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Winners are...

Collingwood's Andrew Krakouer shows his delight as the Magpies downed West Coast Eagles 73-60 to book an AFL preliminary final battle this weekend with the Sydney Swans. Krakouer has had a remarkable comeback from injury and personal problems this season, and was among Collingwood's best. Hawthorn and Adelaide will meet in the other final. See Page 109 for Michael O'Loughlin's column. Getty image



Jobs, services cut in LNP's first Budget



QUEENSLAND'S Murri Court will be closed as the State's new Liberal National Party (LNP) Government wields the axe in its first Budget.

The court, established in 2002, had been hailed as important in helping to rehabilitate Indigenous offenders around the state. But Attorney-General and Justice Minister Jarrod Bleijie said the decision was necessary to return Queensland to a stronger financial position, and because evidence – strongly disputed by lawyers and court members – suggested it was not working effectively.

Another victim of the Newman Government cuts was the planned Musgrave Park cultural centre in Brisbane. Deep cuts in the Health Department have alarmed doctors and the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council.

Brisbane-based rights campaigner Sam Watson Snr was incensed, saying the cuts have 'impacted massively on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, communities and programs'.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Glen Elmes said the Government was focusing on Indigenous communities through their councils, alcohol management plans, opportunities for home ownership, and opening up job opportunities and development, where appropriate.

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My FAMILY Katherine Ellis – Parkes, NSW



● Above: Katherine Ellis, second from left, with her sister Kylie, dad Dave and oldest brother James. Inset are photos of Katherine's other brother Matthew, and the cake showing Katherine as a baby with her late mum Nita.

I COME from Goodooga in northern New South Wales but now live in Parkes, having moved here in February after three years in Bourke. I have been a police officer for 19 years and am currently a domestic violence liaison officer at Parkes, also taking in Forbes, Condoblin, Lake Cargellico and Peak Hill.

I'm the youngest of four kids; my brothers Matthew and James live in Lightning Ridge and my sister Kylie lives in Maitland.

Our mum Nita Ellis passed away in April 1993. She was an Aboriginal woman and one of the Lambs from around Goodooga.

Our dad Dave Ellis lives out bush, on a property 170km south-east of Cunnamulla, but his family are from around Swan Hill, Victoria.

I have a pretty big extended family, with heaps of aunts and uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews. And I also have two red heelers – Gidgee and Wilga – they're part of my family too. They come everywhere with me and are very protective of me.

Mine is a very close and loving family. We're all very supportive of each other. Without them, I probably wouldn't be where I am today.

I grew up on Mogila Station outside Goodooga, where Dad was a station hand. Life there was never boring, there were always plenty of things to do.

As an Aboriginal woman and a non-Aboriginal man, my parents had to break down quite a few barriers, but they loved each other and that's what mattered most.

They both thought education was so important and it is, for all of our people.

This photo was taken at my 40th birthday party, held at my place in Parkes last month. My birthday cake had a photo of Mum feeding me when I was about 18 months old. It was taken down at Swan Hill at my grandparents' place.

It was such a beautiful photo that I couldn't bring myself to cut the cake, and still have it.

Mum taught us to respect others and to be good people. She was very caring and we've all got that in us; we're not afraid to say we love each other.

It means a lot to me to be a role model for my family. I'm pretty sure I'm the first police officer amongst us. I wanted to do it to help break down the barriers and to help people, to make a difference that way.

It hasn't been an easy road but there's been a lot of support. I try to treat everyone the same, as they come.

My wish for my family in the future is for us all to be happy and healthy. We've got our health challenges, it's in the blood, but we can take better care of ourselves.

We deserve that.

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OUR CHILDREN



Alison Huddy, 11, Amy Ah Sam, 10, and Joisheree Oui, 11, at the recent Cultural Fest in Townsville. They were part of the St Michael's School entertaining group from Palm Island which performed on the main stage. Hundreds of Palm Islanders joined thousands of others at the five-day fest. Photo: Alf Wilson

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On the scent ... Migaloo, the world's only archaeological sniffer dog, with Bud Streten on the Gold Coast.
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Migaloo a super dog



MEET Bud Streten and super dog Migaloo. Together, they are on the way to changing – for the better – the way human remains are found.

Brisbane-based Mr Streten is the man behind the newly established Australian Future of Country Foundation, a charity aimed at ensuring Indigenous remains are located and handled appropriately.

And Migaloo, a three-year-old black Labrador-bull mastiff cross, is his special weapon in making that happen.

Migaloo – the tongue-in-cheek name means 'whitefella' – is the world's only archaeological sniffer dog. And she's good at it. So good, in fact, that she's set a world record for locating human remains.

"Just recently she found 600-year-old Aboriginal remains two metres underground in South Australia," a proud Mr Streten told the *Koori Mail*.

"The previous record was remains less than 200 years old and much closer to the surface. She's some dog."

Migaloo has been a long-held dream for Mr Streten, who also operates cultural heritage management organisation Red Centre Consultancy.

A former military man whose mob is from around Katherine in the Northern Territory, Mr Streten says his ultimate goal is making sure all Indigenous Australians get a fair go.

Respect

To that end he wants to ensure the remains of 'our Old People' are found and treated with the cultural respect they deserve.

"Migaloo is key to that," he said. "I've worked for several years with leading dog trainer Gary Jackson, of MNK9, to find a dog with Migaloo's skills."

"We've tried training seven other dogs previously, and it's just in the past couple of months that we've finally trained up Migaloo. She's

everything we'd hoped for.

"Now through the Future of Country Foundation we'll be able to go to communities that ask for our help in finding their ancestors' remains."

"Traditionally we only ever found remains when land was developed or by digging and disturbing them. This way we can find them and we don't have to disturb them."

"It also means our people will not have to rely on funding bodies, like mining companies with their rules and requirements, when doing archaeological work. It's putting control back in Indigenous hands."

Word of Migaloo's super nose has reached the Australian military, and early next year she'll be going to World War I battlefields in France to search for lost remains of Australian Diggers.

"Migaloo first and foremost will be used in the search for Indigenous remains," Mr Streten said.

"But we're happy to go to France. The Diggers mean a great deal to all Australians."



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A spring in their step

TURQUI PRIOR, 10, leads the St Michael's dancers at this month's Spring Fair on the north Queensland community of Palm Island. Hundreds of visitors joined locals for what was the community's second annual Spring festival. Report on Page 42. Photo: Alf Wilson

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Major issues on program for Congress



week in Alice Springs.

About 120 delegates from throughout the country will attend the three-day gathering, drawn from the representative body's membership across three chambers of individuals, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, and peak bodies and national organisations.

The forum will begin with an Arrernte welcome to country and a keynote speech by Rune Fjellheim, director general of Norway's Sami Parliament, which was established in 1989.

Presentations and discussions on national issues including constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, sovereignty, land rights and native title, justice, health and education will follow.



The Congress backed boxer Damien Hooper's decision to wear an Aboriginal t-shirt during the London Olympics.

There'll also be a presentation from representatives of the inaugural National Congress Youth Program held in Sydney in June.

Both the forum's opening and closing ceremonies will be open to the public. The opening will be held from 9-10.30am next Tuesday, 25 September. The closing will be held from

3.30-4.30pm on Thursday, 27 September. Immediately after the closing, the National Congress will hold its 2011-12 annual general meeting.

Co-chaired by Jody Broun and Les Malezer, the National Congress has supported constitutional reform, called for greater human rights scrutiny of the Federal Government's Stronger Futures legislation, urged implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within Australian law and practice, supported prisoners' rights, backed Aboriginal boxer Damien Hooper's decision to wear an Aboriginal flag t-shirt during the London Olympics, lobbied for greater funding to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and hosted a visit by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights.

For more information on next week's national meeting, go to www.nationalcongress.com.au

Horsham hails healthy habits



HAPPY young students, from left, Sebastian Kennedy-Brannson, Max Coleman and Claudy Douglas at the launch of the Good Tucker, Good Health program at Horsham Primary School in western Victoria. The event was well received by the local Indigenous community. See Page 81 for details.

Ampilatwatja says no



TRADITIONAL owners at Ampilatwatja in the Northern Territory have spurned overtures from the Federal Government,

saying they're not interested in an offer of \$3.7 million in refurbishments – but no new houses – in exchange for a 40-year lease over community housing.

They've told the Government to pull its government business manager (GBM) out of the community and either hand over or remove related assets.

Ampilatwatja is about 300km north-east of Alice Springs and within the Barkly Shire. It hit the headlines in 2009 when residents vehemently rejected the NT Intervention, setting up a camp outside the community's boundaries to protest poor quality and severely overcrowded houses, blocked sewerage systems and more.

Spokesman Richard Downs said on Saturday that his Alyawarr people were sick of Federal promises and inadequate

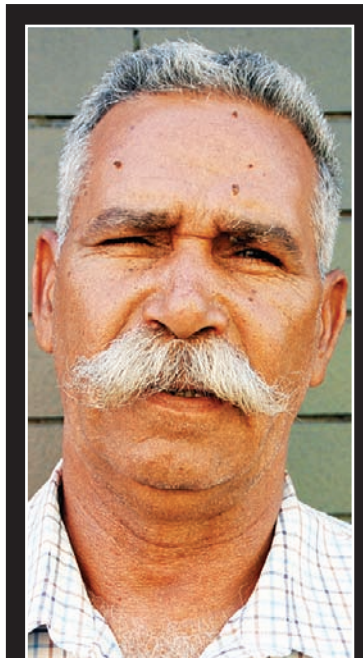
consultation. "It's a one-way street. They (Federal Labor) are not consulting or listening to us," Mr Downs told the *Koori Mail*.

"They probably think we're desperate – the last house we had built here was 20 years ago – and that we'll sign up for anything, but we say 'no'. We've survived this long, we can go for another 20 years without getting a house."

Under the NT Intervention, the Federal Government compulsorily acquired five-year leases on dozens of remote communities including Ampilatwatja. But those leases expired last month and government assets such as office space, staff housing and safe houses are in limbo.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin's office said the Central Land Council had advised the Government that traditional owners at Ampilatwatja were interested in further talks on a housing lease, 'as they are not satisfied with the initial offer put to them'.

"Traditional owners have requested that NT housing continue its current property and



RICHARD DOWNS

tenancy management role in Ampilatwatja whilst negotiations are ongoing," a spokesperson said. "This Government has

committed to negotiating voluntary leases with landholders, rather than compulsorily acquiring leases. Secure land tenure underpins the Government's investment in housing and infrastructure to ensure that governments have responsibility for maintaining houses and are able to implement proper tenancy management."

The *Koori Mail* understands that 43 communities have agreed to leases but another 25 communities are still considering offers. Mr Downs insists that Ampilatwatja is not one of the latter.

"It is bullshit to say we're still talking," he said. "The Central Land Council sent a letter to Canberra stating clearly what we told them, which was 'no' to the 40-year lease," he said.

"Under Labor, both Territory and Federal, we're locked out of any discussion, consultation any negotiations on the way forward... We've lost so much with employment and CDEP... we lost hope."

But Mr Downs took a more conciliatory approach to new NT Chief Minister Terry Mills, who

visited Ampilatwatja on 6 September along with Aboriginal MPs Alison Anderson, Bess Price and Larisa Lee, and others.

"Terry Mills faced the people," Mr Downs said. "He didn't come out and promise bucket loads of money. But the first thing he said was 'We want to empower you guys to take control of your affairs and region'."

"The next step for us is to sit down with the Government ministers and say 'Yep, this is what we can take over in our region'."

"Regional councils are the way to go, given language boundaries, and creating an agreement on ways to deliver services."

After his visit to Ampilatwatja, the Chief Minister said residents had a difficult time over recent years, with sanitation and health issues amongst concerns.

"It was instructive that the key issue raised during meetings with community leaders and Alyawarr Ingkerr-wenh Aboriginal Corporation was the failure of the Labor Government's super shires to respond to the issues of local residents," Mr Mills said.



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Getting down, Garma-style



RRITAINGU Dancers perform during the official opening of the new Garma Institute Key Forum Auditorium this month. Resources and development were the focus of this year's scaled-down Garma Festival in Arnhem Land. See Pages 38-39 for a report and more pictures. Photo courtesy Yothu Yindi Foundation

Countdown is on for the Deadlys



THE countdown has begun for the 18th Deadly Awards, to be held at the Sydney Opera House next Tuesday night.

The Deadlys are the nation's premier Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, sports and community awards, and the competition is fierce across 26 categories.

Tickets for the glittering event were on the verge of being sold out, as the *Koori Mail* went to print at the weekend. Those lucky enough to attend will enjoy performances by Jess Mauboy, Circus Oz, Dwayne Everettsmith, Yung Warriors, Yabu Band, John Bennett, opera singer Deborah Cheetham and more.

Those who missed out will still be able to enjoy the show via a national radio simulcast through NIRS and CRN, and on TV on SBS on 30 September.

Joining hosts singer/songwriter Casey Donovan and actor Luke Carroll will be presenters Troy Cassar-Daley, the late Eddie Mabo's daughter Gail Mabo, Olympic boxer Damien Hooper, some of the cast of *The Sapphires* and the hit film's director Wayne Blair.

Amongst the highlights will be Deborah Cheetham's tribute to the late Uncle Jimmy Little, before performer/composer Lou Bennett and CEO of the Jimmy Little Foundation Buzz Bidstrup present the Hall of Fame award dedicated to Uncle Jimmy.

To see if there are any tickets left, contact the Opera House booking office (02) 9250 7777 or email bookings@sydneyoperahouse.com

Aboriginal MPs in NT Ministry



NORTHERN Territory Chief Minister Terry Mills has named two Aboriginal MPs ministers in his first Cabinet. The

move follows the Country Liberals' convincing poll win over Labor on 25 August, secured with the votes of Aboriginal people in remote and regional seats. New ministers Alison Anderson and Adam Giles both served as opposition MPs before the election, easily defeated their opponents, and have been rewarded with portfolios of key relevance to Aboriginal Territorians.

Ms Anderson, whose electorate of Namatjira (previously known as Macdonnell) takes in pastoral properties and Aboriginal communities including Hermannsburg, Papunya and Docker River, has been given the portfolios of Indigenous Advancement and Regional Development. She'll be responsible for Indigenous policy and essential services, Indigenous and regional economic development, regional services delivery coordination, community development, and interpreting and translating services.

Ms Anderson, who was once a Labor government minister and also an independent before joining the Country Liberals in September last year, declared



New NT Aboriginal ministers Adam Giles and Alison Anderson.

herself proud to be part of the new Mills Government.

"The Mills Government is committed to restoring the bush's faith in government and I am passionate about creating greater opportunities for Indigenous Territorians and improving the delivery of services in the bush," she said.

Mr Giles, whose electorate of Brailling is mostly urban Alice Springs, received the Local Government, Infrastructure, and Transport portfolios. A key Country Liberals promise during the election campaign was to replace Labor's deeply unpopular 'super shires' with regional councils, thereby giving local communities more say in their affairs.

While he'd hinted earlier that

he'd be comfortable within the Indigenous affairs portfolio, Mr Giles said he was delighted with what he received in the Cabinet carve up.

"As Minister for Local Government I will work hard to improve business opportunities for shires and regional councils and will be a strong local voice to give Territorians a real say in the future of their communities," he said. "I look forward to working with community, government and stakeholders to address the significant challenges and opportunities in the Infrastructure and Transport portfolios to deliver a more prosperous future for the NT."

The Chief Minister said his new 'high quality' ministry would drive the change sought by

Territorians when they cast their votes last month.

The Government's priorities would be to reduce crime by 10 per cent a year during its first term, improve conditions in Aboriginal communities, and cut the cost of living for families and workers, he said.

Mr Mills has a massive ministerial load, also taking on the Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Lands, Planning and the Environment, Land Resource Management, Asian Engagement, Public Employment, Statehood, Multicultural Affairs, Young Territorians, Senior Territorians and Women's Policy portfolios.

Amongst other new ministers named was David Tollner, who has the Health, Alcohol Policy and Essential Services portfolios.

Mr Tollner said he was looking forward to implementing 'strong alcohol policy to target those individuals who misuse alcohol', following the decision to abolish the former government's Banned Drinkers Register.

Mr Mills had earlier announced the dissolution of what he called 'Labor's 23 mega-departments', establishing 33 agencies to take their place.

Four other Aboriginal MPs were elected to the NT Parliament last month – Bess Price, Francis Xavier Maralampui and Larisa Lee for the Country Liberals, and Ken Vowles for Labor.

– By KIRSTIE PARKER

LNP wields the axe

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE new Queensland Liberal National Party (LNP) Government's first State Budget has met with community criticism and a

warning that it will cause already poor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes to plummet further.

Last Tuesday, State Treasurer Tim Nicholls outlined the Budget, which he said would deliver a \$10.8 billion deficit for 2012-13, a reduced deficit of \$3.7 billion in 2013-14, and a surplus of \$652 million in 2014-15.

Contributing to this year's deficit will be \$800 million in one-off redundancy payments for many of the 14,000 public servants axed since the election in March.

Mr Nicholls said Queensland's parlous financial state – with debt levels of around \$80 billion for the next two years – had been caused by the state 'living beyond its means' since 2005-06 under Labor.

It was the most important Budget of a generation, he said, and one to 'reset the clock', stabilise state debt and chart a path to regaining its AAA credit rating.

The Budget detailed the following for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders:

- \$13.2 million from the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program and \$8 million from the Indigenous State Infrastructure Program over three years for stage five of the Torres Strait Major Infrastructure Program (MIP);

- Funding of \$12.6 million over four years to engage 40 additional Indigenous rangers to focus on waterways, protected species and park management in Cape York;

- Funding of \$6.3 million in 2012-13 for the Cape York Tenure Resolution Program;

- Funding of \$5.7 million over two years to continue the Cape York Welfare Reform trial (including the Family Responsibilities Commission) in the Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

communities for a final 12 months until 31 December 2013;

- Funding of \$3.7 million over three years for the Saibai Island Health Clinic; and

- Funding of \$400,000 in 2012-13 to the Cape York Institute.

However, the Budget also featured:

- Cuts of more than \$12 million to the new Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA) over four years, and the loss of 15 staff positions;

- The scrapping of plans to build a long-promised cultural centre at Musgrave Park in Brisbane, saving \$3.9 million; and

- The abolition of the Murri, Special Circumstances and Drug courts, saving \$35.7 million over four years (*see report this page*).

The fact that Queensland Health will bear about 40 per cent of the public service cuts – with 4140 (or five per cent) of its staff to be handed redundancies – caused concern.

Cape York medical practitioner Ernest Hunter wrote in the *Australian* newspaper on Saturday that clinical and social health services were already struggling to meet Indigenous demand and would be further hit by the cuts.



SAM WATSON Snr

Dr Hunter said the loss would be felt across the spectrum of health issues afflicting Indigenous populations, including mental health, communicable diseases and chronic conditions such as cardiovascular illness and diabetes.

Programs that focused on prevention and the needs of disadvantaged populations 'could not be turned off and on again at will', he warned.

The Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) welcomed new commitments towards mothers and babies child development services, moves to speed up surgery for 'long wait' patients, and to establish a mental health commission.

QAIHC concern

But QAIHC CEO Selwyn Button said the Budget failed to support solid preventative and primary health care programs that would eventually reduce the hospital access blockages, and focused on the wellbeing of remote and discrete communities at the expense of larger urban populations.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin was reported to have sought assurances from the Queensland Government



SELWYN BUTTON

that its cuts would not endanger progress to date in closing the gaps in Indigenous health and wellbeing.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs Minister Glen Elmes told the *Koori Mail* that his department DATSIMA had been spared major staff reductions because it was only relatively new and had not built up many surplus positions.

The department's financial cuts of a little over \$12 million over four years would be achieved by trimming travel costs and consultancies, rather than cutting services, he said.

Mr Elmes said the Government was focusing on Indigenous communities through their councils, alcohol management plans determined by communities themselves, opportunities for home ownership, and opening up job opportunities and development, where appropriate.

But the state Budget had Brisbane-based rights campaigner Sam Watson Snr incensed.

"It's a shocker," he told the *Koori Mail* at the weekend. "The sheer scope and ferocity of Campbell Newman's cuts have sent shockwaves through the entire state community and have impacted massively on Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander families, communities and programs."

He said the first blow to Indigenous communities under the new Government had been the cuts last month to subsidies for travel from remote communities.

"Then, we found out within the first 24 hours of the Budget that (Premier Campbell) Newman had stolen the \$4 million that had been set aside as the start-up fund to build the Musgrave Park Cultural Centre," Mr Watson said.

"The Brisbane Indigenous community is the largest and most diverse Indigenous community in Australia and yet we are the only capital city community in the nation that doesn't have our own cultural centre."

Mr Watson said the decision to close down the Murri court system was 'appalling, irresponsible and short-sighted'.

"It may deliver a short-term monetary plus for the Government but in the longer term it is going to cost the Government and the system and our community a great deal more," he said. "The Attorney General has never come down and neither has Campbell Newman, to try to evaluate the success of these programs from a grassroots community level."

"They can sit in their offices in George Street and evaluate everything they look at in dollars and cents but they have shown no willingness to talk to our families and young people and look at how the dynamic of the Murri courts system was really starting to make an impact on the attitudes and lifestyle of young offenders."

Minister Elmes said the Musgrave Park Cultural Centre did not fall within his portfolio but the Government had to make some difficult decisions.

Mr Watson called on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join in a 'Queensland Uncut' community alliance rally and march to be held in King George Square, Brisbane, from 1pm this Saturday, 22 September. – **With additional reporting from AAP**

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Outrage as Murri Court goes

By ALF WILSON

MEMBERS of Queensland's Murri Court have been outraged by the Queensland Government decision to axe it.

The Newman Government cut funding for the Murri, Special Circumstances and Drug courts in this month's Budget in a bid to save \$35.7 million over four years.

Justice Minister Jarrod Bleijie said the decision was necessary to return Queensland to a stronger financial position, and because evidence suggested it was not working effectively.

But Townsville Murri Court members Emmanuel Ross and Albert Abdul Rahman, and others have been angered and appalled by the move.

They say the loss of the Murri Court, established in 2002 as Queensland's first sentencing court for Indigenous offenders, will be a blow to Indigenous offenders' rehabilitation and reconciliation.

This will result in more of our people going to prison which will cost the State Government much more," Mr Abdul Rahman, 61, said.

"The Murri Court gave offenders the opportunity to be rehabilitated."

Mr Ross was similarly angered.

"I have been on the Murri Court here for



Albert Abdul Rahman, left, and Emmanuel Ross outside Townsville Court House.

four years and many offenders have been rehabilitated. This is not fair to our people," he said.

They found an ally in industrial advocate James O'Donnell, who has defended many Indigenous people in the Industrial Court system over more than a decade.

"Any blind man or galloping horse could

see the Murri Court has worked well and the decision doesn't make sense," he said.

"It has given ownership to the people involved and has helped reduce crime in a big way. The Murri Court has been a winner. This is just wrong."

The Murri Court sentences Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders who plead

guilty to an offence which falls within the jurisdiction of the Magistrates Court.

The court has provided a forum where Elders, respected people, community justice groups and the offender's family can be involved in the sentencing process. The magistrate has the final decision and imposes the sentence.

Murri Court members – respected Indigenous people – receive only meal and travel expenses for their service.

Justice Minister Bleijie said the decision to scrap the court had not been easy.

"The only alternative was to put up government fees and charges which would hit the hip pocket of every Queenslanders, and that is something we won't do," he said.

Mr Bleijie said the decision to stop funding the Murri Court program was also based on evidence that suggested it was not working effectively.

"The Murri Court was not delivering consistent results and did not justify the amount being spent to keep it operating," he said.

But a detailed study of the Murri Court by the Australian Institute of Criminology (2008) found that the number of related basic offences (property offences) dropped by 94 per cent. It also found 'repeat offending' decreased by 17 per cent.

Aboriginal passport for Assange



WIKILEAKS founder Julian Assange has been offered an Aboriginal Nations

passport in an inner-city Sydney ceremony after he was 'abandoned' by Australian authorities.

The group that organised Saturday's ceremony, the Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA), wants recognition of Aboriginal sovereignty.

The ISJA says the document allows holders to travel respectfully through the Aboriginal nations of Australia.

Mr Assange's father, John Shipton, accepted the passport at a 'Welcome to Aboriginal Land' passport ceremony at The Settlement in Darlington on Saturday.

Dozens of migrants also received passports, including former Guantanamo Bay detainee Mamdouh Habib.

Mr Shipton said his son had been jilted by the Australian Government, and the passport ceremony – which follows Ecuador's decision to grant Mr Assange diplomatic asylum – was a show of solidarity.

"Australian governments of every colour are happy to abandon their citizens when they're in difficult situations overseas," he said.

Mr Assange has been staying at Ecuador's embassy

in London since June to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning over sexual assault allegations.

His lawyers fear extradition to Sweden could pave the way for him to be sent to the US, where he could face trial over his website's release of classified documents.

Mr Shipton said his son had requested a change to the wording of the document but embraced the cause.

Sovereign

"Julian has always expressed the desire that the Aboriginal people of Australia be recognised as sovereign," he said.

"It is a point of view that is becoming more accepted."

ISJA president Ray Jackson said more than 200 people were present at what could become an annual event. He said the Australian Government had not given Mr Assange sufficient aid.

"Julian was treated badly by this Government, who are quite happy to sit back and take orders from the US," Mr Jackson said.

The passport will be sent to Mr Assange in London.

Foreign Minister Bob Carr last month told the Labor caucus Australia had intervened on Mr Assange's behalf more than 60 times during his legal wrangle with Sweden. – **AAP**



The group holding up their Aboriginal Nations passports at the ceremony on Saturday.
Photos by Lola Forester



Guantanamo Bay detainee Mamdouh Habib with his wife Maha and Wikileaks founder Julian Assange's father John Shipton with their passports.

Income management roll-out continues



THE Federal Government is continuing to roll-out income management in Aboriginal

communities across Australia despite opposition.

From October, income management will be introduced to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia, and consultations begin next month with Ngaanyatjarra communities in Western Australia.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said income management would help families in the APY Lands ensure their welfare payments were spent in the best interests of children.

"The Government will also begin consultations with people in

the Ngaanyatjarra Lands in Western Australia about the possible introduction of income management there, after community members said they were also interested in income management," she said.

"Ngaanyatjarra communities face similar social issues and levels of disadvantage to those on the APY Lands and many people travel regularly between these locations."

But Ngaanyatjarraku Shire President Damien McLean last week told the *Kalgoorlie Miner* newspaper that income management would leave the region unfairly labelled as dysfunctional.

He said the Government had already ignored a similar proposal which would have given the community more control.



JENNY MACKLIN

"The communities have been to Government and said the family payment is the one that everybody

needs to address," he said.

"Everyone agreed that putting half of all family allowance payments onto a basics card for families was the no-brainer."

Mr McLean said the proposal would have been community-driven, without the need for major involvement from State or Federal agencies.

He said the proposal was put to Minister Macklin during a consultation at Warburton, but 'they were only interested in doing what the Commonwealth does, which is to humiliate the place, saying there is gross social deformity and dysfunction'.

Mr McLean said the community would resubmit its proposal during consultations with the Government next month, 'but we don't know whether they will take us seriously or not'.

Meanwhile, Ms Macklin said APY Lands residents had said income management would help them manage their money and help stop humbugging.

"Income management ensures that money is available for life essentials, and provides a tool to stabilise people's circumstances and ease immediate financial stress," she said.

"The introduction of income management will be another important tool to help families in the APY Lands budget in the best interests of their children."

"The model of income management that will be rolled out in the APY Lands from October 2012 is similar to the one that has been operating in Western Australia since 2008 and that was introduced on 1 July this year in five locations across Australia."

Kalgoorlie visitors' hostel opened



KALGOORLIE'S Indigenous visitors' hostel is set to welcome its first guests.

The hostel, to provide short-term accommodation for Aboriginal people visiting Kalgoorlie-Boulder, was officially opened this month.

WA Housing Minister Terry Redman has handed over the keys to the \$3.25 million

Lane Street project to the Red Cross, which will operate the hostel.

"I am pleased this important accommodation project has reached completion and visitors can soon move into the facility," he said.

"The Kalgoorlie hostel is the first of its kind in Western Australia and will house up to 41 visitors.

"It will provide an accommodation base

for Aboriginal families from remote towns and communities when these visitors come to Kalgoorlie-Boulder for family, health, business or cultural purposes."

WA Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said the new facility would benefit many Indigenous people, especially those from the Spinifex lands of Coonana and Tjuntjuntjara.

"Kalgoorlie-Boulder is the closest major

regional city to the Spinifex lands and it's important that Indigenous visitors are provided with affordable and culturally-appropriate housing during their stay," the minister said.

"The hostel will lessen the hardship experienced by short-term visitors and help reduce the number of people sleeping rough and the associated risks to those visitors."

Higher education vitally important, says review chair



ABORIGINAL academic and law professor Larissa Behrendt has told how both her parents were denied a university education – her mother because of her gender, her father because of his race.

Prof Behrendt, whose late father Paul Behrendt was Aboriginal, knows better than most what a difference an education can make.

"I was lucky to be part of the first generation of Indigenous Australians able to go straight from high school into university," said Prof Behrendt, who chaired the Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

At the launch of the review's report in Melbourne on Friday, Prof Behrendt said the transforming power of higher education underpinned the prosperity of the nation.

"It is of particular importance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander communities," said Prof Behrendt, a professor of law and Indigenous studies at the University of Technology in Sydney, who was educated at the University of NSW and Harvard in the United States.

The Federal Government is aiming to almost double the number of Indigenous Australian enrolled in universities.

The university participation rate for Indigenous Australians was just 1.4 per cent, against 2.2 per cent representation in the Australian working-age population, Prof Behrendt said.

Federal Tertiary Education Minister Chris Evans said that figure put Australia behind comparable countries, including the US, Canada and New Zealand, and governments and universities had to work together to achieve higher levels of participation.

Launching the report, Senator Evans said the Federal Government hoped to see parity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people but would not yet commit to further funding or a timeline for the goal.



Professor Larissa Behrendt says improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in higher education benefits everyone. "It's a win-win situation. We know individuals benefit through increased health, education and economic outcomes. We know communities benefit from increased expertise, role models and leadership," she says.

"We've already invested heavily in programs that are designed to increase participation from low socio-economic groups," Senator Evans said.

"Part of the recommendations are about directing that more efficiently to support Indigenous students."

The minister stressed the review focused on practical solutions, adding he would give serious consideration to further funding in the future.

"Parity is obviously the objective. This isn't about welfare. This isn't about quotas," Senator Evans said.

Universities wanted to see higher education become a natural pathway for Indigenous people, but the gap remained large, the head of a body representing Australia's 39 universities said.

"Although much work has been done in this area and participation is increasing, the difference between Indigenous

and non-Indigenous people is still alarming," Universities Australia chief executive Belinda Robinson said.

Prof Behrendt said the Indigenous community struggled every day with the question of how best to close the gap.

"We're not going to move those statistics without an emergence of a class of professional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," she said.

"Overcoming socioeconomic disadvantage can only be achieved if members of those communities are given the capacity to empower and assist in finding solutions to seemingly intractable problems."

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra welcomed the review report, which recommended that the institute's funding be increased and a review be undertaken to consider how to best maintain its unique place in developing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander academic and research activities and its relationship with universities.

"AIATSIS is seen as an organisation that has created a cultural space that provides a supportive environment outside of the universities for independent research," Prof Behrendt said.

"The expert panel felt strongly that the AIATSIS was critically important player and that it needs to be supported."

The University of Newcastle also welcomed the report, saying it backed the university's approach to Indigenous education.

Newcastle has graduated around half of Australia's Indigenous medical doctors, and contributes the largest number of Indigenous health workers from its medicine, nursing, and allied health programs.

The university's Indigenous student and staff participation outcomes were also both above the report's recommended targets of 2.2 per cent. — **AAP, with additional reporting by the Koori Mail**

● On Page 25, Professor Behrendt writes for the **Koori Mail** on the review.



Nicky Winmar, pictured in 2009.

Winmar hit by heart attack

WA FORMER AFL footballer Nicky Winmar is understood to be out

of hospital and recuperating at home, following treatment in Perth for a heart attack.

The legendary midfielder for the St Kilda and Western Bulldogs football clubs, who retired in 1999, had been ill before suffering the health scare at the beginning of the month.

Now aged 47, Winmar was the first Aboriginal person to play 200 games in the AFL and won the hearts of many Australians in 1993 when he famously raised his St Kilda jumper in defiance of racist taunts from Collingwood fans.

His long-time club St Kilda was amongst those to wish him a speedy recovery, along with the National Heart Foundation of Australia.

Indigenous people are at least five times more likely to have a major coronary event (heart attack), between the ages of 25 to 54.

Heart Foundation CEO Lyn Roberts urged all Indigenous people, especially those over 35, to ask their GP for a heart health check to determine their risk of heart attack.

● More information on the warning signs of a heart attack is at <http://www.heartattackfacts.org.au> or call 1300 36 27 87.

Walk shines light on suicide



COMMUNITY awareness and action can make a difference in suicide prevention, according to a volunteer organisation established in Darwin to draw attention to the ongoing

tragedy of suicide in Aboriginal communities. The Darwin Region Indigenous Suicide Prevention Network (DRISPN) held a commemorative walk in the city's central business district on 10 September to mark World Suicide Prevention Day.

"In the past, the issue of suicide was hidden behind closed doors and – in too many instances – families and friends affected by suicides felt they had to remain silent," said DRISPN acting chairperson Ngaree Ah Kit.

"But this is no longer the case – greater awareness in the community is allowing us to deal with this ongoing tragedy with greater openness and comfort.

"The welcome bipartisan nature of last year's Legislative Assembly Inquiry into Youth Suicide is one sign of this greater openness and preparedness to deal with suicide."

The NT has the highest suicide rate in Australia – nearly double the national average – with young Indigenous males in remote communities and non-Indigenous young men in towns and cities most at risk.

NT Health Minister David Tollner said the



Participants in the Darwin Region Indigenous Suicide Prevention Network commemorative walk. Photo courtesy of DRISPN

Territory Government was training community members and frontline workers to better recognise when people were at risk and to give them the skills to know what to do.

"Men usually find it hard to talk about their feelings, so it's important that we reach out to them at those times when they are most vulnerable, such as when they are

experiencing relationship difficulties or when they are having problems at work," Mr Tollner said.

"We support educating men in the workplace to better look out for their mates as well as community action groups to help make their communities safer.

"Even though it's a hard thing to talk about – in our families, in our workplaces

and in our communities – that's what we need to do.

"All Territorians can play a part in tackling suicide by supporting our young people to make positive life choices such as keeping active, talking about life experiences, drinking sensibly and working together to help protect those who are vulnerable in our community."

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon also encouraged Indigenous people to learn and look for the warning signs of suicide and to ask their friends and family if they need help.

Taking the time to check on someone you know who was going through a rough time was a small step that could help save a life, he said.

"...Reaching out to those who may not be looking too good could be their first step towards help," Mr Snowdon said.

"Family and friends are the best source of early intervention for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with health services and clinics, GPs and other health professionals all ready to listen and help to ensure people get the support they need."

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 131 114 or, for young people, the Kids Help Line on 1800 254 251. Territorians can also access a free 24 hour mental health telephone service NT CATT on 1800 682 288.

FMG admits breach



EMBATTLED iron ore miner Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) has admitted that one of its contractors disturbed an Aboriginal

heritage site in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

But it has blamed the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* breach on flawed independent archaeological advice and insists that it takes its obligations to protect Aboriginal heritage 'very seriously'.

Native title representative body the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) has been at loggerheads with the company, owned by GenerationOne job campaigner Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest, over its Solomon Project.

In November, FMG issued a statement categorically rejecting 'offensive claims' that it was operating unlawfully regarding Aboriginal heritage sites at the project.

But YAC CEO Michael Woodley last week expressed fears of a 'heritage holocaust' after the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) released documents that validated the corporation's concerns.

In a statement, Mr Woodley said DIA documents obtained under the *Freedom of Information Act* confirmed that Fortescue had destroyed two Yindjibarndi sites with 'no possibility of further assessment', damaged a third at Solomon with impunity, and under-reported sites in the project area by about 30 per cent.

He said the destruction was only revealed after the department made an on-ground inspection prompted by 'courageous actions of a whistleblower' and subsequent media attention.

"We have no doubt that many other sites have been destroyed or



The Fortescue Metals Group headquarters in Perth and, right, YAC CEO Michael Woodley.



damaged, because the heritage protection system in WA is wide open to abuse," he said.

Mr Woodley circulated a copy of a memo to DIA Director-General Cliff Weeks from departmental compliance officer James Cook describing FMG's compliance with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* as 'variable'.

"As FMG often work to tight timeframes, they often submit information relating to applications under section 18 at very late notice, resulting in insufficient time being given to the department to assess that information," Mr Cook's memo reads.

Mr Woodley said that despite clear evidence of the under-reporting, declassification, and destruction of sites, Mr Weeks and Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier acted against the advice of the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC), which

recommended that the minister refuse consent for FMG to continue with its development in the Solomon area until all sites had been properly identified and assessed for significance.

"Instead the Minister approved FMG's application to destroy the sites it had reported, on condition that FMG undertake 'a more detailed recording, excavation and analysis of the sites'," Mr Woodley said.

Destruction

He said neither DIA nor FMG had informed YAC about the destruction of the sites and the corporation had been barred physically and legally from accessing lands in the Solomon Project area in order to identify and precisely record Yindjibarndi cultural sites.

He said the outcomes of a DIA compliance unit investigation into

FMG's possible breaches of the heritage legislation and allegations that the company coerced an archaeologist to remove expert ethnographic information from a report that it 'considered prejudicial' to its business had been suppressed, and the department had backed down from moves to prosecute FMG.

"While it is not surprising that a 'maverick' company like Fortescue is so contemptuous of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act*, and in so much rush to push through its developments, it is a disgrace that a Minister of the Crown and a departmental head have abandoned our heritage to corporate greed," Mr Woodley said.

"They have betrayed the confidence of the people of this State and shown themselves to be unfit for office."

YAC legal counsel George

Irving said it seemed clear that the interest of FMG, in extracting the mineral wealth from Yindjibarndi country, was 'more important to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs than Indigenous sites of significance in that country, which date back more than 40,000 years before Stonehenge'.

An FMG spokesperson told the *Koori Mail* the company had 4000 declared Aboriginal heritage sites across its operations, with varying degrees of heritage significance.

While the disturbed areas had since been confirmed to be sites of 'low archaeological significance', the company had taken steps to minimise the risk of similar events occurring again.

"This matter has been formally and comprehensively investigated by the Department of Indigenous Affairs, which advised Fortescue that no further action would be taken," she said.

The spokesperson said Mr Woodley's media statement last week was 'another example of the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation and Michael Woodley distorting the facts to suit their own agenda'.

"While Fortescue always works with traditional owners, including Yindjibarndi Elders, who have participated in heritage surveys, YAC continues to refuse to participate in Fortescue heritage identification and protection processes," FMG said.

It was a difficult week for the self-described 'new force in iron ore', with \$1.5 billion wiped from the value of its market capitalisation as its share price slumped to a three-year low, amid reports it had asked lenders to waive its debt covenants for the next 12 months.

– By KIRSTIE PARKER, with additional reporting from AAP

Wiluna walk finishes

By LIZ MURRAY



THE Walkatjorra Rangers, Goldfields Elders and others have completed their month-long 270km anti-uranium trek in remote Western Australia.

The Walk from Wiluna to Leonora celebrated 40 years of local resistance to uranium mining and the preservation of country.

The finish came as the WA Environment Minister was weighing up a report about the environmental impact of the proposed Wiluna uranium mine site.

Ngalia traditional owner and WA Nuclear Free Alliance (WANFA) chair Kado Muir said mining company Cameco had wasted \$430 million buying the proposed Wiluna mine site from BHP because traditional owners would never allow uranium to be mined on that country.

'Seriously concerned'

"We are seriously concerned about the impending approval of the uranium mine at Wiluna and the impacts and risks of transporting uranium through our country," he said.

WA Environment Minister Bill Marmion is yet to announce his decision about the recommendations regarding Toro Energy's proposed uranium mine at Wiluna.

His spokesperson said it would be inappropriate for the minister to comment during the appeals period for the mine proposal.

Greens opposed to uranium mining have been critical of the safety of the proposed project.

WA Greens MLC Robin Chapple said failures of previous uranium proposals remained unaddressed in the current Wiluna project.

And Australian Greens senator Scott Ludlam said there were obvious risks in transporting uranium by road rather than rail.



Karthi Muir leads Walkatjorra Rangers, walkers, Goldfields traditional owners and Elders during the anti-uranium trek.



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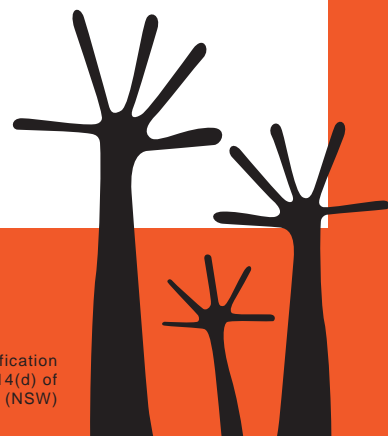
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Games stars honoured



INDIGENOUS
Olympians
and
Paralympians
have been
honoured

during a special event held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Sydney.

Indigenous athlete Beki Lee, who competed in the 20km road walk making a personal best time at the London Olympics, and Amanda Fowler, the youngest Aboriginal competitor at the Paralympics, were there, as well as former Olympic runner Patrick Johnson and boxer Brad Hall.

They mixed with students and other guests.

Actor Luke Carroll was MC for the event, which began with a didgeridoo performance by David Williams and a welcome to country by Donna Ingram.

Former Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander-Kuyp was unable to attend, but wrote a letter to participants saying they had made a huge impact.

NSW Governor Marie Bashir also wrote congratulating all Indigenous participants and saying they were an inspiration.

She acknowledged that all participants were proud additions to the honour board at NCIE and had made a significant contribution to Indigenous excellence.

School groups from Darlington Primary School, Maroubra Junction Primary and Alexandria Park Primary attended and grilled the athletes.

In response to one question, Beki Lee said she started competing at



Indigenous athlete Beki Lee, who competed in the 20km walk at the London Olympics, with young members of her family at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence celebration in Sydney. Photos by Joseph Mayers

age 10 and she was now 25.

She told the young audience that anyone could fulfil their dreams if

they worked hard at what they love.

NCIE CEO Jason Glanville said the centre was all about allowing

people to realise their dreams and also realise that they could reach those dreams with hard work and support.



Beki Lee with Paralympian Amanda Fowler at the NCIE. See our sport report on Page 101.

Homelessness down, but NT has a problem



THE Australian Bureau of Statistics last week revised down its estimates of homelessness in Australia from the 2001 and 2006 Census figures, using a new, expanded definition of homelessness.

It found that 89,728 people were homeless on 8 August 2006, or 0.5 per cent of the Australian population (45 homeless people for every 10,000 persons). Many of the homeless – especially in the Northern Territory – were Indigenous.

Between 2001 and 2006 there was a six per cent decrease in the number of people who were homeless (the rate of homelessness declined from 51 homeless people per 10,000 persons in 2001). The

overall decline in homelessness (down 5840) was attributed to a fall in the boarding house population.

The new definition recognises that a person could be homeless if they have no choice but to live in a dwelling that is not fit for human habitation; or to reside in a place without tenure; or to stay somewhere where they have no privacy or personal space. It will also be applied to the 2011 Census figures when they are released later this year, enabling an accurate assessment about trends over the past decade.

On Census night in 2006, homelessness was at its highest in the Northern Territory (792 per 10,000 persons), and lowest in Tasmania (24 per 10,000 people). Most homeless people

were not sleeping rough or in improvised dwellings – these people accounted for only eight per cent of all homeless persons. People living in severely crowded dwellings were the largest homeless group (35 per cent), followed by people staying temporarily with other households (20 per cent) or staying in supported accommodation for the homeless (19 per cent).

57 per cent men

At the time of the 2006 Census, six in ten homeless people were aged under 35, and just over half were men (57 per cent).

Federal Housing and Homelessness Minister Brendan O'Connor said the Gillard Government remained committed to halving the rate of homelessness by 2020.

He told ABC Radio the high figure of

homelessness in the NT was explained by the high proportion of Indigenous Territorians.

"That is a shameful proportion... there are too many, there are thousands of people that are homeless. We need to address that," Mr O'Connor said.

"There are some specific areas and certainly if you look at the Indigenous Australian population, we need to do more. You see so many indicators showing the disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"But this is a national challenge, it's something that the Federal Government in partnership with States and Territories can redress and we need the not-for-profits and indeed the corporate sector to fulfil our goal by cutting homelessness by 2020 by half."

Victim's family urges Govt to give support

By MICHELLE WHITE



CARNARVON woman Karene Bellotti is living every mother's worst nightmare.

Not only has she suffered the brutal killing of her 27-year-old daughter, she's endured hardship just to be at the 11-day District Court trial of her daughter's killer.

Ms Bellotti believed she was a victim of crime and thought she would have financial assistance to make the 900km journey from Carnarvon to Perth to be at the trial of her daughter's killer, Mathew Shane Dodd.

Dodd was this month found guilty of the manslaughter of the Geraldton mother-of-four in December 2010 and sentenced to 10 years' jail, with a non-parole period of eight years. The sentencing judge said Dodd had shown 'a callous indifference' and a 'complete lack of respect to (the victim) as a person'.

A week before this month's trial was due to start, Ms Bellotti was told by the court she was not entitled to any help.

"When I contacted the court's Victim Support Unit, they told me that I knew the trial was coming up and I should have been saving to come to Perth," she said.

"I was always under the impression they would help me. I'm on a pension, I support four grandchildren and I live in Carnarvon. I just assumed that financial help would be available."



Karene Bellotti and her daughter Rickeesha ... "The WA Government needs to make sure the Victim Support Unit can actually give support to victims, because as far as we're concerned they let us down. If we're not considered victims of crime, then who is?"

Ms Bellotti said there was no way she was going to miss the trial, even though court officials said they could arrange a video feed for her to watch it in Carnarvon.

"I had to borrow and beg for

money from family and other loved ones to come down to Perth from Carnarvon to be closer to the trial," she said.

"What mother wouldn't in these circumstances. I had to leave my dead daughter's children, my

grandchildren, behind in Carnarvon with a relative to care for them while the trial has been on.

"Culturally it was important for me to be there for my daughter.

"I also wanted to be able to

look in the eyes of the man who killed her. Even though I knew it would be tough, I also needed to hear what had happened to my baby girl."

But when Ms Bellotti got to Perth, things only got worse. Her family was not allowed in the court hearing (because of tension between families involved in the trial) and she had to watch the proceedings from an adjoining building.

And she was left to fend for herself with accommodation, transport and food. While her family in Perth supported her as much as they could, they lived an hour out of the city.

Ms Bellotti's daughter, 31-year-old mother-of-six Rickeesha Pearce, also came down from Carnarvon for the trial, and she also had to rely on others for help.

"A welfare officer at the court felt sorry for us and arranged for a charity to put us up in a Perth hotel for a couple of nights and they gave us some food vouchers, which we were grateful for, but that was only two nights," she said.

Ms Bellotti and her daughter are speaking out because they want to ensure others don't ever have to go through their ordeal.

"The WA Government needs to make sure the Victim Support Unit can actually give support to victims, because as far as we're concerned they let us down. If we're not considered victims of crime, then who is?" Ms Bellotti asked.

Constitution talks go on



COMMUNITY consultations designed to give South Australians a say on how they think Aboriginal people should be formally

recognised in the state's Constitution continue this week.

The SA Government-backed meetings started last week in the APY Lands and Coober Pedy.

Consultations continue tomorrow (Thursday) in Berri after talks earlier this week at Port Augusta.

Comments from the talks will be considered by a special SA Advisory Panel on the Constitution.

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Caica said panel members would be at every meeting to ensure open discussions. "Acknowledging Aboriginal people as the traditional owners and occupants in the Constitution Act is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to contribute to meaningful change," he said.

Panel convenor Professor Peter Buckskin said the community meetings would focus on allowing all opinions to be put forward in

a respectful environment.

"We want to capture multiple voices – it is not the panel's role to pick and choose the ideas that it will present to the Government," he said.

"Rather, we will consolidate all opinions that flow from these conversations as well as those submitted in writing and present them for discussion.

"Amending the state's Constitution to recognise Aboriginal people will not create or remove any rights or obligations, it will simply acknowledge a historical fact.

"What is being proposed will help unify South Australians and take us a step closer to genuine reconciliation."

Consultations agenda: Murray Bridge (21 September), Ceduna (24 September), Port Lincoln and Maitland (25 September), Mount Gambier (28 September), Adelaide northern suburbs (2 October), Adelaide (3 October), southern suburbs (4 October) and western suburbs (5 October).

Times and venues for each session as well as the panel's discussion paper are available at www.timeforrespect.org.au

Call for Nominations

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel 2013-14

Applications close: 6pm on Friday 12 October

The City of Sydney is seeking applicants for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel.

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The Panel has provided critical advice and valuable information to the City of Sydney towards its policies and programs since 2008. In particular, it advises on the Eora Journey strategy, a key program in the City's Community Strategic Plan, Sustainable Sydney 2030. If selected, you will be asked to attend six meetings a year, held on a bi-monthly basis.

A community information session about making an application and the Advisory Panel will be held on Wednesday 19 September, 4 to 5pm at the Redfern Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Applications for membership to the Panel are to be lodged by completing a nomination form which can be found on the City's website or by collecting a form at any City of Sydney community centre, library branch or neighbourhood service centre. Applications open on Monday 10 September 2012.

For information on the panel, or to download a nomination form, please visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community.

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As weddings go, this was big!



Hitched ... Happy couple Kelly Torrens and Athol Williams with their sizeable wedding party in Casino, northern NSW.



WHEN Kelly Torrens and Athol Williams finally got married in Casino, northern New South Wales, last Saturday, there were plenty of bridesmaids to catch the bouquet ... 11 to be exact.

There were also 11 groomsmen ... a matron of honour, a best man, four junior bridesmaids, four junior best men, eight pageboys and eight flowergirls.

In fact, the wedding party totalled

50, largely due to the fact that Kelly and Athol are from large families, and that Kelly found it difficult to say no to all the eager siblings, cousins, extended family and friends.

And while the poor hairdresser started styling at 7.30am, and was still going just before the 2.30pm wedding, the whole party was ready for the big moment when Kelly's father Kevin walked her down the aisle.

The hundreds who gathered at St Mary's Church, Casino, erupted into

spontaneous applause at the sight of the bridal party, and the good cheer continued throughout the short but intimate service, conducted by Pastor Craig Fraser.

Kelly and Athol were delighted, and no wonder. Their wedding had been a long time coming, and finally the relatives would stop asking when they were getting hitched.

That's because the pair met when Kelly was just 15, they have been together for 18 years, and already

have four children.

But on holiday in Parramatta last July, Athol dropped to his knee, in the middle of a bacon-and-egg breakfast, and popped the question.

"Of course I said yes! I'd been waiting for the day," Kelly said.

● Know of a big wedding like this one? At the *Koori Mail* we're keen to let the mob know. Give us a call on (02) 66 222 666 or send an email to editor@koorimail.com with the details.

\$25.4b spent on us



A PRODUCTIVITY Commission report shows an estimated \$25.4 billion in Federal and State

government funds was spent on Indigenous Australians in 2010/11, but the Opposition said the report is proof that money is not being well-spent.

The 2012 Indigenous expenditure report showed that on average, state, territory and federal governments spent \$44,128 per head for Indigenous Australians, compared with \$19,589 for other Australians.

The report, which was released by the Productivity Commission on 4 September, acknowledged there was a 'disparity between outcomes for indigenous and other Australians'.

This disparity had been 'an ongoing policy concern for governments at all levels'.

"The reasons for these persistent gaps in outcomes are

complex, arising from a mix of historical, social and economic causes," the report said.

"Yet, there has been limited information with which to assess the adequacy, effectiveness and efficiency of expenditure on programs aimed at improving outcomes for Indigenous Australians."

Coalition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Senator Nigel Scullion said the report showed such programs needed to be better focused.

"Money is not an issue. The way taxpayers' money is spent is the issue," he said in a statement.

"Governments of all persuasions at all levels have simply been throwing money at Indigenous Australia for far too long, hoping it will fix the problems of poverty and disadvantage, and it has proven to have few results."

Senator Scullion said the Federal Government's lack of leadership on Indigenous issues



NIGEL SCULLION

had allowed many programs and services to 'drift aimlessly'.

"We have to do more than just throw money at a problem and need focused programs with specific aims that use funds efficiently and buy outcomes on the ground for our First

Australians," he said.

"The Productivity Commission report is correct in stating that Aboriginals use more services because of greater need and there is a greater cost of providing these services as doing business in the bush is more expensive.

"But we don't need more programs. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent and book shelves are full of government-produced reports and glossy brochures containing government promises of what they want to do to address Indigenous disadvantage.

"The Federal Labor Government's lack of leadership and focus on Indigenous issues has seen many programs and services drift aimlessly and waste resources.

"At the Senate Estimates back in February I asked for a list of the Federal Government's Indigenous programs and associated funding, which was unable to be provided.

"I am happy that belatedly

some figures have finally been released. Unfortunately all they appear to show is that (Indigenous Affairs) Minister Jenny Macklin and Prime Minister Julia Gillard have little clue on how to help close the gap other than to throw ever-increasing taxpayers' dollars on programs in the hope that they achieve outcomes on the ground."

But Ms Macklin said the figures highlighted in the report reflected a greater use of government services by Indigenous Australians and the high cost of providing services in remote areas.

"Indigenous Australians make greater use of health services than non-Indigenous Australians," she said in a statement.

"On average, they experience more health problems than non-indigenous Australians, including higher rates of childhood hearing loss, eye problems, cardiovascular disease and diabetes."

The right connections

By JILLIAN MUNDY



KOORIE Connect, a referral service, internet café and friendly place to drop in for a yarn and a cuppa, has opened in the Melbourne suburb of East Brunswick.

Initially a housing, health, legal, training, employment and emergency relief referral service for Koories started three years ago by the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, the revamped service is now in freshly decorated premises and has been renamed Koorie Connect Referral Service and Internet Café.

It boasts six computers with internet for Aboriginal community use, as well as a photocopier, fax, phone, scanner and printer.

"It's about getting Koories connected and up to date with the times," manager Megan Cadd told the *Koori Mail*.

"Not all Koories have access to internet and computer, so it's bringing people into the 21st century.

"It's a great alternative to using facilities at the post office or library, and you can have a cuppa too.

"It's also a culturally safe space. Koories are greeted by Koories, they feel comfortable here, they can come in with whatever is happening in their life and get the help that they need.

"Our staff Emma (Bamblett) and Nama (Namatjira Morgan) have both been connected and part of this community all their lives. I think it's important that we have a man and a woman – we recognise that there is men's and women's business."

The service is just a tram ride away from the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, in



Koorie Connect staff Namatjira Morgan, Emma Bamblett and Megan Cadd outside the recently opened premises in Nicholson Street, East Brunswick.

an area that has long been the social and political hub of the Aboriginal community in Melbourne.

Megan Cadd said people could use the internet café for things like scanning photos, accessing email, Skyping the mob, doing

homework, accessing Centrelink and housing online services and printing items such as funeral booklets.

She said Koorie Connect staff would also be looking at running computer courses for the community, and is working on putting

together a Koorie calendar of events.

Koorie Connect Referral Service and Internet Café is open Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 4.30 at 45 Nicholson St, East Brunswick. Phone (03) 9380 4033 or free-call 1800 993 783.

