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Alcohol reform on the agenda



AS prominent Aboriginal leaders call for time out on proposed alcohol reform measures in both Queensland and the Northern Territory, others are arguing that maybe it's time to turn the taps back on.

In both jurisdictions, critics of alcohol restrictions have argued against race-based bans, and of a lack of Indigenous control into the decision-making process surrounding Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) and other forms of restrictions.

In Queensland, the Newman Government is reviewing AMPs in Indigenous communities in line with an election pledge, and appears to have the tentative support of Indigenous mayors.

Yarrabah Mayor Errol Neal, who is speaking for the combined mayors of Aboriginal councils across Queensland, said Aboriginal communities needed to be empowered and provided with the necessary resources to come up with their own solutions.

"Putting these race-based measures on us is not helping, another generation becomes dependant on the boss, the white man, and his way of life, and the way he wants to dictate or look down on Aboriginal people," he said.

But Professor Marcia Langton, Dr Sue Gordon, Noel Pearson and Warren Mundine have all publicly

Reactions mixed to Qld and NT proposals

stated that it is too early to relax alcohol restrictions.

In the NT, the Country Liberal Government is also in the midst of alcohol reform, including the scrapping of the Banned Drinkers Registry, and the possibility of reintroducing wet canteens.

Following an alcohol reform meeting in Alice Springs last week, the Central Land Council urged the Government to hold off before introducing any further reforms.

CLC director David Ross said the Government should slow down and wait until its own research into wet canteens was completed.

Mr Ross said the rights 'most relevant to the argument are those of people, especially children, not to be subject to the violence and mayhem caused by its (alcohol's) abuse'.

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Rockin' at The Rock



THE Aboriginal community of Mutitjulu, in the shadow of Uluru, has opened up to the public for a concert celebrating the song *Solid Rock*, written 30 years ago by Goanna frontman Shane

Howard, pictured above with his daughter Myra, Aboriginal singer Archie Roach, and musician Pete Denahy. Howard is also pictured, left, singing with Eric Trigger and Winnie Cooper, who sang the song in Pitjantjatjara. Photos: Darren Coyne

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My FAMILY WES LENOY – Palm Island, Qld



FAMILY is very important to me and my wife Jan, but many of ours live far away from our home on the North Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island. So when our 24th grandchild, Taikaha Lenoy, turned one on 29 September we decided to have a big family get-together at the Townsville Strand near the water park. It was a great place to celebrate, with the beach and sea nearby.

It really turned out to be a special occasion for us and the rest of the family who were there.

We have six children. Taikaha is the son of one of our sons, Stacy, and his partner Kirsten McIntyre, who is from around Cloncurry and a Kalkadoon lady.

Their daughter, our granddaughter, Tianiwa Lenoy, aged 5, was at the get-together and enjoyed being near so many other youngsters who were having a good time at the water park.

Our youngest son Luke, who is employed in the mines at Moranbah, and his partner Araluen Hoolihan, who comes from a mob in the Greenvale area, were there as well.

I work as a heavy machinery operator on

Palm and Jan is a manager at the Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill on Palm Island.

There is a garden bar at the place where Jan works and at high tide the sea flows right up to it and the sunsets from there are just wonderful.

It is good for me to work on many construction projects on Palm Island that will benefit the community.

We both love Palm Island, where we have been for six years, but Townsville was the ideal place to have this gathering.

Jan's brother Mathew Paki and his partner Kirstin Allen came up from Brisbane, and it was so good to see them.

There were lots of other relatives from different places. We had a feast at the Strand and all enjoyed it.

There are many members of the Lenoy family living all around North Queensland and even beyond.

Some of our grandchildren even live far away in New Zealand and we were thinking of them.

It just doesn't get any better than this, being together with family and friends in a beautiful location. — **As told to Alf Wilson**

● From left, Wes Lenoy, son Luke Lenoy, Luke's partner Araluen Hoolihan, Kirsten McIntyre holding Tianiwa Lenoy, 5, son Stacy Lenoy holding Taikaha Lenoy, and Wes's wife Jan Lenoy.

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OUR CHILDREN



Jackson McKay and Isaac MacAlpine-King at Jarjum Preschool, Lismore, northern NSW. See more on the Jarjum Family Fun day on Page 34. Photo: Rudi Maxwell

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Pair peddle health message

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL men need to 'stand up erect' and take charge of their health not only for themselves, but also for their families and communities. That's the message health expert Dr Mick Adams and vision-impaired dynamo Steve Widders are spreading as they walk and cycle from Brisbane to Sydney.

The pair stopped off in Lismore, northern New South Wales, last week to visit staff at the Aboriginal medical service Gurgun Bulahnggelah, and caught up with the *Koori Mail* to explain their motivation for the 'Walk Ride Widders' trek.

"One of the things that motivated me was knowing six men who died within six weeks of each other, all from preventable conditions," Mr Widders, who completed the Kokoda Track walk last year, said.

"They all had heart attacks in their early 40s, which could have been prevented.

"It's about making a choice to be unhealthy or healthy and I want to be a motivator for men to choose the healthy option. There's no such thing as a sudden death unless you get hit by a bus or something.

"Sudden deaths are often 20 years in the making and that's why you've got to prepare yourself to get old well."

Dr Adams, who has worked in Aboriginal health organisations for more than 30 years, said he particularly wanted to reach out to young men, and boys.

"The myth is that men don't care about their health, but a lot do and they want to make changes," he said. "One of the key messages is that you don't have to wait until you're sick to get a check up."



Mick Adams and Steve Widders on their bike in Lismore, northern NSW, with health education officer Elly Bradshaw, the riders' 'number-two driver' Bill Widders, (back row) senior Aboriginal health education officer Teena Binge, Gurgun Bulahnggelah administration officer Robyn Hill, 'number-one driver' Barb O'Brien and local Aboriginal health manager Jenny Smith.

As part of the trek, they are hoping to travel about 60 to 100 kilometres each day, calling into Aboriginal medical services along the way, and visiting men's groups. They plan to arrive in Sydney on

24 October, where they will lead other cyclists from the north side of the Sydney Harbour Bridge on a ride to Redfern Park. Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, The MAN Expo Australia,

Motorpass and a number of other organisations are sponsoring their trek. To follow their journey, go to <https://www.facebook.com/WalkRideWidders>

Monetary value set on hunting



A QUEENSLAND court has put a financial value on traditional hunting practices in a landmark decision to award

damages to the families of five people killed in a plane crash.

