hop group *Stricklii Fresh* and a traditional dance group – will perform in the Schools Spectacular 2012 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre in November.



Mount Austin High School Aboriginal education officer Michelle Gemmell, Elder Noel Murray and food technology/hospitality teacher Kerrie Gale.



Mount Austin High School dancers set to perform at the Schools Spectacular 2012.



Mount Austin High performers, at back, Jya Little (Year 10), Lachlan Uoifalelahi (Year 9), Tyrone Hoerler (Year 8), Trae Little (Year 7) and, in front, Tristan Williams (Year 8) and Cody Tilden (Year 7) rehearse their dance for the Schools Spectacular.

Cultural training for staff



HEALTH care staff members in Sydney are undertaking Aboriginal cultural training in an effort to improve patient care.

Staff from across the central and inner west areas of the Sydney Local Health District are taking part in the Respecting the Difference training.

Developed by NSW Health, the training is designed to improve staff knowledge and understanding of the diverse culture, customs, heritage and protocols in Aboriginal families and communities in NSW.

The training consists of an e-learning module and two face-to-face components.

SLHD director of Aboriginal health George Long said staff had started the on-line training.

He said the first face-to-face component would cover generic issues for Aboriginal people, while the second would focus more specifically on local issues.

Collaboration

Mr Long said a Respecting the Difference project officer was being recruited to support the roll out of the program across the district, in collaboration with the local Aboriginal community.

"SLHD is deeply committed to Aboriginal health equity," he said.

"We want members of the local Aboriginal community to feel safe and confident when they visit our health services.

"We recognise that health-care outcomes for Aboriginal people can be improved when all our staff have a greater awareness of Aboriginal culture.

"Aboriginal health requires a holistic approach. This means we need to look at not only physical well-being but also kinship, family, spiritual beliefs and language, as all these elements are connected and impact on the health and well-being of the community.

"The cultural training is for all staff, who will be challenged on any preconceived beliefs and perceptions about working with and providing health services to Aboriginal communities.

"Our staff will learn about contemporary Aboriginal culture and issues and be more responsive to the needs of the Aboriginal community in terms of access and cultural appropriateness."



SLHD staff member Lavina Lyons took part in the recent Aboriginal health screening event One Deadly Step.

Event a Deadly Step towards better health



MORE than 200 Aboriginal people took part in a health screening event in Redfern last week as part of the One Deadly Step program.

Each person took part in a 12-step screening process, which included being weighed, undergoing kidney and lung health checks and blood pressure and cholesterol checks.

They were also checked for diabetes and screened for mental health issues.

Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) staff organised the day, in partnership with NSW Health and the Australian Rugby League, as a way to tackle the issue of chronic disease in the

Indigenous community.

The Redfern screening, which was held at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, followed health screenings at Campbelltown, Kempsey, Griffith and Dubbo.

Volunteers

SLHD Chronic Care Program manager Julie Finch said staff worked with volunteers from the Aboriginal Medical Service, Sydney Inner West Medicare Local, local GPs, NCIE staff, Kidney Australia and university and school students to offer health screenings and education.

"Partnerships are paramount to the district and One Deadly Step was a

great collaborative event where our staff worked in partnership with other health providers to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal people," she said.

The day also offered live entertainment, giveaways, information stalls, free barbecues, prizes and footy clinics with some of NRL's best.

SLHD Aboriginal health director George Long said Aboriginal people continued to suffer a greater burden of ill health than other people.

He said Indigenous Australians had one of the highest rates of type 2 diabetes in the world, and heart disease, stroke and vascular disease were the most common causes of death.

Centres target gap



THREE new Centres of Research Excellence have been set up to tackle lung disease, cancer and heart disease.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the centres were another step towards achieving the objective of closing the gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the wider community.

He said one of the centres would focus on the lung health of children.

"This can make a real

difference to the many children who suffer life-long detriment because their lungs are in poor shape," he said.

Professor Anne Chang, from the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin, will run the centre.

Another centre focuses on improving Indigenous cancer outcomes.

Led by Associate Professor Gail Garvey, also at the Menzies School of Health Research, this centre aims to reduce the disparities in diagnosis, treatment and survival for Indigenous people with cancer.

"The centre will develop a co-ordinated, collaborative, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led research program that builds on and extends recent work and brings together the key researchers in this area," Mr Snowdon said.

"Its research will focus on the pathways and outcomes of care and improving models of care and service delivery."

The other centre aims to reduce inequality in heart disease rates.

Professor Simon Stewart, from the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute in Melbourne, will lead it.

Mr Snowdon said it would develop and apply practical and sustainable health care services that reduced the inequitable burden of risk and disease in vulnerable groups.

"These three centres will provide strong medical research to address areas of significant health concerns for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians – lung, cancer and heart disease," Mr Snowdon said.

"They have the potential to make a real difference to the health of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population."

The announcement was part of

the latest round of Centres of Research Excellence announced on 3 August by the Federal Health Minister Tanya Plibersek.

"Centres of Research Excellence work to achieve real health gains for Australians," Mr Snowdon said.

"They support the transfer of research outcomes into improved knowledge, better health systems and improved treatments for patients.

"The centres also have a strong training focus and are intended to develop young researchers into Australia's future research leaders."

Spotlight on FASD



A HEALTH and education program initiated by female Bunuba Elders in Fitzroy Crossing, Western Australia, is addressing the diagnosis and prevention of

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD) and will be the subject of a lecture at Sydney University by paediatrician Professor Elizabeth Elliott on 15 August.

In 2007, the Elders initiated alcohol restrictions in Fitzroy Crossing, which helped reduce the level of drinking.

Then in 2009 they turned their attention to alcohol in pregnancy and the effects on children and invited a team of researchers from the University of Sydney and the George Institute for Global Health to collaborate with Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre and Nindilingarri Cultural Health Services.

"They were particularly concerned about the high use of alcohol by pregnant women and that children were struggling at school with behavioural issues and wondering if they might have FASD," Prof Elliott said.

"If they did have FASD and had poor memories and poor learning capacity, they were concerned that they would be unable to pass on oral traditions.

"So the women were worried that if the children were affected by alcohol, then their culture would not be able to be transferred generationally."

FASD can cause a range of birth defects and life-long problems with learning, development, and behaviour.

In her lecture, Prof Elliott will describe the features of FASD and the efforts being made around Australia to prevent alcohol use in pregnancy and FASD.

She will speak about how to identify and assist children with FASD and how to



Professor Elizabeth Elliott checks the general health of a young boy.

support their parents and carers and the need to restrict access to alcohol through legislative changes and to change drinking behaviours in Australian communities.

Prof Elliott will describe the Marilu (precious) and Lililwan (the little ones) projects'.

"We were trying to diagnose kids already affected, help them and their parents, but also educate the community about the potential harms of alcohol in pregnancy and really push prevention," she said.

"It was difficult for mothers to admit that their behaviour during pregnancy

might have harmed their child because they felt guilty. Most women want the best for their pregnancy and these women didn't necessarily know that they could harm baby by drinking.

"Because everybody else in the community was drinking, they drank.

"We're keen not to put any blame on mothers – they behaved the same as everyone else in the community, they didn't know they could be doing something wrong.

"These women have been very open and honest."

The health workers consulted with more than 50 communities, then spent a year interviewing parents and carers of all the children born over a two-year period.

They then did complete health checks and developmental examinations of all of the children, with a team of paediatricians, speech therapists and psychologists.

Along the way they formed a management plan for any child with health or behavioural problems, excluded or diagnosed FASD, and initiated treatment for the children who needed it.

"This is a really important project, driven by women in the community because they identified it as a priority," Prof Elliott said.

"It is a successful model, because they invited us to help them to address a problem, rather than us deciding what problems and how we could basically interfere.

"The difference is community priority and community initiative and drive, we were participants, rather than imposing our wish for research on people."

Prof Elliott's lecture will be held at Law School Lecture Theatre 101, Sydney University, from 6-7.30pm.

Dodgy backs take big toll



THE 1.8 million Australian with problem backs are more likely to experience psychological

distress and mental disorders, new figures show.

The figures were released last week by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) in a web-based snapshot of back problems.

One in 11 Australians, or 1.8 million people, had back problems in 2007-08 and were 2.5 times more likely to experience affective disorders such as depression, the data showed. And Indigenous people were 25 per cent more likely to report having back problems than non-Indigenous Australians in 2004-05.

were 1.8 times more likely to report an anxiety disorder and 1.3 times as likely to report a substance use disorder as people without back problems, AIHW spokeswoman Louise York said.

"They are also likely to report high or very high levels of psychological distress and more likely to report their health status

"Out of the 44 per cent of people with back problems who also reported activity limitations, about two-thirds reported mild to moderate core limitations, about one-third reported severe or profound activity limitations," Ms York said.

The snapshot said back problems had a considerable impact on both the sufferer and the community, with people aged 15 to 64 less likely to be employed full-time than people without back problems, and 1.3 times more likely not to be in the labour force.

In 2009, 80 per cent of people with back problems had employment restrictions, were 1.1 times more likely to be restricted in the hours of work they could do and of those 36 per cent were permanently unable to work. – AAP

Indigenous people were 25 per cent more likely to report having back problems than other Australians in 2004-05

as fair or poor," Ms York said.

Those with back problems were 3.4 times as likely to report some form of limitation in basic activities including dressing or going to the toilet and mobility, including getting in or out of bed, on a daily basis.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Membership – Local Health District Boards

The NSW Government is inviting applications from people interested in becoming a member of a Local Health District Board. Members will be expected to actively contribute to the effective governance of these significant public sector organisations which provide a broad range of health services to the NSW community.

Local Health District Boards were established in 2011 and are responsible for overseeing an effective governance and risk management framework for the district, setting its strategic directions, ensuring high standards of professional and ethical conduct are maintained, involving providers and the community in decisions that affect them, monitoring the service delivery and financial performance of the district against its targets and holding the district chief executive accountable for their performance.

As part of a mid-term appointment process, vacancies exist for positions in each Local Health District Board. Individuals should demonstrate the capacity to represent the interest of consumers of health services and the local community served by a district, and indicate any affiliations with universities, clinical schools or research centres, as well as skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- corporate governance;
- health management/health administration;
- business/financial management/public administration;
- clinical practice/provision of health services to patients;
- expertise, knowledge or experience in relation to Aboriginal health;
- understanding of local community issues;
- understanding of or experience in primary health care.

Those applicants not successful in this round of appointments will be included on the NSW Health Board Register, which provides a pool of interested persons available to fill ad hoc vacancies on local health district and other health boards.

To apply, interested individuals are requested to complete an expression of interest indicating their skills and experience relevant to the role of a Member of a Local Health District Board.

For information and to obtain an Expression of Interest form please refer to <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au> For further information please call 1800 035 469.

Expressions of Interest may be submitted by:

Email: boardappointments@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

Post: Attn: EOI Membership Local Health District Boards
Corporate Governance and Risk Management Unit
NSW Ministry of Health
LMB 961 North Sydney NSW 2059

Deadline for submissions: **Wednesday 12 September 2012**



Health



Candy Bartlett, Suzie Smith, Aaron Everett, Cassie Davey, Keeomee Mansell, Tamara Styles, Tahlia Webb, Rachel Maynard, Di Spotswood, Gail Smith, Dean Newall and Tina Goodwin and Anita Braslin (in front) at the graduation. Nikki Randriamahefa and Sandy Wilcox absent due to professional commitments.

Workers welcomed



By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIA'S newest Aboriginal health worker graduates are expected to

become valuable community assets in the quest to address disparity between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal health and life expectancy.

The 15 graduates, including school leavers and mature-age people, completed a Certificate Four in Aboriginal Primary Health Care and are on track for careers in areas including health promotion, youth, clinical, pregnancy support and aged care. One graduate has gone on to study medicine at the University of Tasmania.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) CEO Heather Sculthorpe paid tribute to the 15 during their recent graduation ceremony at Risdon Cove.

"Many of the people who are graduating now didn't know their gluteus maximus from their olecranon*," Ms Sculthorpe said.

"Some people hadn't

studied for years or else they have just come out of high school.

"We are so proud to have them, I hope they can see they are a very valuable asset to the community.

"I hope that they are all very committed to keeping on going with their learning and giving back to the community that's provided this opportunity.

"Everybody says they want to work on workforce modelling

Aboriginal Health Service, a registered training organisation, was the only place in the state to offer such training, but had struggled to source funding over the years.

She also paid tribute to David Roberts, Tasmania's former Health Department Secretary, for \$200,000 in seeding funds.

She singled out the youngest two graduates, Keeomee Mansell from Burnie and Tahlia Webb from Launceston, who she said had set a fantastic example to fellow graduates, training providers and administrators, including herself.

Some graduates received qualifications in the practice stream, others in community care.

Much of the two years' training was through on-the-job activities at the Aboriginal Health Service, which was set

up in 1990 and provides holistic health services to Aboriginal people in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart.

The AHS is seeking funding to train more Aboriginal health workers.

* *gluteus maximus* from their olecranon meaning their backside from their elbow

'I hope that they are all very committed to keeping on going ... and giving back to the community that's provided this opportunity'

and workforce development, and Aboriginal health professionals, but those people have got to make a start, and to make a start you've got to have an idea of what it's about, and the only way you can do that is if you have a relevant course."

Ms Sculthorpe said the

Strategy to help men



Senior Aboriginal men and community representatives at the strategy launch.



A HEALTH strategy has been launched in Western Australia to promote Aboriginal men's health as a priority issue for the health sector, communities and individuals.

WA Health Aboriginal health director Jenny Collard said Aboriginal men were often

reluctant to talk about their health.

She said WA Health was committed to building partnerships with non-government organisations and communities to improve health outcomes. The Aboriginal Men's Health Strategy 2012-2015, released this month, aimed to ensure Aboriginal men lived long and healthy lives, she said.

It would encourage Aboriginal men to prioritise their health needs, and also work with service providers to support Aboriginal men using services.

Reluctant

Ms Collard said Aboriginal men were often reluctant to take part in health programs, or seek treatment when they need it. "This often results in health

problems not being acknowledged until they become too serious to ignore," she said.

"Increasing WA Health's engagement with Aboriginal communities and building partnerships with service providers and non-government organisations across the state will help deliver improved health services."

The strategy also acknowledges that a health workforce that understands cultural links is critical to improving health-care options for Aboriginal men.

"Initiatives such as online cultural eLearning packages are just one way WA Health is already working to build the cultural understanding of its workforce," Ms Collard said.

Action urged over obesity



DIABETES Queensland CEO Michelle Trute says the obesity epidemic has long been a problem in Australia but the effects can be prevented.

"In 2007, high body mass overtook tobacco as the leading cause of premature death and disability in Queensland," Ms Trute said.

"Obesity has been a silent killer for many years, leading people unknowingly into a diagnosis of chronic disease such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers.

"According to the Chief Health Officer's 2010 report, the prevalence of overweight people and obesity in our community is perhaps the most important challenge the health system is facing."

Ms Trute said if everyone took action to eliminate obesity,

it is estimated the incidence of type 2 diabetes could be reduced by 47 per cent in women and 38 per cent in men.

She recommended regular visits to a GP, taking an annual type 2 diabetes risk assessment and ensuring waist measurement is less than 80cm for women and 94cm for men.

Basics

"It's about people getting back to basics – reading food labels, preparing healthy meals and taking small steps to move more," she said.

"We can turn the obesity epidemic around one healthy choice at a time."

While type 1 diabetes is not preventable, type 2 diabetes is known as a lifestyle condition, which can be prevented or delayed by ensuring a nutritious diet, engaging in regular exercise and

maintaining a healthy weight.

Adults should aim for 30 minutes of physical activity every day, which can be achieved in 10 or 15 minute blocks throughout the day.

People are encouraged to monitor their portion sizes, eat two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables daily and avoid foods high in salt and sugar.

Each individual has varying energy and nutrient levels, and these should be discussed and reviewed regularly with a doctor.

Diabetes Queensland launched the Let's Prevent Diabetes campaign during National Diabetes Week (8-14 July), calling on all governments across Australia to also play a part in reducing the incidence of type 2 diabetes.

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London to see *Broken Dreams*

PHOTOGRAPHER Michael Cook will have his first solo exhibition in the United Kingdom this November when London's October Gallery presents *Broken Dreams*. *Broken Dreams* is described as 'a series of 10 profound and seductive photographic prints featuring a beautiful young Aboriginal woman who, after encountering Europeans, dreams of travelling to their world, eventually becoming disillusioned and falling victim to the shackles of colonialism'.

Each photograph features a rainbow lorikeet.

A Bidjara man, Cook worked as a fashion photographer for 25 years before becoming an artist.

Deadly winner

He won the Deadly award for visual artist of the year in 2008 and 2011.

Accompanying *Broken Dreams* will be individual works from his photographic series *Australian Landscapes*, *Stickman*, *The Mission* and *Undiscovered*. Cook's re-imagining of a colonial past in which Aboriginal people dressed in British naval uniforms arrive in tall ships to claim ownership of Australia.

Cook's work was recently featured in *unDisclosed*, the second National Indigenous Art Triennial, at the National Gallery of Australia. The gallery bought two complete series of his works.

Broken Dreams is the latest exhibition in a collaboration between the October Gallery, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane and the Queensland Indigenous Arts Marketing and Export Agency (QIAMEA) and will run from 1 November to 1 December.



Michael Cook, *Broken Dreams #1* (2010), Inkjet Print, 124 x 100cm Edition 8, Courtesy Andrew Baker and October Gallery, London.

ARTS VICTORIA



ARTS VICTORIA ADVISORY PANELS - CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Arts Victoria, the Victorian Government's arts funding and advisory body, manages a range of competitive grant programs for Victorian artists and arts organisations.

Advisory Panels assist in the grants process, assessing applications and making funding recommendations to the Minister for the Arts.

Expressions of interest are now open for individuals interested in applying to be on our Arts Advisory Panel Register.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that Advisory Panels represent the diversity of our communities. Arts industry experience is not essential. We are also seeking people with skills such as business, legal or community affairs, education and research. Indigenous persons, people with a disability, young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and those from regional areas are encouraged to apply.

For further information, and to complete an Expression of Interest form, please visit www.arts.vic.gov.au/panelregister

Expressions of Interest close 5pm Monday 17 September 2012.

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All in hand for Telstra award



at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT (MAGNT) in Darwin.

Opening night for the exhibition and the announcement of the winners will be this Friday, 10 August, with a free concert on the MAGNT lawns with Indigenous dance groups and music.

Telstra Art Award co-ordinator and MAGNT Indigenous art

curator John Waight said the award provided an opportunity for Indigenous artists to gain recognition for their work and gave people access to 'an amazing exhibition of Indigenous contemporary art'.

"Since the 63 pre-selected works began arriving two months ago, MAGNT staff have been busy preparing the artworks, stretching paintings on canvas, framing works on paper and preparing supports for three dimensional works," he said.

MAGNT director Pierre Arpin said this year's exhibition included many wonderful and

unique pieces, including works on paper, paintings, bark and three-dimensional works.

The judging panel consists of award-winning artist Bindi Cole, curator of Indigenous art at the Art Gallery of Western Australia Glen Iseger-Pilkington and Sydney University art history professor Roger Benjamin.

This year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award includes the major \$40,000 award and \$4000 individual category prizes for general painting, bark painting, work on paper and the Wandjuk Marika Memorial 3D Award.

Artwork Japan-bound



MEMBERS of the Boomalli Aboriginal Arts Cooperative in Sydney have been invited to exhibit in the 18th JAALA International Art Exhibition at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum in Japan, from 12-19 August.

A partnership between JAALA, cyberTribe and Boomalli will realise the inclusion of Aboriginal artworks for the first time in the history of the long-running JAALA Biennale.

The acronym JAALA stands for Japan, Asian, African and Latin American Artists Association.

Founded in 1978, with the inaugural exhibition titled 'reinstatement of man and nature' at the Metropolitan Art Museum in Melbourne, JAALA included states such as Palestine, China, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Kurdistan, Pakistan and Kenya.

The 2012 JAALA Biennale will include a new focus on other countries including South Korea, China, Kurdistan, Taiwan and Aboriginal Australia.

Organisers said Boomalli was

chosen as it is one of Australia's longest running Aboriginal-owned and operated art galleries.

Established in Chippendale Sydney in 1987, Boomalli, a word derived from three different NSW language groups, means 'To strike; to make a mark'.

CyberTribe online gallery curator and artist Jenny Fraser has worked with JAALA curator Saburo Inagaki to best showcase Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander representation for the exhibition. "Saburo is an old Japanese man in his 70s, so I am really inspired by his creative hard-working spirit and happy to devote my time voluntarily to this exhibition of goodwill between our cultures," Ms Fraser said.

"The Boomalli artists have been great, responding to the theme of oppression of our people and offering their artworks at their own effort and expense."

The Boomalli artist members to exhibit in the JAALA Biennale this year include Bronwyn Bancroft, Michelle Blakeney, Nicole Boeree, Jason Davidson, Charmaine Davis, Jenny Fraser, Danielle Gorogo, Kim Healey, Arone Meeks and Wayne Quilliam.



Abnormal Cells, by Jenny Fraser, will be on show.



Little Chris, by Michelle Blakeney, will be one of the works to be shown at the 18th JAALA International Art Exhibition at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum in Japan.

Carclew role for APY performer



PERFORMER Zaachariaha Fielding has been named as the new BHP Billiton Arts administration trainee at the Carclew Youth Arts in South Australia. The 20-year-old, from the remote APY Lands community of Mimili in the state's north, is hoping the position will give him a head start in a career in the arts industry.

"As a vocalist/performer, I am hoping to use the traineeship to develop the necessary arts administration skills to support and grow my professional musical career," he said.

This 12-month opportunity will provide him with on- and off-the-job training in arts administration.

Based in the Carclew Community team, Mr Fielding will assist with development and delivery of projects including Explore Arts (a series of creative workshops for 5-15-year-olds offered every school holidays), and remote community programs.

He will also hold a position on the advisory committee informing and delivering South Australia's largest Indigenous festival, Blak Nite 2013.

"I'm excited to be able to return to the remote communities of the APY Lands and give something back through the Carclew remote outreach programs," he said.

Mr Fielding was one of three appointments at leading arts organisations as part of Carclew's Arts Administration Traineeship Program.

Anna Fenech, 26, of Christies Beach, was appointed by the Jam Factory, and Elyce Renae John, 20, of Renmark, by Riverland Youth Theatre.

Carclew program manager of industry development Georgie Davill said the strong pool of applicants confirmed there was an ever-increasing demand for arts administration



ZAACHARIAHA FIELDING

opportunities across the state, including regional and remote areas.

"The Arts Administration Traineeship Program is a highly regarded entry pathway into arts administration in South Australia. It's a very practical and skills based way to kick start a career," she said.

At the completion of their traineeship, graduates will receive a TAFE Certificate III in Business (Arts), which is recognised nationally.

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2012 Festival of Pacific Arts

'Cultural Olympics' fires up delegates



The Australian delegation walks through Honiara for the official opening ceremony.



Performer Dhinawan teaching local kids.



● Above: The Tjupi Band, from Papunya in Central Australia performing at the Australian Leaf Hut.

● Right: Torres Strait artist Sharon Phineasa leading a weaving workshop at the Australian Leaf Hut.

● All photos by Wayne Quilliam



THE 2012 Festival of Pacific Arts (FoPA) has finished and the Australian delegation of 50 Indigenous artists has returned from Honiara in the Solomon Islands inspired and energised.

Artistic director Marilyn Miller said highlights included the entire delegation doing a show for an audience of 5000 and the opening and closing ceremonies.

"We consider FOPA to be our Cultural Olympics, virtually every Island nation of the Pacific came, shared and collaborated," Ms Miller said.

"It was absolutely inspiring, energising, and strengthened our cultural practice.

"Because of the placement within the Pacific, it gives a chance for artists to be able to gauge where their practice is at, there is a lot of interaction between attendees at the festival."

The Australian delegation of 50 artists was the largest ever to attend FOPA, which is held every four years, and represented an extensive range of Indigenous artforms and cultural practices, from dance and visual arts in the Torres Strait, desert reggae in Papunya, fabric design in the Tiwi to glassworks and poetry in Canberra.

"Our arts practitioners included

glass artists and new media artists, and along with that we were the only delegation that took iPads of artists' work to share, which was really popular," Ms Miller said.

"We were able to upload works for artists who weren't in attendance, which really expanded the reach."

Artists

Artists who went to the festival included the Tjupi Band, who are part of a new wave of Indigenous Australian reggae; the Chooky Dancers, widely known through their previous work, *Wrong Skin* (Ngurrumilmarmiriyu) and their appearance in the film *Bran Nue Dae*; Sharon Phineasa, whose passion for preserving culture through artistic expression leads to work across artforms including, painting, printmaking, collage, sculpture and carving; and singer-songwriter Jess Beck.

"Our delegation had workshops conducted by the artists," Ms Miller said.

"Our visual artists' show at the Australian Leaf Hut was very well attended and other workshops by Glenda Nicholls and Marilyn Nicholls, where they were making feather and hair pieces, were very successful with the women."



From left, Festival chair Doreen Kuper, Madam Lilo, Head of Delegation Lydia Miller, Parliamentary Secretary of Pacific Island Affairs Richard Marles, Solomon Islands Prime Minister Gordon Darcy Lilo, Australian High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands Matt Anderson, Australia Council CEO Kathy Keele, Head of Delegation Lee-Ann Buckskin and Head of Delegation Leo Akee.

held in the Solomon Islands



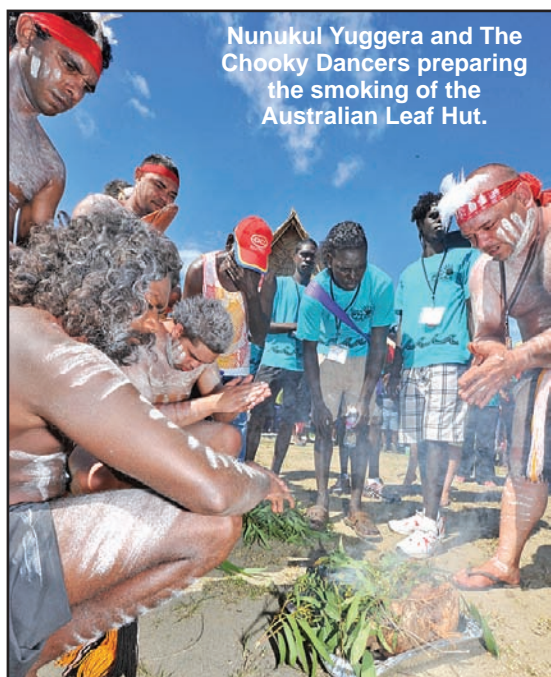
The Chooky Dancers, of Elcho Island, meeting Solomon Islands Prime Minister Gordon Darcy Lilo and wife Madam Lilo.



Head of Delegation Leo Akee meeting Solomon Islands Governor-General Frank Kabui. Photos by Wayne Quilliam



From left, Shannon Ruska, Donald Dodd, Michael Pitt, Ashley Ruska and Gavin Cust of Nunukul Yuggera performing for crowds at the Australian Leaf Hut.



Nunukul Yuggera and The Chooky Dancers preparing the smoking of the Australian Leaf Hut.



Peter Sharrock with locals participating in his workshop at the Australian Leaf Hut.



Singer Jess Beck with the crowd at the Australian Leaf Hut.



Adam James and James McKendry of Jess Beck Trio performing at the Australian Leaf Hut.



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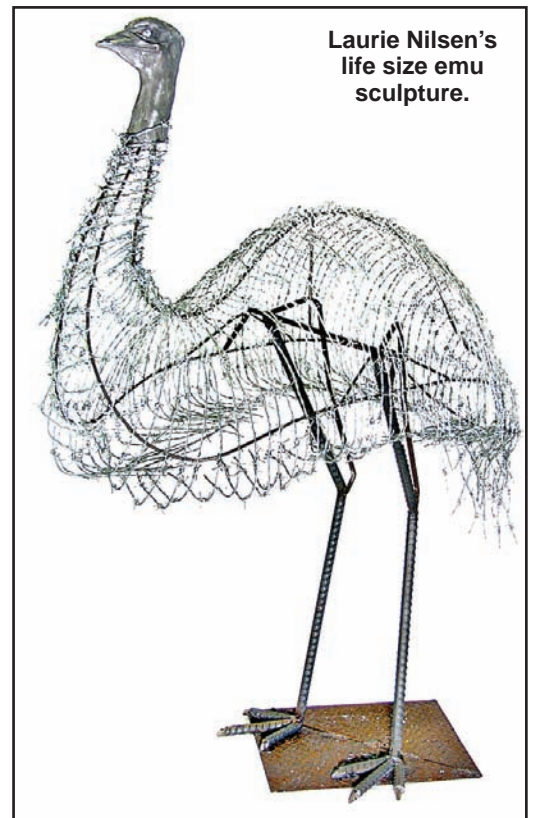




ProppaNOW artists, from left, Jennifer Herd Richard Bell, Megan Cope Gordon Hookey Laurie Nilsen, Tony Albert and Vernon Ah Kee. Image courtesy of proppaNOW and the State Library of Queensland



Jennifer Herd's digital image *Warrior Woman 1,2,3*.