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Applications close on 28 September 2012. No late applications will be accepted.

Want to know more?

For more information and to apply go to www.deewr.gov.au/iss

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Apps to help languages



SMARTPHONE applications (apps) may hold the key to protecting endangered Indigenous languages.

A project team on Croker Island in north-western Arnhem Land worked with Bruce Birch, a linguist from the Australian National University, to develop a smartphone dictionary application called Ma! Iwaidja (pronounced 'ee-WHY-jah').

The application includes a

1500-entry English-Iwaidja dictionary with audio, a 450-entry phrase book and an information section about Iwaidja and other endangered languages of Arnhem Land. Users will be able to upload word entries.

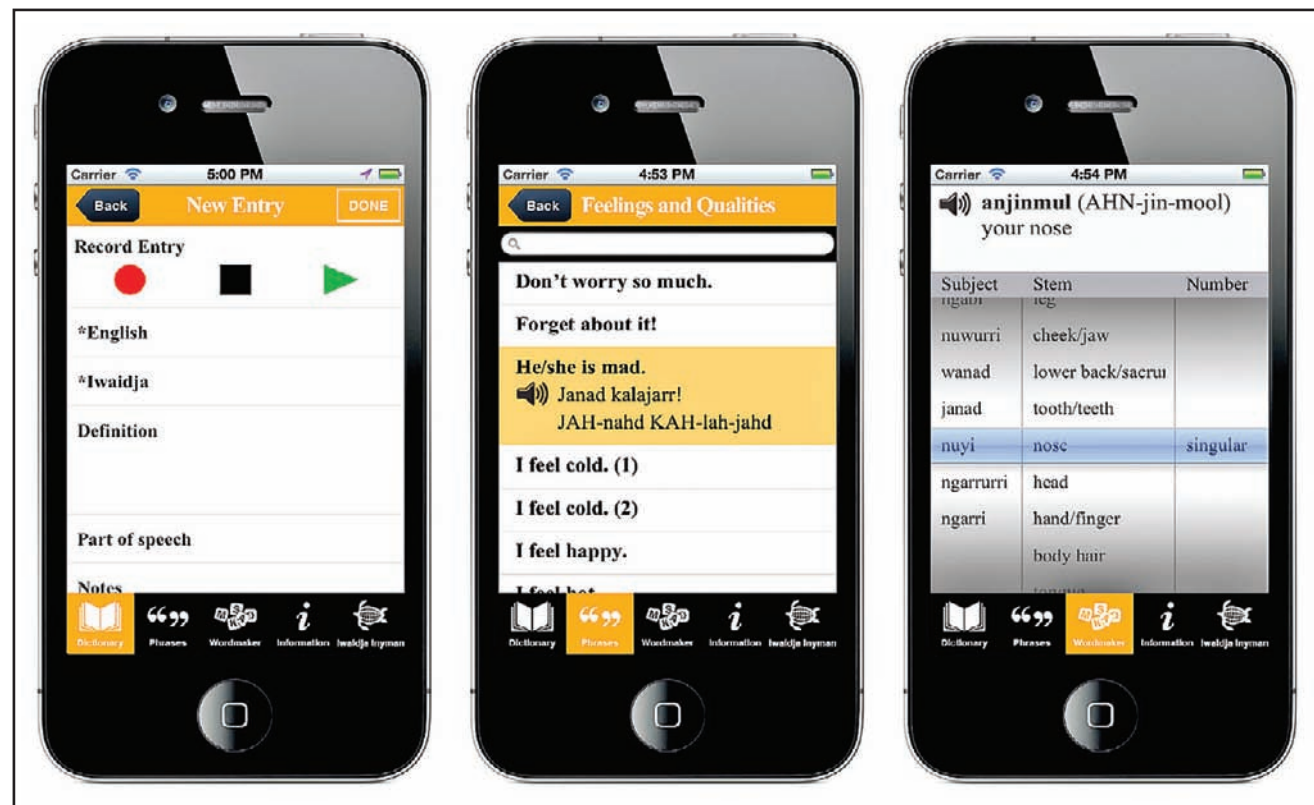
"The app becomes a living, constantly developing repository and capture device for a language that is otherwise losing ground fast," Mr Birch said.

It had already attracted considerable interest from people

trying to preserve endangered languages in other parts of Australia, Africa and the Americas, he said.

The Croker Island-based team will now look at creating apps for other endangered languages of Western Arnhem Land.

The app is available from iTunes for iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch (<http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/ma-iwaidja/id557824618?mt=8>), with an Android version to follow soon. —AAP



Images from the smartphone dictionary application Ma! Iwaidja.

Health paper is welcomed



THE Close the Gap Campaign has welcomed the release of a discussion paper on developing a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health plan.

"The release of this paper marks the beginning of consultations towards a national plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality," campaign co-chair Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said.

"The most critical ingredient in this process from this point on and at every stage in developing this plan is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must be front and centre."

Campaign co-chair Jody Broun also welcomed the release of the paper, and again emphasised the importance of partnership. "Closing the gap needs



MICK GOODA

the involvement of all of our peoples," Ms Broun, who is also co-chair of the National Congress, said.

"Without the genuine and active involvement of



JODY BROUN

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people every step of the way in our efforts to close the gap, we risk making only minuscule progress when the momentum among Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander people to achieve so much more is there to be harnessed. The plan must develop structures and processes at the national, regional and local levels to ensure genuine partnership."

The commitment to developing a national plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality was announced in November last year.

"A business-as-usual approach will not close the gap," Mr Gooda said.

"Past plans have shown that there must be shared ownership by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and by governments.

"This type of shared ownership can only be achieved through respectful and honest relationships."

Close the Gap is a coalition of more than 40 of Australia's leading health, human rights and Aboriginal organisations. The campaign was launched in April 2007.

Support 'key' to union's success



A SOVEREIGN union of Aboriginal nations will succeed only if supported by

'grassroots' communities. That was the common position arrived at earlier this month when sovereignty campaigner Michael Anderson met with two prominent East Arnhem Land leaders in Darwin.

Mr Anderson said his discussions with Dr Djinyini Gondarra, from Galiwin'ku, and George Gaymarani Pascoe, from Milingimbi, centred on 'building alliances with our nations right across this continent under our law'.

"The Sovereign Union is about building a protective shelter while our people go through the hard, long process of

organising from the community level up," Mr Anderson said later in a statement.

The trio also discussed the NT Emergency Response (or NT Intervention) and its reincarnation as 'Stronger Futures'. Mr Anderson said afterwards that the enabling of the Federal Police's role under the Intervention provided a front for the Government to hide behind and was tantamount to 'a dictatorship by a military junta' led by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

"The Federal Government is denying our right of self-determination when it denies us the right to have administrative responsibility over our 'Indigenous estate'," he said.

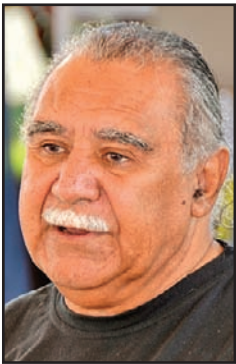
"If we were able to control this without government regulations ruling it, then we could apply the wealth for the benefit of all our people throughout the continent and enable our people to free themselves from absolute poverty and welfare

dependency."

Dr Gondarra said the sovereignty movement was about educating Aboriginal people that they were sovereign peoples with their own law, language, population, economy and religion, and that they'd never been conquered nor defeated in war at any time during the colonial expansion.

"Just as they did in 1788, the government is using military law under the NT Intervention acts to take away civil and political rights, as well as rights to be self-determining on our own lands," Dr Gondarra said.

Mr Pascoe said Aboriginal people should teach children and youth about their sovereign rights, and their ability to say no to developers and government who, 'through history, have shown that their strategies are always aimed at assimilation and taking away what is ours'.



MICHAEL ANDERSON



NPY Women's Council board members with some Tjanpi Desert Weaver products. Tjanpi Desert Weavers are a not-for-profit group under NPY who have also been nominated for a 2012 Deadly Award for Outstanding contribution in Cultural Advancement. Photos: Wayne Quilliam, courtesy of Reconciliation Australia

Award judges check out women's council



JUDGING the annual Indigenous Governance Awards (IGAs) has got to be one of the best gigs in

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

Not only do the judges, led by Professor Mick Dodson, get to hear about the good work and best practice of the award finalists, they get to see them in action on country.

Amongst this year's eight finalists, selected from a record-breaking 107 applications, is the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation (NPY Women's Council), one of the oldest and most successful Aboriginal organisations in the country.

The council is a major provider of human services in more than



Joy Woods, the child nutrition development officer at NPY Women's Council with Rossi Finn, one of the children in the program, at Todd River.

25 communities and homelands spread over a vast area of 350,000 square kilometres of the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia.

A strong voice on issues such

as substance abuse, domestic and family violence, child protection, policing and other safety issues, and the needs of young people, its members have had a huge impact on the communities in their tri-state region and were instrumental in the rolling out of Opal fuel and lobbying for an end to takeaway alcohol sales in some regions.

NPYWC provides innovative opportunities for economic participation and cultural transmission, through numerous community, health and safety initiatives.

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.

The 2012 IGAs will be announced at BHP Billiton in Melbourne on the 12 October.

Miner to face court



A MINING company accused of damaging an Aboriginal sacred site in the Northern Territory will face court

again in November.

The Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) withdrew three counts of desecrating an Aboriginal site levelled at OM Mining (Manganese) Company in the Darwin Magistrates Court earlier this month. But details of the offences have been included in one single charge, and the miner, a subsidiary of OM Holdings Ltd, will still face prosecution over the original seven counts of causing damage to a sacred site.

Andrew Collett, representing the AAPA, told the court it was a complex case and called for a further hearing to determine particulars ahead of a trial.

Counsel for the miner Michael Grove said his client would be seeking costs connected to the three charges that had been dropped.

Complaints

Mr Grove also said the court should try to determine whether two original charges against his client issued in November 2011, one of desecrating and one of damaging a sacred site, should still be allowed to proceed if they were now covered in the new complaints.

Those charges are still ongoing but are not part of the

current action. Magistrate Sue Oliver agreed to an adjournment until 8 November to consider a range of matters.

The AAPA has alleged OM Mining damaged and desecrated an Aboriginal site at Bootu Creek, about 170km north of Tennant Creek.

Cracks were detected around the sacred site on 7 July last year, but despite its imminent collapse the miner set off a blast two weeks later, which split the rocky outcrop in half, AAPA alleged.

The site had immense spiritual significance to several groups of Aboriginal people and was known as the Two Women Sitting Down site. — AAP



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A Job Description Form and further information can be obtained by telephoning Michelle Munns on (08) 9791 1166 or e-mail on michellem@admin.swams.com.au

Written applications should be forwarded to SWAMSAC attn Human Resources, marked Confidential, PO Box 1444, Bunbury, 6231; or can be emailed to the above e-mail address.

Expression of Interests must be received by 5pm, Friday 28th September 2012.

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Big day for literacy

MORE than 200 students from 12 Sydney schools gathered at the Sydney Opera House to celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day on 5 September.

The Darlington Dance group performed and Arndell Anglican College choir sang *Bad Swimtime (listen to your mama)*, a song by Michael Rohanek who lives in a remote community in the Kimberleys.

Mr O'Loughlin urged the kids to consider what their lives would be like without reading newspapers, books and even text messages and Facebook.

Now in its sixth year, Indigenous Literacy Day is organised by the ILF, which works with the support of schools, libraries, individuals, businesses and other organisations across Australia.

Ms Wilson said that during the past three years the foundation, which does not receive government support, had given

Former AFL star and *Koori Mail* columnist Michael O'Loughlin reads to school children for Indigenous Literacy Day.
Photo: Prudence Upton

It has also worked with key organisations in remote communities such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service,

ILF executive director Karen Williams said just one in five children in a remote Indigenous community could read or write to the accepted minimum level.

"The statistics are shocking and we need to level the playing field so that all Australian children have equal opportunities."

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Heiss wins Vic Premier's writing award



Indigenous Writing.

Her winning book, a memoir on identity called *Am I Black Enough for You?* is the story of 'an urban-based high achieving Aboriginal woman working to break down stereotypes and build bridges between black and white Australia'.

The book explores what it means to be Aboriginal, and why Australia is so obsessed with notions of identity.

Dr Heiss was one of a group of other Indigenous people who successfully took legal action against

columnist Andrew Bolt after he wrote a column questioning their Aboriginality. Bolt was charged with breaching the *Racial Discrimination Act* and was found guilty.

Dr Heiss was named the winner from a shortlist that included Jeanine Leane's *Purple Threads*, a collection of stories from her childhood growing up on a farm near Gundagai, and Nicole Watson's *The Boundary*, a crime novel set in Brisbane's West End.

In determining the shortlist, the judges said 'it was very exciting to bear witness to the further development of Aboriginal literature'.

They said all entries 'attested to that rich growth in the range and quality of the writing; an enthralling cross-section

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life today'.

The award was presented at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Melbourne Museum as part of celebrations to mark Indigenous Literacy Day.

The presentation was made by Nick Wakeling, the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Member for Ferntree Gully, on behalf of Premier and Minister for the Arts Ted Baillieu.

Mr Baillieu said the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards aimed to foster and reward excellence in Australian writing and to encourage a commitment to reading.

"The Award for Indigenous Writing honours the important contribution

made by Indigenous writers to Australia's literary and cultural landscape," he said.

"Congratulations to all the writers shortlisted in this category and to our winner Anita Heiss.

"This award celebrates excellence in writing and is a fitting way to mark Indigenous Literacy Day 2012."

The biennial Award for Indigenous Writing is presented as part of the 2012 Victorian Premier's Literary Awards program.

Winners of the remaining categories – Fiction, Non-Fiction, Drama, Poetry and Writing for Young Adults – as well as the overall winner of the \$100,000 Prize for Literature, will be announced on 16 October.



ANITA HEISS

Parker's *Story* takes this year's Unaipon



DETERMINATION to leave honest accounts of modern Australian life for her grandson and future generations has paid off for Siv

Parker, named the winner of the 2012 Unpublished Indigenous Writer – David Unaipon Award.

Ms Parker, a Yuwallarai woman and Indigenous affairs consultant now based in the NSW Northern Rivers, won for her manuscript *Story*, which will now be published by the University of Qld Press (UQP).

The Indigenous award was announced in Brisbane on 4 September. It has been running since 1988 but this year was part of the inaugural Queensland Literary Awards (QLAs), hastily established after the newly elected Campbell Newman Government announced in April it was scrapping the Queensland Premier's Literary Awards as a cost-saving measure.

The decision shocked literary circles who declared it sent a poor message to young people about the importance of reading and writing, and signalled a return to the 'bumpkin state' of yesteryear.

Galvanised, Brisbane's writing community launched a crowd-surfing initiative that raised enough money to bestow a modest prize on each of the 15 category winners, selected from a field of 600 entries.

The other finalists for this year's David Unaipon Award were Ellen van Neerven-Currie, from Brisbane, for her crime story *Hard*, and Dorothy Williams-Kemp, from Woorabinda, for her autobiographical manuscript *My Journey that May Never End*.

When Ms Parker's *Story* hits the bookshelves, most likely in a year, readers can expect what the award judges described as 'an intelligent and hilariously biting snapshot of the social dynamics of Bidgee, a fictitious contemporary Australian rural town'.

"Merciless and pungent in its savaging of white and black



2012 David Unaipon Award winner Siv Parker, left, with fellow finalists Dorothy Williams-Kemp, right, from Woorabinda, and Ellen van Neerven-Currie, from Brisbane.

Photo by Jono Searle, courtesy of the Courier Mail

foibles alike," said one of the judges.

"When outsiders and do-gooders try to impose so-called housing innovations, they meet ingenious resistance from parts of

the local Aboriginal community," said another.

For Ms Parker, writing has been 'a rather isolating pursuit' of many years which she did for both fun and 'as an outlet for

expressing myself in a way that I haven't been able to do in my 30-year working life'.

"Winning the David Unaipon Award had been a goal of mine for some time, but my sister, my

brother and my dad were the only people I had really talked to about *Story*," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"My mother taught herself to read – which amazes me – and I've always been pleased that my son enjoys reading. The catalyst for me to want to write seriously, to be published, to have my ideas out there was the arrival of my first grandson.

"I am interested in writing about contemporary Australian life, and where Aboriginal people fit in to that is both fascinating and frustrating to me."

Ms Parker said meeting so many people who loved books had been an unexpected bonus of the Queensland Literary Awards.

"I didn't know any other writers, I had never felt confident enough about my writing to apply for literary grants and mentoring or any other support," she said.

"That so many people donated their time and effort to keep the awards going was wonderful, and a little overwhelming on the night – they asked the volunteers to stand and, from where I was sitting, it looked like half the audience stood up."

Queensland Literary Awards Inc chairperson Stuart Glover said interest in the awards was at an all time high.

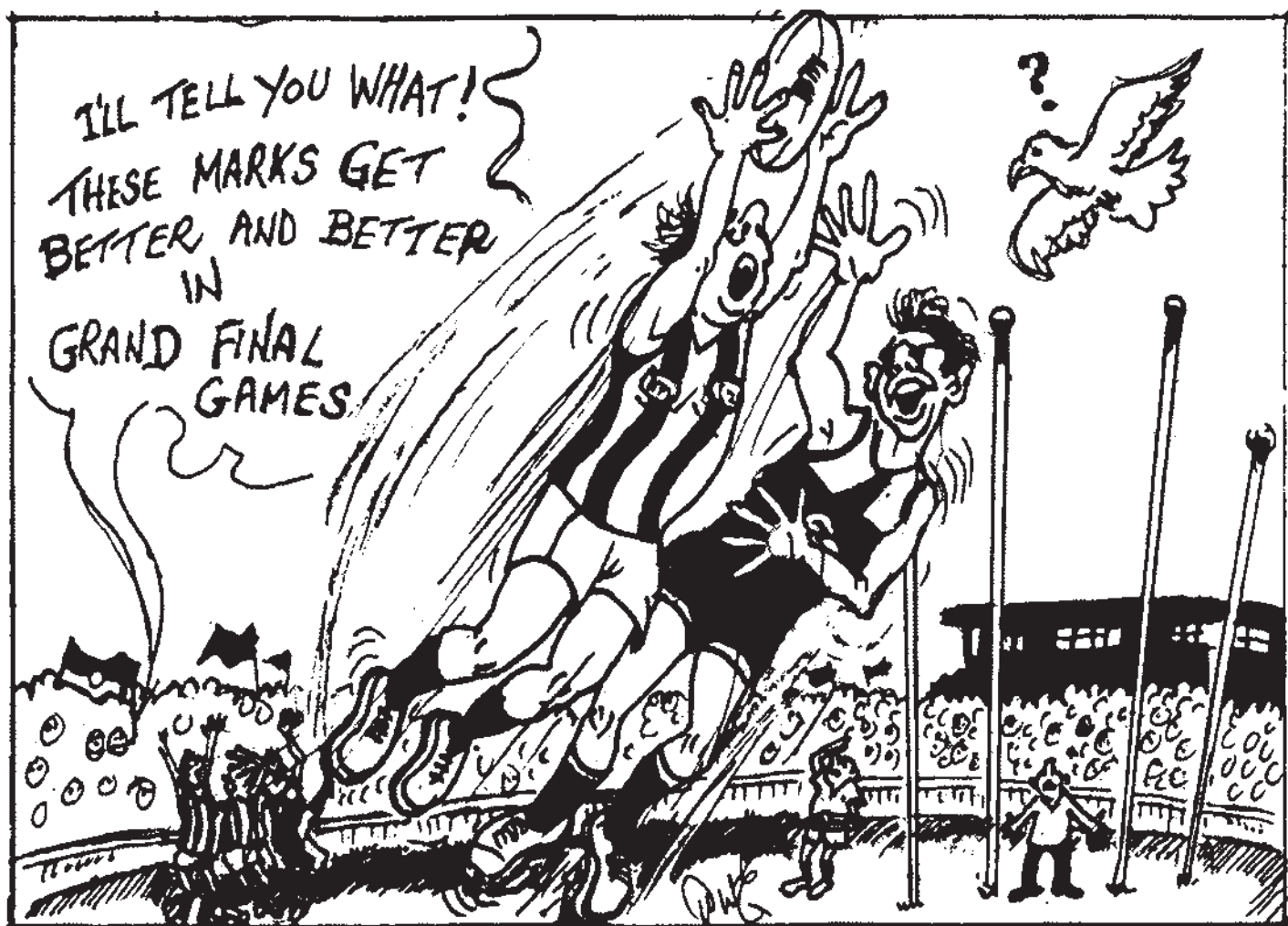
"The Queensland Literary Awards are, if I say so myself, now very cool awards to win," Dr Glover said.

"The quality of the entries was great, with both many new and many critically acclaimed writers represented."

Other QLA awardees included: Frank Moorhouse, who won the Fiction Book Award for *Cold Light*; Bill Gammage, who won the History Book Award for *The Biggest Estate on Earth: How Aborigines Made Australia*; Thursday Island-based Catherine Titasey, who won the Emerging Queensland Author – Manuscript Award for *Island of the Unexpected*; and Sue Smith, who won the Television Script Award for *Mabo*.

● From the Editor: We're delighted that Siv Parker also works at the *Koori Mail*.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



DEREK SMITH

Men's health worker

Mildura, Vic

Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo and emu.

Favourite other food?
Homemade curry.

Favourite drink?
Water.

Favourite music?
Everything. I was bought up on country, R&B and rock.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Rugby and AFL, and I still play darts and basketball.

What are you reading?
The newspaper.

Favourite holiday destination?
I've always wanted to go to Vanuatu.

What are you watching on TV?
Operation Repo.

What do you like in life?
Myself thinking positive, and earning my goals.

What don't you like in life?
Being unhappy.

Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Michael Jordan. I've played basketball since I was eight years old, and I buy his clothes.

Who/what inspires you?
My kids.

What is your ultimate goal?
To live life to the fullest.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Funding and education for health, and funding for sport and education for kids.

Quote



'It's a one-way street. They (Federal Labor) are not consulting or listening to us.'

—Traditional owner Richard Downs on anger among people at Ampilatwatja community

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Qld decision a blow to justice

The decision by the Queensland Government to axe funding to Queensland's Murri Court is a blow to reconciliation in that state. At a time when most jurisdictions are grappling with ways to reduce the over-representation of Indigenous people in the criminal justice system, the decision taken by Premier Campbell Newman's Government simply doesn't make sense.

The Murri Court system, which was introduced in 2002, works alongside the Magistrates Courts and provides a forum where Elders, respected people and even family members can be involved in the sentencing process.

Magistrates, service providers and Indigenous communities have worked to establish Murri Courts in Brisbane, Ipswich, Caboolture, Cleveland, Caloundra, Cherbourg, Rockhampton, Mount Isa, Charters Towers, Townsville, Cairns, Coen, St George and Toowoomba.

Too often Indigenous people have been marginalised by the court system, and have found themselves on the wrong side of laws which seem alien to traditions and culture.

The Murri Court system at least empowered Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people to become involved in the administration of justice, which itself is an empowering process.

And for those facing charges, the Murri Court process provided a less formal setting involving people the offender respected. And it was working. A study by the Australian Institute of



OUR SAY

Criminology in 2008 found that the number of basic offences dropped by 94 per cent, and reoffending dropped by 17 per cent. Hopefully it's not too late for the Queensland Government to reverse this terrible decision.

If you're a footy fan – and a great many of us are – there's no better time of the year. The Queensland Murri Rugby League carnival is on in Ipswich from 27-30 September, and the huge NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout will run from 28 September to 1 October at Raymond Terrace, near Newcastle.

The NSW Knockout has been described as a modern-day corroboree and officials are confident it will bring 20,000 people from across NSW.

There's nothing like it. Our mob can't wait for it to come around.

With the Queensland Rugby League sanctioning the Murri carnival, it too is growing in stature.

The two carnivals now are linked, with the winners from both carnivals meeting next February for the right to be declared the best Indigenous rugby league team in Australia.

It doesn't get any better.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Thalidomide apology cold comfort to mum



Bai Tapau with an art award she won last year.



Margaret Tapau speaking about thalidomide.

By ALF WILSON

NEWs that German drug manufacturer Grunenthal, which produced Thalidomide, has apologised to victims is little comfort for Murray Island woman Margaret Tapau.

In fact it has reinforced her belief that families affected by the drug should be compensated.

The use of thalidomide in the 1950s, 60s and 70s led to a pharmaceutical disaster which resulted in babies being born with severe defects.

Thalidomide was marketed for a wide range of ailments, and was touted as safe to use during pregnancy.

But the manufacturers and sellers had never tested its effects on the unborn child, and thousands of babies suffered after their mothers took the pills.

Many of the victims have never been able to pursue compensation claims.

Some could never produce the evidence that their mothers took the pills. Doctors at that time often provided patients with samples, and pharmacists commonly did not record the name of the medication on the containers.

Thalidomide was marketed under a wide variety of names, but never as thalidomide. In Australia it was chiefly sold as Distaval, but also as Tensival, Asmaval, Valgris and Valgraine.

Defects

Thalidomide drugs were strong sellers. It was not until 1961 that two independent doctors – one Australian, one German – connected the drug to defects which were presenting at birth.

Margaret Tapau, 63, had nine

children. Her oldest, Bai, had defects at birth. Mrs Tapau has no doubt that Bai's were the result of being prescribed thalidomide for morning sickness when she was pregnant.

"None of my other children had the disabilities, and the time has come for compensation to be paid," Mrs Tapau told the *Koori Mail* this month.

Mrs Tapau's late husband Wilfred was a Torres Strait Elder who died in 2007.

Bai Tapau, now 38, is an artist who lives in Townsville. She was born in north Queensland city with shortened arms and only one finger on each hand.

"My mother said she had been prescribed thalidomide for morning sickness whilst she was pregnant carrying me and that is why this happened," Bai said.

"My four brothers and four sisters are normal."

Mrs Tapau still lives on Murray Island, but is in Townsville for medical treatment.

She became emotional as she spoke of thalidomide and the effect it has had on her family.

"Back in 1974 when I was pregnant carrying Bai I went to a private doctor and was given seven different medications for morning sickness, and one had thalidomide," she said.

"I then switched to the hospital and I was taken off them with three months to go.

'Wrong'

"I knew something was wrong when I was in labour for 36 hours at the hospital."

Mrs Tapau said she was told just after Bai was born that she had disabilities, and authorities

recommended she be offered for adoption.

"I considered Bai a blessing and wouldn't do that, but there was another baby born in the hospital who had effects of thalidomide and he was," she said.

Mrs Tapau said she didn't receive a disability pension until Bai was 18 months old.

"I don't want compensation for me but for my Bai, who has been through so much," she said.

Quietly spoken Mrs Tapau said some years back authorities had visited Torres Strait Islands to interview family who had been affected by thalidomide.

"But we never heard anything more about it," she said.

Mrs Tapau is looking at joining other victims in a class action against the drug company.

'None of my other children had the disabilities, and the time has come for compensation to be paid' – Mrs Margaret Tapau

A little sunshine each day

EVERY morning on my way to work I head to the same little coffee shop for my morning fix of caffeine. I've been going there for a while now, and I know everyone who works there.

But there is one worker there I always look forward to seeing. One of the workers there always has a smile for me, always remembers my coffee order and always flirts with me.

"Hey how you doing?" they say with a cheeky smile.

"I'm fine – just like you are!" I say.

Every morning we have this same little banter and it's just a little sunshine to start my

day. Sometimes I'm lucky enough to try a new juice they are thinking of putting on the menu. Yes I'm that cheap!

Most times I just tell them about something awesome I did on the weekend or the day before and ask how business is going. After I get my coffee I'm usually rushing to the office to get stuck into the day.

There's nothing wrong with little cheeky yarns. Well, except when you are with your mum and she's flirting with a footy player. Now that's just weird.

I remember once I happened to be with mum when we ran into some footy

player that she likes – I think it was Greg Inglis actually!

She was really excited to meet him and yarned to him about the team and other footbally kind of stuff I have no idea about.

No good, she was like 'I like watching you footy players in your teeny tiny shorts!' The footy player just laughed. After I threw up a little in my mouth I composed myself enough to say to mum and this footy player 'Okay then! I think we need to be going now!'

Wandering away I was like 'SHAME Mum why did you say that!?' My mum was like 'What are you talking about, girl? I

do like watching them in their tiny shorts with their buns of steel!'

Ewww! I'm tellin' ya, there is nothing worse than hearing your mum go on all cheeky like. That is just something a kid doesn't need to hear – even though I am officially over 30 I'm still my mummy's baby!

There may be nothing wrong with little cheeky yarns – just don't let your kids hear you go on.

Well, until next time my beautiful black people. I'm off to get my daily cup of coffee ... and a bit of cheeky flirting on the side thank you very much!



Ms KOORI
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Answers to our Edition 534 Crossword. How did you go?

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| 17. London | 12. Brown |
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Our brain-teasers

Edition 535 Koori Mail Word Search



WORDS

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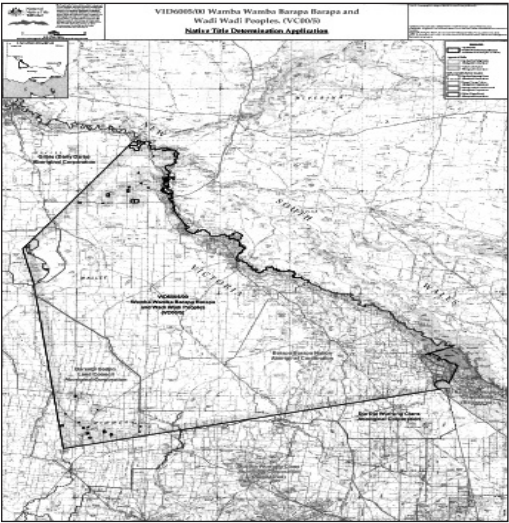
NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING

For all people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests in relation to the land and waters in the area subject to native title claim VID6005/00 in North Western Victoria

All people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests in relation to the land and waters within the area subject to the Wamba Wamba, Barapa Barapa and Wadi Wadi native title claim (VID6005/00), as shown in the map below, are invited to attend a native title claim (full group) meeting on:

Date: 9.30am 13 October to 3pm
14 October 2012

Venue: Kerang Valley Resort
76 Murray Valley Hwy Kerang VIC



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 Rhonda Dye (Community Liaison Officer) at NTSV on 1800 791 779.

Edition 535 Koori Mail Crossword

SOLUTIONS IN OUR NEXT EDITION

Across

- Nickname of NRL side Newcastle
- Evonne Goolagong was a champion of this sport
- Major Aboriginal community off Townsville. ... Island
- An MP is a Member of ...
- Political party of Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott
- Students value these forms of financial assistance
- What does the F in TAFE stand for?
- Federation Square is in this city
- Senior church position in Catholic and Anglican religions
- Strait that separates Australia and Papua New Guinea
- Indigenous opera Pecan ...

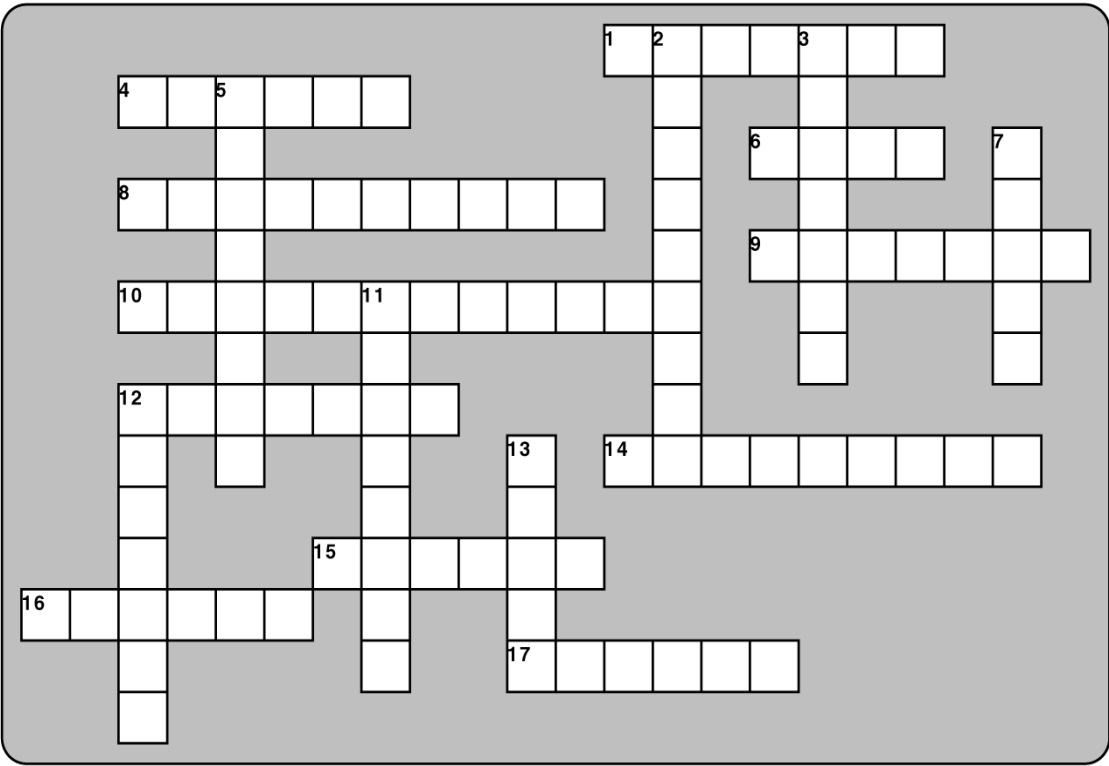
Down

- Major city in NSW's Hunter region

- Otitis media affects this sense
- Utopia homeland is in this Territory

- US President Barack ...
- Flinders University is in this city

- Another word for Commonwealth
- Nickname of Adelaide AFL Club





It's the big sell-out

EVERY day we read about foreign investment in our country – Aboriginal country – yet we do not see the benefits of these foreign investments.

It has now become a sell-out to foreign countries, and it is all taking place in our homeland.

We do not hear of our so-called leaders speaking up or taking action. We do not hear about a number of radical groups stepping up to the mark.

All we hear of is the internal fighting about whose country it is, and then we have the fight among ourselves about who is Aboriginal and who is not.

I ask that all this stops and we start to take count of the many issues sweeping our country in our Aboriginal communities that were once proud nations.

I'll start with a place called Toomelah. That community has been torn apart by political



Letter-writer Patrick Lock says Toomelah, in far northern NSW, is being torn apart by political mischief.

mischief and misrepresentation. It's a community that has been left to fend for itself because of individuals fighting and continually taking attention from

important issues with their own selfishness.

Then there's Wilcannia. This is a community that has been left out in the cold by all the

political leaders, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, and also by the business community.

Here we have a community that is more than 200km from any main town. The children in this community do not have the luxury of a McDonald's, Hungry Jack's or even a pizza unless the parents are prepared to travel long distances.

In the case of Toomelah, one government minister said that if the people wanted to work they could travel 30km to the next town in order to find it.

I would hate to think what the minister would say in the case of Wilcannia.

It is now time that we call a full state meeting among all involved people, and most importantly our Elders, to discuss these issues.

Patrick LOCK
Sydney, NSW

Radio job on offer at Noosa

AS an Indigenous person, have you ever wanted to speak out and be widely heard? Widely enough to influence your mob and the wider community? To help others speak out to be widely heard? To further understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people?

I believe community radio is the place to do it, as many Indigenous people are experiencing in dozens of stations across Australia.

Such public bridgemaking is sorely and glaringly missing on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, which has pockets of ignorance, as shown by former Aboriginal affairs minister Mal Brough, who rejected as irrelevant the negative opinions of him of 30 Elders and activists across Australia.

At Noosa Community Radio we've been looking for Indigenous people to run a program addressing the concerns of Indigenous people and informing the often innocently ignorant mainstream community about them.

For about eight months last year we had such a program, and what a cracker it was. Sadly, the two Aboriginal ladies who co-hosted with me had to give it up because of more pressing commitments – like making a living. I'm now 'holding the fort', as it were, with a weekly hour of Indigenous music and topics.

Every time I'm on air I get this gut feeling, 'a whitefella shouldn't be doing this, Indigenous people should be'. I cannot feel the right vibes to ask the questions an Indigenous person would, I cannot judge their taste in music. But better me than nothing.

So, rush us to take a show.

Technical training is available. For many years there have been grants for Indigenous programming. Currently there is no reason to think that they would stop, so that applicants could probably count on reimbursement of some expenses plus modest presenter fees. Details about that are at http://www.cbf.com.au/Content/templates/grants_indigenous_program.asp?articleid=4&zoneid=4

Successful applicants will be trained by experienced presenters, usually for 18 hours across nine weeks. Content is up to them. A new training course starts in October.

Community radio can be a stepping stone to a radio career. For example, Annie Gaffney, who presents Maroochydore-based ABC Coast FM's Mornings program, spent some time learning the ropes at Noosa Community Radio. Sometimes we are lucky to get funding to run courses to 'professionalise' people to standards recognised in the industry. And if we don't, somebody, somewhere will.

I'm a retired radio journalist and happy to help out on content.

Drop us a line to reception@noosacommunityradio.org, mark it 'Attention Training Coordinator' or phone us at (07) 5447 2233 to leave a message.

We'd love to hear from you.

DIET SIMON
Presenter at Noosa
Community Radio, Qld

Becoming ashamed of 'Lucky Country'

I WAS deeply saddened to hear of the latest disgraceful, degrading insults my dear friend, mate, and mentor of almost 40 years Harold Hunt has had to suffer. (What does it take to be Australian? (*Koori Mail*, 22 August).

Harold has dedicated his life to helping needy people of all types and colours – usually for no pay – and continues this work today, though he is now an old man.

I am a naturalised Australian, originally from Canada, mainly of French and English descent, but very proud of the small amount of DNA inherited from my mother through her great grandparents of the now 'extinct' Beothuk tribe of Newfoundland.

The Beothuk were hunted down in cold blood on their island, the same way as the Tasmanian Aborigines.

The history of contact, murder, and genocide in both countries is almost the same.

Fortunately for me I look like a whitefella, so I have never had to face the hatred and discrimination that poor Harold and many of your readers have experienced.

I have usually been proud to call myself 'Australian', and this country has treated me very well indeed. I still think that, despite the many problems, it is one of the best – if not the very best – country in the world.

I have lived many years among Aboriginal people and have seen how they are treated.

I have watched this country volunteer to join cruel and unnecessary wars and then brutally mistreat and even kill the refugees who are fleeing for their lives from these wars.

Sadly, I am becoming ashamed to call

myself 'Australian'. I feel like I have blood on my hands – and it won't wash off.

It is hard to believe that, in the almost 50 years I have lived here, in spite of the generous, open-hearted, and often heroic efforts of many good people of all races, things have improved so little for Aboriginal people.

In many ways it has got worse.

Come on, my fellow Australians! We really are in the Lucky Country and have everything going for us.

Let us set an example for the world. It surely can't be that hard to love our brothers and sisters – it needn't cost you anything.

All it takes is respect, caring, and a little bit of love!

JOHN HILL
Cooktown, Qld

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

Even if sent via email, all letters and

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

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

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

– EDITOR



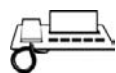
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Education & Communities

Applications for Appointment to the NSW Youth Advisory Council

Applications are being sought from people interested in being appointed to the 2013 NSW Youth Advisory Council.

Applications are particularly being sought from young people with experience and a keen interest in youth affairs.

The NSW Youth Advisory Council provides a direct avenue of communication between the young people of NSW and the NSW Government.

The 12 member Council was established under the *Youth Advisory Council Act* (1989) and reports to the Minister responsible for Youth Affairs, The Hon Victor Dominello.

Information and application forms for membership of the Youth Advisory Council are available on the NSW Government Youth website www.youth.nsw.gov.au or from the Executive Officer, Youth Advisory Council, yac@yac.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9995 0532.

Closing date for submission of applications is **5.00pm, Monday 29 October 2012.**

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Australian Government

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

End of year checklist for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations

Now that the 2011–12 financial year has closed it's time to prepare your reports and hold your annual general meeting (AGM).

Do it now. Don't be late!

☒ Call and hold AGM

Due between 1 July and 30 November

☒ Lodge 2011–12 reports with the Registrar*

Due between 1 July and 31 December

*All corporations must lodge their 2011–12 reports with the Registrar according to their registered size and income.

Lodge your 2011–12 reports online!

It's easy and it will save you time.

Register at <https://online.oric.gov.au>.

The Registrar may take action against any corporation that does not report by 31 December 2012. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* the maximum penalties for each report not lodged are: corporations—\$13 750, secretaries—\$550.

NEED HELP?

If you need help filling in your reports, are not sure what to lodge or you just need extra time, contact the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

Freecall: **1800 622 431** (not free from mobiles)

Email: info@oric.gov.au

www.oric.gov.au

Tributes

Lorna Beulah a star singer

LORNA BEULAH, a Wiradjuri woman from Forbes in western NSW, passed away on 31 August.

Lorna was a gifted singer in the 1960s, and one of the founding members of The Foundation For Aboriginal Affairs that previously operated in George Street, Sydney.

Lorna was the first Aboriginal soprano to receive a scholarship at the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney.

Guitar, banjo and piano were all mastered by Lorna at a very young age.

Her sisters Ida and Margaret could also play violin, banjo and guitar. They performed in a band at The Tivoli Theatre in Sydney.

Lorna sang live on radio and

also performed on the television program *The Bobby Limb Show*.

Lorna sang in many concerts alongside the Jimmy Little Band. She received a standing ovation after a lunchtime show in Martin Place, Sydney, where she was dubbed 'The Nightingale'.

Lorna was also given the honour of singing in the Sydney Opera House before it was opened to the public (as a way of testing the acoustics. As her voice had such a huge range she often didn't require a microphone.)

Lorna was a respected and admired ambassador for her people, and her talent as a soprano became her way of reaching across the barriers between her people and non-Indigenous Australians.

Lorna performed in many operas in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Alice Springs and New Zealand.

Her story made the cover of *The Dawn* magazine and she became a popular subject of many of the readers.

Lorna moved to Melbourne to further her career, but sadly she was attacked in the stairwell of her home, and received horrific injuries and was never able to sing again.

She lived the remainder of her life as a popular figure around the Clifton Hill area of Melbourne.

Lorna is survived by her three children Tom, Tania and Victor.

— Submitted by
Marjorie A Keys

Uncle Joe Trindall a great worker for his community

TRIBUTES have flowed for Tamworth (NSW) Aboriginal Elder Joe Trindall, who passed away on 28 August, aged 87.

An estimated 600 people attended a ceremony in his honour on 3 September, which was held on the plains behind North Tamworth Oval overlooking the Peel River.

The service along the riverside involved a traditional Indigenous smoking ceremony and tributes from family members and friends.

A graveside service held soon after involved a traditional Gomeroi prayer and a number of songs.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello and Tamworth MP Kevin Anderson, along with Deputy Opposition Leader Linda Burney, joined the Tamworth community in mourning Mr Trindall's passing.

They said Uncle Joe, as he was respectfully known, worked for social justice for Aboriginal people across the New England north-west region with Pearl, his wife of 66 years.

"Joe Trindall dedicated countless hours for his community," Mr Dominello said.

"Mr Trindall, and his wife Pearl, worked on many advisory committees, including the Aboriginal Medical Service and the Tamworth Reconciliation Group.

"With a passion for Aboriginal health and education, Joe and Pearl helped establish the Tamworth Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group, a

of Fame Award.

"Uncle Joe Trindall attended community meetings right up until the end and he has instilled these qualities of leadership and responsibility in his children, who will carry on his work in Tamworth."

Tamworth MP Kevin Anderson said Uncle Joe had provided wise counsel and advice to him on numerous occasions.

"His life time devotion to the Aboriginal community was appreciated by the wider community and we are richer for knowing him," Mr Anderson said.

Ms Burney told Parliament that she had known Uncle Joe, his wife Pearl, and their family for many years.

"It is with great sadness and regret that we acknowledge his passing," she said.

"Uncle Joe's legacy and that of his family to Aboriginal education in this State is enormous, through the Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group and the many other endeavours undertaken by the Trindall family."

'Uncle Joe's legacy and that of his family to Aboriginal education in this State is enormous, through the Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group and the many other endeavours undertaken by the Trindall family' – Linda Burney MP

homework centre in Peel Street and also the Birralee Multipurpose Aboriginal Children's Service Centre.

"Joe and Pearl's efforts have been recognised in several arenas, including the presentation of numerous justice and Premier's awards. In 2007, they were presented with an Aboriginal Health Hall

Future of our higher education

I WAS lucky to be part of the first generation of Aboriginal people able to go straight from high school to university.

That pathway was made possible by the generations who went before me, particularly my father's generation.

Dad set up the Aboriginal Research and Resource Centre – as it was called then – at the University of New South Wales. He did that without having himself earned a university degree but by doing field work on our Gamillaroi family – on our language, cultural stories, on the family history.

Dad had not only highlighted the importance of university education to me, he showed me by his own commitment to capturing our culture the importance of research. That it didn't just have to be something that was about us; it was something that we, as Aboriginal people, could do to protect our cultural identity, history and culture.

Dad's work is now lodged with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and with the Mitchell Library in Sydney.

As well as Dad's example, my uncle Bob Morgan established the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) where I now work. He and Dad's friends – people like James Wilson-Miller and Linda Burney – were all trailblazers in the importance of educational opportunities for Aboriginal people. I benefited from the doors they opened and their example.

Success in higher education is life-changing. Having experienced higher education first-hand, I can attest to the personal opportunities it affords.

The transformative power of higher education underpins the prosperity of our nation and is of particular importance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Overcoming socio-economic disadvantage can only be achieved if members of those communities are given the capacity and empowerment to assist in finding the solutions to seemingly intractable problems.

I believe in the importance of higher education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, to change lives and empower communities, which is why I was more than happy to chair the Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Unfortunately, the current trajectory of higher education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is both of concern and a national challenge.

At its simplest, there are too few Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our



LARISSA BEHRENDT

universities. Statistics show, while Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 2.2 per cent of the Australian working-age population, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at university make up only 1.4 per cent of all university student enrolments.

Depressingly, there is an even lower proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students graduating.

Staff numbers continue the trend, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university staff making up a mere 1 per cent of the total numbers.

We need to do so much better.

Late last year and early this year I had the privilege of visiting every public university (and The University of Notre Dame). I was fortunate enough to talk with vice-chancellors, other senior university representatives, Indigenous education units and, most importantly, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students.

I was heartened by the enthusiasm and hard work already occurring in the sector and the commitment the majority of the sector has to improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

I was inspired by the many stories from students and staff about their journey to change their lives through higher education, speaking about returning to their community and using their expertise after graduation.

I was also dispirited to hear some of the struggles people had experienced in their journey to higher education, especially in circumstances where this could have been easily avoided.

However, the considerable goodwill within the sector provides comfort that change is around the corner and we will see less struggle and greater participation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in higher education.

Increasing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in higher education is good for everyone – it's a win-win situation.

We know individuals benefit through increased health, education and economic outcomes.

We know communities benefit from increased expertise, role models and leadership.

We know universities benefit from an increase in diverse knowledge systems and ways of thinking.

We know the nation benefits from increased health, education, productivity and knowledge.

So there is nothing holding us back in working together to improve those woeful statistics.

We also know there is work to be done in this sector.

Concerted effort must be made by universities and the Government to increase readiness for university, to increase participation in university and to increase success in university.

Building on the good initiatives already happening and reforming substandard practice is the way forward. Universities and government must collaborate to ensure that every person who aspires to have a higher education and that has the capacity to undertake it is given a genuine opportunity to do so.

I believe that the review and the implementation of the recommendations made have the potential to dramatically improve the Australian higher education sector.

The recommendations are directed mostly to universities and the Australian Government, however when implementing the recommendations, I and my colleagues on the expert panel would like to see a collaborative approach that involves universities, governments, professional bodies, the business sector, and communities working together to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through higher education.

One strong theme of the review is that we don't have to start from scratch. There are many examples of good work being done in the sector, driven by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander academics and educators.

We don't have to start from scratch. But it is time for all parties to assist with the heavy lifting of the things that need to be done next.

I would urge all parties to come together to make a real difference to individuals, communities and the nation.

Professor Larissa Behrendt chaired the Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

YOU ME UNITY

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER PEOPLES

Can your organisation help spread the word?

Is your organisation interested in helping to promote constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?

Applications are now open for the Funded Partnerships Project. These are funding opportunities for organisations to partner with You Me Unity on large projects that build public awareness and community support for constitutional recognition.

To find out more information go to
<http://www.youmeunity.org.au/partnership-funding>
or call 1800 836 422



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Are you enthusiastic about disability services for Aboriginal people?

Do you want to share your story and inspire other people?

You should be a Living Life My Way Ambassador or Champion!

The NSW Government is looking for Aboriginal people with a disability, their families and carers to inform and inspire their communities about the new disability system based on greater control for Aboriginal people with a disability.

We are now recruiting for the first round of Ambassadors and Champions to be selected by early November 2012.

Applications should be submitted by Friday 28 September 2012.

You can read about the program and download the application form from the Ageing, Disability and Home Care website at www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/personcentred or call 1800 605 489.

Warning on 'heartland'



AUSTRALIA must reset its relationship with disempowered remote communities who feel left out of the national story because of dysfunctional governance, a report recommends.

A report by Desert Knowledge Australia recommends radical change to the governance of remote Australia, including decentralising governance and decision making.

The report 'Fixing the hole in Australia's heartland' said that despite good intentions, nearly all current government policies, funding and programs are inadequate or failing.

Former Aboriginal affairs minister in the Fraser government Fred Chaney launched the report, saying people in remote communities feel they have no say in the decisions that affect their lives.

"The flow of money is uneven, erratic and that poses problems," he said.



Desert Knowledge Australia recommends radical governance changes.

Mr Chaney said people in Western Australia's Pilbara, Central Australia and outback Queensland felt left out of 'the modern Australian story'.

"There's a hunger in remote communities for people to work with them,

people want to have a say and want to be involved," he said.

The report was not just about Indigenous Australians but also farming, tourism and mining communities, Mr Chaney said.

The report contained lessons for governments about the NT intervention, which has been deeply unpopular across many Aboriginal communities.

It detailed problems in attracting quality public servants to remote areas and high staff turnover.

"If all the important decisions are made in Perth and Canberra or Darwin, there's not much incentive for a well qualified, talented public servant to be serving in the bush," Mr Chaney said.

The report calls for political support for trials of decentralising governance and decision making.

An Outback Commission should be set up to focus on remote Australia and counter under-development, the report says.

It says the Productivity Commission should investigate the capacity of governance reform to act as a microeconomic stimulus in remote Australia. — AAP

WA crash deaths inquest adjourned

By LIZ MURRAY



AN inquest into a 2008 crash that killed four Noongar boys in Western Australia has been adjourned until November.

The crash occurred on 27 June 2008 on Pinjarra Road, Ravenswood, claiming the lives of three brothers aged 15, 11 and 10.

The crash also took the life of the 17-year-old driver. Another 16-year-old passenger sustained minor injuries and ran 1km to get help.

The Holden Commodore, which had been stolen, was torn in two when it hit a power pole at very high speed.

The impact threw three of the boys from the vehicle, causing their fatal injuries.

Natalie Clarke, the mother of three of the boys killed in the crash, told media outside the court of her deep sorrow that she could not be with her dying 15-year-old son because of delays in police notification about the incident. The teenager had survived the immediate smash and was air-lifted to hospital. He passed away in the early hours of 28 June.

Coroner Dominic Mulligan will examine issues surrounding the pursuit, the notification of Ms Clarke and police handling of the incident.

Toxicology indicated traces of cannabis and alcohol in some of the boys.

Counsel Assisting the Coroner Jeremy Johnston told the court the 16-year-old crash survivor said a car had chased them, driving aggressively and rammed the Commodore.

However, only minor damage was found, Mr Johnston said.

He said the driver of that vehicle, Marc Ross, who was a friend of the owner of the stolen car, also denied the allegations to police.



Last year's Kimberley Girl winners, from left, The Public's Choice Tamika Pitt (Kununurra), Judges' Choice Kelly Johnson (Broome), First Runner-Up Avreanna Hobbs (Fitzroy Crossing), Kimberley Girl 2011 Lavinia Ketchell (One Arm Point), Second Runner-Up Cylia Tait (Halls Creek) and Miss Photogenic Kaitlyn Carter (Fitzroy Crossing).

36 in the line up for this year's Kimberley Girl title



THIRTY-six young Aboriginal women are in the running to become the next Kimberley Girl. Over the next few weeks they will be taking part in personal development workshops and heats in the lead up to the final, to be held in Broome on 12 October.

The first heat will be held at Kununurra Leisure Centre this Friday, 21 September, at 7pm, followed by the Derby event at the Derby Civic Centre on 28 September at 7pm. The action then moves to Broome, where a heat will be held at the Goolarri Ampitheatre on 5 October at 7.30pm.

Four girls from each heat will be selected to take part in an additional week of workshops, before taking part in the final at Broome.

Organised by Goolarri Media, the Kimberley Girl competition has been running for nine years and targets young Indigenous women aged 16-25.

Showcase events

Participants take part in workshops and showcase events designed to bring the community together.

Program creator Kira Fong, from Goolarri Media, said 231 young women had taken part in the Kimberley Girl Program, as

well as the Pilbara Girl program held earlier this year.

"After participating in the Kimberley Girl program, participants are left with increased self-awareness and are exposed to new and different lifestyles and opportunities, returning to their communities as positive role models among their peers and family members," she said.

"The Kimberley Girl experience is a tried and tested program to give young Indigenous women the opportunity to become role models for their peers.

"We see their confidence growing over the week of personal development workshops."



Larry Brandy, a recruitment and community engagement officer with the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre at the Australian National University, with visiting Learn Earn Legend! Work Exposure with Government student Amelia Emisy.



Senator Trish Crossin in her parliamentary office with Jonus Babui.



Catherine Carfrae, from the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, with visiting program student Tim Eldridge.

Students get a taste of life in the capital



INDIGENOUS students from across Australia have been in Canberra getting a taste of life in politics and the public service.

The week-long program involved 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students taking part in the Learn Earn Legend! Work Exposure with Government program.

During their time in the capital, the students experienced life in a political office, had the opportunity to watch the argy-bargy of question time, and visited public service agencies and departments.

Senator Trish Crossin was one of the parliamentarians who hosted an Indigenous student, taking Jonus Babui, a Year 11 student at Kormilda College in Darwin, under her wing.

"These students are future leaders in their communities and Australia and I will be delighted if this program can help

them on their career paths," Senator Crossin said.

With more than 70 parliamentarians hosting students, as well as 32 Australian Government agencies, the program also threw a few Learn Earn Legend! Ambassadors into the mix – including tennis legend Evonne Goolagong and former NRL player Preston Campbell.

Ms Goolagong said it was a fantastic experience for the students.

'Vital services'

"Some of these young Indigenous Australians may decide their future is in government helping to improve the delivery of vital services to Indigenous people and their communities," she said.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment Julie Collins said the Australian Government wanted to increase the number of Indigenous people working for the public service to

2.7 per cent by 2015. "As at 31 December 2011, there were around 3700 Indigenous Australians in the APS – 2.2 per cent of its employees," Ms Collins said.

Federal Minister for School Education and Youth Peter Garrett said Learn Earn Legend! was an important program to help achieve those goals.

"These students are future leaders in their communities and Australia," he said. "This program is about expanding their horizons and making them aware of the possible job opportunities and pathways available."

"We hope some of these students will consider further study and work to become the departmental secretaries and politicians of the future."