Frank Billy, Fred and Mardie Bowie, Gordon Kris and Helena Woosup were among 15 people killed when a Metroliner aircraft crashed into a mountain near Lockhart River on Cape York in May 2005.

Several of the victims' families have already received compensation.

In the Queensland Supreme

Court in Cairns last Friday, Justice Jim Henry awarded a total of \$2.38 million in damages to the five families, after they sued the airline's liquidated parent company Lessbrook and insurer QBE.

Four of the claims were awarded the maximum \$500,000, while the claim on behalf of Ms Bowie was awarded \$388,255.20.

Australian first

In what is believed to be an Australian first, Justice Henry put a monetary value on the traditional hunting done by Mr Billy, Mr Bowie and Mr Kris as well as the fishing done by Ms

Bowie. During the hearing the court heard the four, who lived in the Indigenous towns of Bamaga and Injinoo, would spend several hours a week hunting turtles, dugongs and fishing.

Justice Henry determined the fishing and hunting to be the provision of a specialised service, worth \$25 per hour. "(It) was the loss of the skilled services of the deceased providing food on the table as part of a way of life," he said.

The judge also decided children raised under traditional adoptions did not meet the definition of dependents under the relevant legislation. — AAP

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Wik people claimants, from left, Lindsay Koowata, Martha Koowata, Douglas Ahlers, Willie Lawrence, Paddy Rokeby and Robert Nelson with the paper copy of the native title determination after the ruling by Federal Court judge Justice Andrew Greenwood in Aurukun. Photo by Brian Cassey

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Wik, Wik Way victorious in title struggle



THE Wik and Wik Way peoples have won their final battle for native title rights to traditional lands in far north

Queensland. At a special hearing of the Federal Court

in the Indigenous community of Aurukun last Thursday, the Wik and Wik Way peoples were granted title to 19,672 square kilometres of land south of Weipa.

The consent determination stems from the High Court's Wik decision in 1996, which found native title could co-exist with pastoral leases.

The latest decision was reached following negotiations between the claimants, pastoralists, the state government, and mining

companies. It gives the Wik and Wik Way peoples the right to camp, hunt and fish on the land, as well as to conduct their traditional ceremonies.

It is the final determination on the Wik and Wik Way people's native title claim,

efforts of Wik and Wik Way Elders.

"We celebrate the vision and leadership of the many Elders past and present who have driven this claim for two decades," he said.

"It is a great day for the Wik kids, who will now benefit from the legacy left to them from their Elders."

Queensland Natural Resources Minister Andrew Cripps said the determination was a 'momentous' one, as it ended the state's longest-running native title claim.

"Finalising this claim provides certainty for people with interests in the region by determining who the native title holders are and the extent of their rights and interests," the minister said.

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'It is a great day for the Wik kids, who will now benefit from the legacy left to them from their Elders' – Richie Ahmat

which was first lodged in the Federal Court in 1993.

The decision follows four partial determinations made in 2000, 2004 and 2009.

Cape York Land Council chairman Richie Ahmat said the decision vindicated the

Havnen sacked, but she won't go quietly

By **DARREN COYNE**



THE Northern Territory Government may have sacked senior public servant Olga Havnen, but it certainly has not silenced her.

Just days after delivering a damning report highlighting a lack of transparency surrounding billions of dollars in Commonwealth and Territory funds allocated to Aboriginal communities, Ms Havnen on Friday embarked on a series of public briefings about her report.

The NT Government 'shelved' Ms Havnen's role as coordinator-general for remote services on 8 October by abolishing, what Ms Havnen argued, was one of the few positions that offered independent scrutiny of the public service.

Nevertheless, a defiant Ms Havnen told media that she was prepared to spend her own money to ensure the public heard first-hand the details of the report at meetings in Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

Meanwhile, the NT Government offered little in the way of explanation as to why Ms Havnen

was removed from the position.

In a statement issued on 8 October, NT Minister for Aboriginal Advancement Alison Anderson said the chief executive of the Department of Regional Development and Indigenous Advancement, in line with other states, would now undertake the role of the coordinator-general.

"In her report, (Ms Havnen) identified significant wastage in remote services spending and questioned where the enormous sums of money directed to Indigenous programs is being spent," Ms Anderson said in the statement.

"The time for answering those questions is long overdue.

"The Federal and Territory Labor governments have obviously failed to identify where money is being spent – which should be a concern to anybody who wants transparent and accountable governance in remote communities.

"The Indigenous communities audit will address the issues raised by Ms Havnen in her report and other previous reports questioning outcomes and transparency in Indigenous spending."

Ms Anderson said the audit would be coordinated through the



OLGA HAVNEN

Department of Chief Minister and would assess the gap between money being spent and the actual delivery of services on the ground.

"The statutory office of the Commonwealth Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services will continue to provide independent monitoring of remote service provision," she said.

In response, Ms Havnen said the NT Government had missed the point. She said the announcement that Minister Anderson would lead a team to conduct forensic audits of the expenditure in particular communities indicated that the point of her report on financial arrangements had not been understood.

"The audit actually needs to look at NT Treasury and the reallocation of funds granted to the Territory, largely because of Indigenous disadvantage, which are reallocated on massive scale to urban infrastructure and 'Industry Support'," she said.

"This is part of the history of Territory governments which for decades have allocated funds desperately needed for remote services and directed them instead to luxury items of public infrastructure such as water parks, wave pools and international standard sporting facilities for every code.

"At the same time, these governments have created jobs for people living in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs to provide services to remote communities yet at the same time we are told there are no labour

markets in bush communities!"

Since her sacking, Ms Havnen has received support from anti-intervention campaigners and the Australian Lawyers for Human Rights group.

Central Australian Aboriginal leader Rosalie Kunoth Monks said the move was a shocking mistake and that Ms Havnen should be reinstated.

Stop the Intervention Collective (STICS) spokesperson Paddy Gibson said that the report delivered a damning indictment of the NT Intervention and showed an urgent need for funds to be redirected from bureaucracies to Aboriginal community controlled organisations. In particular, Mr Gibson said the report's 'explosive revelations' about government approaches to child welfare 'must be urgently addressed'.

Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR) president Stephen Keim said Ms Haven's sacking sent a mixed message to the community after the Country Liberals had promised greater transparency and scrutiny in government services.