Laurie Nilsen's life size emu sculpture.

ProppaNOW in Brisbane

By MARGARET SMITH



THE State Library of Queensland (SLQ) is celebrating the work of top Indigenous

artists and photographers in its current exhibition *proppaNOW*.

The exhibition is on the ground floor of the library in a designed carved wooden open space where visitors can sit and look out over the river.

It features works by artists including Vernon Ah Kee, Tony Albert, Richard Bell, Megan Cope, Jennifer Herd, Gordon Hookey and Laurie Nilsen, who established a collective to support each other and give urban-based Aboriginal artists a voice.

Striking

When people walk in they see a giant photograph of the artists, then Jennifer Herd's striking photograph of a modern day young Warrior Woman. Nearby is a photo of Megan Cope with her powerful artwork in the background of the Brisbane river before the white invasion. Then there is the life-size sculptured emu by 2007 Telstra Art Award winner Laurie Nilsen, and behind it his painting of the barbed wire fence where he found an emu trapped.

Works by other artists

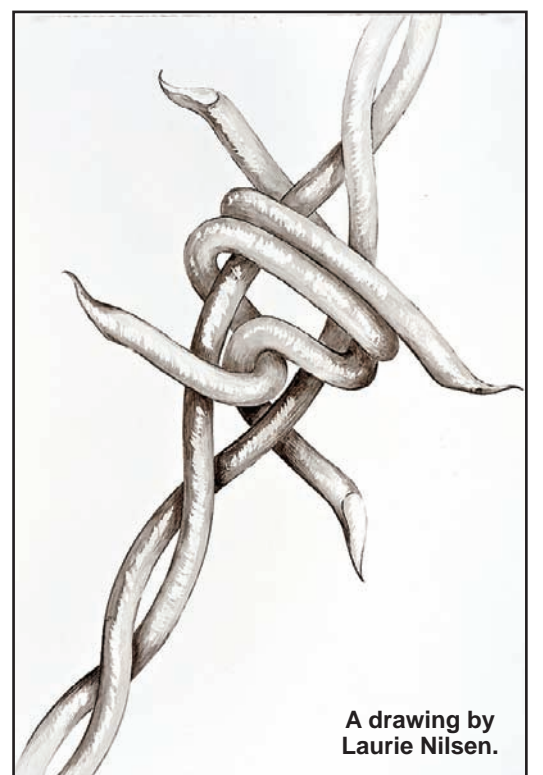


Megan Cope in front of one of the works from her *After the Flood* series.

include painted self portraits by Vernon Ah Kee, a large provocative painting by Richard Bell influenced by the American artist Jackson Pollock, a dramatic art work by Gordon Hookey, and confronting collages by Tony Albert of old kitsch objects which have been exhibited overseas. The exhibition also

includes personal stories and videos from the artists. Indigenous curator Amanda Hayman showed the *Koori Mail* around the exhibition and said it was 'awesome' to work with such talented artists. "I got to learn so much about how the group influenced each other and the

art world," she said. Ms Hayman is now preparing a social history exhibition of the protests to the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games, which will feature photographs and archival footage. *ProppaNOW* is on at SLQ until 10 September.



A drawing by Laurie Nilsen.



Yunggulba (Flood tide) by Megan Cope.



Indigenous community liaison officer Janelle Brown with Maclean locals Lionel Gardiner, Robert Saltner, Terry Kapeen and Vic Webb.

Janelle is on the job for switchover



JANELLE Brown wants to make sure Aboriginal people don't miss out when her local switch to digital television takes place on 27 November. She has been appointed Indigenous community liaison officer for the switchover in the Grafton and Clarence Valley areas of NSW.

"I'm going to talk to as many people as I can to ensure they're prepared and aware of what assistance they can get from the Australian Government to help them make the switch to digital TV," she said. "I think it's important I provide the personal touch to ensure people understand what's going on."

"I'm Grafton-born and bred and have a lot of networks personally and through my work within the Aboriginal community."

"Aboriginal people can relate to me as another Aboriginal person and ask questions they might not feel comfortable asking a non-Aboriginal person."

Ms Brown will also be linking with groups such as the Grafton and Ngerrie Local Aboriginal Land Council, and Aboriginal health and legal services.

She recently held a morning tea at Maclean and a stall during NAIDOC Week at the Grafton showground, and is planning similar events during September and October in Grafton.

"TV is an important form of communication, and if you don't have a set top box or digital TV then you won't be able to receive any TV channels locally from 27 November," she said.

"I'll be letting people know where

'I think it's important I provide the personal touch to ensure people understand what's going on'

their nearest digital advisers in retail outlets are and let them know they can help as well."

Analogue TV signals are being phased out at different times throughout the country, and by the end of 2013 only digital channels will be available.

Former rugby league star David Peachey has taken on the role of Indigenous ambassador for the digital switchover campaign in northern New South Wales.

"It gives me an opportunity to get out to the communities and if I have a message that enables our people to get up to date then I'm happy to use my name and profile to help with that," he said.

Mr Peachey said it wasn't difficult or expensive to switch from analogue to digital TV, but it was important.

"The Government is right behind this, they've established a Household Assistance Scheme to help people

make the switch free of charge if you get certain Centrelink full rate pensions or supplements

"It gives our mob a lot of opportunity to make the most of what the Government has on offer so that's why it's important for myself to come out and let the communities know

that this is all happening."

The Household Assistance Scheme is scheduled to close on 27 December.

If you have received a letter from the Department of Human Services inviting you to opt in to the scheme, you will need to call Department of Human Services on 1800 556 443.

For more information visit www.australia.gov.au/digitalready or call free phone number (except from mobiles) 1800 20 10 13.

Mualgal in push for centre of excellence



THE MUALGAL people of the Torres Strait are trying to attract funding to establish the Gelam Marine Institute as a Centre of Excellence for Marine Research for the Torres Strait.

The goal of the institute will be to promote better employment and training outcomes for Torres Strait peoples.

The institute is the vision of Waubin Richard Aken, the chairman of Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation and an Elder of the Kaurareg people.

Mr Aken said the institute would assist in the contribution to the local economy and alleviate chronic social welfare needs.

"In addition, it will build partnerships with various agencies to foster and encourage reconciliation, and autonomy to benefit all within the region and sub-region of Torres Strait," he said.

The marine centre proposal is to develop tropical marine education, building a strong marine economic base that will use the skills of the Mualgal, but also Torres Strait Islanders and others.

"In future this will enable us to target the global, national and local marine markets," Mr Aken said.

The institute will focus on key marine economic and social policy issues confronting island communities – economic development, employment opportunities, governance, welfare dependency, cultural vitality, leadership and drug and alcohol abuses.

Mr Aken said the marine institute was hoping to secure investments from Commonwealth and State governments, corporate Australia and private industries.

"Building the appropriate marine economy development is a platform to autonomy of self-determination within the Torres Strait," he said.

"The concept of self-determination is having a solid economic base that provides security to Torres Strait Islander people in the future."

The proposal has been listed on the Indigenous Stock Exchange. For further information, go to the 'Trading Floor' section of the ISX website, which can be found at <http://www.isx.org.au>

'Building the appropriate marine economy development is a platform to autonomy'

Nominations open for rights awards



NOMINATIONS are now open for ten categories of the Australian Human Rights Awards, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The awards recognise the effort and achievements of individuals and organisations around Australia who have worked to promote and protect human rights.

Nominations are open for all categories, including the Human Rights Medal, awarded last year to former judge Ron Merkel, QC, and the Young People's Human Rights Medal, awarded in 2011 to Tshibanda Gracia Ngoy.

The eight remaining award categories are the Law Award, Business Award, Community Individual, Community Organisation, Literature, Print and Online Media, Radio, and Television Awards.

Nominations close on 15 September and people can now nominate online by going to www.humanrights.gov.au/hrawards. For more information contact the Human Rights team on hrawards@humanrights.gov.au.



The recent IPROWD Mount Druitt graduates with NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione (far right) and Chifley MP Ed Husic (second from left).

IPROWD program secures funding



THE Federal Government has committed \$2.4 million to fund 240 places in the NSW Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) pre-employment program until 2014.

The 18-week, full-time course includes tailored training to prepare students for an Associate Degree in Policing Practice, the entry course to the NSW Police Force, run by Charles Sturt University at Goulburn Police Academy.

IPROWD graduates receive a Certificate III in Vocational Study and Pathways from TAFE NSW.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins made the announcement as the last of the current series of graduation ceremonies for 72 IPROWD students took place at TAFE NSW in Mt Druitt, following ceremonies in Nowra, Broken Hill, Dubbo, Tamworth, Maitland and Redfern.

Ms Collins said of the 228 students who had begun the IPROWD program, three were now probationary constables after the first student graduated from the Police College last December.

"Twenty-seven students have entered the Police College in Goulburn with a

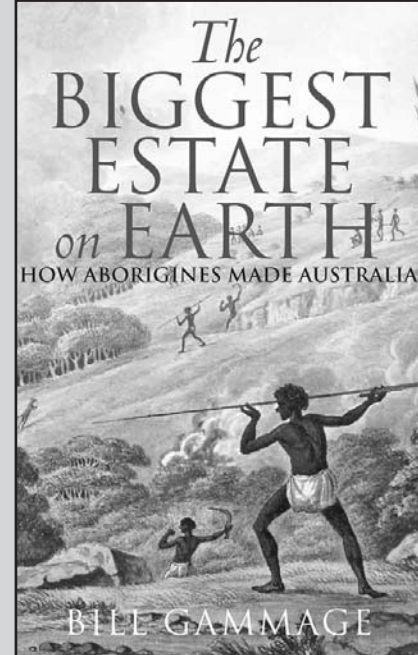
further 50 undertaking the application process for the January intake," the Minister said.

"IPROWD continues to support all graduates until they are accepted for college or secure alternative employment.

"Already, 43 students have gained other jobs, including civilian positions in the police and with Corrective Services."

The program is a partnership between TAFE NSW, the NSW Police Force and the Federal Government.

For more information on IPROWD, visit www.iprowd.tafensw.edu.au or phone 1300 830 177.



PM's Prize for History goes to academic



AN account of Aboriginal land management has won the Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History.

Professor Bill Gammage's work *The Biggest Estate on Earth: How Aborigines Made Australia* details 'an extraordinary complex system of land management using fire and the life-cycles of native plants to ensure plentiful wildlife and plant foods throughout the year'.

Prof Gammage argues an essential Aboriginal truth: That terra nullius was a myth.

On the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision, Prof Gammage told ABC Radio National that Eddie Mabo was a 'brave and determined man'.

"He showed quite conclusively that if terra nullius existed before 1788 it was only in the minds of Europeans," he said.

Professor Gammage dedicated his book to 'the people of 1788, whose land care is unmatched and who showed what it is to be Australian'.

"Aborigines would see a group of Europeans arriving and the first of those, the explorers, would move on," he said.

"So the next lot would arrive and Aborigines would not know if they're going to stay or go and their first reaction is to be hospitable, unless something happens, and so Europeans could lodge themselves and set up their houses in the time before Aborigines appreciated that their land was being challenged."

Prof Gammage urges white Australia to learn from the First People.

"We have a continent to learn. If we are to survive, let alone feel at home, we must begin to understand our country. If we succeed, one day we might become Australian," he said.

Prof Gammage received an \$80,000 tax-free prize for his award. He is a historian and adjunct professor in the Humanities Research Centre at the Australian National University, Canberra.

\$1.5m for WA roads



ALMOST \$1.5 million has been allocated this year by the West Australian Government for maintaining access roads serving Aboriginal communities in the state.

The funding is part of the Government's \$161 million to be spent on local roads across the state in the coming financial year.

WA Transport Minister Troy

Buswell said the total funding for the Local Roads Program had been increased by \$16 million from last financial year.

"This is the State's contribution to continuing its support for the upgrading and maintenance of local roads throughout WA," he said.

"This funding for local government is provided through a five-year agreement signed last year between the State and the WA Local Government Association."

Warm welcome for blankets



AN Alice Springs group has made a welcome donation of 150 blankets to Central Australian Aboriginal Congress in Alice Springs.

The blankets, handed over by the My Pathway organisation, come at the height of one of the coldest winters recorded in Alice Springs.

The My Pathway group, which consists of ITEC Employment, CEA Ltd, ITEC Health and SafePathways in Alice Springs, services the needs of disadvantaged clients in the NT.

ITEC Employment community engagement manager Samara Hanley said it was important for clients to sleep well as they were expected to be able to attend appointments, training and possibly job interviews.

"If they are not getting a good

night's sleep due to weather, this is something we need to be addressing," she said.

"The people who will benefit are clients to both our organisations, it's important to partner with other organisations to ensure that resources are being distributed and used effectively.

"I think that our initiative is timely given that next week is National Homeless persons week and a lot of our dual clients are considered homeless or at risk of being homeless."

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress welcomed the blankets.

"The generous donation will be distributed through outreach services for the frail, aged and disabled, clients with chronic disease and those with young children – those who are most at risk from the cold weather," it said.

Islanders celebration



THE Australian South Sea Islander community is planning to celebrate the 20th anniversary since the 1992 Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission's 'Call for Recognition'.

The Call for Recognition recognised the contribution

of South Sea Islanders who were brought to Australia as indentured labour during the late 19th century.

The celebration will be held on 25 August at St John's Hall in Glebe, Sydney. Tickets cost \$25, or \$200 for a table of ten people.

For information email: assi.pj@gmail.com

Vic council welcomes 'significant funding'



BARENGI Gadjin Land Council in Victoria has received 'significant operational funding' after being disappointed at missing out in the State Government's May budget. BGLC chief executive Jim Golden-Brown said that the willingness of the Government to find the extra funding was a clear statement of support for the organisation.

"We have been negotiating with the Department of Justice and Department of Sustainability and Environment for the past couple of months, and are really pleased with the outcome," he said.

"The fact that the Attorney-General and the Minister for Environment have signed off our funding agreements clearly shows they have a lot of confidence that Barengi Gadjin Land Council will continue to deliver high quality cultural heritage protection and preservation.

Agreements

"We have ensured that the funding agreements are not simply hand-outs. We have worked with the Government to include strict requirements – meeting operational targets, stable management, implementation of our business plan – which includes progress on our museum and cultural centre – to make sure the Government gets value for money.

"We now have a funding agreement of over \$300,000 which will secure our operations for the next 12 months, during which time we will continue to develop our business with the aim of becoming self-sufficient."

Mr Golden-Brown said that funding discussions were continuing with Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, the Aboriginal Affairs Taskforce and the Indigenous Land Corporation, the latter for purchase of natural resource management equipment.

He has also met with representatives of the State and Federal governments and the private sector to explore economic development activities.

"We are heading into a period of exciting growth for Barengi Gadjin Land Council," he said.

"We will be launching our new business structure in August, and believe that our tourism and cross-cultural training initiatives will set us on the right path to create jobs and have a positive impact on the economy of the Wimmera."

This Friday new awards deadline



THERE'S been an extension to the deadline for nominations in the 2012 Crystal Vision Awards for the National Association of Women in Construction in Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Nominations in the awards will now close this Friday, 10 August.

For the first time this year, there is an award for Achievement in the Construction Industry by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander woman.

This year's theme is 'Women on the rise' and there are 13 categories.

The Crystal Vision Awards will be held on Friday 19 October in the Plaza Terrace Ballroom at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

To nominate yourself or a colleague visit www.nawic.com.au



Elder Uncle Steve Williams performs the smoking ceremony to mark the completion of the Ingham Institute's new research building in south west Sydney.

Smoking for new building



A TRADITIONAL smoking ceremony was held on 26 July to mark the completion of the Ingham Institute's new research building in the grounds of Liverpool Hospital in Sydney.

Local Elder Uncle Steve Williams conducted the ceremony on the entrance floor of the new building.

The ceremony also paid respect to the local Indigenous history, clans and community.

Ingham Institute chairman Terry Goldacre said the event marked another milestone in the journey to develop its \$50 million research precinct to help improve the health of the Sydney south west community.

"We're absolutely delighted with the finished result of the new research building and excitement is building as 160 of the Ingham Institute's researchers prepare to move to their new home in August," he said.

Mr Goldacre said the ceremony served as an opportunity to recognise the Cabrigal clan of the Darug nation as traditional custodians of the land.

He also said the event highlighted the work that Ingham Institute's researchers were doing to improve local Indigenous health, including the Gudaga

study being undertaken by the Centre for Health Equity Training, Research and Evaluation (CHETRE) group.

The Gudaga (which means healthy baby) study is a longitudinal birth cohort study that recruited Aboriginal infants between 2005 and 2007 and has been following their progress.

The study has systematically described the health, development and service use of Aboriginal infants

South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) chief executive Amanda Larkin also acknowledged the local Indigenous clans, Elders and community members and congratulated the Ingham Institute for the recent completion of the world-class research facility.

"The institute's newly completed research building is an important resource for Liverpool Hospital and the wider health district in the south west," she said.

"It will make a significant contribution to improving public health outcomes for critical disease areas affecting the local area."

Completion of the institute's new research building marks the first stage of the research precinct at Liverpool Hospital, which will also be made up of a Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre and a high-tech Research

Bunker containing an MRI-linac accelerator, unique cancer therapy technology that will be an Australian-first at the Ingham Institute.

Completion of the institute's Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre and Research Bunker is expected by November. The official opening of the institute's new research building will be held on 23 October.

'The institute's newly completed research building is an important resource for Liverpool Hospital and the wider health district in the south west'

involving over 130 families in the Macarthur region. Currently, the CHETRE group is implementing the next stage of the study 'Gudaga Goes to School' to further capture the health, development, educational experiences, and service context of about 130 Aboriginal children in one of their most important life phases – the transition to school.

Apprentice numbers at record high 25



A RECORD 25 Indigenous apprentices have started with the Federal Department of Human Services, with 22 set to graduate later this year. Among them, Dion Grant is an apprentice who works in a team that visits remote Indigenous communities to discuss options and services available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Mr Grant said he had learnt many new skills and described his experience as 'fantastic'.

"Being a part of the Remote Servicing Team gives me the opportunity to travel to remote communities, which is really interesting," he said.

"I've also seen the department working with other government and non-government organisations to deliver important services."

Also graduating, apprentice Natasha Hagan works in the Indigenous Smart Centre taking calls from people using self-service phones in Indigenous Centrelink Agents and Access Points across Australia.

"Starting as an apprentice has given me the opportunity to learn new skills, gain experience and a qualification while working, and open up a whole world of career possibilities," Ms Hagan said.

Federal Minister for Human Services Senator Kim Carr and Senator Trish Crossin met some of the apprentices in Darwin on 26 July, congratulating them on starting their new careers.

Senator Carr said an Indigenous apprenticeship was a great way to begin a rewarding career.

"This program is the first step in a great vocation – where the graduates are making a difference to people's lives every day, while working in an environment that respects their heritage," he said.

The department's Indigenous Apprenticeship Program provides employment and training for Indigenous people and increases the number of Indigenous staff in the public service.

Senator Crossin said this year's apprentices had demonstrated excellent skills, setting them up to complete the program successfully and advance to a higher level within the department.

ILC seeking public input



THE Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) is reviewing its National Indigenous Land Strategy (NILS) and it's seeking public input.

The strategy sets out the corporation's land acquisition and management functions, as well as the policies, strategies and priorities that guide these functions.

ILC directors are seeking comments from interested parties. To comment, go to the ILC website – www.ilc.gov.au – or email ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au

Be quick. Submissions close this Friday, 10 August.



Outback Stores employees John Mulladad and Charlotte Flower who travelled to Alice Springs to take part in the training.

Retail training for remote workers



REMOTE community store workers have been travelling to Alice Springs to undertake retail training at Woolworths as part of an initiative by Outback Stores.

Charlotte Flowers and John Mulladad, from Santa Teresa, were the first Outback Stores employees in Central Australia to take part in the trial.

Their training involved learning how to handle fresh fruit

and vegetables, food safety, merchandising and presentation of stock.

Ms Flowers, 34, said she was looking forward to using her new skills when she returned home to work in the community store.

"When we were asked to do the training I thought it would be a good opportunity to see what different things a big store like Woolworths does compared to our store in Santa Teresa," she said.

Food hygiene was a big part of the training.

"One of the things I learnt was how to use the slicer and how to sanitise the area around the slicer," she said.

"I enjoyed working in the deli." Outback Stores CEO Steve Moore said the training was an opportunity for employees to see how a large supermarket operated while working side by side with Woolworths employees.

"Charlotte and John went from the Santa Teresa store which services a community of about 750 people to a supermarket

which serves thousands of customers and operates in the same way as any other big city retail store in Australia," he said.

"The training is for community store staff to experience a mainstream retail environment that will help develop their retail skills and gain experience working with a large team."

The Outback Stores initiative is being trialled in Alice Springs and Katherine with the intention to become available to other remote communities across the Northern Territory.

Indigenous adolescents the focus of new study



A RESEARCHER has been awarded more than \$500,000 to examine health and wellbeing among Indigenous adolescents. Darwin-based Menzies School of Health academic Dr Kate Senior's project Youth Futures will run for five years with a budget of \$564,528.

Dr Senior says it was time for a thorough investigation of Indigenous adolescence.

"There is so little known about Indigenous adolescent lives, yet it's such an extraordinary stage of people's lives because there's incredibly rapid development. It's a period of high risk-taking, obviously, but also enormous creativity," she said.

"As scientists we really haven't focused on

what is happening during this period, and what affects short and long-term well-being.

"We're working from a dearth of evidence and knowledge, despite the fact that young people aged 12-24 make up 20 per cent of the Territory's population

"Youth Futures is about increasing that knowledge as well as the buy-in and capacity of young people to be involved in research and solutions that raise their well-being."

Dr Senior plans to first report on the concerns of Northern Territory Indigenous adolescents through developing a NT health and well-being survey.

The second phase of her project will propose strategies to best improve health, social engagement and psychological flourishing.

"We'll be looking at well-being from the widest possible perspective: Housing, aspirations for employment, how to engage with education system and more," she said.

While little is known about well-being among this group, Dr Senior says current statistics are discouraging:

- In 2008, Indigenous adolescents in the NT had a 120 per cent higher rate of sexually transmitted infections and a 700 per cent higher rate of teen pregnancy when compared with the national average.

- In the second quarter of 2012, the daily average number of juveniles held in detention in the NT was 50, an increase of 85 per cent (23) from the same time last year, and 98 per cent (49) of those were Indigenous.

Wiluna wins Lotterywest funding



A DAY care centre for the elderly and a community centre in the remote Western Australia centre of Wiluna will be fitted out using a \$313,000 grant from Lotterywest.

WA Premier Colin Barnett presented the grant to the Ngangganwili Aboriginal Community Controlled Health and Medical Services Aboriginal Corporation (NAHS).

He said NAHS provided culturally appropriate and accessible community health and medical services in Wiluna and surrounding areas.

Mr Barnett said the latest grant for the fit-outs was in addition to support provided in 2010 when Lotterywest provided \$1.5million to build the two facilities.

He said the day centre was now complete, with the community centre expected to be finished by mid-2013.

"These new facilities will be open seven days a week and become a community and health care hub in Wiluna," Mr Barnett said.

"The elderly day care centre and its new amenities will enable NAHS to provide the best possible care for elderly residents and people with a disability."

NAHS employs 28 staff and has 112 members operating from its Department of Health-owned premises in Wiluna.

"The day care and community centre buildings are important infrastructure for NAHS service delivery, which provides a range of other important community services to individuals and families in this remote area, including nutrition programs and parent and early childhood services," Mr Barnett said.

NAHS delivers more than 10,000 cases of health care a year to up to 4000 Aboriginal and other clients.



In the Walgett community garden, Walgett CDEP participants Robert Beney and Raymond Blair, Glen Green of Australian Integrated Training (who is delivering horticulture training), CDEP participant Edward Sharpley, former participant Sophia Byers (now employed full-time at the garden) and CDEP participants William Murray, Simon Murray, Corey Murray and Robert Murray.

Walgett healthier



ABORIGINAL people in the Walgett region of north-western New South Wales are

now getting their fresh fruit and vegetables from a recently completed community garden.

The garden, an initiative of the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service (WAMS), is on a centrally located site provided by WAMS called 'Euragai Goondi'.

Fresh vegetables are being delivered regularly to community residents as part of the Healthy To Life program.

"It's wonderful," a resident from the Namoi Village said.

"The garden gives us beautiful fresh vegetables that we couldn't afford otherwise. This is what Walgett needed."

Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation, with the support of Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and Department of Families,

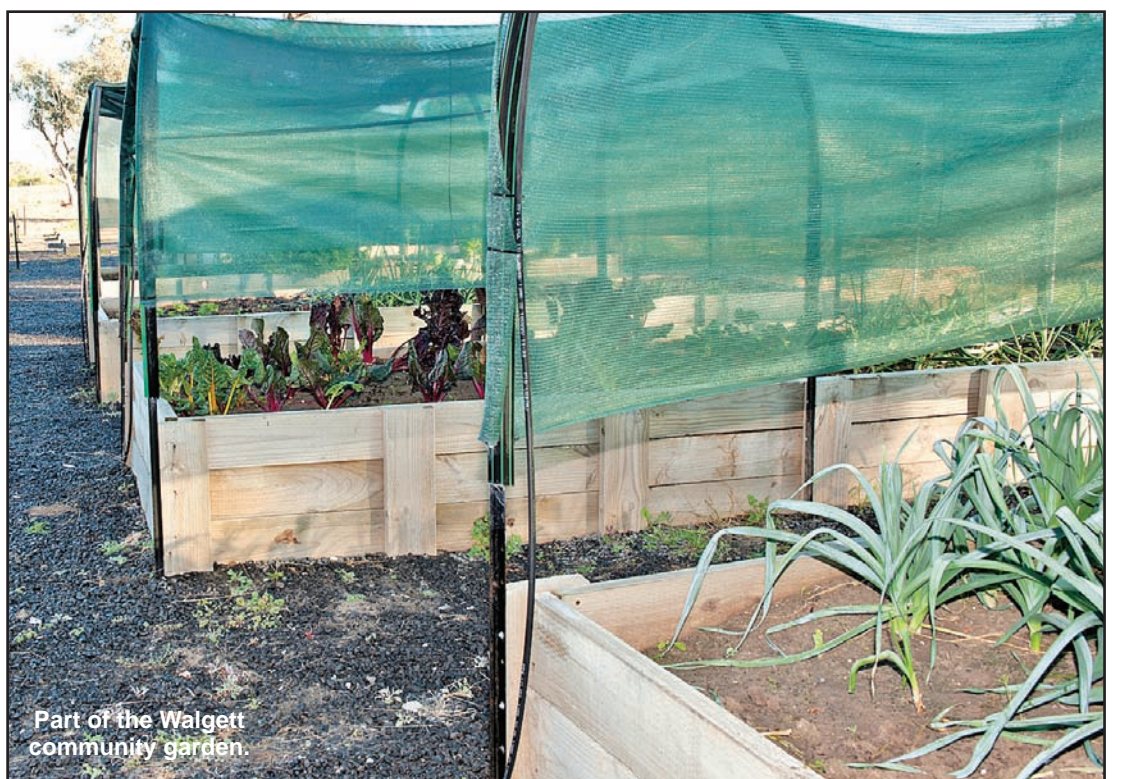
Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) funding, facilitated the community garden project through to completion.

MPREC chief executive Janelle Whitehead described it as a great example of organisations working in partnership delivering what the community identified as a priority.

"The support of DEEWR and FaHCSIA made this outcome possible, demonstrating that Government do listen to the community, and act effectively," she said.

Participants from the Walgett CDEP worked on every stage of development, and received accredited training delivered by Australian Integrated Training in horticulture, landscaping and rural skills.

Stage two of the project will include the planting of an orchard on the site to provide fruit. It is expected to be completed by December.