And while there's sure to be interest in those options, they may have trouble convincing Jonus, as he said he wants to be a police officer. But then, a week is a long time in politics!

1000 more police

That's the goal of GenerationOne and NSW Force



THE NSW Police Force aims to attract 1000 Indigenous police officers during the next ten years as part of a partnership with the GenerationOne movement.

GenerationOne chief executive Warren Mundine said the recruitment drive would help end the historical conflict between law enforcement and the Indigenous community.

Mr Mundine joined GenerationOne founder, mining magnate Andrew Forrest, to announce the target for the coming decade.

Mr Mundine said the police program was a big step in the right direction.

"Welfare has been the poison for our community for far too long," he said.

"But through a job we're going to make



'This is exactly the model that GenerationOne has been advocating for – employer-directed training for job seekers with a clear pathway to sustainable employment and a career'
– GenOne CEO Warren Mundine

the major changes that we need to happen.

"This is exactly the model that GenerationOne has been advocating for – employer-directed training for job seekers with a clear pathway to sustainable employment and a career."

Mr Forrest said such initiatives could help achieve GenerationOne's objective of ending disparity.

"The commitment by the NSW Police

Force builds on the momentum created by over 330 employers who have committed 62,000 jobs through GenerationOne's Australian Employment Covenant," he said.

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said apart from the 1000 to be recruited, 455 Indigenous people currently worked for the police force and 40 would soon be sworn in.

Mr Scipione said he was proud to commit to the new covenant and that it was an ongoing contribution the NSW Police Force was making to Indigenous Australians.

NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello congratulated NSW Police for their commitment to Aboriginal employment.

"I am delighted that this covenant includes a commitment to mentoring for participants," he said. "Improving Aboriginal employment doesn't end with recruitment – for long-term success it is vital that employers provide ongoing support to retain and develop Aboriginal employees."

NSW Police Minister Michael Gallacher said the target was a 'fantastic expansion on the IPROWD program that provides the opportunity for Aboriginal people to gain the skills and confidence to succeed in joining the NSW Police Force'.

"NSW police will play a vital part in ending the disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, through employment," he said.

"Sixty per cent of students who complete the IPROWD course are progressing with applications to join the NSW Police Force."

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19TH SEPTEMBER TO 2ND OCTOBER



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WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1.00 Koori Knockout G (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin Kriole 19 G (Sport)
4.00 NATSIBA G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6.00 Yaarnz: Tall Tales And True PG (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 (Series)
8.30 Bizou G (Kids)
9.00 Waabiny Time: Celebrate G (Kids)
9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10.00 The Golden Cord G (Documentary)
11.00 Sitting Bull: A Stone In My Heart PG (Documentary)
12.00 My Bush Tukka Adventures: Sunshine Coast G (Lifestyle)
12.30 Indigenous Insight NC (Series)
1.00 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)
1.30 Samoana 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 (Documentary)
4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Pursuing The Flame: Aspire PG (Documentary Series)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (Series)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
7.30 Nganampa Anwerkenhe: Bush Toys G (Documentary Series)
8.00 Faith Bandler PG (Documentary Series)
8.30 Intervention Katherine NT NC (Documentary)
9.30 Our Generation PG (Documentary)
10.30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
11.00 NITV News NC (News)
11.30 Finding Our Talk: Hawaii PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
1.00 Koori Knockout G (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin Kriole 20 G (Sport)
4.00 NATSIBA G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.15 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
8.30 Bizou G (Kids)
9.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10.00 Ken Thaiday Snr G (Documentary)
11.30 Ella 7's G (Sport)
12.00 Pursuing The Flame: Aspire PG (Documentary)
12.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
1.00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
1.30 Pomurraw Art 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 (Documentary)
4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Pursuing The Flame: Focus PG (Documentary)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
7.30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8.30 Rose Against The Odds PG (Entertainment)
9.30 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)
10.30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Entertainment)
11.00 NITV News NC (News)
11.30 Finding Our Talk: Words In The Air G (Documentary)

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

12.00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1.00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 NATSIBA G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.15 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
8.30 Bizou G (Kids)
9.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10.00 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
11.00 Pursuing The Flame: Focus PG (Documentary)
11.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
12.00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
12.30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
2.00 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark 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 (Entertainment)
4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Pursuing The Flame: perseverance PG (Documentary)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
7.30 Move It Mob Style PG (Documentary)
8.00 Dreamkeeper PG (Movie)
10.30 Nice Coloured Girls PG (Entertainment)
11.00 NITV News NC (News)
11.30 Finding Our Talk: Bolivia G (Documentary)

SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

12.00 Roots Music PG (Music & Radio)
1.00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 NATSIBA G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.30 Bizou G (Kids)
7.00 Waabiny Time (Kids)
7.30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8.00 Double Trouble G (Kids)
8.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
10.00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11.00 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary)
12.00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12.30 Opinion Piece NC (Documentary)
1.30 Cookin' At Jacko's: Darwin Delights G (Entertainment)
2.00 Cookin' At Jacko's: Cyclone Kitchen G (Entertainment)
2.30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
3.00 Rural Health Education: Smoking PG (Documentary)
4.00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5.00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary)
5.30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6.00 Our Generation PG (Documentary)
8.30 Island Of Lies PG (Documentary)
9.30 Blackfellas, Bulls And Bucking G (Documentary)
10.30 Tortilla Soup PG (Movie)

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SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

12.30 Spirits In Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
1.00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz PG (Documentary)
6.30 Bizou G (Kids)
7.00 Waabiny Time (Kids)
7.30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8.00 Double Trouble: Two Dollars G (Kids)
8.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
10.00 Island Of Lies PG (Documentary)
11.00 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary)
12.00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12.30 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
1.30 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2.30 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4.30 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5.30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6.30 4 Wheel Dreaming G (Documentary)
7.00 Cane Toads: Unnatural History PG (Documentary)
8.00 Nganampa Anwerkenhe G (Documentary)
9.30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary)
10.30 Southern Cross PG (Movie)

MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 Moccasin Flats M (Entertainment)
12.30 Strong In The City (Documentary)
1.00 Koori Knockout G (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
8.30 Bizou G (Kids)
9.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10.00 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)
10.30 Cane Toads: Unnatural History PG (Doc)
11.30 4 Wheel Dreaming G (Documentary)
12.00 Pursuing The Flame: perseverance PG (Doc)
12.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
1.00 Cracks In The Mask G (Documentary)
2.00 Wanjia 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 (Entertainment)
4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Pursuing The Flame: Desire PG (Doc)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
7.30 Larger Than Life PG (Music & Radio)
8.00 Boomall: Five Koori Artists PG (Doc)
8.30 Global Voice PG (Documentary)
9.00 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)
9.30 Arctic Hip Hop PG (Music & Radio)
10.30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary)
11.00 NITV News NC (News)
11.30 Finding Our Talk: Dancing With Language G (Documentary)

TUESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 Roots Music PG (Music & Radio)
1.00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
8.30 Bizou G (Kids)
9.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10.00 Global Voice PG (Documentary)
11.00 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)
11.30 Larger Than Life PG (Music & Radio)
12.00 4 Wheel Dreaming G (Documentary)
12.30 Pursuing The Flame: Desire PG (Documentary)
1.00 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)
2.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3.00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3.30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Pursuing The Flame: Confidence PG (Documentary)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
8.00 Rural Health Education: Otitis Media PG (Documentary)
9.00 Everyday Brave G (Documentary)
9.30 Opinion Piece NC (Documentary)
10.30 Among Us PG (Documentary)
11.30 Finding Our Talk: NZ Language Nest G (Documentary)

WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
1.00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz PG (Documentary)
6.15 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
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 Strong In The City (Documentary)
11.30 4 Wheel Dreaming G (Documentary)
12.00 Pursuing The Flame: Confidence PG (Documentary)
12.30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
1.00 Rural Health Education: Diabetes PG (Documentary)
2.00 Jumba Jimba G (Documentary)
3.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
4.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Pursuing The Flame: Determination PG (Documentary)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
7.30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8.30 Nganampa Anwerkenhe G (Documentary)
8.30 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)
10.30 Among Us PG (Documentary)
11.00 NITV News NC (News)
11.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 Roots Music PG (Music & Radio)
1.00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2.30 Footy: The La Perouse Way M (Documentary)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.15 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
8.30 Bizou G (Kids)
9.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
11.00 Urban Clan G (Documentary)
12.00 Pursuing The Flame: Determination PG (Documentary)
12.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
1.00 Land Bilong Islanders G (Documentary)
2.00 Ochre And Ink PG (Documentary)
2.30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3.00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3.30 Welcome To Wapos Bay (Kids)
4.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Finding Our Talk: Anishnabe G (Documentary)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
7.30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8.30 Rose Against The Odds PG (Entertainment)
9.30 Whispering In Our Heart M (News & Documentary)
10.30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Entertainment)
11.00 NITV News NC (News)
11.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)

FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1.00 NATSIBA G (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival G (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.15 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
8.30 Bizou G (Kids)
9.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10.00 The Coolbaroo Club G (Documentary)
11.00 The Human Race PG (Documentary)
12.00 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
12.30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1.30 Wanjia 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 (Entertainment)
4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Finding Our Talk: Mi'gmaq G (Documentary)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
7.30 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
8.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay (Kids)
9.30 Henare O'Keefe PG (Documentary)
10.30 Dreaming: The Art Of Aboriginal Australia PG (Documentary)
11.00 NITV News NC (News)
11.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)

SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 Roots Music M (Music & Radio)
1.00 NATSIBA G (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Yaarnz G (Documentary)
6.30 Bizou G (Kids)
7.00 Waabiny Time (Kids)
7.30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8.00 Double Trouble: The Audition G (Kids)
8.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9.00 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5.00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary)
5.30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
7.00 Dreaming: The Art Of Aboriginal Australia PG (Documentary)
7.30 Beyond The Dreamtime G (Documentary)
8.30 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)
9.30 Our Generation PG (Documentary)

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 Roots Music PG (Music & Radio)
1.00 NATSIBA G (Sport)
2.00 Koori Knockout Documentary G (Documentary)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.00 Double Trouble: Sand and Surf G (Kids)
6.30 Bizou G (Kids)
7.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7.30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8.00 Double Trouble G (Kids)
8.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
10.00 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4.00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5.00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
5.30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6.30 4 Wheel Dreaming G (Documentary)
7.00 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)
8.00 Nganampa Anwerkenhe G (Documentary)
9.30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary)
10.30 The Story Of The Weeping Camel PG (Movie)

MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER

12.00 Moccasin Flats M (Entertainment)
12.30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
1.00 NATSIBA G (Sport)
2.00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3.00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7.30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
8.30 Bizou G (Kids)
9.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10.00 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4.00 Finding Our Talk: Mi'gmaq G (Documentary)
4.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Finding Our Talk: Abenaki G (Documentary)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
7.30 Larger Than Life PG (Music & Radio)
8.00 Rosalie's Journey (Documentary)
8.30 Global Voice PG (Documentary)
9.00 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)
9.30 The Massie Affair PG (Documentary)
10.30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary)
11.00 NITV News NC (News)
11.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)

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12.00 Moccasin Flats M (Entertainment)
12.30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
1.00 NATSIBA G (Sport)
2.00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3.00 Koori Knockout Documentary G (Documentary)
4.00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5.00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
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8.00 Grounded G (Entertainment)
8.30 Bizou G (Kids)
9.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10.00 The Coolbaroo Club G (Documentary)
11.00 Lousy Little Sixpence G (Documentary)
12.00 Finding Our Talk: Abenaki G (Documentary)
12.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
1.00 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)
1.30 Larger Than Life PG (Music & Radio)
2.00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
2.30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3.00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3.30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5.00 Move It Mob Style PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News)
6.00 Finding Our Talk: Ktunaxa G (Documentary)
6.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)
7.00 NITV News NC (News)
8.00 Rural Health Education: Smoking PG (Documentary)
9.00 Everyday Brave G (Documentary)
9.30 Opinion Piece NC (Documentary)
10.30 Among Us PG (Documentary)
11.00 NITV News NC (News)
11.30 Indigenous Insight NC (News)

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WA details strategy



THE Western Australian Government has released a strategy aimed at increasing Aboriginal people's participation in the state economy. Launching the Aboriginal Economic Participation Strategy 2012-2016, Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said the Government would play a key role in encouraging the participation of Aboriginal people in the WA economy. "Despite improvements in housing, education and employment, Western Australia still faces some unique challenges

in closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people," he said.

"This includes an under-representation of Aboriginal people in home ownership, business opportunities and employment.

To encourage greater levels of parity, we need to provide Aboriginal people with increased opportunities to participate in WA's workforce. Employment delivers income for individuals, families and communities, and also enhances self-esteem and self-development while reducing social isolation.

"The Aboriginal Economic Participation Strategy will provide a framework for

the WA Government's investment in Aboriginal economic input over the next four years. It also builds on the Training Together – Working Together Aboriginal employment and training strategy I released in 2010, which is delivering improved employment outcomes for Aboriginal people across the State."

The strategy is structured around five pillars – responding to Aboriginal aspirations; unlocking the potential; growing economic participation; creating sustainable wealth; and working in partnership. It comprises 10 over-arching objectives and 69 initiatives.

The Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee (AACC), comprising many of the Government's departmental directors-general, will guide the implementation of the strategy.

"Having 11 State agencies commit to ... this strategy is an important factor in ensuring the participation of Aboriginal people in our economic future is achieved across Government," Mr Collier said.

More information about the West Australian Aboriginal Economic Participation Strategy 2012-2016 is available on the DIA website: <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au>

South Coast expos have students thinking ahead

By LAURELLE PACEY



SHOW bags and giveaways were not the only things students took away from the recent South Coast Indigenous Employment Expos at Nowra and Bega on NSW's far south coast.

Most had plenty more ideas about possible careers and job opportunities, choices many had never considered before. And it was great fun.

Feedback also showed many left inspired that they had a bright future, had a greater appreciation of the value of school, and with a new found belief that 'if you put your mind to it you can accomplish anything'.

"This expo is such a great idea – getting kids to think about what's possible," said expo ambassador Miriam Corowa, former *Message Stick* host and now ABC News 24 Weekend Breakfast presenter.

"I wish we'd had something like this when I was at school."

The expo was organised by Regional Development Australia Far South Coast (RDAFSC) in association with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

"We came up with the idea a few years ago when we realised the percentage of Indigenous people in the workforce here did not reflect the population," RDAFSC executive officer Fiona Hatcher said.

"Everyone was so enthusiastic about our previous expos, word had spread so this year more high schools took part.

"This year some primary school students came along for the first time, and we also had an increase in the numbers who had left school and were looking for work."

The Nowra expo, the fourth to be held, attracted more than 500 youth from 34 schools, over 200 job seekers, and 76 exhibitors.

The expo at Bega attracted more than 300 students from 12 schools, 100-plus job seekers and about 45 exhibitors, some of whom had been at



Expo ambassador Miriam Corowa, Bega High students Caitlin Paratene, Sharna Parsons, Bree Aldridge and Rachel Smith, and Expo ambassador Liz Cameron at the Bega Expo.

Nowra the day before.

Exhibitors included TAFE and universities, the Australian Defence Force, police and ambulance services, industry groups, and local businesses including Bega Cheese.

Ms Corowa thinks it is 'invaluable' that Aboriginal kids should have a separate job expo that focuses on them.

Participation

"We have a long way to go before we would get anything like this level of Indigenous participation at a careers expo aimed at all students," she said.

An initiative this year was the Inspiration Room, which had several scheduled sessions with the expo ambassadors. Nowra had three expo ambassadors including St George Illawarra Dragons NRL star Wendell Sailor. Bega had two.

"In the past, our ambassadors wandered around the site and

kids sometimes chatted with them, but we didn't feel we were reaching enough of them," Ms Hatcher said.

"In the Inspiration Room, the ambassadors were asked by a facilitator about their lives and how they reached where they are today. It was a conversation. The kids were then able to ask them questions in a safe and intimate environment."

Expo ambassador Liz Cameron, a lecturer and Indigenous counsellor from Newcastle University, was impressed.

"It's all about inspiring our young," she said. "I also noticed a few older people at the Expos. You are never too old to learn."

"It's good to get some qualifications."

A business breakfast was also held at the two venues to demonstrate to employers the benefits of having Indigenous people in their workforce.



Gary Lonesborough, of Bega High School, and Budjam Williams, of Lumen Christi College, said they were excited about their career prospects after attending the Bega expo, held at the Sapphire Coast Turf Club at Kalaru.

Seven schools to share NAB program funds



SEVEN schools with Indigenous links will share in \$120,000 under the NAB Schools First program.

They were all winners in the national program, which recognises exceptional

school-community partnerships that lead to improved student outcomes.

The Impact Award of \$30,000 went to Sippy Downs' Chancellor State College with University of the Sunshine Coast.

Receiving \$15,000 each in seed funding were Warnambool's Brauer College with Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd; Hawkesdale P12 College with Kanawinka Geopark (Victoria); Parklands High School with LINC Tasmania, Burnie Branch LINC; Pullenvale State School with The University of Queensland School of Education; St Joseph (Newtown) with Wautharong Aboriginal Co-operative; and Yipirinya School with NT Parks and Wildlife.

NAB Schools First program head Rebecca Sherwill said all seven winners were worthy.

"NAB Schools First is all-inclusive and supports school-community partnerships across all sectors of the education sector," she said.

"NAB has had a long-term commitment to Indigenous Australia and it's particularly pleasing to be rewarding and acknowledging excellence linked to Indigenous related partnerships.

"These partnerships will assist young Indigenous Australians learn, develop their skills, grow in confidence and hopefully provide a pathway to employment."

Since the program's inception in 2009, 33 Indigenous-related school-community partnerships have shared in \$1,270,000 of awards funding.

'Stench' around process: Greens



THE approval process for a \$34 billion gas hub earmarked for Western Australia carries the 'stench of corruption', the Senate has been told.

The claim comes as protesters scaled drill rigs at the site of Woodside Petroleum's planned liquefied natural gas (LNG) processing hub at James Price Point near Broome, amid opposition from local Indigenous and environmental groups. They were later arrested.

During Senate question time last week, Greens senator Christine Milne asked the Government if it had confidence in the WA assessment process.

She cited media reports, which said Woodside had pressured the WA Government to withdraw advice about breaches of Aboriginal heritage laws.

Labor frontbencher Stephen Conroy, representing Environment Minister Tony Burke, said Mr Burke would not be making any decision at the Federal level until all the state issues were appropriately investigated.

He said he would seek further information from the minister. — AAP

Top award goes to documentary



THE documentary *Fantome Island*, by filmmaker Sean Gilligan, has won Best Australian Documentary Award in the 2012 Human Rights Arts and Film Festival.

The film is also a finalist in the 2012 ATOM Awards in the History, Social and Political Issues category.

The documentary tells the story of a leper colony for Indigenous Australians which operated near Palm Island in North Queensland from 1940 to 1973.

It is available on DVD from Ronin Films — www.roninfilms.com.au

Duarte AFL honour finalist



THE inaugural director of the Richmond Football Club-based Korin Gamadji Institute is a finalist in the Football

Woman of the Year Awards.

Wotjobaluk woman Belinda Duarte says she is passionate about the role Australian Rules Football plays in Australian society, the promotion of social cohesion and the opportunities it provides people from all backgrounds.

The Korin Gamadji Institute provides and supports leadership development, education and training to young Indigenous men and women through

engagement with the AFL community.

Ms Duarte also sits on the senior executive team at the Richmond Football Club.

She also played a critical role in the establishment and growth of AFL SportsReady's National Indigenous Program, and was integral to the development of the Career Oriented Participation in Sport program for first-year AFL Players, which now incorporates specific Indigenous considerations.

The Football Woman of the Year will be named on 27 September at Crown Palladium in Melbourne.



BELINDA DUARTE

Inspired Amelia off to Antarctica

By DARREN COYNE



NOT a lot seems to daunt Amelia Telford of Lismore. Asked how she will handle the freezing temperatures of Antarctica when she

travels there early next year, she replies with a grin ... 'it will be summer, so it will only be around minus 18 degrees or so!'

Ms Telford, a school captain at Trinity Catholic College in Lismore, northern New South Wales, has been selected to take part in the 2041 Antarctic Youth Ambassador Program (AYAP).

The program will take 30 young people from around the world on an exhibition to the Antarctic from 28 February to 14 March next year.

Their mission is straightforward ... be inspired!

The AYAP will be conducted under the larger banner of the 2041 International Antarctic Exhibition 2013, which will be led by Robert Swan, the first person to walk to both the North and South Poles.

The '2041' refers to the year a moratorium that bans drilling or mining in the Antarctica can be reviewed.

Known as the Environmental Protocol, the agreement ensures that Antarctica is used only for peaceful purposes and that the environment is protected.

Ms Telford was chosen because of her proven commitment to environmental causes, and desire to educate others in her community.

She joined the environmental club at Trinity soon after starting at the college, and has been involved in efforts to make the school sustainable.

"When I came to Trinity I heard about the environmental group and got involved," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I draw it back to my Indigenous background because I've always felt connected to the land and felt responsibility to do my best to preserve it. I've been involved in anti-coal seam gas rallies, making speeches, and also with my own school's sustainability.

"As an 18-year-old Indigenous female, I feel that the urgency of climate change in all of its forms just cannot be ignored.

"The incredible opportunity to experience the wilderness of Antarctica will help me grow as an environmental activist and help me to fulfil the goal of all environmentally conscious people —



Amelia Telford ... "As an 18-year-old Indigenous female, I feel that the urgency of climate change in all of its forms just cannot be ignored."

to come together as a planet to ensure a clean and sustainable future."

Ms Telford said her next challenge was to raise the \$25,000 for expenses, by 15 November.

"It will cost \$20,000 for everything on the ship and another \$5000 for other costs like airfares," she said.

Fundraising events

Ms Telford plans to hold a series of fundraising events around her region, and will be approaching local businesses for donations.

Is she fazed by having to raise so much? "It may sound ambitious, unrealistic and terrifying," she said.

"I feel that ambition, optimism and a

little bit of fear are all healthy signs of positive progression and change."

And although the adventure to Antarctica will be a massive undertaking, it will be just the start of a new journey for Ms Telford.

"One of the commitments you make is to be committed to the program for another year," she said.

"The goal is to build a team to not only go to Antarctica to learn about climate change, but also to let people go back to their own communities to speak about what they have seen."

Anyone who would like to help Ms Telford realise her goal may contact her on telford.amelia@gmail.com

IYMP still helps youth



A Federal education program that had its funding slashed under this year's Federal Budget is continuing to make a big difference to young Indigenous people embarking on careers.

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) supports Indigenous 16 to 24-year-olds from rural and remote communities to relocate to major centres to study at TAFE or university.

In May, the program suffered a \$27.7 million decrease over four years as part of a raft of cuts to fund the Federal Government's Stronger Futures in the NT legislative package.

The IYMP provider in Western Australia,

Nyaarla Projects, operates in Perth and Broome and counts Aaron Hodges amongst its success stories.

The young Derby man completed a university bridging course via IYMP before progressing on to information technology (IT) studies via the Central Institute of Technology and finally a Certificate IV in IT (Networking) traineeship.

Secured job

Now employed as an information and communication technology (ICT) analyst with the WA Department of Training and Workforce Development, Aaron said IYMP helped him secure a permanent job in an industry he enjoyed.

Perth-born Daniel Evans originally

started a University Bridging Course before switching across to complete a Certificate III in Electrotechnology Systems.

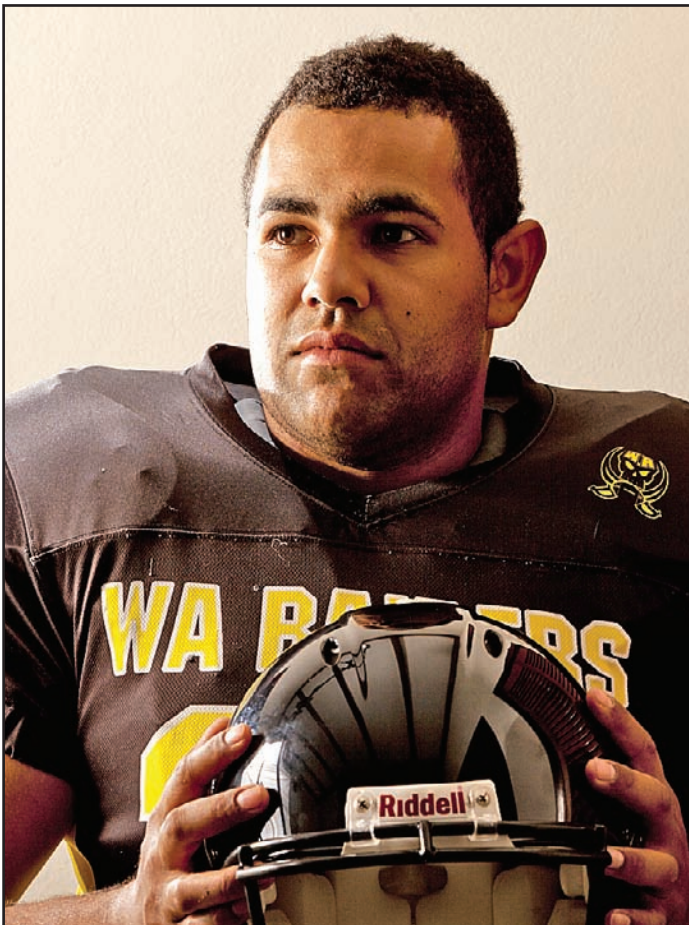
He's now a qualified electrician and working in Queensland with commercial electricians and electrical contractors, for the Protec International Group.

Being on IYMP really helped him, he said. "When I needed to I could stay in one of the houses and even when I moved out I continued to be supported and get other help when I needed it," Daniel said.

"The staff helped me get my apprenticeship with the Water Corporation and study with Electrical Group Training, and without IYMP and the funding provided to Nyaarla Projects by DEEWR to support me I wouldn't be where I am today."



Information and communication technology worker Aaron Hodges.



Away from work, Daniel Evans plays gridiron and earlier this year played with the WA Raiders in the national competition.

Welfare scheme trial cops criticism



THE Federal Government has downplayed reports that only 45 out of 5000 places had been filled in a trial

welfare-quarantining scheme.

The scheme, which began on 1 July in five locations across the country, enables people on welfare to either volunteer for the scheme, or be forced on to it by Centrelink social workers or child protection authorities.

Once on the scheme they are issued a Basics Card, which quarantines half their welfare payment to ensure the money is spent on such things as food and clothing, not alcohol or cigarettes.

The 'voluntary' aspect of the trials was introduced following complaints regarding the involuntary nature of welfare quarantining in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory as part of the Howard Government's Intervention.

The Federal Labor Government has budgeted more than \$115 million into the income management trials at Bankstown in New South Wales, Logan and Rockhampton in Queensland, Shepparton in Victoria and Playford in South Australia.

Federal Opposition Community Services spokesman Kevin Andrews told News Ltd publications recently that the program already had failed.

'Failure'

"The Government's roll out of the income management trial has been an abject failure," he said.

Mr Andrews said the Government had taken a solution pioneered by the Howard Government in the NT Intervention and created a problem.

He was unavailable to comment to the *Koori Mail*, but other opponents of the welfare scheme also said it was not working.

Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS) spokesperson Paddy Gibson said hundreds of people had signed petitions against the scheme, and members of the Commonwealth Public Sector Union had been briefed about it.

"I know there is strong opposition to the scheme from the workers where it is supposed to be working," Mr Gibson said.

He was critical of the money that had been spent by the government in establishing the scheme.

"In Bankstown they spent \$100,000 to hold and publicise a meeting to get businesses on board and only eight turned up," Mr Gibson said.

But a spokesperson for Community Services Minister Jenny Macklin said a trial of a similar program in WA was evidence that the policy was working.

"Based on our experience in other locations, we know the numbers of people on income management in the trial sites will gradually increase over time.

More than 1200 people are participating in a WA program that started in 2008.

Response to UN fears 'delayed'



THE Federal Government did not formally respond to United Nations concerns about its plans to extend a

Northern Territory intervention program until the legislation had passed Parliament, new documents show.

The Labor Government's 'Stronger Futures' legislation, which passed in late June, extended the Howard-era policy designed to address abuse in Aboriginal communities for another decade.

Last week, it was revealed UN special rapporteur on poverty Magdalena Sepulveda Carmona and James Anaya, the special rapporteur on indigenous rights, had raised concerns about

Australia's human rights obligations. In a seven-page letter dated 9 March and obtained under freedom of information laws, the rapporteurs expressed concerns that discrimination and stigmatisation of Aboriginal people could be exacerbated under the Stronger Futures laws.

They also were concerned the Government's consultation process with remote communities had failed to take into account literacy and education deficits.

Australia responded to the rapporteurs' letter on 20 July, even though the rapporteurs had requested a response within 60 days. In the letter seen by AAP, Australia's permanent representative at the United Nations Paul Wilson said the Stronger Futures laws would

make communities safer.

"The Australian Government's commitment will see continued investment in making communities safer and families and children, healthier," he wrote.

Mr Wilson said the laws complied with the *Racial Discrimination Act* and defended the consultation process.

Meetings

"Each of these consultations have involved an unprecedented number of communities and individuals participating in meetings to have their say and influence policy proposals," he wrote.

Mr Wilson also said the legislative process had 'allowed time for effective parliamentary scrutiny'.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has previously said the objectives of the laws are compatible with human rights obligations.

"The policy objectives of the bills are compatible with human rights because they advance some rights and to the extent they may limit any rights, those limitations are reasonable, necessary and proportionate," she said in June.

Mr Wilson's five-page letter also provided a detailed list of spending promises for Indigenous communities.

The intervention program, started by the Howard Coalition Government to address abuse and drunkenness, has been unpopular across many Aboriginal communities in the NT. — AAP

Bunya Elders caring for land



Bunya Mountains Elders Council's Uncle Mal Collinge and Auntie Lurl Henderson with the Leighton Holdings National Landcare Award.



THE Bunya Mountains Elders Council (BMEC) in south-east Queensland has taken out the Leighton Holdings Indigenous award at the National

Landcare Awards.

The award acknowledged the achievements of the BMEC in relation to projects such as the Murri Ranger program, Kids on Country and Indigenous Heritage programs and the positive impacts these are having in creating Indigenous employment, education and engagement opportunities, as well as raising awareness of the cultural significance of the Bunya Mountains.

BMEC Elder Mal Collinge said the award recognised the work of many people with a common goal of reuniting the Indigenous community with Bunya country.

Made up of traditional owners from the region, the BMEC was formed as a result of concerns about the decline in the ecology of the Bunya Mountains after a 100-year absence of traditional land-management practice.

The Elders council is supported by a group made up of representatives from the Burnett Mary Regional Group, Western Downs Regional

Council, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Condamine Alliance and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

One of the first initiatives of the BMEC was establishment of the Indigenous Murri Ranger program. Four rangers now work on the Bunya Mountain and they have started a traditional burning regime and landscape restoration and management activities.

Successful

Burnett Mary Regional Group natural resource management body general manager Penny Hall said the ranger program has proved successful.

"It has provided long-term Indigenous employment opportunities and has been integral in strengthening the cultural heritage and environmental integrity of the region," she said.

"This award will focus national attention on the work that has been done to reconnect the Indigenous community with the Bunya Mountains.

"Our hope is that this model will be significant for the future in making a real difference to the involvement of indigenous communities in natural resource management."



Government of Western Australia
Department of Indigenous Affairs

Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme WA Extension of application period

The application period for ex gratia reparation payments of up to \$2,000 for Aboriginal people subjected to State-sanctioned financial controls has been extended.

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if you:

- Were born prior to 1958;
- From the age of 14 years or older were resident at a Government Native Welfare Settlement in Western Australia
- Experienced direct Western Australian Government control over your income
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How do I apply?

All applicants will need to complete an *Application and Declaration for Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme WA* form and lodge their application by 5:00pm on 30 November 2012 with the Department of Indigenous Affairs.

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Findings are welcomed by registrar



REGISTRAR of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has welcomed a trend towards

self-generated income among Indigenous groups.

His comments come as he released his fourth report on the top 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations.

The report covers the 2010-11 financial year and looks at the overall income, geographic distribution and sectoral information of the 500 highest earning corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act).

The report is based on data supplied to the registrar by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations in their audited financial statements and general reports.

Some of the key findings of this year's report include:

- The combined income of the top 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations for 2010-11 was \$1.43 billion. This is an

increase of 22.7 per cent from the 2009-10 financial year-exceeding nominal growth in GDP of 8 per cent in 2010-11.

- The combined value of assets held by the top 500 corporations was \$1.55 billion.

- In comparison to 2009-10, the average income of the top 500 corporations in 2010-11 increased from \$2.33 million to almost \$2.86 million.

- The combined income of corporations in the Northern Territory and Western Australia made up 71.3 per cent of the overall national corporation income for 2010-11.

- As in 2009-10, the health and community services sector was the largest with 42.4 per cent of the top 500 corporations operating in this sector.

- For the first time since the top 500 reports have been published, the top 20 corporations earned more self-generated income than funding received through government grants.

- 96 of the top 100 corporations were registered with the Australian Taxation Office as deductible gift

recipients and/or income tax exempt charities, but only \$17,091 or less than 0.1 per cent of income was generated from philanthropic gifts (based on information received from the top 20 corporations).

- The representation of women as directors on corporation boards stood at 54.7 per cent.

- A total of 10,122 people were employed by the top 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations. This represents an increase of 13.5 per cent from the previous year.

- For the first time, a Torres Strait Islander corporation featured in the top 10 corporations.

"The picture emerging from the fourth report is very encouraging, especially in terms of the growth in income and employment," Mr Beven said.

"The trend towards self-generated income is also positive."

The report is available to download from ORIC's website at www.oric.gov.au



Catchment Management Authority
Hawkesbury-Nepean

Hawkesbury Nepean Aboriginal Natural Resource Management Community Forum 12th October 2012

Bowden Centre, Mount Annan Botanical Gardens
Narellan Rd, Mount Annan

The Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority invites you to take part in our third Aboriginal Natural Resource Management Forum.

Come along and have your say on the priorities for managing natural resources in the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment, an area which stretches from Putty to Goulburn and from Lithgow to Western Sydney and down to Broken Bay.

Meet the new members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee for the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment.

Find out how the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority has responded to the priorities raised at the last Aboriginal Community Forum.

The Forum will introduce the Pathways Project which will assist Aboriginal communities to cohesively manage environmental and cultural resources for future generations. You can find out how you can be involved.

Lunch will be provided.

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From left, First Nations Foundation chair Paul Briggs, Sodexo's Danika McBride, Ernest Stabek, of SIP Management Consultants, former First Nations Foundation CEO Keith Clarke, and First Nations Foundation director Steve Rothfield.

My Moola gets national launch



THE national roll out of the My Moola Indigenous financial literacy program was launched on 4 September at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne, as a part of the inaugural National MoneySmart Week.

MoneySmart Week is an initiative that brings together organisations from the business, community and government sectors to promote the importance of financial literacy.

First Nations Foundation chair Paul Briggs said knowing how to make sound money decisions was a core skill in today's world.

"For Indigenous Australians, closing the gap in critical areas of financial and economic participation is a key to improved health, employment and education outcomes," he said.

The First Nations Foundation's My Moola program is an adult financial literacy program for Indigenous people.

"We need to identify what we want our future to look like, in order to feel safe, to feel connected and to have a sense of ownership and control over our destiny," Mr Briggs said.



Paul Briggs, of the First Nations Foundation, with Robynne Quiggin, senior manager of the Indigenous Outreach Program at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

"Our vision is for an Australia in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are valuing their unique and integral contribution to Australia's nationhood, have economic prosperity, a vision for money management, careers

and jobs, and a strong sense of emotional and spiritual wellbeing."

My Moola is an interactive 10-week life skills program which involves workshops covering areas such as goal-setting, overcoming barriers to success, making money stretch past payday and planning to win.

Other topics include 'looking after my future', 'internet and phone banking', 'credit can be a wealth hazard', 'money loans', 'sharks and traps', and 'sharing my vision and reflection'.

My Moola was developed in 2007 through a partnership between First Nations Foundation and ANZ Bank under a collective commitment to improving the financial inclusion of Indigenous Australians.

It has been piloted in the Aboriginal community of the Goulburn Valley region of Victoria, with particular support from the Portland House Foundation.

Rio Tinto and the Federal Government through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) supported the national roll out.

City of Sydney Council seeks panel members



THE City of Sydney Council is seeking applicants for its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel, which provides advice and information on council policies and operations. All Indigenous people who live, work or study in the City of Sydney local government area are invited to nominate for a minimum two-year role on the panel.

City of Sydney CEO Monica Barone said the panel's advice had been invaluable to the council.

"The panel provided critical input on creating the Eora Journey, a key project aimed at developing sustainability for the Aboriginal community in the city's local government area," she said.

Panel members now include academic and author Larissa Behrendt, artist and long-term Glebe resident Kathryn Farrarwell, Fulbright scholar Christopher Lawrence, and Redfern Elder and community advocate Millie Ingram.

For more information, visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Community/ServicesAndPrograms/AboriginalAndTorresStraitIslanders/AboriginalAdvisoryPanel.asp

Deadline is now 28 September



THE deadline for the 2012 Human Rights Awards has been extended until 28 September. Australian Human Rights Commission president Gillian Triggs said the

commission wanted to ensure everybody had the best chance to nominate people whose contribution should be celebrated.

"These awards are destined to be the most exciting yet and will be certain to showcase the passion and dedication that flourishes all over the country in the efforts of people to make Australia a more equal and respectful society, and ultimately a fairer one," Professor Triggs said.

"The 2012 awards will celebrate the last quarter of a century of human rights work, as well as looking to the future."

Nominations are still being accepted for the Human Rights Medal, Young People's Human Rights Medal and the eight other categories including the Law, Business, and Community categories.

Nomination forms and details of each Award category are online at www.humanrights.gov.au/hrawards/nominations.html

The 25th Human Rights Awards are being held at the Hilton Sydney on 10 December. Tickets to the awards are now on sale. Go to www.humanrights.gov.au/hrawards/tickets.html for more information.

Women's centre looking for base



SYDNEY'S Warringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre is hoping it will soon have a new base.

The inner-city service, which helps Aboriginal women, children and youth who are or have been victims of violence, was forced to leave its original base at the old Marrickville Hospital earlier this year.

A wide search resulted in limited office space at the Addison Road Centre (ARC), but Warringa Baiya says it was forced to cut its services.

"Warringa Baiya is now hoping that our tenancy problems are over soon and we can continue to provide our services," centre co-ordinator Christine Robinson said.

"The disruption of moving and difficulties in securing an appropriate premise means that our service provision has dropped off completely."



Catherine Gurney, of the David Wirrpanda Foundation, Heather Saunders, of the First Nations Foundation, and Lisa Cunningham, of the David Wirrpanda Foundation at the launch.

Women set to enjoy an interesting Long lunch



JESSIE MABO, the daughter of land rights activist Eddie

(Koiki) Mabo, will be the keynote speaker at The Long Walk Women's Luncheon in Melbourne on 12 October.

In the 20th anniversary year of the historic Mabo decision, Ms Mabo will give a family perspective on the 10-year court case and encourage women to step up to leadership roles.

The Long Walk is a charity inspired by AFL champion Michael Long's walk to Canberra to get the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people back on the national agenda. The charity's purpose is to raise awareness for Indigenous wellbeing.

The Long Walk Women's Luncheon is a celebration of the achievements of Indigenous women. It's designed to bring together Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and other women from all walks of life to be inspired, celebrate, network and have a good time.

This year's luncheon will be held at Peninsula, Central Pier, Docklands in its seventh year in Melbourne.

Performer and social worker Eva Jo Edwards will also speak, and actor and singer Lisa Maza will MC the event.

Michael Long, who will attend, said the women of the Mabo family represented what The Long Walk Women's Luncheon was all about.

"The family worked hard, alongside Eddie Mabo, to create change and this event celebrates the contribution that women and their families make in communities right across Australia," he said.

For more details or for tickets, telephone the Essendon Football Club on (03) 9230 0300.



At the lecture, from left, Associate Professor Daryle Rigney, dean of Indigenous strategy and engagement at Flinders University with former High Court judge Michael Kirby and Professor Kim Economides, the dean of Flinders Law School.

Former judge delivers first Johnstone lecture



FORMER High Court judge Michael Kirby has urged law students to take a questioning attitude towards the law.

Mr Kirby delivered the recent inaugural Elliott Johnston Memorial Lecture to a packed audience in the Adelaide Town Hall.

He spoke of the legacy of Elliott Johnston, a prominent lawyer, Supreme Court judge, law commissioner, communist and Flinders University law lecturer.

Mr Johnston, who headed the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, died a year ago, aged 93.

In speaking to the theme 'The importance of a lifetime commitment by lawyers to social justice and law reform', Mr Kirby reflected on the life of Elliott Johnston with

reference to what he might have said in response to some of the moral challenges of today, such as refugee protection, the NT Intervention and lack of consultation with Aboriginal people.

Reflecting on his own graduating law class in New South Wales, Mr Kirby noted the lack of questioning by him and his fellow law students.

Unpopular minorities

He expressed the hope that students today were constantly questioning the imperfections of the law, especially where it dealt with so-called unpopular minorities.

In welcoming Adelaide's Indigenous, legal, university and wider communities, Associate Professor Daryle Rigney, the dean of Indigenous strategy and engagement at

Flinders University, spoke of the deep personal interest Mr Johnston took in each Indigenous student who applied for entry to the university's law school.

Professor Kim Economides, the new dean of Flinders Law School, referred to '...Elliott's enduring contributions to law reform, notably in the fields of workplace injury and Aboriginal legal rights'.

He also said: "It is very fitting, therefore, that this lecture is sponsored by Johnston Withers, the progressive Adelaide law firm that Elliott Johnston founded; and co-hosted between Yunggorendi, the First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research, and Flinders Law School, where Elliott taught, and which to this day proudly proclaims his visionary and challenging aim of 'making a difference'."

Top cop's 'sorrow'



QUEENSLAND'S outgoing police chief has expressed sorrow over the way the police service handled the death in custody of Palm Island man Cameron Doomadgee.

Commissioner Bob Atkinson used a speech to reflect on his 44-year policing career and says the death of Mr Doomadgee and riots that followed were difficult times.

Mr Atkinson, who'll retire next month, says everyone in the police force wishes things had been different.

"Certainly in my 12-year term (as commissioner) if you could change history ... the one thing obviously all of us would change in the police department would be what happened at Palm Island," the ABC

'Certainly in my 12-year term (as commissioner) if you could change history ... the one thing obviously all of us would change in the police department would be what happened at Palm Island' – Outgoing Queensland police chief Bob Atkinson

quoted him as saying in a speech.

"We can't, as I say, change what happened. I wish we could but we can't. What we do have to do though is move forward and move on.

"I think we're doing that and I'm grateful for all the support of people in the Indigenous community."

Mr Doomadgee, who was arrested for being drunk, died on the floor of the Palm Island watchhouse in November 2004. The incident sparked devastating strife on the island.

Mr Doomadgee suffered severe internal injuries after a scuffle with his arresting officer, Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley, who was later acquitted of manslaughter.

In the third inquest, Coroner Brian Hine found there was evidence other police had colluded to protect Sen Sgt Hurley, and the Crime and Misconduct Commission also found flaws in the way police investigated him.

When Mr Atkinson announced his early retirement in August 2010, it was amid a furore over how he'd dealt with six officers

involved in two flawed investigations that followed Mr Doomadgee's death.

At one stage, then Crime and Misconduct Commission chairman Martin Moynihan, QC, accused the police chief of presiding over a corrosive 'culture of self-protection' after the police service refused to discipline the six officers.

All six officers, including four who fraternised with Sen Sgt Hurley while they were on the island investigating his actions, ultimately faced only 'managerial' guidance.

That decision was made by then deputy commissioner Kathy Rynders, after a court sidelined Mr Atkinson from deciding the officers' fates because he could be perceived as biased.

Mr Atkinson has always said his decision to retire early was not politically motivated. – AAP

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Projects win Live Longer! grants



GRANTS have been awarded to 36 new health promotion projects aimed at increasing awareness of chronic disease and promoting better health in Indigenous communities. The projects, funded by the Federal Government, are part of a \$21.3 million social marketing program, the Local Community Campaigns to Promote Better Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (Live

Longer! Campaign), which targets chronic disease with health promotion activities.

"The Live Longer! Campaign involves local communities exploring new ways to combat and prevent chronic disease by addressing nutrition, physical exercise, quitting smoking and having regular health check-ups," Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said.

"Two-thirds of the gap in health outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the

wider Australian population can be attributed to largely preventable chronic diseases.

"Tackling obesity, smoking and excess alcohol consumption will contribute to cutting the rates of diseases like diabetes, renal and heart disease and some cancers."

Cooking lessons

Last year, 38 projects were funded and the 74 projects from both rounds include cooking lessons for new mothers, the development of community

gardens, a range of exercise programs and the development of culturally appropriate media and social marketing resources aimed at reducing smoking rates and tackling passive smoking.

"It is important that we continue to find new ways of promoting better health within communities," Mr Snowdon said.

"As these programs are implemented, we work with the communities to record what works best, and where we are seeing the most success, this valuable

information can then be shared with the wider health sector."

The Live Longer! Campaign is a program that is part of the \$805.5 million Indigenous Chronic Disease Package (ICDP). The ICDP aims to reduce key risk factors for chronic disease, improve chronic disease management and follow up, and increase the capacity of the primary care workforce to deliver effective care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with chronic diseases.

Qld acts on cruel hunting methods



QUEENSLAND Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people using cruel hunting methods will no longer be immune from prosecution.

Last week, the State Government passed amendments to the *Animal Care and Protection Act*, bringing Queensland into line with other Australian states.

The legislative changes remove exemptions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, fulfilling a Liberal National Party (LNP) election promise.

The party pledged to change the law after ABC television showed evidence of turtles and dugongs being killed inhumanely in far north Queensland.

Footage was shown of hunters cutting the flippers off a turtle lying struggling on its back.

The station also aired claims that live dugongs were being fastened to boats and dragged through the water.

Agriculture Minister John McVeigh said cruel hunting practices were unacceptable and had provoked outrage in the community.

"The changes will only affect the small number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been using unacceptable hunting methods," he said in a statement.

"Hunting rights, including native title hunting rights, are not extinguished by these amendments."

There will be a 12-month grace period when anyone found using cruel hunting methods will be given a warning instead of being prosecuted.

But significant animal welfare breaches won't be included in the grace period. — AAP



Uunguu Rangers with Micha Jackson (front, seated) and Rod Kennett (back, second from right) from the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance, and Peter Bayliss (back, third from right) from CSIRO.

Rangers part of turtle program



UUNGUU rangers from Wunambal Gaambera Country, based in Kalumburu in the far north Kimberley, were among more than 100 people at a recent forum on sea turtles in Perth.

The Western Australian Sea Turtle Symposium, at Curtin University, attracted representatives from community groups, universities, government and industry.

The forum showcased a range of sea turtle research, management and conservation projects and allowed participants to discuss methodology, techniques and equipment, and ideas for collaboration.

Uunguu rangers Jason Adams and Rosemary Cheinmora are part of the Northern Australia hub of the National Environmental Research Program. They are working with researchers from the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) and CSIRO to establish a turtle and dugong monitoring project.

NAILSMA chief executive officer Joe



Turtles like this are benefiting from the work of Uunguu Rangers in the Kimberley region of WA. Photos courtesy CDU

Morrison said the work of the Uunguu rangers was important because there was a shortage of accessible biodiversity data for northern Australia.

"Indigenous communities have increasingly

been expressing aspirations to manage their marine and coastal environments through 'sea country planning', which establishes monitoring targets," Mr Morrison said.

"Collecting data and researching key marine species and habitats is an essential part of the effectiveness of these plans, so this project was started to learn more about where sea turtles and dugongs are travelling in the region, and how to look after them.

"We've been trialing a new count method and I-Tracker application with intensive boat-based surveys since May this year, which is providing valuable information about the habitat and abundance of sea turtles in the Kimberley region.

"The research outcomes will be used primarily to inform local management plans developed by traditional owners, but also shared more widely with relevant government and research bodies through public channels such as the symposium."

The Uunguu rangers are facilitated by the Kimberley Land Council.

Mad Bastards in the spotlight

Film makers win award



THE makers of the film *Mad Bastards* have received an award from the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN).

The movie tells the story of an Aboriginal man, played by Dean Daley-Jones, reconnecting with his estranged son in a remote West Australian town.

It has been shown around the world, but its major impact has been back home where it is being used as a tool for healing.

Mr Daley-Jones said there had been screenings of the film in Aboriginal men's groups, prisons and communities, and a guide has been developed to assist groups use the film to promote issues such as leadership, identity, relationships and staying strong.

In addition to recognising director Brendan Fletcher individually for his determination and vision, NAPCAN also recognised the creators of the 'Mad Bastards Guide to being the best you can be' with an award for their 'Commitment to Community Initiatives involving *Mad Bastards*'.

Mr Daley-Jones, who received

the award from Federal Community Services Minister Julie Collins in Hobart, told the *Koori Mail* the film tackled the issues of children being neglected, and of separated families.

"The hardest thing a man can do is reconnect with a child if they've been separated, but with these guidelines it makes it easier," he said.

Mr Daley-Jones said the guide had been successfully trialed at a national Indigenous men's group gathering in Wollongong (see below) and with the Gamarada men's group in Redfern.

Mr Fletcher said he was honoured that *Mad Bastards* was recognised with a NAPCAN Award.

"I am especially proud that the film is being recognised as a source of hope and a story that promotes the critical role of the Aboriginal male in the building of strong communities," he said.

"*Mad Bastards* takes a close look at relationships between men and their families and highlights the challenges faced by Aboriginal men who are trying to improve their relationships with family," he said.

"It also paints a vivid picture of the complexity of Aboriginal



Mad Bastards director Brendan Fletcher, lead actor Dean Daley-Jones and Federal Minister for Community Services Julie Collins at the NAPCAN awards in Tasmania last week.

men's lives and highlights their innate strengths and incredible resilience."

Broome Aboriginal musicians Alan and Stephen Pigram, who composed the music for the film, also produced the film.

"Because of the real people's

stories in the film Alan, Stephen and I knew it had the potential to really hit home and maybe inspire people," Mr Fletcher said.

"Now that's happening, we hope we can share this inspiration as broadly and effectively as possible."

Mr Fletcher said they were now seeking funds to distribute the initiative nationwide.

"We need partners who share our vision and can assist us to bring the project across as many communities as possible," he said.

Men share at camp



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander men meeting on the NSW south coast have work-shopped a new resource developed from the Australian movie *Mad Bastards*.

More than 80 men from across Australia travelled to the NSW south coast this month for the eighth Mibbinbah Men's Camp where they viewed a screening of the film and then piloted the new *Mad Bastard's Guide* in a series of workshops.

Camp organiser and Mibbinbah CEO Jack Bulman said the camp was an opportunity for men and boys to share in knowledge, skills and positive emotional regard for others and a chance for front-line workers to support and debrief with others.

"Mibbinbah is unique in the diversity of men it attracts, from senior policy people like Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda to those who are homeless at any point in time," he said.

"For some of our lads just being treated as a decent person who requires support from other brothers and uncles is often a liberating experience."

Mr Bulman said one of the key reasons for Mibbinbah's success was the development of a working agreement at the start of each camp.

"We put a lot of emphasis on creating a safe and secure space for our lads to talk and when there are disagreements or difficulties there are explicit ways of dealing with them," he said. "One key factor to be acknowledged is the wisdom that has determined that the camps are



Participants at the Mibbinbah Men's Camp on the south coast of New South Wales.

free of alcohol and drugs and this means that the lads are able to enjoy the company of others without chemical assistance."

The participants came from far north Queensland, the Gulf Country, Tweed Heads, the Gold Coast, Lismore, Grafton, Shepparton, Melbourne, Warrnambool, Nowra, Shoalhaven, Beenleigh, Townsville, Batemans Bay, Mt Druitt, Perth, Beaudesert, Geraldton and inner-city Sydney. They ranged in age from boys of 12 to 77 years old.

They attended workshops on safe gambling, prostate cancer, leadership development and presentations from Red Dust healing, the Royal Flying Doctors, the Nowra men's group and Beyond Blue.

One of the camp highlights was the screening of *Mad Bastards*, a film that tells

the story of a Noongar man reconnecting with his estranged son. It has been described by Aboriginal men's health expert Dr Mark Wenitong as one of the best portrayals of the challenges facing Aboriginal men.

'Key issues'

"The film speaks to all of the key issues facing Aboriginal men and their relationships, as sons, uncles and partners ... as well as the usual social issues of incarceration, violence and alcohol abuse," he said.

"Most importantly, it brings a message of hope, an inspiration that they can break cycles and be the men they want to be."

Dr Wenitong has been working with a small group of men's health and wellbeing

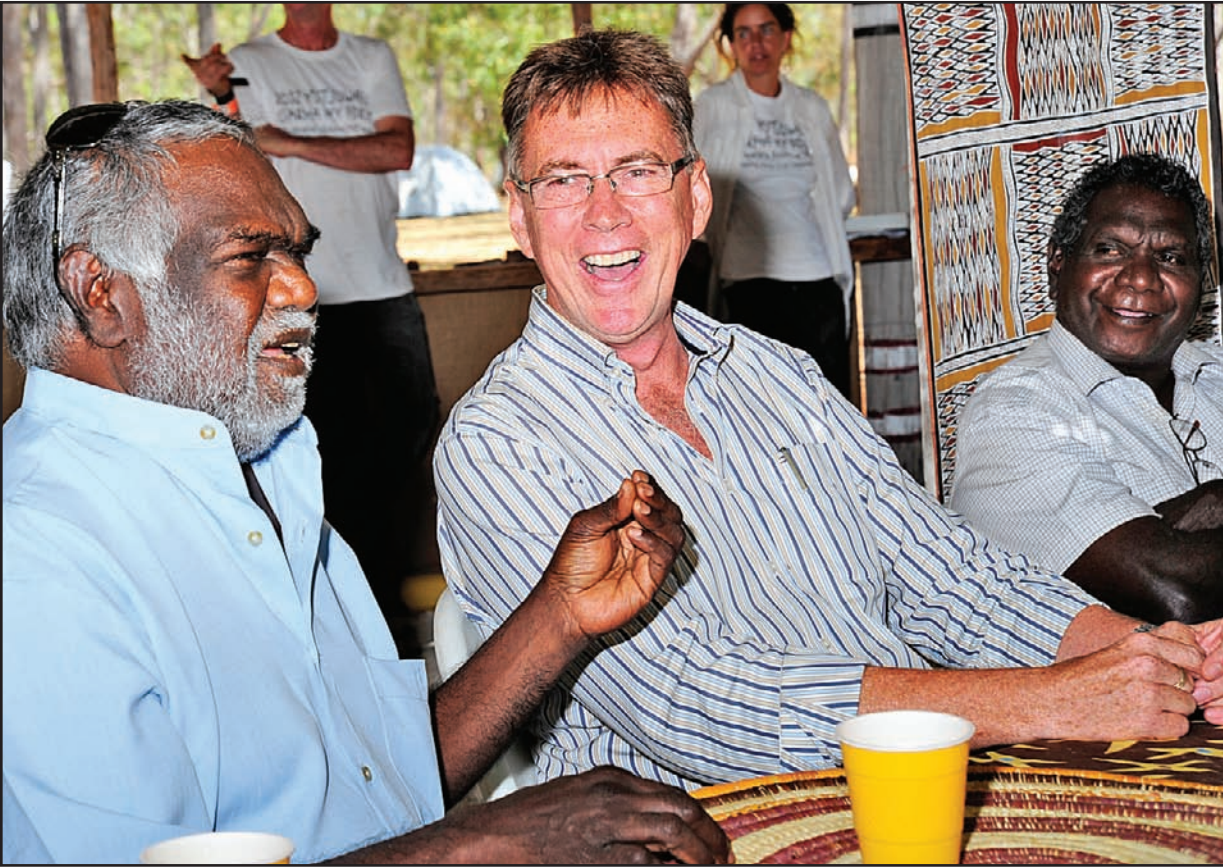
experts to develop a guide to accompany the films screenings at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's groups. The Mibbinbah men were asked to pilot the new *Mad Bastards Guide to Being the Best You Can Be* as part of an evaluation of the resources before its planned general release later this year.