"The decision may, particularly, be perceived as abandoning those values when it comes to Indigenous communities," he said.

Albert rocks with the Army

By **RUDI MAXWELL**



A MONTH ago Nyul Nyul Bardi man Albert Wiggan was being mentored by the Australian Army Rock Band, learning how to blend his musical talent with business to become a successful performer.

Last week he performed in front of 6000 people in Melbourne's Federation Square, on a bill with the John Butler Trio and Clare Bowditch to bring attention to the proposal by Woodside Petroleum and others to build a gas hub on the Kimberley coast of Western Australia.

"It was an unbelievable experience, I come from a community of 150 people, so to be surrounded by 6000-odd was huge," Mr Wiggan, who travelled from the Kimberley, said.

"There was an outstanding reaction to this campaign from the community of Melbourne."

The Australian Army has completed a six-month community assistance program in and around Broome, where they contacted Elders, consulted about and upgraded infrastructure. In a second wave, the army sent a medical team that did health checks, including for pets and livestock.

And the third part of the Army program was to help with training local people for job opportunities. This included mechanical training, using large vehicles, outboard motor maintenance and the Army Rock Band, to help local musicians better understand the music industry.

It was the first time music had been a part of the community assistance program.

"They had a full band with keyboards and sax," Mr Wiggan said. "They



Albert Wiggan playing with the Australian Army's Kapooka Rock Band.

encouraged Indigenous people to embrace as big a variety of music as possible. For me it was incredibly valuable.

"There's two sides to music, the ability to create and perform, and then the business. This has more or less prepared me to handle my own business, and given me advice about the industry, copyright, and recording."

Army Rock Band singer Jade Slater performed in a community concert with Mr Wiggan. "We'd heard a little bit about Albert before we got up there, and knew he wanted to further his career in music, so we knew he was going to be a

really good person to mentor," she said.

"We just didn't realise how good. We arranged one of his songs with him, added sax, put a new level of musicality into his work.

"He was established already and had a following, so to be able to interact with a musician of his calibre in a musical way, with someone who is such a positive influence in his community was great."

While Mr Wiggan was gratified to help spread the message to Save the Kimberley on the east coast, he was also happy to go home again.

"I have a personal passion and connection to country," he said.

"I can appreciate different worlds, can appreciate Western ideas. But where I come from and find peace from, humility, dignity – all the things my country gives me – and the confidence to believe in the things I believe in.

"I want to thank the Melbourne community again on behalf of me and my countrymen back in the Kimberley – it was a great display of support from our brothers and sisters on the other side of the country."

To check out Albert Wiggan's performance in the Save the Kimberley gig go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3_sD5QK8k0

Mural tells Dreamtime story

By LAURELLE PACEY



A RICHLY coloured mural telling a local

Dreamtime story now adorns the wall of Narooma's swimming pool, thanks to a combined initiative of Eurobodalla Shire Council, Narooma High School art teachers and three local artists.

Narooma, on the NSW far south coast, has a long history of public art thanks to Narooma High, but at more than 230 square metres this is the biggest mural yet.

"It's about sharing our traditional stories with everyone in the community," said artist Cheryl Davison, adding she was slightly anxious as to how the community would receive it.

Positive

But reaction so far has been positive.

The mural tells the story of Gulaga, the mother mountain at Central Tilba that dominates Narooma's landscape, and her two sons Najanuga (Little Dromedary at Central Tilba) and Barunguba (Montague Island).

One of the artists was Tim de Haan, known professionally as Phibs, a high-profile graffiti street artist who spent his early years in Narooma and now works internationally as well as in Sydney and Melbourne.

"While I knew something about the area's history, I never



Artist Don Atkinson, left, Narooma High student Tathra Daley, artist Cheryl Davison, teacher Lin Schroder and Tim 'Phibs' de Haan during the recent painting of Narooma's giant Dreamtime story mural.

knew much about the traditional stories," he said. "It's great hearing from Cheryl and doing this.

"What's so good about having so many kids involved with the detail is they'll bring their families here and say 'I did that'." Project manager Lin

Schroder, a Narooma art teacher, was delighted with the outcome.

"Country Area Support Program (CASP) funding enabled us to commission Cheryl, Don (Atkinson) and Tim as artists in residence," she said.

"We've involved over 50 Koori and non-Koori

students – high school art students as well as students in an Aboriginal girls' well-being program called Sista Speak, and students from Narooma, Bodalla, Bermagui, Cobargo and Central Tilba public schools."

Workshops started earlier this year, first with

students hearing the stories from Ms Davison and artist Don Atkinson and then with them having an input into the design.

"What I found really special was one student asked if we could include another traditional story about the waratah and the

Wonga pigeon, which we have," Ms Davison said. "It's her favourite story and she's not Koori."

Other support for the project came from the Australian National University, the Southern Area Catchment Authority, Club Narooma and Mitre 10 Narooma.



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Govt closes Vic schools



THE Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) has

urged the State Government to meet the educational needs of Indigenous youths. The call came after the Government ended an Aboriginal education program it said was costing more than \$4 million a year to teach 55 students.

Four Koorie Pathways Schools will close at the end of 2012, with Education Minister Martin Dixon saying the \$4.2 million running cost will be used for 'better-targeted programs'.

Schools in Mildura, Swan Hill and Morwell taught a combined 54 students. A fourth school, at

Glenroy in Melbourne's north, was closed earlier this year when only one student enrolled.

VAEAI president Geraldine Atkinson said her organisation was unhappy about the closing of any dedicated Aboriginal education setting.

"We do, however, look forward to the Minister's office undertaking further consultations with affected Koorie communities in order to put in place programs that are going to meet the educational needs of disaffected Koorie youth," she said.

Ms Atkinson said VAEAI supported consideration of alternate flexible learning schooling models in recognition that Government mainstream schooling system does not meet

the needs of all students.

"Rather than establishing special schools with the intent of transitioning students back into the government system, VAEAI believes the Victorian education sector must recognise that some Koorie students will not thrive in this kind of schooling environment," she said.

"These students need to be supported."

Minister Dixon said the Government 'simply cannot justify spending \$4.2 million a year on educating 55 students at schools where, as a result of a combination of factors, we are seeing poor educational outcomes and extremely high levels of student absenteeism'. — with AAP



Kwementyaye Briscoe's grandmother Janey Briscoe appeals for justice for her grandson at the alcohol reform meeting in Alice Springs attended by NT Deputy Chief Minister Robyn Lambley.