Part of the Walgett community garden.

Seven on job at Bunnings



SEVEN Indigenous people have gained work at a Bunnings store in Tamworth, northern NSW, after taking part in a pre-employment program. Although initially only five positions were available, the interviewers said they could not separate the seven, and offered them all a job.

During the program the participants, ranging in age from 18 to 52, focused on customer service role plays, techniques on presentation and how to prepare for interviews. At the end of the program they sat for a group interview with Bunnings management, followed by an individual interview conducted by two Bunnings staff.

Bunnings customer service co-ordinator Chris Parsons said they were all 'fantastic'.

"There was no way we could possibly narrow it down to five positions," he said.

"I was really happy with how well they interacted and just how well the program worked. We have a lot of internal mentoring and training options available for our staff so we won't be holding them back from whatever opportunities they want to take advantage of."

The participants have now gone on to various positions in the new Bunnings store, including barista in the café, garden and leisure, customer service, paint department and trade area.

Opportunity

The training program was initially organised by Joblink Plus Indigenous services co-ordinator Michelle Ireland, who saw an opportunity when Bunnings opened in Tamworth in 2011.

"I liaised with Chris and the Bunnings team for about three weeks prior to commencing the program to establish the kind of employees Bunnings was looking for and the attributes they needed to possess for the roles available," she said.

The program was based around the group learning to work as a team and being comfortable to be themselves.

"It was about making them believe in their ability to achieve anything they set their mind to and helping them gain the confidence to be comfortable and be themselves in social environments and interview scenarios," Ms Ireland said.

One of the participants, 18-year-old singer and guitarist Goori Knox, completed the program and now works in the timber department. He was the support act for Jessica Mauboy at the official opening of the new store and said the experience was amazing. "The best part of the night was when Jessica Mauboy asked for my autograph, I was so shocked," he said.

Mr Knox has been able to combine his passion for music and his employment, working part-time around his commitment to the Talent Development Project in Sydney.

Following the success of the training program, Chris Parsons said he wanted to expand the project. "After witnessing the growth in these individuals and the overall success of this partnership I would certainly like to see something like this expand into our other stores," he said.



Joblink Plus Indigenous services co-ordinator Michelle Ireland and Bunnings customer service co-ordinator Chris Parsons.



Nerrie Allan in the garden and leisure section at Bunnings Tamworth.



Goori Knox, who says he has been able to combine his passion for music and his employment, working part-time at Bunnings.



Zac Gittins planting along the Bullock Creek.

Day helps connect with land



MEMBERS of the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative and Upper Spring Creek Landcare Group recently took part in a Bush Culture Day at Happy Jacks Natural Features Reserve

in Lockwood, helping to restore native vegetation along Bullock Creek. More than 100 people took part in activities including planting sedges, wattles and flowers.

Barundjii Elder Gertie Gittins demonstrated how to make johnny cakes, bread traditionally made by grinding native grains to make flour and cooked on hot coals or fried, which were served with emu and kangaroo.

Eileen Ballangarry, from Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative, said the day was a chance for everyone, especially young Indigenous children, to connect with the land.

"It is very important for our children to learn about their culture and stay connected to the land as so much has already been lost," she said. "It is days like this when everyone can learn the importance of looking after the land and Aboriginal culture."

"Who knows, we may have a couple of future young environmentalists in the making."

"It was a fabulous day, seeing the kids happy – they all wanted to try the johnny cakes."

The event was supported by the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative, North Central Catchment Management Authority's Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands project, funded through the Federal Government's Caring for Our Country initiative and Waterwatch program, and the City of Greater Bendigo.

The Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative women's group will run a weaving day on 13 August.



Gertie Gittins with daughter Eileen Ballangarry and great-grandson Lachlan Milne making johnny cakes.

We welcome your items for our National Calendar of events. Please keep them to the point and include a daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Submissions may be sent to any of the addresses listed in the panel on Page 23.

NSW-ACT

Until 19 August: Dreaming The Past. The Lindt Research Project. A collection of photos of Aboriginal communities of the Clarence Valley and the North Coast area featuring people of the Bundjalung, Gumbayngirr and Yaegl Nations. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton, 10am-4pm Tues-Sun. Cost is Gold coin donation. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until 21 August: IBA Business workshops. These one-day Into Business workshops are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in turning a business idea into reality. Held at Taree, Ballina, Coffs Harbour and Armidale. Free and all welcome. Details: 1800 107 107 or David on (02) 6642 8059 or visit www.iba.gov.au

Until 16 September: Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme. Open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people currently studying or wanting to study in a health-related field at TAFE or university. Details on eligibility or how to apply free-call on 1800 688 628 or email scholarships@rcna.org.au or visit www.rcna.org.au

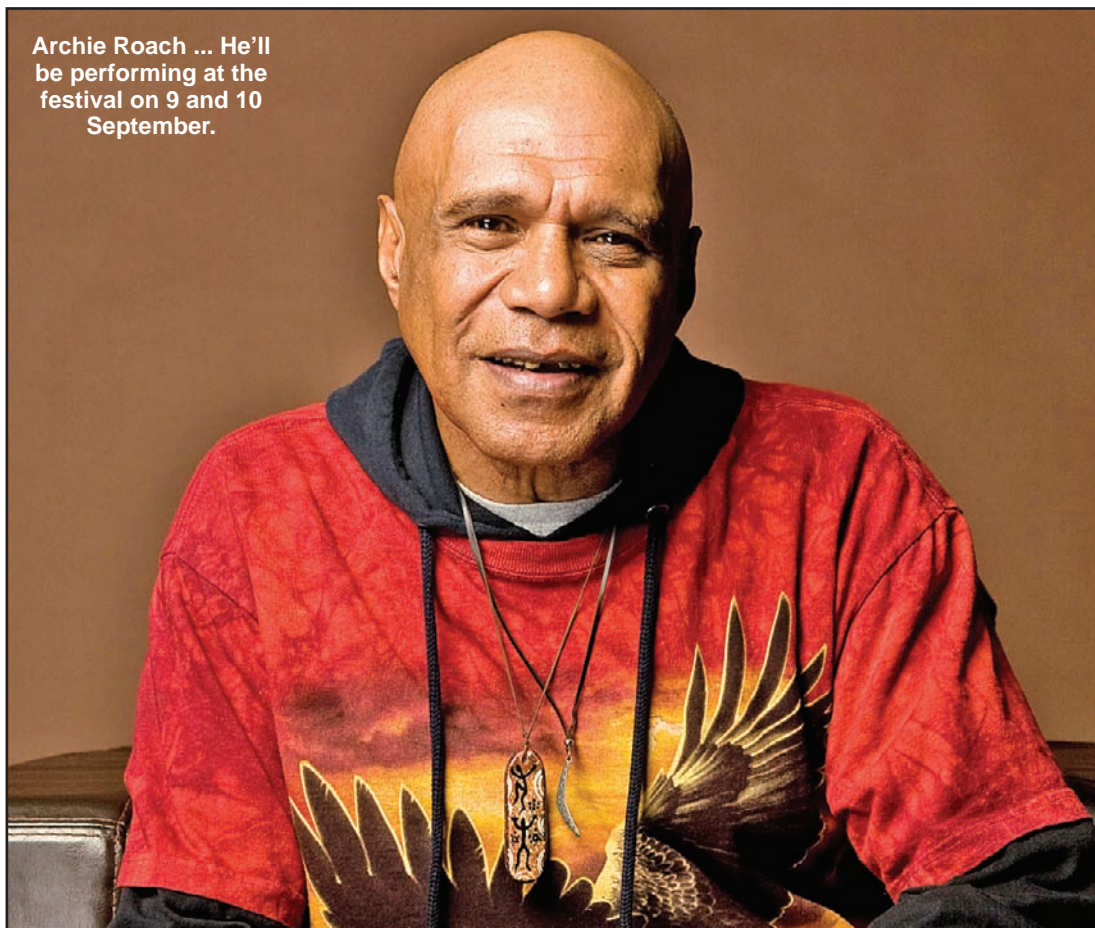
Until 1 October: The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Competition aims to give Indigenous people the opportunity to showcase their creative talent and express their idea about cannabis and its harmful impact on their communities. Details (02) 9385 0213 or visit www.ncpic.org.au

9 August: Celebrate Indigenous Diversity with Us, celebrating United Nations (UN) International Day of the World's Indigenous People with a performance program featuring spoken word and poetry from 1.30-2.30pm and a panel discussion from 6.30-7.30pm. Held at Museum of Contemporary Art, 140 George St, The Rocks, Sydney. Free entry and all welcome. Details: (02) 9245 2400 or visit mac.com.au

9-11 August: Mukurtu Workshop – mukurtu is a free and open source content management solution for Indigenous organisations to share, license and curate their digital heritage. Costs involved. Held at State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney. For library times and fees call (02) 9273 1414. Details: (02) 9358 1760 or to register email stevem@mgns.org.au

10 August: Bonalbo

Archie Roach ... He'll be performing at the festival on 9 and 10 September.



Roach to play at Brisbane Festival



ANYONE at the Brisbane Festival next month should keep their ears open for the powerful voice of Archie Roach and their eyes open for the play *Boundary Street*. Both will feature at the festival, which runs from 8-29 September.

Roach will be appearing at the *Courier Mail* Spiegel tent with two special shows on 9 and 10 September. He will be performing old favourites from his back catalogue while introducing audiences to many songs from his new album.

Then, from 12-15 September, the play *Boundary Street*, by the Black Swan Theatre Company, will be performed at the Powerhouse Theatre at the Brisbane Powerhouse.

Written by Reg Cribb and directed by Kate Cherry, with music composed and performed live by jazz star James Morrison, *Boundary Street* is based on real life events in Brisbane circa 1942.

The play follows the story of three African-American soldiers in Brisbane, at a time when the world was at war and racial tensions plagued the city.

The American soldiers had to abide by the same boundaries as Indigenous people, resulting in a series of jazz clubs springing up on these boundaries.

Set in West End, *Boundary Street* takes the audience to the hottest night club in town where 'respectable' Australian women are allured by African-American servicemen and their sizzling jazz music.

Important story

Brisbane Festival artistic director Noel Staunton said *Boundary Street* told an important story about the city's dark and relatively unknown past. "I urge all the people of Brisbane to get to this performance, as it chronicles a defining era for our city that many people do not know about," Mr Staunton said.

Following the performance on 13 September, director Kate Cherry and actor Kenneth Ransom will have a conversation about their work as part of the Festival Conversations program.

For more information visit the website www.brisbanefestival.com.au

Multicultural Day. A day of celebration including stalls, entertainment and more. Held at Bonalbo Town Oval, Bonalbo from 10am-2pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 6665 1205.

13 August: 2012 Blackfriars Lecture Series. A public lecture on Pathways to Leadership: Indigenous Inclusivity presented by Ken Wyatt MP. Free and all welcome. Held at Australian Catholic University, Canberra Campus, Room B10, 223 Antill St, Watson, ACT, from 6pm. Details Pam Floro on (02) 6209 1129

15 August: 2012 Central Coast Indigenous Jobs Market. Linking Indigenous communities

with education, training and jobs. Free and all welcome. Held at Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Dr, Tumby Tumby. Details available from Ashley Gordon on 0409 245 597 or email agconsultant@optusnet.com.au

15 August: Indigenous Talent Quest. If you are over 18 you can join the Parkes NAIDOC celebrations, including stalls. Free and all welcome. Held at Cooke Park, Parkes, from 10am. Details: Julie Webb on 0458 300 705.

15-29 August: Building Bridges 2012, featuring a series of talks. Held at The Jubilee Room, Parramatta Town Hall, Parramatta, from 7.30-9.30pm.

Entry free, but a donation appreciated. Details: Lyn on (02) 9639 8394 or Tom on (0425) 250 360. Dates and topics as follows.

15 August: Constitutional Recognition of ATSI people, Campaign for Referendum – Legal and Strategic considerations; 22 August: NT Intervention and Income Management. What works and doesn't in urban communities; 29 August: Closing the Gap and Electoral Participation. Growing Indigenous voices for information and culture

17 August: Wellington Memorial Golf Day. A, B and C grades, Women and Juniors, breakfast and lunch provided. Cost: \$40 adults. Held at the

Wellington Golf Club, Wellington from 7.30am. Details: Barry Smith on 0425 914 850 or Roy Ah See on 0407 465 048.

24 August-3 September: Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs. Round two community consultations with nine more community forums to be held in Batemans Bay, Newcastle, Kempsey, Lismore, Griffith, Tamworth, Dubbo, Cobar and Campbelltown. For dates, venues and times and to reply to the forums, call (02) 9219 0702 or email taskforce@dhs.nsw.gov.au or visit www.daa.nsw.au/taskforce

25 August: Fundraiser dinner for the Australian South Sea Islander community, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the 1992 Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission 'Call for Recognition'. The event includes dinner, live music, performances and guest speakers. Held at St Johns Hall, 132 St Johns Rd, Glebe, from 6pm. Cost: \$25 or \$200 for a table of 10. Details: Email Emelda Davis on assi.pj@gmail.com

2-6 September: The Uncle Johnny Mye Memorial Camp. Invitations are open to attend Mibbinbah's eighth national camp. Held at Mount Keira Scout Camp, Mount Keira Rd, Mount Keira. Costs involved. Must reply by 15 August. Details: (07) 5569 1837 or (07) 5569 1836 or email jack.bulma@mibbinbah.org or peter.coombes@mibbinbah.org or visit www.mibbinbah.org

3 September: The Yard. A total of 33 western Sydney teenagers performing tutting, krumping, shuffling, hip hop and more to convey life in a western Sydney schoolyard. Times: 1.30pm and 7.30pm. Cost involved. Held at NORPA, Lismore City Hall, 1 Bounty St, Lismore. Details: For ticket prices and bookings call 1300 066 772 or visit www.norpa.org.au

8-18 September: Women's Tribal Desert Tour. Contact Lois on 0405 654 280 or (02) 6680 2818. For further information, cost and itinerary visit the website www.aboriginalculturalconcepts.com

14 September: NAIDOC Ball. Dubbo Local AECG invites all to attend their NAIDOC Ball. This is a black tie, 18-plus event. Cost: \$50 a person. Held at the Dubbo RSL Club from 6.30-12.30. Details: Dina or Deb on (02) 6882 2529

15 September: Walgett Rugby League Knockout. Drug- and alcohol-free event offering \$10,000 prizemoney. Sixteen teams only. Closing date for nominations 9 September. Held at Walgett No 1 Oval, Walgett. Details: Matt Rose on 0403 595 453.

2-5 October: Annual Indigenous Youth Camp 2012. East Coast Christian Indigenous Network will host this camp, featuring beach games, leadership activities and a mini iron man challenge. For ages

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11-35. Cost \$130. A \$30 deposit must be paid by 31 August. Held at Jigamy Farm, Princess Hwy, Pambula. Details: Jenice or Joshua Manton on 0432 154 435 or 0411 801 519 or email ecciyn@hotmail.com

26-27 October: Koori Netball Tournament. Aboriginal communities are invited to take part. Three divisions available. Cost: \$250 a team. Held at Charlestown Netball Complex, Bula Street, Charlestown. Details: Donna Coady on (02) 4926 1633 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

Queensland

10 September: Waminda's Yarning Day. A chance to share dreams and build a future for the young ones, including entertainment, raffles, stalls and a sausage sizzle lunch. Cost \$5 a person. Reply by 27 August. Held at Centacare Waminda Respite Centre, 1415 Bribie Island Rd, Ningi from 10am-2pm. Details: (07) 5497 7270.

26-28 September: Tonkin's Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Conference. Hear from industry experts detailing their integration and training strategies and what the future holds for them and Indigenous employment. Held at Park Regis Hotel, Brisbane. Registration fees apply. Details: on (02) 9224 6060 or email eureka@tonkinincorporation.com

South Australia

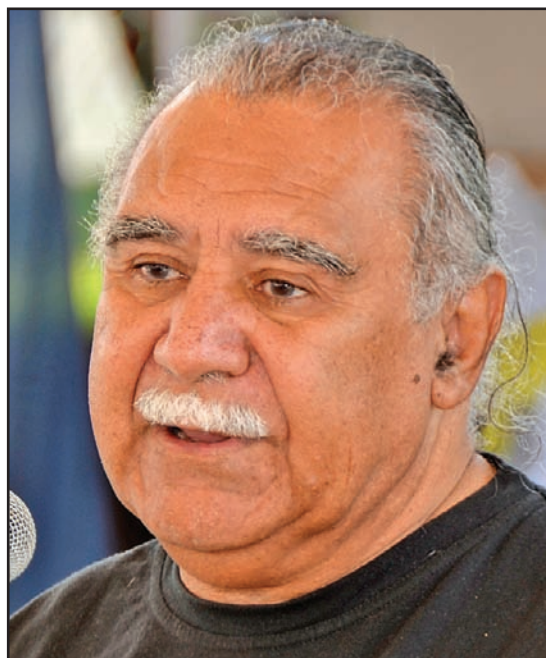
15-16 August: 2012 Aboriginal Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Workers Forum. A two-day forum aimed at improving knowledge and understanding of the impact that alcohol, tobacco and other drugs have on Aboriginal communities. Free event, two workers per organisation only for employees in the relevant services. Held at Novotel Barossa Valley, SA. Details: Greg Jackson on (08) 8274 3328 or email Greg.Jackson@health.sa.gov.au

Western Australia

Until 19 August: Aurum and Degustation exhibitions. Mundaring Arts Centre presents two exhibitions featuring work by established and emerging West Australian artists. Held at 7190 Great Eastern Highway, cnr Nichol Street, Mundaring. Free and all welcome. Details on (08) 9295 3991 or email info@mundaringartscentre.com or visit www.mundaringartcentre.com

20 August-14 September: Walkatjura Walkabout – Walking for Country. A one-month walk from Yeelirrie to Leonora. All people from all places are invited to walk to send a clear message that we want the environment here and our sacred places left alone.

Free and all welcome. Details: Laura on (0421) 816 846 or email walk4country@gmail.com or visit the website www.walkingforcountry.com



MICHAEL ANDERSON



ALEC DOOMADGEE

Dangerous ideas...



AT least two Indigenous voices will be heard at the fourth Festival of Dangerous Ideas, to be held at the Sydney Opera House from 28-30 September.

Sovereignty campaigner Michael Anderson will give a talk titled 'Who Owns Australia?', while Alec Doomadgee is on a panel discussing the assertion 'All Australians are Racist'.

Mr Anderson will argue that 21st century Australia was built on the premise that the British Government acquired title to the country more than 200 years ago.

He will tackle questions such as: 'What if it could be proved that Aboriginal people never lost sovereignty over Australia?' and 'If our governments had to negotiate to salvage their legitimacy, could they come to terms with this shift in the balance of power and forge a new understanding between black and white Australia?'

Media personality and associate producer of Indigenous programming at the Opera House

Alec Doomadgee will join journalist Joe Hildebrand and human rights activist Samah Hadid trying to answer the question 'Are we the tolerant and generous multicultural country of the fair go, or do we need to recognise our intrinsic racism in order to deal with it?'

Anderson and Doomadgee are among 40 speakers from around Australia and overseas taking part in the festival.

Other topics

Some of the other dangerous ideas being discussed include 'The Coming Civil War Between Young and Old', 'The Delusion of Free Will', 'All Women Hate Each Other', 'Israel is an Apartheid State', 'The Devil is Real', 'Genital Cutting is Normal', 'We are all Sexual Perverts', 'A Foetus is not a Person' and 'You are Being Greenwashed'.

Tickets for Festival of Dangerous Ideas 2012 are now on sale.

For information go to the website www.sydneysoperahouse.com/festivalofdangerousideas

Northern Territory

10-26 August: Manuwangu Under the Nuclear Cloud. This travelling exhibition of photos aims to debunk the idea that Muckaty is a suitable dump site in 'the middle of nowhere', and instead portrays daily life in a community. An official opening and a NT waste dump discussion will feature. Held at Christ Church Cathedral, Festival Park, 2 Smith St, Darwin. Free and all welcome. Details: For exhibition times contact (08) 89423 4222 or visit www.darwinfestival.org.au/2012-program/manuwangu-under-the-nuclear-cloud/

24 August - 2 September: Desert Harmony Festival. The festival has an array of touring productions and home-grown events including *Binjareb Pinjarra* play, musical *Our Bran Nue Dae*, a *Caravan Burlesque* performance, arts and crafts and more. Held at Tennant Creek, Northern Territory. Costs involved. Details: Kathy Burns on (08) 8962 2799 or email festivalmanager@barklyarts.com.au

3-7 October: PRIDoC 2012. The 6th Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors Congress. Costs involved. Held at Alice

Springs Convention Centre, 93 Barret Drive, Desert Springs. Details: 1800 190 498 or visit www.pridoc.org/register for a full program and online registration details.

Victoria

Until 17 August: Indigenous Student Scholarship. Melbourne Girls Grammar (MGGS) is offering full tuition and boarding fees to an Indigenous girl entering Year 9 as a boarder in 2013. Contact Sheryle Allan on (03) 9862 9200 or email Sheryle.Allan@mggs.vic.edu.au or visit www.mggs.vic.edu.au

Until 25 August: Yulyurlu Lorna Fencer Napurrurla Art exhibition. The exhibition traces her development as an artist during her 20 years of practice in the Lajamanu region and the desert art movement. Free and all welcome. Held at the RMIT Gallery, 344 Swanson St, Melbourne from 11am-5pm Mon-Fri and 12-5pm Sat. Details: (03) 9925 1717.

Until 24 August: Maribyrnong City Council Grants Program. An opportunity to receive a grant in five categories such as small grants, community development,

arts and culture, environmental sustainability and large project grant. Details: Catherine Dwyer on (03) 9688 0141 or visit www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

Until 24 August: 2012 Banksia Award. Entries are open for the Indigenous Caring For Country Award. The award recognises those delivering excellence in stewardship of the land, waterways, wildlife habitats, native flora and fauna through demonstrated Indigenous leadership, community involvement and benefit. Details: (03) 9684 4667 or visit www.banksiafdn.com

Until 29 August: As part of Victoria's Small Business Festival, the Indigenous Economic Development Unit is holding five workshop and seminars in Melbourne and regional Victoria. Free and all welcome. For bookings and venue details call (03) 9651 9966 or email ied@bdi.vic.gov.au

Until 31 August: Victoria's Small Business Festival. An annual small business festival comprising an extensive program of events in the form of seminars, workshops, forums, exhibitions, launches and conferences aimed

at providing the inspiration, ideas and information to start, run or build a business. Details: (03) 9651 9999 or 13 22 15 or email festival@business.vic.gov.au or visit www.business.vic.gov.au

8 August: Celebrating leading women in the West, and event to hear local music, meet inspirational women and identify new personal leadership opportunities. Held at Maribyrnong City Council, Footscray, from 5.30-8pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Jo Noesgaard on (03) 9688 0200 or email joanna.noesgaard@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

9 August: Brimbank Council is holding a consultation session to discuss its Reconciliation Action Plan at Victoria University convention centre conference rooms, 460 Ballarat Rd, Sunshine North from 1-4.30pm. Details: Contact Candice Feuerring on (03) 9249 4899 or email CandiceFbrimbank.vic.gov.au

11 August: Stop Aboriginal Deaths in Custody 2012 Winter Action. Held at old General Post Office, cnr Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, from at 11am. Free and all welcome. Details: Alison Thorne on (03) 9388 0062 or email alison.thorne@ozemail.com.au or visit www.isja-msg.com

16 August: Tackling Race-based Discrimination workshop to outline the law under which the Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission helps to resolve discrimination disputes. Held at the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, 273 High St, Preston, from 10am-12pm. Free and all welcome. Details on (03) 9032 3415

16 August: Public meeting titled 'Nuclear South Wales. Resisting O'Farrell's uranium push'. Held at Tom Mann Theatre, 136 Chalmers St, Surry Hills from 6-8pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Nat on 0429 900 774 or email natwasley@gmail.com or visit www.beyondnuclearinitiative

24-25 September: Darranggeeyt Festival of Tennis. A two-day festival for Indigenous children aged 10-18. It caters for all levels of experience from beginners to advanced, with clinics, coaching, talent assessment and a two-day tournament. Free entry. Held at Melbourne Park. Details: Lou Smarrelli on 0428 108 246 or Gail Ward on 0488 388 121 or visit www.darranggeeyt.com

14-15 November: Second Biennial Congress Lowitja 2012. The theme is 'Knowledge Exchange and Translation into Practice'. This is an interactive event bringing together end-users of health research, researchers and policy makers. Places for the event are limited and discounted earlybird registration (\$325) closes on 1 September. Full registration price is \$400, for a full-time student registration is \$250. Held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne. Details: Penelope Smith on (03) 8341 5505 or email events@lowitja.org.au

Margaret's smiles are all part of the service

By ALF WILSON



A HAPPY worker is a big asset for any business, and that is well and truly the case with Townsville-based Torres Strait

Islander Margaret Cedar.

The 20-year-old's sunny disposition has made her a hit with customers at a coffee shop in the Townsville city centre. Ms Cedar has been a hospitality trainee at Coffee Bene for the past year, impressing shop owner Daryl Sutton.

"Margaret is terrific," he said. "She started here with no experience in hospitality and has become an integral part of a small five-member team of workers here. There's no doubt that her smile is bringing more customers."

Mr Sutton said that Ms Cedar and her fellow Indigenous worker Edna Sariman did a wonderful job

and had been great for his business.

Miss Cedar said she enjoyed all of the duties, including making coffee and serving customers.

"We get a lot of Indigenous and non-Indigenous customers," she said.

"I just enjoy being happy and smile as much as I can."

Situated since May next to the North Queensland Cowboys League's Club and across from the upmarket Holiday Inn, Coffee Bene gets lots of out-of-town patrons as well as having a regular clientele.

"We get a lot of the same people in here all the time and I serve a lot of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Miss Cedar said. "I look forward to seeing them."

While Miss Cedar loves the job and her interaction with a wide variety of customers, she said she hoped to get up to Darnley Island in the Torres Strait the near future.



Margaret Cedar flashes her usual smile at Coffee Bene in Townsville, north Queensland.

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Based in Sydney and reporting to the Channel Manager, you will be responsible for generating advertising and sponsorship revenue for the Indigenous channel through identifying and developing new or additional revenue streams and establishing ongoing relationships with sponsorship partners. If you have an understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and are passionate about contributing to the sharing of the unique stories of Australia's first peoples with all Australians then you're what we're looking for.

Come and join us in making a difference for all Australians.

For more information and details about how to apply for this role, please visit our website **www.sbs.com.au/jobs**.

For further information about NITV, please visit the NITV website **www.nitv.org.au**.

We welcome and encourage applications for this position from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Applications must be submitted online by 5 pm on Friday, 24 August 2012.

Our story: NITV, as a part of SBS, brings new life to its vision of awakening and uniting through sharing and celebrating the unique experiences and imagination of Australia's first peoples.

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Link-Up (QLD) Aboriginal Corporation exists to enhance the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by reuniting those who have experienced separation from their families and communities through adoption, fostering, removal and institutionalisation.

Business Development Manager

The Position: Developing strategic plans in the areas that grow Link-Up Qld services such as building strategy, philanthropic resource capability, and a registered training organisation. Management of staff development and staff performance in the business services unit. Delivery of reporting to funding bodies. Development of strong relationships with key stakeholders and developing MOUs with appropriate key organisations.

Multi Media and Promotions Manager

Multimedia focus- Developing strategic plans that increase the profile of Link-Up Qld services. Management of staff development and staff performance in the Multimedia unit. Delivery of reporting to Chief Executive Officer, funding bodies and Board on Multimedia developments. Building strong relationships with key stakeholders and developing MOUs with appropriate key organisations.

Arts Expression and Events focus - Developing strategic plans in partnership with key stakeholders to promote Link-Up (Qld) signature events that bring Stolen Generation people together to celebrate identity and sense of place. Working collaboratively to create an "Indigenous arts expression" that engages our clients and community in innovative and sustainable healing programs. Developing and protecting Indigenous Intellectual property through Link-Up (Qlds) Arts Initiatives.

To apply: Position descriptions can be accessed via the website www.link-upqld.org/employment
All applicants must address the Selection Criteria and provide a CV by
5.00pm Friday, 17 August 2012.

Email your applications to: ea@qld.link-up.org.au or post to: PO Box 3229 South Brisbane Q 4101

If you have any queries please call Sheryl Sandy
(07) 3034 8444 or FREECALL 1800 200 855.