The guide uses the film to engage men in discussions around key issues such as identity, relationships, responsibility, transformation and staying strong.

In another endorsement of *Mad Bastards*, the film's director, Brendan Fletcher, was awarded the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) National Play Your Part Award for an outstanding child abuse prevention initiative.

Scaled-down Garma explores

Festival looks to future



Garma chairman Galarrwuy Yunupingu with newly elected Chief Minister Terry Mills and new NT MP for Arafura Francis Xavier Maralampuwu during the festival. Photos courtesy Yothu Yindi Foundation



At Garma, from left, Daniel Yunupingu, Murphy Yunupingu, Djawa Yunupingu, chief operating officer with Pacific Aluminium Duncan Hedditch and Nalkuma Yunupingu.



A Yolngu dancer performs. Dancing was again a highlight of the reduced celebrations at Garma this year.



A SCALED-DOWN version of the Garma festival in Arnhem Land this month explored the

potential of the resources industry, and gave participants a glimpse of the progress in establishing a bush university on the Gulkula site.

Yothu Yindi Foundation (YYF) chief executive Denise Bowden said Garma 2012 was a two-day inquiry into, and discussion about, the resources industry and Indigenous economic development.

"East Timorese Minister for Resources Alfredo Pires described it as a conference from the perspective of the resource owners talking to and thinking about the resource developers and mining companies that were working on, and exploiting, their lands and seas," she said.

The theme of this year's gathering was, 'Australia's Resources Boom – A stepping stone to an Indigenous future'.

Ms Bowden said the event also showcased the progress that had been made at the Gulkula site.

"The developments allow us a glimpse of a Gulkula campus that will work like a Garma festival all year round," she said.

"The concept of the Garma Institute and the idea of a Garma campus is coming alive. One of the big issues for the Garma board (in the past) was occupational health and safety. The festival each year was uninsurable.

"Now thanks to a lot of planning and careful practical implementation, the Garma site meets all official health and occupational health and safety standards."

Ms Bowden said the changes were making the whole site more functional and useful for the Yolngu people.

"A new 300,000-litre water tank has been installed which is fed by a natural bore which in turn feeds a series of smaller tanks," she said.

"Over 4km of water pipes have been buried with a series of pumps which relay water around the new Garma site."

Ms Bowden said all the



Djapirri Mununggurrutj makes an address.

ablutions blocks were now connected to a sewerage system in which all waste is processed through a series of ponds away from the main campus area, and all showers were heated.

"All this has been carefully designed in consultation with the Garma board and traditional owners," she said.

Symposium

Ms Bowden said another aspect of the 2012 Garma symposium was the rise of several important figures for the future.

"Galarrwuy Yunupingu purposefully had a more presidential role to play in this year's Garma," she said.

"He left it to Djawa Yunupingu, Balupalu Yunupingu, Witjana Marika and other members of the Yothu Yindi board to make major decisions about this year's event, in consultation with and supported by Professor Marcia Langton and Sean Bowden."

Ms Bowden said Mr Yunupingu made it clear that he was delighted at the way the emerging leaders carried off the event.

"In particular he was delighted to see his vision of Garma as a bush university and place of learning in a sophisticated way about traditional culture and mainstream culture coming together," she said.

resources and development



Forestry Tasmania's Bob Gordon.



From left Northern Land Council chief executive Kim Hill, Rritajingu Elder Djwulpi Marika, NT Chief Minister Terry Mills, Galarrwuy Yunupingu, Djawa Yunupingu, Senator Nigel Scullion and NLC chairman Wali Wunungmurra.



Dhanggal Gurruwiwi samples the local crab.



Garma ambassador Jack Thompson, Yothu Yindi Foundation general manager Denise Bowden, Peter Botsman and Professor Marcia Langton on site at Garma.



Garma facilitator Sean Bowden.



A dancer performing at the official opening ceremony for Garrtjambal (Red Kangaroo) House.



The band East Journey gives an accoustic performance before breakfast.



Kimberley Regional Economic Development Enterprises chief executive Wayne Bergmann.



The Yolngu Timber Mill Project in operation.



YYF board members Djawa Yunupingu, left, and Balupalu Yunupingu shake hands with Geodynamics managing director Geoff Ward.

Witnesses in meeting



MORE than 1700 Jehovah's Witnesses gathered in Darwin this month for their annual three-day convention.

Spokesman Greg Hayden said Indigenous Witnesses from more than 20 centres as far away as Sydney, Perth, Adelaide and the Torres Strait took part in a convention program which had the theme 'Safeguard Your Heart'.

He said that by providing a fresh examination of Biblical references to the figurative heart, the convention program encouraged each one present to make a personal examination of themselves in the light of Bible principles. "It was revealed how living by Bible principles improves the quality of life, strengthens families, and develops productive and honest citizens," Mr Hayden said.

Features of the program included discourses, Bible readings and presentations, and a live play portraying young people coming to grips with the answer to the question 'What is True Love?'

A highlight of the convention was the



Jehovah's Witnesses gathered at the annual three-day convention in Darwin.

baptism, where 15 individuals underwent complete water immersion in a symbol of their dedication to Jehovah.

Jehovah's Witnesses base all of their

beliefs on the Bible, which they accept as God's infallible, inspired word. Witnesses believe the Bible gives unsurpassed practical advice on marriage, family

life, human relations, how to find true happiness, and many other subjects. They consider the Bible to be the only source of true guidance.

ATP701P CSG ILUA (aka PL204 ILUA) PUBLIC NOTICE OF IMAN PEOPLE MEETING

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited and Australia Pacific LNG CSG Marketing Pty Limited (**Project Companies**) have entered into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (popularly known as the **PL204 ILUA**) with the native title claim group for the Iman People #2 native title determination application (NNTT No. QC97/55; Federal Court No. QUD6162/98) (**Iman Claim**).

The then members of the registered native title claimant for the Iman Claim (**Iman Applicants**) were named as parties to the PL204 ILUA on behalf of all members of the native title claim group for the Iman Claim (**Iman People**). The Iman People are currently described in the Iman Claim as the descendants of each of Mary Arwa, Jim Waterton, Ada Robinson, Maggie Palmtree, Lizzie Palmtree, Eliza Shields, Mary Ann (mother of Maggie Dun), Fanny Waddy/Sandy, Dick Bundi/Bundai and John "James" Serico.

The PL204 ILUA was registered as the "ATP701P CSG ILUA" on 8 August 2003 pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Annual Review

Under the PL 204 ILUA, the Project Companies have agreed to provide specified funds towards assisting members of the Iman People to attend an Annual Review of the PL204 ILUA by the Project Companies and the Iman People (**Annual Review Meeting**).

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Review Meeting for 2012 is to be held as follows:

Date and Time: **Saturday 20 October 2012.**

Registration at 8:30 am. Meeting begins at 9:15 am

Place: **Leichardt Hotel, Cnr Bolsolver
& Denham Streets, Rockhampton Qld 4700.**

Nominated Body

The Iman People are also required under the PL204 ILUA to establish either an incorporated body or a trust created at law to be the Nominated Body that, on behalf of the Iman People, will receive the Compensation Payment to be paid by the Project Companies under the PL204 ILUA. The Project Companies have been advised that Iman Nation Limited ACN 158 706 533 (**Iman Nation**) has been established for this purpose.

As well as giving the Project Companies and the Iman People an opportunity to carry out a review of the PL204 ILUA, the above meeting on Saturday 20 October 2012 will give the Iman People an opportunity, after due consideration of the issue, to decide whether to agree Iman Nation as the Nominated Body for the purposes of the PL204 ILUA.

All members of the Iman People, as described in this notice, are invited to attend the Annual Review Meeting on Saturday 20 October 2012. If you intend to attend the Annual Review Meeting, or if you have any questions in relation to it, please contact **Ms Melissa Anapo, Senior Native Title and Cultural Heritage Officer, Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited on (07) 3867 0550 or email Melissa.Anapo@originenergy.com.au by 4:00 pm on Friday, 12 October 2012.**

Travel assistance will be available to eligible people who meet the travel assistance criteria. If you would like further details about the assistance that is available, please contact the Project Companies using the details given above.

Aboriginal Tobacco Control in SW Sydney small grant scheme

Small grants of up to \$2,000 are available for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisations and groups in south west Sydney wanting to address tobacco smoking with their local community.

This is an initiative of the Aboriginal Tobacco Control Project, a partnership between AMS Redfern, Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, Babana Aboriginal Mens Group and South Western Sydney and Sydney Local Health Districts.

For more information and application forms please contact Natasha on 4640 3544 or Natasha.poder@sswaha.nsw.gov.au or download from www.iqutbecause.org.au

Closing Date: Friday, 12 October 2012

Public Notice

Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services

Annual General Meeting

Friday 12 October 2012 At 11:00 a.m.

At Jack Walker Centre
118 Victoria St Ashfield 2131

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Previous Minutes
3. Audit Reports
4. Elections of Office Bearers
5. General Business

Yours sincerely

Mr Ray Longbottom President
Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless
and Rehabilitation Community Services

2012 National Indigenous Health Conference

Many Pathways, One Outcome

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5th – 7th of December 2012

Speakers from Australia, Canada and New Zealand, both non-Indigenous and Indigenous Health experts.

- **Ms. Doris Peltier** Mi'gmaq woman Listuguj, Canada Health Coordinator at the Native Women's Shelter Vice-Chair of the Canadian Treatment Action Council
- **Dr. Steve Hambleton**, MBBS FAMA President, Australian Medical Association (AMA)
- **Bob Davis**, CEO of Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation in Broken Hill
- **Steve & Elissa Renouf** Australian Rugby League and 23 other community and government presenters.

Anyone who wishes to attend the conference should register as soon as possible.

For further information, visit the conference website:
www.indigenoushealth.net
or email admin@indigenoushealth.net



Public Notice

**Cultural Heritage Management
at Mt Owen Complex**

**Invitation for expressions of interest and
registration for consultation to inform an
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
with Xstrata Mt Owen.**

The Mt Owen Complex is located within the Hunter coalfields in the Upper Hunter Valley of NSW, approximately 20 kilometres north-west of Singleton, 24 kilometres south-east of Muswellbrook and north of Camberwell Village. The Mt Owen Complex consists of the Ravensworth East, Glendell and Mt Owen open cut mining operations.

Aboriginal people or other parties who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the vicinity of the Mt Owen Complex are invited to participate in consultation with Xstrata Mt Owen regarding the proposed continuation of open cut operations beyond that currently approved at the Mt Owen Complex. The continuation project will involve the extension of the existing open cut mining operations within land owned by Mt Owen. The consultation is to enable assessment of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage associated with the proposed continuation of operations

Aboriginal people or other parties who wish to register their interest in this process of community consultation regarding the Mt Owen Complex must respond in writing (letter or email) and include your name/organisation, contact details including address and phone numbers and send to Aislinn Farnon (see contact details below) by Wednesday 3rd October 2012.

All registered people or parties will be contacted to discuss the proposed project and consultation opportunities to inform the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.

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Roxon praises WA legal service



Pictured during the visit, from left, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) chairperson Shane Duffy, ALSWA deputy/acting director legal services Robyn Ninyette, NATSILS deputy chairperson Priscilla Collins, Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon, ALSWA executive officer John Bedford and ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington.



FEDERAL Attorney-General Nicola Roxon has praised the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA) during a visit to its Perth headquarters.

Ms Roxon met with ALSWA chief executive officer Dennis Eggington, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum chairperson Shane Duffy and his deputy Priscilla Collins during the visit.

"The Aboriginal Legal Service of WA is highly respected within the judicial and Aboriginal communities and they will continue to be an important and respected legal advocate in the future," she said.

ALSWA has a 40-year history of providing legal assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It employs almost 70 people, with 11 offices and three outreach circuits, and court circuits are serviced from the offices in Perth, Broome, Kununurra, South Headland, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Albany and Bunbury.

"This organisation reaches out to remote Aboriginal people with the same passion and commitment to its clients in Perth," Ms Roxon said.

The attorney-general also recognised the service's efforts to reduce high incarceration rates of Aboriginal people.

Tributes flow for first MP

Govt says no to extra funds call



LEADING Queenslanders from across the political spectrum have paid tribute to Mr Deeral, who was the state's first Indigenous MP. Mr Deeral died at Cooktown Hospital this month, aged 80.

Born at a Lutheran Mission in Hope Vale on Cape York, Mr Deeral left school at the age of 13, working as a labourer and a stockman before becoming chairman of the Hope Vale Mission Community Council in 1957.

He joined the National Party and won an unlikely victory in Cook, then a safe Labor seat, in 1974 and for three years served as a member of Joh Bjelke-Petersen's Government.

After defeat at the 1977 election, Mr Deeral continued working as an advocate for Indigenous people, serving as the first chair of the Aboriginal Co-ordination Council.

More recently, he was involved in a parliamentary inquiry into Indigenous involvement in politics.

In June this year, the State Government named the state's Indigenous youth parliament after Mr Deeral.

State Premier Campbell Newman extended sympathy on behalf of all

Queenslanders to Mr Deeral's family.

Mr Newman said Mr Deeral had made a huge contribution to the advancement of Indigenous causes, and was an early leader who had a positive influence on so many of today's Indigenous leaders.

"He was a leader at a time when his people needed leadership to overcome decades of discrimination and deprivation directed towards

half of his life," Mr Katter said.

He said Mr Deeral had grown in stature after leaving Parliament.

"He became one of the four leaders who delivered self-management to the First Australian Peoples of Queensland," Mr Katter said.

Hope Vale mayor Greg McLean said north Queensland had lost an icon.

"He was an Aboriginal Elder who possessed wisdom and knowledge, and had a broad sense of humour," he said.

"This is a great loss to Hope Vale, a great loss to Cape York."

Mr McLean said Mr Deeral had left a important legacy.

"I felt that there was both joy, happiness and sadness because he was a man who has lived to see and be part of the youth parliament which has been named after him," he said.

Indigenous leader Noel Pearson said Mr Deeral's work would continue long after his passing.

"Uncle ... was an inspirational leader of his community, a symbol of hope for our young people wanting to enter politics and an unwavering advocate for social and economic reforms," he said.

Premier Newman said the Government would move a condolence motion in Parliament. —AAP

"He was an Aboriginal Elder who possessed wisdom and knowledge, and had a broad sense of humour. This is a great loss to Hope Vale, a great loss to Cape York." — Hope Vale Mayor Greg McLean

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"His passing is a sad occasion which will be felt well beyond his immediate family and the community of Hope Vale."

Federal MP Bob Katter, who entered Parliament the same year as Mr Deeral, described his old friend as a 'bloody great bloke'.

"He ended up one of my great heroes, as I'm sure he was for everyone who knew him in the latter



THE Federal Government has overruled the Gonski panel recommendations on extra money for Indigenous and poor students, saying it will target more kids in those groups. Schools Minister

Peter Garrett says too many Indigenous and low socio-economic students would miss out under the expert panel's proposal.

The Gonski panel model says all schools should be funded with a base per-student amount, with loadings for various disadvantage factors added on top.

For students from low socio-economic backgrounds, the Government hopes to cover all those in the poorest half of the population — about 1.7 million students across the country.

The Gonski panel recommended the loading go only to students from the bottom quarter of families.

Mr Garrett said the changes meant an extra 875,000 children would get more help at school than the Gonski report proposed.

Regarding Indigenous students, the Government plans to give extra funds to all schools where they are enrolled.

The panel recommended the loadings should kick in once a school had an Indigenous enrolment of five per cent or more. But that could have meant a school fell below the threshold just because it had one or two fewer Indigenous students, Mr Garrett said.

"Because we know students from Indigenous backgrounds often face extra challenges at schools, we want to give them more support," the minister said.

Mr Garrett's office said the expanded loadings had been developed in consultation with state education ministers, but still needed to be agreed to by premiers.

A spokeswoman said applying the loadings to more students would not increase the annual \$6.5 billion the Federal Government says needs to be added to school funding. —AAP



Some of the members of the Papua New Guinea Gospel dancers and locals who performed at this month's Palm Island Spring Fair festival.



Deniece Geia at her stall during the Spring Fair celebrations.



Palm Island councillor Mislam Sam with Murielle Morgan.



Members of the Great Northern Dancers.

Crowd at Palm fair

By ALF WILSON



THE North Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island has celebrated its second annual Spring Fair Festival.

Hundreds of visitors arrived from the mainland to join local men, women and children in the celebration earlier this month.

Guests were welcomed to country by Elder and traditional owner Allan Palm Island.

Archie Fraser performed a smoking ceremony and Mayor Alf Lacey spoke of the importance of the event.

"Older residents will recall that we used to have a Palm Island Show and this has been revived and evolved as this Spring Fair," he said.

"This brings us together as a community and is important for our children who are the future.

We welcome our VIP guests."

Aunty Iris White gave an address, and student leaders from St Michael's Catholic School and Bwgcolman State Primary also spoke to the crowd.

Entertainment was provided by St Michael's dancers, visiting Papua New Guinea Gospel dancers, Great Northern dancers, Prior/Geia Hula dancers, Palm's Torres Strait Islander Descendants group and Maggie Walsh.

"We have about 200 people of TSI descent here on Palm in 11 families and this has been a great event," Descendants leader Joe Reuben said.

St Michael's dancers mentor Nikki Willis said they did the island proud. "These kids are so talented and they also recently performed at the Cultural Fest in Townsville," she said.

There were stalls, a community lunch, singing, a blue light disco, and a fireworks display.



Torres Strait Islander Descendants dancers Harry Reuben, left, and Joe Reuben.



Allan Palm Island welcomes Spring Fair Festival guests to country.



The Palm Island Prior/Geia hula dancers.



Local students walking past during the smoking ceremony.



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Students were also assisted by University staff in the completion of a short essay and a group presentation on topics in their area of study.

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Participant Vince Marcusson commencing the Bachelor of Film and Screen Media program describes "University seemed quite daunting at first, but after doing the Hands Up! Program, I'm more familiar with what to expect and not so worried now."



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CIT releases new RAP

THE Canberra Institute of Technology – the ACT's largest vocational training provider – has just released its 2012-14 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). CIT says its RAP is a documented plan that will improve the visibility and tangibility of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presence at the institute in order to help Indigenous staff and students realise their full potential while being respected and appreciated for their uniqueness.

The plan follows on from CIT's Reconciliation Statement, which it says was the first such document to be issued by an educational institution in Australia.

ACT Education and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Chris Bourke said the document opened the next important chapter in CIT's reconciliation journey.

"The CIT RAP is about creating equity in opportunity, relationships and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," the minister said.

"It is about turning the words and intentions of apologies into actions."

Central to the plan's implementation is the Yurauna Centre, an established Indigenous student support centre that CIT says has increased Indigenous

student participation for more than 10 years.

Director Caroline Hughes said that while CIT had led the way in fostering reconciliation in the education sector, there was still more to be done.

"The path to reconciliation isn't easy, and it's a long one," she said at the RAP launch event.

"But it's one we must take together."

"The CIT RAP establishes measurable goals and outcomes, and the CIT Yurauna Centre will do more to open up educational opportunities and career pathways for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people."

More students

CIT says its Indigenous student enrolment has increased from 602 in 2010 to 830 in 2011, and chief executive Adrian Marron said the action plan would help this figure to increase.

"The CIT RAP is the beginning of our process for practical reconciliation," he said.

"It is how our educational institution will support, respect and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their culture."

"We are very proud to take this step as part of the national journey towards reconciliation."



ACT Minister Chris Bourke and CIT director Caroline Hughes at the launch of the Reconciliation Action Plan.

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Artwork 'Spirited Place' by John Johnson.

Footprints to the future

MORE than 200 Indigenous students explored careers with over 35 different organisations at a careers expo held earlier this year at The University of Western Australia Business School. The Future Footprints Indigenous Careers Expo was organised by the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA). The association aims to support Indigenous students' engagement in education and to enhance their transition to school and then from school and on to further education, employment or training.

Exhibitors included TAFEs, universities, government departments, and companies such as Woodside, ANZ and BHP Billiton. The attending students came from

regional and remote areas of WA who study at participating independent boarding schools in Perth.

Now in its sixth year, the expo was hailed as a wonderful opportunity to support Indigenous students to engage in employment opportunities.

Woodside sponsor

Woodside is very impressed with the Future Footprints Indigenous Careers Expo concept and were the major sponsor of this year's event.

AISWA Future Footprints co-ordinator Roni Forrest said students at the expo had the opportunity to discuss university degree courses, entry pathways and scholarships in many different careers.

"We exposed students to universities,

government departments and agencies so they could access employment and post-secondary education options available to them," she said.

"They also listened to inspiring stories of former Future Footprints students studying in non-traditional areas of law, commerce, geology and engineering."

The Future Footprints expo is held during NAIDOC Week every year, and this year comedian Sean Choolburra entertained the students.

Another feature of the expo is that each school highlights its cultural program, and this year the Guildford Grammar School students performed a Wanjina Dance from the Kimberley with their visiting cultural teachers from the region.



Pictured above and at right are students and other participants at this year's Future Footprints Indigenous Careers Expo at The University of Western Australia Business School.



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Future Footprints Program

The Future Footprints program supports Indigenous students from remote regions in Western Australia who attend boarding schools in Perth. The broad aim of the program is to improve educational outcomes for Indigenous students and enhance their opportunities post school to further education, employment and/or training. The primary goal is to ensure the engagement of Indigenous students with the education system and foster a sense of belonging and self worth and provide Indigenous students with the confidence, knowledge and skills to succeed.

The program is centrally administered by The Association of Independent Schools of WA Inc (AISWA) on behalf of fifteen participating residential schools (eleven independent and four catholic member schools). Two hundred and forty students from fifteen participating residential schools are currently actively engaged in the program.

Students are from participating schools:

- Aquinas College
- Christ Church Grammar School
- Guildford Grammar School
- Hale School
- Iona Presentation College
- Methodist Ladies College
- Penrhos College
- Perth College
- Presbyterian Ladies College
- Santa Maria College
- Scotch College
- St Brigid's College
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- Wesley College



Whilst each school has a comprehensive pastoral care system, Future Footprints was established in response to schools identifying that, in order to address the needs of Indigenous students and to provide a supportive environment, additional support was required to maximize students' success and engagement with education while away from home.

Whilst a majority of the students traditionally came from the Kimberley the program is now supporting many Noongar students at various schools. The program focuses on providing mentoring and pastoral care to boarding schools with Indigenous students, it also assist schools to access information on best practice, including through other programs and services and assist schools to access information on other sources of funding including other scholarships programs or corporate and philanthropic support.

One of the key support areas is the facilitation and provision of professional development to teaching and support staff on transitioning students from home to school, from school to work, further education and/or training providers, tertiary institutions, employers and other organisation/agencies, this may include a focus on VET in school opportunities.

Future Footprints also support schools in consulting with IYLP Partnership Brokers to facilitate the sharing of ideas and practices to the broader network of boarding

schools, in terms of providing pastoral care, support mechanisms and access to other programs and projects which may assist Indigenous students in their schooling, or in their transition from Year 12 to training, future education or employment;

A major obstacle for boarding students is their homesickness and feelings of isolation and being away from families. We organise on behalf of the schools independent events that will assist outcomes for Indigenous students, events to come together and events that celebrate Indigenous culture.

A Welcome to Country event, held at the start of each school year in Kings Park is attended by all schools, many parents and all students. Students are welcomed to the Noongar Country by a Noongar Elder. Students from across all the partner schools come together and participate in the ceremony and socialise and tour the park and listen to language speakers and story tellers.

Future Footprints is a well established partnership between students, schools, parents and communities. The program is well known to parents and communities and is considered very positively by parents. The involvement of parents and community is a valued and important feature of the Future Footprints program and contributes to effective support of students.

The program is a vital additional support network for Indigenous boarding

students, their families and participating schools. Developing support programs such as Professional Development Workshops specifically for School Staff on Indigenous learning styles and cultural awareness are further having a positive flow on effect with school staff working with Indigenous students.

Future Footprints has played a significant role in the engagement of these Indigenous young people in education and has also proved successful in their transition at critical times of education and school to work transition.

The success of the program is evident across a range of indicators particularly of retention and completion and, together with the strong growth in Indigenous student enrolments in Independent residential schools, AISWA's continuing commitment to provide social inclusion and reduce disadvantage of Indigenous children is to be applauded.



IMPORTANT NEW APPOINTMENT, EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS

When you get Indigenous people appointed at the senior level, good things start to happen.



In March this year Professor Bronwyn Fredericks commenced in the important new role of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) and BMA Chair in Indigenous Engagement at CQUniversity Australia. Already there are some exciting developments to announce.

A range of new initiatives have commenced including a new suite of postgraduate programs in Indigenous studies. Starting in 2013, CQUniversity will be offering a Master of Indigenous Studies with eight different majors.

Professor Fredericks said 'What's especially exciting about this is that students will combine their study of Indigenous leadership and social issues with another area that is practical and particular to their chosen vocation'.

It's and non-Indigenous people should be one of Australia's most important priorities. 'This sort of program promises to deliver real and direct benefits to Indigenous individuals, to a great range Indigenous organisations, and to all sorts of organisations that concern themselves with Indigenous people and communities' explained Professor Fredericks.

In developing the new master program, CQUniversity recognised that many mining, tourism and other commercial operators are seeking to establish stronger partnerships with Indigenous stakeholders, and vice versa. But

often a great deal of capacity building is required on both sides. While many Indigenous land councils and native title groups are seeking to gain stronger leadership, negotiation and organisational skills, many commercial operators are needing to gain a far stronger understanding of the relevant Indigenous issues.

One of Professor Fredericks' particular areas of expertise is health, and a major in Health Promotion is available within the new masters program. Students who complete the health promotion major will be readily employable as health promotion officers, increasing the numbers now being employed through health clinics, schools, councils and health departments.

Management, Human Resource Management, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Project Management and Sustainable Communities' explained Professor Fredericks.

'I think the various business and management offerings will be especially valuable for a lot of Indigenous organisations; that's certainly the feedback that we've been getting. Of course, there's so much that non-Indigenous people stand to gain from the program too, whether they be working in the human services sector, education, natural resource management or the mining industry.' Importantly, these are observations that come from a woman who has herself been a CEO and Chairperson of an Indigenous organisation and held many other leadership roles in non-Indigenous organisations and institutions. Professor Fredericks will now push ahead to develop further initiatives at CQUniversity.

NEW MASTER OF INDIGENOUS STUDIES PROGRAM

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'I have chosen to enrol in the Master of Indigenous Studies as I am able to. It is a program that I wanted to enrol in before at other universities however there were too many variables that stopped me from progressing towards enrolling and now it will be offered at CQUniversity. I have been eagerly awaiting this new course that is designed for Indigenous people to develop their masters skills in a culturally safe environment, in one of the best universities in Australia.'

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University of Canberra Ngunnawal Centre director Wendy Brady ... "I'm not sure if I'll see (change), but I hope that my generations to come with see it." Photo: Michelle McAulay

Panel's focus on wellbeing

WEAIVING data and Dreamtime stories to form an overview of Australia's current focus and future direction, the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was discussed recently by a panel of keynote speakers at the University of Canberra.

The lecture, titled 'Affecting Our Wellbeing', was part of the Ngunnawal Lecture Series and was co-hosted by the University of Canberra and the Healing Foundation, an independent Indigenous organisation with a focus on healing the community. The lecture also covered suicide prevention among Indigenous people.

Panel speakers included University of Canberra deputy chancellor and chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Advisory Group Dr Tom Calma, director of the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health at the University of

Western Australia Professor Helen Milroy, 2003 Australian of the Year Professor Fiona Stanley, Canadian emeritus professor Michael Chandler – an internationally recognised academic in the field of Indigenous social and emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention – and research fellow and commissioner with the National Mental Health Commission Professor Pat Dudgeon.

Initiative

The Ngunnawal Lecture Series originated as an initiative of the Ngunnawal Indigenous Higher Education Centre at the University of Canberra, which has provided professional and technical education towards developing Indigenous people for leadership and employment since 1985.

The centre also undertakes research programs that address current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community issues, within a national and regional community context.

Ngunnawal Centre director Wendy Brady said the Ngunnawal lectures were important for the students and staff, and that this latest topic particularly resonated with them.

"We know the health and wellbeing issues amongst staff, students and families and communities, and I believe that through more exchange of knowledge, greater recognition of our needs and much more government support for our needs that we will be able to effect change," she said.

"I'm not sure if I'll see it, but I hope that my generations to come with see it."

The number of Indigenous students at the University of Canberra has more than doubled from 56 in semester two 2008 to 116 students in semester two this year.

For more information on the University of Canberra's Ngunnawal Centre, visit www.canberra.edu.au/ngunnawal

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ISE is a must at UWA

GONE are the days when a student at The University of Western Australia could go through their whole learning experience without acknowledging they had spent their time on Noongar land and without a basic understanding of the local Indigenous protocols, how Indigenous peoples think and do things. This year, the UWA School of Indigenous Studies introduced the first mandatory online unit of its kind in Australia for undergraduate students, called Indigenous Studies Essentials (ISE).

ISE has been developed by the School of Indigenous Studies (SIS) to help students meet the requirement of cultural literacy, one of the core principles of the university.

Indigenous Knowledge is also one of UWA's six strategic research areas. SIS associate dean of teaching and learning Jeremy Harvey said the main focus of research was around the development of community-based oral histories and Indigenous stories, as well as making a significant contribution to historical research.

"The school strives to give voice to Indigenous peoples' knowledge, experience and understandings of the world," he said.

"With ISE we can make sure that all students on campus get at



University of Western Australia students studying in Perth.

least some exposure to Indigenous protocols.

"It can also help them in their

studies when they read certain Indigenous-related literature, for example, by giving them the

background to be able to critically evaluate it based on who is writing it and what authority they have as

well as how to go about accessing information that can help.

"ISE starts with a focus on the traditional owners of the Perth area, the Whadjuk Noongar, and then traces broader identities, from the regional to the global. The unit then focuses on scholarly and professional conduct.

"Students are required to reflect on the need to recognise local Indigenous protocols, and to consider that these can vary significantly from place to place.

"Students are directly guided and taught at important points by Whadjuk Noongar Elders and cultural authorities, who provide a welcome to country and a language lesson."

ISE has already been delivered to more than 5000 students and UWA says it has received positive feedback.

The latest figures show more than 87 per cent agree that ISE explains the basic principles and protocols of working with Indigenous peoples and communities, and more than 90 per cent agree that ISE provides a helpful introduction to Noongar peoples, UWA says.

One student wrote: "Really good that this has been made compulsory to new students. I think it's a really important side of living, studying and working in Australia that is neglected."

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The NTMP focuses on attracting and retaining Territorians to study, train and practice as doctors in the NT.

Associate dean Professor Sarah Strasser says the program is attracting locals back to the Territory from around Australia. "Since our debut last year, a lot of interest has been generated, with medical students now wanting to return home to complete their studies and stay here long-term, and that'll provide local knowledge and services back into Territory communities," she said.

The NTMP is a full four-year graduate

NT program is good medicine

entry medical degree that allows students to complete their entire medical degree in the NT. Flinders has also joined with Charles Darwin University to offer a double degree that allows school leavers to enter the graduate program after successfully completing two years

of a Bachelor of Clinical Sciences degree.

A new Indigenous Entry Stream to the graduate medical program resulted in nearly half of the inaugural 2011 cohort of 24 students being Indigenous.

Indigenous students who apply through the Indigenous Entry Stream must

participate in a Preparation for Medicine Program (PMP) which gives them experience of what it's like to study medicine. During the PMP, students attend lectures, tutorials and laboratory sessions in anatomy and physiology, clinical skills and the professional aspects of medicine.

Once students successfully complete the PMP, they are required to complete the Flinders University Extended Learning in Sciences (FUELS) Program, which is a comprehensive science online program in chemistry, physics, biology and numeracy. Flinders says successful completion of this part of an applicant's preparation for medicine will mean a recommendation for an offer of place.

● **Pictured: Preparation for Medicine course participants at the NT Medical Program Building in July this year.**



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Her future is teaching

UNIVERSITY of New England student Jasmine Sweeney has been awarded the Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship for 2012. The prestigious award will assist Ms Sweeney in her Bachelor of Special Education (Primary) / Bachelor of Disability Studies, which she aims to complete in three to four years.

Ms Sweeney is an Adnyamathanha woman from the Flinders Ranges in South Australia who lives in Bellingen, NSW.

"I've loved studying with UNE," she said.

"The convenience of doing my degree externally has made it possible to continue to study, even through financially tough times."

The Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship has been awarded to eight teacher education students each year since 2010 by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The scholarship offers Indigenous university students

assistance with full-time study costs, mentoring, and support in obtaining their degree.

Chosen from more than 1000 applicants as one of this year's recipients, Ms Sweeney demonstrated to the selection committee strong academic attributes and commitment to a teaching career of excellence and to the life-long value of education for young Indigenous Australians and communities.

Couldn't believe it!

"I totally couldn't believe being chosen out of so many applicants, but my children said right from the start that I would get it," she said. "I guess they were right!"

Addressing the scholarship recipients during a ceremony at Government House in Canberra, Governor-General Quentin Bryce said: "Not only are you practitioners and advocates in the making; each of you stands as testament to the transformative power of education."

Ms Sweeney attended with

her daughter and then joined the Governor-General for afternoon tea.

"When I graduate I would like to specialise in designing learning programs and raising awareness on how to communicate successfully with children who have behavioural disorders," she said.

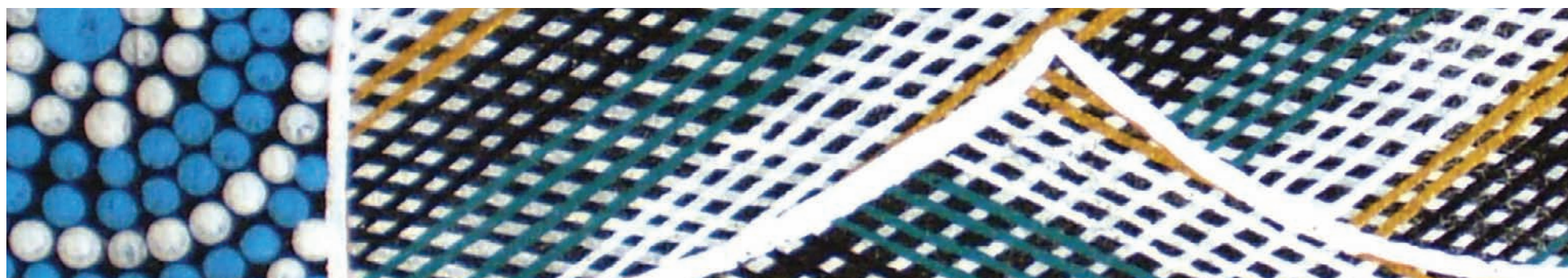
"I think it's a huge problem in the classroom these days, and I feel that these children get stereotyped as trouble-makers. This affects their self-esteem and the quality of their lives, and can have a permanent negative impact.

"Indigenous children are also often labelled in this manner for simply being true to their culture and beliefs. For example, not having eye contact in white society is seen as disrespectful and having something to hide, whereas in my culture it is a sign of respect.

"Teaching is about communicating successfully on all levels."



Governor-General Quentin Bryce, right, presents University of New England student Jasmine Sweeney with her Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship.



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Giselle looks to the law

WITH her plate already overflowing with assignments and exam preparation, final year law student Giselle Hamilton wasn't fazed when recently she became a 'mum' for the third time.

"Family is top of my agenda. I am from a big family so to take on my nephew wasn't an issue," said Ms Hamilton, who is one of seven children and has two toddlers of her own.

The 33-year-old is studying her Bachelor of Laws at Southern Cross University in Lismore, northern NSW.

"I've seen a lot of Aboriginal people go through the legal system and the process can be a daunting one, even for something like filling out legal aid forms," she said.

"We need more Aboriginal lawyers not only in legal aid but other areas like private practice, family law and the Department of Public Prosecutions. It's fundamental given the high incarceration rates."

Ms Hamilton plans to practice in the areas of criminal, family or native title law, but she also is

drawn to work fighting discrimination, especially when it comes to issues faced by women.

"I'd like to be looked upon as a role model. I've had various mentors throughout my degree and I would like to recognise that help and guidance and give back by helping others," she said.

Ms Hamilton moved to Lismore in 1999 after she enrolled in the university's Bachelor of Indigenous Studies degree.

'Stepping stone'

"The Indigenous Studies degree was a stepping stone but it was also about confidence, too," she said.

"It helped me get the basics right, like reading, writing and referencing."

"In terms of knowledge, Indigenous Studies opened my eyes to a whole new area of learning. I would recommend it to anyone."

Ms Hamilton is a Ghungula-Wakka Wakka woman from Rockhampton.

"My mother and father are big supporters of education," she said.

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Heath looking forward to engineering career

HEATH CARPENTER will soon become Edith Cowan University (ECU)'s first Indigenous graduate with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering. But it's an achievement that almost didn't happen.

At just six years of age, Mr Carpenter was diagnosed with a rare genetic condition which resulted in a kidney transplant. He missed a large amount of school, making it challenging for

him to get the grades needed to study engineering at university.

Mr Carpenter says it was a bridging course offered by Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU's Centre for Indigenous Education and Research, which helped him embark on his dream career.

"I have always been interested in how things are built and work," he said.

"The staff at Kurongkurl Katitjin were very helpful and went out of their way

to assist me in any way they could.

"I really recommend the bridging course, particularly for students who have been unable to study for a while as it provides the perfect launching pad for university studies."

Scholar of the Year

Earlier this year, Mr Carpenter was named the 2012 Tertiary Scholar of the Year at the Perth NAIDOC

Awards for his commitment to his studies.

He said winning the award was a humbling experience. "It was a surprise to be nominated, and an honour to win," Mr Carpenter said.

"I am sure there were many deserving students nominated for the awards and I'm absolutely thrilled to win."

Mr Carpenter has already secured a job when he graduates at the end of this year. He will be working in the Pilbara with mining company NRW Civil and Mining and is looking forward to a successful career, with dreams to travel the world along the way.

"Heath is an inspiration to all our Indigenous students," said pro-vice-chancellor (equity and Indigenous) and head of Kurongkurl Katitjin Professor Colleen Hayward.

Commitment

"His perseverance and commitment to his studies is a true testament to his character, and his achievements are a great example of what we recognise each year at our NAIDOC Week celebrations."

"We very much look forward to adding Heath's name to our Rock Solid Foundations tribute to ECU's Indigenous alumni."

ECU has a number of education and scholarship opportunities available to Indigenous people.

The Perth Airport Indigenous Scholarship, worth \$5000 a year, aims to provide support to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students as they complete their studies.

The Dorothea Swift Nursing Scholarship is worth \$8000 a year and is open to Indigenous and/or rural students completing their nursing degrees.

Both scholarships are now open.

For more information on these and a range of other Indigenous scholarships, visit www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships/overview.

For more information on Indigenous education at ECU visit: <http://www.ecu.edu.au/schools/kurongkurl-katitjin/overview>.



Edith Cowan University Bachelor of Civil Engineering student, Indigenous man Heath Carpenter ... "I have always been interested in how things are built and work."

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Proud record at Newcastle

THE University of Newcastle says it has the highest number of Indigenous staff of any Australian university.

Newcastle has a long history of educating Indigenous people for the professions.

The university has graduated around half of Australia's Indigenous medical doctors, and says it contributes the largest number of Indigenous health workers from its medicine, nursing, and allied health programs.

Close to half of the 725 Indigenous enrolments at the university in 2012 were in professional disciplines across a broad range of programs, as well as high concentrations of students in teaching, nursing, social work and engineering.

The university says Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support and development are a major focus, and the Wollutuka Institute's student support team works to increase and enhance

student participation, retention and success.

The Yapug preparatory program continues to play an important role in the university's commitment to increasing Indigenous enrolments by helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people gain skills for entry into undergraduate degrees.

Reconciliation

Newcastle University's Reconciliation Action Plan 2011-2015 addresses several strategic areas of Indigenous collaboration, including creating additional pathways for entry to the university and increasing completion rates, enhancing Indigenous research and introducing cultural relevance to the teaching curricula.

Last year, the university accepted its first enrolments in the new Bachelor of Aboriginal Professional Practice. This program, unique to Newcastle, combines critical understanding of

issues affecting Indigenous people with professional skills in advocacy, policy and social justice.

The university says it is proud to employ more Indigenous staff than any other university in Australia, with 80* staff identifying as Indigenous in 2012, 2.74 per cent more than the next-ranked institution.

The university says it will extend its national leadership in Indigenous education to further deliver education and employment opportunities for Indigenous people across Australia.

For more information about Indigenous education at the University of Newcastle, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/wollutuka

**The number of Indigenous staff at Newcastle University (as at 31 March 2012) was 80. The percentage of Indigenous staff (80/2922) was 2.74. Data source: University of Newcastle 2012 Staff data submission to DIISRTE. Excludes casual staff.*



He may be better known to many as a hip-hop star with *The Last Kinection*, but Aboriginal man Joel Wenitong is also a medical student at the University of Newcastle.



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Student finds Monash the 'right choice'

CARL SMITH says he knew all through Year 12 that he wanted to teach. He also knew a move to Melbourne from his home city of Ballarat was necessary to fulfil his dream.

The education student says it didn't take him long to decide on Monash University's Clayton campus. "After seeing the Clayton campus I was confident I was making the right choice in going to Monash," Mr Smith said.

When 'change of preference' time came, he says he chose Monash University, knowing up-front that he'd have full support.

"Only Monash offered me scholarships before the change of preference deadline," Mr Smith said.

"Knowing what scholarships

were on offer before I had to make my choice was a big factor in my decision to come to Monash."

Mr Smith took opportunities from the start, applying for every scholarship he could. In the end, he qualified for not just one but five scholarships.

'Knowing what scholarships were on offer before I had to make my choice was a big factor in my decision to come to Monash'

"The scholarships have made my life so much easier," he said.

"I was able to move to Melbourne instead of commuting five hours a day, giving me much-needed time to focus on studies and also enjoy my time at Monash."

Mr Smith says that support from Monash University, especially the Indigenous unit, has been essential to his success.

"The support I get from Monash has been unbelievable and allowed me to do what I enjoy, what interests me and what I have a passion for," he said.

"That's important because it's that sense of enjoyment that can push you on to great things. I'm thankful for the support I've received and hope to make the most of my opportunities."

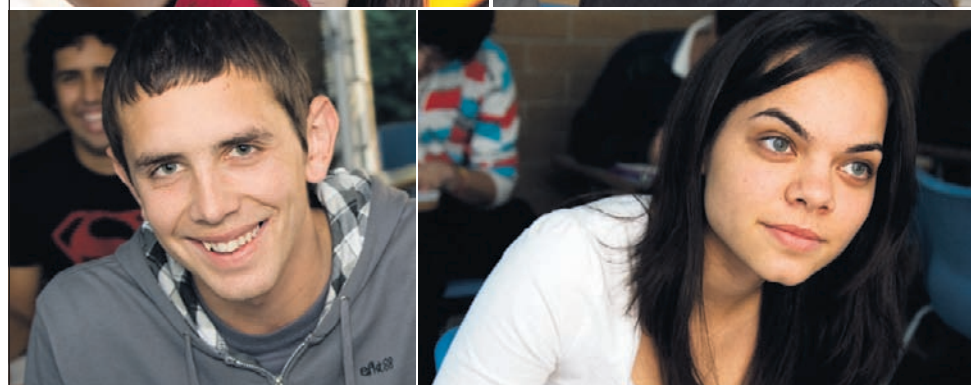
Monash University says its Indigenous scholarships give students a helping hand to succeed. For more information, go to www.monash.edu/indigenous



Monash University Indigenous student Carl Smith.



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Testing dates: 5 and 6 November and 21 and 22 January

*ABSTUDY recipients may be eligible for additional funding to meet the costs of travel, accommodation and meals.

To find out more contact the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education on **1800 032 923** or visit www.uws.edu.au/badanami

Entry program expanded

THE University of Western Sydney says its Badanami Alternative Entry Program has been expanded to give Indigenous students with aspirations to attend university more opportunity to achieve their goal of tertiary study.

UWS says the alternative entry program, run by the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, is an initiative aimed at increasing Indigenous participation and literacy skills in undergraduate programs across particular areas of study at the university.

There are two components of the program. The first comprises a two-day assessment and testing workshop where students complete a literacy test and a formal interview to ensure they meet the criteria for the course they have chosen to study.

Unsuccessful assessment in literacy may lead to entry through another pathway, the Badanami Tertiary Entry Program (BTEP).

Applicants for courses requiring mathematic skills are required to complete a mathematics assessment. A mathematics revision workshop is available before the assessment as part of the program.

The second component is the BTEP, which is a preparation



Indigenous students at the University of Western Sydney. Photo: Sally Tsoutas

program that develops the essential literacy skills and academic strategies that students need to adapt and study at university.

UWS says the program specifically aims to develop

reading and writing competence and promotes flexibility that allows students to complete the course at their own pace.

UWS says that at the completion of BTEP, students will have the skills required to

succeed at university and will also have a broad understanding of academic requirements and responsibilities.

Tracey Ryan, who completed BTEP and is now studying for a Bachelor of Community and

Social Development, said she found the program very beneficial.

"The modules were really helpful and I couldn't have gotten through my first semester without them," she said.

"I needed a platform to start with and the modules got me off on the right foot."

Dean of Indigenous Education at UWS Associate Professor Berice Anning says the program has been devised to offer flexibility and promote access to higher education.

"The initiative for the program was due to the need to develop a literacy academic preparation program that could be accessed by Aboriginal people from any place in Australia and available for enrolment at any time of the year," she said.

"The design of the program aims to improve greater access by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to UWS programs and for those students who wish to enter Badanami Centre degrees but need to build their confidence in studying in a university environment."

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UTS puts focus on literacy

UTS celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day on 5 September by inviting Indigenous students from the greater Sydney region to campus and into the library to participate in workshops run by Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning and Sydney Story Factory.

"The partnership between Sydney Story Factory and Jumbunna is important for us as our goals overlap so neatly," says Sydney Story Factory co-founder and executive director Catherine Keenan.

"Sydney Story Factory seeks to engage students with writing by showing them how much fun it can be – an important step when trying to open pathways to tertiary education.

"Literacy rates for Indigenous kids lag behind those of non-Indigenous kids. So we are in favour of any effort to try and shrink that gap, and this includes supporting the excellent programs developed and run by Jumbunna."

Sydney Story Factory took primary school students in Years 5-6 on an 'intergalactic story telling journey' involving Martians, space travel and laughter. The workshop aimed to develop the students' use of expressive language, increase their enthusiasm for writing, and encourage them to find their own voice. At the end of the day they left with their own bound book, which they had written, complete with their 'author' photo on the back cover.

Secondary students (Years 7-9)



Chester Hill Public School students Faith Williams, Naeem Salah and Rose Lord at one of the workshops.

participated in (IN)DIGISTORIES, a workshop developed by Jumbunna staff that used alternative story telling methods such as photography, script writing, spoken word and music to explore themes of family, identity and place. At the end of the day they had completed a multimedia movie about their life.

'Engage minds'

"Bringing students on to campus from a young age is a great way to engage their minds and start them thinking about higher education as

a possibility post high school," Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning director Professor Michael McDaniel said.

While enrolment rates for Indigenous students have increased, Prof McDaniel believes that much can be done to encourage more students to pursue tertiary education.

Cathy Costello brought 11 students from Winmalee High School in western Sydney to UTS and found the day to be 'incredibly valuable'.

"The students all commented on how much they enjoyed their story writing session and especially the friendly people at Jumbunna," she said.

"They also had the wonderful opportunity to explore and express their identity in a very safe and inclusive environment."

For more about Jumbunna's schools program, email atsirecruitment@uts.edu.au.

For more on the Sydney Story Factory, go to sydneystoryfactory.org.au

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- Scholarships and accommodation;
- Leadership programs;
- Employment opportunities; and
- National and international student exchanges

The University also offers Yapug – a program designed to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, aged 18 years or over, gain the necessary skills for entry into undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle.

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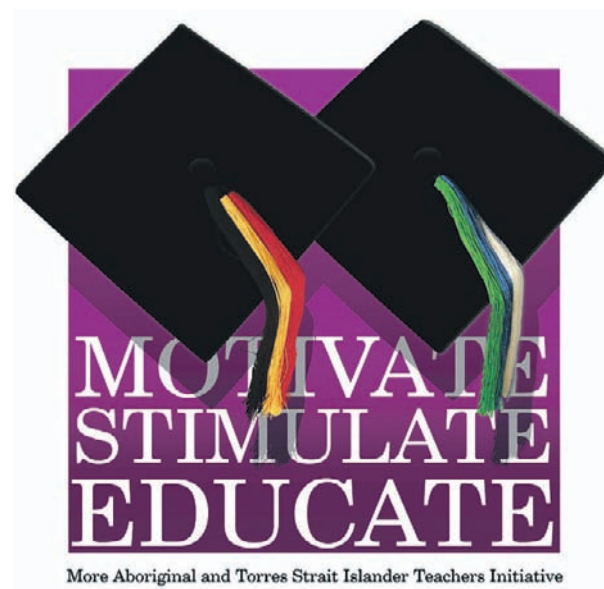
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For more information about admissions to a teacher education course in your area please visit matsiti.edu.au/teach-2013

Scholarship helps Jhade

THE NSW Department of Education and Communities says it is committed to improving education and employment opportunities for Aboriginal people and communities.

Up to 80 teacher education scholarships are offered in NSW exclusively for Aboriginal people including HSC students, current university students and career-change applicants.

A recent recipient of one of the scholarships is Jhade Munro-Greentree.

Ms Munro-Greentree was one of only 15 students in her graduating year of high school in the small town of Dorrigo, northern New South Wales. Both her parents are teachers, so the importance of education was instilled in her from an early age.

She is now the first of her family's generation to attend university.

While Ms Munro-Greentree's achievements at school would have allowed her to pursue a

career in many other areas, she was attracted by the financial incentives of the Teacher Education Scholarship Program.

She subsequently moved to Sydney to study a Bachelor of Science at Macquarie University, and will go on to complete a Diploma of Education before beginning work as a high school science teacher.

Ms Munro-Greentree says the \$5000 annual allowance provided by the Teacher Education Scholarship has helped pay for accommodation and study expenses.

'Huge relief'

"Knowing that I have financial support while in the city by myself is a huge relief," she said.

"I can focus on studying rather than worrying about getting a job to support myself."

Ms Munro-Greentree says she also feels the support she has received has given her confidence to reach her potential at university.

As an Aboriginal woman, Ms Munro-Greentree says she is aware of the positive influence she may have on her students when she begins teaching.

"I would like to work in Indigenous communities," she said.

"It's a different sort of relationship and it's important for students to form these bonds and have a sense of belonging."

A Teacher Education Scholarship provides students with \$5000 a year in financial assistance, a one-off grant of \$3000 when they begin their first permanent teaching appointment, and a guaranteed job in an agreed location upon graduation. Teachers may also be eligible for the HECS-HELP benefit from the Commonwealth Government.

Applications for this year's program close on 5 October. For further information, call 1300 301 435, or visit www.teach.nsw.edu.au/scholarships



NSW Teacher Education Scholarship recipient Jhade Munro-Greentree ... "I would like to work in Indigenous communities. It's a different sort of relationship and it's important for students to form these bonds and have a sense of belonging."

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Engineering a top career

UNIVERSITY of Technology, Sydney (UTS) student Daniel Allan, from Narrabri in NSW, is well on the road to a successful civil engineering career.

The inaugural recipient of the UTS Engineering and Information Technology Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) scholarship in 2010, Mr Allan is now in his third year of a combined Engineering and International Studies degree and will soon be jetting off to spend a year in Chile as part of his degree.

Two Indigenous scholarships valued up to \$25,000 each are offered annually to Year 12 school leavers interested in studying Engineering or Information Technology in single or combined degrees at UTS. Both engineering and IT degrees come with invaluable practical experience with industry internships embedded in the degrees.

UTS also offers the Sinclair Scholarship worth \$100,000, established as a result of a generous donation by the late W J and L M Sinclair family with the aim to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who have the potential and commitment to study engineering at university. The Sinclair Scholarship is open to current and non-current school leavers interested in studying the Bachelor of Engineering, Diploma in Engineering Practice, and includes industry internships.

Scholarships

"I was going to take a gap year to save money to pay for my uni degree, but at the UTS Open Day, I was shown a range of scholarships I was eligible for, which meant I could start straight after Year 12," Mr Allan said.

"I chose UTS because the combined Engineering and

International Studies degree wasn't offered anywhere else and the industry internships that are a part of the engineering degree have already started exposing me to real-world engineering work."

Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology Professor Hung Nguyen says the Engineering and IT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarships were established to encourage and support the development of young Indigenous students to become the engineering and information technology professionals of the future.

The UTS Engineering and Information Technology Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Sinclair Scholarships are now open for 2013, and close in early January next year.

To find out more and to apply visit www.feit.uts.edu.au/atsi



UTS engineering student Daniel Allan ... "I chose UTS because the combined Engineering and International Studies degree wasn't offered anywhere else and the industry internships that are a part of the engineering degree have already started exposing me to real-world engineering work."

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QUT first-year Indigenous law student Corey Curran and McCullough Robertson law firm partner Dominic McGann. “(Corey) is an outstanding young man, who through his hard work and commitment has already achieved so much. We wish him well and hope that we can continue to assist him in the future,” Mr McGann said.

Corey aims to make a difference

COREY CURRAN says his reason for studying law is simple – he wants to see his people better represented in the criminal justice system.

The first-year student, who is completing a double degree in law and justice at QUT, said he was primarily interested in criminal defence.

“I grew up in a low SES (socio-economic status) area and had brothers in the criminal justice system and it really motivated me to want to stand up and make a difference in my community and become an advocate for my people,” Mr Curran said.

“More than 10 per cent of the people incarcerated in Queensland are Indigenous and it’s my aspiration to lower that to around two per cent, which is more representative of our population.

“I think essentially there are trust issues in Indigenous communities on both sides and I think the main way to overcome that is with education.”

Mr Curran will begin putting his own

education into practice during the summer holiday, after being granted the McCullough Robertson Scholarship for Continuing Indigenous Law Students, which includes an internship at McCulloch Robertson Lawyers.

McCullough Robertson partner Dominic McGann said the independent Australian law firm were proud to sponsor the Support Fund for Indigenous Law Students at QUT for the fifth year running.

Delighted

“We are delighted that the recipient of the McCullough Robertson Foundation’s scholarship will be awarded to Corey,” Mr McGann said.

Mr Curran entered QUT through the Oodgeroo Unit’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP) which is designed to increase opportunities for prospective Indigenous students into a variety of degrees that the university offers.



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Student of year a mum of five

TAFE Western – which covers the western NSW region – says it is the largest and leading provider of education and training to Aboriginal people in Australia.

Last year, TAFE Western had 7039 Aboriginal student enrolments, accounting for 18 per cent of the institute's student population. It provided more than one million hours of training to Aboriginal people.