One of the signs being carried by protestors at the Alice Springs rally.

Alice rally demands justice for Briscoe

By DARREN COYNE



THE family of an Aboriginal man who died in police custody in Alice Springs in January this year appear unlikely to get what

they most want – justice – at least any time soon.

They rallied outside a meeting on alcohol reform earlier this month, which was organised following a recommendation from Northern Territory Coroner Greg Cavanagh who oversaw an inquest into the death of Kwementyaye Briscoe.

In his report, Mr Cavanagh described the death of Mr Briscoe as a 'preventable death caused by lack of adequate care'.

None of the 12 NT police officers directly involved in Mr Briscoe's care were sacked over their actions on the night he died, despite footage showing Mr Briscoe being roughly handled while heavily intoxicated, and one officer surfing the internet while other prisoners called for help for the dying man.

Disgusted

Mr Briscoe's aunt Patricia Morton-Thomas, who led a protest march through the streets of Alice Springs calling for 'justice not jails', said she was disgusted that not one officer had been charged with an offence, or sacked.

"It's time to start looking at the practices of the Northern Territory police," she said.

"It's time to stop giving a tap on the hand to police who do the wrong thing. It's time to start kicking their arses.



Demanding justice ... Front from left Elaine Quinn, Patsy Morton, Janey Briscoe and Louise Daniels and back from left, Roslyn Quinn, Patricia Morton-Thomas, Barbara Shaw and Marlene Hodder at the rally in Alice Springs.

"When a person is taken into protective custody the police have a duty to protect, not surf the internet.

"It's time for people to wake up and get angry or the next person could be your child."

Ms Morton-Thomas and her followers were banned from the alcohol reform meeting, which involved the government, police, the NT Licensing Commission, community groups and others.

But she certainly made

herself heard, loudly accusing NT Deputy Chief Minister Robyn Lambley through closed doors of hiding from her, and trying to 'buy our silence' with offers of compensation.

Assault

"I had another nephew go to jail for spitting on the ground in front of a police officer and that was an assault," she told the crowd.

"But what they did to my

nephew wasn't an assault.

"We are here to prevent another death in jail."

Ms Morton-Thomas said Aboriginal people were being locked up in Alice Springs because of racism, adding that 'Apartheid has come home. It is alive and well in Alice Springs'.

Alice Springs filmmaker Warwick Thornton told the *Koori Mail* he was attending the rally to support the family.

"It's hard for both sides. We'd

be stuffed without police but the people who were there that night did the wrong thing," he said.

"This shouldn't go away. There's good police and bad police. Let's get rid of the bad ones."

Following the alcohol reform meeting, Ms Lambley addressed media, saying she knew that the family wanted some of the police officers involved with caring for Mr Briscoe to be sacked.

"I intend to take this up with the Chief Minister," she said.

Procedures

"I have already requested a full briefing on what the disciplinary procedures were that were undertaken by the former government."

Ms Lambley said the Country Liberal Party had been in government for only six weeks so had not been directly involved in the disciplinary action against police.

"At this stage I can't commit to what we will do or what we won't do," Ms Lambley said.

On 12 October, the *Koori Mail* contacted Ms Lambley's office asking what further action had been taken, or was likely to be taken.

A spokesman for Ms Lambley said no further action was to be taken as the 'period had passed for further action to be taken'.

He said the statute of limitations had passed, and referred the *Koori Mail* to the media officer for NT Police, who did not return calls.

Meanwhile, supporters of the Briscoe family gathered in Sydney outside the Central Courts on Friday, while an online petition has also been launched calling for action to be taken against the NT police involved.

Spotlight on alcohol ban reform

Queensland decision draws mixed reaction

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHILE many prominent Aboriginal leaders have been quick to condemn the Queensland Government decision to review Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) in Indigenous communities, most of the mayors of the shires involved have cautiously welcomed the idea, albeit with some reservations.

The combined mayors of Aboriginal councils across Queensland

expressed concerns about various aspects of the review process, which spokesperson Yarrabah Mayor Errol Neal told the *Koori Mail* centred on the Government being prepared to properly resource feasibility studies and provide funding for support services in communities.

"I think it's a decision for the people. If the people want it, so be it," Mayor Neal said.

"In the past this has been a race-based decision, we're the new baby in shire governments, and we certainly have been treated as second-class.

"We either are local government in our own right, or we're not.

"With education, rates of

school attendance, family violence, there are laws in place to deal with these sorts of things, to me it's a failure from governments.

"It is my belief it is time for Aboriginal people to take control of our own destiny."

Aurukun Mayor Dereck Walpo said his community would not be seeking to lift its alcohol restrictions.

"We need to wake up and go to work. Not wake up and think about where we are going to get our next drink," he told the *Cairns Post* newspaper.

Professor Marcia Langton, Dr

and responsibility for these problems has increased at the grassroots," Mr Pearson wrote.

"There is now grave danger this progress will be jeopardised. An episode of Queensland's parlous political history concerning blackfellas may be about to be repeated."

Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Glen Elmes told the *Koori Mail* that he had been consulting extensively with the 19 Aboriginal communities concerned and that AMPs had first been put in place a decade ago by the Beattie Labor

He said that before the Queensland Government would sign off on any changes to AMPs, shires would need to have consulted with community justice, health, women's and men's groups.

"If Aurukun or anywhere else wants to prohibit alcohol, we will respect that, but if other mayors want to transition completely away from all AMPs, then there has to be in place a procedure to allow them to manage that," he said.

"I will not have on my conscience women bashed, kids abused, or school attendance levels down. These proposals are

measures on us is not helping. Another generation becomes dependant on the boss, the white man, and his way of life, and the way he wants to dictate or look down on Aboriginal people," he said.

"I am a reformed person myself. I did it all on my own, made my choice, it was a decision I had to make. I come from an area where there was gambling, drinking, substance abuse, but it's an individual thing, people have to have the freedom to roam.

"Everyone has a right to live in law, has the right to make his own decisions, if he wants to drink, or he wants to get a job and work hard for the rest of his life and be successful.

"We don't need restrictions, we need meaningful employment, getting our mob opportunities for employment and training. A lot of communities all have different ways they

want to deal with things and I am confident we can come up with solutions, we have the solutions, we just need to be resourced to have the opportunity to do all these things."