Link-Up (QLD) is committed to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity. *We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with disabilities to apply for the position.*

Counsellor /Project Officer (Townsville)

The Position: Link-Up Counsellors work in a team with Caseworkers and Research Officers to facilitate reunification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults with their families and communities. A key focus of the Counsellor role involves providing support around the issues of grief, loss and trauma resulting from removal and assisting clients to prepare for and participate in family reunions.

The Townsville position is new and will be responsible for establishing key networks and referral relationships with Palm Island and Townsville support agencies and clients.

The position also has a focus on researching and developing service capacity in Cape York and Torres Strait to meet the social and emotional wellbeing needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Person must be able to travel regularly intrastate and to remote locations.

Currently a temporary role to 30 June 2013. Contract renewal will be dependent on further funding. Competitive salary and benefits offered to the right candidate including salary \$54,907-\$66,043 plus salary packaging, superannuation and above award leave provisions.

To apply: Position descriptions can be accessed via the website www.link-upqld.org/employment
All applicants must address the Selection Criteria and provide a CV by
5.00pm Wednesday, 15 August 2012.

Interviews with shortlisted applicants will be held in **Townsville on Monday 20th August.**
Interviews on a date to be arranged may also be held in Brisbane.

Email your applications to: ea@qld.link-up.org.au or post to: PO Box 3229 South Brisbane Q 4101

If you have any queries please call Shirley Watters on
(07) 3034 8444 or FREECALL 1800 200 855.

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MID LACHLAN ABORIGINAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE LTD

PROPERTY / HOUSING OFFICER

(located in Parkes)

REPORTS TO: HOUSING MANAGER
NORMAL WORK HOURS: 35 PER WEEK
ANNUAL SALARY: \$52,000

Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing Management Cooperative Ltd (MLAHMC) currently manages approximately 300 social housing properties and is growing.

The Property / Housing Officer will be required to contribute to the provision of quality services under the supervision of the Housing Manager. This necessitates professional standards of dress and professionalism in dealings with clients, staff and other persons.

While previous property/tenancy management will provide an advantage; the successful applicant will be able to demonstrate an aptitude amenable to social housing management.

Reasonable computer skills are required as is a willingness to learn programs as required.

Applicants should be willing to learn within the social housing environment; including undertaking of and successful completion of Certificate IV in social housing.

Please contact MLAHMC on 02 68624066 or email richelle.bryden@mlahmc.org.au for a position description and job application.

Applications will close on 31 August 2012 at 5:00 pm.

Note: The successful applicant must be willing and able to undertake overnight and at times several days travel.



Allied Health and Community Services Project Officer

- 0.5 Part time position
- Dandenong Based, servicing Melbourne's South East Suburbs
- Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply

South East Local Learning and Employment Network (SELLEN) is looking for a high functioning, part time Project Officer to develop networks and relationships with Allied Health and Community Services employers and education and training providers to promote employment and career opportunities within the sector to Aboriginal young people and vulnerable youth cohorts.

The ideal candidate will come from an education and/or Allied Health and Community Services background and have experience in working with multiple stakeholders including local Aboriginal communities and agencies as well as experience in project development.

You will be able to identify opportunities for young people to experience working within the Allied Health and Community Services sector.

Applicants must be prepared to undertake a Working With Children Check and possess a current driver's licence. All applications must address the key selection criteria.

For more information, selection criteria and a position description go to www.sellen.org.au

Applications, together with a cover letter should be directed to Andrew Simmons care of asimmons@sellen.org.au

Applications close 5:00pm, Friday, August 17th.

Nimbin Health & Welfare Association Inc auspicing Nimbin Aged Care & Respite Services

Aboriginal Support Worker

(Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)
Part time position 15 hours per week
SACS Level 3

Purpose of Position: The Aboriginal Support Worker will work as part of the Nimbin Aged Care and Respite Services (NACRS) team, with the support of the Nimbin Health & Welfare Assoc. Inc (NH&W) management committee, to continue the work of developing and supporting the delivery of services to older aboriginal people, people with disabilities and their carers in the Nimbin area.

Essential Job Requirements

- Aboriginality
- Experience of working in and with community members
- Demonstrated oral, written and computer skills
- Experience in developing and delivering activities programs
- Demonstrated ability working as part of a team
- Ability to work independently as required
- Current Drivers Licence

Closing date: Friday 24th August 2012

Download the information package including selection criteria at:
www.nimbincommunity.org.au

For further enquiries phone Rose: 02 6689 1709

PO Box 20567 Nimbin NSW 2480

ABN: 18 327 592 990

Phone: (02) 6689 1709 Fax: (02) 6689 0111

Email: rose@nimbinagedcare.org



**NGUNYA JARJUM
ABORIGINAL CHILD AND
FAMILY NETWORK INC.**

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service in NSW to be accredited for 5 years by the Office of the Children's Guardian. We are able to offer exciting career opportunities to anyone with the skills and dedication to join our case management team. We are a dynamic service in the process of significantly increasing our capacity to enable us to provide additional care placements for our children, families and communities. Ngunya Jarjum is seeking to employ the following Aboriginal worker for our Out-of-Home Care program.

Position Available:

ATSI Caseworker

**full time permanent position,
Office Location: LISMORE**

Salaries: A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Contact: Lenore Marlowe – General Manager, phone 02 66 263 700

Information Packages: Information Packages for this position must be obtained prior to completion of the application and are available on request by phoning our Office on 02 66 263700.

A "Working with Children Check" is a requirement of this position

Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore, NSW 2480

Closing Date: Friday, 24th August 2012

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Indigenous Engagement Officer (Cadetships)

- **Chance to make a difference for our Indigenous students**
- **Work in a dynamic team environment on beautiful North Ryde campus**
- **Flexible part-time role**

The Equity and Diversity team at Macquarie University is seeking an enthusiastic and experienced Indigenous administrator who is energized by working with people, to be our new Indigenous Engagement Officer (Cadetships). The successful candidate will have excellent communication and organisational skills and will be able to inspire and strengthen the Cadetship Program under our exciting Patyegarang Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advancement Strategy. They will build strong relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff and students across the university to increase employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians and build understanding across diverse cultures.

Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification pursuant to Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977).

Appointment Type: Part-time permanent position, 21 hours per week

Enquiries: Anna King on (02) 9850 9703 or Anna.King@mq.edu.au

Package: From \$66,487 to \$73,390 p.a., plus 17% employer's superannuation and annual leave loading

Applications Close: Sunday, 26 August 2012 at 10:59pm

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Aboriginal Access Officer

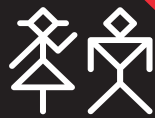
(28 hours pw SCHADS L5)

Illawarra Forum Inc. is the peak body working for community services and organisations in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. We are currently looking for a dedicated and passionate person with a commitment to social justice to work within our HACC development team.

The successful candidate will work with service provider networks and local Aboriginal communities you will identify and address service gaps in the region.

For an information package visit www.illawarraforum.org.au or call Access Business and Recruitment Solutions on 02 4286 5600 or email enquiry@accessbrs.com.au

Applications Close: Monday 13th August 2012 @ 12.00pm.



Wodonga Council is an organisation which offers a family-friendly working environment.

Aboriginal employment facilitator

- Full-time (limited two-year tenure)
- Band six (\$62,362 to \$67,664 per annum)

Wodonga Council has a vacancy for an experienced employment facilitator to work with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in securing positive employment outcomes. To be successful in this role you will have a proven history in achieving employment outcomes and creating lasting relationships with business and service providers. Your passion for working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community will be a vital asset. If you have these attributes, the council would like to hear from you.

Please note: To be eligible for this position you must be an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Applications close at noon on Friday, August 17, 2012.

You must obtain an information package before applying for this position and address the key selection criteria, by either:

- calling in at Wodonga Council's customer service desk;
- phoning customer service on (02) 6022 9300; or
- visiting wodonga.vic.gov.au

This is an exempt position under section 124 of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 and section 12 (1) of the EO Act.

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CIRCUS OZ CHIEF OPERATING FINANCIAL OFFICER

Circus Oz, one of the world's first full-scale contemporary circuses, is seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated individual to be Chief Operating Financial Officer.

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To download the job description go to:
<http://www.circusoz.com/jobs>

Closing date: Friday 17 August 2012



Bunjilwarra Support Workers

Employer: Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative Ltd

Work Type/s: Full Time Position(s)

Location: Hastings, Mornington Peninsula

Job posted on: 1 August 2012

Applications close: 24 August 2012

Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative Limited is a Quality Accredited Aboriginal community based organisation that has been providing residential and outreach programs to the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community in Victoria since 1975.

In November 2011 Ngwala opened Bunjilwarra - a residential healing service for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander young people who are experiencing alcohol and/or drug related problems. Bunjilwarra is a unique 12 bed, \$5 million dollar purpose built facility located on 5 acres of bush land in Hastings on the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria.

The role of a Bunjilwarra Support Worker is to provide a range of case management support services and activities within a residential healing centre for Aboriginal young people.

The purpose of the Bunjilwarra Support Worker role is to provide a safe and culturally appropriate environment for clients of the service and support a range of case management & program activities to help clients realise their goals in a positive and healing environment.

The position is full time @ 76 hours per fortnight with rostered duties over 24 hours, seven days per week. In this context the position is required to work a rotating roster that also involves some weekends, nightshift and public holidays. Availability for after hours work and overnight intrastate travel, may be required from time to time. Appropriate penalty rates and allowances will apply.

This position qualifies for Salary Sacrifice consideration.

Full position descriptions are available from reception@ngwala.org.au or by contacting Ngwala on (03) 9510 3233.

Requests for further information regarding this position(s) can be directed to Bea Edwards, Manager Bunjilwarra on 5979 8272.

How to apply for this job

Applicants will need to address the mandatory requirements and key selection criteria of the position description and all positions will be subject to a Police and a Working With Children Check.

Applications must be marked Private & Confidential and addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative Ltd
93 Wellington Street, St Kilda, VIC 3182

Applications Close at 5.00pm on Friday 24th August 2012

Late applications will not be accepted

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

National Coordinator Justice and Mental Health Programs



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We have a fantastic opportunity for an experienced coordinator to contribute to a more socially inclusive Australian society by leading the delivery of our programs.

You will have a strong focus and experience in mental health, justice, social inclusion programs and initiatives, in particular those which focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

For further information, please visit our careers page at

redcross.org.au

For enquiries, please contact Ian Coverdale on (03) 8327 7862.

Applications close 5pm Friday 24 August.



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Job No: 0029666

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All enquiries to Professor Andrew Kenyon, Deputy Dean, at law-hr@unimelb.edu.au, tel. +61 3 8344 1117. Applications (consisting of a curriculum vitae and a cover letter addressing the selection criteria) must be submitted online at www.jobs.unimelb.edu.au (search by job number 0029666).

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CAMPBELL WESTON PERRY SCHOLARSHIP

A PhD SCHOLARSHIP FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

The University of Sydney and the Australian Human Rights Commission work together on reforming and encouraging the promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' human rights and freedoms, through culturally competent, excellent and inclusive higher education, ethical and effective research and stronger community engagement.

A full-time PhD scholarship to commence in 2013 semester one is available for a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander for a research project that focuses on lateral violence in Aboriginal communities.

Lateral violence is:

The organised, harmful behaviours that we do to each other collectively as part of an oppressed group; within our families, within our organisations and within our communities. Lateral violence is the expression of rage and anger, fear and terror that can only be safely vented upon those closest to us when we are being oppressed.

The scholarship provides a tax-exempt stipend at \$30,000 p.a. for three years with a possible extension of six months. Up to \$20,000 will also be available for materials and travel costs to facilitate the research and community consultation phases of the project.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact either of the people listed below before 31 October 2012.

You should outline the relevant experience you have in previous studies that speak to your capacity to undertake this exciting opportunity. Suitable candidates will be contacted in November 2012 to lodge a formal application.

The University of Sydney considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Commissioner Mick Gooda, Australian Human Rights Commission on (02) 9284 9611.
Professor Shane Houston, the University of Sydney on (02) 9036 6181.

For more information please visit sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - ABORIGINAL

- Campbelltown Performing Arts High School - 02 4625 1403
- Wilcannia Central School - 08 8091 5801

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

- Wilcannia Central School - 08 8091 5801

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 24 August 2012**.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Operations Manager, Aboriginal

Life Without Barriers is a not-for-profit organisation operating throughout Australia and New Zealand. Our innovative care and support services deliver meaningful outcomes for children, young people, families and communities, promoting rights and valuing relationships.



There is currently a position available as Operations Manager, Aboriginal of the Sydney based Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander team, located at our Rockdale office. Reporting to the Area Operation Manager, Sydney this position will be responsible for:

- Developing and maintaining local operational and administrative systems and procedures to support the effective management of Aboriginal programs.
- The management of programs, budgets, human resources and stakeholder relationships within the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander team.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated understanding of the needs of Aboriginal people and communities, a commitment to the care and protection of Aboriginal service users and extensive experience in team leadership and management.

Life Without Barriers is a progressive, growing organisation offering ongoing training, support and career advancement opportunities as well as tax benefits through salary packaging.

Life Without Barriers considers that being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

For enquiries regarding this position, please contact Tim Benney on (02) 9508 4130 or email nsw.recruitment@lwb.org.au. All applicants MUST address the selection criteria in the information pack found at www.lwb.org.au.

Applications close Friday, 24 August 2012.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks. LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for this position.

www.lwb.org.au

Case Manager, Aboriginal

Life Without Barriers is a not-for-profit organisation operating throughout Australia and New Zealand. Our innovative care and support services deliver meaningful outcomes for children, young people, families and communities, promoting rights and valuing relationships.



LWB is currently recruiting several permanent full time Case Manager, Aboriginal based in Rockdale.

In order to be considered for this position you will have an understanding of the issues facing foster carers & young people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage in out of home care and of contemporary approaches to challenging behaviours. The position will develop and maintain supportive relationships with children and young people in Out-of-Home Care, to promote positive outcomes as well as sharing information with Aboriginal service providers, health and educational professionals. Tertiary Qualification in Human Services and exceptional verbal & written communication skills will be highly regarded for this position.

The successful applicant must be identified as a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent and have a current drivers licence. LWB considers that being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

An attractive remuneration package exists that includes; salary sacrifice a fully maintained motor vehicle with private use and a mobile phone. All applications must address the selection criteria which is available in the application package. To download an application package, please visit our website at www.lwb.org.au. Applications to be forwarded to nsw.recruitment@lwb.org.au.

For enquiries, contact **Tim Benney on (02) 9508 4130**.

Applications close Friday, 7 September 2012.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks. LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for this position.

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Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Inc. – Corporation funded by the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department

Thiyama-li is a non-government organization, which provides legal services, support and education to victims of family/domestic violence and sexual assault.

Community Development Officer

Bourke Unit

Position: Permanent / Full time

The service wishes to employ a permanent/full time Indigenous Community Development Officer within our Bourke Unit. Applicants are required to be highly motivated with a creative flair in developing and delivering community development activities and educational projects. Applicants must have some experience or formal qualifications in the field of Community Development.

Administration Officer

Walgett Unit

Position: Permanent –Part time

The service wishes to employ a full time Administration Officer. Applicants are required to be highly motivated with confidence in providing administrative support, and undertake a wide range of clerical duties to support the functions and activities of Thiyama-li Family Violence Service. Applicants must have some experience or formal qualifications in the field of Administration/Reception work.

Court Support Officer

Walgett Unit

Position: Permanent / Full time

The service wishes to employ a permanent/full time Indigenous Court Support Officer within our Walgett Unit. Applicants must have some experience or formal qualifications in the field of Community Development.

For an information kit containing a complete job description and selection criteria please contact:

Noeline Carr
Chief Executive Officer
Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Inc.
PO Box 928
Moree NSW 2400

Applications must be received by close of business **Friday 10 August 2012**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1997.



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Project Officer – Respecting the Difference (HSM Level 2)

Ref: 92654 Temp F/T at Liverpool Hospital

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Enq: Shayne Small

Ph: 4634 4978

Closing Date: 24 August 2012

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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 enthusiastic and committed people to fill the following positions:

- Therapeutic Care Worker
- Therapeutic Care Healing Specialist (3 positions)
- Residential Care – Education Support Worker (Part Time)
- Residential Care - Casual Therapeutic Care Workers
- Program Manager – Youth & Family Violence (Morwell)

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Brenda Young on 03 8388 1855 or by email brenday@vacca.org

Applications close: Friday 17th August 2012



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Program Manager, Aboriginal

Life Without Barriers is a not-for-profit organisation operating throughout Australia and New Zealand. Our innovative care and support services deliver meaningful outcomes for children, young people, families and communities, promoting rights and valuing relationships.



LWB is currently recruiting several permanent full time Program Manager, Aboriginal based in Rockdale.

The position will provide cultural advice to all programs in line with our Reconciliation agenda and assist LWB to deliver services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that are responsive to their needs, respectful of their rights, are culturally appropriate and achieve quality outcomes.

Tertiary Qualifications in Human Services are essential for this position.

The successful applicant must be identified as a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and have a current drivers licence. LWB considers that being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

An attractive remuneration package exists that includes; salary sacrifice a fully maintained motor vehicle with private use and a mobile phone. All applications must address the selection criteria which is available in the application package. To download an application package, please visit our website at www.lwb.org.au. Applications to be forwarded to nsw.recruitment@lwb.org.au.

For enquiries, contact **Tim Benney on (02) 9508 4130**.

Applications close Friday, 7 September 2012.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks. LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for this position.

www.lwb.org.au

Supporter of Carers, Aboriginal

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LWB is currently recruiting several permanent full time Supporter of Carers, Aboriginal based in Rockdale.

In order to be considered for this position you will have an understanding of the issues facing foster carers & young people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage in out of home care and of contemporary approaches to challenging behaviours. The position will provide support and supervision to both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal foster carers and assist case planning for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Tertiary Qualifications in Human Services and exceptional verbal & written communication skills will be highly regarded for this position.

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kware@verto.org.au | 0458 223 508



Senior Indigenous Employment Officer (Aboriginal designated position)

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The ideal candidate will have Knowledge, Understanding & Appreciation of Indigenous Culture, knowledge of Govt indigenous programs & current NSW Drivers licence.

You will be working with the management team, coordinators & staff to assist & promote indigenous programs & mentoring Indigenous apprentices & trainees.

This role includes an attractive remuneration package including 10.5% super and 9 day fortnight.

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Careers@novaskill.com.au

Applications Close: Friday 17th August 2012

NovaSkill is an EEO Employer

This position will require a Working with Children & AFP Check

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and claims exemption under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Successful applicants will be required to demonstrate proof of aboriginality

DIRECTOR (INDIGENOUS EDUCATION)

Academic Services Division Continuing Appointment

As Director (Indigenous Education) you will oversee the achievement of UOW strategic goals in: promoting access, recruitment and support for Indigenous students at UOW; building community relations and partnerships; and supporting the growth of Indigenous employment.

The Woolyungah Indigenous Centre (WIC) is the University Centre of Learning and Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (ATSI). WIC provides advice and support in all areas relating to students progress and success, ensuring improved outcomes by providing high quality academic support and advice.

We are seeking to recruit a dynamic and experienced individual to take a leadership role in these areas. The successful candidate will be highly motivated

with strong evidence of independent problem solving and decision making abilities. Aboriginality is essential for this position. Pursuant to Section (14) d of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, Aboriginality is considered to be an essential requirement for the performance of duties for this position.

Visit employment.uow.edu.au for a full position description with Selection Criteria. You must address the Selection Criteria as part of your application.

Contact: Professor John Bern on (02) 4221 4245

Applications Close: 26 August 2012

Reference No: 24332

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Ph: (03) 8388 1855

Email: angeliqued@vacca.org

Website: www.vacca.org



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The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family services.

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Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

Senior Program & Policy Advisor

- VPS Grade 5 (salary range: \$78,909 - \$95,472)
- Ongoing, full-time
- Location: Melbourne CBD

This position offers an excellent opportunity for a dedicated person to work within the department to contribute to improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. The position will work with a number of funded sites to increase support for Aboriginal children and families and increase school readiness for Aboriginal children. The position will work closely with Departmental regions to support staff to ensure that policies and programs are delivered and that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families are encouraged to participate in early years services.

For a full position description and key selection criteria, please visit

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and enter NEW548 in the job search reference field.

For a private discussion or additional information, contact Sonia Harvey on (03) 9651-3354.

Applications will close August 14, 2012.

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Ref 12221 This appointment will initially lead the strategic research development of the Centre for the next five years. The Centre aims to be recognised as a premier research and research training centre and the successful candidate will lead the Centre in this objective through the delivery of high impact and high quality research for and in conjunction with Indigenous communities and Communities of Practice. The incumbent will also be actively involved in teaching at both postgraduate and undergraduate level.

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Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services
NSW Office of Water

Aboriginal Community Water Facilitator (Identified Aboriginal Positions) - (Aboriginal Water Initiative) – (4 x Positions)

Clerk Grade 6
Temporary Full-Time

2 positions in Northern NSW: Alstonville/Kempsey, Dubbo/Armidale/Tamworth
2 positions in Southern NSW: Bega/Queanbeyan, Wagga Wagga/Albury/Deniliquin

Job Reference No: 000015JL
Total remuneration package valued up to \$87,961 pa
(includes salary \$77,441 pa - \$79,711 pa).

The positions are initially for three years with the possibility of one year extension. Please indicate your preference of location you wish to be considered for. Decision on the location will be based on the order of merit.

Principal Function:

These positions are responsible for facilitating engagement and consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders to assist, explain and coordinate input into water sharing arrangements and licensing activities. The position holders will participate as part of a multi disciplinary remotely based team within the Aboriginal Water Initiative Team. The position holders will develop and maintain communication networks with Aboriginal communities, relevant internal staff, and Aboriginal support staff in other natural resource management agencies.

Selection Criteria: (You must address each selection criteria in your application)

- Aboriginality, with knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal Cultural issues.
- Demonstrated networking skills and ability to build and maintain effective networks and relationships with Aboriginal peers and relevant stakeholders.
- Ability to acquire knowledge of water resource management issues and the State and Commonwealth Government's water reform agendas.
- Ability to plan and organise meetings, and report on those meetings by means of meeting reports/minutes.
- Good oral and written communication skills including basic computer skills.
- Ability to work well in a team environment working with and remotely from, other team members.
- NSW Motor Vehicle Licence with willingness to travel to undertake work requirements.

Inquiries Name: Bradley Moggridge

Inquiries Phone: (02) 6229 7345 or mobile: 0417 252 667

How to apply: Applications via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au quote reference number 000015JL

Closing Date: 2 September 2012

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The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association Ltd
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Project Officer Careers Development Program

37.5 hours per week
Salary Range \$75,682 to \$81,682

Plus Statutory Superannuation & Salary Sacrificing arrangements

AIDA is seeking a motivated person with highly developed skills in working with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, to join our team for 12 months to implement the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Careers Development Program. The Careers Development Program – Project Officer role will be to design, develop and coordinate a one week program in Canberra for 30 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students (years 10-12) from around Australia in January 2013; mentoring and evaluation is also part of the program.

The objectives of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Careers Development Program are:

- To build the aspirations and capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander senior high school students to remain in the academic pipeline and pursue a career in health;
- To increase awareness of relevant pathways into the health workforce; and
- To build strong and sustainable networks.

This position is located at the AIDA Secretariat located in Old Parliament House, ACT.

The position is available for a period of 12 months. Parking is available.

Please contact Mr Bernie Pearce, Policy and Programs Manager (02 62735013 or via email bernie@aida.org.au) in the first instance to obtain a copy of the Selection Criteria, or visit www.aida.org.au

Applications should address the selection criteria in full and forward to:

Mr Romlie Mokak
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association
P.O. Box 3497 MANUKA A.C.T. 2603
Or via email to romlie@aida.org.au

Closing date for applications: COB 13th August 2012

As an Indigenous organisation we strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to consider joining our team

POSITION VACANT

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST SUBSTANCE MISUSE

Full Time



About the Organisation: Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney is a vibrant non-government community controlled health organisation that offers high quality, culturally appropriate, efficient and effective primary health care and related services to the Aboriginal community in Mount Druitt and surrounding suburbs within the Deebubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council area.

About the Opportunity: The clinical nurse specialist will be part of a newly established team that aims to provide evidence based health care for clients with dual diagnoses of substance misuse and mental health issues on site at AMSWS. We are seeking to employ an experienced full time Registered Nurse who has an interest in working as part of this team to provide assessment and clinical care to the Aboriginal people of Western Sydney. This person will be community minded, possess strong communication skills and is a team player and will work closely with general practitioners and Aboriginal Health Workers in the provision of assessment, brief intervention work and case management of clients.

Position Overview: The Clinical Nurse Specialist will be responsible for the day to day assessment & case management of clients attending this programme. She/he will work closely with the medical team to provide appropriate evidence based nursing management and counselling. She/he will liaise with & refer to relevant substance misuse, mental health & child and family treatment services that are located internally within AMSWS and based in the community. She/he will assist medical staff with administrative duties pertaining to replacement and substitution pharmacotherapy's and keeps accurate records of care plans and case management and nursing programme activities. She/he will work with the team to produce health promotion programs and engage in team-training of other staff.

Essential:

1. Current AHPRA Nurses Registration
2. Clinical Nursing Experience in Addiction Medicine and understanding and commitment to harm minimisation policies
3. An understanding of the importance of combining assessment and treatments for both mental health and addiction issues in clients with dual diagnoses, and commitment to participation in treatment plan development for such clients.
4. An understanding and commitment to working within the framework of an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service.
5. The demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a multi skilled team.
6. Able to demonstrate well developed communication skills and computer literacy.

Desirable:

1. Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal heritage, culture and of health issues impacting on Aboriginal communities.
2. Experience working in an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service or with Aboriginal clients.

Important: Applicants should obtain an information package and must address the Essential and Desirable criteria on application.

Relevant criminal checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment or appointment.

Information Packages: contact Jean Blair
Phone: 02 9832 1356 • Email: Jean@amsws.org.au

Position Enquiries contact:

GP Team Leader Dr Jenny James Deputy C.E.O Ms. Joanne Delaney
Email: jennyja@amsws.org.au Email: Joanne@amsws.org.au
Phone: 02 9832 1356 or Phone: 02 9832 1356

Applications close: Friday 24th August 2012

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Registered Nurse

Merriwa Multi-Purpose Service

Enquiries: Margaret Smith 0429 988 694

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 126 of the *Anti Discrimination Act*
Reference ID: 93156

Closing Date: 22 August 2012

2nd/3rd Year Graduate Community Nurse

Eastlakes Community Health Centre Community Nursing

Enquiries: Karin Sams 4944 5300

Reference ID: 92434

Closing Date: 26 August 2012

Registered Nurse - 48 hr F/U Aboriginal Identified

Adamstown

Enquiries: Susan Brownlowe 4924 2541

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal Descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14D of the *Anti Discrimination Act*
Reference ID: 88979

Closing Date: 26 August 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.

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Gambling Diversion Officer Remote Area - Bidadanga, WA

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Bidadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Inc is seeking a dedicated **Gambling Diversion Officer** to join the team at Bidadanga, on WA's Kimberley Coast. You will be responsible for engaging with members of the community, and creating new programs to address the specific gambling-related issues on display within Bidadanga. **Attractive salary circa \$80,000** plus super, fully maintained vehicle, laptop & mobile phone, remote allowance, return airfares, accommodation & more!

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join our team

Faculty Indigenous Outreach and Support Coordinator

Macquarie University has an exciting opportunity to join us as a Faculty Indigenous Outreach and Support Coordinator. In this role you will be responsible for developing and strengthening the Indigenous outreach activities for the faculties you support. You will also develop relationships and links with High Schools to raise interest in Higher Education within their Indigenous Students to attend the University.

As the Faculty Indigenous Outreach and Support Coordinator you will also be working with Indigenous Students currently enrolled in the University and act as a liaison between the students and the faculty. The Indigenous Outreach faculty positions will be part of the Social Inclusion Team and undertake work in two faculties but be located within the Warawara Department of Indigenous Studies.

This position is aimed at improving Indigenous opportunities and applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification pursuant to Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977).

Appointment Type: Full Time, Fixed Term, 24 Months

Enquiries: Gail Whiteford on (02) 9850 4795 or gail.whiteford@mq.edu.au

Package: Base salary from \$82,221 to \$91,488 pa. plus 17% employers superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applications Close: Sunday 26 August 2012, 10:59pm

This position will require a Criminal History Check.