TAFE Western's 2012 Aboriginal Student of the Year, Megan Smith, is a Wiradjuri woman from the town of Wellington, NSW.

She completed the Certificate IV in Aboriginal Health.

"Without TAFE I would still be thinking I had to do something with my life," Ms Smith said.

She was also the institute's Aboriginal Trainee of the Year and has been announced winner of the Trainee category in the 2012 TAFE NSW Gili Awards and a finalist in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year category in the Western Region Training Awards.

Despite a busy job, five kids and additional training requirements, TAFE Western said Ms Smith continued her studies, handing everything in on time and completing her traineeship with distinction.

Ms Smith said: "I was hesitant to go back into the classroom after such a long time, but only you can make a difference and shift the way things are going in your life."

'Opportunities'

"As I say to my children 'you can't change the wind, but you can always change the sails'. There are opportunities there, you just need to take them."

Because Ms Smith had no experience or training in health, she was required to complete all the prerequisite Certificate III units alongside the Certificate IV units of her Aboriginal Health course.

She was working in the Nurse Family Partnership Program when she started her Certificate IV Aboriginal Health Work Practice traineeship, which

meant she also needed to complete in-service training as part of her job.

Head teacher Elizabeth Shuttle said: "No matter how busy Megan was with work she was always keen and committed to her studies."

"That she completed her traineeship to such a high standard is a very commendable achievement given her work load."

Ms Smith says she wants to give back and share what she has learnt.

"I now have a whole new direction and pathway and would love to teach at TAFE," she said.

Ms Smith is continuing her studies and is now undertaking a Certificate IV TAE (Training and Assessment) after gaining a scholarship.

● TAFE Western policy acknowledges that it stands on the lands of the Wiradjuri, Ngemba, Muruwari, Barkindji, Wailwan, Wongaibon and Gamilaroi peoples. The organisation, and its staff, recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal peoples and respects Aboriginal Elders past and present.

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TAFE Western 2012 Aboriginal Student of the Year Megan Smith ... "I was hesitant to go back into the classroom after such a long time, but only you can make a difference and shift the way things are going in your life."

IPROWD offers support

THE Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) Training Program is designed to provide support for Aboriginal people to join the NSW Police Force. In June this year, 75 IPROWD students graduated from courses conducted by TAFE NSW and the NSW Police Force in Broken Hill, Dubbo, Maitland, Mount Druitt, Nowra, Redfern and Tamworth. More than 60 per cent of these students are now applying to join the NSW Police, with many aiming for the January 2013 intake at the NSW Police Academy in Goulburn.

On 24 August, seven 2011 IPROWD students attested from the NSW Police Academy and are now posted as probationary constables with the NSW Police Force at locations including St Marys, Newtown, Sutherland, Dubbo, Broken Hill and Bathurst.

Another 12 of the 2011 IPROWD students are on track to graduate from the NSW Police Academy in December.

The IPROWD course is funded by the Federal Government, and Indigenous Employment Minister Julie Collins said it was a fantastic initiative between the Federal Government, TAFE NSW and the NSW Police Force. "For many Indigenous Australians, the chance to train and secure a job with the NSW Police Force seems out of reach," she said.

"IPROWD will help participants develop the skills and academic qualifications needed for a career in the NSW Police Force. The Australian Government, through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, is providing \$3.2 million in funding to support the IPROWD statewide initiative and the results



that this project is achieving are outstanding.

"The Government has also confirmed funding for the IPROWD program for a further two-year period."

Deputy Commissioner Catherine Burn said the support provided for IPROWD by the NSW Police Force was integral to its success. "As an organisation, the NSW Police Force aims to reflect the community we represent, and the IPROWD program is a way to assist potential Indigenous recruits reach their goal of joining the force," she said.

IPROWD is currently taking enrolments for 2013 courses. For details, call 1300 830 177 or download an application form from www.iprowd.tafensw.edu.au



● Above: IPROWD students and NSW police with NSW Police Minister Michael Gallacher and Hunter Institute director Phil Cox in Maitland.

● Left: IPROWD course and NSW Police Academy graduates Will Carney and Sean Patterson pictured last month with NSW Police Minister Michael Gallacher. Constable Carney has been posted to Dubbo Local Area Command, while Const Patterson is at the Broken Hill Local Area Command.

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The Australian Government, the NSW Police Force, TAFE NSW and Charles Sturt University are working in partnership to offer IPROWD training programs across NSW which will assist Aboriginal people to gain entry into the NSW Police Force.

Courses in 2013 will be held in Broken Hill, Casino, Dubbo, Maitland, Mount Druitt, Nowra, Redfern and Tamworth.

Applications for 2013 courses close Friday 2nd November 2012, interviews to be held in early December 2012.

For more information:

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ANU LEGAL WORKSHOP Indigenous Student Scholarship Scheme

The ANU College of Law, with the National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS), offers up to two scholarships a year to undertake the ANU GDLP.

Scholarship applicants must be Indigenous Australians and meet the admission requirements of the GDLP.

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Looking to the future

MELBOURNE University students Lillian Brown and Cam Raw have their sights set on different – and challenging – futures.

Ms Brown, in her honours year of a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies degree, wants to be an educator. And Mr Raw, in his third year of a Bachelor of Veterinary Science course, wants to be a wildlife vet.

Both are enjoying their time in Melbourne.

“I want to be involved in educating Indigenous people about the reasons why we are where we are and what we can do to change things,” Ms Brown said.

“I also want to contribute to creating an awareness of the issues in Australia relating to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and women.”

Mr Raw says he is part of a tight-knit community in veterinary science.

“My dream job is to be a wildlife vet,” he said.



University of Melbourne Bachelor of Veterinary Science student Cam Raw holding a Tasmanian devil.

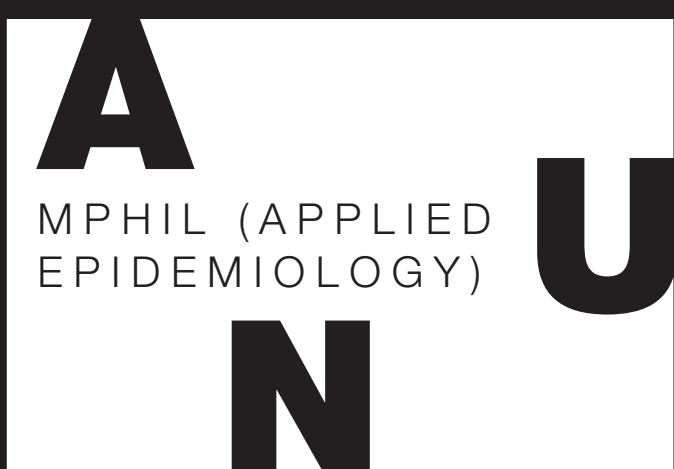
“Being able to work outdoors and working with animals have always been something I’ve been really into, and the

possibility of being able to help protect wild and endangered species along the way would be awesome.”



University of Melbourne Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies student Lillian Brown.

For more information on courses available at the University of Melbourne, go to www.unimelb.edu.au/



Join the disease detectives

The National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the Australian National University is offering the Master of Philosophy in Applied Epidemiology (MAE) for 2013-2014. The MAE program is a two-year Field Epidemiology Training Program that teaches people to become field epidemiologists who are able to investigate outbreaks and evaluate public health surveillance systems.

During the two-year program, the scholar will be placed in a State, Territory or Federal health department or other appropriate placement. Scholars may be employed by their field placement or offered a tax-free scholarship of \$50,000 per annum.

The MAE is a research degree that consists of 3-4 two-week residential teaching blocks in Canberra over the 2 year course, on-line learning and a thesis fulfilling core competencies.

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Law diploma scholarships through ANU

THE ANU College of Law in conjunction with the National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS) has developed a program to offer up to two scholarships a year for full-time or part-time study in the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (GDLP) offered in the Legal Workshop starting in January each year.

The GDLP is a compulsory prerequisite for admission to legal practice in Australia.

ANU says its program is flexible and online and can be completed in six months or over up to a three-year period.

The program has three components:

- Becoming a Practitioner (a one-week intensive held throughout Australia)

- Professional Practice Core (an 18-week core course run online during which students work together within a simulated legal practice environment to complete projects on Professional Practice, Property Law, Civil Litigation project, Commercial and Corporate Law and Legal

Practice Experience)

- Elective Coursework (including individual courses in Criminal, Environmental, Family, Employment, Government, Wills and Administrative Law Practice).

The closing dates for applications for the various start dates throughout 2012/13 for the GDLP are on the ANU College of Law webpage.

Requirements

GDLP Indigenous Scholarship applicants must be Indigenous and meet the admission requirements of the diploma, which are primarily completion or near completion of an LLB or JD program.

The GDLP Indigenous Scholarship pays tuition fees for the program. Fees to complete the GDLP range from \$7275 to \$9525 in 2012, depending on the length of the placement undertaken.

The benefit of the scholarship lies in not incurring a Fee Help debt which would need to be paid back.

Students whose course

fees will be paid by their employer or under another scholarship or bursary are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must demonstrate how the scholarship will assist their personal and professional development.

ANU says the Selection Committee takes into account an applicant's academic record, other achievements and, if relevant, personal circumstances.

The scholarship is awarded to students who best demonstrate academic achievement, and leadership potential in law, social justice, community service or human rights.

Applications are currently open and close on 28 September for students intending to start the GDLP during 2012/2013.

For further information, call (02) 6125 9234 or visit our website: <http://law.anu.edu.au/Undergraduate/Scholarship.s.asp#Legal> or email lwsa@law.anu.edu.au



Gap forum at Griffith

FEDERAL Member for Bowman Andrew Laming was the guest speaker at a 'Closing the Gap' forum at Griffith University's Logan campus this month.

Griffith University Elders, staff and students were able to discuss with Mr Laming, who is the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Indigenous Health, issues related to helping Aboriginal people access better health services and education, as well as social sector reform.

Griffith University Indigenous policy director Professor Boni Robertson said the forum showcased some of the work undertaken at Griffith around Indigenous education, research, health, justice, student support, engagement and policy.

"The forum was

especially timely," she said.

"Closing the gap is not just about health, it's about housing, proper access to justice and education.

"If we don't have access to resources that other Australians have, then of course we won't achieve the goal of equality for all."

Committed

Prof Robertson said Griffith University was committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students achieve academic success.

"A lot of our work is about outreach and partnerships. Logan campus is very multicultural and many of our students are first in their families to attend university," she said.

"In 2011, 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people graduated from the

university in a variety of degree programs and we are committed to increasing this number."

Education lecturer Dr Dale Kerwin said a lot of good work was being done in partnerships around the country to try to close the gap.

"A lot of people say 'white fella, black fella', but we all need a hand, whatever colour we are," he said.

Other issues raised at the forum included the recent evaluations and reports arising from the Northern Territory Emergency Intervention, the Cape York trials and remote service delivery trials.

The current inquiry into Child Protection, the Commonwealth welfare reforms and the Indigenous Higher Education Review were also discussed.

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Honouring our history



University of Wollongong student Chanelle Burman taking part in this year's Walk for Reconciliation event with her father Paul.

FOR University of Wollongong (UOW) Bachelor of Arts – Honours in History student Chanelle Burman, an understanding of history is vital to the reconciliation process for all Australians.

"For me, history is important for reclaiming the past and setting the record straight so that we can continue the reconciliation process," she says.

"I took a subject in Australian history and was captivated by the way that history not only explains present concerns like politics and access to health and education, yet also how it gives a voice to people who were not accurately represented in the past."

Ms Burman says UOW is a great place to study, and she has made good use of the university's Woolyungah Indigenous Centre's facilities.

Celebrating culture

She particularly enjoys attending events that celebrate and recognise Indigenous culture, such as this year's Walk for Reconciliation which was attended by more than 200 UOW staff.

Ms Burman's says the support network she has utilised at UOW has aided her success.

Among her achievements are a cadetship with the Office of Environment and Heritage, the Ray Kelly Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement, entry into the honours course and making the Dean's Merit List.

Ms Burman returned to study as a mature-age student in 2007. Originally from Gerringong, she says being able to study close to home and enjoy a close-knit student community is important to her.

"Woolyungah is a great place to yarn with other students going through the same experience," she said.

"The team at Woolyungah provide great support for Indigenous students."

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Wilcannia sure can!



Second Wilcannia literacy campaign intake graduates included, back from left, Valma Harris, Erica Mitchell, Patricia Whyman and Bronwyn Kerwin and, front from left, Leah Ebsworth and Leslie James Williams. Photo: Wilcannia LALC

THE western NSW town of Wilcannia has marked the graduation of six more students from an Aboriginal adult literacy campaign pilot using the 'Yo Si Puedo' ('Yes I Can') Cuban method of learning.

Originally supported with funding by the Lowitja Institute, the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council-led campaign is now up to its third intake of local students.

The graduation, MCed by one of the first graduates, Shirley Williams, featured a performance by the Paakintji Dancers. NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Higher Education and Skills Sharon Bird made presentations to the graduating students.

Other guests included local Baakintji Elders and leaders William Bates and William Murray, Cuban Ambassador to Australia Pedro Monzon and State MP for Murray-Darling John Williams.

Organisers say the whole community has been behind the literacy campaign.

Two of the key drivers of

the project have been project leader Jack Beeton, who is acting CEO of the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council, and project manager Associate Professor Bob Boughton, from the University of New England.

Assoc-Prof Boughton's research highlighted the low levels of literacy among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially those in rural and remote areas, while Mr Beeton has worked on community support for the campaign.

Support

The support of the Cuban Government was also hailed as instrumental to the success of the campaign pilot program, as was the partnership between the University of New England and the Federal Government.

The Wilcannia Central School was a major contributor of in-kind support.

The Lowitja Institute has congratulated the students on their graduation and says it is looking forward to providing ongoing support.

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Role models on job at CQU

CQUNIVERSITY'S Office of Indigenous Engagement has started promoting presentations by Indigenous role models who are succeeding in diverse areas.

Recent examples include a presentation by Indigenous visual artist Pamela CroftWarcon.

Dr CroftWarcon has worked in Australia and overseas, including arts residencies in Paris, the Netherlands, Western Samoa, the United States and the Philippines. She is managing director of her arts and cultural business, facilitates and coordinates community cultural development projects, curates exhibitions, is a tutor and lecturer, and works in curriculum design. She is also a reviewer, author and social history researcher.

Another visitor being promoted by the office is Yvette Roe, a Njikenawawu woman from the West Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Ms Roe's PhD research explores the disparity of care faced by Indigenous people admitted to hospital for acute coronary syndromes (ACS).

Candidate

Professor Bronwyn Fredericks, from the CQU Office of Indigenous Engagement, is also hosting doctor of philosophy candidate Melissa Walker in conjunction with the Collaborative Research Network (Health) run through CQUniversity.

Ms Walker is the first Aboriginal student to undertake her PhD in nursing at QUT and joins the limited number of

Indigenous nursing PhD candidates in Australia. She will visit CQUniversity for three weeks in November and for two weeks next January.

"It's our role to bring Indigenous researchers and academic leaders to the attention of the wider community, raising expectations beyond school and undergraduate achievements, and opening the door for others to go above and beyond what they might have previously considered," Prof Fredericks said.

● **Pictured right: Yvette Roe (seated) is greeted by representatives of the CQU Office of Indigenous Engagement, from left, Donna Smith, Professor Bronwyn Fredericks and Anne Munns.**



Aboriginal education on course at Wollongong

THE Faculty of Education at the University of Wollongong says it has incorporated the Aboriginal Education core course components into all its education Programs.

The faculty says the prioritisation of this subject has been a key goal and it has proven to be a successful subject for the Aboriginal education team since its incorporation.

"It is a very exciting and encouraging time to be involved in Aboriginal education and our pre-service teachers are enthusiastically participating and engaging in the subjects offered," staff said.

"We would like to thank all the Elders and Aboriginal community members who have contributed over the past 40 years, paving the way for this exciting and crucial time in the Aboriginal education journey.

"We at the university are really happy to see pre-service teachers and graduates like Kim Purdie hoping to be placed in a school with a high Aboriginal enrolment where she can teach, learn and grow with the local Aboriginal community."

Ms Purdie praised the subject. "Bridging the gap in education is a moral imperative for all teachers, and a crucial part of this responsibility is the education of non-Aboriginal Australians to value

Aboriginal people's histories and cultures, so that we can forge our future side by side," she said.

"Closing the gap involves a two-way approach so non-Aboriginal pre-service teachers have a greater understanding of Aboriginal people's way of knowing and learning to make education meaningful for our Aboriginal students."

The University of Wollongong says it values its partnership with the Department of Education and Communities, working together on

the Aboriginal Teacher Mentoring Program that provides the opportunity for experienced teachers to mentor and support Aboriginal graduates in their first year of teaching. The university says the mentoring program demonstrates the importance of respectful relationships

between its Faculty of Education, schools and the community.

Ms Purdie also welcomed the mentoring program.

"This recognises how important mentoring is for a newly appointed teacher," she said.

"The partnership creates a collegial and supportive environment which ensures success for the newly graduated teacher.

"I will learn just as much from my mentee as she will learn from me."

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New centre at Bond

GOLD Coast-based Bond University now has a new support centre for Indigenous students. The Nyombile Centre was officially opened earlier this month in a ceremony that brought together residents, Elders, students and university staff.

Created to provide support for Bond's Indigenous community, the Centre offers the services of an Indigenous cultural support officer who works to assist Bond's Indigenous students.

Bond University vice-chancellor Tim Brailsford joined guests including the NRL Gold Coast Titans, representatives from Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) program and local Elders including Aunty Narelle Urquhart, who is employed by the university as support for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Thrive

Acting deputy vice-chancellor Alan Finch said that by creating an environment where Indigenous students were able to thrive and succeed, Bond University was ensuring the Indigenous community enjoyed university life as much as any other student.

"Making the switch from high school to university is challenging for any young person," he said.

"Our Indigenous students experience unique challenges in particular related to cultural differences and moving away from home.

"The purpose of a dedicated centre is to provide our Indigenous students with a home away from home space where students can drop in for a chat with newly appointed Aunty Narelle Urquhart, or gather with friends.

"We are very grateful to be able to have such a well-respected mentor available to the students at Bond University."

The Nyombile Centre is equipped with a computer, kitchen and lounges.



Pictured at the launch of the Nyombile Centre last week, back from left, Aaron Cora from Bundjalung Kunjiel – Indigenous Dance Group, Queensland Reds rugby player Rod Davies, Bond University vice-chancellor and president Prof Tim Brailsford, Indigenous cultural support officer Narelle Urquhart and Queensland Reds player Aiden Toua. In front are Luther Cora and Stephen Appo from Bundjalung Kunjiel. Photo courtesy of Bond University

Colouring book to aid learning

ACHILDREN'S colouring book of animals from Dunghutti country in northern NSW has just been released.

Called the *Animal Colouring Book*, it also features a CD recording the names of animals in the Dhanggati language.

The book is the result of work by Families NSW Aboriginal family worker from Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service Delya Smith and Schools as Community Centres facilitator Karen Hall. They worked with Aboriginal artist Stephen McLeod, who drew 30 Australian native animals for the publication.

Aboriginal graphic artist Kyara Fernando designed the colourful cover, which was inspired by a view over the Macleay River.

Dunghutti Aboriginal Elders and Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Cultural Cooperative ensured the integrity of Dhanggati words published.

The Dhanggati language on the CD was spoken by Elder Gila (Aunty) Marjorie Smith Vale.

"This project is unique and we are trying to promote and engage parents and families in understanding the importance of early learning and literacy," Ms Smith said.

"Parents can help their children learn the local Dhanggati language, learn more about our native animals and



With copies of the *Animal Colouring Book* are, from left, Karen Hall from Schools as Community Centres in Kempsey, artist Stephen McLeod, Elder Marjorie Smith Vale, and Delya Smith, the Families NSW Aboriginal family worker at Durri AMS.

have fun with reading and writing.

"We feel really proud, and the feedback we have had from

teachers, Durri staff and children has been really positive."

Schools and pre-schools throughout the Macleay Valley

have been given copies to use as a resource, and the *Animal Colouring Book* and pencils will be given to children who visit

Durri Aboriginal Medical Service.

For more information, call Ms Smith on (02) 6560 2369 or Ms Hall on (02) 6562 1475.

JCU honours success stories



FOUR Indigenous graduates of James Cook University (JCU) were among 12 former students of the university honoured recently as outstanding alumni.

A special ceremony recognised graduates of JCU who have made an outstanding contribution in their field of endeavour at a local, state, national and/or international level.

The four were Dr Ngiare Brown, Judith Ketchell, Traven Lea and Ali Jimmy Drummond.

Dr Brown, who was foundation chief executive officer with the Aboriginal Indigenous Doctors' Association and is currently a medical officer with the association, is a Yuin nation woman from the south coast of New South Wales.

She graduated from JCU with a Masters in Public Health and Tropical Medicine in 2000.

Mrs Ketchell, who is executive principal at Tagai State College in the Torres Strait, is a descendant of Torres Strait Islanders. Born in Cairns, she now heads a college that has 17 school campuses and TAFE facilities across 15 islands in the Torres Strait.

She enrolled at JCU as a special entry student with the Aboriginal and Islander Teacher Education Program and graduated in 1982. She completed her Bachelor of Education in 1995.

Mr Lea, who is special adviser to the Australian Government initiative Australian Medicare Local Alliance, is a descendant of



Outstanding former students at the James Cook University ceremony, from left, Dr Ali Jimmy Drummond, Associate Professor Ngiare Brown, Judith Ketchell and Traven Lea. Photo: Rob Parsons, Through the Looking Glass

the Wuli-Wuli, Darambal and Djirubal people from south-east Queensland.

He completed a Diploma of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at JCU in 1999 and later attained a Masters of Epidemiology at the Australian National University.

Mr Drummond, who is

Indigenous nurse advisor in the Nursing and Midwifery Office of Queensland Health, is a descendant of the Dauareb people of Murray Island and the Wuthathi people of north-eastern Cape York.

He graduated from JCU with a Bachelor of Nursing Science in 2005 and was awarded the Sally

Goold Award in his final year of study for most outstanding Indigenous nursing student.

JCU vice-chancellor Professor Sandra Harding said the university's aim was to produce graduates and discoveries that make a difference.

"Listening to the profiles of the awardees shows that JCU is

producing outstanding alumni all around the world and they are doing an outstanding job," she said.

"And this wonderful group of JCU alumni is just a snapshot of the many graduates who have gone on from their time at the university to make their mark on the world."

They're deadly kids



Some of the Deadly Kids Doing Well Award recipients with Sydney Regional Director of Education Dr Phil Lambert at the presentation event.



SYDNEY Indigenous students were honoured

this month during a Deadly Kids Doing Well Award presentation at the Carriageworks, in the suburb of Eveleigh.

The awards are designed to celebrate the academic achievements, leadership skills and attendance of Aboriginal students in NSW public schools.

Guests at the presentation included NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello and leading Indigenous academic Professor Larissa Behrendt.

A large crowd of family and friends applauded as students from kindergarten to Year 12 received their awards.

Dancers and performers provided entertainment during the evening.



Drum Atweme students from Yipirinya School led the academic procession.



Graduate Nancy Gibson, from Nyirripi, with members of her family.

Graduation a highlight



The academic graduands being seated.



MORE than 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from some 50 communities across Australia received awards at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education graduation ceremony in Alice Springs on 6 September.

The ceremony, at the Desert Peoples Centre, featured an academic procession of lecturers and graduating students wearing colourful gowns led by the Drum Atweme group from the Yipirinya School.

Batchelor Institute director Adrian Mitchell said the ceremony was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of students who had worked hard to succeed.

"The institute is growing stronger than ever," he said. "Our higher education courses, delivered through the ACIKE partnership with Charles Darwin University, Vocational Education and Training and Higher Degrees by Research courses, are closely aligned to key employment opportunities, particularly in rural and remote Australia."

Long history

"Batchelor has a long history of contributing to the development of stronger, safer and healthier communities, and the new facilities at the Desert Peoples Centre, shared with our partners the Centre of Appropriate Technology, offer the opportunity for a sustained period of growth for the institute."

Centre for Appropriate Technology chairperson Peter Renehan was the keynote speaker, while the event was MCed by Indigenous lecturer for creative writing Yvette Holt.

Former student Debra Joanne Lyons, now a home liaison officer with the NT Department of Education and Training, gave the student response, saying that ongoing study continuously inspires her.

The graduation was watched by students' families, local residents, and people from many communities and organisations.

It was also broadcast live by Batchelor Institute Indigenous Media Unit Radio Rum Jungle through the CAAMA Radio network, NIRS, TEABBA Radio, and Radio Larrakia.



The lunch after the Alice Springs graduation ceremony proved popular.



Graduate Alison Ross, from Tara, with her daughter



Fiona Kitson, from Yuelamu, MC Yvette Holt, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education director Adrian Mitchell and Paul Haines, of Ti Tree, at the graduation.

Madison takes out TAFE Gili Award



Madison Smith-Garbutt at her current workplace, Discount Chemist in Lismore.



LISMORE TAFE student Madison Smith-Garbutt has won a TAFE NSW Aboriginal Gili Award.

The awards are designed to celebrate and recognise the achievements of Aboriginal TAFE NSW students and staff who have contributed to their communities through training and education.

Gili (pronounced Kili) is an Eora (Sydney) word meaning 'to shine'.

Ms Smith-Garbutt, who completed a school-based traineeship Certificate II in Community Pharmacy with Blooms Chemist in Lismore, received the Gili

Award for TAFE delivered Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

"To receive this award is fantastic, it was unexpected and at first I was a bit shocked," she said.

Passionate

"Winning this award shows me that I can do more with my life and the best thing is knowing I've achieved something that I'm proud of in an area that I'm passionate about.

"Before I started this traineeship and TAFE course I wasn't interested in learning and I struggled at school, but now I've discovered a love of learning, a

future career path and a commitment to customer service and helping others."

Community Pharmacy teacher Janelle Morrissey said: "Madi demonstrated a huge commitment to her studies and work overcoming many personal difficulties and challenges.

"Throughout her studies, Madi supported other students and showed leadership in class, she is a great role model to other young Aboriginal women and her community."

Ms Smith-Garbutt is now studying Certificate III in Community Pharmacy and hopes to study at university and one day own her own business.

Pamela is a winner



NATIONAL Parks and Wildlife Service tour guide Pamela Glover (pictured above) has been named this year's NSW Training Awards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year.

The mother-of-nine from the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, was a student at TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute.

Ms Glover is a discovery guide and delivers culturally-based commentary to the groups she leads.

She has developed a two-hour Aboriginal cultural experience tour with a local tour operator.

"Studying at TAFE has allowed me to get a better understanding of what an employer expects," she said. "In the workplace, I was able to put into practice all of the things I learnt at TAFE."



Brett Watcho-Page with his mum Beryl in Cherbourg, south-east Queensland.

He's got the drive to be an author



WHEN he was 'younger', Brett Watcho-Page wanted to be a truck driver.

But now that he's five, the Cherbourg State School student wants to become an author after being paid for his first book.

The pay packet came in the form of a \$50 Murgon newsagent voucher after Brett entered the UsMob

Radio-Barambah PaCE, I Dream competition.

This involved people, preferably parents and their children, working on a book, poem, song... something that would reflect on why school was so important to people striving to achieve their goals.

The Prep student sat with his mum, Beryl, over a few nights and wrote about how he loved to read and going to school so he could

become a truck driver.

"He hasn't missed a day all year," Ms Watcho said of her son's classroom attendance.

She knows education is vital for her child to fulfil his dreams. "I want Brett to have the same love of reading as me so he can go out there and get a great job he loves doing and lead a happy life," Ms Watcho said.

"That's what a good education can give you."

Hard labour paying off



SIX Townsville Hospital midwifery students have reached the half-way point in their studies to becoming qualified midwives.

Midwifery student Lisa Davidson said that while the program was hard work, it was incredibly rewarding.

"I started this program because it was important for me to help our women," she said.

"This program is definitely a step in the right direction and it's wonderful enjoying all the beautiful bubs."

The pilot program, which began in early 2011 in conjunction with Griffith University, aims to boost the number of Indigenous midwives in the health service.

Nursing director for Indigenous health Roianne West said the Indigenous midwifery pilot at The Townsville Hospital aimed to improve maternal and child health for Indigenous mothers and babies by increasing the Indigenous midwifery workforce within three years.

"The unique learning model offered by Griffith University has made this opportunity possible as the students complete a majority of their studies online and externally," she said.

"By increasing the number of

Indigenous midwives working across the district we hope to gain momentum in closing the gap."

Ms West said she was very happy with the students' progress.

"All the objectives of the program are being met and we have had an overwhelmingly positive response from Indigenous mothers, families and the community," she said.

"We will also be presenting the program and students' success so far at the Australian College of Midwives (Qld) and Council of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses Conference at the end of the month."

'Fantastic journey'

Women's and Children's Health Institute operations director Vicki Carson said the past 18 months had been a 'fantastic journey'.

"Our goal when we began this was to have more Indigenous people in midwifery services in the Townsville Hospital and Health Service," she said.

"Everyone has been so supportive of this goal and our students' strength, tenacity and dedication has been inspirational.

"We are very proud of what they have achieved and look forward to their continued dedication to their role."

The students are due to complete their course in December 2013.



Bachelor of midwifery student Lisa Davidson, Griffith University's Jane Wallace and nursing and midwifery operations director Women's and Children's Health Institute Vicki Carson.

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US uni helps youth

Brisbane trial for program

By SUSAN FORDE



AN exclusive United States university has established a program exchange with a Brisbane-based Indigenous

health group to introduce an academic and sports program for young Indigenous people.

Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland Ohio, has for 40 years operated a program for socially and economically disadvantaged youth to introduce them to the university environment and provide support to live healthy and constructive lives.

The leaders of the Cleveland National Youth Sports Program travelled to Brisbane last month with 11 young participants and seven staff to consolidate connections with the Brisbane-based Institute for Urban Indigenous Health.

Case Western director of youth programs Dennis 'Coach' Harris said the program was established because the elite university – which costs about \$US60,000 per semester to study – is based right in the middle of a disadvantaged, predominantly African-American quarter of the city.

"We have world-class facilities at the university but these are not available to people outside the university – all the local children can see this place of learning and privilege right in the middle of their community but they can't access it," he said.

"Our program is something of a cross between school and camp – the kids come in for six weeks at a time and take part in



With Brisbane-based Indigenous health worker John Brady, centre, are US members of the Cleveland National Youth Sports Program, from left, Lori Urogdy Eiler, Dr Rhonda Y Williams, Councilman Kenneth Johnson, Lori Durham and Dennis 'Coach' Harris.

a sports program with an education component. Health and wellness is the cornerstone of the program."

Brisbane-based Indigenous health worker John Brady, from the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health, said the Case Western initiative was being trialled in Brisbane. A shortened program was undertaken with 100 Indigenous young people at the University of Queensland in January.

Mr Brady said the program combined sports development with classroom activities, so participants would leave the program confident they could attempt university study.

A group of six Inala

Indigenous young people travelled to Case Western late last year to take part in a two-week component of the program, and the two groups are now cooperating to introduce the program on a larger scale in Australia.

Kenneth Johnson, a

was the natural mentoring that occurred between the students and the staff.

"One thing we have discovered is that forced mentoring doesn't work. That needs to evolve as a natural part of the relationship between the students and the staff," Cr Johnson said.

"Our council can put money into the program but you need the personal connections to make it work. We

have a special needs counsellor who works in the program, and she is overwhelmed.

"I'm sometimes asked 'why do we put money into this?'. The answer is, if we put money into this, we don't have to put money into the police program."

Program leader Mr Harris said the trials in Australia were creating a strong connection between his program and its counterpart in Brisbane.

"Australia is like our brother and sister, one of our biggest allies," he said.

"We want to be sharing what we've learned. I have seen growth in the kids, I've seen change in them, in the staff.

"I've been changed by this program and I want that to happen for disadvantaged Australian kids too.

"Education is the greatest equaliser."

Mr Brady is hoping to continue the collaboration with Case Western Reserve University and expand the two-week trial to a fuller program. The complete Case Western program operates for six weeks.

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councilman for Cleveland City Council and chair of the council's Public Works Standing Committee, travelled to Australia with Mr Harris and a group of staff and students from the US program. He said a key part of the success of the Ohio project

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Stroke awareness the goal



A TELEVISION advertisement featuring a serial killer attacking a brain with a hammer is just one of the graphic ways the National Stroke

Foundation is raising awareness of stroke as a deadly and underestimated disease that can strike anyone.

The ad campaign is running in tandem with a call to every person – personally affected by stroke or not – to get up and help make stroke matter.

A stroke happens in Australia every 10 minutes. Many who do not die live with severe disability.

The new media campaign, 'Stroke – the silent killer', began airing on

television, radio and on billboards around Australia this month.

The campaign can also be seen at www.fightstroke.com.au

National Stroke Foundation chief executive Dr Erin Lalor said the new TV, radio and billboard advertisement was just one element of the organisation's plans to step up awareness, concern and action in relation to stroke.

"Our new campaign is very confronting, and it is intended to be," she said. "Stroke is not widely recognised as the deadly killer that it is. In an instant stroke can permanently damage the brains of those it afflicts but still we do not have the level of community alarm that we need to fight this disease."

Dr Lalor said the mass media campaign was supported by a new website that encouraged everyone to get involved in raising the profile of stroke.

"I am calling on all Australians to snap out of their apathy about this chronic and devastating disease and join us in our fight against stroke," she said.

Stroke is the second biggest cause of death in Australia and a leading cause of disability.

But Dr Lalor said too many people still don't understand or care about stroke.

Research has showed that when asked to name their major health concerns, less than 6 per cent of more than 1050 people surveyed even mentioned stroke.

Quality accreditation for Maari Ma service



MAARI Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation in far western New South Wales has joined a select group of Aboriginal medical services in Australia to receive accreditation through the Quality Improvement Council (QIC).

QIC has world standing as an accreditor of health and community services with the aim of promoting continuous quality improvement.

Maari Ma chief executive Bob Davis said it was an excellent achievement and one that put the organisation in good stead.

"The QIC program has both compliance and quality improvement elements that work in a complementary way to promote service safety and quality," he said.

"Compliance enables us to plan,

measure and be publicly accountable for performance, confirming achievements and identifying gaps for improvement.

"The quality improvement elements promote organisational integration, sustainable systems, and a reflective culture that uses data to drive continual improvement.

"We are also able to use our accreditation status for promotional, grant application and program development purposes."

Evaluation

Mr Davis said Maari Ma spent 12 months preparing for the accreditation, and the review team spent nearly a week conducting their evaluation of Maari Ma's evidence against the 18 QIC standards.

"A review highlight was hearing that two of the 18 standards – in

workforce/human relations and positive service outcomes – exceeded the required standard, and the assessors commented that this was extremely rare in any organisation, let alone one being reviewed for the first time," he said.

"Our communities can have further confidence that we will be continually striving to improve our services because QIC awards accreditation as part of an organisation's participation in an ongoing improvement program."

QIC Accreditation is the second accreditation certificate Maari Ma has achieved. Last year re-accreditation was achieved for the primary health care service's medical practice through Australian General Practice Accreditation Ltd (AGPAL).

Both QIC and AGPAL accreditation are valid for three years before re-accreditation is necessary.



Maari Ma chief executive Bob Davis and administration assistant Lowra Koraba with a framed QIC Accreditation certificate. Accreditation of the service involves participation in ongoing quality improvement.

Briggs takes NACCHO job



THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) board

has appointed Lisa Briggs as its new chief executive.

Ms Briggs, a Gunditjmara Aboriginal woman from the Western district of Victoria and an Aboriginal health worker by profession, took up the position this week.

She has worked in the Aboriginal health field for the past 25 years, mainly in the Aboriginal community controlled health sector.

During her time at Oxfam Australia, Ms Briggs' experience extended to being part of the National Coalition for the Close the Gap Campaign which looks at health equality and extending the life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



LISA BRIGGS

She is at the final stages of completing her Masters in Public Health through the Institute of Koorie Education at Deakin University.

Most recently she has been Public Health and Research Unit manager at the Victorian

Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) where her main focus was identifying the impacts of government Closing the Gap initiatives.

NACCHO chairman Justin Mohamed said Ms Briggs would bring a great range of skills and experience.

"This is an important time to build on the advances in Aboriginal health and the strength of the 150 Aboriginal community controlled health services across Australia," he said.

"I'm looking forward to Ms Briggs being part of the NACCHO team serving our members and backing our communities for a healthier, stronger future.

"I thank all the people who applied for the position. Their calibre demonstrated the depth of expertise in Aboriginal health across the nation."

Ads warn of grog dangers



THE second phase of an advertising campaign that warns 'no alcohol during pregnancy is the safest option' has started in Western Australia. WA Mental Health Minister Helen Morton said the \$360,000 second phase would help dispel the myth about how much alcohol was safe to drink during pregnancy.

"This is an issue for everyone to be aware of, and it's great to see a culturally-secure advertisement which promotes the message to Aboriginal women, men and communities

that there is no safe level of alcohol consumption during pregnancy," she said.

Coinciding with International Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day, the Strong Spirit Strong Future: Promoting Healthy Women and Pregnancies Project includes a television commercial, three radio advertisements and features the entertainer Mary G.

The project also includes the release of grants to the value of \$6000 for communities to develop localised resources or projects.

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ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS)

On line applications for the Allied Health Streams of the NAHSSS are opening from the 6 August through to the 4 September

Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH), the Scholarship Administrators for the NAHSSS Allied Health Streams are pleased to announce the opening dates of the following Scholarships. These scholarships support Australian citizens and those holding permanent residency interested in either obtaining an allied health qualification or already providing an allied health clinical service within Australia. These allied health scholarships provide practical support at the health service delivery level.

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Allied Health Clinical Placement Scholarships provide financial assistance for people undertaking clinical placements in a variety of allied health practices including Aboriginal Medical Services, Community Health Care Centres, Hospitals, Public or Private Practices or a combination of these. Scholarship funding of up to \$11,000 is available for a maximum six weeks placement and will be awarded once only during a student's course of study. On line applications for 2013 open on the 27 August and close on the 9 October 2012.

Undergraduate (Entry-level) Scholarship – Providing assistance for people living in rural, remote, and regional areas that are enrolled or intending to enrol in, an accredited/approved undergraduate or graduate entry allied health course. Total scholarship value is up to \$10,000 per full-time equivalent (FTE) year. On line applications open on the 4 September and close on the 25 October.

Scholarship for Allied Health Professionals

Are you an Allied Health Professional? Do you deliver a clinical service? You may be eligible to apply for a scholarship to undertake further postgraduate study or attend a CPD activity. Visit the SARRAH website and follow the links on the Scholarship page to find out more. On line applications for activities that take place in 2013 open on 6 August and close on the 15 October 2012.

NAHSSS Allied Health Continuing Professional Development

Supports practicing allied health professions to attend continuing professional development activities such as short courses and conferences.

NAHSSS Allied Health Postgraduate

Study at the graduate certificate, graduate diploma and masters level is eligible. The Scholarship is valued at \$15,000 (FTE) per annum for a maximum of 2 years.

For more information on any of these scholarships please go to the SARRAH website www.sarrah.org.au and follow the links on the Scholarships page.

The NAHSSS is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

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Sexual, reproductive health in spotlight



Kaisu Vartto, from SHine SA, and symposium facilitator Leilani Pearce.



Bradley Whitton, of the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, and David Meija-Canales, of Family Planning Victoria.



Robyn Wansbrough, from Family Planning WA, and Amanda Sibosada.



A NATIONAL symposium to tackle Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexual and reproductive health has been held in South Australia.

Leading sexual health and family planning and Aboriginal health organisations met to map out a national plan to improve the sexual health of Indigenous people.

Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation ran the symposium, the first of its type.

"This is the opportunity of a generation to develop an engagement and collaboration strategy to improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," said Kaisu Vartto from SHine SA, the host agency.

Agencies from every state and territory attended the symposium on 7 September at SHine SA, in Woodville.

Significant

Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia CEO Dr Joanne Ramadge said it was a significant event not only because it was a national first but it was the beginning of a collaboration that would tackle sexual and reproductive health issues for Aboriginal people in a practical way.

The aim of the symposium was to develop a sexual and reproductive health action plan with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Dr Ramadge said the symposium also provided an opportunity to share knowledge between sexual health and family planning organisations and Aboriginal organisations, develop new networks with key stakeholders, and identify realistic activities that would inform future research, policy and practice.



Louise Symons and Sarah Kirk, of the Sexual Health and Family Planning Association, with Helen Calabretto, of SHine SA.



Dina Saulo, from the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council, and Aaron Ken and Priscilla Miller, from SHine SA.

Handbook to help



A HANDBOOK for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals has been launched to help them address their clients' drug and alcohol issues.

Launched by NSW Governor Marie Bashir, the *Handbook for Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Work* was created in a partnership between the University of Sydney and Aboriginal and other agencies and health professionals.

Four of the six handbook editors are Aboriginal and all bring decades of combined experience in working in urban and remote areas.

Professor Kate Conigrave, a specialist in addiction medicine at Sydney Medical School and a senior editor of the handbook, said field workers had said they wanted an easy-to-use handbook that helped them with the challenges they face.

"Clinicians in the alcohol and drug field are helping people with a mix of social, physical and mental health issues, as well as with alcohol or drugs," she said.

"So the same person who may suffer from alcohol withdrawal seizures may also need treatment for viral hepatitis, treatment



At the launch, from left, student Bonny Gibson, Professor Kate Conigrave, student Peter Jack, Professor Kylie Lee, NSW Governor Marie Bashir, editor Jimmy Perry and Sydney University deputy vice-chancellor (Indigenous strategy and services) Shane Houston.

for mental health problems because of past traumas, and may urgently need secure and safe housing.

"The clinician is trying to make all of this happen as well as supporting the person to

stay away from alcohol. And all the time treatments for alcohol and drug problems are improving and changing, so clinicians need to stay up to date."

Steve Ella, an editor of the handbook

and coordinator of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Traineeship Program for the NSW Ministry of Health, said the handbook was long overdue.

"Sometimes a worker in the country may have to drive a person many hours to the nearest detox facility," he said.

"They need this handbook to carry with them out on the road or in the community to provide them with up-to-date information on what to do."

Prof Conigrave said: "We became aware of the need for this book when talking with mature-age Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at the university, many of whom had already worked in the alcohol and drug field for years.

"The result is a book which benefits from the contributions of clinicians, policy advisers and academics from across Australia, including more than a dozen authors from the University of Sydney who have expertise in a range of areas, from Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder to viral hepatitis infection and HIV."

For a copy of the handbook, go to the resources section of the University of Sydney website at www.sydney.edu.au/medicine/addiction/indigenous

GLBTIQ dementia workshop in Melbourne



A WORKSHOP is being held in Victoria to help train Aboriginal aged-care workers to deal with gay and lesbian Aboriginal people with

dementia with compassion and understanding. Alzheimer's Australia Victoria diversity officer Claire Naffah said the workshop would focus on improving services for Aboriginal people with dementia, their

families and carers. "Alzheimer's Australia Vic embraces diversity and the rights of all Victorians to have access to person-centred care," she said. "We encourage all aged-care

organisations to provide inclusive and responsive services." The Dementia and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (GLBTIQ) for the Aboriginal Community Workshop is being held on 27

September from 10am - 2pm at the Aboriginal Community Elders Services, 5 Parkview Avenue, East Brunswick. The workshop coincides with Dementia Week, which runs from 21-28 September.

They'll be eating well at Horsham



A GOOD Tucker, Good Health program has been launched at Horsham

Primary School in Victoria to teach students about the importance of growing and eating fresh fruit and vegetables.

Horsham Mayor Mandi Stewart launched the program at an event attended by about 50 parents and community members, and representatives from the Murray Valley Citrus Board.

The Citrus Board delivered educational activities about citrus and provided students with oranges and fresh fruit.

Students – many of them Indigenous – also celebrated the day by participating in a range of activities that highlighted the importance of growing fresh fruit and vegetables, and the inclusion of these in a healthy diet.

Assistant principal Brenda Evans said the well-received program aimed to engage students and their families by establishing a bush tucker garden, including 'contemporary' fruit and vegetables, at the Rasmussen Campus.

"The garden will provide an environment for children to learn about the production and use of fresh food, as well as some of the traditional uses of native plants, including adaptation for use in contemporary society," Ms Evans said.

"Students will learn about nutrition and caring for country in an interactive environment.

"The garden will be utilised to address Key Learning Areas in subjects such as Art, English, Mathematics and Personal Development. "

Ms Evans said the program also aimed to engender a sense of pride in achievement and strengthen cultural identity.

The Good Tucker, Good Health program is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing under the 'local community campaigns to promote better Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health'.

Several Wimmera organisations and programs whose representatives make up the Good Tucker, Good Health Steering Committee, support it.



Students Candice Taylor-Campbell and Dylan Newell with the first citrus trees planted under the program.



Community members Joanne Kennedy, Sandy Hodge, Kirsten Hunter and Tyson Seacombe at the launch.

These include the Wimmera Primary Care Partnership, Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative, Wimmera Uniting Care, Delkaia Aboriginal Best Start, Wimmera Health Care Group, Wimmera Southern

Mallee LLEN, Horsham Indigenous Parent and Community Engagement (HIPACE) Program, Horsham Rural City Council and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

FASD move hailed



LEADING Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) experts have welcomed

a proposed national plan to reduce the incidence of what is the most common preventable cause of developmental disability in Australia.

The Australian Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Action Plan 2013-16 was launched at Parliament House in Canberra by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE). It was hailed as a fully costed \$37 million solution to address the gaps in the prevention and management of FASD.

FASD is a term representing a range of conditions that may result from pre-natal alcohol exposure. A lifetime condition, the underlying brain damage caused by pre-natal alcohol exposure can result in poor memory, impaired language and communication, poor impulse control and mental, social, behavioural and emotional problems.

Prevalence

The prevalence of FASD in Australia is believed to be significantly underestimated, with conservative estimates indicating that 200 children are born with the condition each year. But recent work suggests the prevalence of FASD is in fact much higher. Many Indigenous people are affected.

Recent research on rates of drinking during pregnancy showed that almost half of all pregnant women drank alcohol before knowing they were pregnant, and 19.5 per cent continued to drink alcohol once they became aware of their pregnancy.

The FARE plan addresses five priority areas: increasing awareness of FASD; increasing diagnostic capability; improved services and support for people with FASD; improved data collection; and efforts to close the gap among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The plan was developed in consultation with 33 FASD experts, and has been endorsed by the Australian FASD Collaboration and peak FASD consumer and carer organisation, National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (NOFASAD).

Findings

Its release comes ahead of the findings of the House of Representatives Committee Inquiry into FASD, expected to be handed down later this month.

The plan recommends a broad population-based prevention approach to addressing FASD, with \$10.2 million to fund a public education campaign and a further \$7.3 million to establish three FASD-specific diagnostic clinics across Australia and two research projects in remote and isolated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Westmead Children's Hospital's Professor Elizabeth Elliott says a national plan will have an enormous impact on preventing cases of FASD.

"To prevent more children being born with FASD, we need to reduce the harmful consumption of alcohol across the whole Australian community," she said.

"This plan outlines ways we can decrease alcohol use in pregnancy as well as to increase community awareness of its harms, improve diagnosis and care for children with FASD."

Awards go to Ballarat



BALLARAT will host next year's Victorian Indigenous Art Awards.

The Art Gallery of Ballarat will be the venue for the awards and accompanying exhibition, the first time the event will be held outside of Melbourne.

State Premier and Arts Minister Ted Baillieu welcomed the move.

"The awards were established by the Victorian Government in 2005 to raise the profile of our state's Indigenous artists and their work, and to promote the quality, diversity and distinct styles of Victorian Indigenous art," he said.

"Since then, our local Indigenous arts sector has

developed significantly and Victorian Indigenous artists – including previous award winners and finalists – are becoming recognised nationally and internationally.

"The annual award exhibition has become an important showcase of contemporary Indigenous culture with works that range from traditional crafts to edgy contemporary themes and new media."

'Great fit'

Mr Baillieu said the program was 'a great fit' for Ballarat Art Gallery, which he says has a strong commitment to collecting and presenting Indigenous art.

"While this has been a strong focus of its acquisitions in recent years, the gallery has a longer

history of collecting Indigenous art," he said.

"In 1932 it acquired one of the earliest Aboriginal works to go into a public collection in Victoria, a watercolour by the great William Barak.

"It is fitting, therefore, that the Art Gallery of Ballarat will now be the first gallery outside Melbourne to host the State's premier Indigenous art awards program."

The Art Gallery of Ballarat will announce full details of the 2013 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards, along with a call for entries, over coming months.

The awards will be presented in October 2013, with an accompanying exhibition of the finalist works.

D'Tour a celebration of music and culture



A MUSICAL collaboration between the nation of Timor-Leste and the Indigenous communities of northern Australia has been held in Darwin.

Called D'Tour, the concert launch featured Ego Lemos and his A3 band from Timor-Leste, Tiwi Island band B2M, and Larrakia Elder June Mills.

The collaboration featured five days of school visits, cultural exchange and music collaboration from Milikapiti to Darwin, culminating in the evening concert.

It was hailed as a 'celebration of culture, of music, of friendship and solidarity between neighbours'.

D'Tour International patron, chairwoman of the Aloia Foundation and Goodwill Ambassador for Education Timor-Leste Kirsty Sword-Guzmão joined Senator Trish Crossin in delivering a special address, acknowledging the importance of the event for both countries.

The launch MC was Larrakia woman Ali Mills, the sister of June Mills who performed on the night.



Ego Lemos, Kirsty Sword Guzmão, B2M and Ali Mills at the launch of D'Tour 2012 in Darwin.



Mawalan 1 Marika, Figure of the male Djang'kawu, Ancestral Being of the Dhuwa Moiety, 1960, human hair, bark fibre, feathers, natural pigments on wood. Gift of Dr Stuart Scougall, 1960, Art Gallery of NSW.

Marika family story on show



A MAJOR exhibition of Aboriginal art from Arnhem Land is now on show at the Western Australian Museum in Perth.

'Yalangbara', an exhibition by the Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem, tells the story of the Marika family – three generations of artists, cultural diplomats and custodians of Yalangbara (Port Bradshaw).

Yalangbara is an important spiritual site where the Yolngu peoples' ancestors, the Djang'kawu, landed and gave shape and life to the land and everything in it.

The exhibition explores the journey of the Djang'kawu and features works from public and private collections, including rare

bark paintings, works on paper, fibre items and wood sculptures.

A key element of the exhibition is the emphasis on family and its role in maintaining and passing on customary knowledge.

WA Arts Minister John Day, who officially opened the exhibition, said the stories presented revealed a deep connection to country by the Marika family.

"It emphasises their importance as the custodians of that land, and as one of north-east Arnhem Land's most recognised artistic dynasties," he said.

'Yalangbara: Art of the Djang'kawu' is presented by the National Museum of Australia and Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in partnership with members of the Marika family.

It continues until 4 November at the WA Museum.

Honouring Bungaree

By MARGARET SMITH



BUNGAREE was a tribal chief, an experienced sailor, a master strategist and a great entertainer to the black and white members of Sydney's early colony.

He lived from 1775 to 1830, and came from the north side of Broken Bay and the Pittwater tribe. He was the first Aboriginal person to circumnavigate Australia, with Matthew Flinders on board the *Investigator* in 1802-3, and was the first person to be called an 'Australian'.

Now in the affluent Sydney suburb of Mosman, where Bungaree was granted land in 1815 by Governor Lachlan Macquarie, a new exhibition is celebrating his life.

It has been curated by Djon Mundine, who invited 16 contemporary Aboriginal artists to participate. They include Frances Bell Parker, Mervyn Bishop, Daniel Boyd, Karla Dickens, Fiona Foley, Aroha Groves, Adam Hill, Warwick Keen, Gary Lee, Peter McKenzie, Danie Mellor, Caroline Oakley, Gordon Syron,



Bungaree' (actor Bjorn Stewart) makes a surprise visit to the opening.

Photo: Adam Hollingworth

Leanne Tobin and Jason Wing.

The images vary from detailed portraits and drawings of Bungaree, impressions of his confronting life and times, and conceptual works such as Fiona Foley's 'black cocked hat', Leanne Tobin's depiction of Bungaree taking off his

Western clothes and walking barefoot on the sand, and Adam Hill's sculpture about two worlds in collision.

Merv Bishop's photographs depict his son Timothy dressed as Bungaree 'the showman'.

"Bungaree must have been able to get on with a whole range of people. I really value his contribution to Australian history," Mr Bishop said.

Mr Mundine says he is proud of the exhibition.

"The artists have made intelligent, thoughtful contributions, which portray Bungaree's character and life," he said.

The exhibition opening, which drew an audience of 350, featured a surprise – an appearance by 'Bungaree' himself, in the person of Koori actor Bjorn Stewart who was dressed in a red military jacket, black pants and black cocked hat. He chatted the audience for allowing the State Library of NSW to have statues of Matthew Flinders and his cat Trim, but nothing of Bungaree.

● 'Bungaree: the First Australian' continues at the Mosman Art Gallery until 25 November.



Exhibition curator Djon Mundine with artists, back from left, Adam Hill, Fiona Foley, Leanne Tobin and Justin Wing and, front Karla Dickens and Gary Lee. Photo: Adam Hollingworth



Mervyn Bishop's 'Bungaree, The Showman'. Digital photography, giclee on archival pigment, 100 x 200cm. Courtesy of the artist and Mosman Art Gallery



Guest speaker ABC Radio National prestener Daniel Browning in front of a portrait of Bungaree. Photo: Adam Hollingworth

ABC, Screenwest behind documetary partnership



WEST Australian Indigenous filmmakers will have the opportunity to create a series of short

contemporary documentary films for ABC TV under a State Government initiative.

ScreenWest, in partnership with the ABC TV Indigenous Department, will produce five short documentaries to be broadcast on ABC1.

WA Arts Minister John Day said the Government, through ScreenWest, had put \$250,000 into the Indigenous

Short Documentary Development and Production Initiative to provide ongoing opportunities for WA Indigenous filmmakers.

"Through the support of ScreenWest, the Indigenous film sector has grown considerably in the past 10 years, with screen practitioners winning major awards and their films screened at national and international festivals," the minister said.

"This is a great opportunity to further develop and broaden the skills of WA's Indigenous

writers and directors by assisting Indigenous filmmakers in getting their stories on to the screen.

"The Government will continue to support programs and initiatives that build Indigenous involvement in this State's thriving screen industry."

All films will be developed and produced in WA, and production starts in early 2013.

ABC and ScreenWest have invited creative people to explore positive and inspirational story ideas on the theme Seasons.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKSHOP

Presented by Terri Janke

This free workshop will benefit any Tasmanian Aboriginal artist or arts organisation wanting to know more about intellectual property (IP). IP can be a very valuable business asset and it is important that you understand it and know how to protect it.

HOBART SESSION

When: Tuesday, 9 October 2012, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Room 107, Riawunna Centre, Hytten Hall, French St, UTAS, Sandy Bay Campus

LAUNCESTON SESSION

When: Wednesday, 10 October 2012, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Dr Molly Mallett Rm., Riawunna Centre, Newnham Dr, UTAS, Newnham Campus

RSVP to Arts Tasmania by 5:00 pm, Thursday, 4 October 2012.

Phone (03) 6237 6323 or email arts.tasmania@arts.tas.gov.au.



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Desert art on show



ESTABLISHED names and emerging artists from 35 Aboriginal-owned and operated art centres have unveiled 300 new artworks at Desert Mob in the Araluen Art Centre at Alice Springs.

Desert Mob brings together Desert (the Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres) art centres in an exhibition that celebrates the vibrancy of Aboriginal art from this region. It continues until 21 October.