Mr Neal said Aboriginal communities would be better-placed to take advantage of tourism opportunities without alcohol restrictions.

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'I think it's a decision for the people. If the people want it, so be it' – Yarrabah Mayor Errol Neal

Sue Gordon, Noel Pearson and Warren Mundine have all publicly stated that it is too early to relax alcohol restrictions.

Mr Pearson wrote in the *The Australian* newspaper that leadership by people such as Mayor Walpo was helping Aboriginal communities.

"A decade ago there was none. While many supported restrictions, their voices were muted. It shows that ownership

Government as an emergency measure because of the high incidence of violence.

"You can't, for the rest of time, keep emergency measures in place, so we decided what we were going to do was to sit down and have a mature discussion with each and every community so that if they wish to make some alterations to their method of AMP, provided they tick all the boxes, they can," Mr Elmes said.

going to be owned by the community and put together by the community. The good old days of canteens and grog shops are well and truly over, no local authority, Indigenous or other, is allowed to own a liquor licence."

Mayor Neal said Aboriginal communities needed to be empowered and provided with the necessary resources to come up with their own solutions.

"Putting these race-based

Let people decide – Mills



NORTHERN Territory Chief Minister Terry Mills says the people they affect, not politicians, should decide about alcohol bans imposed on remote Aboriginal communities.

In a move that puts him at odds with Federal conservatives, Mr Mills from the Country Liberal Party (CLP) has said grog bans and other aspects of the Federal Intervention should be left to communities to determine themselves.

He said it was paternalistic and ineffective to impose bans on Aboriginal communities without letting the locals help decide what measures to include.

"Allow that community to make that decision and to be involved in the discussion," he said.

Bans on alcohol, pornography and limits on courts' consideration of cultural practices were part of the intervention, which started in 2007 under the Howard Government.

The bans were supported by both sides of Federal politics and later extended by the Labor Party in its Stronger Futures legislation.

Mr Mills said communities should have a say over all measures imposed on them in the intervention.

"It is across the board," Mr Mills said.

"We should be treating Aboriginal people just like we like to be treated, no matter what it is," he said.

Federal Opposition Indigenous affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion has reportedly expressed concerns at a proposal to lift alcohol bans on

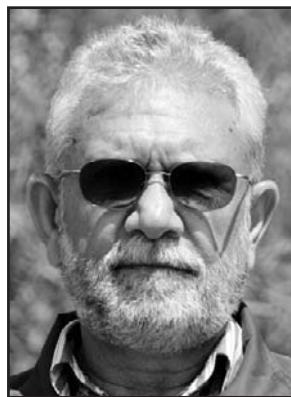


TERRY MILLS

a case-by-case basis.

"The reason I'm nervous is that alcohol in Aboriginal communities has never been a good thing. Never," he said in *The Australian* newspaper.

The CLP came to power in the NT in August, largely on the back of a huge swing towards them among Indigenous voters in remote areas.



DAVID ROSS

But the Director of the Central Land Council, David Ross, has cautioned the NT Government about moving too quickly with further alcohol reforms.

Already the Country Liberal Government has scrapped the Banned Drinkers Registry, and is looking at the possibility of reintroducing wet canteens into communities, and

introducing mandatory rehabilitation centres.

Following a meeting on 5 October about alcohol issues in Alice Springs the CLC issued a statement urging the Government to hold off before introducing any further alcohol reforms.

NT Deputy Chief Minister Robyn Lambley said after that meeting that the Government's platform on addressing alcohol demand would probably have to look also at addressing supply issues.

"The former government had a very strong purist approach to alcohol reform based on supply strategies," she said.

"Where I think we will end up is a hybrid approach, an integrated approach where you are addressing both supply and demand."

But Mr Ross said that the Government should

wait until the CLC had completed its own research study into wet canteens and other proposals.

He said the rights 'most relevant to the argument are those of people, especially children, not to be subject to the violence and mayhem caused by its (alcohol) abuse'.

Mr Ross said people calling for wet canteens and a loosening of other alcohol restrictions on Aboriginal communities should look at the evidence before rushing into such a major shift of policy.

The study, funded jointly by the Federal Department of Indigenous Affairs and the Northern Territory Department of Justice, will also examine ways of managing wet canteens to minimise harm.

Mr Ross said the study was scheduled to finish mid-2013. – with AAP

Cool thing to do



IT'S touted as the world's coolest festival, and there's plenty of Aboriginal people who think it just might be.

They're the ones like Gumbalunya 11-year-old Declan Wauchope, pictured

above, involved in the annual Darwin Fridge Festival, which continues until 28 October.

Declan's busy painting an esky to

display during the festival, which is a celebration of Darwin and a salute to art, people – and the humble fridge.

Aboriginal people from remote communities have been involved this year, painting eskies and even a fridge as part of the festival activities.

Festival director Natalie Sprite welcomed the involvement of people from communities across the Top End, including Tiwi and Gunbalunya. – *Newspix image*

Young Indigenous girls at most risk, study finds



A NEW study has found young Indigenous girls are at the highest risk of being injured by an assault in Queensland, and a

medical academic is calling for more funds for preventing violence in Indigenous communities.

The study, by the University of Queensland's Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD), compared gender, Indigenous status and remoteness to health services to the occurrence of assault-related injuries in children and adolescents.

CONROD's Professor Justin Kenardy said assault-related injury was a devastating consequence of violence towards children and adolescents, but there had been few studies that looked at risk factors.

Hospitals

The research team collected injury admissions data from 14 Queensland public hospitals between January 2005 and December 2008.

The study showed the age distribution of assault-related injuries peaked in infants aged younger than one, and children aged 14-17.

The research team found 60 per cent of infants with

assault-related injuries were female and 10 per cent of all injuries occurring in infants were assault-related.

Indigenous females were at the highest risk of sustaining assault-related injuries, followed by Indigenous males, non-Indigenous males and non-Indigenous females.

Indigenous young people were at higher risk of being injured by an assault than non-Indigenous young people in regional and remote areas.

"Trauma in children, especially very young children, can have significant short and long term physical and psychological effects on the developing child," Prof Kenardy said.

Doctors hit out at MPs' inaction

By DARREN COYNE



LEADING Indigenous doctors have accused Australian politicians of being more interested in their re-elections than

providing long-term solutions to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Dr Ngaire Brown said that cuts to state and territory budgets and services that affected health funding and programs were attacks on 'essential services and the rights of citizens'.