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Macquarie University is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to diversity and social inclusion. Applications need to be submitted via the Macquarie University Online Recruitment System. If you require assistance lodging an online application please contact Gail Whiteford on 9850 4795.

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The Senior Policy Officer will help build our capacity through analysing policy issues; drafting policy position papers; undertaking research; implementing advocacy; engaging with our Members and partners; and providing advice to the Executive and Board.

The Policy Officer will work on research, policy development, liaison with advisory groups, writing submissions and papers.

We are seeking team players who thrive in a hard-working, supportive environment. Substantial experience in policy analysis, research, writing and project management is essential.

* Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

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EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Aboriginal Home Care Trainee positions – 20 Part-Time positions available

The Agency is currently recruiting Aboriginal people for the Aboriginal Home Care Trainee program to commence in October 2012

The program will offer:

- 12 months Temporary Part-Time employment at \$19.25 per hour
- On-the-job training
- Certificate III in Home and Community Care
- Aboriginal cultural mentor support
- Cultural camp and career development workshop
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- Satisfying work looking after Aboriginal people in need

Positions will be located in the following Aboriginal Home Care Branches:

- Bundjalung Branch – Coffs Harbour
- Wangary Branch – Penrith
- Alleena Branch – Alexandria
- Ngangana Branch – Dubbo
- Weja Branch – Nowra
- Wiradjuri Branch – Wagga, Leeton, Narrandera & Dareton
- Thul-Gan-Gar Branch – Armidale
- Daramulan Branch – Gosford

How to apply

You must read the job information pack and complete the application form. You can obtain an information package or further information by contacting the Aboriginal Service Development & Delivery Unit on 1800 192 728 or email aecf@facns.nsw.gov.au or you can apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Reference No: 000014X1

Application closing date: 24 August 2012

Job notes: The positions are Temporary Part-Time for 12 months.



"It's great to know that what you do for a living, helps to provide a better quality of life to the people in your community" Damien Fletcher, former Aboriginal Home Care Trainee



Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Recruitment to these positions is targeted to the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is authorised by the Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Family and Community Services, NSW EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

These positions are partially funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP).

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Lecturer (Indigenous Curriculum Content)

Learning and Teaching Support (Toowoomba)

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ACT Corrective Services

Alexander Maconochie Centre

Manager

Throughcare Unit, Senior Officer Grade B

Salary Range: \$106,086 - \$119,426
PN: 30868

Duties: Contribute to ACT Corrective Services achieving its goals through encouraging and promoting the rehabilitation, reintegration and throughcare of offenders. The position occupant will manage the strategic direction and implementation of the ACT Government Throughcare Initiative to support ex-detainees from the Alexander Maconochie Centre (ACT Prison) returning to the ACT Community for up to 12 months post release. The primary function of the Throughcare Initiative is to reduce the likelihood of reoffending through coordinating existing community based supports and services to assist ex-detainees to integrate into the community as positive contributors. Brokerage funding will be available to support individuals participating in this initiative. The position occupant will be expected to demonstrate strong management and leadership capability, the ability to think strategically in a busy operational environment and possess excellent interpersonal, organisational and communication skills necessary to build culturally appropriate rapport with a diverse range of individual clients and their families, and communities of relevance.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Experience in liaison and negotiation with the public and private sector is essential. Demonstrated experience and/or willingness to work with offenders and detainees is essential. Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or equivalent correctional experience are desirable. Eligible candidates will be required to undergo a criminal record check and ACT Corrective Services Induction Training and may be required to undertake psychological aptitude testing as part of the assessment process. A current ACT drivers licence is required.

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Selection documentation and application information is available at: our website: www.jobs.act.gov.au/jobs_by_agency/justice_and_community_safety

For further information regarding the position, please contact Mr Mark Bartlett, ACT Corrective Services, Phone 6207 8983 Email mark.bartlett@act.gov.au

Applications close on **Tuesday 21 August 2012** and should be forwarded to jobs@act.gov.au or mailed to:

Shared Services Centre,
Recruitment Services
GPO Box 158 Canberra ACT 2601.



Aboriginal Health Management Advisor

The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network

Position No: 91550

Status: Permanent Full-Time position

The Aboriginal Health Management Advisor works across the Network and is responsible for supporting the delivery of health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. The position does not have specific decision making delegations and works under the direction of the Clinical Program Director (Tier 3) to fulfil duties described in the position description. This is a Permanent Full-Time position, classified as a Health Manager, Level 4. Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Enquiries to: Clare Godfrey on (02) 9845 2147

Closing Date: Friday, 17 August 2012

You may be required to work in any facility within The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Should this occur, reasonable notice will be provided.

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Executive Officer - Education

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

The Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) is seeking to appoint an Executive Officer to work within its Education Team. The successful applicant will be responsible for strategic leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education initiatives, working collaboratively with Catholic schooling authorities and key education agencies at state and national levels.

The successful applicant will demonstrate:

- experience and expertise in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education
- a commitment to the ethos and work of Catholic education in Queensland
- outstanding program management and administration skills
- knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures and the ability to effectively engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- relevant academic qualifications

Applicants must obtain an information package, including selection criteria and procedure for application by accessing www.qcec.catholic.edu.au and following the employment link.

For further information please contact:

Assistant Director - Education Mandy Anderson on (07) 3336 9314 or email mandya@qcec.catholic.edu.au

Applications close: 5.00pm on 29 August 2012.

Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply. The Queensland Catholic Education Commission considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Queensland).



The Benevolent Society has been caring for Australians and their communities for nearly 200 years. We are a non-religious, non-profit organisation working to bring about positive social change in response to community needs.

Aboriginal Case Manager

- **Permanent Full-time role**
- **Based in Moree, NSW**

The Aboriginal Case Manager is primarily responsible for the provision of assessment and case management to children and their families using the resilience framework to increase outcomes as part of the Brighter Futures program.

The Benevolent Society considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Case Manager

- **Permanent Full-time role**
- **Based in Moree, NSW**

The Case Manager is primarily responsible for the provision of assessment and case management to children and their families using the resilience framework to increase outcomes as part of the Brighter Futures program.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

These two positions will undertake supportive counselling with families and linking them with local support networks, as well as participating in case conferences, family reviews and home visiting.

A tertiary qualification in a related area is essential, as well as demonstrated counselling, case work, and assessment experience in working with children and families.

Peer Mental Health Support Worker

- **Permanent Full-time role**
- **Based in Inverell, NSW**

The Peer Mental Health Support Worker is responsible for sharing aspects of their own personal recovery journey to support participants in their own journey of recovery and to assist in developing consumer participation and leadership within the Personal Helpers and Mentors Program (PHaMS). This role will involve working with participants to assess needs, develop Individual Recovery Plans and link with clinical and other support services, where needed.

Relevant qualifications or working toward relevant qualifications in the field (for example Certificate IV in Mental Health) is a requirement of the role, as well as a lived experience of mental illness and a recovery journey, and the ability to sensitively and appropriately share learning's of that journey with others, are crucial to success in this role.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

We offer a \$16,050 tax free salary component which means more in your take home pay. You will also benefit from ongoing professional development, a supportive working environment and great flexibility including a monthly accrued day off for permanent full-time employees.

For further information on how to apply and the position descriptions, please contact Nancie Wilson on (02) 6722 2966 or email your application to Nanciew@bensoc.org.au or visit our website.

Applications must address the selection criteria found in the position description and **close on 20th August, 2012.**

www.bensoc.org.au



Operations Director

Challenging Leadership Position

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc. is seeking to employ a highly capable and suitably experienced Operations Director.

The position is subject to SECTION 50D EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT.

The Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc. is rightly recognised as a National Iconic Service. We are one of the longest established Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in the country, based in Perth, Western Australia. Derbarl Yerrigan are an expanding and dynamic community based organisation which currently has 3 main clinics located in East Perth, Mirrabooka and Maddington. We are the leading organisation in Aboriginal health and wellbeing services in Perth. Derbarl Yerrigan Health Services provides comprehensive primary health care, medical, dental, allied health and related services for our clients in the Perth Region.

As the holder of this newly created position you will be a key member of the Senior Leadership team working closely with and reporting directly to the CEO. As the Director of Operations, you will be key to the effective leadership of operations and central to the development and implementation of its strategic plan. You will be integral to our commitment to enhance our performance and provide the highest level of care for our patients. It is envisaged you will achieve this through your strong capability in management systems, strategy, governance and the leadership of change in comparable organizations. To enable the effective performance in this role you will have qualifications in business, health management or equivalent.

The position will suit a driven and an outcome focused professional with a commitment to good governance and service delivery that meets community expectations. Your dedication, passion and commitment will be rewarded with a remuneration package commensurate with your qualifications and demonstrated capabilities.

For a copy of the job description and selection criteria, please contact Lyn Nash by email paceo@dyhs.org.au or phone (08) 9421 3814.

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence and should include a CV and address the selection criteria.

For information pertaining to the Operations Director role (not for employment pack) contact CEO Barbara Henry on email henryb@dyhs.org.au

Please address applications to Barbara Henry, CEO, 156 Wittenoom St, East Perth, WA. Mark envelope "Confidential". Alternatively, applications may be emailed to paceo@dyhs.org.au

Applications close:

5pm 20th August, 2012

Indigenous Relations and Policy Advisor

- › Ground-breaking role
- › Vibrant, high profile organisation
- › Significant career opportunity

SBS, one of Australia's best-regarded institutions, is dramatically elevating its commitment to engagement with and service to Indigenous Australians, following NITV, Australia's national Indigenous television channel, becoming part of SBS from 1 July 2012, to build the first ever digital free-to-air channel dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content.

In this newly created role you will advise on and develop policies to meet the organisation's objectives, working with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders. With a focus, broadly, on media and the arts, you will draw on your established networks in Indigenous communities and interest groups, as well as in government, to create dialogue, initiatives and guidelines designed to achieve the highest levels of satisfaction and involvement with the endeavours of the business.

Demonstrated skills in policy analysis, consultation, written and oral presentation and a positive, outcomes-oriented attitude will guarantee your success. Applications are welcomed and encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

For more information or to apply visit
talent2.com and enter **AKD1057575** or you can call
Richard Whittington on (02) 9087 6229.



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Capacity Building Manager Aboriginal Organisation - Sydney

- * **Flexible working arrangements!**
- * **Competitive pkge circa \$90k + more!**

Due to an exciting industry-wide transition, AbSec has an opportunity for a talented **Capacity Building Manager** to join the team in Marrickville, Sydney. The main aim of your role will be to support Aboriginal community controlled organisations to develop the capacity to deliver out-of-home care (OOHC) services. In return, you'll enjoy a **competitive remuneration package circa \$90,000 incl. a car, leave loading & salary sacrifice options**. Be part of a once-in-a-generation project delivering major change to children!

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE ApplyNow.com.au/Job36827 or call 1300 366 573

Clinical Team Leader Broome, WA

- * **Competitive salary \$80k-\$85k!**
- * **Relocation & rental assistance!**

Milliya Rumurra Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Centre has an opportunity for an experienced **Clinical Team Leader** to join their dedicated team in Broome. You'll be managing the clinical services of the Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre, as well as offering hands-on case management services to clients in residential care. In return, you'll enjoy an **attractive remuneration starting at \$80k-\$85k** plus district allowances, 5 wks leave, 17.5% leave loading & annual airfares!

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE ApplyNow.com.au/Job36990 or call 1300 366 573

Residential Youth Workers Aboriginal Hostel - Wadeye, NT

- * **Multiple positions!**
- * **Relocation assistance!**



Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) has provided temporary accommodation services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people since 1973.

They are currently seeking to fill the following positions:

*Residential Youth Workers

www.applynow.com.au/job36823

* Senior Residential Youth Workers

www.applynow.com.au/job36822

These roles will be responsible for planning, implementing and delivering an out of school hours recreation & social development program for students.

Your dedication will be rewarded with an **attractive remuneration** ranging from \$58,688-\$59,198 for Residential Youth Workers, to \$72,035-\$75,747 for the Senior positions.

To make the transition easier, AHL will also provide you with **relocation assistance** (neg.), **free shared accommodation** and **Fly in - Fly out** up to 4 times per year to the capital city of your choice, in line with school holiday periods!

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE ApplyNow.com.au Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



Part Time Casual Teaching Opportunities

**Positions are available at the following campuses:
Kempsey and Macksville, Ballina and Wollongbar**

Education, Employment and Support Faculty - Personalised Learning and Employment Support to Aboriginal Students

Status: Casual

Hourly Rate: \$71.59

Job Reference No: 000015QT

Applications are sought from suitably qualified and experienced people who wish to be considered for placement on a suitability list for casual teaching vacancies providing support to Aboriginal students.

Job Notes:

- Successful applicants will work with Aboriginal students across 2 campuses: Kempsey/Macksville and Ballina/Wollongbar as Aboriginal Teacher/Coaches.
- Prior to applying applicants are encouraged to discuss their interest in the position with the Panel Convenor Mark Whitehead on 0439 820 633.
- Applicants must obtain an Information Package and apply online via JobsNSW.
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Interested: Please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Sunday 26 August 2012

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Pilliga (LALC)
Local Aboriginal Land Council
Ph: (02) 6796 4310
Fax: (02) 6796 4307
Email: pilligalalc@bigpond.com

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Pilliga Local Aboriginal Land Council is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

The position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Pilliga 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, 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.

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 Contact Officer Luke Nolan, by email pilligalalc@bigpond.com or on (02) 6796 4310.

Applications can be forwarded to The Chairperson marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Pilliga Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 42, Pilliga, NSW, 2388.

Applications Close:

Friday 24th August 2012

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



**Attorney General
& Justice**

NSW TRUSTEE & GUARDIAN

Assistant Client Service Officer

**Clerk Grade 1-2
Port Macquarie, Permanent Full Time**

The Department employs a diverse range of people. We continue to offer a wide range of jobs and encourage Aboriginal people and people with a disability to apply for jobs with us. We provide reasonable adjustment for people with a disability during and after the recruitment process. For alternative formats of job information or to arrange any special requirements please speak to the contact officer.

Selection Criteria:

- Ability to take and transcribe minutes;
- Understanding and experience in establishing and maintaining various records management systems;
- Ability to develop sound interpersonal and communication skills and deal with a diverse range of professionals, staff and members of the community;
- Ability to investigate, analyse and solve problems;
- Ability to plan and prioritise work and meet deadlines;
- Sound file management, organisational and computer skills;
- Drivers licence or capacity for independent travel.

This is a Permanent Full Time position. An eligibility list may be created and used to fill future permanent, temporary, full time and part time vacancies as they arise. Applicants must address all selection criteria in the advertisement. Applications should be lodged electronically via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Jenny Edwards (02) 6584 0741
jenny.edwards@tag.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 17 August 2012

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**Education &
Communities**

Aboriginal Employment Officer

**Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-Time position
Human Resources – Blacktown State Office
Position number: 152761**

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,142 pa (salary \$59,705 to \$65,376 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Liaising with schools and Aboriginal staff on matters relating to recruitment and retention of Aboriginal people for non-teaching positions in schools.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Effective communication, administrative, organisational, liaison and computer skills. Awareness of the processes for the staffing of NSW government schools. Commitment to the Department's *Aboriginal Education and Training Policy*.

Notes: This is a permanent appointment. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Special Notes: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online, No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/prescreening questions.

Enquiry: Veronica Willmott (02) 9836 9148

To apply online please visit JobsNSW website:

https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all_jobs/jobsearch.ftl and refer to keyword 152761.

Closing Date: 22 August 2012

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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EASTERN ZONE GUJAGA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

POSITION VACANT

Full Time Child Care Worker

Applications are invited for the above position at Gujaga MACS Long Day Care Centre situated at 1 Elaroo Avenue La Perouse. The successful applicant will be working with children aged 0-3yrs.

Selection Criteria

Please address all the criteria below in your application:

- Aboriginality
- Experience in working in a child care environment is essential; understanding of the roles and responsibilities of child care staff
- Evidence of the ability to work well in a small team environment
- Demonstration of good written and oral communication skills
- Experience in resolving conflict
- Cultural awareness
- Policy and procedural awareness/knowledge relating to, for example, DoCS, OH & S and early childhood services
- Understanding of the importance of confidentiality in the workplace, particularly in a community based organisation
- Understanding of how children learn at different ages
- Possession of Certificate III in Child Studies and/or a current First Aid Certificate an advantage.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or over. This position covers a 38hr week with award wages and conditions.

This position will be subject to the Working with Children Check under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998.

Enquiries:

Please contact the Administrator, Donna Daly, on 9661 6097.

Written Applications to:

The Administrator
GUJAGA MACS
PO Box 102
MATRAVILLE NSW 2036
Or email gujagamacs@bigpond.com

Applications close by 5pm on Monday 13th August 2012.



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Clinical Nurse Rehabilitation Day Centre

Drug & Alcohol Services SA, Ceduna

Job Ref: 500202

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Office of
Communities
Aboriginal Affairs



Community Program Officer (ATSI Identified)

Walgett Gamilaraay Aboriginal Community Working Party
Clerk Grade 7/8
Department of Education and Communities
Aboriginal Affairs NSW
Walgett
Temporary Full-Time
Vacancy Reference No. 0000156N

Total remuneration package valued up to \$97,836 per annum (Salary: \$80,096 pa - \$88,660 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Project Officer role is to support the Walgett Gamilaraay Aboriginal Community Working Party (WGACWP). The Project Officer will perform a range of administrative functions to support WGACWP, Regional Operations Centre (ROC) and the Remote Service Delivery Coordinator (Walgett). The position holder will be located in the Office of Communities Aboriginal Affairs (AA) Walgett Office and be employed by AA. The position will have a work plan approved by the WGACWP and report on a monthly basis to the WGACWP.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated ability to engage with Aboriginal people and communities including superior understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture and issues impacting on Aboriginal people.
- Demonstrated ability to organise work, set priorities and monitor workflow within tight time and budget constraints.
- Sound analytical and problem solving skills with an innovative solution focus.
- Sound oral and written communication skills, including demonstrated negotiation and conflict resolution skills, the ability to draft quality correspondence and reports and the ability to exercise sound judgement, tact and discretion and maintain strict confidentiality.
- Good administrative skills, including proficiency in the use of the Microsoft Office Suite and demonstrated ability to contribute effectively to project implementation.
- Ability to demonstrate initiative and to work cooperatively and flexibly as a member of a team.
- A Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a **Temporary Full-Time** position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Steve Butler - Ph (02) 5852 1065

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 24 August 2012

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Government of
Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

Aboriginal Consultant Supervisor

Offender Management and Professional Development

Web Search No: 003705

Level/Salary: Level 6, PSGOGA, \$87,939 - \$97,378 pa

This role contributes to the development of appropriate programs and interventions for Aboriginal offenders. A fixed term contract is offered for a 6 month period with possible extension and is based at 30 Moore Street, East Perth. Aboriginality is an occupational requirement for this position under 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Angela Rapsey on (08) 9230 2058

Location: East Perth

Closing Date: Monday, 13 August 2012 at 4.30pm.

Freo Street Doctor OUTREACH WORKER/DRIVER Permanent Part-time and Casual positions available



Fremantle Street Doctor is seeking an Outreach Worker/Driver to provide a service to their clients and potential clients by facilitating communication, providing education and informal counselling, assisting with referrals to appropriate agencies and driving/daily upkeep of van to designated locations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply with opportunities available for registered Cert IV Aboriginal Health Worker to provide health assessments.

Salary Range: \$24 - \$29 per hour (Casual Loading of 20% applies to non-permanent workers)

Salary packaging offered to permanent workers.
Permanent Part-time shift - Wednesday 8.45 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.
Casual shift – Thursday 1.15 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.

All other shifts Casual (4 hour shifts) contact
www.fremantlemedicarelocal.com.au
for full list of Freo Street Doctor shifts

Selection Criteria:-

Essential:

1. Have LR (Light Rigid) License.
2. Have an understanding of health issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in today's society.
4. Show demonstrated experience or interest working with marginalized populations.
5. Have had previous experience providing an outreach service.
6. Have an understanding of barriers and issues that disadvantaged people experience in today's society
7. Able to demonstrate excellent communication skills.
8. Have a strong understanding of confidentiality and ethical boundaries.

Email: freostreetdoctor@fremantleml.com.au



Research Assistant ABCD National Research Partnership

**\$68,409 – \$82,413 salary package
(comprising gross salary \$52,117 - \$63,473,
superannuation & salary packaging benefits)
Full Time Contract until 31st December 2014
based in Brisbane**

- Are you interested in working with partners across Australia to improve the quality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care services through a partnership approach to research?
- Do you want to work in Menzies, Australia's leader in Indigenous and tropical health research?
- Do you have good administrative skills?
- Do you want to develop your research skills?

You may be the person we are seeking to fulfil the role of Research Assistant in the Project Co-ordinating Centre for the ABCD National Research Partnership. The position is based in Brisbane

The Partnership is a national research project that aims to support efforts to improve the quality of primary health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The project builds on the Audit and Best Practice for Chronic Disease Extension (ABCDE) participatory action research which supports staff in health centres around Australia to engage in systematic quality improvement activities and uses data to inform broader policy and program improvement in the sector.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Contact: Cynthia Croft on 07 3309 3400, 0437 244 944 or Cynthia.Croft@menzies.edu.au

Closing Date: 20th August 2012

Menzies is a Health Promotion Charity (HPC). HPC salary packaging arrangements can significantly increase your effective salary. Menzies also provides generous superannuation benefits, 6 weeks annual leave, and flexible working arrangements.

For information on how to apply for this position and to obtain the Position Description and Selection Criteria please visit www.menzies.edu.au or phone 08 8943 5052 / 5081.

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Correctional Officers Western Sydney, NSW

- * Secure role with an international company!
- * Solid benefits + conditions + training!



Correctional Officers perform the important role of managing and supervising offenders and ensuring the safety and security of the Correctional Centre. The *GEO Group* is seeking applications from people interested in both "full time" and "casual" work. As a **Trainee Correctional Officer**, the salary is **\$1,528 per fortnight**. Upon graduation, the salary for a **Full Time Correctional Officer Level 1** is **\$50,626 per annum**. Further benefits include 5 weeks annual leave and access to a staff gym! **Applications close 25 August, 2012.**



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Aboriginal Scholarships and Sponsorship Program Officer – Allied Health

Ref No: 93765

Status: Permanent Full Time

Location: Health Education and Training Institute, Gladesville

Enq: Michael O'Dwyer, 02 9844 6585 or email modwyer@heti.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 13/08/2012

Ensure you address the selection criteria.

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Government of
Western Australia
Department of Training
and Workforce Development

Associate Director

Regional Service Delivery (50D) - Perth

Web Search No: Pool Ref 00029306

Level/Salary: Level 8, \$116,667 - \$126,719 pa pro rata, PSGOGA

In this role you will provide strategic leadership and advice on Aboriginal training and employment initiatives and the implementation of the Training Together Working Together Aboriginal Workforce Development Strategy, which aims to achieve sustainable employment outcomes for Aboriginal people in Western Australia.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Karen Ho on (08) 6551 5380, up to 23 August, and Barbara MacNish on 0417 919 707 after this date.

Closing Date: Friday 31 August 2012 at 4.00pm.
Late Applications will not be accepted

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ABORIGINAL HACC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Do you want to work with HACC organisations
to improve services for Aboriginal people?

Position: Aboriginal HACC Development Officer Position
Hours: Permanent/Full time for at least 12 months (may be longer) -35 hours per week
Salary: Grade 5, Year 2 (SACS Award) - \$64,446 per annum (package includes superannuation)
Location: The position covers Eastern Sydney and Inner Sydney communities and is based at Rhodes and in the local community

The Aged & Community Services Association of NSW & ACT (ACS) invites applications from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to fill a vacant position of Aboriginal HACC Development Officer (SES) for the Eastern Sydney and Inner Sydney areas. Please note that as part of the induction and orientation, the position will initially be working out of our Rhodes Head Office.

ACS is a peak aged care organisation providing leadership to the aged and community service sector. ACS has been funded by the Australian Government through Department of Health and Ageing and the NSW Government through Department of Family & Community Services, Ageing, Disability & Home Care (ADHC), to auspice three positions for a 12 month period with the intent of then transferring the positions over to an Aboriginal non-Government Organisation (NGO) in the Metro South ADHC region as ongoing full time positions until 2015 when a number of aged care reforms will determine the future of the HACC funding and this position.

The Aboriginal HACC Development Officer position provides a great opportunity to work with Aboriginal communities and organisations, including mainstream HACC agencies to help build relationships that will be strong, ongoing and resilient to enable the delivery of culturally appropriate, flexible and responsive services to Aboriginal people and communities in the Metro South – South East Sydney region.

The Aboriginal HACC Development Officer position is funded through the HACC program to:

- To investigate the needs of the Aboriginal community in the Eastern and Inner Sydney areas.
- Build the capacity of Aboriginal people residing in the region to access the HACC service system through support, information and education.
- Provide support regarding appropriate service development to Aboriginal and mainstream HACC services.
- Develop and maintain appropriate networks to further the objectives of the project.
- Build the capacity of the HACC service system to better meet the needs of Aboriginal people/communities in the Metro South region.
- Provide cross sector information to Aboriginal communities.
- Advocate on behalf of the needs of Aboriginal people and organisations.

Essential Criteria

1. Aboriginality
2. Worked successfully with Aboriginal people/communities and/or service providers.
3. Know about the Home & Community Care (HACC) Program, including the Community Care Common Standards.
4. Demonstrated experience of having worked successfully with many different people, organisations and groups (including government departments) to achieve better partnerships and results for Aboriginal people.
5. Ability to develop and maintain networks.
6. High level verbal and written communication skills, including report writing.
7. Skills using computers and related software.
8. A commitment to reconciliation and building cultural competency and awareness of all HACC services.
9. Understanding and commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity, Access & Equity, Occupational Health & Safety, and Ethical Working Practices.
10. Current Drivers licence.

Desirable Criteria

1. Certificate IV in Workplace Training & Assessment (or willing to undertake)
2. Relevant social welfare or related qualifications and/or relevant industry experience.

Information Package

For an information package and further information, please contact Paul Newman at Black Pages Recruitment Agency - Mobile: 0418440210 or email: paulnewman@blackpages.com.au or Judith Pulver at ACS on 87540400 or email JudithP@agedservices.asn.au

Written applications addressing both the Essential and Desirable selection criteria, and the contact details of 2 referees, must be sent to Attention: Paul Newman – Black Pages Recruitment Agency: PO BOX 23, Revesby North, NSW 2212.

Applications Close: 7 September 2012



GRADUATE HEALTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Incorporating the Aboriginal Health Management Program

Want to make a real difference every day?
Jump Start Your Career In Health Management!

CALL FOR 2013 APPLICATIONS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants without an undergraduate degree, who have relevant experience, are urged to apply.

Current health employees are encouraged to apply.

The Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) Graduate Health Management Program (GHMP) helps you develop the skills to further your career as a health manager. The ACHSM provides a comprehensive two year program for the NSW and ACT Health systems.

Gain paid experience working alongside senior health managers within a diverse range of health services, while completing a Masters in Health Science (Health Service Management) via part-time distance education, fully funded by the employer.

In this program you will receive:

- Paid industry experience working alongside Senior Health Managers
- Salaries over \$50,000
- Fully funded Master in Health Science (Health Service Management)
- Tailored College Study Program
- Practical experience developing Management and Leadership Capabilities
- Mentoring by experienced Senior Health Managers
- Excellent networking opportunities.

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply for positions.

For further information and application form visit our website:
<http://www.achsm.org.au/ghmp>

Phone (02) 9878 1222 or email nsw@achsm.org.au

APPLY NOW!