All artworks are for sale.

Desart CEO Philip Watkins said Desert Mob featured the most recent and innovative works created in central Australia.

"There is nothing like the raw energy of



Hector Burton
from Tjala
Arts Amata
Desert Mob.

Desert Mob, the original works embedded with the essence of the desert maintain the passion of art enthusiasts from across the

nation and the world," he said.

Senior Arrernte woman and Desart chair Jane Young said the exhibition was a

great opportunity to see many different artists and styles together.

"Aboriginal artists come together in Alice Springs to show that artists throughout the desert continue to lead the way in art making and new ways of sharing our culture with the world," she said.

The Desert Mob Symposium Stories from the Artists was hosted by cabaret artist Constantina Bush and included presenters and performers from Mangkaja Arts in Fitzroy Crossing and street artist Reko Rennie from Melbourne at the Araluen Arts Centre.

The Desert Mob Exhibition is presented in partnership with the Araluen Arts Centre.

For more information, visit www.desart.com.au

27 vying for NSW Parliament Prize



TWENTY-SEVEN Indigenous artists from across the state have been shortlisted as finalists in the 2012

Parliament of New South Wales Aboriginal Art Prize.

Their works will be on display at Parliament House in Sydney throughout October before being taken on a tour of regional galleries in NSW. The winner will receive a \$40,000 cash prize, and their work will be acquired for Parliament's permanent collection.

As well, there will be \$120,000 in scholarships offered through the College of Fine Arts, UNSW, including the COFA development award and two student scholarships.

The finalists group includes the likes of Danny Eastwood, Digby Moran, Black Douglas and Leonie Binge, as well as

Darren Bell, Jason Wing, Nicole Foreshe, Gordon Syron and Danielle Mate Sullivan.

Organisers said visitors to the exhibition could expect to be inspired and challenged by the display of the finalists' works.

Narratives

Materials used include paints, inks, pencils, fabrics, paper, carvings, sculptures and digital prints, which the organisers say have been utilised to weave narratives from the natural world, and other stories that are designed to confront and provoke thinking on contemporary issues.

"Albert 'Digby' Moran's painting of 'Starlight' captures the simple pleasures the artist takes in lying around a campfire and looking up at the stars; Leonie Binge's embossed paper work 'Tracks

#2' evokes a river in full flow; Nicole Foreshe's dark photography 'Belong to all yet none' explores issues of identity and isolation; while Black Douglas' 'Really Bin' re-ignites many emotions and issues for contemporary Australia," they said.

The group was selected by this year's judges, curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art at the National Gallery of Australia Tina Baum, assistant curator of Australian Art at the Art Gallery of South Australia Nici Cumpston and Aboriginal photographer Mervyn Bishop.

The 2012 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize will be on display at the Parliament from Wednesday 3 October to Sunday 4 November.

Doors are open 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday, with a special Sunday opening on 4 November.

Entry to the exhibition is free.



Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize finalist artworks Black Douglas' 'Really Bin', left, and 'Kindred', by Darren Bell.



Bangarra's Ella Havelka performing in *TERRAIN*. Photo: Greg Barrett

TERRAIN set for Brisbane



THE Bangarra Dance Theatre production *TERRAIN* opens at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre's (QPAC) Playhouse in Brisbane from 3-7 October.

TERRAIN is award-winning choreographer Frances Rings' sixth choreographic work for Bangarra.

Described by Rings as a 'hymn to country', the production is set on the desert plains of Lake Eyre.

"Inspired by the landscape of one of our greatest natural wonders, *TERRAIN* explores the metamorphosis and timeless beauty that is Lake Eyre," she said.

"Tracing through the erosions of time, we face the challenges of man and environment as they struggle for survival amongst the delicate ecology in search of the rare phenomenon that is Australia's inland sea."

Details of the Brisbane performances at www.qpac.com.au

Lollyman a laugh



Mark Sheppard gives his audience in Hobart a somewhat tongue in cheek Muluridgi language lesson.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



MARK Sheppard's 2012 national season of *Chasing the Lollyman* is in full swing.

The energetic, fast-paced one-man show is packed with comic sketches about urban Indigenous identity, media and popular culture.

There's plenty of jokes only a blackfella could get

away with telling, and some that only blackfellas might get.

"I wanted the show to be us being able to laugh at ourselves and our way of telling it and it's about sharing this," Sheppard, a self-described camp, skinny Murri told the *Koori Mail*.

There's also a language lesson which toys with the evolution of Aboriginal English, a ballad dedicated to his cousins and a touch of

social and politic comment.

And Sheppard's *Neighbours* skit will leave you wondering why a Murri family has not yet been scripted into Ramsay Street.

Hailing from Mareeba in north Queensland, Sheppard said he comes from a family that loves to clown about.

"To be noticed you had to be loudish," he said

As Sheppard jumps and dances about the stage, the audience is left with no doubt

that he was indeed noticed.

"The language of comedy is naturally ingrained, I don't think it's just an Aboriginal thing, it's an Australian thing," he said.

Sheppard said *Chasing the Lollyman* was a celebration of his culture and the humour he was bought up with.

Chasing the Lollyman has evolved with feedback from communities since it was first performed in Queensland during 2010. Sheppard is

planning on developing one of the characters for a future production.

Chasing the Lollyman will be at the Barossa Arts and Convention Centre (SA) tonight before heading west to the Esperance Civic Centre on Saturday, then to other West Australian venues, the Northern Territory and back home to Queensland.

For a full schedule visit www.debaseproductions.com

BFF@TFF = great viewing



OUTSTANDING local and international Indigenous films is the promise of a new collaboration.

Message Sticks Film Festival curators Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale have teamed with the Sydney Film Festival's Travelling Film Festival to jointly run Blackfella Films Presents @ Travelling Film Festival (BFF@TFF).

The collaboration, a development of Blackfella Films Presents @ Sydney Film Festival 2012, aims to offer regional Australia the best of local and international Indigenous films.

"For many years you've seen our films travel around Australia under the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival banner," Ms Perkins, a director of Blackfella Films, said.

"This year we are delighted to join with Sydney Film Festival's Travelling Film Festival.

"In this inaugural year of the tour, a hand-picked selection of films made by our people and about our people rightly take their place side by side with the best cinema in the world."

This year, BFF@TFF will present one feature, one documentary and a selection of short films. Included are the

internationally acclaimed feature *Mosquita y Mari* from Chicana director Aurora Guerrero and leading American producer Chad Burris from the Chickasaw Nation, as well as Australian documentary *Croker Island Exodus* from director Steven McGregor.

The short films include BFF@SFF 2012 selections *Blackbuster*, *Snow in Paradise* and *She Say*, with additional titles to be announced.

BFF@TFF will also present two Indigenous filmmaker guests and workshops as part of the 2012 tour season (see www.sff.org.au for more details soon).

Sydney Film Festival director Nashen Moodley welcomed the collaboration.

"The partnership with Blackfella Films was a tremendous success at our 2012 festival and it's great to have the opportunity to extend this partnership to our travelling festival," he said.

"The films and filmmaker activities will be an important and exciting addition to our regional program.

BFF@TFF 2012 will tour to Mackay (12-14 October), Cairns (19-23 October), Toowoomba (26-28 October), Townsville (16-18 November) and Casula Powerhouse (March 2013).

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.

National

5-7 December: 2012 National Indigenous Health Conference – Many Pathways, One Outcome. This conference is designed to bring together government and other agencies that are working in the field of Indigenous health. Registration fees apply. Held at Watermark Hotel, 3032 Surfers Paradise Boulevard, Surfers Paradise. Details: Thomas on (0427) 408 271 or send an email to admin@indigenoushealth.net or visit www.indigenoushealth.net

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Until 23 September: Art Exhibition, featuring new works by Sally Morgan and Blaze Kwaymullina, to coincide with Indigenous Literacy Day. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-56 Flood St, Leichhardt, from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free and all welcome. Details (02) 9560 2541 or email boomalliartgallery@gmail.com or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until 25 November: 'Bungaree', a First Australians art exhibition showcasing 16 contemporary Aboriginal artists who have interpreted key issues faced by Aboriginal society in the face of the forces of colonial settlement. Held at the Mosman Art Gallery, cnr Art Gallery Way & Myahgah Rd, Mosman, from 10am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details on (02) 9978 4178 or visit www.mosmanartgallery.org.au

Until 30 September: The 21st annual Mil-Pra AECG Exhibition and Art Prize. This year's theme – Memories – Lookin Back – celebrates the history, beauty and complexity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Official launch on 8 September at 2pm. Free and all welcome. Held at the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, 1 Casula Rd, Casula, from Mon-Sun, 10am-5pm. Details on (02) 9824 1121 or email reception@casulapowerhouse.com or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

20-21 September: Elders Retreat. The retreat is to provide Elders with an opportunity to share their thoughts and words of wisdom. A digital story (DVD) will be created from the video recordings of these words of wisdom. Free and only 12 places available. Held at Ballina Beach Resort, Compton Drive, East Ballina. Details: Tracey on 0448 800 789.

21-23 September: Julinbah Yowarl Rainbow Corroboree: This three-day cultural event includes performances, stories, dances, lore, music and songs, workshops, kids spaces, bush food walks, market stalls and much more. Held at Jabullam Community, Bruxner Hwy,

Tabulam. Cost is \$50, under 15 free. Details on (02) 6687 1706 or visit www.bunjalungdreaming.com

22 September: NAIDOC Day Bathurst. Celebrations include a community BBQ, flag-raising ceremony, information stalls, face painting, entertainment, jumping castle and more. Held at Bicentennial (Peace) Park, cnr William & Stanley St, Bathurst. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9332 6835.

25 September-5 October: Sport and Recreation (North Coast) school holiday activities. A great opportunity for kids to enjoy healthy, physical recreation while making friends and having fun, all under the supervision of friendly and qualified staff.

Dates, activity, venue and cost as follows:

25 Sept: Tennis and lawn bowls day, ages 7-13 yrs, Ballina, cost \$30.

26 Sept: Come and try day, ages 7-12 yrs, Ballina, cost \$15

27-28 Sept: Surf Clinic, Level 1, ages 8-14 yrs, Lennox Head, cost \$130.

2 & 4 Oct: Lake Ainsworth activity days, ages 7-13 yrs, cost \$55

3 Oct: Sailing for beginners, ages 10-14 yrs, Lennox Head, cost \$55.

4-5 Oct: Surf Clinic, Level 2, ages 8-14 yrs, Lennox Head, cost \$130.

For more information and to book call 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps

29 September-21 October: Nyamibiin Gaagalnyarr Juluunmyarr Art Exhibition. A collection of artworks by Gumbaynggirr artists with Swiss artist Margrit Rickenbach. Official opening 29 September from 4-6pm. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, from Wed-Sun 11am-4pm. Free and all welcome. Details (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

29-30 September: Wheels on Woodenbong (WoW) Festival 2012. Wow is inviting all riders, families and cycling enthusiasts to come along and join in a fun family-friendly festival featuring an active speakers' tent, topical talks, demonstrations, MTB theme stalls, food stalls, lifestyle stalls, historical displays, mountain bike competitions, skateboard riding and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Woodenbong Showground, off Lindesay Creek Rd, Woodenbong. Details: (07) 5679 5446 or email wowfestival2012@gmail.com

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

2-5 October: Annual Indigenous Youth Camp 2012. East Coast Christian Indigenous Network will host this camp, featuring beach games,

Christine Anu to join young performers

CHRISTINE Anu will join young local performers at Bowen and Airlie Beach later this month.

The Queensland Music Festival will to present Whitsunday LIVE! as part of the Whitsunday Cultural Festival on Friday 28 September at the Bowen Soundshell and Saturday 29 September at Market Park, Airlie Beach.

Whitsunday LIVE! will feature a line-up of specially selected young talent from the region, performing live on stage with special guest Christine Anu.

QMF artistic director James Morrison said the festival was inspired by the extraordinary success of the *Behind The Cane* in 2011, where more than 8000 attended the critically-acclaimed production over three nights at the Bowen Soundshell.

"The talent we discovered last year was so strong, we felt we just had to come back and work with some of these kids again," Mr Morrison said.

"We are also excited to feature in the show one of Australia's iconic female entertainers, Christine Anu.

"It'll be a great night for the whole family to enjoy and one you really don't want to miss out on."

QMF has engaged vocal coach Douglas Mcrae, choreographer Dan Crestani and musical director Helen Russell, as well as actor-director-playwright Sean Mee, who was the director of *Behind The Cane*.

Together, they have selected young talented performers from Bowen State High School, Whitsunday Christian College and Proserpine State High School and have been working with them since July



CHRISTINE ANU

in a series of workshops.

Christine Anu will join the team in the final week, leading up to the Whitsunday LIVE! concerts in preparation for her joint performance with the young performers.

Sean Mee said returning to the region with QMF had reaffirmed the vast creative energy and commitment of the region.

"This talented group of 20 young people have developed Whitsunday LIVE! as an expression of the capacity of the Whitsunday region to create great music and entertainment," he said.

Whitsunday LIVE! is the highlight of the Whitsunday Cultural Festival, which is presented by Tourism Bowen, Queensland Music Festival and Whitsunday Regional Council with the support of Events Queensland and the Australia Council for the Arts.

Food stalls and local entertainment will start from 4.30pm in Bowen and from 3.30pm in Airlie Beach.

leadership activities and a mini iron man challenge. For ages 11-35. Cost \$130. Held at Jigamy Farm, Pambula. Details: Jenice or Joshua Manton on 0432 154 435 or 0411 801 519 or email ecciyn@hotmail.com

5-7 October: Weave and Mend Festival, Nimbin 2012. This is a hands-on festival sharing skills and knowledge, keeping ancient skills alive through learning and practice. Family-oriented and educational. Entry fee is by donation. Held at the Nimbin Community Centre grounds, Cullen St, Nimbin. Details on (02) 6689 7129.

6 October: Celebrating Reconciliation. A community fun day, including guest speakers, live entertainment, fun activities, and BBQ. Cost is gold coin

donation for BBQ. Held at Kadina Park, Goonellabah, from 10am-3pm Details: 1300 878 387 or visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au

6-7 October: Aboriginal Parents and Carers' Retreat. This two-day workshop is for adults with school-aged children aims to explore the educational experiences of Aboriginal parents when they were children and how this has impacted towards today's education. Held at Ballina Beach Resort, Compton Dr, East Ballina, from 11.30am-4pm daily. Details: Tracey on 0448 800 789 or send an email to tracey@spiritdreaming.com.au

23-25 October: Aboriginal Healing and Wellbeing Conference at Ballina has been cancelled. Details on 0448 800 789

26-27 October: Koori netball tournament. Aboriginal communities are invited to take part. Three divisions available. Cost: \$250 per team. Held at Charlestown Netball Complex, Bula Street, Charlestown. Details: Donna Coady on (02) 4926 1633 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

9 November: Doin It 4 The Kids fundraiser 2012. This is a Christmas-themed fundraiser and includes cabaret performers, singers, raffles, auctions and more. Cost is \$25 pp or \$30 at the door. Held at the Dapto Leagues Club, cnr Station & Bong Bong Rd, Dapto, from 7pm until late. Details: Liz or Heidi on (0431) 591 779 or email koorimagoor@yahoo.com.au

Queensland

26-28 September: Tonkin's Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Conference. Held at Park Regis Hotel, Brisbane. Registration fees apply. Details: on (02) 9224 6060 or email eureka@tonkinincorporation.com

Northern Territory

Until 21 October: Desert Mob 2012 Exhibition. A unique exhibition that celebrates new artworks from Aboriginal-owned art centres throughout Central Australia, including stories, images and films. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Dr, Alice Springs. Admission fees and Gallery opening times on (08) 8951 1120 or email araluen@nt.gov.au or visit www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

3-7 October: PRIDoC 2012. The sixth 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

12 October: The Long Walk 2012. Melbourne Women's Luncheon. Celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's achievement in this 20th anniversary year of the historic Mabo decision. Held the Peninsula, Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands, Melbourne, noon onwards. Cost is \$110 per person, RSVP by 28 September. Details: Daniel King on (03) 9230 0343 or email info@thelongwalk.com.au

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. Full registration price is \$400, for a full-time student registration is \$250. Held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne. For more details, contact Penelope Smith on (03) 8341 5505 or email events@lowitja.org.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job-seekers get a taste of the CSIRO



Program participants at the Discovery Space Centre's Deep Space Station in Canberra.



SEVENTEEN Aboriginal job-seekers have taken part in a three-day work ready

program which included a formal interview with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) in Canberra.

"It was a huge success," said Caitlin Buxton, from Indigenous employment service Habitat Personnel, who established the program under the Non Australian Public Sector Agency Recruitment (NAPSAR) pilot, funded and supported by the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations.

CSIRO traineeships are spread around the nation, and in areas as diverse as payroll to aquaculture. The three-day 'get-to-know-you' strategy drew shortlisted Aboriginal applicants from around the country.

"It was about building relationships and sending a message that the CSIRO are in the space of a demonstrated commitment to employing people from this community," Ms Buxton said.

"The CSIRO had the opportunity to get to know applicants in a range of different settings."

Most positions were filled as a result of the program.

"There have been further CSIRO positions identified following this program, and Habitat Personnel have matched applicants," Ms Buxton said.

The participants themselves said they found the experience rewarding. It involved job-readiness tuition from Habitat Personnel and an

introduction to the work of the CSIRO. The inclusion of a tour of the Discovery Space Centre, where participants visited Deep Space Station DSS-43, known as 'Ballima' (meaning 'very far away') was exciting, according to the participants.

Successful applicant Natalie Habilay has found herself heading to Bribie Island in Queensland for a traineeship in the CSIRO's aquaculture division.

A Noonuccal descendant of the Quandamooka nation of Stradbroke Island, she has a deep love and connection to the water, hence her interest in a career with marine life.

Excited

"I visited the site and met everyone – I have never loved a place or been so excited to spend every day at a place in my life!" Ms Habilay said.

"It is amazing, and all the live marine creatures they have there is so exciting!"

The CSIRO has an Indigenous employment goal of 2.5 per cent of its total workforce, and has a stated aim of 'closing the gap' in the area of employment.

"CSIRO advocates that Indigenous Australians have extraordinary contributions to make to Australia across cultural, economic and scientific domains," says the organisation's Indigenous engagement strategy.

"Furthermore, CSIRO recognises the social and economic disadvantage experienced by Indigenous Australians and is committed to overcoming the working gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Senior Project Officer



Our National Food Security Program partners with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and other community based organisations, to implement projects that tackle the Food Insecurity issues. Your leadership and experience in addressing food security issues could help to transform the lives of children and communities.

For further information, please visit our careers page at

redcross.org.au

For enquiries, please contact Jennifer Evans on 02 9229 4269.

Applications close at 9am Tuesday 2 October.



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Liverpool Women's Health Centre

Health Promotion/Aboriginal Access Worker

(Permanent part time: 28 hours per week)

The Liverpool Women's Health Centre requires a skilled Aboriginal woman to work with our team in improving the health and well being of Aboriginal women in our community. Demonstrated skills and experience in the delivery of health promotion programs, group work, organising community events and activities, community development projects and advocacy. Experience working with women in crisis.

Applicants must address the selection criteria to be considered. To receive a Job Kit please contact the Centre 9601 3555.

Liverpool Women's Health Centre considers that being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification for any position within the organization as specified under s.31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

NOTE: All appointments are subject to the successful outcome of a criminal record check.

Applications Close:

Monday 15th October 2012



The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. Located in Surry Hills (Sydney), the AH&MRC are currently seeking applications for the position of Campaign Coordinator.

Campaign Coordinator

Fixed term, full time for 2 years CD: 24 Sept 2012

The position is responsible for managing the development and implementation of two separate state-wide health promotion projects specifically to Aboriginal communities in NSW.

*** The AH&MRC has a preference for employing suitably qualified Aboriginal people.**

For further information on this position or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, ring 02 9212 4777 or visit:

www.ahmrc.org.au



Indigenous Journalism Cadetship

News & Current Affairs, Sydney

Specified Period: 1 year

Salary: \$47,134

Shift work, including evenings and weekends

We're offering a 12 month Journalism Cadetship, during 2013, to a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background/s who wants a career as a broadcast journalist.

This is a deadly opportunity to join our highly regarded News and Current Affairs team!

Ideally, you'll have had training in television and/or radio journalism, or be able to demonstrate a strong interest in broadcast journalism. You'll understand the social, political, and cultural issues affecting indigenous people in Australia.

You'll find all the details about this opportunity and how to apply at our website **www.sbs.com.au/jobs**.

If you have no online access or need further information, please contact Susan Harvey on (02) 9430 3174.

Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday, 28 September 2012.

An Indigenous Story: Through television, radio and online, SBS is committed to sharing the unique stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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ABORIGINAL JOBS TOGETHER PROGRAM

Aboriginal Jobs Together (AJT) is a whole of Government initiative to increase the number of Aboriginal people gaining tertiary qualifications in the community services sector. AbSec is coordinating placements for trainees and cadets in Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community organisations in the following locations:

Albury	1 Traineeship / 1 Cadetship
Batemans Bay	2 Traineeships
Bathurst	1 Cadetship
Bega	2 Traineeships
Blacktown	1 Cadetship
Newcastle	1 Cadetship
Sydney	1 Cadetship

Minimum Certificate II, III and IV in Community Services for trainees and a Diploma course relevant to the community services sector for cadets.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Michael Button AJT Project Manager (02)9559 5299.

All positions are Aboriginal identified.

Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative Ltd.

Incorporating
Bunurong Health Service
62 Stud Road, Dandenong
VIC 3175



Two Positions Available

A great opportunity to work with the Aboriginal community. Based in Dandenong, our catchment area includes the Cities of Knox to Bayside, Frankston and Mornington Peninsula to Casey and Cardinia.

Finance Officer

Reporting to the Manager Corporate Services this full time position will complete a full range of finance functions from: data entry through to monthly balance sheet, development of budgets and preparation of financial reports for the Executive Management Team and Board of Management. The successful applicant will work as part of the Corporate Services Team and provide general support for the achievement of the teams goals.

Senior Project Officer

The Senior Project Officer reports to the CEO and will manage key projects under the direction of the CEO, provide administrative support to the Executive Management Team, will provide administrative support in preparations for Board meetings and support the Manager Corporate Services with some general administration duties.

If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding position, have formal qualifications and experience in a not for profit organisation we may have the job for you.

An attractive salary including generous salary packaging will be negotiated with the successful applicants.

For further details regarding the positions and for a copy of the Position Description please contact Andrew Gardiner or Kathy Walker on (03) 9794 5933.

Please submit your confidential application addressing the key selection criteria with your resume and contact details of two professional referees to:

CEO
Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative Ltd
P O Box 683, Dandenong Victoria 3175

Applications close 1st October 2012

Consultancy Brief – Developing Alcohol Management Plans for Indigenous Communities in Western NSW – Bourke & Brewarrina



In 2008, the Bourke community formed the Bourke Alcohol Working Group (BAWG) due to increasing concerns regarding alcohol misuse in the community. Following community consultations, including a public forum, the BAWG developed a five year Bourke Alcohol Action Plan (the plan).

The plan consisted of six priority areas including the creation of positive environments, education and awareness, clinical and support services, partnerships, liquor restrictions and evaluation.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as part of their Close the Gap initiatives developed the Breaking the Cycle of Alcohol and Substance Abuse program. The Far West NSW Medicare Local (FWML), as the project managers over a three year time frame, is seeking to support the Bourke & Brewarrina communities in developing an Alcohol Management Plan (AMP).

The FWML is looking to engage a suitably qualified consultant who can demonstrate skills and experience in Indigenous community engagement, expertise in development of community plans and a working knowledge of the Alcohol & Substance Abuse programs which address alcohol related harm.

Key task are in assisting Indigenous communities negotiate and prepare AMPs.

These include:

- To facilitate and support engagement with and between Indigenous community members, stakeholders and Government, including through negotiating and partnering in a culturally responsive manner
- Support negotiations around AMPs. This includes assisting in community priority setting and facilitating discussion and consensus based on shared responsibility
- To facilitate/coordinate communities' access to specialised expertise in alcohol management planning
- To facilitate discussions with community members and key service providers to enable inclusive engagement in an AMP process
- Provide coaching for community leaders on AMP development and implementation work
- Draft AMPs with strategies agreed to by community members

Interested consultants must provide a proposal outlining the methodology to be used and timeframe for completion of the AMPs, a budget outlining all costs associated with the project, and details of all personnel to be engaged as part of the project.

Proposals should be submitted by 30 September 2012 to:

Joan Dickson, Mental Health & Counselling Manager,
PO Box 10 Bourke NSW 2840.

Visit our Website for more details **www.fwml.com.au**

Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi



Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi is inviting applications for the following positions:

Aged Disability Field Worker, 30-37.5 hrs/wk Grade 4, several positions (1 x position Aboriginal Identified)
This is not a personal carer or health based role. Provide social support to aged and disabled people in remote communities by promoting inclusion, undertaking cultural and local activities and assisting clients in advocacy and decision making where appropriate. This position will require extensive remote travel.

Project Support Worker, 3-5 days per week, Grade 5-7
Supporting and mentoring field workers out bush in the delivery of services and community engagement. High level of team and project management experience required. This position will involve work in remote communities at least 50% of the time.

Emergency Relief Worker, 30-37.5 hours per week, Grade 5-6

Provision all aspects of emergency relief work including intake, assessment, brokerage, referrals, advocacy, case work and case management. This position will involve remote field work at least 50% of the time. Social work qualifications or similar highly regarded.

Management Traineeship 37.5 hours per week Grade 6-7 (Aboriginal Identified Position)

To learn the "Waltja way" from the ground up, through extensive mentoring over a 12 month period. After the successful completion of this training, a management position will be offered. Must have experience in project management, staff management or community advocacy. Willingness to undertake accredited training and knowledge of Aboriginal culture and communities in central desert region essential.

Positions identified as Aboriginal Identified are as per section 57 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1996(NT).

Aboriginal people are also encouraged to apply for all other positions.

All Waltja positions are paid under the SCHADS Award.

Selection criteria must be addressed for applications to be considered. visit **www.waltja.org.au** for job information.

Applications close on 5 pm Monday 1st of October 2012

SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS ONLY WILL BE CONTACTED, PREVIOUS APPLICANTS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR POSITIONS.

Applications sent to support@waltja.org.au



Redfern Jarjum College SYDNEY

Redfern Jarjum College is a new Catholic, Jesuit primary special assistance school for children of families in the Aboriginal community of Redfern and surrounds.

Applications are invited for experienced and suitably qualified staff for the following positions. Teaching staff are required to have special education skills for children with learning and behavioural needs. Teachers are to be registered with the NSW Institute of Teachers.

Primary Classroom Teacher/s 1.0
Assistant Teacher/s 1.0
Aboriginal Liaison Officer .8
College General Assistant 1.0
Office Assistant 1.0

A genuine commitment to the philosophy of the College and a willingness to participate in the life of the school and community is essential.

Applicants are required to obtain an application package on-line from www.rjc.nsw.edu.au under the heading 'Employment'. (Including Working with Children Check and Role Description)

Applications must be posted providing full details of qualifications and experience, with supporting documentation, and the names and contact numbers of two referees to:

Mrs Beatrice Sheen
Principal
Redfern Jarjum College
PO Box 3177, Redfern 2016
Phone: 04 50 60 1484

Aboriginal jobseekers are encouraged to apply for this employment opportunity.

Please refer to our website for more information:

www.rjc.nsw.edu.au

Applications close:

Monday 24 September 2012 at 3:00pm

Human Resources Coordinator

Provide HR administration support across all areas of HR with a strong focus on recruitment and selection, induction, database maintenance and payroll. Working with both staff and volunteers, you will provide excellent customer service across several departments in a high volume environment.

To be successful, you will have considerable HR experience in administration with the ability to build effective relationships and follow an issue through to resolution. Keen attention to detail, problem solving and multitasking skills are essential.

For further information, please visit our careers page at

redcross.org.au

For enquiries, please contact Melanie Browne on 03 8327 7937.

Applications close at 5pm Friday 28 September 2012.



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Food Security Project Worker

- Full time position
- Located at Milton, Brisbane
- Excellent salary packaging

Food Security is an exciting, rewarding and challenging work that strives to improve the overall wellbeing of disadvantaged people in Queensland. In this role you will be responsible for design, implementation, and evaluation of various projects.

We are seeking someone who demonstrates experience developing, implementing and evaluating programs, projects and practice models. Highly regarded experience includes working with vulnerable people; community development; food security and/or community health.

For further information, please visit our careers page at

redcross.org.au

For enquiries, please contact James Bolton on (07) 3367 7264.

Applications close 12pm Friday 21 September.



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Jobs that make a difference

Disability Development & Support Officer 1Q

Southern Metropolitan Region

Disability Accommodation Services

\$42,677-\$46,902 + Super

Casual Work - Pro-rata hourly rate penalties and other allowances will apply

The Disability Development Support Officer role involves supporting people with a disability living in group homes or other residential services in the community.

Two positions have been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply under VCAT. Exemption Numbers: A067/A068/2010/0085 A067/A068/2010/0086

View the job description and complete the online questionnaire at www.careers.vic.gov.au with reference number DHS/STH/70025248

For further information about the role please contact Nathan Lilee on (03) 8765 7170

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for these positions please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close 29 September 2012

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Department of
Human Services



ABORIGINAL TRAINEESHIPS



**Aboriginal
Careers
in
Mental
Health**

A Mental Health Coordinating
Council Initiative

Do you...

- Want an interesting job but don't have any experience?
- Want a job that provides the training, mentoring and the cultural support you need?
- Want a regular income?

Do you...

- Care about and want to help people?
- Want a job that makes a difference?
- Want to support people with wellbeing or mental health issues?

If you answered yes...

Then the Aboriginal Careers in Mental Health Initiative is the program that can prepare and support you into an exciting and rewarding new job.

How?

The Benevolent Society is committed to social change and making Australia a fairer, safer place for all. Our Reconciliation Action Plan 2011-2014, *Walking Together*, is a key part in our vision for social change. It's our core belief - by working together, we're stronger together - and we can achieve something greater than we can achieve alone.

The trainees will be studying a Certificate IV in Mental Health.

It's a 2 year program fully paid for.

For more information or to apply contact:

Neil Davies
Senior Aboriginal Employment Advisor
T: 0429 322 814
E: Neil.davies5@det.nsw.edu.au

Michelle Shipp
Aboriginal Employment Advisor
T: 0467 725 778
E: Michelle.shipp@det.nsw.edu.au



Trainee positions available in our Hurstville, Ryde and Rosebery offices.

The initiative is funded by the: NSW Government, Department of Education & Communities - State Training Services, and coordinated by the Mental Health Coordinating Council.

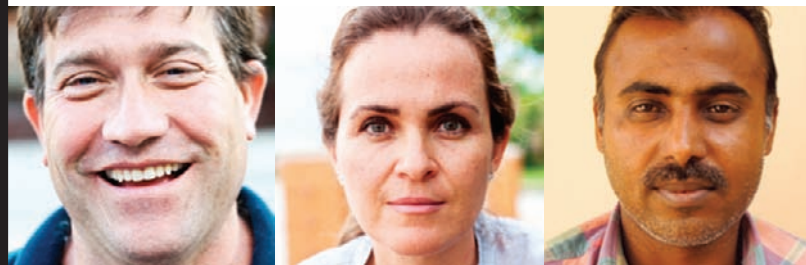


Aboriginal
Employment
Unit



**ACT
Government**

Justice and Community Safety



ACT Corrective Services Many backgrounds One rewarding career

Are you interested in playing a crucial role in protecting the community and assisting in the rehabilitation of offenders?

ACT Corrective Services is looking for mature people with demonstrated life experience, high personal integrity, self-confidence and good communication skills to become Correctional Officers. The ability to operate effectively as an individual and within a team, as well as having the capacity to deal with people from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds is essential.

Correctional Officers maintain a safe and secure environment for detainees as well as contribute directly to their well-being and rehabilitation. Working within our current highly skilled team, new Correctional Officers will perform duties at the Alexander Maconochie Centre, Court Transport Unit and at the Periodic Detention Centre, with each centre providing its own unique set of challenges.

Successful candidates will receive extensive paid training prior to commencing work as a Correctional Officer. Candidates who successfully complete this training will be appointed on a permanent and or casual basis. ACT Corrective Services offers new Correctional Officers a generous salary ranging between \$51,611 - \$61,934 per annum, plus significant allowances and seven weeks annual leave following an initial paid training period. These allowances and conditions make ACT Corrective Services one of the best paid corrections agencies in Australia.

If you would like to be considered for the next training course commencing in February 2013 applications need to be submitted by Friday 5 October 2012. Applicants will be required to undertake pre-employment testing including psychological, communication and literacy tests.

Additional information and application kits can be downloaded from www.jobs.act.gov.au or to discuss this rewarding career opportunity contact the Training and Development Unit on 02 6205 4910.



This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only, in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy 2009-2012.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*) means a person who:
(a) is member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
(b) identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
(c) is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person.

This is in accordance with *Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

ISS Support Officer

Investigative Support Systems, Business and Technology Services
Clerk General Scale
Permanent Full-Time
SURREY HILLS
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 000018RA

Salary Package: \$57,254. **Salary:** \$26,507 - \$51,884. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provision of high quality administrative support to the core business areas of Investigative Systems Support including e@gle.i, ERISP, ERISP transcription and In Car Video.

Job Notes:

- For your application to be considered you must attach an up-to-date resume and a written response addressing each of the selection criteria using the text box provided in the online application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history check) prior to commencement.
- Applications **must** be submitted through www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated excellent keyboard skills.
- Demonstrated effective customer service skills.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability in the use of office equipment including printers, photocopiers, scanners, CD and DVD burners and binding machines.
- Suitability to view sensitive evidence under *Chapter 6, Part 2A of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1986*.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Current driver's license with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

Enquiries: Tinh Nguyen on (02) 9265 4705

Downloadable position description and information on applying for positions are available from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Sunday 30 September 2012

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Community Coordinator

Victoria Daly Shire Council has an exciting opportunity for a **Community Coordinator** to join their Executive Services division in Amanbidji. You'll be managing the day to day operations of the work areas, staff and CDEP Participants of the Shire Council in the community & surrounding ward. **Competitive salary \$64,844-\$69,093** plus super, salary sacrifice, laptop, 6 weeks leave with 17.5% loading & more!

www.victoriadaly.applynow.com.au

If you have any further questions phone 1300 366 573

Student & Family Counsellors (PT)

Canberra, ACT & Tumut, NSW

- * Salary packaging up to \$16,050 & study leave!**
- * Attractive salary \$53k - \$73k (pro rata) & more!**

CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn has exciting opportunities for PT Counsellors to join their teams in either Tumut or Canberra. You will be providing therapeutic counselling to students and families. In return, you will enjoy an **attractive remuneration circa \$53,932 - \$73,629** (pro rata) plus super, **salary packaging up to \$16,050**, study leave, professional development, flexible working conditions and more! APPLY NOW!



ApplyNow.com.au/Job38497

Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



Finance & Services

Aboriginal Business Support Officer

- Join NSW Government
- Permanent position, Sydney CBD

This permanent position will provide you with the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of quality service by providing a range of administrative functions and be a point of contact for incoming enquiries. You will enjoy working in a busy customer focused environment where you are able to provide business administrative services, follow tasks through to completion, and you will also be confident in utilising your computer skills to provide key support functions.

Salary Package: Maximum Package \$65,752. Package includes salary (\$55,488 - \$60,323) and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Contact: Please direct any enquiries to the DFS Recruitment Team (02) 9372 8121

Apply now: Your application should include a cover letter and resume and must be submitted online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Reference 000015E0

Closing Date: September 26, 2012

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PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MOREE

Mental Health Counsellor

Full-time

Application are invited for suitable qualified people to fill the newly created position of Mental Health Counsellor in the Maaruma-Li Walaay-ba (Healing Place) at Pius. The primary focus of this position will be to provide case management / counselling services to Aboriginal clients in Moree and in outreach areas and to initiate proactive programs to address the mental health needs of the community and to promote social and emotional wellbeing.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- o Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position, exemptions claimed under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act, NSW 1977.
- o Minimum qualification of Certificate IV in Mental Health
- o Demonstrated Counselling experience, including grief and loss.
- o Experience in case management and ability to manage a case load of clients with mental health issues.
- o Experience in developing programs to promote wellbeing.
- o A sound knowledge base of mental health issues and how they affect the lives of Aboriginal people and a theoretical framework for working with vulnerable clients.
- o Demonstrated ability to build referral networks as well as good working relationships with professionals in mainstream services.
- o Current Drivers Licence.

Desirable:

- o Current First Aid Certificate and / or willingness to obtain one.
- o Demonstrated computer literacy

Terms and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Aboriginal and Community Controlled Health Services Award 2010. Salary sacrifice is available.

Contact Officer: Mrs Kim Connors on 0267521099
or for full information kit, email: admin@piusx.com.au
Applications must include two recent referees and sent to:
Ms Donna Taylor CEO Pius X
Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 363 MOREE NSW 2400

Applications close Friday 19th October 2012.

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke-free work environment. Relevant Criminal Record Checks will be conducted prior to appointment.



Manager Indigenous Employment

The ABC seeks an executive, based in Sydney, to lead and manage the ABC's Indigenous employment function. The successful applicant will partner with ABC Divisions to develop and implement Indigenous employment strategies, plans and programs which support the achievement of the ABC's strategic priorities and Reconciliation Action Plan.

This vacancy is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only, which reflects the objectives of the ABC's Equity and Diversity Management Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

For details visit abc.net.au/careers

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Wollondilly Shire Council

PO Box 21, Picton, NSW, 2571

Ph: (02) 4677 1178

ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

(PERMANENT PART-TIME 2 DAYS PER WEEK)

Salary range \$29.96 - \$33.72 per hour plus 9% superannuation

Council is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, self-motivated and committed individual who is passionate about engaging with Aboriginal communities to promote greater participation in decision making and community life and develop partnerships with Government and Non-Government agencies. This position is for two days (14 hours) per week. Working days and hours will be discussed at the interview stage. This is an identified position and the applicant must be of Aboriginal descent.

Applications must address the essential and desirable criteria as listed in the position description as those not addressing the selection criteria will not be considered.

Salary and conditions are in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award 2010 and Wollondilly Shire Council Enterprise Agreement with a salary range being \$29.96 to \$33.72 per hour which represents Grade 14 of Council's Pay Administration System.

Applications close 4:00pm Tuesday 2 October 2012.

Applications must include names of two recent referees, a telephone contact number and be addressed to the Manager Executive Services. A pre-placement health assessment at Council's expense will be required.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Peter Wright, Manager Community Services on 4677 1108.

For a copy of the Guide for Job Applicants and position description please contact Stephanie Carter on (02) 4677 8229 or visit Council's website at www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Les McMahon, General Manager,
Administration Centre
62 -64 Menangle Street,
PICTON NSW 2571

"Wollondilly Shire Council is a smoke free workplace and an Equal Employment Opportunity employer."



ONE ORGANISATION – A MILLION POSSIBILITIES

CADETSHIP

The AFP will commence its 2013 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (A&TSI) Cadetship Program in early 2013. The Cadetship Program provides 2nd year A&TSI university students with relevant work experience and financial assistance while they study.

The program will comprise of the following components:

- Generous financial assistance
- 12 week work placement each year
- Induction course
- Support networks

As an AFP A&TSI Cadet you will be tasked with various project work, working within a team. This is done to enable you to gain a better understanding of the organisation and the tasks that the business area is responsible for.

For any queries please email us at AFP-Entry-Level-Programs@afp.gov.au.

TRAINEESHIP:

The traineeship program is an integrated employment and development program, delivered over a 12-18 month period. In addition to ongoing (permanent) employment, during the course of the program trainees will be provided with professional and personal development opportunities to enhance their capability to undertake a career in the AFP.

The traineeship will also assist participants to work towards qualifying for entry into the AFP College with a goal to undertake sworn policing and Protective Service Officer roles in the future.

All positions are located in Canberra only, with an anticipated commencement in April 2013.

These positions are restricted to applications from Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under Clause 7.1 (a) of C07.

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Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation



The Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation, operating in the beautiful surrounds of Kakadu National Park, was formed in 1995 by local traditional custodians, the Mirarr people, to address the cultural, social and economic future of their people, land and region. The Mirarr have lived with an operational uranium mine on their land for over three decades. The Corporation is seeking a qualified person to monitor and analyse the effect of all mining activity on Mirarr land. The successful applicant will provide scientific and technical advice and represent Mirarr at working groups and technical committees established to monitor the impacts of uranium mining on the surrounding environment.

Environment Officer

Jabiru

The position provides technical and scientific analysis and advice to Mirarr in relation to all environmental matters affecting their traditional estate, particularly uranium mining. The position also represents the Corporation in a variety of technical and scientific fora relevant to mining on Mirarr land. Critically, the position also provides advice and input relating to the environmental management and rehabilitation of mining and mining-related activities on Mirarr country. An attractive salary package commensurate with experience, including relocation expenses and paid accommodation in Kakadu National Park, will be provided to the successful applicant.

Applications close COB Monday 8 October 2012.

For detailed job descriptions and selection criteria contact Mahima on (08) 8979 2200 or mahima@mirarr.net

Applications must address the selection criteria.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Frankston Integrated Health Centre

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An exciting and challenging opportunity has arisen for a Land Tenure and Notifications Officer or Senior Land Tenure and Notifications Officer to join NTSCORP's Strategic Development Team based in our Redfern Office.

For further information and a position description, please contact Hema Hariharan at hhariharan@ntscorp.com.au or on 02 9310 3188.

All applications must include a cover letter addressing the requirements and be forwarded to the attention of:

Natalie Rotumah
A/g Chief Executive Officer
NTSCORP Limited
PO Box 2105
Strawberry Hills
NSW 2012

or via email at jfletcher@ntscorp.com.au by
5pm on Friday 28 September 2012.

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ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation
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The position is currently viewed as a short term initiative until 30th June 2013 as new contract negotiations are underway.

An attractive salary package will be offered and negotiated based upon the knowledge, skills and experience of the successful candidate.

Applications close at
5pm COB Friday the 28th September 2012.

For an Application Package please email Dan Vincent at cdpman@mww.org.au or Bruce Erlank at csn@mww.org.au

Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply



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Neami is a non-government organisation that has been providing psychosocial rehabilitation to people with a mental illness for over 20 years. Neami offers a reflective team environment and attractive benefits to all staff and has recently introduced the Collaborative Recovery Model (CRM) to further its commitment to consumer participation and recovery through a strengths based approach to service delivery. Working within a recovery based framework, this support is aimed at assisting consumers to develop independent living skills, a sense of social inclusion, and ownership of their recovery.

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Neami currently seeks to employ two Peer Support Workers within Neami Carrington

We seek enthusiastic people with integrity, high quality interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively in a team providing a range of rehabilitation and support services to consumers.

Applications for these roles close:
Sunday 23 September 2012

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Aboriginal Transition Officer

Part time Temporary Position
Ref No: 12/37

Are you interested in improving the health care of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

An exciting opportunity exists to become part of the team improving Health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons in the Hume Region.

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- Work with health staff to assist them to make their services culturally appropriate;
- Develop working relationships with other professionals and services.

This new position is funded for 16 hours per week until June 2014, with a view to extending. Some funding is also available to support training and development of the successful candidate. This position will be mentored and based within a supportive team.

Please contact Debra Eason, (03) 5722 5379 or Tessa Archbold, Team Leader Allied Health on (03) 5722 5073 for enquiries or to obtain a copy of the position description. To obtain application requirements contact Verna Flanagan, Human Resources on (03) 5722 5115 or visit www.nhw.hume.org.au

The selected applicant will have a successful National Police Check and Working with Children Check. Salary packaging is available.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Forward your application with resume addressing the selection criteria, and quoting reference number to the Human Resources Department, Northeast Health Wangaratta, PO Box 386, Wangaratta, 3676 by COB on Monday 1st October 2012.

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The University of Melbourne is committed to employing Indigenous Australians in both professional and academic positions on the basis that they bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills that will inform, enrich and fundamentally improve the work that we do.

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REQUIREMENTS

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For more information contact:

Callista Bryan, Aboriginal Employment Coordinator,
Tel: (02) 9320 7644 or email
cbryan@ambulance.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 19 October 2012

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Gnarra Aboriginal HACC Project

Aboriginal Aged & Disability Caseworker

The Gnarra HACC Aboriginal Project currently has a vacancy for a full time (38 hours per week) Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Caseworker. This is an identified position and only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need apply (Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977).

The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated ability and experience as a caseworker or similar role.

For a copy of the key selection criteria which applicants must address please email: manager@kurranulla.org.au or telephone (02) 9528 0287.

Applications close:
30th September, 2012



NSW Mental Health Commission

Formal Appointments

The NSW Mental Health Commission is an independent statutory body established in July 2012 to monitor, review and improve NSW mental health. The Commission is to work collaboratively with all facets of the mental health community, including private, public, not-for-profit and community stakeholders.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS

The Commission requires the appointment of up to three part-time Deputy Commissioners. Under the *Mental Health Commission Act 2012*, it is a requirement that at least one Deputy Commissioner be a person who has or has had a mental illness.

Deputy Commissioners are charged with providing high level advocacy for people with a mental illness, their carers, families and the mental health community. They will act as champions for reform, leading campaigns and events for the Commission. Key areas of focus include; community education, the promotion of accessible, coordinated and recovery-oriented service delivery and holistic care models, and anti stigma and anti discrimination campaigns.

The Commission now welcomes parties interested in the role of Deputy Commissioner to forward details of their interest (including their skills and experience) to the NSW Mental Health Commission. Applications from people with a lived experience of mental illness are encouraged.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Commission is now seeking up to 14 members for the Mental Health Community Advisory Council. The Council's function is to advise the Commission on mental health issues. Membership of the Council will be by Ministerial appointment for a term of up to three years.

Meetings will be held in Sydney four times per year. Council members may participate by video or teleconference. Remuneration and allowances will be determined by the Minister for Mental Health in accordance with Government Board and Committee entitlements.

The Commission now welcomes interested parties to apply for appointment to the Council via the completion of an application package.

For more information and applications please contact:

**Executive Director
NSW Mental Health Commission**

Locked Bag 5003 Gladesville NSW 1675 • Ph 02 9859 5200 • mhc@mhc.nsw.gov.au

Closing date for applications: 8 October, 2012

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Juvenile Justice Attorney General & Justice

Juvenile Justice Officer - Bail Intervention – Aboriginal

(ATSI Identified Position)
Clerk Grade 5/6
Juvenile Justice
Moree
Permanent Part-Time

Position No: 000017CF

Total remuneration package valued up to \$87,961 pro rata per annum (Salary: \$72,242 pa - \$79,711 pa), (\$39.56 ph - \$43.65 ph) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

To provide a range of bail intervention options for clients across the region in order to reduce numbers in custody.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality with demonstrated experience working within indigenous communities.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in Court intake procedures and experience in working with adolescents and/or their families within a case management framework.
- Knowledge and experience of working in a criminal justice environment with practical experience in analysing and reporting on data.
- Knowledge and understanding of legislation pertaining to juvenile offenders in New South Wales.
- A thorough understanding of the agency's policies, practices and procedures.
- Highly developed written and oral communication skills with the ability to prepare reports, and manage sensitive information.
- Ability to effectively communicate and negotiate with key internal and external stakeholders.
- High level computing skills.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Part-Time** position of 24.5 hrs per week. It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Bernadette Terry – Assistant Manager, Moree Juvenile Justice Ph (02) 6752 3415 extn 3

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 000017CF

Closing Date: 28 September 2012

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Recruitment

Aboriginal Oral Health Worker

(Identified position)

In this position, an applicants' Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW'.

Our client operates a very successful Aboriginal Health Service organisation providing professional wellbeing services to their community members. They are currently seeking to appoint an Oral Health Promotion Worker (OHPW).

The OHPW position will be responsible for development and promotion of projects and programs that will enhance the communities understanding of Aboriginal oral health issues and advocate for best practice. The position will also work with the community to develop and implement a range of activities to promote better oral health.

The successful applicant will possess:

- Current knowledge of health issues relevant to the Aboriginal community.
- Be able to communicate effectively and have established links with the local Aboriginal community.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Current drivers licence.

Tertiary qualifications in health or social science or other relevant qualifications will be highly regarded but are not essential.

To apply, please log onto:
www.mppersonnel.com.au
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
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Team Leader - Townsville Therapeutic Residential (Full time, \$59,609 - \$62,387)

UnitingCare Community are seeking a motivated and experienced Team Leader for our new Townsville Therapeutic residential service. This facility will provide care for up to four young people aged 12 – 15 years with complex to extreme needs; on Child Protection orders with the Department of Child Safety.

The successful applicant will manage the day-to-day operations of a highly structured Therapeutic Residential Care service leading a team of ten plus youth worker staff on a rostered 24/7 model. The successful applicant will be required to work flexible hours over a 14 day fortnight.

For more information or to apply please visit the Job Vacancies section of our website at www.uccommunity.org.au or email ips.oohc@uccommunity.org.au

Important - please note the position you are applying for in the subject line of your email.

Expressions of interest will close 28th September 2012.

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Health Far West Local Health District

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Keeping Well Primary Health Worker – Men's Health

PFT, **Salary:** \$45,818–\$67,482 pa, **Recruitment No:** 101010, **Enquiries:** Marie Kelly, (08) 8091 4209 or mkelly@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au **Close:** 29/09/12.

- In this position, Male gender and Aboriginality are genuine occupational qualifications authorised by sections 14(d) and 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.

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COORDINATOR (2 POSITIONS)

Vacancy No. 2032

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

This role is based at the University's Ourimbah campus and will provide leadership by developing, coordinating, conducting and evaluating roles of the Community Engagement Portfolio. You will represent the Institute and provide high level advice and recommendations on the profile of Indigenous education at the Ourimbah campus.

You will be responsible for community engagement activities across Newcastle, Central Coast and Port Macquarie campuses as well as engagement with communities within the footprint of these campuses and rural NSW.

INDIGENOUS STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND EXPERIENCE COORDINATOR

This role is based at the University's Callaghan campus and will provide leadership, by developing, coordinating, conducting and evaluating roles of the Indigenous Student Engagement and Experience Portfolio. You will be responsible for student engagement and experience activities across Newcastle, Central Coast and Port Macquarie campuses.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under *Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

HEW Level 7 \$71,977 to \$80,974 per annum, plus a generous employer superannuation contribution of up to 17%.

Applications close: Wednesday 3 October, 2012

All information about the position including selection criteria and application form can be found at
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply

The Queensland Council of Social Service (QCROSS) provides a voice for and with Queenslanders affected by poverty and inequality. The Indigenous Professional Support Unit (IPSU) provides Commonwealth funded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's services, their staff and their management with professional development and support. These positions will plan and deliver high quality professional development to eligible services across Queensland.

Position description or further information available at www.qcross.org.au
Further information contact Roslyn Von Senden on 0450 173 381 or 07 4772 2044
Closing Date: Monday 8 October 2012



CASG&FAC
Central Australian Stolen Generations
and Families Aboriginal Corporation.

CASGFAC is a community based organisation seeking skilled and passionate people to join our dynamic Link-Up team. We work directly with the Stolen Generations people and provide services to them. Specifically we are seeking:

Receptionist / Administration Assistant

Full Time Position
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Administration Assistant

Full Time Position
Level 3.1 Tangentyere EBA

Case Worker

Full Time Position
Level 5.1 Tangentyere EBA

Female Counsellor

Full Time Position
Level 6.1 Tangentyere EBA

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are urged to apply.
For further information or a position description please contact Jackie Baxter on (08) 8953 3899 or email manager@central.link-up.org.au

Please apply in writing to:
The Chairperson
CASGFAC
PO Box 744, Alice Springs, NT, 0871

Applications Close: Friday 28th September 2012.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy - Aboriginal Health Education Officer (Female)

Qurindi Community Health Centre
Enquiries: Michelle Gallagher 02 6746 0232
This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti Discrimination Act*.

An applicant's gender is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 31 of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Reference ID: 99956

Closing Date: 30 September 2012

Trainee Dental Assistant (Identified)

Oral Health Services, Newcastle
Enquiries: Vicki Philpott 02 4016 4823
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: 99940

Closing Date: 7 October 2012

Clinical Nurse Consultant-Communicable Diseases Surveillance

Wallsend
Enquiries: Peter Massey 02 6764 8000
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: 100318

Closing Date: 14 October 2012

Indigenous Early Childhood Development-Mental Health

Taree/Manning Mental Health
Enquiries: Gail Stevens 02 6592 9549
Reference ID: 98590

Closing Date: 14th October 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 Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Trainee

Position No: 98284

Under supervision and as part of the multidisciplinary team, the position will participate in the development and implementation of adult mental health services to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal people and the wider community. The position is focused towards activities to prevent and intervene in the development of mental health and drug and alcohol problems. It is a requirement to undertake an approved University course leading to a tertiary qualification in a recognised mental health field during the three year Traineeship period.

Salary: \$23.10–\$34.03 ph

Enquiries: Pauline Kelly, (02) 6923 5700,
Pauline.Kelly@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 28 September 2012

This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales. Log-on to <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> for further information on this and other opportunities.

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal Family Advisor
Bathurst Family Relationship Centre

Full time

This is an exciting new opportunity for an Aboriginal worker to join Relationships Australia's Bathurst Family Relationship Centre in the role of Aboriginal Family Advisor.

Bathurst FRC works with families to support family relationships and assist families in conflict.

This new Family Advisor position will:

- Provide intake assessments and case management
- Assist the Centre to develop culturally appropriate practices
- Assist the Centre to connect with local Aboriginal communities

This is a full time position working 37.5 hours per week.

Please note this is an Aboriginal Identified Position: In accordance with Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification.

Please obtain an information pack for the position from the Relationships Australia (NSW) website at www.nsw.relationships.com.au or contact Lee at employment@ransw.org.au.
You can also contact Sheree Freeburn, the Aboriginal Development Specialist on (02) 8874 8046.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2012



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation
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Edmund Rice Education Australia
Flexible Learning Centre Network

An initiative of Edmund Rice Education Australia and Youth+

Centre Education Programme, Kingston

Administration Officer

The Centre Education Programme offers a full-time and multi-year secondary education program for young people who have disengaged from mainstream schooling.

Applications for the Administration Officer close 4pm Wednesday 26th September.

Education Support Worker
Indigenous Unit (ATSI identified position)

This position will work within a multidisciplinary team with a focus to support young people's connection to the Flexible Learning Centre and engagement in appropriate educational pathways.

Applications for the Education Support Worker must be received by 4pm Friday 28th September.

Position Descriptions and Selection Criteria are available on www.erefic.org.au. Follow the link from Job Vacancies. Applicants must address each of the selection criteria in 150 words or less and include a covering letter and curriculum vitae with the names of two recent referees.

Applications should be forwarded to christinebodey@erefic.org.au. Further enquiries phone Paul Flanders 0448 858 154 or email paulflanders@erefic.org.au.

Applicants for these positions will be subject to EREA and Legislative screening procedures and will be required to authorise such checks and provide identification.



ACT
Government
Justice and Community Safety

Community Based Corrections
Indigenous Probation and Parole Officer
Administrative Services Officer Class 6

Salary Range: \$70,913 - \$81,460
PN: 46200

As a partner in the criminal justice system ACT Corrective Services contributes to community safety through excellence in the delivery of adult correctional services that hold the confidence of the community by:

- Encouraging and promoting the rehabilitation, reintegration and throughcare of offenders.
- The safe, humane and, where appropriate, secure management of offenders and detainees.