And Dr Mick Adams, a former head of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health

Organisation and a 30-year campaigner for improved Indigenous health, said that without long-term approaches, there would be no closing of the gap in life expectancy.

"Many good programs such as Healthy for Life receive short term, or one-off funding, not the long-term funding which is needed to really make a difference," he said.

Dr Brown spoke to the *Koori Mail* during a break at the Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors' Conference in Alice Springs recently, while Dr Adams was cycling with vision-impaired Armidale man Steve Widders from Brisbane to Sydney to raise the profile of men's health.

Dr Adams said that a long-term approach to funding for Aboriginal community controlled health services was imperative, especially in the area of men's health, which was often neglected by programs.

"The reality is that if you make a good investment in health then you get good returns, but if you don't invest then you don't get anything," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Brown was forthright in her assessment of newly elected politicians slashing budgets with little thought to the value of programs.

"No-one has the stones to make a

long-term commitment to the capacity of this country in terms of health and our economic sustainability beyond their own terms," Dr Brown said.

"They're worried about being there, staying there and what the polls say."

"They're not worried about leaving a legacy that will extend beyond their political lives."

"It's like their social responsibilities have become irrelevant once they enter office."

Dr Brown described the Northern Territory intervention as an 'ugly beast' that had used practices the 'old people have seen before', including a lack of respect and an undermining of traditions. "It's a step backwards in many ways," she said.

Dr Brown said, however, that while politicians were failing to grasp the importance of tackling Indigenous health, the wider health profession was becoming increasingly respectful of Indigenous approaches.

"There is an increasing interest, acknowledgement and respect for Indigenous practices and of our understanding and perspectives of health and wellbeing," she said.

"That includes the real need of being well and staying well, instead of the ongoing need to just treat chronic disease."

"It's not just about providing health services or acute care but it's about understanding the underlying values of Indigenous people."

"The need to respect identity and build resilience and prevent disease

through a range of practices that aren't necessary related to the physical being but all the other things that are incorporated into our culture."

"Understanding those things and not seeing them as vague or non-specific, not evidence based alternative approaches."

"They've actually kept us well for 60,000 years prior to Western medicine, which has only been around a few thousand years."

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NGAIRE BROWN



MICK ADAMS

Packer gives college pledge



BILLION-AIRE
James Packer has pledged to support a new hospitality training college with the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) if the NSW Government grants his gambling business Crown a casino licence.

Sydney has one casino licence, Star City at Darling Harbour, owned by Echo Entertainment, but Mr Packer has been lobbying the O'Farrell Government to grant a second so he can build a high-class hotel and casino at the soon-to-be-developed Barangaroo on Sydney Harbour.

Mr Packer recently came to an agreement with Lend Lease, the developer of Barangaroo, to build a six-star resort, but does not yet have permission from the NSW Government for a casino.

A joint statement from the NCIE and Crown last week announced the formation of the Crown Sydney Indigenous Training College in Redfern, saying the partnership would establish a facility at the NCIE where Indigenous



James Packer greets local Elder Aunty Beryl Van-Oploo while at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern to announce the pledge for a new Crown Sydney Indigenous Training College. *Newspix image*

and other people would have the opportunity to obtain qualifications for jobs in hospitality, and opportunities to

work in Crown resorts. NCIE CEO Jason Glanville said that the proposed partnership with Crown would provide

young Indigenous people with the opportunity to work in the hospitality industry. Mr Packer's statement

said the partnership with NCIE would allow Crown to expand the company's Indigenous employment programs to Sydney, but

he told *The Australian* newspaper that you 'can't afford to build the best hotel in the world if you don't have VIP gaming'.

More language teachers ready for WA schools



WESTERN Australia now has more Aboriginal language teachers. Seven teachers were honoured at a graduation ceremony in Broome after completing a two-year training course.

A total of 103 WA teachers have now completed the Aboriginal languages training course since it started in 1998.

The WA Education Department says 5455 students are learning an Aboriginal language in Western Australia.

WA Education and Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said Aboriginal languages were being taught in a total of 43 schools throughout the state.

"Many Aboriginal languages are endangered, and teaching them in schools is a vital way to preserve and promote these traditional languages," he said.

"Aboriginal students who learn their native languages benefit from an enhanced sense of identity, self-esteem and cultural pride. It is also a step forward in reconciliation within the wider community."

The WA Department of Education said that during their two-year traineeship, all participants spent at least one hour each week teaching a language class and also completed four weeks of theoretical training in resource development, planning, teaching and assessment.

The latest Aboriginal languages teacher training graduates are Wendy Clancy (Mangala language, Looma Remote Community School); Coco Yu (Yawuru language, St Mary's College, Broome) and Noongar language teachers Mary Brogan (Beverley District High), Shirley Slater (West Northam Primary), Kaylene Bowes-Smith (Cloverdale Primary), Cynthia Nelson (Ashfield Primary) and Nicole Jetta (Southwell Primary).



INDIGENOUS human rights champion Tom Calma and psychiatrist Helen Milroy have called for more money to be spent keeping Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people out of prison.

Responding to a *Medical Journal of Australia (MJA)* report about Indigenous prisoners' mental health in Queensland, Dr Calma and Prof Milroy have asked governments to support justice reinvestment, where money that would have been spent on the prison system is invested in communities.

The *MJA* report found 73 per cent of Indigenous men and 86 per cent of Indigenous women in prison had a mental disorder, compared with 20 per cent of the wider Australian community.

"It makes sobering, even shocking, reading," Dr Calma said.

"But it shines a much-needed light on the subject and confirms what many of us have long suspected – that the appallingly high rates of Indigenous incarceration are associated with mental health disorders and substance abuse."

Indigenous Australians make up 2.5 per cent of the total population, but 26 per cent of all prisoners.

"There were almost 8000 Indigenous prisoners on the 2011 Census night, each



TOM CALMA

costing hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to keep 'inside'," Dr Calma said.

"I urge all Australian governments to look at better returns on that money – by providing better mental health services and alcohol and drug treatment facilities in our communities as justice reinvestment measures, as well as special services

that are needed in their own right."

Prof Milroy also called for greater investment in Indigenous mental health, early childhood and family services.

"Incarceration is for many the end point in a lifetime of adversity," she said.