Closing date: COB Monday 3 September 2012



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	45/280	ATLAS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	314.96HA	66km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 34' S Long: 119° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
The purposes of L 45/280 are: a bore field, 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						
Miscellaneous Licence	45/296	BROCKMAN IRON PTY LTD	3946.38HA	28km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 33' S Long: 118° 33' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
The purposes of L 45/296 are: a bore, a bridge, a conveyor system, a drainage channel, a minesite accommodation facility, a pipeline, a power line, a road, a search for groundwater, a storage or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate, taking water						
Miscellaneous Licence	47/670	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LTD	1514.17HA	113km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 22° 39' S Long: 118° 55' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
The purposes of L 47/670 are: a bore, a communications facility, a drainage channel, a minesite administration facility, a pipeline, a power line, a road, a workshop and storage facility, taking water						
Miscellaneous Licence	47/672	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LTD	5179.44HA	113km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 22° 39' S Long: 118° 55' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
The purposes of L 47/672 are: a bore, a bore field, a communications facility, a conveyor system, a drainage channel, a minesite administration facility, a pipeline, a power generation and transmission facility, a power line, a pump station, a road, a storage or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate, a tunnel, a workshop and storage facility, taking water						
Miscellaneous Licence	47/673	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LTD	21090.00HA	73km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 118° 4' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
The purposes of L 47/673 are: a bore, a bore field, a bridge, a communications facility, a drainage channel, a minesite accommodation facility, a minesite administration facility, a pipeline, a power line, a pump station, a road, a workshop and storage facility, taking water						
Mining Lease	09/148	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	3020.35HA	98km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 23' S Long: 116° 6' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1745	SIRIUS RESOURCES NL	4.90HA	17km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 26' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	53/1094	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	358.83HA	61km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 41' S Long: 120° 14' E	WILUNA 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: 8 August 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 **8 November 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. 8 December 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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Government of **Western Australia**
Department of Regional Development and Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW *LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170* AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS *NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29*

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA)* that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified.

It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION: Whole Lot 501 on Deposited Plan 61312, being unallocated Crown Land Volume 3153 Folio 988 Area: 14.366 hectares
LAND SITUATED IN: Town of Narrogin
NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Description of Land" other than the interests of the Crown.
PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED: Subdivision and sale for Light Industry purposes
PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT: Subdivided and developed to meet demand from local industry.
REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:
Land has been identified as being more suitable for the purpose of attracting future investment on a commercial scale
DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 30 June 2012
RDL FILE: 50199-2007-01RO **RDL REF:** 111365

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: State Land Services, Department of Regional Development and Lands, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth WA 6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lin Chee, A/Assistant State Land Officer, Department of Regional Development and Lands, Post Office Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872, or by telephoning (08) 6552 4726.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, Post Office Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth no later than 05 October 2012.

MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA.

Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

NATURE OF THE ACT: In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 22 August 2012.

NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 22 November 2012. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272.

Dated this 18 Day of June in the year 2012

HON BRENDON GRYLLS
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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The Community Restorative Centre (CRC)
is a community based agency providing assistance to people affected by the criminal justice system

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reducing crime

Parole Support Project - Project Workers

We are currently seeking 2 Project Workers

- 38 hours per week – position up to June 2013, with ongoing employment dependent on funding.
- Terms and Conditions of employment as per Level 4 Pay Point 4 of the SCHADS Award 2010
- Rate of pay equivalent to SACS Award Grade 4 year 4 (\$56,399 per annum plus fringe benefits)
- Based in Parramatta

To provide intensive transitional support services to ex-prisoners on Parole with a mental illness and / or intellectual impairment. Casework services are delivered on an outreach basis. Position is generally Monday to Friday, between 8:30 and 5:30; with occasional out-of-hours work to be performed as required

Essential Criteria:

- Demonstrated casework experience working with people diagnosed with a functional mental illness, cognitive and/or intellectual impairment, AOD issues and complex needs
- Experience in providing outreach casework support
- Experience in the delivery of living skills programs
- Knowledge of the issues facing people transitioning from prison to the community
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Drivers License

Desirable:

- Counselling skills
- Knowledge of issues relating to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities
- Knowledge of issues relating to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities
- Knowledge of current Child Protection issues and legislation

Targeted Housing and Support Service Workers

We are currently seeking 2 x Targeted Housing and Support Service Workers

- One full-time (38 hours per week) position and one part-time (19 hours per week) position. Both up to 30 June 2013 with ongoing employment dependent on funding.
- Terms and Conditions of employment as per Level 4 Pay Point 4 of the SCHADS Award 2010
- Rate of pay equivalent to SACS Award Grade 4 year 4 (\$56,399 per annum plus fringe benefits)
- Based in Parramatta

To provide a broad range of transitional outreach casework services to women at risk of homelessness and with complex needs who are exiting NSW Correctional Centres. Casework services are delivered on an outreach basis. Position is generally Monday to Friday between 8:30 and 5:30; with occasional out-of-hours' work to be performed as required

Essential Criteria:

- Demonstrated casework experience working with people experiencing mental illness, cognitive impairment - including intellectual disability, AOD issues and complex needs
- Experience in providing outreach casework support
- Experience in the delivery of living skills programs
- Knowledge of the issues facing people transitioning from prison to the community
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Driver's License

Desirable:

- Counseling skills
- Knowledge of issues relating to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities
- Knowledge of issues relating to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities
- Knowledge of current Child Protection issues and legislation

Although Aboriginality is not a specific criterion for eligibility for this project, it is anticipated that a high proportion of the target group will be Aboriginal.

Women of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders or culturally & linguistically diverse communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications must include a Statement Addressing the Selection Criteria and a brief resume.

Closing Date: 27 August 2012

Mark your application to the attention of CEO. Applications may be:
Emailed to: info@crcnsw.org.au **Faxed to:** 02 9211 6518 or **Posted to:** PO Box 541, Broadway, NSW 2007
Phone 02 9288 8700 or visit www.crcnsw.org.au for more information.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2178	REGENCY MINES AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD	8BL	117km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 27' S Long: 124° 43' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2200	CARNEGIE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	60BL	22km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 0' S Long: 125° 28' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2072	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	43km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 115° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1983-4	AMEROD HOLDINGS PTY LTD	178BL	134km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 35' S Long: 116° 24' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1985	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	12BL	128km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 33' S Long: 116° 21' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1987	SPARK ENERGY PTY LTD	5BL	64km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 47' S Long: 115° 46' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1988	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	190BL	78km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 34' S Long: 115° 44' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	12/10	PREMIER COAL LIMITED	2BL	16km E'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 116° 19' E	COLLIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/440	TELLUS HOLDINGS PTY LTD	20BL	76km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 120° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2191	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	156BL	100km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 124° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2192	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	51BL	105km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 124° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1016	VENTURE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	15BL	65km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 121° 42' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1139	YELLOW RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	78km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2709	TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	32BL	102km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 46' S Long: 121° 53' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2732	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	135km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 122° 10' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2733	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	137km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 122° 11' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1697	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LTD	5BL	71km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3982	SPITFIRE AUSTRALIA (SWW) PTY LTD	24BL	46km E'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 17' S Long: 119° 2' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4028	RACHLAN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	1BL	126km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 118° 47' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2369	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	29BL	30km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 116° 36' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1531	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	46BL	114km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 23' S Long: 119° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2785	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	149BL	116km SW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 19' S Long: 119° 16' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1690	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	71km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 31' S Long: 120° 8' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1693	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	67km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 28' S Long: 120° 11' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/915	KALORRA MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD	14BL	50km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 26' S Long: 119° 20' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1863	WESTERN GOLD PTY LTD	1BL	58km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 36' S Long: 117° 14' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1867	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	56km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 34' S Long: 117° 13' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1871	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	1BL	47km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 116° 55' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1559	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	9BL	134km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 14' S Long: 120° 21' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1560	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	14BL	129km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 6' S Long: 120° 25' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1561	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	10BL	106km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 8' S Long: 120° 39' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1562	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	12BL	88km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 13' S Long: 120° 51' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1563	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	7BL	137km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 13' S Long: 120° 32' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3043	AUSQUEST LTD	27BL	137km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 25' S Long: 120° 24' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3044	AUSQUEST LTD	190BL	120km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 31' S Long: 120° 39' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3203	KRISTINE JANE RUMENOS	4BL	28km E'ly of Busselton	Lat: 33° 38' S Long: 115° 39' E	CAPEL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4322-I	AUSTRALIA MINERALS & MINING GROUP LIMITED	164BL	31km S'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 44' S Long: 118° 51' E	KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4323-I	YILGARN IRON PTY LTD	34BL	4km SE'ly of Goomalling	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 116° 51' E	GOOMALLING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4341	AUSTRALIA MINERAL SANDS PTY LTD	7BL	12km NE'ly of Augusta	Lat: 34° 13' S Long: 115° 13' E	AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4348	AUSTRALIA MINERALS & MINING GROUP LIMITED	71BL	12km N'ly of Wongan Hills	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 116° 43' E	WONGAN-BALLIDU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4357	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	170BL	28km NE'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 10' S Long: 118° 6' E	BRUCE ROCK SHIRE, CORRIGIN SHIRE, NAREMBEEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4358	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	170BL	20km E'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 19' S Long: 118° 5' E	BRUCE ROCK SHIRE, CORRIGIN SHIRE, KONDININ SHIRE, NAREMBEEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2018	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	8BL	92km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 0' S Long: 119° 22' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2061	VESTIGA PTY LTD	3BL	52km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 119° 36' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2062	VESTIGA PTY LTD	3BL	58km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 119° 41' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4709	PRENTI EXPLORATION PTY LTD	30BL	66km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 47' S Long: 127° 15' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	45/264	FMG MAGNETITE PTY LTD	10206.86HA	49km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 119° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	59/119	FERROWEST LIMITED	17683.96HA	20km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 116° 51' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/648	FORD, Terence Sydney PAVLOVIC, Tony	9.61HA	125km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 6' S Long: 116° 27' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5715	NANKIVELL, Dennis William	6.58HA	7km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 12' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5716	NANKIVELL, Dennis William	3.64HA	2km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 121° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2768	PHOENIX GOLD LIMITED	139.59HA	57km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 120° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4654-5	CARRICK GOLD LTD	339.82HA	50km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3893	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	198.20HA	19km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3898-900	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	469.77HA	9km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2242-8	RIGOO PTY LTD	1388.47HA	7km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 121° 5' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8168-70	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	548.45HA	23km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8230-5	ZELT RESOURCES PTY LTD	1000.31HA	45km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8244-5 & 37/8247	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	491.35HA	39km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 38' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8246	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	9.72HA	46km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 121° 35' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3999-S	ROBERTS, Brian Thomas ROBERTS, Patricia Gail	9.99HA	20km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 33' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4007-8	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	275.39HA	135km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 122° 10' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4013	DARLEX PTY LTD	9.29HA	52km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5293	MIDAS RESOURCES LTD	121.87HA	80km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 122° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5294	DARLEX PTY LTD	31.41HA	33km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 122° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5295	DARLEX PTY LTD	69.57HA	31km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 10' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5296-9	DARLEX PTY LTD	778.04HA	35km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 122° 8' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5300-3	ZELT RESOURCES PTY LTD	735.74HA	57km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 55' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1306-S	CASH, John Robert	3.80HA	40km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 121° 18' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2838	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	74.78HA	69km SW'ly of Maabie Bar	Lat: 21° 27' S Long: 119° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1806	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	134.58HA	3km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1666	FORTESCUE METALS GROUP LTD	48.21HA	95km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 26' S Long: 116° 38' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1667	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	95.76HA	104km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 29' S Long: 116° 48' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1668	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	84.45HA	103km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 28' S Long: 116° 45' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1669	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	71.46HA	100km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 28' S Long: 116° 40' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1670-1	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	228.37HA	100km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 28' S Long: 116° 42' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1672	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	70.32HA	79km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 41' S Long: 117° 1' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1673	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	61.29HA	77km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 42' S Long: 117° 2' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1674-5	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	330.96HA	75km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 39' S Long: 117° 3' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1586-7	DARLEY, Stephen	331.58HA	30km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 51' S Long: 120° 49' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1770	MAGMA METALS LTD NAVIGATOR RESOURCES LTD	72.02HA	30km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 15' S Long: 127° 23' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1771	MAGMA METALS LTD NAVIGATOR RESOURCES LTD	22.59HA	32km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 17' S Long: 127° 22' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1772	MAGMA METALS LTD NAVIGATOR RESOURCES LTD	47.30HA	35km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 18' S Long: 127° 21' E	HALLS CREEK 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 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: 8 August 2012

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Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 8 December 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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Note: Applicants must be available for interview during the week starting from 27th August 2012, and must be able to start before 20th September 2012.

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Note: The interviews are expected to occur in September 2012, and the successful candidate must be able to start by 31st October 2012.

For more information about these positions and a copy of the position description please contact Kathy Walker, Manager Corporate Services, DDACL on (03) 9794 5933 or email kathy@ddacl.org.au.

Applications Close: COB Wednesday 22nd August 2012.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait people are encouraged to apply for these positions.

The applications addressing the key selection criteria in the position description, along with names and contact details of referees must be received either electronically to kathy@ddacl.org.au or by mail to Kathy Walker, Manager Corporate Services, Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative Ltd, PO Box 683, Dandenong Victoria 3175.

The short listed candidates will be invited via email for interviews.



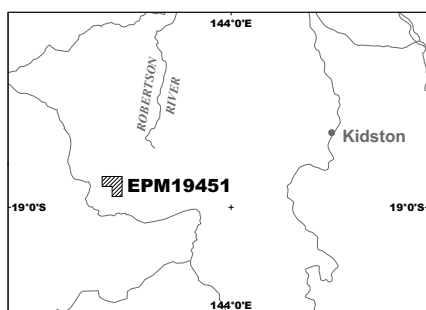
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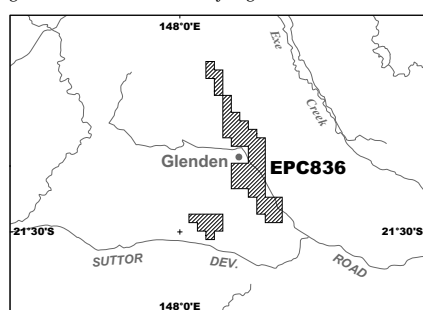
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT/RENEWAL OF EXPLORATION PERMITS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant/renewal of each of the Exploration Permits for Minerals and for Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

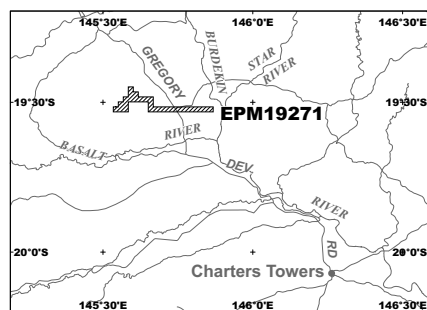
Exploration Permit 19451 sought by Allyn John Zabel, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10km²), centred approximately 39km West of Kidston, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



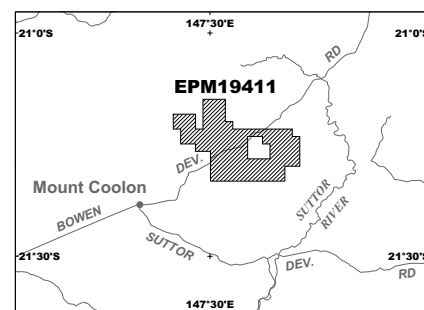
Exploration Permit 836 sought by Peabody West Burton Pty Ltd, ACN 117 316 695 (65%), Talbot Group Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 096 687 526 (25%) and Citic West/North Burton Pty Ltd ACN 117 281 697 (10%) over an area of 54 sub-blocks (172km²), centred approximately 3km NW of Glenden, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council and Whitsunday Regional Council.



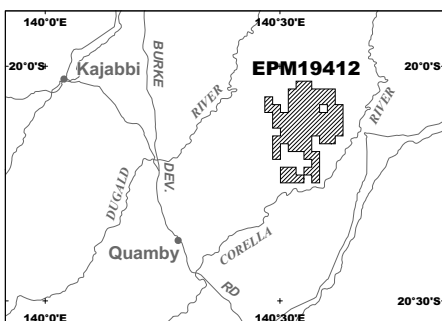
Exploration Permit 19271 sought by Graham Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 151 125 174 over an area of 28 sub-blocks (90km²), centred approximately 85km NW of Charters Towers, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



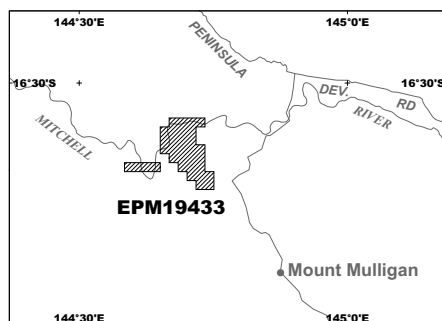
Exploration Permit 19411 sought by Archer Resources Limited, ACN 121 572 192 over an area of 100 sub-blocks (320km²), centred approximately 28km NE of Mount Coolon, in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



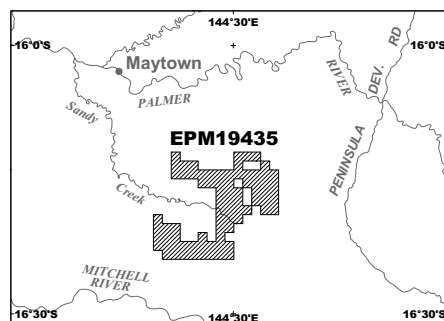
Exploration Permit 19412 sought by Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 108 925 284 over an area of 72 sub-blocks (232km²), centred approximately 54km East of Kajabbi, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



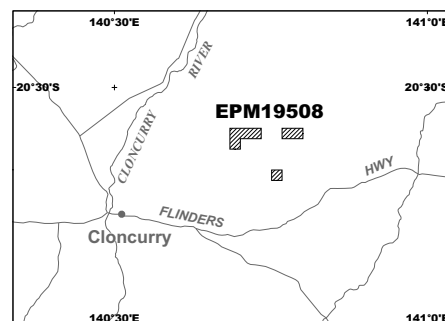
Exploration Permit 19433 sought by Placer Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 154 140 913 over an area of 33 sub-blocks (108km²), centred approximately 32km NW of Mount Mulligan, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



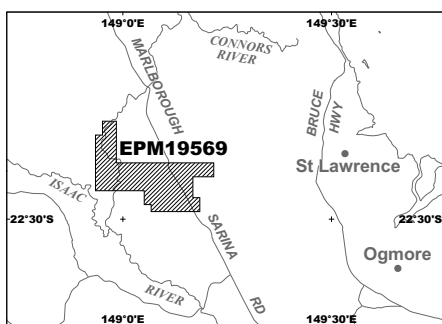
Exploration Permit 19435 sought by Placer Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 154 140 913 over an area of 78 sub-blocks (256km²), centred approximately 33km SE of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire Council and Tablelands Regional Council.



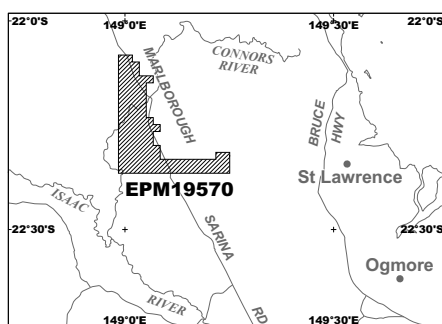
Exploration Permit 19508 sought by New Hope Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 060 579 624 over an area of 7 sub-blocks (22km²), centred approximately 27km NE of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



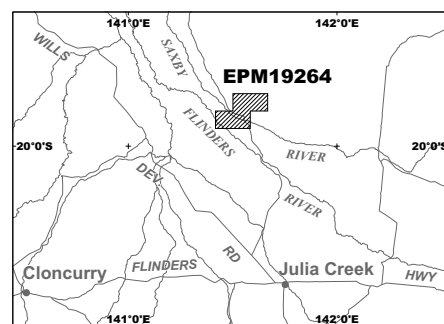
Exploration Permit 19569 sought by Drummond West Pty Ltd, ACN 112 104 668 over an area of 100 sub-blocks (317km²), centred approximately 46km West of St Lawrence, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



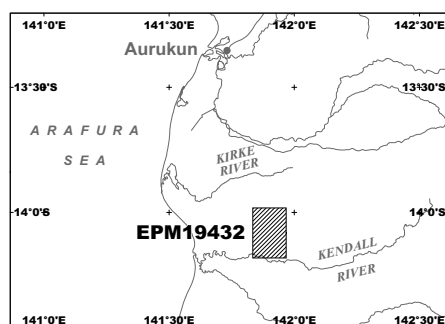
Exploration Permit 19570 sought by Drummond West Pty Ltd, ACN 112 104 668 over an area of 100 sub-blocks (319km²), centred approximately 50km NW of St Lawrence, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 19264 sought by CWH Resources Ltd, ACN 009 230 111, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (322km²), centred approximately 93km NNW of Julia Creek, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 19432 sought by Southwest Pacific Bauxite Pty Ltd, ACN 153 391 354, over an area of 96 sub-blocks (319km²), centred approximately 83km South of Aurukun, in the locality of Aurukun Shire Council and Cook Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified and for coal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, and also subject to the General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

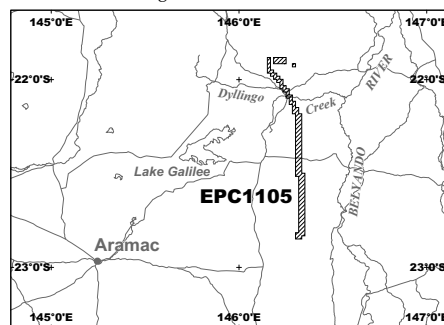
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification 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

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

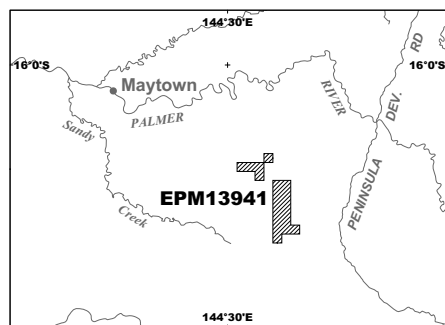
Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Natural Resources and Mines), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3008 5741.

Notification Day: 29 August 2012

Exploration Permit 1105 sought by Waratah Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 114 165 669 over an area of 119 sub-blocks (377km²), centred approximately 128km NE of Aramac, in the locality of Barcaldine Regional Council, Charters Towers Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 13941 sought by Republic Gold Limited, ACN 106 399 311 over an area of 19 sub-blocks (63km²), centred approximately 38km SE of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire Council and Tablelands Regional Council.





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
26/148	AUSTRALIAN MINES LTD	400934	285.13HA	14km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY MENZIES SHIRE
29/640	INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM LTD	401086	82.67HA	87km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 120° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
36/578	CREASY, Mark Gareth	401613	219.21HA	74km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 21' S Long: 120° 56' E	LEONORA SHIRE
36/604	NAVIGATOR (BRONZEWING) PTY LTD NAVIGATOR (BRONZEWING) PTY LTD	401612	221.23HA	64km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 120° 57' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/1107	JAGUAR PROJECT PTY LTD	400721	45.32HA	49km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/912	JAGUAR PROJECT PTY LTD	400722	147.95HA	50km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 121° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
59/1643	JML RESOURCES PTY LTD	400723	105.80HA	78km W'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 28' S Long: 117° 8' E	YALGOO SHIRE
80/4472	HARD ROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	401003	354.58HA	50km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 50' S Long: 127° 55' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 8 August 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 **8 November 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. 8 December 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 Western Australia

Notification day: 22 August 2012

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 21 November 2012**. After 21 November 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Ollie George & Ors v State of Western Australia (Badimia #2)

Federal Court File No: WAD100/2012

Date filed: 13 April 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The application covers about 36,130 square kilometres and is located approximately 250 kilometres northeast of Perth as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Shire of Cue, Dalwallinu, Menzies, Mount Magnet, Mount Marshall, Perenjori, Sandstone, Yalgoo and Yilgarn.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate, WA.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport

Oztag player has sights on national side

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL sportswoman Ana Patterson has been shining at Oztag, already representing North Queensland and Queensland this

year. A winger, the 34-year-old was selected in the North Queensland Open Stingers side which contested the state titles at Caloundra.

The Stingers downed NSW team Barbarians 8-4 in the final, and Patterson was selected to represent Queensland against NSW in the Oztag State of Origin, also held at Caloundra.

"Unfortunately we lost, but we are having trials this month (August) for the Australian Nationals to be held at Coffs Harbour (NSW) at the end of this year," she said.

"I will definitely be trialling out for that. If you get selected at the nationals you get to represent Australia to play New Zealand in 2013.

"That's my goal – to get selected to represent Australia for Oztag."

Patterson works as an Indigenous sports and recreation officer at the Aitkenvale PCYC.

Pace has been Patterson's biggest asset, keeping her in good stead when she competed last month at the Oztag fastest men and women sprints in Townsville.

"We had a 50m sprint, which I won," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"We also had a 100m sprint last year which I also won, so I've been the fastest woman two years in a row."

Patterson has played Oztag for 15 years and is a five-time North Queensland representative.

She comes from a sporting background. Her late grandfather, Monty Pryor, was a champion



Ana Patterson in her Queensland Oztag jumper.

boxer and also starred for the Townsville Australian rules Indigenous side Garbutt Magpies. He was still playing A grade football well into his 40s.

Patterson also enjoys rugby league, taking the field at many Allblacks carnivals where she plays in the centres or on a wing.

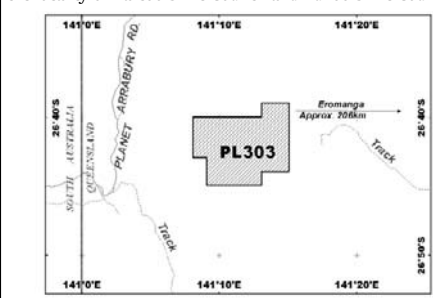
"I played for Mosby Eagles in the Allblacks and also in the local rugby league competition for Brothers until I snapped my collarbone diving for a try in our grand finals," she said.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A PETROLEUM 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 Petroleum Lease shown below under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)*.

Petroleum Lease 303 sought by Santos QNT Pty Ltd ACN 083 077 196 (32.5%) Avery Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd, ACN 115 193 729 (17.5%) Bow Energy Ltd ACN 111 019 857 (15%) Ocellaris Oil Pty Ltd ACN 107 566 174 (10%) and Senex Energy Limited ACN 008 942 827 (25%), over an area of 9,900 ha, centred approximately 206km West of Eromanga, in the locality of Barcoo Shire Council and Bulloo Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Petroleum Lease under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum for a period not exceeding thirty (30) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years. It should be noted that this land will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of the tenure.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Petroleum Lease be granted under *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)* by Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

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 Petroleum Leases. 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.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Petroleum Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Petroleum Lease applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3247 4665.

Notification Day: 22 August 2012



Queensland Government

Another Matera on the way up

By PETER ARGENT



HIS father was an AFL champion, and now Jordan Matera is

starting to make his own mark on the Australian rules football landscape.

Jordan, the teenage son of AFL Hall of Famer Peter Matera, was a key member of the victorious Victorian Metropolitan at the School Sport Australia 15 Years and Under Championships.

The city-based Victorians beat their country cousins in a thriller at Thebarton Oval in Adelaide.

Jordan, who scored a great goal during the third quarter, won All-Australian selection for his performance.

The young left-footer was also a key player in his team's semi-final win against New South Wales.

Vic Metro coach Sean Kavanagh praised his young charge.

"Jordan certainly stepped up as the competition got to the business end," he said. "Early in the tournament we used him on the wing, but moved him into the middle as a rover for the semi and grand finals.

"He may not have his dad's blistering speed, but Jordan is a fantastic contested ball winner and a tough competitor.

"Another strong aspect is he's very team-orientated and reads the game well.

"Off the field he's polite



AFL great Peter Matera.

and quiet, letting his footy do the talking."

Peter Matera was the 1992 Norm Smith Medallist (best player on field) after his five-goal performance in the West Coast Eagles' inaugural AFL flag against Geelong.

Over a 253-game career with the Eagles, Peter Matera played in their first two flags, was runner-up for the Brownlow Medal twice (1994 and 1997) and gained All-Australian honours five times. He won the Eagles' best and fairest in 2007. He was an automatic choice in the Indigenous Team of the Century selected in 2005 on a wing, and inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2006.

The Matera football heritage also continues at the top level, with Jordan's cousin Brandon in his second year with the Gold Coast Suns.

While it is still a long way off yet, Jordan is qualified and will be available for selection by the West Coast Eagles under the father-son rule.

Jordan Matera in action at School Sport Australia 15 Years and Under Championships.



Mundine v Green 2 is unlikely



AN Anthony Mundine-Danny Green re-match seems more unlikely than ever, with both boxers taking

different directions.

Indigenous champion Mundine is fighting at about 14kg lighter than Green and pursuing options in the United States.

And Green, a three-time world champion and fresh from his fifth-round defeat of Danny Santiago in Perth is yet to decide on extending his career. At 39, he is giving serious consideration to hanging up his gloves.

Green, in fact, says he would much rather win another world title than take on Mundine again.

"You look at Mundine and you look at a world title – there's no comparison," Green said.