ACT Corrective Services offers a range of employment benefits including a competitive salary, a range of professional development initiatives, salary packaging, paid parental leave for eligible employees and a fantastic work life balance.

The successful applicant will provide case management, supervision and monitoring for people on court and parole orders with the objectives of reducing the risk of further criminal conduct, maintaining community safety and administering court orders. Provide written and verbal reports to the Courts, releasing authorities and other bodies in relation to offender management, risk and intervention.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Experience working with offenders and relevant tertiary qualifications are highly desirable. Understanding of and sensitivity to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural issues and issues relevant to other minority groups is essential. Eligible candidates will be required to undergo a criminal history check. Applicants will be required to undertake psychological aptitude testing as part of the assessment process. A current driver's licence is essential. Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander ancestry is considered essential (Section 42, Discrimination Act 1991).

Applications close on Friday 5 October 2012. To view the full position description and for details of how to apply please view the following link <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au>

For a confidential discussion about this role please contact Helen Rowling on (02) 6207 0205.

Information about ACT Corrective Services can be located at www.cs.act.gov.au. Employment conditions can be found in the Justice and Community Safety Directorate Enterprise Agreement 2011-13 www.sharedservices.act.gov.au/docs/agreements

POSITIONS VACANT

Aboriginal Health Workers



Far West NSW Medicare Local Limited (FWML) is a not for profit Primary Health Care organisation servicing the outback shires of Walgett, Brewarrina, Bourke, Cobar, Central Darling, Broken Hill and the Unincorporated Area.

FWML currently has three positions for Aboriginal Health Workers (AHW) who are interested in a challenge and want to contribute to our efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in partnership with other providers. The positions key objective is to support chronic disease management under the national "Closing the Gap" initiative.

FWML is seeking highly skilled, experienced and enthusiastic AHWs to:

- provide support to mainstream General Practice in matters relating to cultural safety and identification
- provide clinical services and advocacy
- link and support the coordination of clinical care to address Chronic Disease and develop interagency networks
- provide advice and intervention in relation to lifestyle related matters

I invite you to join our dynamic team, you'll become part of a newly formed organisation with exciting networks within the health and academic sector, strong community partnerships, a commitment to quality and a determined agenda to deliver innovative sustainable health outcomes for the bush. A suitable salary package will be paid according to qualification and experience and will be in line with the relevant modern awards. As a public benevolent health organisation, FWML employees are entitled to an attractive salary packaging component or remuneration and have excellent opportunities for continuous professional development.

Positions will be based in Bourke, Walgett and Lightning Ridge. Applicants may wish to indicate their preference as part of the application process. All positions are offered on the basis of full-time. Candidates seeking part-time flexible work arrangements are also encouraged to apply. The FWML has a wide network with excellent continuous professional development opportunities.

Closing Date for Applications: 21st September 2012

For more information and an application pack containing: guidelines for applicants, application for employment, advertisement, position specifications and position description please contact:

Margo Anderson, Manager Rural Primary Health Services Program, on 02 6830 1115 or
FWML head office Bourke on 02 6872 4777.

Visit our Website for more details www.fwml.com.au



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
45/3323	GONDWANA RESOURCES LIMITED	399303	9.97HA	48km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 119° 41' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
57/580-I	TROY RESOURCES LIMITED	349878	60.03HA	11km NW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 56' S Long: 119° 15' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/640-I	TROY RESOURCES LIMITED	393820	147.27HA	1km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 119° 17' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/641-I	TROY RESOURCES LIMITED	393819	27.67HA	17km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 4' S Long: 119° 27' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
58/235-I	FLINDERS MINES LIMITED	354023	15.23HA	77km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 118° 31' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
58/236-I	FLINDERS MINES LIMITED	354024	112.85HA	53km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 118° 23' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 19 September 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 **19 December 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. 19 January 2013**), 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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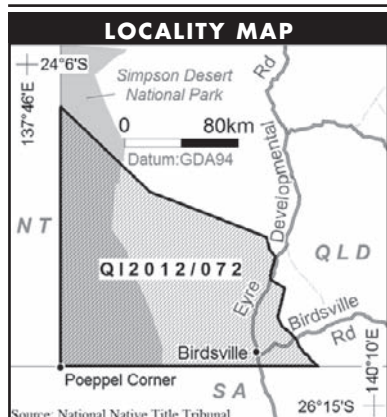
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 3 October 2012



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QI2012/072 Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi People and Diamantina Shire Council Indigenous Land Use Agreement

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 19,090 square kilometres and is located north east of Poepel Corner abutting the South Australian and Northern Territory borders as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Diamantina Shire Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Diamantina Shire Council
c/- MacDonnells Law
GPO Box 79, BRISBANE QLD 4001

Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi People
c/- Camatta Lempens Pty Ltd Lawyers, Level 1,
345 King William Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

36.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by this Agreement.

42.1 The Parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact [these activities are described in Clause 37 and in Schedule 8 and include maintenance, low impact infrastructure, statutory approvals, low impact tenure grants, invalid past acts, pest control, access and site investigation, contractual interests, operational activities, emergencies, contractual interests with third parties, works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a capital works forum and implementing an Approved Management Plan].

42.3 Where the conditions in ... sub-clause [42.4] are satisfied, the Parties consent to any Activity which has a High Native Title Impact [these activities are described in Schedule 9 and include high impact infrastructure, high impact tenure grants, activities preventing the exercise of native title, high impact works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a capital works forum].

42.4 The conditions are that the Local Government satisfies one of the following:-

(a) The Local Government:

i) gives a Compliance Notice to the Native Title Party's Representative in accordance with Clause 45.1(a); and
ii) completes Consultation in accordance with Clause 45.1(b).

(b) Where the Activity involves a capital work dealt with at a Capital Works Forum [provisions contained in clause 62], the Local Government:

i) gives a list of capital works involving the Activity under Clause 62.6(d); and
ii) consensus is reached under Clause 62.6(e) about the Activity being carried out.

43.1 Where a condition applicable to a Particular Future Act is satisfied, the Parties consent to the Particular Future Act (these are described in Schedule 10).

44.2 A Future Act which was invalidly done before the Execution Date and which is not an intermediate period act under the Native Title Act, is validated.

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Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Qld. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Nicole Maher on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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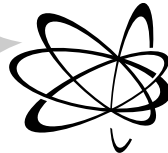
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www.hrsa.com.au

Enquiries should be made to Peter McGregor on 0407 139 257 or applications can be forwarded to: hrsa@hrsa.com.au

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- Ability to produce a range of standard administrative documents, providing clear information and using language appropriate to the audience.
- Demonstrated experience in working cooperatively within a multi-disciplinary team and exchanging information to contribute to the coordination of work between the various divisions of Family and Community Services.
- Experience in competently using technology skills including experience with word processing, spreadsheet and database software and electronic communications to manage, capture and retrieve information on the business unit's activities.

Job Notes: There are **three (3) Temporary Full-Time** positions available, one at each of the above locations. These locations are not flexible and the successful candidates must be based at the FACS Access Centre in the location they have been recommended for. Temporary appointments, for a period of up to twelve (12) months, will be in terms of Sections 86 or 27 of the *Public Sector Employment & Management (PSEM) Act 2002*.

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Enquiries: Jodi Bassett - Ph (02) 6841 1510 or email: jodi.bassett@facs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

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Applicants are advised that selection will be on the basis of specific selection criteria which may be obtained by telephoning (02) 6246 1118 or fax (02) 6261 4286 or email HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au or at www.aiatsis.gov.au/AIATSIS/employment.

For further information about the position contact the Principal, Russ Taylor on (02) 6246 1118.

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General information

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Applications, stating full details of qualifications and experience in terms of the selection criteria together with a contact telephone number and the names and contact details of three referees, should be forward to:

The Principal
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
GPO Box 553, Canberra, ACT 2601
Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 12th October 2012.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
General Purpose Lease	29/23	JUPITER MINES LIMITED	1256.73HA	89km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 120° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
The purposes of G 29/23 are: Erecting placing & operating machinery. Tailings and Mine Material Storage. Crushing, Treating Storing and Transporting ore and Concentrate. Roads. Power lines. Power Generation and Transmission facilities. Mine Plant. Communication facilities. Fuel facilities. Workshop, maintenance and Storage facilities. Taking water. Water Management Facilities. Pipeline. Explosives and Dangerous goods storage. Rubbish disposal and Grey Water and Sewerage treatment facilities. Office, administration and operation facilities.						
Mining Lease	26/455	OPTIMUM RESOURCES PTY LTD	129.23HA	7km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	30/250-I	MACARTHUR IRON ORE PTY LTD	1887.35HA	96km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 119° 59' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	47/1473	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	485.13HA	66km N'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 117° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	77/1267	SOUTHERN CROSS GOLDFIELDS LTD	11.42HA	66km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 46' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 19 September 2012

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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. adcorp F77870

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 3 October 2012



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QI2012/073 Santos – Wongkumara People ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 42,000 square kilometres and is located 130 km west of Thargomindah, bordering South Australia and New South Wales.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Barcoo, Bulloo and Quilpie Shire Councils.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Santos Ltd (ABN 80 007 550 923)
c/- Ashurst Australia
Level 38 Riverside Centre
123 Eagle Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Clancy McKellar, Iona Dawn Smith, Ernest (Hope) Ebsworth, Rosemary (Rose) Anne Wilson, Margaret Anne Collins, Sharleen Louise Knight, Archie Ebsworth and Noelene Margaret Edwards in their capacity as the Wongkumara Claimants on their own behalf and on behalf of the Wongkumara Native Title Claim Group (the native title claim group for claimant application QUD52/08) c/- Eddy Neumann Lawyers
Level 1, 255 Castlereagh Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

3.1 Consents given to the Petroleum Entities under this ILUA

3.1(b) For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties consent, for the purpose of Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision C, section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA and regulation 7(5) of the ILUA Regulations, to the Grant of Petroleum Tenements, the Grant of Approvals and doing of any Petroleum Activities that are Future Acts.

4.2 For the purpose of section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA, the RTN [*the right to negotiate*] is not intended to apply and does not apply to any Future Act subject to a Consent or the No Challenge Obligation.

Clause 6.2 Definitions

‘Approval’ means any tenure, authorisation, lease, licence, permit, authority, approval, certificate, consent, direction or notice from or by any Government Agency or other competent authority considered necessary or desirable for the doing of an activity within the ILUA Area.

‘Consents’ means those consents given by the Wongkumara Claimants utilised by the Petroleum Entities to obtain the Grant of any Petroleum Tenement or Approval under clause 3.1 of this ILUA.

‘Petroleum Activities’ means all activities and operations within the ILUA Area proposed or undertaken by the Petroleum Entities and their contractors, servants or agents pursuant to the Petroleum Tenements and Approvals.

‘Petroleum Tenements’ means all Petroleum Authorities within the ILUA Area Granted or to be Granted to Petroleum Entities under the Petroleum Legislation and any related right or interest providing the Petroleum Entities with access, entry or permission to conduct Petroleum Activities.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

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Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources & Mines, Queensland. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntf.gov.au.

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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2367	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	22BL	60km NW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 115° 57' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2393	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	8BL	110km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 52' S Long: 116° 39' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2395	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	1BL	121km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 43' S Long: 116° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2404-5	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	69BL	51km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 115° 21' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1982	YARINGA POTASH PTY LTD	70BL	93km E'ly of Denham	Lat: 25° 59' S Long: 114° 27' E	CARNARVON SHIRE, SHARK BAY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/808	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	1BL	25km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 29' S Long: 118° 7' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	21/169	MAINLAND GOLD PTY LTD	2BL	22km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 37' S Long: 117° 55' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/479	INTEGRA MINING LTD	12BL	67km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 122° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
		AVOCA RESOURCES LTD				
Exploration Licence	27/489	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	5BL	49km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/490	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	17BL	63km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 122° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/491	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	16BL	55km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2105	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	41BL	120km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 122° 55' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
		INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL				
Exploration Licence	28/2238	CLASSIC MINERALS LTD	32BL	85km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2250	ST BARBARA LIMITED	1BL	119km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 122° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/861	JERVOIS MINING LTD	1BL	91km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 120° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/862	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	40BL	23km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 121° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/863	REMBRANDT MINING PTY LTD	14BL	16km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 121° 7' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/442	MUSKETEER MINERALS PTY LTD	59BL	55km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 7' S Long: 120° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/445	RUTTER, John Henry	40BL	40km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 120° 45' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1018	DALLA-COSTA, Troy Gavin	4BL	83km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 121° 53' E	MENZIES SHIRE
		BOWDEN, Graeme Fredrick				
		BOWDEN, Mitchell Sam				
		HOOPER, James Gavin				
		BORROMEI, Rino				
Exploration Licence	38/2745	VOERMANS GEOLOGICAL SERVICES PTY LTD	15BL	116km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 3' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1698	ST BARBARA LIMITED	3BL	58km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1699	ST BARBARA LIMITED	6BL	69km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 122° 14' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3026	BOXCUT MINING PTY LTD	57BL	47km S'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 122° 24' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3463-1	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	5BL	48km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 119° 17' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3898	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	7BL	92km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 11' S Long: 119° 16' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3901	NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	7BL	109km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 29' S Long: 121° 35' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3959	MOLY METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	6BL	98km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 1' S Long: 119° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4041	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	23BL	108km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 120° 55' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4057	ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED	200BL	164km NE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 19° 41' S Long: 121° 26' E	BROOME SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4059	ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED	200BL	58km NE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 3' S Long: 120° 23' E	BROOME SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4062	HAOMA MINING NL	70BL	40km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 43' S Long: 119° 2' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4064-1	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	21BL	61km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 1' S Long: 119° 32' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4070	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	1BL	8km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 119° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4071	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	12BL	37km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 22' S Long: 119° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4072	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	15BL	15km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 119° 48' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/1989	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	200BL	41km W'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 43' S Long: 116° 19' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2546	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	39km N'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 22' S Long: 117° 39' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2645	KML NO 2 PTY LTD	6BL	5km SE'ly of Karratha	Lat: 20° 45' S Long: 116° 54' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2667	BHP BILLITON MINERALS PTY LTD	171BL	48km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 35' S Long: 117° 52' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1702	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	11BL	97km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 34' S Long: 119° 52' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1705	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	40km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 34' S Long: 120° 2' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/917-1	CLIFFS ASIA PACIFIC IRON ORE PTY LTD	8BL	71km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 119° 47' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/918	LEYLAND, Michael Terrence	2BL	104km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 118° 49' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/420	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	18BL	77km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 118° 37' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/436	CORNELIUS, Rohain Ian	44BL	66km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 56' S Long: 118° 30' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/437	CORNELIUS, Rohain Ian	42BL	47km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 118° 17' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1552	MRG METALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	80BL	97km SE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 35' S Long: 122° 42' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1553	MRG METALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	20BL	99km W'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 39' S Long: 122° 50' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3069	ALLOY RESOURCES LTD	26BL	100km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 42' S Long: 120° 37' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3070	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	33BL	88km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 56' S Long: 123° 9' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3072	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	17BL	133km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 26' S Long: 120° 27' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4262	BAUXITE RESOURCES LIMITED	9BL	15km W'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 14' S Long: 115° 59' E	MANJIMUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4354	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	88BL	41km SE'ly of Dongara	Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 115° 19' E	IRWIN SHIRE, MINGENEW SHIRE, THREE SPRINGS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4355-1	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL ACN 121 370 232	5BL	34km N'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 29° 59' S Long: 116° 32' E	DALWALLINU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4374	ELSINORE NOMINEES PTY LTD	19BL	5km NE'ly of Augusta	Lat: 34° 17' S Long: 115° 12' E	AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4379	HORN RESOURCES PTY LTD	56BL	11km NW'ly of Northam	Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 116° 36' E	NORTHAM SHIRE, TOODYAY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4381	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	50km S'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 53' S Long: 118° 57' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4382	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	14BL	9km NW'ly of Quairading	Lat: 31° 53' S Long: 117° 21' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4383	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	37BL	14km S'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 27' S Long: 117° 50' E	CORRIGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4389-1	CLIFFS MAGNETITE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	1BL	30km N'ly of Wongan Hills	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 116° 23' E	VICTORIA PLAINS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2040	GOLDSTONE RESOURCES PTY LTD	35BL	92km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 32' S Long: 119° 49' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2051	PARRY, Brenton Anthony	13BL	75km NW'ly of Kooyanobbing	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 119° 6' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2072	REMBRANDT MINING PTY LTD	18BL	42km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 118° 54' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4715	MINCOR ZINC PTY LTD	152BL	137km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 19° 8' S Long: 126° 25' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE, HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4716	PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED	17BL	73km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 51' S Long: 127° 6' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	38/222	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	5056.88HA	57km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2208	MCDougall, Leslie	89.94HA	67km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 117° 28' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4656	PLATO MINING PTY LTD	114.92HA	57km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4657	PLATO MINING PTY LTD	107.00HA	55km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2232	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	85.58HA	33km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2234-5	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	370.12HA	41km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3901	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	104.19HA	12km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3913	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	121.33HA	7km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 24' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3914	NIXON, David Glyn	0.10HA	2km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2147-8	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	394.87HA	22km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	36/1778	DENCH, David Bruce	200.18HA	44km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
		DENCH, Veronica Joy				
Prospecting Licence	36/1779	RATSCH, Mark William	89.14HA	45km SE'ly of Leinter	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
		RATSCH, Pamela				
		DENCH, David Bruce				
		DENCH, Veronica Joy				
Prospecting Licence	36/1780	RATSCH, Mark William	188.47HA	45km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
		RATSCH, Pamela Rose				
Prospecting Licence	37/8268	ARCADIA MINING LTD	102.98HA	18km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4020	HILL, Patrick John	3.38HA	40km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 122° 35' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
		HILL, Terry Davina				
Prospecting Licence	38/4024	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	97.39HA	61km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 123° 30' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4027	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	181.35HA	57km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4028	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	121.30HA	68km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4029	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	113.57HA	72km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4030	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	58.48HA	67km W'ly from Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4031-2	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	372.24HA	69km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 41' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4033	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	72.76HA	75km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4034-5	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	289.40HA	68km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5267	DIXON, Trevor John	199.88HA	58km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2861	NEWCREST OPERATIONS LTD	101.97HA	14km NW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 122° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2799	JOHNS, James Henry	199.07HA	35km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 51' S Long: 118° 17' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
		ANDERTON, Ronald James				
		BROPHY, Geoffrey William				
		CURRY, Robert John				
Prospecting Licence	53/1594	BHP BILLITON NICKEL WEST PTY LTD	191.57HA	66km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 120° 28' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1595	STRATUM METALS LIMITED	23.92HA	92km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 9' S Long: 119° 26' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4155-6	HR FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	212.29HA	79km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 10' S Long: 119° 37' E	YILGARN 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 exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 19 September 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 **19 December 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 19 January 2013**), 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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Closing date:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT) PROCESS UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth)

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (APLNG) proposes to develop a world scale, long-term coal seam gas (CSG) to liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in Queensland (APLNG Project). The APLNG Project comprises 3 principal components: the further development of APLNG’s Queensland-based CSG fields in South Central Queensland; the construction and operation of a high pressure underground gas transmission pipeline system from the gas fields to a LNG facility on Curtis Island near Gladstone where the CSG will be liquefied (Pipeline Project); and the construction and operation of the LNG facility and of ancillary onshore and marine facilities, including a marine offloading facility and an export terminal containing specialised LNG loading facilities and berths so that the LNG can be exported to international markets.

To facilitate delivery of CSG to the planned LNG facility as part of the APLNG Project, APLNG proposes to develop a network of in-field high pressure pipelines that will: collect gas from a number of gas processing facilities (GPFs) in the gas fields; and then deliver that gas to the mainline pipeline system that will be the subject of the Pipeline Project. APLNG proposes that the development of this high pressure gas pipeline network will include the construction of a high pressure pipeline from the Fairview GPF to the Spring Gully GPF (Fairview Pipeline). As well as to enable delivery of CSG to the LNG facility, it is proposed that gas will also be transmitted through the Fairview Pipeline for domestic use.

APLNG has agreed an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA), pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), with the native title claim group for the Iman People #2 registered native title claim (NNTT No. QC97/55; Federal Court No. QUD6162/98) (Iman Claim). That ILUA, which primarily related to a component of the

Pipeline Project to be located within the area of the Iman Claim, was registered on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements on 11 November 2011.

The purpose of this notice is to advertise APLNG’s intention to commence negotiations for the making of a further ILUA in relation to:

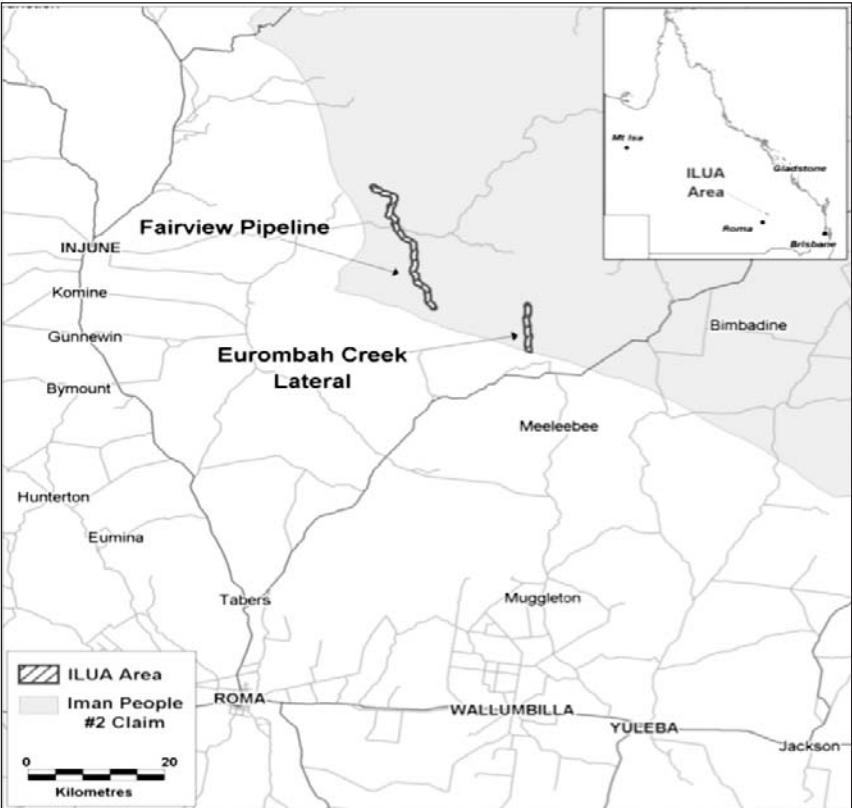
- the Fairview Pipeline; and
 - a further component of the Pipeline Project to be known as the “Eurombah Creek Lateral”,
- (together, ILUA Project).

The land and waters that will be affected by the ILUA Project (ILUA Area) are depicted on the map in this notice.

The ILUA Area is located wholly within the external boundaries of the Iman Claim. The Iman People #2 native title claim group is described in the Iman Claim as the descendants of each of Mary Arwa, Jim Waterton, Ada Robinson, Maggie Palmtree, Lizzie Palmtree, Eliza Shields, Mary Ann (mother of Maggie Dunn), Fanny Waddy/Sandy, Dick Bundi/Bundai and John “James” Serico.

The ILUA will provide for the consent of the native title parties to certain Agreed Acts to be set out in the ILUA, including the grant of all approvals and land tenure for the ILUA Project, and to the undertaking of the ILUA Project. APLNG will be seeking that the non-extinguishment principle apply to the proposed Agreed Acts and to the undertaking of the ILUA Project. Negotiations for the ILUA are about to commence.

Persons who claim to hold native title in relation to land or waters within the ILUA Area, including members of the native title claim group for the Iman Claim, are invited to register their interest in being part of the negotiations for the ILUA with APLNG by contacting:



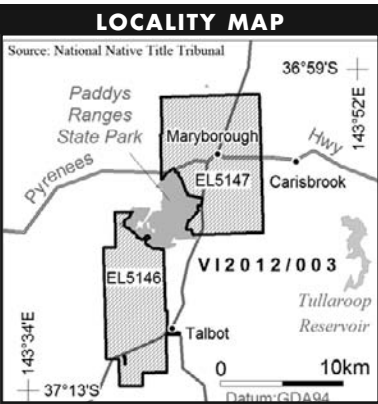
Ms Melissa Anapo
Senior Native Title and Cultural Heritage Officer
Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited
GPO Box 148, BRISBANE QLD 4001

Telephone: (07) 3867 0550, Facsimile: (07) 3369 7840.
Email: Melissa.Anapo@originenergy.com.au

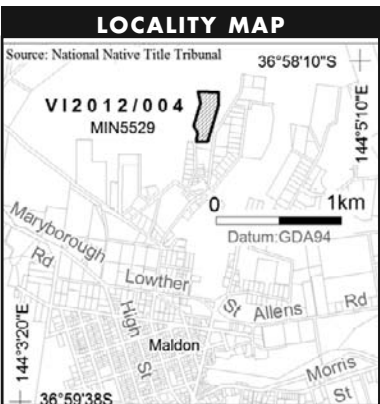
Registrations of interest must be received by not later than 24 October 2012 and should clearly set out:
your name and details of how you can be contacted; and
the basis upon which you claim to hold native title in the ILUA Area.

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Victoria
Notification day: 3 October 2012



VI2012/003 Dja Dja Wurrung and Fiddlers Creek Gold Mining Company ILUA
Description of the agreement area:
The agreement area covers about 134 sq km over Exploration Licence Applications 5146 and 5147 and extends from approx. 5 km northeast to approx. 20 km southwest of Maryborough as shown on the locality map. Relevant local government authority: Central Goldfields Shire.



VI2012/004 Dja Dja Wurrung and Maldon Resources ILUA
Description of the agreement area:
The agreement area covers about 0.05 sq km over Mining Licence Application 5529 and is located approx. 2 km north of Maldon as shown on the locality map. Relevant local government authority: Mount Alexander Shire.

Parties to the agreements and their contact address:

Parties to VI2012/003	Parties to VI2012/004
Dja Dja Wurrung Native Title Group c/- Native Title Services Victoria 642 Queensberry Street NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051	Dja Dja Wurrung Native Title Group c/- Native Title Services Victoria 642 Queensberry Street NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051
Fiddlers Gold Mining Company Pty Ltd 14 Brodie Street BENDIGO VIC 3550	Maldon Resources Pty Ltd c/- Just Outcomes (Aust.) Pty Ltd PO Box 6288 CAULFIELD SOUTH VIC 3162

The agreements contain the following statements:
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Statements contained in VI2012/003	Statements contained in VI2012/004
6.1 The parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions [...] are not intended to apply to the Licences [Exploration Licence Applications 5146 and 5147]. 6.2 Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree: - to the grant by the State of the Licences to the proponent and to any consent required by or on behalf of the proponent pursuant to the Licences in respect of the Licence Areas; and - to the use of the Licences and of any consent required pursuant to the Licences, by the proponent in respect of the Licences Areas; and - that any low impact exploration and exploration done in respect of the Licence Areas is valid.	6.1 The parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions [...] are not intended to apply to the grant and use of the Licence [Mining Licence Application Number 5529]. 6.2 Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement, the parties: - agree to the grant by the State of the Licence to the proponent and to any consent required by or on behalf of the proponent pursuant to the Licence in respect of the Licence area; and - agree to the use of the Licence and of any consent required pursuant to the Licence, by the proponent in respect of the Licence area; and - agree that any such Licence granted, or any mining carried out in respect of the Licence area pursuant to the Licence is valid.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:
Because these applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements have not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to the registration of the agreements. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by any of these agreements, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area covered by the agreements. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered.
The native title determination application must be made by 3 January 2013.

Data statement: agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Primary Industries (Vic). Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.
For assistance and further information about these applications, call Nadja Mack on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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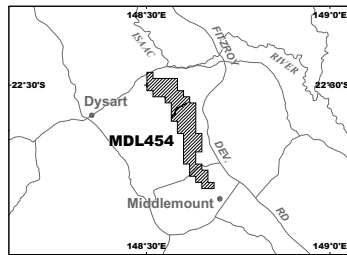
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

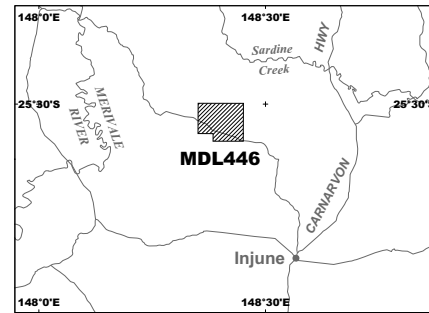
The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Nature of Act(s): Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*. It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 2, October 2010, pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* and s. 194AAA of that Act.

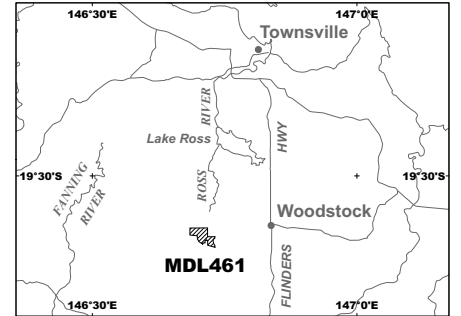
Mineral Development Licence 454 sought by BHP Coal Pty Ltd ACN 010 595 721 (40.75%), QCT Mining Pty Ltd ACN 010 487 840, (15.78%), Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd ACN 009 779 873 (15.53%), QCT Investment Pty Ltd ACN 010 487 831 (12%), BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd ACN 098 876 825 (8.5%), QCT Resources Pty Limited ACN 010 808 705 (6.69%) and UMAL Consolidated Pty Ltd ACN 000 767 386 (0.75%) over an area of 18,952 ha, centred approximately 23km NE of Middlemount, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Mineral Development Licence 446 sought by Urea Corp of Australia Pty Ltd ACN 131 402 072, over an area of 8,687 ha, centred approximately 36km NW of Injune, in the locality of Maranoa Regional Council.



Mineral Development Licence 461 sought by Iron Glen Pty Ltd ACN 138 334 513, over an area of 1067 ha, centred approximately 40km SSW of Townsville, in the locality of Townsville City Council.



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 Mineral Development Licences. 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 Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Mineral Development Licence 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 Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence 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 the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3006 5946.

Notification Day: 10 October 2012



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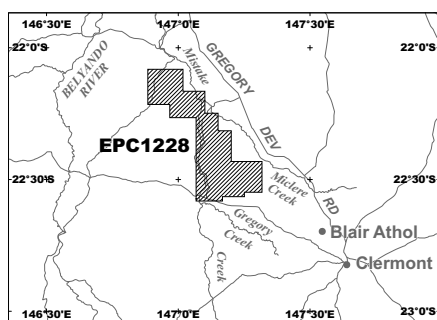
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS

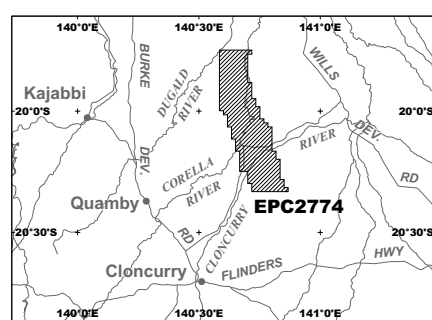
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits for Minerals and Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

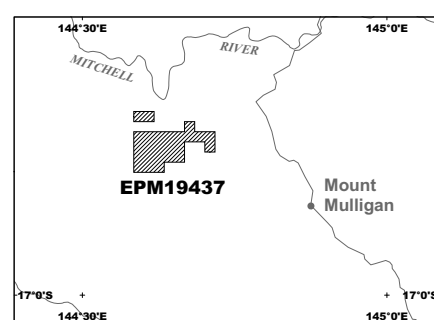
Exploration Permit 1228 sought by Linc Energy Ltd, ACN 076 157 045, over an area of 299 sub-blocks (946km²), centred approximately 77km NW of Clermont, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



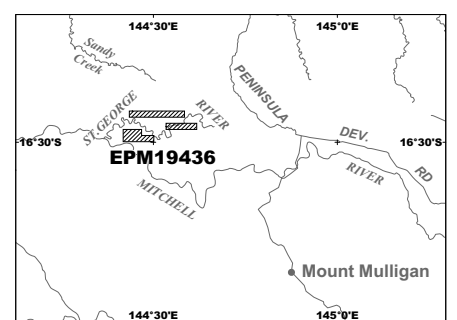
Exploration Permit 2774 sought by Great White Nominees Pty Ltd, ACN 118 130 760, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (965km²), centred approximately 74km NNE of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



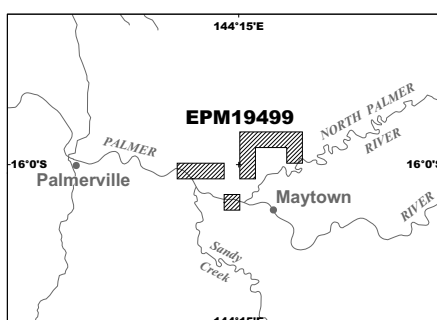
Exploration Permit 19437 sought by Placer Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 154 140 913, over an area of 25 sub-blocks (82km²), centred approximately 27km NW of Mount Mulligan in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



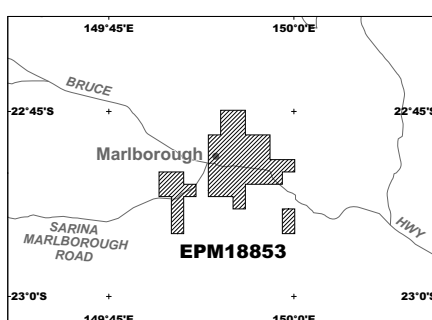
Exploration Permit 19436 sought by Placer Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 154 140 913, over an area of 22 sub-blocks (72km²), centred approximately 58km NW of Mount Mulligan in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



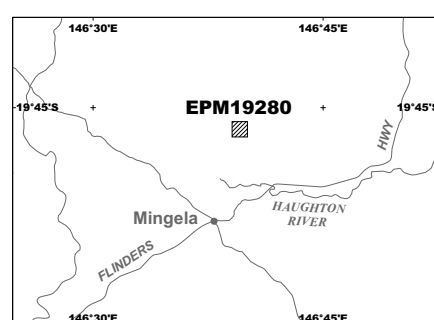
Exploration Permit 19499 sought by Plethora Pty Ltd, ACN 119 722 600, over an area of 11 sub-blocks (36km²), centred approximately 6km NW of Maytown in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 18853 sought by Greywolf Goldmining NL, ACN 139 304 911, over an area of 41 sub-block (129km²), centred at Marlborough, in the locality of Rockhampton Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 19280 sought by Circle Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 129 855 714, over an area of 1 sub-block (3km²), centred approximately 12km NNE of Mingela in the locality of Charters Towers Regional 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 or 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 5742.

Notification Day: 10 October 2012



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Soccer out to make inroads in Victoria



TWO Indigenous soccer events are on the horizon in Victoria.

Football Federation Victoria (FFV) expect more than 300 players to attend both events.

They follow the success of the inaugural Indigenous State carnival in November 2011.

The next event will be the two-day carnival at Ballarat High School on 26-27 September, where the focus will be on five-to-11-year-olds.

This will be part of the Victorian

Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd (VACSAL) Statewide Junior Sports Carnival, which sees children play soccer, Australian rules and netball.

Following this will be the Indigenous Youth Football Tournament on Friday 5 October at Arndell Park, Truganina, for 12-to-18-year-olds.

Both tournaments will have a strong emphasis on fun and participation, although there is an extra incentive for the winners in the under 13 boys and girls age groups to travel to Alice Springs in November to play in the National Indigenous Football Festival.

With more than 300 players set to attend both tournaments, travelling from throughout Victoria to compete, FFV CEO Mark Rendell said the goal of the carnivals was to get more people involved in sport and to break down barriers that may prevent participation.

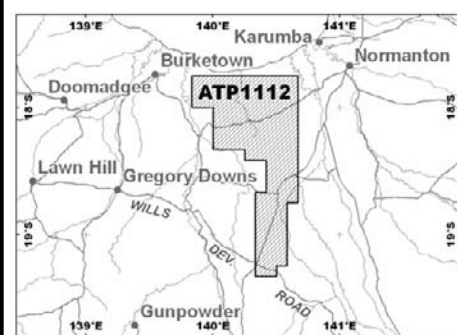
"Football Federation Victoria is dedicated to providing genuine access to the game for all members of the community," he said.

"To have more than 300 Indigenous children playing football is tremendous and I'm sure the event will be a fun day for all involved."

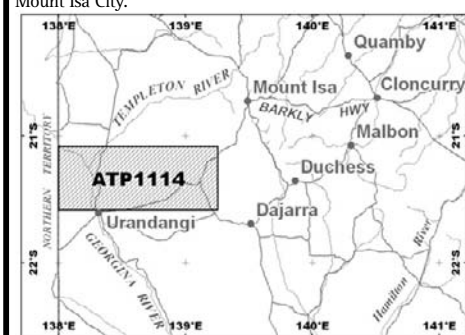
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AUTHORITIES TO PROSPECT NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect shown below under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld).

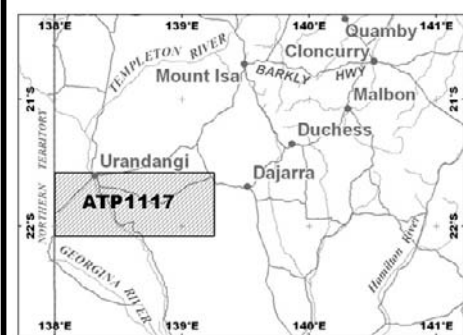
Authority to Prospect 1112 sought by Eureka Petroleum Pty Ltd, ACN 107 185 222, over an area of 2500 sub-blocks (7913 km²), centred approximately 100km SE of Burketown in the locality of Carpentaria Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



Authority to Prospect 1114 sought by Eureka Petroleum Pty Ltd, ACN 107 185 222, over an area of 2250 sub-blocks (7171 km²), centred approximately 120km SW of Mount Isa in the locality of Boulia Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council and Mount Isa City.



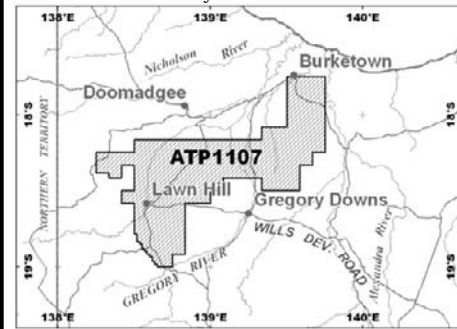
Authority to Prospect 1117 sought by Eureka Petroleum Pty Ltd, ACN 107 185 222, over an area of 2250 sub-blocks (7146 km²), centred approximately 150km SW of Mount Isa in the locality of Boulia Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



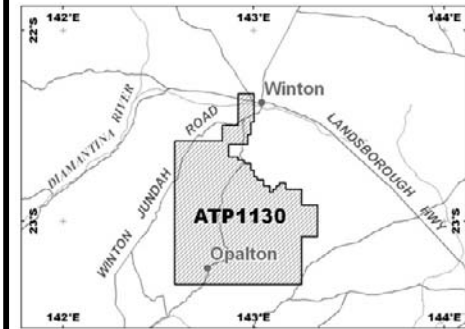
Authority to Prospect 1123 sought by Eureka Petroleum Pty Ltd, ACN 107 185 222, over an area of 2175 sub-blocks (6884 km²), centred approximately 200km SW of Mount Isa in the locality of Boulia Shire Council.



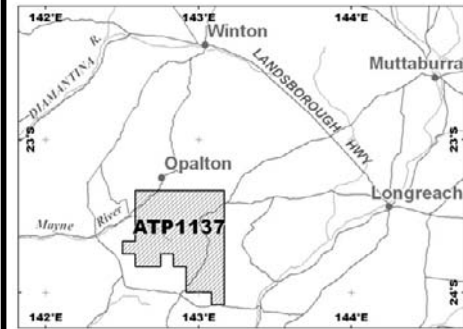
Authority to Prospect 1107 sought by Armour Energy Limited, ACN 141 198 414, over an area of 2433 sub-blocks (7900 km²), centred approximately 100km SW of Burketown in the locality of Burke Shire Council, Carpentaria Shire Council and Mount Isa City.



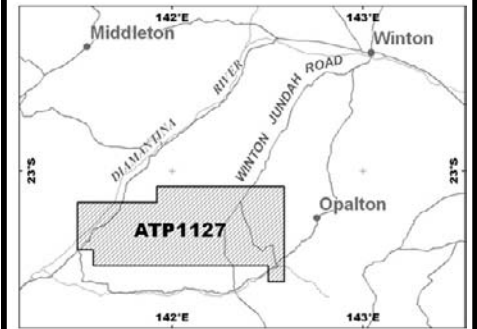
Authority to Prospect 1130 sought by Exoma 1130 Pty Ltd, ACN 154 028 574, over an area of 1689 sub-blocks (5327 km²), centred approximately 70km South of Winton, in the locality of Winton Shire Council and Longreach Regional Council.



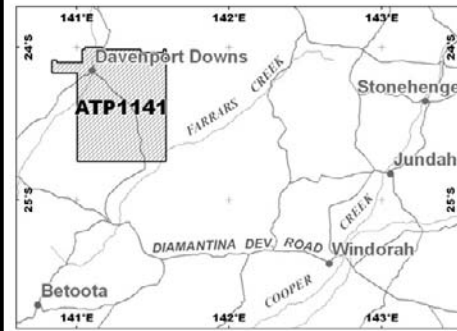
Authority to Prospect 1137 sought by Exoma 1137 Pty Ltd, ACN 154 029 464, over an area of 1225 sub-blocks (3849 km²), centred approximately 130km South of Winton, in the locality of Barcoo Shire Council, Longreach Regional Council and Winton Shire Council.



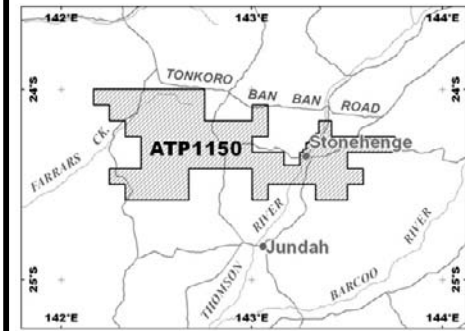
Authority to Prospect 1127 sought by Exoma 1127 Pty Ltd, ACN 154 028 172, over an area of 1500 sub-blocks (4713 km²), centred approximately 130km SW of Winton, in the locality of Winton Shire Council.



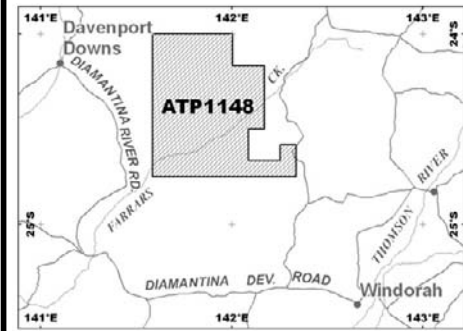
Authority to Prospect 1141 sought by Australian Shale Oil Resources Company Ltd, ACN 154 058 410, over an area of 1570 sub-blocks (4896 km²), centred approximately 180km NW of Windorah in the locality of Barcoo Shire Council and Diamantina Shire Council.



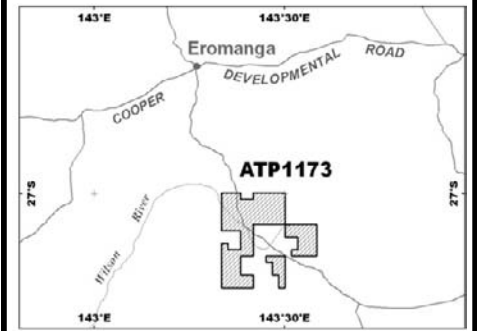
Authority to Prospect 1150 sought by Exoma 1150 Pty Ltd, ACN 154 029 964, over an area of 1689 sub-blocks (5267 km²), centred approximately 60km North of Jundah in the locality of Barcoo Shire Council and Longreach Regional Council.



Authority to Prospect 1148 sought by Australian Shale Oil Resources Company Ltd, ACN 154 058 410, over an area of 1500 sub-blocks (4677 km²), centred approximately 150km NW of Windorah in the locality of Barcoo Shire Council and Diamantina Shire Council.



Authority to Prospect 1173 sought by Seymour Energy Pty Ltd, ACN 132 928 897 over an area of 113 sub-blocks (345km²) centred approximately 50km South of Eromanga, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): Grant and any subsequent renewals of an Authority to Prospect under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) authorise the holder to explore for petroleum for a period not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

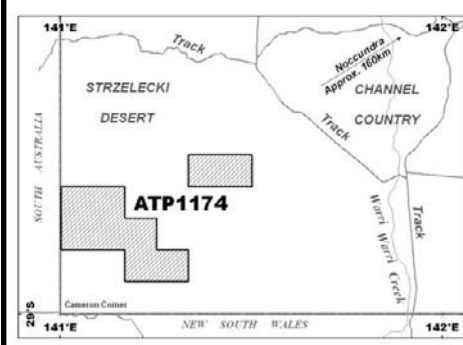
It should be noted that this land will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of this authority.

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 an Authority to Prospect. 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

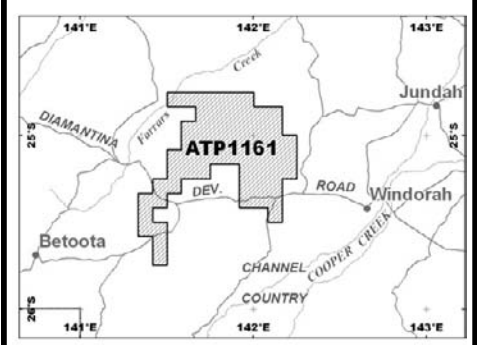
Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3247 4665.

Notification Day: 3 October 2012

Authority to Prospect 1174 sought by Santos QNT Pty Ltd, ACN 083 077 196, over an area of 225 sub-blocks (675km²) centred approximately 160km SW of Noccundra, in the locality of Bulloo Shire Council.



Authority to Prospect 1161 sought by Real Energy Queensland Pty Ltd, ACN 152 686 265, over an area of 1475 sub-blocks (4581km²) centred approximately 95km NW of Windorah, in the locality of Barcoo Shire Council.



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Craig Parry at charity golf day

THE inaugural SHINE for Kids charity golf day will be held on Friday (21 September) at the St Michael's Golf Club in the Sydney suburb of La Perouse.

Players will sign on for the four-man ambrose event at 7am, with breakfast between 7am and 8.15am.

Teaching professional John Serhan will then demonstrate the basics of the full swing before the event starts at 8.30am with a shotgun start.

Free drinks and snacks will be available on the course and play is timed to end at 1pm, followed by lunch and prize presentations between 1.30 and 3.30pm.

Sponsors of the tournament will get the opportunity to play with Craig Parry – regarded as one of Australia's greatest professional golfers.

Parry has won 23 tournaments worldwide, including six European Tour wins, two PGA Tour events and 14 Australian Tour wins.

He has won the World Golf Championship and was the 2007 Australian Open champion.

He also has played in all four major golf championships, with his best results being third in the 1993 US Open and fourth in the 1999 British Open.

Victoria seeking Imparja officials



VICTORIA is on the lookout for an assistant coach and team manager for its 2013 Imparja Cup cricket team.

The Imparja Cup is Australia's major Indigenous

cricket carnival and will be held in Alice Springs on 10-17 February.

Applications for the two positions closed on 16 September.

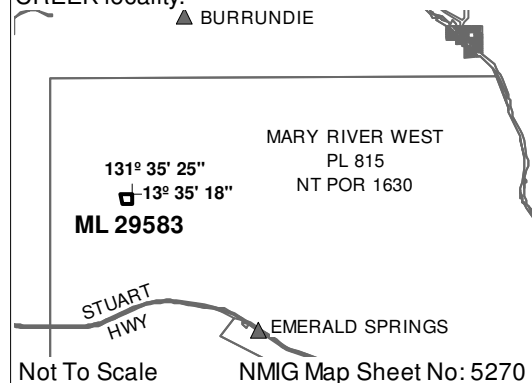
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

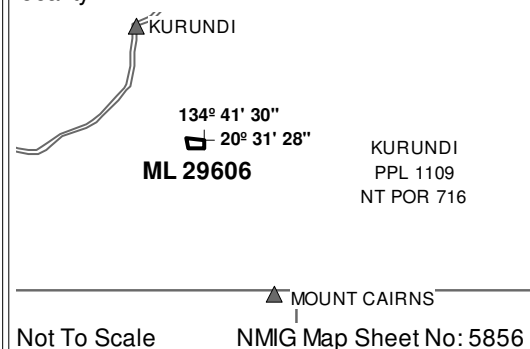
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy and the Chief Executive, Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an acts namely to grant the following mineral title applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

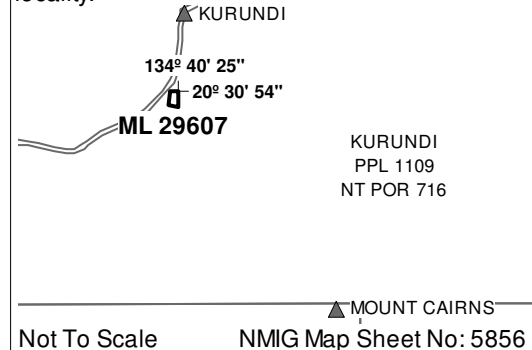
Mineral Lease 29583 sought by DAVID LANGLEY over an area of 12 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



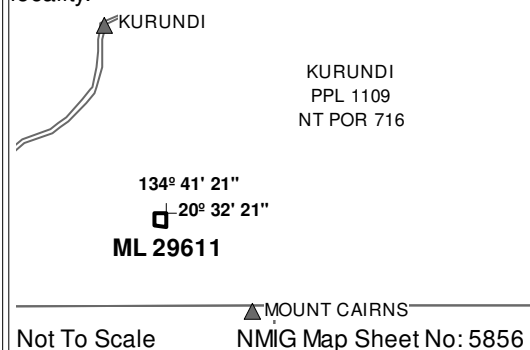
Mineral Lease 29606 sought by GREYWOLF RESOURCES NL, ACN 139 304 911 over an area of 9 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.



Mineral Lease 29607 sought by GREYWOLF RESOURCES NL, ACN 139 304 911 over an area of 6.8 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.



Mineral Lease 29611 sought by GREYWOLF RESOURCES NL, ACN 139 304 911 over an area of 9 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease/s commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notification Day: 19 September 2012

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **OZ MINERALS CARRAPATEENA PTY LTD** (ACN 149 626 255) and **R.M.G. SERVICES PTY LTD** (ACN 007 756 443) both of Level 10, 31 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 (and each of their successors and assigns) are the joint applicants for a retention lease for exploratory operations (an 'exploration authority' under the *Mining Act 1971* (SA)) over the land the subject of Mineral Claim 4333 ("Retention Lease"). Subject to grant, **OZ MINERALS CARRAPATEENA PTY LTD** and **R.M.G. SERVICES PTY LTD** propose to carry out mining operations of an exploratory nature on the Retention Lease on the following land:

The land is located in the State of South Australia and located approximately 150 km north of Port Augusta in Blocks 868 and 1017, Out of Hundreds (Torrens), Pernatty Crown Lease 1330/26; and Block 869, Out of Hundreds (Torrens and Andamooka), Bosworth Crown Lease 1279/26 and bounded by the following co-ordinates:

	Point	GDA94_Easting	GDA94_Northing
Begin at	A	731381.66	6553248.65
South-South-East to	B	731979.93	6549824.21
East-South-East to	C	744444.07	6547599.94
South-South-East to	D	746350.51	6544169.67
East to	E	747829.51	6544051.33
South to	F	747208.60	6517757.77
West to	G	726613.03	6518225.44
North to	H	727372.15	6553335.89
East to	A	731381.66	6553248.65

All coordinates are on the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94) (and specifically Map Grid of Australia 1994 (MGA94) Zone 53 projection).

The total area of the land is approximately 64,145 hectares. ("Land")

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Advanced exploratory operations to determine the geotechnical characterisation and extension of mineralisation of the Carrapateena Deposit. Without limiting that general description, those operations may include: construction of box cut and portal, decline, off-decline development, ventilation shafts, waste rock landform and surface infrastructure (including, but not limited to, office buildings, bath house, emergency response buildings, workshops, concrete batch plants, explosive magazine compound, diesel storage, power plants, laydown areas, aggregate storage and water storage/distribution); soil and other geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; hydrogeology surveys; land clearing for infrastructure and drilling; drilling (including diamond core drilling and other methods); downhole-probing, sampling and radiometric testing of drill core/cuttings; environmental monitoring (including, but not limited to, baseline work, flora/fauna surveys and geotechnical surveys); and establishment of an accommodation village and airstrip, and access tracks as may be necessary.

The proposed operations will be authorised by the following mining tenement under the *Mining Act 1971* (SA):

Retention Lease for which **OZ MINERALS CARRAPATEENA PTY LTD** (34% interest) and **R.M.G. SERVICES PTY LTD** (66% interest) are the joint applicants and upon grant, will be the joint registered holders (including any extensions replacements, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with the Retention Lease and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority from time to time held in respect of the whole or any part of the Land).

OZ MINERALS CARRAPATEENA PTY LTD and **R.M.G. SERVICES PTY LTD** seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971* (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, **OZ MINERALS CARRAPATEENA PTY LTD** and **R.M.G. SERVICES PTY LTD** may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponents:

OZ MINERALS CARRAPATEENA PTY LTD and **R.M.G. SERVICES PTY LTD**
c/- FINLAYSONS

Contact: Ms Julia Dnistrianski
81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Email: julia.dnistrianski@finlaysons.com.au
Telephone: (08) 8235 7814
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944

NSW cricket talent search begins



THE search has begun for talent for the NSW Indigenous cricket team to defend its Imparja Cup title in Alice Springs next February.

The Blues will be seeking their third title in as many years. Players wishing to put their names

before selectors should nominate before 7 October.

Players must be prepared to be available in Alice Springs from 10-17 February.

After nominations have been received, a squad will be selected, taking into account form, past and present, using playing information supplied.

A trial will be held if selectors feel it is necessary.

Selected players will be advised in early October.

Players seeking nomination forms can email Donna Anderson at donna.anderson@cricketnsw.com.au or Michael MacLennan at michael.maclennan@cricketnsw.com.au

Matildas rely on rookies



WITH Lydia Williams still sidelined with injury, the Matildas are relying on two rookie teenage goalkeepers to keep Olympic gold medallists United States at bay during their current tour in America.

The 20-player squad is missing senior goalkeepers Williams (knee), Casey Dumont (groin) and Melissa Barbieri (pregnancy), and instead is relying on two rookie teenage goalkeepers – 17-year-old Brianna Davey, from Melbourne Victory, and 18-year-old Canberra United keeper Mackenzie Arnold.

The Australian side was to take on the world No 1, the USA, in two matches in Los Angeles last Sunday and in Denver today (19 September) after a warm-up game against Haiti in Indianapolis on 13 September.

“Two matches against the world’s top team on their home soil is a daunting challenge to say the least, but it’s the sort of test that will help us in the long-term,” coach Tom Sermanni said before the team left Australia.

Star Indigenous striker Kyah Simon is in the team.



London Olympic 20km walker Beki Lee, left, at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Sydney, with London Paralympic 100m breaststroke swimmer Amanda Fowler. – Image: Joseph Mayers

Paralympians back home



AUSTRALIA’S two Indigenous athletes in the London Paralympics, swimmer Amanda Fowler and sprinter Torita Isaac, are back home.

They returned to Sydney with the Australian Paralympic team last Wednesday, where they were welcomed by Acting Prime Minister Wayne Swan at Sydney Airport.