"If Australian governments are serious about the shamefully high rates of Indigenous incarceration, they must stem the flow by working in partnership with us to ensure Indigenous Australians have the same access to mental health and family support services as other Australians."

Prof Milroy called for a comprehensive national Indigenous mental health plan as a measure for keeping Indigenous Australians out of prisons.

"With national mental health planning proceeding apace, and billions flowing into mainstream mental health, it is vital that Indigenous Australians get their fair share of funding and culturally acceptable programs and services," she said.

"Thirty-four years after the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody we are still waiting for a comprehensive approach to keeping our people out of prisons."

"This report means the connection between the lack of Indigenous mental health services and the high rates of Indigenous incarceration cannot be ignored."

2012 Indigenous Governance Awards

NPY council, Yiriman project the winners

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal

Corporation (NPY) from Central Australia and West Kimberley's Yiriman project have taken out top honours in the 2012 Indigenous Governance Awards.

Announced at a luncheon in Melbourne last Friday, the winners were selected from eight finalists, who were narrowed down from 107 applicants – more than triple the number from the previous two-yearly awards round in 2010.

Professor Mick Dodson, who presented some of the awards and chaired the independent judging panel, said judges had a tough job assessing the eight finalists.

"I can say with conviction that this is the best awards yet," he said.

"Choosing the winners came down to the smallest things.

"This year's finalists have humbled me with their wisdom, courage, knowledge and persistence.

"They don't need these awards to tell they're winners – their stories are bigger than this event can begin to reveal.

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

NYP Women's Council, which works to strengthen the economic, emotional and social wellbeing of women and families in traditional homelands across South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia, and run a youth development and leadership program in the Northern Territory, was very pleased and proud with the acknowledgement the award gave.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* at the awards, NPY CEO Andrea Mason said she expected that there would be cheering, laughing and maybe some tears when the award arrived home.

"Everyone past and present really owns this award," she said.

"We do this work day in and day out.

"They do the hard work speaking up for their families – that broader recognition and being shared with so many strong Aboriginal organisations, they will be very proud and pleased that this acknowledgement has been given.

"It is all the women of the region that see this as their



The smile of John Watson, from the IGA award-winning Yiriman Project, says it all. On his left is Joe Brown and Yiriman's Annie Milgin and Sylvia Shoveller are behind. In the orange top is Sarah Brown, from Western Desert Dialysis.



Judging panel chair Mick Dodson and NYP Women's Council's Andrea Mason watch on as the NYP chairperson Yanyi Bandicha makes her acceptance speech.

organisation, it is everyone."

Ms Mason said the strength and respect of the organisation, that started in 1980, came from talking publicly and widely, often in bush meetings, across the council's extensive membership.

The Yiriman Project were similarly happy with its award.

When Karajarri, Nyikina, Mangala and Walmajarri Elders in the West Kimberley became concerned about young people harming themselves with petrol

sniffing, drugs and alcohol, and getting in trouble with the law, they set up the Yiriman project to reconnect them with Elders, community and country.

It has been described as a 'youth diversionary program', a

'cultural maintenance project' and 'a way to heal young people, heal country and heal community'.

Yiriman director and cultural advisor Annie Milgin recalled the first days of the project when two boys from a neighbouring community were sent to Jarlmadangah, where she lives.

"It took them about two weeks out on country, they got disciplined by Elders out on country, when they came back, good news, one of them is a football man now, healthy now," she said.

"When they came to Jarlmadangah, their eyes were yellow, two weeks they were back to normal, learning culture, learning how to look after country, burn the grass in the right seasons and all that, and how to protect animals.

"I am so proud. A lot of our young people have rangers jobs now."

Ms Milgin feared that without the project there would have been no leaders in the coming generation.

She said the project has literally saved the lives of 'a lot of, lot of' young people, 'many more than a hundred'.

The awards for outstanding examples of Indigenous governance were divided into two sections, category A for Indigenous incorporated organisations and category B for a non-incorporated initiative or project.

Category A finalists were:

- NPY Women's Council
- Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)
- Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC)
- Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation (Western Desert Dialysis)
- Yawoorroong Miriung Gajerrong Yirrgab Noong Dawang Aboriginal Corporation (MG Corporation).

Category B finalists were:

- Yiriman Project
- Martumili Artists, of Newman, WA.
- Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, NSW.

SNAICC and Murdi Paaki received high commendations in their respective categories.

Held every two years, the awards were created in 2005 by Reconciliation Australia in partnership with BHP Billiton, to identify, celebrate and promote strong leadership and effective governance in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned organisations and projects.

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They're an influential bunch



IT wasn't about the numbers, but our women certainly had them when the inaugural

Financial Review and Westpac 100 Women of Influence Awards were announced at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney on Friday.

Nine Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women were named in the prestigious list celebrating inspirational female role models: the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy's national manager April Long in the Young Leader category, Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong, Australia Council for the Arts Indigenous program officer Merindah Donnelly, *Koori Mail* managing editor Kirstie Parker, national director of Ingenuity Australia Jodie Sizer and AIMSC CEO Natalie Walker in the Social Enterprise category, Diversity Council of Australia CEO Nareen Young in the Diversity category, Powerhouse Museum director Dawn Casey in the Public Policy category, and Tanya Hosch in the Philanthropy category.

Foundation for Young Australians CEO Jan Owen was named overall Woman of Influence 2012. Winning the Diversity category was Nareen Young, a Gadigal/Wiradjuri woman whom the judges said led a discussion that 'goes beyond box-ticking on the important issue of diversity'.

"Decision making and influence is not just the



Seven of the nine Indigenous women named in the inaugural 100 Women of Influence Awards, from left, April Long, Leah Armstrong, Jodie Sizer, Merindah Donnelly, Kirstie Parker, Natalie Walker and Nareen Young. Photo courtesy of Fairfax Media

domain of a few, it is the domain of us all," Young told last Friday's audience. Westpac chief executive

Gail Kelly said the awards acknowledged the significant contribution made by women in building a more sustainable

economic and social future. Finalists were chosen from more than 350 nominations from throughout the country.

Category winners received a variety of prizes including educational courses and mentoring.

Mutitjulu to have pool



WORK has started on a long-awaited swimming pool at Mutitjulu.

The Central Land Council says traditional owners are using rent money from

the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park for the project, which had its roots in 2005.

CLC director David Ross said the pool was a great way to spend the traditional owners' rent money.