"Mundine sold 286 tickets to his last fight in Las Vegas, the mecca of boxing. That wouldn't even pay for the bus."

Mundine downed Green in a super middleweight clash back in 2006. – with AAP

New director for basketball



THE GenerationOne National Indigenous Basketball Championships has a new director.

Long-serving Nikita Ridgeway has stood down from the position, with her brother Stephen taking over.

Registrations for the event, to be held in Hobart from 12-16 November, close on 19 October.

Teams from across Australia, as well as Fiji, are expected to take part in this year's titles, the seventh to be held.

Competition will be held in men's, women's and junior sections. To register or for more information, email s.ridgeway@mail.com or call 0432 587 857.

The championships are supported by the *Koori Mail*.

Soccer carnival a first



COFFS Harbour girls and Moree boys came out on top at last week's inaugural Northern NSW Indigenous Football Festival.

About 80 Indigenous boys and girls from Newcastle, Kempsey, Moree and Coffs Harbour formed nine teams which competed in the festival, held at Coffs Harbour.

The local Coffs Harbour girls side defeated Callaghan (Newcastle) 2-0 in the grand final, with Callaghan also going down 7-0 to Moree in the boys grand final.

Northern NSW Football (NNSWF) says it plans to make the festival an annual event.

"It was a good first effort and we were pleased with how things went," region community football manager Peter Haynes told the *Koori Mail*.

"We've got plans to push Indigenous football, and this festival is part of that."

The festival was opened by an Indigenous dance group and welcome to country.



Action from the Kempsey v Callaghan girls game at the festival.

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Kaiwalagal side for Murri carnival

By ALF WILSON



A REPRESENTATIVE side from the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) women's competition on Thursday Island will compete at the Arthur Beetson Queensland Murri Rugby League Carnival in Ipswich from 27-30 September. Two Torres Strait Islander sides contest the KRL women's competition – the Thursday Island-based Sundown Sirens, and Dedeyal Gummas, from St Pauls on Moa Island.

Competition co-ordinator Sasha Busch said the teams could meet only every three weeks due to high travel costs for Dedeyal to come in from St Pauls. "It costs them at least \$2000 a trip," she said.

Many of the girls who compete in the competition have traditionally been involved in the Island of Origin series on Badu Island normally held in June, but the 2012 series was cancelled due to a lack of volunteers.

Australian and Queensland rugby

league legend the late Arthur Beetson attended that 2011 carnival and had his picture taken with the Sundown Sirens.

Busch said that since the Island of Origin had been cancelled, a Torres Strait women's team – Kindred United – would be picked from the KRL competition to play in Ipswich. Sponsors are being sought, and Busch can be contacted on 0458 082 633.

Busch is also hoping that other Torres Strait outer island teams will join the KRL competition next year.

All Stars goal

"My main aim for taking a Torres Strait ladies team to Ipswich is to get more ladies from this region in the Indigenous All Stars team," she said.

"Some of the ladies up here have so much raw talent – there are a few who could carve it up with the best in the State, but due to our isolation it isn't always possible for us to showcase this talent.

"I just hope the selectors for the Indigenous All Stars team are looking for the best talent, and not the familiar faces."



A file photo of the Sundown Sirens team which won the 2011 Island of Origin ladies series final on Badu Island in the Torres Strait, with the late Arthur Beetson and other special guest Sam Backo at rear.

Williams helping students



FORMER Wallabies rugby union powerhouse Jim Williams is working with Indigenous students, helping to

match them up with mentors for the time when they make the transition from school.

Williams, a Wiradjuri (NSW) man, has been appointed by the Federal Government and NSW Rugby Union as part of the Learn Earn Legend! initiative, and is travelling around NSW speaking with Year 11 and 12 students.

"It's not designed for elite athletes, it's targeted at kids from different backgrounds, who are looking at a wide variety of paths – maybe they want to get into the defence force, looking at the legal profession or further their education," he said.

"It's a good idea for students to get a good idea of what they want to do next, where they can go, and we can provide assistance and guidance, giving information, connections with jobs, uni or TAFE with the program.

"With the mentoring program, a mentor gives a personal account of what happens when you leave school and you're trying to get some experience, trying to make that connection, that pathway, to get to that goal, the next step in life.

"Leaving school is an important

time in anyone's life and I want to see Indigenous students educated to work and further themselves and make sure they have guidance."

Funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), the Learn, Earn, Legend! program aims to encourage and support young Indigenous Australians to stay at school, find a job and 'be a legend for themselves, their family and their community'.

Williams describes himself as a 'late bloomer' whose professional rugby career started when he was 30, in 1998, with Super Rugby team the ACT Brumbies.

He played in the back row for the Wallabies in 1999 and 2000, won a Super Rugby title with the Brumbies in 2001, then moved to Ireland for a stint with Munster,

where he began his coaching career after he finished playing. He was the Wallabies assistant coach from 2008-2011.

"I've had a fantastic journey with rugby, it's given me great opportunities," he said.

"Working with young people is something I've always wanted to do. I've done bits and pieces, but I wanted to be able to give a lot more back, specifically within Aboriginal culture, and this program enables me to do that."



JIM WILLIAMS



They're unsung heroes

LAST week I not only had the privilege to represent the game of rugby league at the Beyond Sports Awards in London, but also to accept one of the major awards recognising the work that the game has done in effecting social change.

As Learn Earn Legend! ambassador I was proud that all the work that the game has been doing in assisting kids transition from school to work was a major part of the award as a result of the All Stars initiative.

My work with Titans 4 Tomorrow allows me to see the day-to-day impact of these programs, and it was great to report to the Federal Government through DEEWR that not only had more than 80 per cent of our participants gone on to employment or further education, but that 19 per cent of those had gone on to university.

That's more than six times the national average and gives us confidence that we are making a real difference in partnership with families and schools.

Not everybody is made for university, and we see every participant who has secured a job as being just as successful as those that have gone on to study.

What makes us happy about the university figure is we believe

it shows that these kids now not only have the ability to dream big, they also have the confidence to follow their dreams.

These kids are heroes to me. We also have a group on our Titans Achievement Program with us from the communities of Mornington Island, Doomadgee and Cherbourg to coincide with the NRL's Close the Gap round.

Some of these participants have become true leaders in their communities over the time in the program.

This is not just because they have been involved in the program it is because they have made positive and strong decisions about where they want to head to in life.

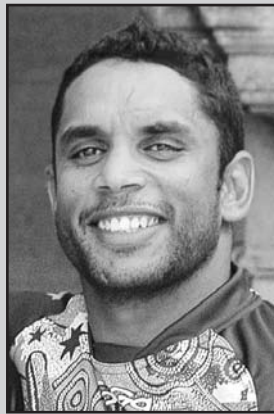
They are also my heroes.

I write this because while I was in London we were joined by the likes of (boxer) Muhammad Ali, (athlete) Michael Johnson, (soccer's) David Beckham and (rugby union's) Francois Pienaar.

To many people these sporting stars are heroes and idols and I must admit I have always found Ali to be an inspirational figure.

But you do not have to be famous to be a hero, and that is why I respect these kids and also a person who I had the opportunity to meet at the awards.

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

Richard Lapchick is well-known in the United States by many, but he is hardly what many would call a hero.

Richard's father was the New York Knicks' basketball coach when they signed Nat

'Sweetwater' Clifton as the first African-American NBA player in 1950.

Following in his father's footsteps, Richard has become known as 'the social conscience of sport' because of his work as a human rights activist in sport.

Talking to him was inspirational and he convinced me we were on the right track and in some areas may well be leading the way.

My work compares nothing to his, though, as Richard endured many hardships in his battle for racial equality even to the point where he almost lost his life.

It even involved confrontation with the KKK, but he has remained undaunted because of his belief that everybody – black or white, able or disabled – should be included in everything.

And this relates not only to sport but to all walks of life including employment.

Richard Lapchick is an unsung hero in this country but he has inspired me personally and I hope to be able to keep in contact with him and one day introduce him to the great game of rugby league.

It is a pity he can't be here to experience the Close the Gap round particularly as we are up against the mighty Rabbitohs who

also do great work in the community through Souths Cares.

But the 'Close the Gap' theme should not be just about a game of footy. It is something that should exist every day.

'Close the Gap' is really a day-to-day thing for myself.

It's great for it to be a week – the NRL do a great job in a lot of programs and helping out communities, especially the Indigenous community.

The Close the Gap round is really important not just for Indigenous people but also for non-Indigenous people to get some knowledge about why it is so important to Indigenous people.

The NRL play a really good part in that.

But it comes back to something as practical as the students participating in the Titans Achievement Program who will take real qualifications and skills back to their communities.

Hopefully they can go back to their communities and keep going with their studies and hopefully get some employment out of it.

That will effect real change.

That's when these kids become legends and heroes in their own communities.

Real heroes.

NRL tackles gap



RUGBY League champions urged all people to tackle Indigenous health inequality as part of last weekend's NRL 'Close the Gap' round.

Indigenous-inspired jerseys, mentoring, leadership, cultural awareness sessions and Indigenous performances were among initiatives by NRL clubs during the all-important round in the lead-up to the finals series.

Among those calling for improved Indigenous health, life expectancy and education and employment opportunities were stars Johnathan Thurston, Cameron Smith and Greg Inglis.

"The All Stars and health and education programs we have across the game have helped change people's lives, but the life expectancy gap is one issue we have to keep tackling," Cowboys and Indigenous All Stars captain Thurston said.

Australian, Maroons and Melbourne captain Cameron Smith said: "As a parent, it's heart-breaking to know that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies have more than double the chance of dying before the age of one.

"By signing the pledge, all rugby league fans can show their support for reducing the life expectancy gap."

And Inglis, the Rabbitohs' Close the Gap ambassador, said: "There's no reason why all Australians

can't enjoy health equality.

"When you go to support your team at the footy, show your support for closing the gap and sign the pledge."

To sign the pledge, log on to www.oxfam.org.au/closethegap.

As part of the Close the Gap Round activities:

- The Sydney Roosters hosted 50 clients from the PCYC and Ted Noffs Indigenous Programs at their game against the Dragons.

- Storm players wore specially designed training shirts as well as a specially designed jersey for the game against Penrith.

- Local Elders gave the welcome to country at the Panthers' home game against the Raiders.

- The Dragons wore a special Indigenous jersey in Round 24 against the Cowboys.

Other clubs also organised special activities.

Close the Gap co-chairs Mick Gooda and Jody Broun thanked the NRL, its clubs and players for their ongoing support of the campaign.

"Rugby league represents the kind of partnerships essential to closing the life expectancy gap," Mr Gooda said.

"Every week in the NRL, Indigenous and non-Indigenous players come together successfully to achieve a common goal. This is what we need to close the gap, and the NRL can be proud of its efforts to raise awareness of this critical issue."



He wants the disadvantage gap closed, but this is one gap he doesn't ... North Queensland Cowboys' Johnathan Thurston on the attack during his team's clash with Manly in Townsville on Saturday night. The visitors proved too good, taking the game and the Cowboys' top four place 8-6. AAP image



Brothers in arms ... Western Australia's Morris Coppin and Ashley Wallam.

Indigenous men play vital roles

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS player Justin Berry featured in the Victoria 1 side that

recaptured the national crown at this year's Australian Country Football Championships, in Wagga Wagga, southern NSW.

Berry, from Cranbourne, was a senior member of the unbeaten Vic 1 Australian rules side, coached by former Hawthorn great Peter Knights.

The 31-year-old also starred in the 2010 championships, where he gained All-Australian honours.

Berry played with Carlton, had a year at South Adelaide in the SANFL and with Frankston in the VFL before going to the Eagles on the Mornington Peninsula.

The Vic 1 team downed Vic 2 by 68 points in the final of the country championships, which are played every two years.

Aboriginal player Tylah Saunders, from Hatherleigh in the Mid South East competition, was among the fourth-placed South Australian side's best. He featured in the top players' list



Indigenous player Billy English in action for Queensland.

in three of the Croweaters' five round-robin clashes.

"Tylah is hard at the footy and doesn't take a backward step," South Australian coach Barry Pilmore said.

"He's creative with his handball and brought others in to the game.

"For his first trip to these titles he can feel pleased with his contribution."

Fellow Indigenous player Billy English, from the South Cairns Football Club, was a member of the Queensland line-up, playing as an on-baller.

Coach Stephen Daniel described English as an inside midfielder type who enjoys a hard contest.

"Billy is as tough as teak and loves the 'in and under' work," he said.

The bottom-placed Western Australian side had two Indigenous representatives, Morris Coppin (South Hedland) and Ashley Wallam (Kojonup in the Lower South East competition).

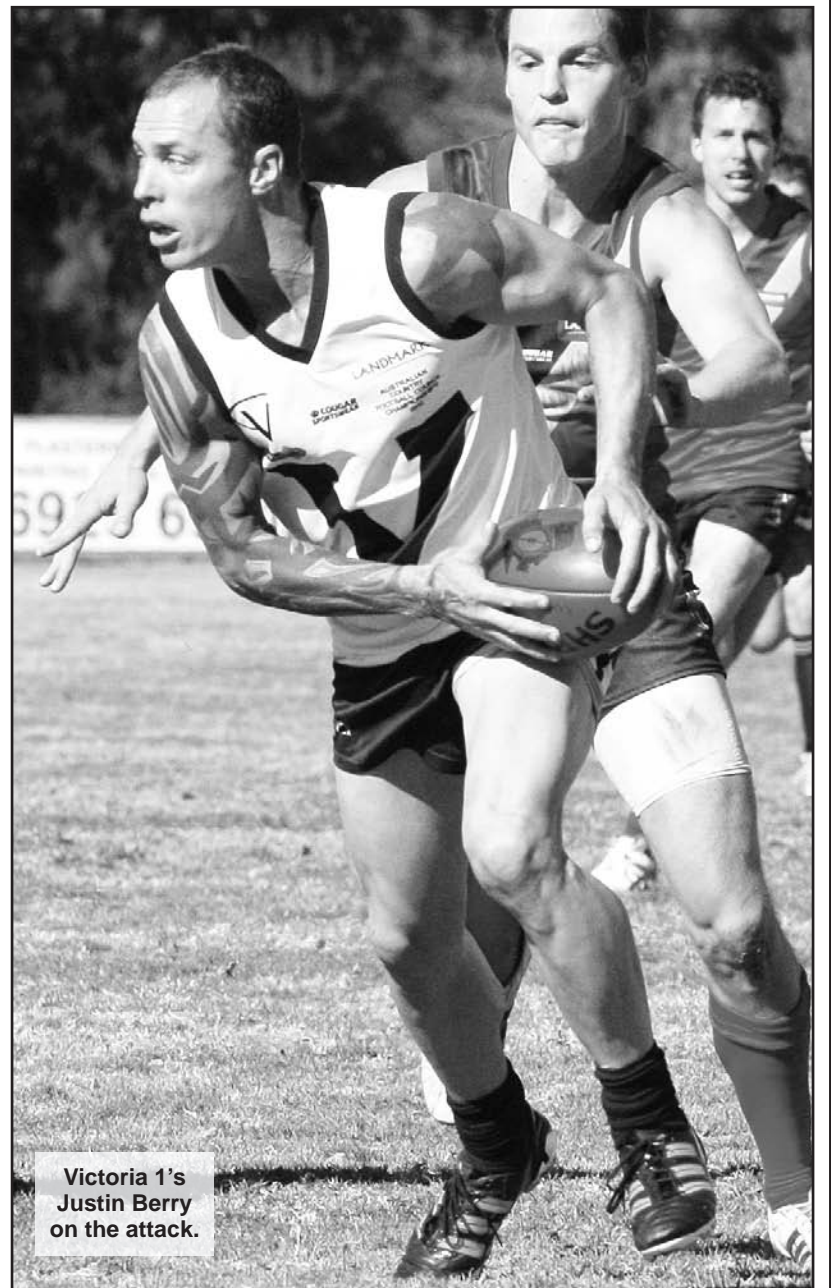
"Morris is coached by former West Coast Eagle Kirk Ugle and is a great young man," WA country coach Paul Pannell said.

"His main attributes include his undoubted field speed and ball use.

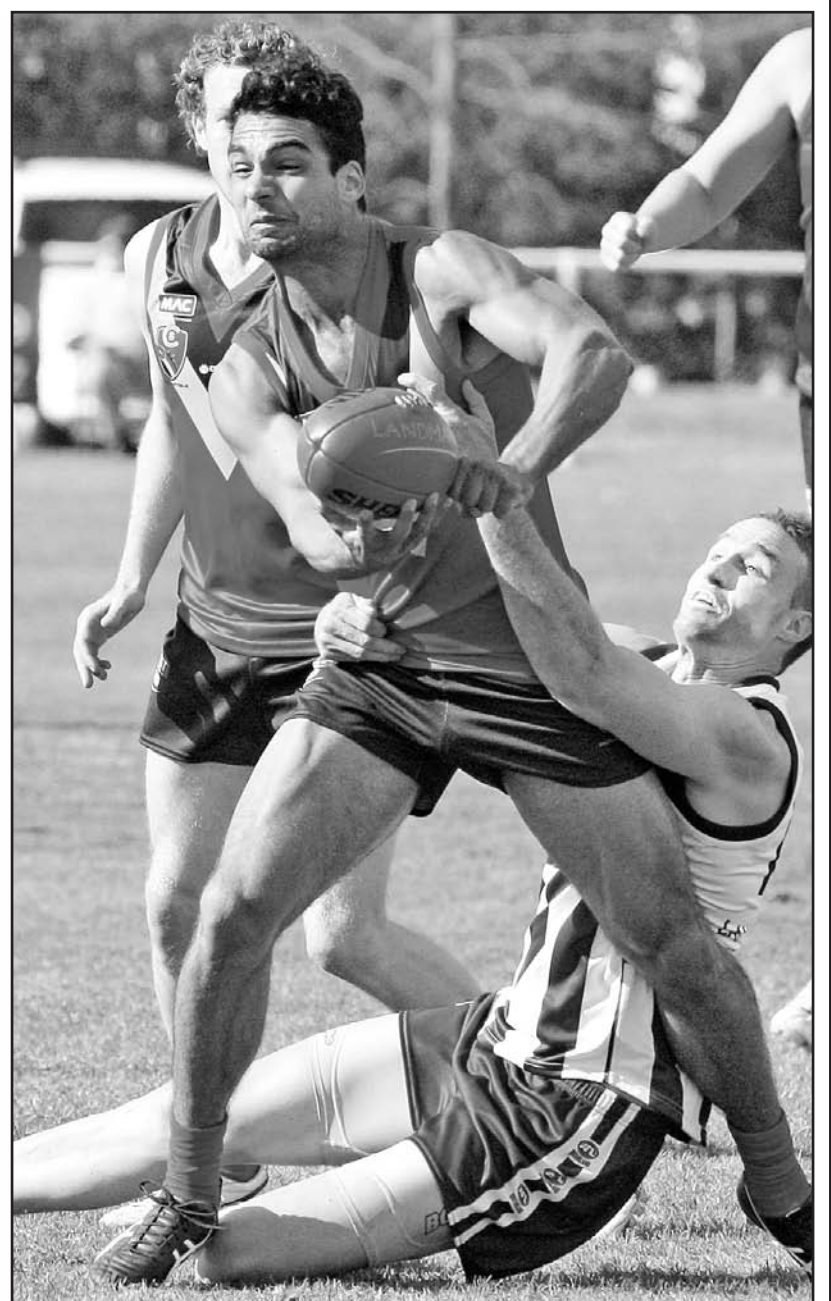
"Ash is an all-round football talent who glides across the ground, and he is still just 17.

"He has a physical presence around the contest and lots of ability."

The 2014 Australian Country Championships will be held in South Australia, with the Barossa Valley being touted as a suitable venue.



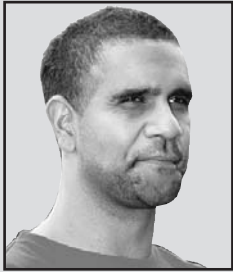
Victoria 1's Justin Berry on the attack.



Aboriginal player Tylah Saunders was among South Australia's best.

Seize the day!

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THERE are many clichés in sport. As you approach retirement or as you achieve milestones you are often asked how you feel. Almost invariably a player will respond that while personal achievements are great it is more about the team and the next game.

In the next breath the athlete will say 'I will probably only appreciate this after I retire' and 'I have time to reflect when it all sinks in'.

To a large degree I would support these sentiments, but when I was launching my autobiography I longed to be back in the moment with the boys and living the dream.

I always appreciated the privilege I had been given in being able to play AFL at the highest level, but I still believe you do not fully appreciate anything in life until it is taken away.

That said, I will always consider myself to be one of the 'Bloods' and I can only encourage the current team to seize the day.

I have a vision of Adam

Goodes lining up against Buddy Franklin and the Swans and Hawks playing what could be one of the truly great grand finals of all time.

Having said that the true professionalism of the Swans is shining through. The Sydney bandwagon might be starting to gather momentum, but those in the inner sanctum aren't just keeping a lid on it, they've put a vacuum seal on it.

Early in the year we were just talking about the hope of a premiership this season. That's something that is now a distinct possibility as the Swans hold top place on the ladder.

Mixing with the boys it's almost as if I'm one of Sydney's players again where as a group we were

role and I know that's a really boring answer, but that's the reason people in this club are so good.

Having said that I am sure the players would have obviously started to think about achieving the ultimate success, but they would be too well drilled to let that be a distraction.

There's no doubt as a fan and an ex-player that I want them to do very well, but I – I guess more than others – know that the process has to be spot-on to achieve that ultimate dream.

It will be in their minds I guess, but they'll be taking it one day at a time, one week at a time.

As good as we were in 2005 I think the current crop might have my old team's measure.

strong memories that certainly reinforced how fortunate I have been.

While my first few years after being drafted in 1994 were plagued by uncertainty about my place – as a person as much as a footballer – I certainly credit the club for putting me on the path to success.

This club did everything for me, and I've met some great people through the Swans.

I think everything I've learnt as an adult has been at the club.

I always reflect how different my journey could have been. I grew up in a pretty rough neighbourhood and a lot of friends and family were really battling.

I wouldn't change my upbringing, but things I've learnt here about hard work and that if you really strive and want something bad enough, you can do it if you put your head down and bum up. That's why I also want these guys to live the moment while keeping a week to week focus.

The young guys coming in they know about the '05-'06 story, it's their time now.

But as they also say, you can't put old heads on young shoulders.

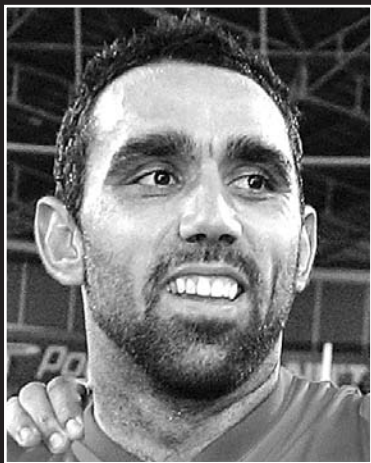
I just trust they fully appreciate the opportunity they have now may never come again.

It's a message I try to instill in my role as the high performance manager of the AIS AFL program.

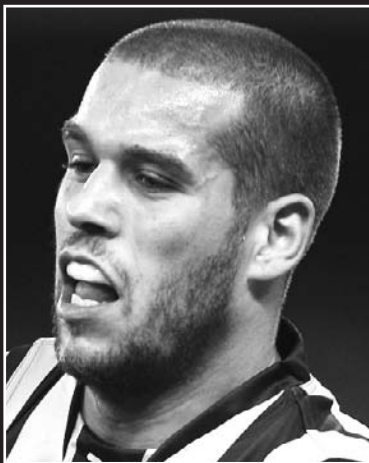
Work hard and persevere, but also enjoy the journey.

Live in the moment and seize the day!

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Michael O'Loughlin's dream vision ... the Swans' Adam Goodes, left, and Hawthorn's Buddy Franklin head-to-head in the AFL grand final.



collectively infamous for avoiding questions about success and anything other than the next week's game.

The strength of the Swans as a footy club is that they never get ahead of themselves.

It's always been like that since I arrived and coach John Longmire would be the absolute same, and he's doing a brilliant job,

Everybody is playing a

Everyone is talking about the outside run and the spread has been fantastic, but there's been an addition of players who've gone to another level.

Lewis Jetta has been one of the real catalysts, and even the 'old blokes' have lifted.

It's an exciting team.

But being with the boys also brought back some



KOREY SUMMERS



TWO Indigenous Marathon Project runners have performed well in recent

long-distance races. New York Marathon runner Kiwa Schilling, from Kanmantoo in South Australia, finished second in the annual Outback Marathon 11km held at Uluru on 28 July.

And IMP squad member Korey Summers, from Alice Springs, won the ABC Alice Springs half marathon on 29 July, covering the

21km course in 84 minutes.

"I felt really good during the race, even though I was recovering from a cold," Summers said.

"I started strong and found my rhythm and then just held that pace. I was really relaxed, and was very pleased that I won.

"This is another step in my training for New York and I am feeling very confident."

Schilling, 18, who recently relocated to Uluru to attend the National Indigenous Training Academy, has continued

running since finishing the 2011 New York Marathon in a time of 4 hours and 2 minutes.

Summers' next major challenge is in Alice Springs next month when he tackles a 30km test event, before the 2012 IMP New York Marathon squad is announced.

The IMP, run by former marathon world champion Robert de Castella, offers young Indigenous people willing to take on an eight-month challenge the chance to run in the New York City Marathon.

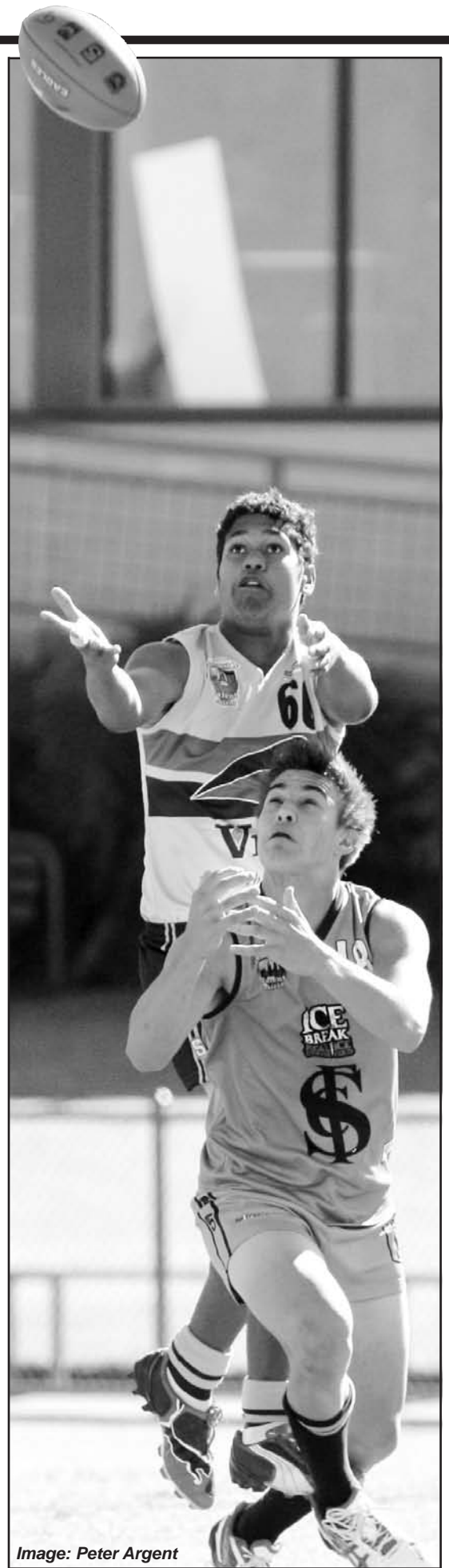


Image: Peter Argent

APY teenager making mark



AFTER APY Lands man Amos Frank's rookie-drafting to AFL's Hawthorn last year, the Woodville-West Torrens SANFL club has continued its association with the remote Aboriginal lands in South Australia's far north.

Talented teenage forward Henry Kupa, pictured here setting himself for a mark, is playing with the Eagles in the SANFL under-16 competition.

"Henry, from the APY Lands, has been involved in our program since last November and is currently boarding at Woodville High School with the Wiltja Program," coach Darren Hams said.

"He is continuing to learn his trade and kicked two goals in our opening game against Port Adelaide. Among Henry's strengths is he's a clever player, who reads the game well and has strong hand skills."

Tenpin's Troy strikes again at nationals

By ALF WILSON



TOWNSVILLE
Indigenous tenpin bowler Troy Murphy has returned from the National Disabilities Championships in Adelaide with three

gold medals.