Australia finished fifth overall in the medal tally with 32 gold, 23 silver and 30 bronze (total 85) behind China (231 medals), Russia (102), Great Britain (120) and Ukraine (84).

Last Friday, Amanda joined Indigenous London Olympics 20km walker Beki Lee at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in the Sydney suburb of Redfern.

Amanda, 15, who swims with the

Nepean Aquatic Club in Penrith, NSW, usually swims in most disciplines, but in London, her only event was the women’s 100m breaststroke for SB14 swimmers.

She finished fifth in 1:23.30 behind swimmers from Spain, the Netherlands, Hong Kong and fellow Australian Kayla Clarke.

Amanda comes from the Wemba Wemba and Guring-gai people and is ‘immensely proud’ of her Aboriginal heritage.

Torita, 17, from the Brisbane suburb of Marsden, competed in the T38 women’s 100m and 200m and the T35/T38 women’s 4x100m relay.

She finished seventh in the final of the 100m, clocking a personal-best 14.5 seconds.

Earlier, Torita qualified for the final by running fourth in a heat in 14.67 seconds.

She also finished seventh in the 200m final, clocking 29.78 seconds. This was slower than her personal-best 29.36 in her heat, where she finished fourth and qualified for the final.

The closest she came to claiming a medal was a fourth placing in the women’s 4x100m relay, where the Aussies finished behind Russia, China and Great Britain.

The Australian team set a regional record.

Torita has links to the Kamilaroi people in the Moree region of NSW and has cerebral palsy and is vision-impaired.

She lists Cathy Freeman as one of her idols.

With the experience of London behind them, Amanda and Torita loom as exciting prospects for the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro.



Queensland State of Origin coach for former rugby league great Mal Meninga with children at Ayr last week. – Picture courtesy Queensland Rugby League

‘Big Mal’ visits Ayr, Cunnamulla



QUEENSLAND rugby league coach Mal Meninga last week visited two junior clubs in regional Queensland.

Meninga’s first assignment was a coaching session with juniors from the Burdekin club at Ayr, 88km south of Townsville, on Thursday

afternoon.

On Saturday, Meninga coached youngsters from the Cunnamulla JRLFC.

Some locals said it was the biggest thing to happen in Cunnamulla in decades.

With 32 appearances for the Maroons, followed by a record-breaking stint as Queensland coach (seven successive series wins), ‘Big Mal’ is one of the most recognised figures in the game.

As well as the coaching clinics with Meninga, the Burdekin and Cunnamulla clubs received \$5000 worth of training gear.

The prize was part of the AAMI Ultimate State of Origin Experience Competition conducted between 30 April and 15 June.

Entrants were required to submit their most creative response to the question “Tell Mal what the prize would mean to your club?”. Winners were selected by Meninga.

Josie in Fever's grip

JOSIE JANZ



By CHRIS PIKE



INDIGENOUS netballer Josie Janz has been rewarded for her dedication by re-signing with the West Coast Fever in the ANZ Championship for a sixth season while continuing her outstanding work with the Wirrpanda Foundation.

Janz now will become just one of four players with the West Coast Fever to take part in every year of the ANZ Championship that sees ten teams across Australia and New Zealand compete.

The 24-year-old Janz hasn't always had an easy ride along the way, having to overcome a knee reconstruction among other injuries, but her dedication and hard work has always made her a favourite and natural selection in the team.

Great defender

Janz is an outstanding defensive player who is capable of shutting down some of the best attacking players in the world, but also does a terrific job pulling off intercepts with her strong ground movement and natural instinct.

She is delighted to be able to sign up for another season to continue her career in the sport that continues to grow thanks to the ANZ Championship in what is

the best netball competition in the world.

"We were able to build a good base in 2012 under the guidance of Plum (Coach Norma Plummer) and I'm sure that next year the Fever will be one of the hardest and toughest teams in the ANZ Championship," Janz said.

"I look forward to the challenge and I'm so excited that I've been given the opportunity to train and play with the Fever in 2013."

While the Fever is yet to play finals in the previous five ANZ Championship seasons (their best performance was five games in 2009), there's no doubt the team now has all the tools to have a successful 2013 campaign.

With former successful Australian coach Norma Plummer entering her second season and with veteran attacker Catherine Cox as well as international players like Caitlin Bassett and Susan Fuhrmann, and the recently-signed Kate Beveridge, the Fever have a strong squad in place.

There's no doubt that Janz will again be a key part of the defensive unit and Plummer is delighted to be able to sign her up for another season.

"Josie is a key member of our defence and I am really pleased to have all four of them back to continue to build on the work we did last season," Plummer said.

"The ANL (Australian Netball League) where Janz is captain on the Western Sting, has been a great platform for Josie. She is by far the one player who has stood out defensively in the competition so far and she has had a really good campaign."

Janz is also continuing her work as Dare to Dream project officer with the growing David Wirrpanda Foundation.

The Foundation has now been in operation for eight years and has grown to include not only the home base in Perth, but in June this year an office was launched in Victoria.

Expanding

The Foundation employs 18 permanent staff, 18 casuals and has volunteers across Australia with 26 funding agreements from 22 agencies.

Janz has been involved for several years at the Wirrpanda Foundation and is tremendously proud of everything they achieve.

"I like working with all the girls and we go out to schools a lot. There are two that we pretty much visit all the time – Yulbrook and Balga – and that's really good because you see them progress," Janz said.

"Then we have one-off schools come in here to talk to the role models and we take them out to do sport and stuff. Some of them you hardly see again, so you try to impact them on the hour you get with them."

Tiwi tops at girls' carnival



TIWI College emerged victorious after two days of Australian football for the Northern Territory RYCO

24-7 Youth Girls championship at Palmerston, just south of Darwin.

The carnival was held on 6-7 September and attracted 14 teams from Darwin, Palmerston and remote areas such as Tiwi Islands, Groote Eylandt, Maningrida, Wadeye, Katherine, Beswick, Galuwinku as well as an All-African team.

After a series of round-robin games, teams were graded and a finals series took place.

Palmerston and Tiwi college fought out the final, with the Tiwi girls winning by eight points.

A girl from each team was nominated for the Ryco All stars 'team of the carnival' and presented with

their jumpers.

AFLNT participation and schools manager Rob Elliott said the sides played an AFL 9s format on modified fields.

"The aim was to introduce more girls to the game, but also to assist those who are

already playing the opportunity to develop and grow," he said.

"We will look to work with girls who are interested in taking their football further to participate in the NTFL Youth Girls competition during the wet season."



Girls nominated for the 'All stars team of the carnival' pose after their selection. The team was made up of one player from each team taking part in the carnival.



Tiwi College girls celebrate their victory.



The victorious Walgett Community School rugby league team, winners of the Ricky Walford Shield.

Toast of Walgett



WALGETT Community School's primary campus Year Five-Six rugby league side had a season to remember that culminated in the star-studded team winning the prestigious Ricky Walford Shield at Walgett's No 1 Oval in August.

Playing on home soil against sides from across north-western NSW and a team from Gosford, Walgett won its first Ricky Walford title since 2003.

It was a special time for Walgett to win the Ricky Walford Shield.

The 2012 tournament marked the 20th anniversary of the competition named after the Walgett product and former Eastern Suburbs, North Sydney and St George winger who represented NSW and still works in the 13-man game.

Walgett, who teamed up with Gulargambone Central School for the Ricky Walford Shield, defeated Boggabilla, Lightning Ridge, Toomelah and Gosford to win its pool.

The hosts then had a strong semi-final win against Moree East PS before meeting Gosford again in the final.

Down at half-time

Gosford led the decider 6-4 at half-time, but Walgett dominated the second half.

A flying Allan Carberry scooted along the sideline to wrap up the tournament win.

"It is great for our side to win the Ricky Walford Shield any year, but it's particularly sweet on its 20th anniversary," Walgett coach and primary school teacher Jason Horan said.

"It was a great performance from our side all day. We played a very exciting brand of football. Our off-loading, quick passing and support play was a feature and entertained the crowd."

Walgett's Jermaine Sands was player of the day, while Jacob Thurston was back of the day and Allan Carberry was grand final man of the match.

Shauri Carberry was the winner of a special NRL award.

At a Walgett school assembly, four other squad members received recognition: Kaleb Sands (best defensive player), Robert McGrady (most improved back), Cohen Fernando (most improved forward) and Jayden Murray (coaches award).

Fourth big win

It was the fourth major tournament the Walgett side had won this year.

Walgett also qualified for the Australian Rugby League Legends' Shield held in Sydney, but the team could not attend.

Before the Ricky Walford Shield success, Walgett Public School won two tournaments in May.

The Walgett side captured the Bourke Outback Challenge (3 May) and the Coonamble section of the David Peachey Shield title on 30 May.

Walgett beat schools across the west at Bourke and Coonamble, toppling the talented Gulargambone Central School side in both finals.

The David Peachey (Year Five-Six) and Russell Richardson (Year Three-Four) tournaments are some of the success stories of western region school league.

Qualifying tournaments are held at centres like Bathurst, Orange, Portland, Dunedoo, Dubbo, Condobolin and Cobar



Ricky Walford Shield player of the day Jermaine Sands.

before the Dubbo finals. Kids from Wilcannia to Blackheath compete.

Bourke's Outback Challenge is a well-run tournament that caters for isolated students across the west.

It featured visits from NRL One Community ambassador and former Queensland Origin star Rhys Wesser, along with current Manly player Ben Farrar.

At the Outback Challenge, Walgett defeated schools from Nyngan, Cobar and Bourke before defeating Brewarrina Central

School in the semi-final and Gulargambone Central School in the final.

Jermaine Sands was named player of the day, while Allan Carberry (most points) and female whiz Shauri Carberry (player of the grand final) were other award winners at Bourke.

At Coonamble, Walgett defeated Warren and Gilgandra before toppling St Brigid's (Coonamble) in the semi-final and Gulargambone again in the final.

In the final against Coonamble, man-of-the-match was Allan Carberry.

Long time together

The Year Five-Six team has been very successful, with most of the team having their first game together in Year Two.

Jayden Murray and Cohen Fernando even played in Year One.

The team has won more than ten gala days during their primary schooling and made the finals of the Richardson Cup at Dubbo in 2010.

"The team is led around the field by Jacob Thurston, who has a brilliant passing and running game to match Jonathan Thurston," Horan said.

"The pace of the team comes from flying fullback Allan Carberry, Dion Jones and Robert McGrady.

"The tough stuff up the middle is handled by Jermaine Sands with help from David Mason, Kyle Peacock and Kaleb Sands.

"Dummy half Cohen Fernando has great vision and sets up a lot of tries. Shauri Carberry and Jayden Murray also excel in all areas," Jason Horan said.

Carnivals galore!

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait rugby league players will have three major North Queensland All-Blacks carnivals to compete at during October.

The Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island and the 25th anniversary Bindal Sharks carnival in Townsville will clash

on the weekend of 4-7 October.

The huge Cairns All-Blacks carnival is scheduled for 26-28 October.

Organisers of the carnivals are confident that a future NRL star of the calibre of Dally M medal winner Ben Barba may be unearthed. Barba played at the 2011 Zenadth Kes for winning team Malu Kiai, from Boigu Island, and has also lined up at some previous Bindal carnivals, taking out many awards.

Eight teams

Eight men's and four women's team look set to contest the Zenadth Kes at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island.

Kaiwalagal Rugby League secretary L J Shibasaki said that for the men's competition, two Badu Island teams, and one each from St Paul's and Kubin (on Moa), Mabuiag, Magun Warriors (from Yam), TI United and Oped Makrem (from Mer) had nominated so far.



Ben Barba winning the Player of the Carnival award at the 2010 Bindal carnival in Townsville with organiser Jenny Pryor and Greg Sutherland.

With the local KRL club grand finals now completed, the Zenadth Kes (formerly known as Torres Cup) is much anticipated in the Torres Strait.

It is the only major All-Blacks carnival in the TSI for the year after last June's scheduled Island of Origin Series on Badu was called off due to a lack of volunteers to run it.

Several more teams could still nominate for the Zenadth Kes. The majority of quality

footballers from the Torres Strait Islands, the NPA, Cape York and some from Cairns will compete at the Zenadth Kes.

Bindal carnival organiser Jenny Pryor told the *Koori Mail* that 21 men's teams would contest the Bindal carnival at Jack Manski Oval in Townsville.

They are listed with team official: Sharks (Colin Scott), Cannonballs (Morris Bowman), Palm Island (Fred Bulsey), Bwgcolman Hornets (Billy

Landers), Girringun Pirates (Phil Rist), Bowen River Broncos (Ian Fischer), Bowen Stingers (Steve Motto), Yunga Boongi (Nelson Doolan), Walkabouts (Ashley Saltner), AJAS Geia Memorial team (Genami Geia), Noogini Pryor Memorial Team (Raymond Prior Jnr), Charters Towers United (Toni McLean), GH United – Mackay (Doug Pitt), Souths Bulls Mara Memorial team (Donnie Mara), Cherbourg (James Saltner), Defence (Ken Neliman),

Gulf Bulls – Normanton (Clayton Snow), Yapun Balas – Cairns (Stephen Sailor), Three Rivers Hope Vale, Cooktown, Wujal Wujal (Tennille Nuggins), Argun Warriors (Victoria Tapim), Isa Razorbacks.

There will also be eight under 18 teams: Sharks United, Walkabouts, Palm Island, Charters United, North Coast Dolphins, Bowen Stingers, Girringun Pirates and GH Invitational.

There will also be a 25-year reunion dinner-dance on the Saturday night.

Cairns All-Blacks carnival spokeswoman Sarah Addo is confident more than 30 men's teams and at least six women's will line up in next month's contest.

Final wins

Meanwhile, Kowanyama made it three successive Cape Cluster grand finals in a row by beating Coen 42-16 at Coen on 8 September.

In the semi-finals, Kowanyama beat Pormpuraaw 72-10 and Coen Colts beat Lockhart River Scorpions 22-16.

"Elron Lawrence got player of the finals, and Evans Possum won best and fairest. Others to play well were Maurice Burke, Stanley David, Raymond Goggleye, Fitzroy Lawrence and Maxwell Luke," Kowanyama coach Dave Kennedy said. "I was very pleased with the effort from our boys, we had a game plan and the stuck with it and never let Coen into the game."

Titles won without throwing a punch

By ALF WILSON



THREE Palm Island boxers won gold medals at the National Golden Gloves titles in Brisbane and two of them didn't throw a punch.

Nearly 650 boxers from every Australian State and Territory, New Zealand, South Sea Islands and England competed at the tournament at Brisbane's Acacia Ridge from 31 August to 2 September.

Palm Island took a team of ten boxers, with trainer Chris Evers Snr.

They returned with three gold medals, five silver and one bronze, and earned the respect of the big crowds and gave Palm Island some positive publicity.

Chris Evers Jnr, 10, and David Sam, 17, the youngest and heaviest Palm boxers, won gold medals without throwing a punch.

Diminutive Evers Jnr was nominated for the 28kg class, but had to step up to 30kg, while Sam was in the super heavyweight division.

"Both could not get an opponent to fight them so they automatically won gold medals," Evers Snr said.

Thomas Blanket won a gold medal in the 56kg division in an impressive performance.

Reggie Palm Island was on target to win a gold after winning his first qualifying bout, but injured his right hand and withdrew from the tournament.



Palm Island boxers back from the Golden Gloves, back row, from left, Patrick Clarke, William Philip, Thomas Blanket, Reggie Palm Island, Marcus Ketchup and David Sam; front, Levi Baira, Chris Evers Jnr, Thomas Solomon and William Palm Island.

Silver medals went to Marcus Ketchup (42kg), Levi Baira (32kg), Thomas Solomon (48kg), William Palm Island (49kg) and Scotsman William 'Liam' Philip.

Patrick Clarke won his first bout and went on to claim a bronze medal in the hotly contested 64kg class.

Veteran Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis has described Philip as the undoubted 'F' factor for the club.

Philip has proven a big 'hit' with his fists since arriving on Palm Island a few months back to work as a carpenter.

"Scotty, as we call him, is the fittest bloke in the gym and he has introduced the 'F' – or fitness factor – to our club. He has given up the booze while he has been training and is an inspiration to the other boys and is a good boxer," Dennis said.

Philip lived up to that compliment when he won his first two fights on debut under

the Palm banner.

Philip said he has been in Australia for 11 months and said that before he left Scotland, he had heard bad reports about Palm Island.

"Palm has gained publicity for all of the wrong reasons and when you come here, it isn't like that. The people are wonderful and the place is beautiful," he said.

"These boxers are awesome and it is an honour to be one of them."

Draw for big NSW Knockout



TEAMS competing in the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout are listed here.

Teams numbering from one to 15 are in the first pool, teams 16-30 are in the second pool,

teams 31-45 are in the third pool and teams 46-60 are in the fourth pool.

Teams 1 and 2 will clash in the first game of the carnival, as will teams 3 and 4, and teams 5 and 6.

The draw continues in numerical order.

Teams and their numbers – Pool 1: 1 Dubbo Pacemakers v 2 Griffith 3-way United, 3 Macleay Valley Warriors v 4 Taree Birpi Sharks, 5 Moree Boomerangs v 6 Doonside Brothers, 7 Coastal United Sharks v 8 Illawarra Titans, 9 Forster Dolphins v 10 Nambucca Valley Rams, 11 Erambie 32s v 12 Wararua United, 13 Top Camp Swans v 14 Taree Annos, 15 Dunghutti Warriors (bye).

Pool 2: 16 South West Metro Waratah v 17 Walgett Aboriginal Connection, 18 Worimi Dolphins v 19 Narwan Old Boys, 20 Mindaribba Warriors v 21 Redfern All Blacks, 22 Maitland United v 23 Mooka Mehi, 24 Brewarrina Golden Googars v 25 Googars, 26 Moree Boomerangs 1 v 27 Wellington BR Wedgetails, 28 La Perouse 1 v 29 Munji Warriors, 30 Waterloo Storm (bye).

Pool 3: 31 Mungindi Grasshoppers v 32 Bundjalung Warriors, 33 Blacktown Western Warriors v 34 Boomanulla Raiders, 35 Bourke Warriors v 36 Castlereagh All Blacks, 37 Murrumbidgee Crows v 38 Nulla Football, 39 Toomelah Tigers v 40 Narwan Eels 1, 41 Koori United Bulls v 42 Newcastle Emus, 43 Bogabilla Warriors v 44 La Perouse 2, 45 Greenhill Raiders (bye).

Pool 4: 46 North West Barbarians v 47 Mt Druitt All Blacks, 48 Far West Warriors v 49 Newcastle Yowies, 50 Newcastle All Blacks v 51 Narwan Eels 2, 52 Inverell Roosters v 53 Kalateenee Crickets, 54 Yuin-Monaro United v 55 Menindi Yabbies, 56 Central Coast Pelicans v 57 Bathurst Black Trackers, 58 Campbelltown Ghosts v 59 Gundungurra Goannas, 60 Ningerah (bye).

Teams competing in Murri carnival



TEAMS competing in the 2012 Murri Rugby League carnival at Ipswich:

Under 15: Central Mob, Brisbane Stingers, Bundaberg Boomerangs, Dream Team, Gladstone Goori United, Ipswich Diggers, Inala Panthers, Kambu, MeWe Rugby

League Team, Mt Isa United, Northern Geigi's, NQ Waru, Sunshine Coast United, Toowoomba Warriors, Yugambeh United Warriors.

Women: Dream Team, Fraser Coast Sisterhood Team, Inala Panthers, Kape Kodel, Laurel Fisher United, Territory Ochres, Toowoomba Warriors, Townsville Tornados.

Men: Argun Warriors, Barambah RL, Brisbane Natives, Bundaberg Eels, Central Mob, Chloe Ann Dynevor Memorial Team, Descendants RL, Dream Team, Eidsvold United, Far Southwest United, Fraser Coast Brotherhood, Inala Panthers, Ipswich Redbacks, Jack Barba Invitational, Kambu, Moreton Bay Murris, Mununjali Eagles, Ngapun Warriors, Purga Wagtails, Queensland Police Service, Southern Dingoes, Southern Dingoes Juniors, Toowoomba Warriors, Yarrabah Seahawks.



Is there nothing this girl won't attempt? Here, Sydney Olympic Games 400m track gold medallist Cathy Freeman tries her hand at surfing. Now she has announced she will tackle this year's New York Marathon.

Cathy to tackle NY Marathon



SYDNEY Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman is to run in this year's New York Marathon.

The 400m superstar said she was inspired by Robert de Castella and his team of athletes from the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP).

Former marathon world champion de Castella is preparing a team of 11 Indigenous runners to compete in this year's New York Marathon in November.

It will be the third year that de Castella has taken a team of Indigenous runners to New York.

Highlighting the educational gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians on a global stage, Freeman will run as a 'Deadly Runner' – a dedicated running team set up by the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) to raise awareness and critical funds for Indigenous children living on Palm Island, Australia's fourth most disadvantaged community.

Inspired

"The passion and commitment of the IMP group has inspired me to take on this new challenge and I feel proud that the CFF and IMP are helping create a way for Indigenous kids to 'have a go'," said Cathy Freeman.

The IMP is a community-focussed health initiative that uses running as a vehicle to create Indigenous leaders and promote physical activity and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle to Indigenous communities.

Since 2010, 17 Indigenous men and women have completed the New York and Boston Marathons as part of IMP.

De Castella said: "Cathy and the IMP athletes are sending a powerful message to Indigenous Australia;

if you can run a marathon, you can do anything.

The marathon is one of the most demanding tests of physical endurance possible, and one that builds character and confidence in our runners and to see Cathy take on this challenge is a great show of her character and determination," he said.

Freeman said: "Attempting my first marathon is just as physically and mentally challenging for me as anyone else. I am determined and driven to try, and to hopefully inspire Indigenous kids with the support of the IMP team. I know I can get there – even if it may be slowly.

The Cathy Freeman Foundation supports the education of more than 600 school-aged children living on Palm Island, one of Australia's largest remote Indigenous communities and where truancy rates can be up to 55 per cent.

CFF was recently recognised by the Australian Government as having 'programs that work'.

To get behind Cathy in her run and show support for Indigenous education, visit Cathy's fundraising page at www.gofundraise.com.au/page/cathyfreeman and follow her training progress on Twitter @CathyFreemanFnd. For more information on the Cathy Freeman Foundation, visit www.cathyfreemanfoundation.org.au

For more information on the Indigenous Marathon Project, visit www.imp.org.au

MEANWHILE, athletes – past and present – joined in another IMP milestone last Sunday representing each of the three years of the IMP.

They ran across the Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of the annual Blackmores Sydney Running Festival.

New York and Boston Marathon finisher Charlie Maher (2010) lined up

next to 2012 squad member Korey Summers for the half-marathon, while 2011 New York Marathon finisher Nadine Hunt tackled the 9km bridge run.

Charlie Maher, fresh from a second place in the Alice Springs King of the Mountain the previous weekend, said he was looking forward to running in his first major race since the Boston Marathon last year.

"I have been training reasonably hard over the past two months, so I am looking forward to the half and hope I can do a sub-90-minute personal best," he said before taking on the Sydney challenge.

"The impact that the IMP is having across the country makes me feel so proud and I am so happy to be able to be a part of it still and continue to improve my running."

Coming together

IMP founder Rob de Castella said he was excited to see representatives from each of the three years of the IMP come together. "It's not every day that we get three athletes representing all three years of the Project running together over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and I hope this is something that we can continue to build on in years to come," de Castella said.

"We are getting to the exciting part of what has been a great year for everyone involved with the IMP.

The 2012 squad now will travel to Alice Springs to take on the biggest challenge of their marathon journey yet – a 30km test run, with the final team to travel to New York announced shortly after.

IMP last weekend held a shoe drive as part of the Sydney Running Festival, with donated shoes being sent to Indigenous communities across the country.

Miller an AFL contender

By PETER ARGENT



KY Miller, the string-bean utility from the famous Mallee Park Football Club, appears to be on course for a career in the Australian Football League (AFL).

Miller excited the South Adelaide Panthers faithful in the southern suburbs of Adelaide at Noarlunga Oval in his initial season at the club.

The 190cm, 75kg half forward/utility has quickly made an impact at the Panthers in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) and has been propelled into AFL draft calculations after coming out of country football as a 22-year-old.

He plays in a style that excites any football purist.

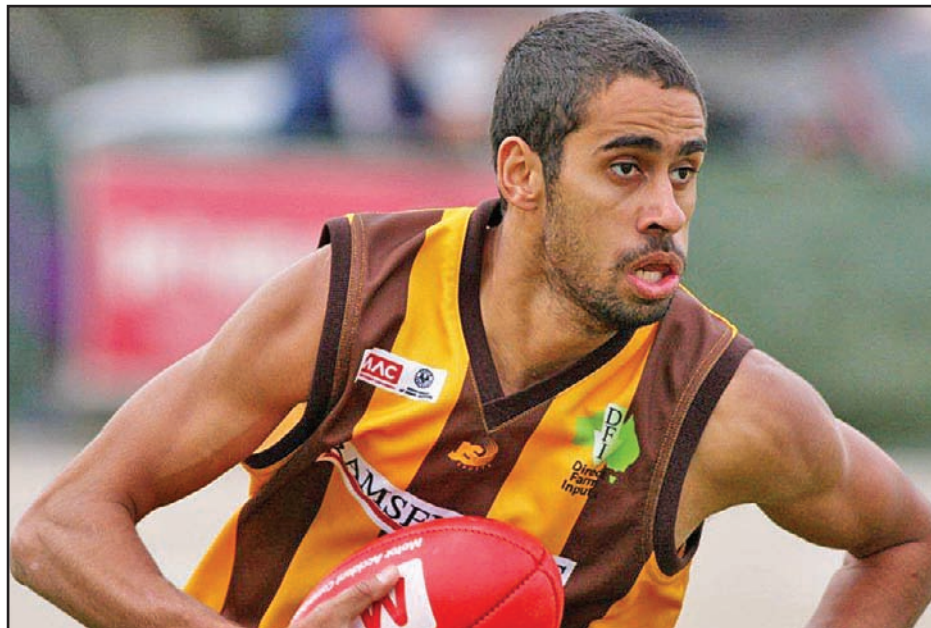
In his first game at the Panthers, Miller kicked a 60-metre torpedo punt major and then produced the match-sealer late in the game as a part of a four-goal haul.

Miller made his SANFL league debut against Sturt in round three and played eight senior games in his inaugural season, including the last four in a row.

This last stint included consecutive best-on-ground efforts against West Adelaide and Central District.

"There is no doubt he has some special talents," South Adelaide football manager Neill Sharpe said.

"Over the course of the season, Ky



Ky Miller plays a brand of football that excites fans.

has produced a number of exciting individual acts.

"We are looking to him to exhibit more defensive accountability, but something seems to happen when he gets his hands on the ball."

Hard-nosed coach Ron Fuller agreed there were a number of exciting attributes to Miller's game, although there were also frustrating habits he needed to address.

"Ky has those special abilities that are

rare in any footballer, but he needs to find more consistency," Fuller said.

"He is still getting used to the physicality of SANFL football and is working on improving his technical aspects."

"There is certainly something about him."

"He also is more settled these days."

Last year Miller was a key component in the Eyre Peninsula's (Western Zone)

win at the state-wide SA country football championships Port Pirie during early July.

"My performances at the 'country champs' last year was a catalyst to coming across to South and having a crack at SANFL footy," Miller said.

"This is certainly the best level of football that I've played."

"I have fitted in well at the club, the boys are pretty 'cruisy' and I like the coaches."

Well-travelled

He already has had an interesting football journey.

After starting at the Peckers in Port Lincoln, and being in junior squads at the Port Adelaide Magpies, he spent a season with the Darwin Buffaloes, in the Northern Territory Football League.

Miller then travelled to Melbourne, playing a couple of seasons and a handful of VFL senior games with the Bendigo Bombers in 2008 and 2009.

Then the next two seasons were back in the Port Lincoln Football League.

For the 2011 campaign he played with the Boston Tigers.

He is also cousin of current SA country football representative and former Hawthorn player Harry Miller Jnr and a nephew of Mallee Park's first premiership coach in 1985, Harry Miller Snr.

Quizzed on whether he harboured ambitions of being an AFL player, Miller's reply was 'that's the dream'.

Brothers in arms



The Sumner brothers Byron, left, and Tim run out on Unley Oval as SANFL team-mates for the first time for Woodville-West Torrens on Sunday 2 September against Sturt. — Image: Peter Argent

By PETER ARGENT



THERE are a number of famous Indigenous siblings who have graced the football codes over the generations.

The Krakouer brothers – Phil and Jimmy – during the 1980s at North Melbourne had a unique understanding and thrilled patrons with their wizardry together; the Burgoyne boys – Peter and Shaun – were a part of Port Adelaide's first flag in 2004, and in rugby union, the Ella brothers – Mark, Gary and Glen – are legendary.

On Sunday 2 September, the Sumner brothers – Byron, 21 in October, and Tim, 18 – played together at South Australian National Football League (SANFL) level for the first time.

They ran out in the clash against Sturt at Commander Centre (Unley) Oval and enjoyed a victory as a part of the Eagles' late-season charge towards the finals.

Byron has been a revelation for the Eagles as a small running defender, while his young brother Tim made his league debut in the game as a forward.

Byron Sumner's return season to South Australian

football after a frustrating few years on Sydney's senior list and a single AFL game with the Swans in 2011 has been nothing short of sensational.

He is a prime candidate for SANFL Team of the Year honours and will come under serious calculations for a recall to AFL football at draft time.

"It has been a credit to Byron how he has approached his footy at the Eagles," Eagles football manager and former AFL footballer Trent Hentschel said.

"Byron would be the first to admit that if he had his time over at the Swans, he would handle it differently."

Crucial part

"He has become a crucial part of the league team with his toughness, speed and ability to carry the ball."

Tim is a tall, rangy forward, still in his teenage years, having been a part of the South Australian under 18 program during the national championships at this level in 2012 before getting this first opportunity in the vigorous SANFL competition.

"Tim's improvement this year has been fantastic," Hentschel said.

"After starting the year in the under 18s, his form there and in the reserves saw him

debut for the club two weeks ago. It was great for him and Byron to play at league level together.

"Tim's pace, huge kick and the ability to play in most positions will grab the attention of AFL clubs."

Byron Sumner said the first time he and Tim played together was in the Indigenous carnival at Kilburn last year, when they also played with uncles Dean and Darren for the Kaurna side.

"It was a pretty special day, to run out alongside Tim in his first league game," Byron Sumner said.

"It was Father's Day as well."

"For Tim to achieve his goal of playing a couple of league games this year is a tremendous triumph."

"As I'm doing extra work to endeavour to get back into the AFL system, Tim has followed in my footsteps and tagged along to training sessions with me, so it has been great to see him complete his goals."

"We've always been competitive, whether it's playing any sport or on the X-box."

Byron Sumner said it had crossed his mind that if the pair were drafted, they could be opponents, but suggested in a perfect world, it would be great if an AFL club took them as a package.

Storming finish



Jubilant Shalom College players after their stunning Townsville under 18 grand final victory, from left, standing, Denzel Baker, Bradley White, Lygel Brown, Zared Garrawurra, Anthony Pascoe, Zack Morris, Gerard Morgan, Tom Hughes, Davin Ferreira, Ronald Lee, Cameron Gondarra; kneeling, Michael Jentian, Chris Parry, Steven Tom, Troy Gaykamangu, James Weise, Gordon Garrawurra; sitting, Quinton Thomas, James Matthew, Richard Birch, Meryl Nyikulwuy.



THREE goals in the final 90 seconds gave Shalom College a stunning boilover victory in the Australian Football League (AFL) Townsville under 18 grand final.

Shalom beat the previously undefeated Thuringowa Bulldogs by eight points at Tony Ireland Oval.

The game was played at breakneck speed as Shalom College came from behind to snatch victory 15.13 (103) to 14.11 (95).

The Bulldogs, who looked in control for most of the game, led by 16 points with two minutes remaining, only to see

Shalom slam on three goals in 90 seconds.

The win sparked wild scenes as more than 100 Shalom students, teachers and supporters rushed on to the ground at the final siren to congratulate the players.

Fine sportsmanship

Clearly distraught by the loss, the Bulldogs players displayed outstanding sportsmanship after the game, forming an arm-in-arm circle with their opponents to congratulate them on their victory and acknowledge what was an amazing game.

After the Bulldogs lost ruckman Michael Tink early in the game with a leg injury, undersized replacement James

Markham took over, kicking seven goals in an outstanding display in which he was unlucky to miss out on the Wes Knight Medal.

That honour went to Shalom midfielder/forward Davin Ferreira, whose clean hands at ground level and overhead helped set up many of Shalom's attack.

Regular senior player Shaun O'Donnell and athletic half back/wingman Marley Hennessey were strong contributors for the Bulldogs, as was forward Ben Holden, who kicked two of his three goals in the last quarter when the Bulldogs looked to have the game in their keeping.

For the premiers, Anthony Pascoe was again outstanding in a variety of roles with

his speed, agility, and precise long kicking causing headaches for his opponents.

Big forward Richard Birch was a strong marking target up forward and finished with four goals.

Shalom College AFC 15.13 (103).

Goal Kickers: R Birch 4, D Ferreira 2, J Matthew 2, P Yunupingu 2, T Gaykamangu, B White, C Parry, L Brown, R Lee.

Best Players: D Ferreira, A Pascoe, R Birch, L Brown, M Jentian.

Thuringowa Bulldogs AFC 14.11 (95). Goal Kickers: J Markham 7, B Holden 3, T Keyes 2, S O'Donnell, J Drewitt.

Best Players: J Markham, M Hennessey, S O'Donnell, A Newsham.

Kurtley Beale pays price for poor form



CROWNED the Wallabies' best player a year ago, Kurtley Beale's dramatic form slump was

highlighted by him being dropped from the starting line-up for last Saturday's Four Nations clash with Argentina.

It was the second time in a month that Beale sat on the bench.

The reigning John Eales Medallist, Beale has become a

fringe player for Australia after Berrick Barnes, with no representative No15 experience, being shifted to fullback for last Saturday night's clash with Argentina on the Gold Coast.

Barnes' red-hot goalkicking boot and hard-running centre Pat McCabe's recovery from a foot injury combined to convince coach Robbie Deans to dump Beale to the bench.

It was the second time in three Tests the 23-year-old was a reserve

after being dropped following his tournament-opening shocker against New Zealand in Sydney.

Deans admitted it was a tough decision, and Beale's exciting attacking game was best suited to the end of the Skilled Park encounter, but it still highlights how far he's fallen.

The underdone Melbourne Rebels star could be forgiven for his disappointing display in the first Bledisloe loss following six weeks on the sidelines, but he's failed to

redeem himself sufficiently in his two hours of play in the past two Tests.

But Wallabies playmaker Quade Cooper jumped to Beale's defence, claiming his good friend had been harshly judged by critics.

"I don't think he hasn't been playing well," Cooper said. "It's just the way the games have panned out haven't been the best for any of the back three."

"They haven't had much opportunity and it's been difficult for

them and Kurtley is a player that has a lot of expectation.

"If he goes out there and has a normal game it's perceived not to be his best game because he's not doing the spectacular things he's renowned for."

McCabe has been a Deans' favourite since he made his Test debut at inside centre last year and returned to the international arena following just 33 minutes of club rugby in the Canberra grand final the previous weekend. —AAP

Growing queue to fight Geale



THE queue of potential opponents is growing for Australia's dual middleweight boxing world champion Daniel Geale as he prepares to check two of them out in person.

Little more than a week after returning from Germany, where he dethroned World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight super champion Felix Sturm, Geale is heading overseas again.

He was to leave Sydney last night (Tuesday) to head to Las Vegas, where this weekend Julio Cesar Chavez Jr will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight crown against Sergio Martinez.

The winner is a possible opponent for International Boxing Federation (IBF) and

WBA super champion Geale, in what would potentially be a massive three-belt unification match.

Geale has mandatory defences looming for the IBF belt against Australian compatriot Sam Soliman and for the WBA title against Kazakhstan's heavy-handed Gennady Golovkin.

He is awaiting confirmation of the time limits for both defences.

Geale revealed British boxers Matthew Macklin and Martin Murray were interested in fighting him in England.

Macklin dropped a split decision to Sturm in June 2011, while Murray drew with the German less than six months later.

"We've got some big things on the radar, we're just not rushing it," Geale said.

Macklin, who was stopped by Martinez last March, is appearing on the undercard

of the Chavez Jr-Martinez fight.

Mexican Chavez (46-0-1, 32 KOs) the son of the legendary multi-world title winner bearing the same christian names, will make his fourth title defence.

Argentinian Martinez (49-2-2, 28 KOs) is widely regarded as the world's best middleweight and one of the leading pound-for-pound fighters.

While in Las Vegas, Geale expects to meet his American promoter Gary Shaw and boxers and officials attached to the HBO cable television network.

Geale has made no secret of his intentions to conquer boxing's biggest market in the United States.

He's adamant he's still far from his peak and was bent on tackling even harder, bigger fights.

"I think if you go over and conquer the

US as well that's the next target," Geale told reporters.

"With the help of my promoter Gary Shaw, we're going to get over there and shake those guys up too.

"It's been great to do it in Germany, but I think now we've got to do it in other countries as well.

"We've got to keep taking the next step and that is obviously going to mean more money, but it definitely means harder and bigger fights."

He said he would also love to have a rematch with compatriot Anthony Mundine, the only man to beat him in 29 professional contests.

"It's always been open on our side. We've always been happy to jump in there, but it seems to not happen," Geale said.

—AAP

Simply the best



Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs rugby league player Ben Barba holds the Dally M Medal in Sydney on Tuesday 4 September.
—AAP image



BEN Barba has yet another gong to show for his stellar 2012 campaign with the Canterbury fullback named player's player at the annual Rugby League Professionals Association awards night.

Crowned Dally M player of the year a week earlier in an award determined by media judges, Barba was also singled out as the year's dominant player by his peers in Sydney on 11 September.

The votes are tallied on a 3-2-1 basis from the opposition team after each game, Barba's standout season making him a clear-cut winner.

Past winners of the award include Jarryd Hayne, Petero Civoniceva, Johnathan Thurston and last year's recipient, Newcastle winger Akuila Uate.

Others honoured on the night included South Sydney halfback Adam Reynolds and Penrith winger Josh Mansour, who were

Proud tradition

PAST Dally M Medal winners have included Indigenous players Robert Laurie (South Sydney) in 1980, Cliff Lyons (Manly) in 1990 and 1994, Laurie Daley (Canberra) 1995, Preston Campbell (Cronulla) 2001, and Johnathan Thurston (North Queensland) 2005.

Indigenous All Stars coach and new NSW State of Origin coach Laurie Daley was one of the judges for the 2012 Dally M Medal.

joint winners of the players' rookie of the year.

Test five-eighth Thurston won the Australian representative player of the year, with St George Illawarra flyer Jason

Nightingale taking out the New Zealand representative player of the year award.

Retiring Brisbane prop Civoniceva was honoured for reaching the 300-game club, while several past and present State of Origin stars were inducted into the Origin Gold Club including Dale Shearer, Paul Vautin, Andrew Johns, Glenn Lazarus and Hayne.

String of accolades

Earlier, the brilliant Barba was named the 2012 Dally M Player of the Year and the Provan-Summons Medal winner in a night that saw the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs claim nine awards before a star-studded crowd at the Sydney Town Hall.

Barba's scintillating form this year also saw him named Fullback of the Year, share the Top Try-Scorer Award and claim the Peter Frilingos Headline Moment of the Year for his role in a freakish length-of-the-

field try against Melbourne in Mackay.

He tallied a commanding 32 votes, beating off late-season charges from Cowboys stars Matt Bowen (26) and Johnathan Thurston (24) as well as Melbourne's Cooper Cronk (25).

Running fifth when voting went 'silent' after Round 16, Barba took the lead two rounds later. From Round 18 to Round 23 he captured 14 of a possible 18 points. A single vote in Round 24 made his position unassailable with two rounds to play.

Barba, who was presented with the Dally M Medal by NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell, becomes the first player to graduate from the Toyota Cup and win League's highest individual honour.

It capped a stunning night for the Bulldogs club, which in the same week celebrated minor premierships in the Telstra Premiership, Toyota Cup and NSW Cup.

Johnathan Thurston was named Five-eighth of the Year.

Giants hold key

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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WE are one weekend away from what may be one of the great grand finals of the modern era.

And two giants of the era in Buddy Franklin and Adam Goodes will have a direct impact on which teams will contest the flag at the MCG.

If you think I am overstating the importance of these two greats we only need to look to the thoughts of the Adelaide Crows leading into this week's Preliminary Final.

Following the Crows' 10-point win over Fremantle, Adelaide coach Brenton Sanderson almost immediately turned his attention to Hawthorn and in particular one man, Lance Franklin.

The superstar forward looms as the Crows' biggest problem.

"I don't know if anyone can play on Buddy," Sanderson said.

"I don't know who in the competition is the best match up for Buddy, we'll certainly back our boys in this week."

Sanderson said injured Rising Star Daniel Talia would have been 'perfect' for the role, but in his absence floated Ben Rutten as the likely man to be handed the challenge after his stand out role on Matthew Pavlich in the semi-final win.

Pavlich was kept to just 10 disposals and a single goal.

"Buddy's in a class of his own. He's an elite player. He's a really difficult match up cause he's got height but he's also got speed and agility," Sanderson said.

"You just can't let him have a possession inside 50 because he'll make you pay."

"Once again we'll have to rely on pressure up the field, and we'll have a bit of a strategy meeting this week about how we can try and nullify him."

That said Adelaide is confident of harnessing the belief it showed in Friday



Hawthorn's Lance Franklin celebrates kicking a goal against the Sydney Swans during their round 22 match at the SCG in Sydney last month. AAP image

night's comeback win and springing an upset.

Fremantle led by 29 points in the second quarter before the Crows turned the game, led by forward Taylor Walker's brilliant third quarter.

The 10-point win sets up a meeting that will be their season's biggest challenge.

"I know it's going to be crazy here this week with the build-up to a prelim final but we'll certainly go over there really confident after our second half fightback," Sanderson said after the game.

"We'll certainly be the underdogs so it's really important we get over there and hopefully get tonnes of support."

"The belief has always

been there. The doubt comes externally.

"I've got tremendous belief in our playing group and the assistant coaches we've got have been fantastic this week in reminding our players their best is good enough."

"As much as you can, you can't think about losing. It has to enter your mind at times but our focus all this week was what role you could play for the team."

"At no point did I mention or did I even say to any of our coaches, 'if we lose this week'."

Despite a big shift in form after half time that saw the Crows move the ball better, hit targets and make Fremantle defend, Sanderson was under no illusions about the potency

of a well-rested Hawthorn.

"It's important we understand we've just won a semi-final and that puts us in a position to play in a prelim," Sanderson said.

"So you enjoy it, we review it and then we get on with our next opponent."

"The season's not over for us. As happy as we feel now and as relieved as we feel ... it's important to get back to business now, recover well, review, and we'll get on with the Hawks as soon as we can."

On the other side of the draw the Swans will face a rejuvenated Collingwood who showed ominous sides in their impressive win against West Coast Eagles on Saturday.

I remain confident that the Swans' big match temperament will see them win through, with the experience and leadership of Adam Goodes being a significant factor.

But Collingwood will enter next week's preliminary final against the Sydney Swans playing the best football they have all season, according to coach Nathan Buckley.

Buckley admitted his team had struggled to reach a consistent level, until now.

"At this stage, we believe over the last two or three weeks, we've probably played as good footy as we've played all year and it's a good time to be doing that," he said.

The fact the Magpies play the Swans fills them with even more self-belief.

Collingwood holds an astonishing record over the Swans, winning the past 11 encounters.

It has also won seven games in a row at ANZ Stadium, where the preliminary final will be played on Friday night.

To my mind, these statistics count for little on game day, but they can build confidence in the lead-up to the contest.

The last time the sides met – in round 20 at ANZ Stadium – Collingwood won a thriller by eight points.

"It means we go in with a great deal of confidence against the opposition on that venue," Buckley said.

"But the past is the past. Every game we've played against Sydney we've had to dig in, we've had to work hard ... next week will be no exception."

Buckley praised his side's defence and there is little doubt that goals will be hard to come by this week.

Even without suspended captain Nick Maxwell, the Magpies' defence rarely looked shaky.

"I thought they were huge," Buckley said.

"I'm really loath to individualise – we had seven or eight guys go through that back six and to a man they played their role very well."

The fact that the remaining four sides are playing great team football and are near the peak of their form actually increases the importance of having individuals that can change the momentum of a match.

For much of the past two months I have been anticipating a grand final clash between the Swans and the Hawks because of the impact of two of the all-time great Indigenous players of our game.

I believe Buddy and Goodes hold not only the key to this week's matches but also the ultimate winners of the competition.

I believe Hawthorn and Sydney will play in the decider.

Goodes versus Franklin... I can hardly wait!

Cowboys robbed, but the Rabbitohs live on

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

RUGBY league fans lost the chance to see Johnathan Thurston and Matt Bowen pursue their dream to reverse the 2005 grand final loss when referee decisions robbed them of the opportunity to defeat a spirited Manly side last Friday.

I am the first to defend the game's officials because of the immense pressure they are under, but I could not help but side with the Cowboys after a match-deciding decision went against them.

That said, a brave Manly side may well still have won, but there is no disputing that the decision made the Cowboys' task of winning impossible from that moment.

The anguish in JT's voice was obvious as he pleaded his case on the field.

The pain will last for a long time.

The 'gutted' JT repeated his on-field claim that North Queensland had been robbed, and a frustrated Cowboys coach Neil Henry called for a review of the NRL refereeing system.

"I am not saying they are biased, I would say they are incompetent and I am not on my own there," Henry said of the match officials.

"We've said all year they haven't been up to the mark – they are full-time but they don't have a feel for the game."

A furious Thurston told referee Shayne Hayne after the second try was awarded to Manly winger Michael Oldfield in the 63rd minute: "That is two times we have been robbed."

Asked afterwards if he still felt that way, Thurston said: "Without a doubt. Honestly, those

decisions – they just can't justify them. I am gutted."

Manly winger Jorge Taufua was awarded a controversial try in the 52nd minute when he appeared to have been tackled millimetres short by Ashley Graham and then rolled over the try line.

After viewing numerous replays, the video referees awarded the try and Hayne explained to Thurston:

"He lost sight of it (the ball) because of the corner post and he thinks he got it on the line."

Thurston replied: "It's not a double movement."

However, he was far less composed after the second Manly try was awarded to Oldfield 11 minutes later, following five-eighth Kieran Foran appearing to knock on.

Following the match NRL officials admitted the decision was wrong, but this is no consolation to the Cowboys.

JT and Matty know that opportunities to win a competition do not come often and this was the Cowboys' best chance since 2005.

Manly continue to impress despite the loss to the Bulldogs.

The match against Melbourne will be a grand final in its own right.

There is no love lost between

these two clubs and the winner will progress to the grand final with great confidence.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys will lament what could have been and look to 2013.

There is little doubt that the majority of Aboriginal support will now fall behind the Rabbitohs.

Ben Barba may have set the season alight and he will have a lot of personal support, but the Rabbits have always been a spiritual home for Indigenous players and fans alike.

South Sydney is one step away from a first grand final appearance in 41 years, after brushing aside Canberra 38-16 in Saturday's NRL semi-final at ANZ Stadium.

Reynolds the star

Rookie halfback Adam Reynolds was the star of the show for the Rabbitohs, scoring a try and kicking seven goals on his way to becoming only the second player in the club's history to chalk up more than 200 points in a season. Indigenous team of the Century member Eric Simms was the last player to record that feat in 1970 – the year the Rabbitohs won the 19th of their 20 premierships – and they must now beat Canterbury next Saturday if they are to add to

that tally. The win was Souths' first finals victory in 25 years.

Tries from Reynolds, Andrew Everingham and Sam Burgess helped the home side into a 20-10 advantage at half time, but despite being on the back foot for the majority of the opening stanza, tries from Sam Williams and Sandor Earl just before the break gave the Raiders some hope.

But that hope was dashed as the Rabbitohs rediscovered the form that has given their legions of fans hope that this could be the season to end the drought.

I firmly believe that Souths are not only capable of meeting the challenge of beating the Bulldogs in this week's preliminary final but that they can also take the next step to win the premiership no matter who wins the Storm and Manly encounter.

This match is a toss of the coin, and Melbourne will start favourites if only because of home ground advantage.

However, I believe the reigning premiers in the Sea Eagles have been playing finals football for the past six weeks and will come out winners in a tight contest.

Many might be surprised that I do not believe the Bulldogs will make the grand final.

"Gutted" ... Johnathan Thurston's look says it all after the North Queensland Cowboys' loss to Manly in Friday night's NRL semi-final.
Getty Image



The Bulldogs have had a great season, but in a number of matches have shown some defensive weaknesses in the middle of the ruck.

Souths have an imposing pack and the return of Roy Asotasi has given them an added edge.

And despite the importance of team performance I believe Souths have the edge in individual brilliance.

Barba provides so much spark to the Bulldogs attack that they are capable of scoring tries from any part of the field.

But close down Barba and the Bulldogs start to struggle.

Souths have a number of players including Burgess, Sutton and Luke who are capable of making an unexpected break.

And then there is Greg Inglis. GI is the major reason I believe Souths can go all the way.

You look at Greg's career and it is littered with man of the match performances when it counts.

I believe he will not only be the difference against the Bulldogs, but he will provide Souths with the momentum to bring home the premiership in a fairytale finish to a great season.

Go the Rabbitohs!

How Goodes is he?



Adam Goodes takes a diving mark for the Sydney Swans against the West Coast Eagles in 2007. — AAP image



SYDNEY co-captain Adam Goodes has enjoyed his revenge against Adelaide, taking the Swans into this weekend's AFL preliminary final with a best-on-ground

performance.

Goodes kicked three goals and had a hand in several others as the Swans stormed to a 29-point win against the Crows in the second qualifying final at AAMI Stadium, Adelaide, on 8 September.

The result was in stark contrast to the round six clash between the two sides when the former Brownlow Medallist tore a quad muscle in Sydney's five point loss and missed the next five matches.

When he went down, the Swans were storming home, leading into the last quarter after trailing by five goals before half-time.

It was a testing time considering before that injury he had only missed seven games since his debut in 1999.

As well as his three goals against the Crows, Goodes also had seven marks and 22 disposals in a performance coach John Longmire said was simply 'outstanding'.

"His work rate is second to none and his start in particular really set the tone," Longmire said.

"He led from the front and finals is a terrific time to do it."

Goodes kicked the first two goals for the Swans and added his third just before half-time in a key moment in the game.

The set shot from 40 metres came against the flow of play and left Adelaide trailing by 25 points at the main break.

He was quieter in the second half, but by then the damage was done.

Adelaide coach Brenton Sanderson said Goodes's influence on the game was significant.

"He's a winner. He loves the big stage," Sanderson said.

"He was the one who really stood up for them." — AAP

Stages set for rugby league extravaganzas

● From back page

Described in some circles as a 'modern-day corroboree', the Knockout brings together participants and their families from all over the State during the October long weekend.

The Mindaribba LALC called in top Indigenous rugby league administrator William 'Smiley' Johnstone to co-ordinate the carnival.

NSWALC chairman Stephen Ryan said his council was proud to provide a community benefit reaching so many people in NSW.

"The reach of the Knockout cannot be under-estimated," he said.

"Whether you hate the game or love it like a boori (child), there's no mistaking just how many of our mob get involved over the long weekend.

"The NSWALC Council has decided to grant funding to reduce the nomination fees for participating teams."

This follows a team nomination increase from \$1500 to \$1800.

The NSWALC will subsidise teams by \$1000.

A subsidy for women's team will reduce their nomination fee from \$1500 to \$900.

Mindaribba Warriors Football Club president Tom Miller said: "There's no other event in Aboriginal Australia that even comes close to the Knockout, so it's great to see NSWALC's support."

This year's Knockout will be held at Lakeside Oval, Raymond Terrace.

It is a smoke and alcohol-free event expected to attract 20,000 people.

Aboriginal sporting event in that State, the Arthur Beetson Murri Carnival is relatively new, having been played last year for the first time at Mudgeeraba, on the Gold Coast.

And to give both events greater prestige, the winners of the two carnivals will meet next year (Murrumbidgee v Kooris) for the right to claim to be the best Indigenous team in Australia.

Former Test star Tony Currie is the driving force behind the Arthur Beetson Carnival, to be held at the Briggs Road Sporting Complex, Ipswich.

Organisers are offering \$50,000 prizemoney for the men's competition.

And for more incentive, players will be trialling for selection in a Queensland Murri side to tour the United States.

The junior boys also have plenty to play for. In addition to being in line for selection in an under 15 team to tour Papua New Guinea, the boys also will be pressing for selection in the Queensland under 16 Indigenous team to take on the NSW under 16 Kooris in a curtain-raiser to next year's Indigenous All Stars game at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane.

The women taking part at Ipswich also will be in line for selection in the Queensland Women's Murri team to take on the NSW Kooris in Brisbane next February.

The Queensland Rugby League awarded the Arthur Beetson Foundation the rights to host the event for three years. The foundation then engaged Murri Rugby League (MRL) Qld Pty Ltd to event manage the carnival.

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Football fever

Big carnivals ready to go

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE two biggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rugby league carnivals in Australia are just over a week



away. The Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Carnival will be held at Ipswich on 27-30 September, and the 40th anniversary NSW Aboriginal Rugby

League Knockout will start a day later at Raymond Terrace, near Newcastle.

A rival Queensland carnival, the Queensland Murri Sports Carnival (QMSC) was to start this weekend on the Sunshine Coast, but has been postponed to 9-11 November (See story this page).

The 40th anniversary NSW Knockout will proceed as scheduled from 28 September to 1 October.

A record 60 teams have entered

the open men's competition, with teams being split into four pools.

Pool winners will emerge after four games and these teams will contest the semi-finals on Monday morning 1 April, with the final at 3pm on Monday.

Knockout titleholders the Mindaribba Warriors have been drawn against the Redfern All Blacks in what is shaping as one of the best first-round games of the tournament on Sunday 30 September.

The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) has been named the major sponsor of the NSW Knockout.

Hosted this year by reigning champions the Mindaribba Warriors Football Club, the knockout has fast become a major sports event for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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Murri event is put back to November



IN a shock 11th-hour decision, the Queensland Murri Sports Carnival (QMSC), which was to have been held this weekend, has been put

back to November.

Co-organiser Paula Maling told the *Koori Mail* last Thursday the decision to postpone the event had been taken because her co-organiser Anthony 'Choc' Mundine was overseas.

Maling and Mundine are listed as QMSC directors.

"It's too hard to organise with 'Choc' out of the country," Maling said.

Maling said the carnival now would be held on Queensland's

Sunshine Coast from 9-11 November.

The postponement means the event now will be held outside the football season, and player fitness could be an issue.

The Queensland Murri Sports Carnival, which also will embrace basketball, boxing and Oztag, was to have been held the weekend before the rival Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Carnival at Ipswich and the big NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Raymond Terrace, near Newcastle.

The Ipswich carnival will be held on 27-30 September, and the 40th anniversary NSW Knockout will proceed as scheduled from 28 September to 1 October.



South Sydney's Greg Inglis on the attack in last Saturday night's NRL semi-final against Canberra. The Rabbitohs' 38-16 victory means they meet the Canterbury Bulldogs this weekend to play for a place in the grand final. In this weekend's other preliminary final, Manly — who controversially beat North Queensland Cowboys on Friday night — meet Melbourne. Get all the details in Preston Campbell's column on Page 110. Getty image

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