The 35-year-old took gold in the Open Teams, Open Doubles and Classic Doubles sections in South Australia, following up on a strong performance last year.

Murphy does not believe his cerebral palsy and epilepsy are barriers to being a successful competitor in a sport.

That belief has been underlined with his selection in the able bodied tenpin bowling competitions at Townsville's Kirwan Lanes from 12-23 August.

"I shed some tears when I learnt Troy had been picked in the able bodied team to contest the North Queensland Holt Challenge and John Dobson Memorial tournaments," proud mother Dot Murphy (nee Stanley) said.

Bowlers from around the country will be in Townsville to represent their states at the competitions.

Murphy's late dad Kevin had been a constant companion and

big supporter as his son rose to the top of his sport in the disabled competitions over the past 20 years. But when Kevin died in March last year, his son continued his ten pin bowling despite an often emotional struggle.

The Adelaide nationals were the second that Murphy had competed at since his father passed away. He also won three gold medals at last year's titles in Newcastle.

Very proud

Mrs Murphy said Kevin would have been very proud of his son for being picked in the able bodied tournaments.

Murphy said he thought of his dad all the time when he competed.

"He was always with me and I feel his presence," he said.

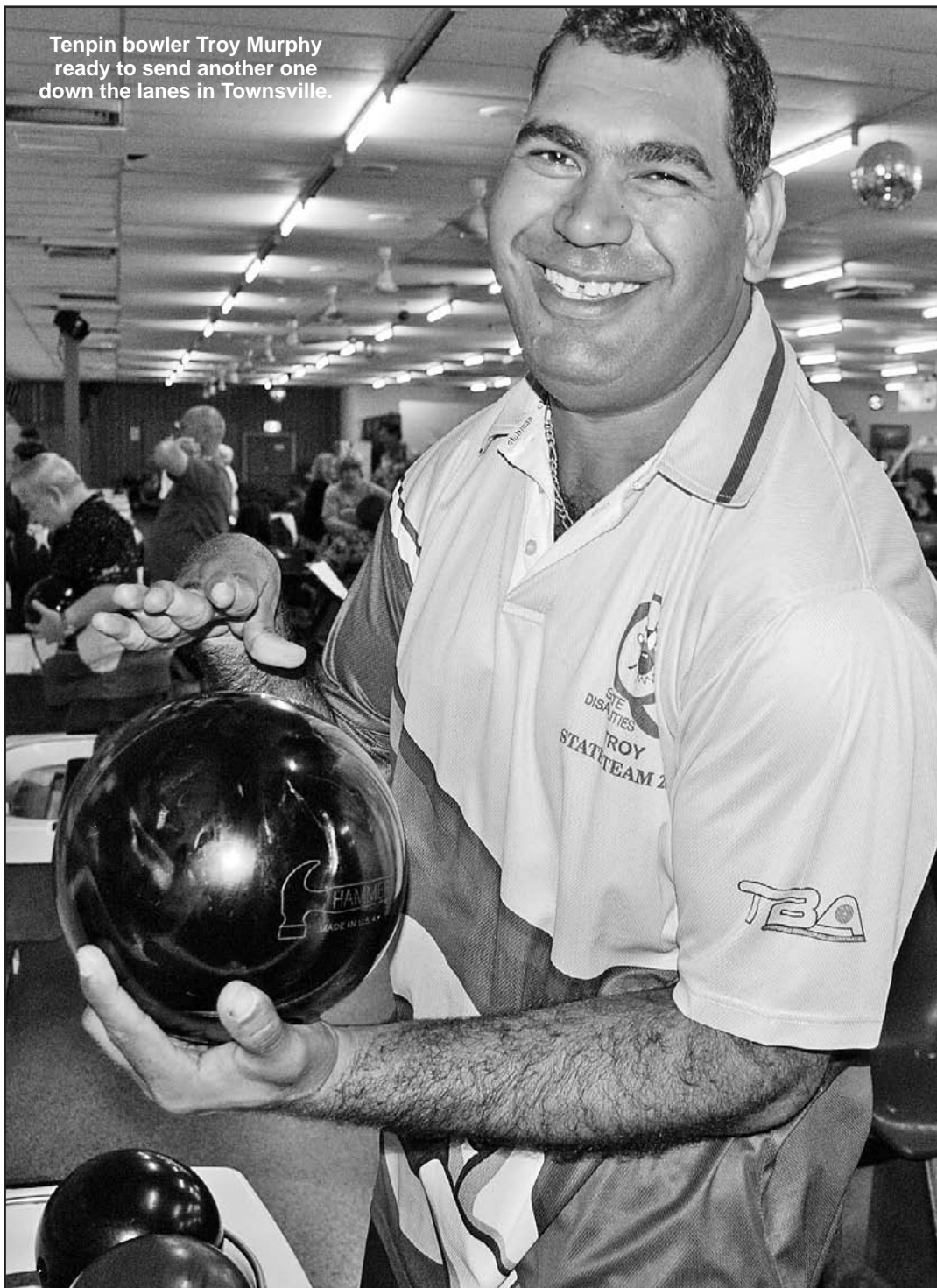
Kevin Murphy was a former top cricketer and tennis player, and Mrs Murphy a former champion vigoro sportswoman.

This October, Murphy will travel to Canberra for the Interstate Challenge between Queensland, NSW and Canberra.

He gained a new sponsor this year in Townsville Scaffold Hire.

"We thank them very much for their support financially and also the support of family and friends," Murphy said.

Tenpin bowler Troy Murphy ready to send another one down the lanes in Townsville.



Cricket carnival time in Territory



NT Cricket's Indigenous cup carnivals for 2012-13 have started, with the Saltwater Cup played last weekend on the Tiwi Islands.

The carnivals are community-based Indigenous events played throughout the Territory in a round-robin format, with the focus on participation and enjoyment of the game of cricket.

NT Cricket's John Stock says he is pleased this year's carnivals will cover five NT areas.

"The carnivals provide excellent opportunities for Indigenous communities to get involved in cricket, as well as a strong pathway to the Imparja Cup carnival held in

Alice Springs every year," he said.

While the events are Indigenous-focused, all are welcome to play.

There are usually eight players to a team and 14 overs an innings.

The competitions are held in conjunction with relevant Government Indigenous sport units and the shire councils.

Coming events are:

- Dingo Cup (Timber Creek) – 19-21 October.
- Barra Cup (Borrooloola) – 27-28 October.
- Nitmiluk Cup (Katherine) – 10-11 November.
- Rossy Williams Shield (Tennant Creek) – March 2013.

For more details, call NT Cricket on (08) 8944 8900.



Members of the Katherine Kangas, who won last year's Nitmiluk Cup competition played in Katherine.

Rugby titles ready to go



THE Santos National Indigenous Under-16s Rugby Union Championships will be held this Sunday and Monday at

Tallebudgera on Queensland's Gold Coast.

Players from around Australia will compete, with a national Indigenous team to be selected for the Australian Rugby Union Under-16s National Championships in Sydney from 30 September - 5 October.

This team will then become the first Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team Inc to tour the Northern Hemisphere.

Meanwhile, a fund-raising dinner for the LMRDT Australian Indigenous Under-17s 2013 France Tour will be held at The Greek Club, South Brisbane, on 12 September.

The Brisbane dinner, being sponsored by the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, will feature special guest Qantas Wallabies forwards coach Andrew Blades.

For more details and to book, email Fiona Regan at fiona@sportstours.com.au



WA NAIDOC Netball Carnival 17 and Under competition winners Kart Koort Wiern.



Role models Troy Cook, Josie Janz and Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls with netballers.

2000 at WA netball day



THIS year's NAIDOC 2012 Netball Carnival in Perth attracted a record attendance of about 2000, including 750 players competing in 62 teams.

Held at the Southern Districts Netball Association in Langford, the carnival featured 12 and Under, 13 and Under, 15 and Under and 17 and Under divisions and senior teams in A, B and C grades.

Teams came from across Western Australia, including the Perth metropolitan area as well as Bunbury, Narrogin, Bruce Rock, Albany, Moora, Kalgoorlie, Mandurah and Quairading. Some interstate players also travelled from Ballarat in Victoria.

The carnival is supported by the WA Department of Sport and Recreation and Australian Sports Commission's Indigenous Sports Program, Netball WA, Nyoongar Sports Association, David Wirrpanda Foundation, Department of Health (Aboriginal Health Division), Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service, Aboriginal Health Council of WA, WA Police and Healthway.

"Every day in my role I see the



Mandurah's Kerry Stack was selected as coach of the NAIDOC Allstars team.

passion that exists amongst Indigenous West Australians for sport and that's what, year in, year out, makes the NAIDOC Week Netball Carnival such a huge success," Department of Sport and Recreation state co-ordinator Indigenous sport Clem Rodney said.

A NAIDOC Allstars team was

selected by Netball WA to recognise talented under-15 and under-17 players. Those selected were Rikita Bennell and Bianca Garlett (Kwinana 17/U), Anika Gillespie and Jayme Uren (Kart Koort Wiern 17/U), Alkira Rodney and Lena Taylor (Maali Djookanka 17/U), Rikiya Ryder (Woola Woola Koolongas 17/U), Tekysha Yarran (Stars 15/U), Kayla Bennell (Pink Sisters 15/U) and Kayla Woodley and Heidi Farmer (Woola Woola Koolongas 17/U).

David Wirrpanda Foundation role model guests included Troy Cook (former Fremantle Dockers and Sydney Swans AFL player), Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls (former Richmond Tigers and West Coast Eagles AFL player and current East Perth Royals WAFL player) and Josie Janz (West Coast Fever).

Winners: 12/U Brookman Primary School (Langford), r/up Hot Shots (Albany); 13/U Raiders, r/up Hot Shots; 15/U Pink Sisters (Mandurah), r/up Narrogin; 17/U Kart Koort Wiern (Lockridge), r/up Woola Woola Koolongas; C grade Balga, r/up Chichaz (Bacatta); B grade Stingers (Forrestfield), r/up Phoenix; A grade Gina's Dream Team (Ballarat, Vic), r/up Djetz.



Narrogin 12 and Under players Telisha Kickett, Jasmin Jetta-Bolton, Taylor Williams (front) and Ebonie Kickett.



● Above: Bunbury Moorditj Yorgas 15 and Under players Ilesha Anthony, Bianca Garlett, Amber Collard and Jasinta Collard.



● Left: Moora 17 and Under players Cody Warrell, Dakota Mippy and Ashley Warrell.



Mandurah Yirra Djinda 15 and Under players Lauren Yardley, Taylor Castle, Brianna Nannup and Nicole Gaugg at the carnival in Perth.



Armadale Djetz players Tania Hansen, Tearra Griggs and Clariss Hansen.

Peden to join Boxing Hall of Fame greats



New Australian Boxing Hall of Fame entrant Robbie Peden ... "It's great to be in such good company, a real honour." Photos by Joseph Mayers



HE'S been a world champion, scored Commonwealth gold and fought for Australia at the Olympics.

And now Robbie Peden, one of Australia's most successful ever boxers, is set to add another honour to that glittering array.

The Melbourne-based Kalkadoon (north-west Queensland) man will this week be inducted into the Australian National Boxing Hall of Fame.

Here's why.

Born in 1973, Peden fought his way to national selection for the 1992 Olympic Games

(Barcelona) as a flyweight and the 1996 Games (Atlanta) as a featherweight.

In between he won Commonwealth

Games gold, a victory which is credited as securing the first Federal funding for amateur boxing.

His career highlight was taking the IBF super featherweight championship in a title bout with American Nate Campbell during 1995.

Such was Peden's prowess in the ring that he was rated in the top 10 for six years as an amateur



Robbie Peden keeps an eye on training at the Fitzroy Stars gym in Melbourne.

in six weight classes.

His Hall of Fame induction in the 'moderns' section puts him alongside the great names in Australian boxing – stars like Dave Sands, Tony Mundine, Jeff Fenech, Kostya Tszyu and, of course, the late great Lionel Rose, to name a few.

"It's great to be in such good company, a real honour," the 38-year-old Peden told the *Koori Mail*. "Boxing's been good to me."

And Peden's been – and continues to be – good to boxing, too.

Following his retirement he's become heavily involved in training and coaching at Fitzroy Stars gym where he's heading boxing trainer with the Melbourne Aboriginal Youth

Sport and Recreation (MAYSAR).

There he's mentoring about 15 amateur boxers, and he's also involved in other coaching and mentoring programs.

"It's satisfying," he said. "I've always wanted to be the best, and I want to be the best now at educating adults and children to be successful. Working through MAYSAR and other programs is a great way to do that."

Fellow MAYSAR leader Jason Tamiru has nothing but praise for Peden.

"He's been fantastic for us here. He gives so much, and so many of our people benefit from his skills and knowledge."

"It's right that Robbie should be in the Hall of Fame."

SANFL's Indigenous focus



LAST weekend's South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Indigenous round focused on the Norwood versus Sturt clash at Coopers Stadium in Adelaide.

In a game featuring plenty of Indigenous colour, Norwood – strong premiership contenders – proved way too strong, winning 24.7 (151) to 4.6 (30).

Highlights included a Kurna welcome to country, pre-match Aboriginal performances and goal umpires waving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

And Sturt footballers also wore a commemorative guernsey for the game.

The SANFL says the round acknowledged the contribution made by Indigenous people to South Australian football.

The league has 40 Indigenous footballers this season at League, Reserves or



Past player Michael O'Brien performs a Kurna welcome to country ceremony at Coopers Stadium in Adelaide.

Under-18 level, and another 15 awaiting debut selection.

These numbers are believed to represent the highest ever level of Indigenous participation across these grades in the competition's history.

"Whereas in 2010 there

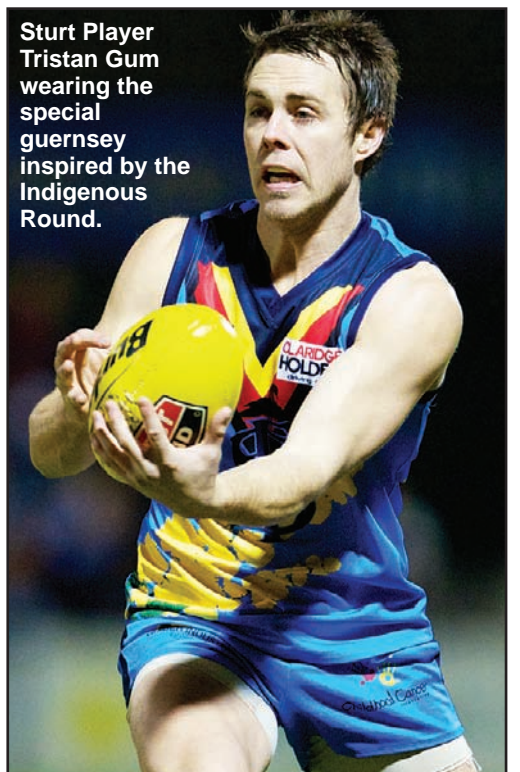
were six or seven Indigenous players gaining selection in these grades on a weekly basis, there is now closer to 30 being called up to play each week," SANFL Aboriginal employment and participation manager James Moore said.

"Part of this result is due to the SANFL's Indigenous Football Department work over the past two years to provide support for young players not only with their footy but in terms of their professional and personal lives.

"League stars like Eddie Sansbury, Kriston Thompson and Joe Anderson have been leading the way for younger players like Dwayne Wilson, Tim Sumner and Tyson Lindsay.

"Chad Wingard, who is of Kurna heritage, has also been an inspiration for young talent, having captained the State Under-18s last year and now playing for Port Adelaide in the AFL.

"Ceduna product Terry Milera was also drafted last year to St Kilda and has played 13 of the 15 games to date. Terry originally played for Koonibba, which is one of the oldest footy clubs in Australia."



Basketballer a star on the rise

By CHRIS PIKE



WEST Coast Waves and Rockingham Flames basketballer Jacinta Bourne is an Indigenous player on the way up as she continues to impress at state and national level.

The 20-year-old is currently preparing for her State Basketball League finals campaign with the Rockingham Flames.

Her outstanding SBL season has come on the back of her first year in the Women's National Basketball League with the Perth-based West Coast Fever.

Bourne is another product of the evolving Clontarf Academy. She lived in the Goldfields city of Kalgoorlie for several years before moving to Perth to attend Clontarf, and her work ethic has made her a standout ever since on the basketball court and off it.

Coming off her time schooling at the academy, Bourne began playing in the SBL with Rockingham and has now completed four seasons with the Flames.

As an 18-year-old in 2009 she had a breakout first season, averaging 8.1 points, 3.9 rebounds and 1.4 assists a game before backing it up in 2010 with another solid all-round campaign.

She stepped up last year, averaging career-high numbers across the board with 15.0 points, 8.0 rebounds, 2.7 steals and 2.0 assists a game.

Not surprisingly, that performance for Rockingham over the course of 22 games earned her attention on the national stage and she won a contract with the Waves.

Getting a roster spot on a national team's squad is a huge step for any young basketballer, and Bourne made the most of the opportunity not only on the court at training and in games, but also throwing herself into helping out in as many areas as possible off it.

As well as playing in seven games for the Waves and hitting a best of seven points on 17 February against Sydney, Bourne made herself available for community work. That included talking at her old school the Clontarf Girls Academy, wrapping Christmas presents for Mission Australia, and she was heavily involved in the running of the West Coast Waves school holiday clinic in January at the WA Basketball Centre.

Since her first WNBL season, Bourne has gone back to play in the SBL with Rockingham and helped her team finish the regular season in fourth position, having averaged 11.4 points, 5.6 rebounds, 3.3 steals and 2.4 assists a game.

Her season included a high of 23 points on 5 May against the East Perth Eagles and then 10 rebounds against Wanneroo on 26 May, and now she and her Rockingham teammates have started the play-offs against the Kalamunda Eastern Suns.



Jacinta Bourne in action for the West Coast Waves in the Women's National Basketball League.

Mixed sports in Qld event



INDIGENOUS male and female rugby league, basketball, oztag and boxing is on

the program for next month's Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports Carnival.

Launching the event last week, organisers Anthony Mundine and Paula Maling said the carnival on the Sunshine Coast would be a 'sporting extravaganza', bringing together male and female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players from across Queensland in four competitions over two weekends – 21-23 and 29-30 September.

They said the drug- and alcohol-free event, supported by the Maroochydore Junior Rugby League Club, Sunshine Coast University, Shamrock Boxing Gym and Oztag Queensland, had the blessing of local Gubbi Gubbi traditional owners.

This year's program has been expanded to include boxing, with the support of world champion Anthony Mundine.

The program is:
Boxing – Friday Night Fights, 21st September, at

Maroochydore JRL Ovals, Wises Road Maroochydore. Ten amateur fights are planned, with the event ending with an exhibition fight by Anthony 'The Man' Mundine.

Basketball – 22-23 September, at the Sunshine Coast University, Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs. Twelve Open Men's and eight Open Women's team competition.

Rugby League – 21-23 September, at Maroochydore JRL Ovals, Wises Road, Maroochydore. Sixteen Open Men's, 10 Open Women's and 14 Under 18 team Competition.

Oztag – 29-30 September, at Maroochydore JRL Ovals. Open Men's, Mixed and Under 15's team competition.

A cultural night is planned for 22 September, and a careers and employment expo will also be held from the 21-23 September at the Maroochydore Junior Rugby League Fields.

Registrations for Rugby League, Oztag and Basketball teams can be downloaded from the QMSC website – www.qmsc.ampmmgmt.com.au – or call Jurnan Ayerst on 0405 027 165.

Gillard is a guest



PRIME Minister Julia Gillard will be among the guests this Sunday at the official launch of Richmond AFL Football Club's Indigenous centre, the Korin Gamadji Institute.

The institute, the first Indigenous centre of its kind in Australia, will host leadership camps, career transition training and pre-employment skills, and vocational education and training for young Indigenous people.

Richmond says it has been successful in engaging Indigenous communities in Victoria and further afield since it began operating more than 12 months ago.

As well as Ms Gillard, Richmond Football Club CEO Brendan Gale and institute director Belinda Duarte will give addresses at the launch. The institute is at the Richmond Football Club, in Melbourne.

Our competitors at the Ready to compete...



BEKI LEE



AS well as sprinter Josh Ross (see facing page), three other Indigenous athletes start their Olympic campaigns this week. Beki Lee, the only Indigenous female in the team, will compete

in the 20km women's road walk on early Friday morning Australian time. Lee, who lives in Canberra and is based at the Australian Institute of Sport, gained selection with a qualifying time of 1 hour 33.9 seconds for the walk. Khalen Young starts his campaign



KHALEN YOUNG
today (Wednesday) in the BMX competition. He has an

impressive track record in the sport, featuring in top placings at World Championships. Last year he won silver in the World Cup in South Africa. Born in Western Australia, he also lives in the US state of California where he is a professional BMX competitor.

Benn Harradine had his qualification round in the men's discus throw on Monday, after the *Koori Mail* went to press. He was the first Indigenous field athlete to represent Australia at the Olympics (2008 in Beijing), and has been a finalist at world events in recent years.



BENN HARRADINE



AUSTRALIAN guard and Indigenous champion Patrick Mills challenges the British defence in the Olympic clash last Sunday. After a poor start to the Games, Australia won this clash 106-75, but were heading for a showdown with the United States as the *Koori Mail* went to press. Full details in our next edition. AAP image



Australia's Cameron Hammond, right, fighting Canada's Custio Clayton in a men's welterweight 69kg opening boxing match. Indigenous competitor Hammond was beaten, ending his Olympic campaign. AAP image



INDIGENOUS champion Joel Carroll celebrates scoring Australia's last goal against Spain during the men's field hockey competition at the London Games. The Hockeyroos were continuing their campaign as the *Koori Mail* went to press. See our next edition for more details. AAP image

London 2012 Olympics



INDIGENOUS boxer Jesse Ross, right and inset, with Algerian Abdelmalek Rahou during their first-round middleweight (75kg) bout at the London Games on 28 July. Ross was eliminated from the competition after Rahou won on a 13-11 points decision. Ross hails from Queensland's Gold Coast. AFP photo

Did you know...

- The first known Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Olympians were Adrian Blair, Frank Roberts and Michael Ah Matt, who competed at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo.
- Nova Peris was the first Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander athlete to win an Olympic gold medal when she was part of the Australian women's hockey team at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.
- Kevin Coombs was the first Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Paralympian.
- Forty-three Indigenous athletes have represented Australia at the Olympic and Paralympic games up to 2008 (37 Olympians and 6 Paralympians).
- Twenty-nine medals have been won by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes at the Olympic and Paralympic games (two gold, four silver and five bronze in the Olympics and five gold, six silver and seven bronze at the Paralympics).

● Source: *Let's Talk Olympic Heroes*, from Reconciliation Australia

Upset Ross relays his frustration



Josh Ross ... "Why did (the selectors) give me a flat 'no'?"



SPRINTER Josh Ross will run in the Australian men's 4x100m relay starting later this week despite earlier threats to quit the national team.

The veteran Indigenous athlete had been angry at being overlooked for an individual berth in the 100m sprint at the London Games.

Ross, a six-times national 100m champion, said he had 'put up with weeks of frustration' at being fobbed off by Athletics Australia officials regarding his omission from the individual 100m before deciding to speak out.

Accusation

Fellow Olympics team member John Steffensen was also angry at being omitted from the 400m individual event after his inclusion in the relay line-up. He has previously accused the national athletics body of racial discrimination in its selections.

An angry Ross, who clocked 10.23 for the 100m in poor conditions (the A standard was 10.18) asked why selectors did not provisionally select him for the individual event.

"It only makes sense but obviously the selectors don't have any common sense," the 31-year-old said.

"Why did they give me a flat 'no'?"

Heats in the 4x100m relay start this Friday.

● See our next edition for more on the London Games



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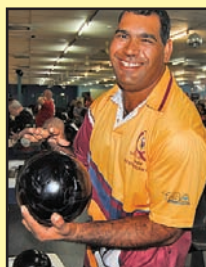
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**Troy strikes
again at
tenpin titles**

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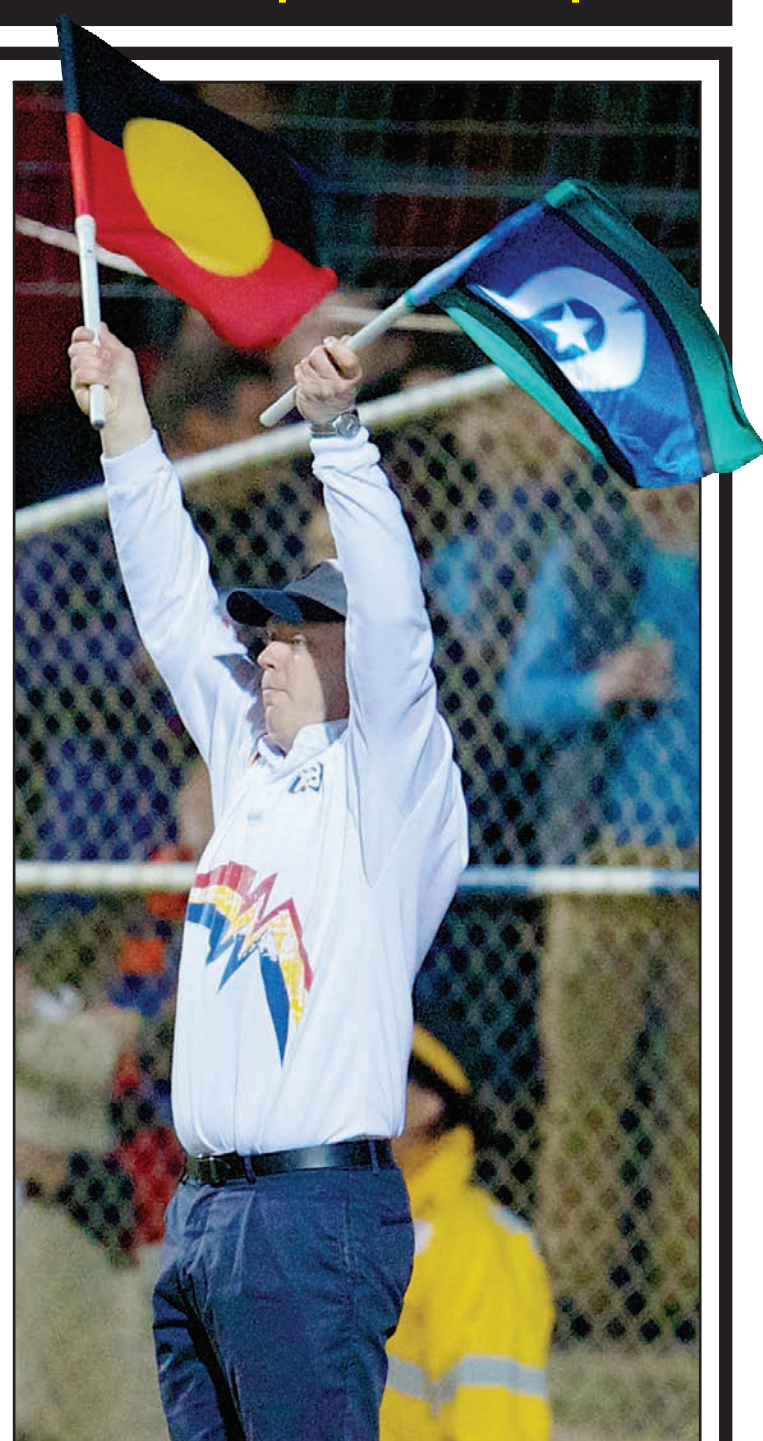
● Turn to Page 88 for our report and more photos

Olympic battles



PROUD Aboriginal champion boxer Damien Hooper, in red and shown at left, squares off against Egor Mekhontcev, of Russia, during their round of 16 light-heavyweight (81kg) clash at the London Olympic Games early last Sunday, Australian time. After winning an earlier victory, Hooper lost the fight to the Russian 19-11 and bowed out of competition. But while he may have lost his Olympic campaign, he won the support and admiration of his Indigenous brothers and sisters by wearing a T-shirt featuring the Aboriginal flag – in breach of Olympic Games rules – to his first fight. See Page 5 for our news report. – AAP image

More London Games coverage on Pages 90-91



SANFL scores with Indigenous round



A GOAL umpire waves the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags during the Norwood versus Sturt game in last Friday's South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Indigenous round. Turn to Page 88 for more coverage from the weekend.

● **NRL Close the Gap round coverage – see Page 83**