"The health benefits of pools on communities are well known and it will provide a much-needed recreational outlet for the kids over the long summer months," he said.

"We all know running pools in remote areas can be difficult, but the community are extremely committed to this project and have demonstrated this by putting in \$1.5 million of their rent money to operate the pool for the next five years."

The pool is funded by a grant of \$2.77 million from the Aboriginals Benefit Account and \$100,000 from the traditional owners. It is scheduled to open in February 2013.

The Mutitjulu community has also spent rent money upgrading its recreation hall and a basketball court under the CLC's Uluru Rent Money Project.

Doubt raised on new WA review

By LIZ MURRAY



A REVIEW of mental health laws is under way in Western Australia, but doubts have been raised over the credibility of government moves to redress injustices.

Revelations of the hardship of mentally- and hearing-impaired man Marlon Noble, jailed in WA for a decade without trial, raised public concern over the appropriateness and fairness of the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996*.

The WA Attorney General's Department announced last week it would review the Act.

Mr Noble was released earlier this year, but 10 of 11 Aboriginal people detained under the Act are still in jail, although the law calls for appropriate allocated places for their detention, which have never existed.

Almost one-third of all people now detained under the Act are Aboriginal.

WA Mental Health Minister Helen Morton announced mid-year her plans for the long-awaited declared places, so those detained under the Act could be managed humanely, but public objections to their locations halted their completion.

Last week, a spokesperson for Attorney General Michael Mischin said that as part of the review, reforms being considered included limiting the length of custody orders; safeguards for mentally-impaired accused juveniles; and increasing options available to courts that deal with mentally-impaired people.

Research has identified the imprisonment of mentally-ill people, especially Indigenous people, as an urgent issue.

A national study by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare noted 31 per cent of people entering prison had a mental illness, and half had used medication.

Research

Research from the Queensland Forensic Mental Health Service found 93 per cent of Indigenous women on remand and 81 per cent of males had some form of mental illness.

Indigenous male inmates had psychotic disorders at 17 times the rate of the non-Indigenous community, anxiety at twice the rate, depression at triple the rate, and they were nine times as likely to abuse substances.

Researchers found female prisoners suffered psychotic disorders at 50 times the community rate, anxiety at three times the

rate, depression at four times the level and substance abuse at 20 times the rate.

WA Greens MLC Alison Xamon, who campaigned for justice for Marlon Noble, said there were real problems with the way vulnerable Indigenous people were interacting with WA's justice system.

She said the previous Attorney General told her a review of the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act* was under way four years ago, which cast doubt over the present review.

A shortfall in regional and remote community mental health care was increasing Indigenous incarceration rates, Ms Xamon said, and 'stats have shown people will leave more mentally ill than when they've gone in'.

"We have a fundamental human right obligation to make sure once people end up in our prison system, we are doing everything possible to address the underlying causes of their (offending) behaviour," she said.

A spokesperson for the WA Department of Corrective Services said the new West Kimberley Prison, which had mainly Indigenous inmates, had appointed a clinical nurse specialist and offered co-morbidity services for prisoners with mental health and substance misuse problems.

Federal Govt helps Qld tenant service



THE Federal Government has promised to provide \$3.3 million in emergency funding for the Queensland Tenant Advice and Advocacy Service (TAAS), after the State Government scrapped funding. The TAAS offers advice and advocacy services to tenants across Queensland, providing assistance to 80,000

households annually – many of them Indigenous – and largely paid for by interest generated from tenants' bonds, not from State Government revenue.

Queensland Council of Social Service CEO Mark Henley said the Federal Government funding would help keep people in their rental properties, prevent an increase in homelessness and an increase in demand for public housing.

State Shadow Housing Minister Jo-Ann Miller said the Newman Government's decision to withdraw funding from the TAAS at the same time as building a \$3.5 million executive building in Brisbane highlighted the LNP's 'twisted priorities'.

"The Premier and his ministers are more interested in housing themselves in a new and unnecessary high-rise office than in helping frontline organisations trying to

address homelessness," she said.

"Organisations delivering TAAS throughout Queensland, especially those in regional areas, are justifiably upset that their own state government would abandon them when housing shortages are major concerns in many communities.

"The Federal decision is welcome and should give the Newman Government time to reconsider its cold-hearted decision."

Report shows floods danger



A NEW report by the Climate Commission into the impacts of climate change on Queensland says the Torres Strait is particularly vulnerable because the sea level in the region is rising at twice the global average. The 'Critical Decade: Queensland climate impacts and opportunities' report says many Torres Strait Islands are already vulnerable to flooding, and rising sea levels will make the situation more severe.

But Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chair Toshie

Kris believes the relocation of communities from low-lying islands to escape sea level rises will not be necessary for many decades.

Mr Kris said the Torres Strait Climate Change Strategy (2010-2013) had been prepared in consultation with scientists and traditional owners.

A key principle of the plan is that 'relocation is a last resort.'

Mr Kris said it was already known that low-lying Torres Strait communities faced an uncertain future because of rising sea levels.

"Some communities are already facing the impacts of annual tidal flooding, and seawalls are urgently needed to protect them," he said.

"While the sea level is expected to continue to rise for many years, it is important for people to appreciate that relocation is not something communities in our region will need to seriously consider

for a number of decades.

"The difference for our low-lying communities is that there is no option for people to retreat away from the sea, but it is highly unlikely the sea will reach these levels until closer to the end of this century."

The report says, according to the TSRA's data, many of the low-lying islands are 'exposed to the impacts of storm surges, king tides and flooding, particularly the islands of Boigu and Saibai where the average height of communities is already below highest astronomical tide (the highest tide under average conditions; TSRA – 2010)'.

Mr Kris said that seawall construction was an 'urgent short- to medium-term priority' for the Torres Strait and would form part of a broader plan to assist communities to plan for the longer-term impacts of climate change.

The Federal Government has allocated up to \$12 million to coastal works in the Torres

Strait, and Mr Kris called on the Queensland Government to match that figure. "Torres Strait Island culture is also unique in Australia's rich Indigenous cultural heritage, and this culture is inextricably linked to the islands communities call home," he said.

Mr Kris said it was important to remember that communities had options for dealing with sea level rise and that long-term planning was already taking place to help affected communities make the right choices before climate change impacts became too severe.



TOSHIE KRIS

Barton scores ARIA



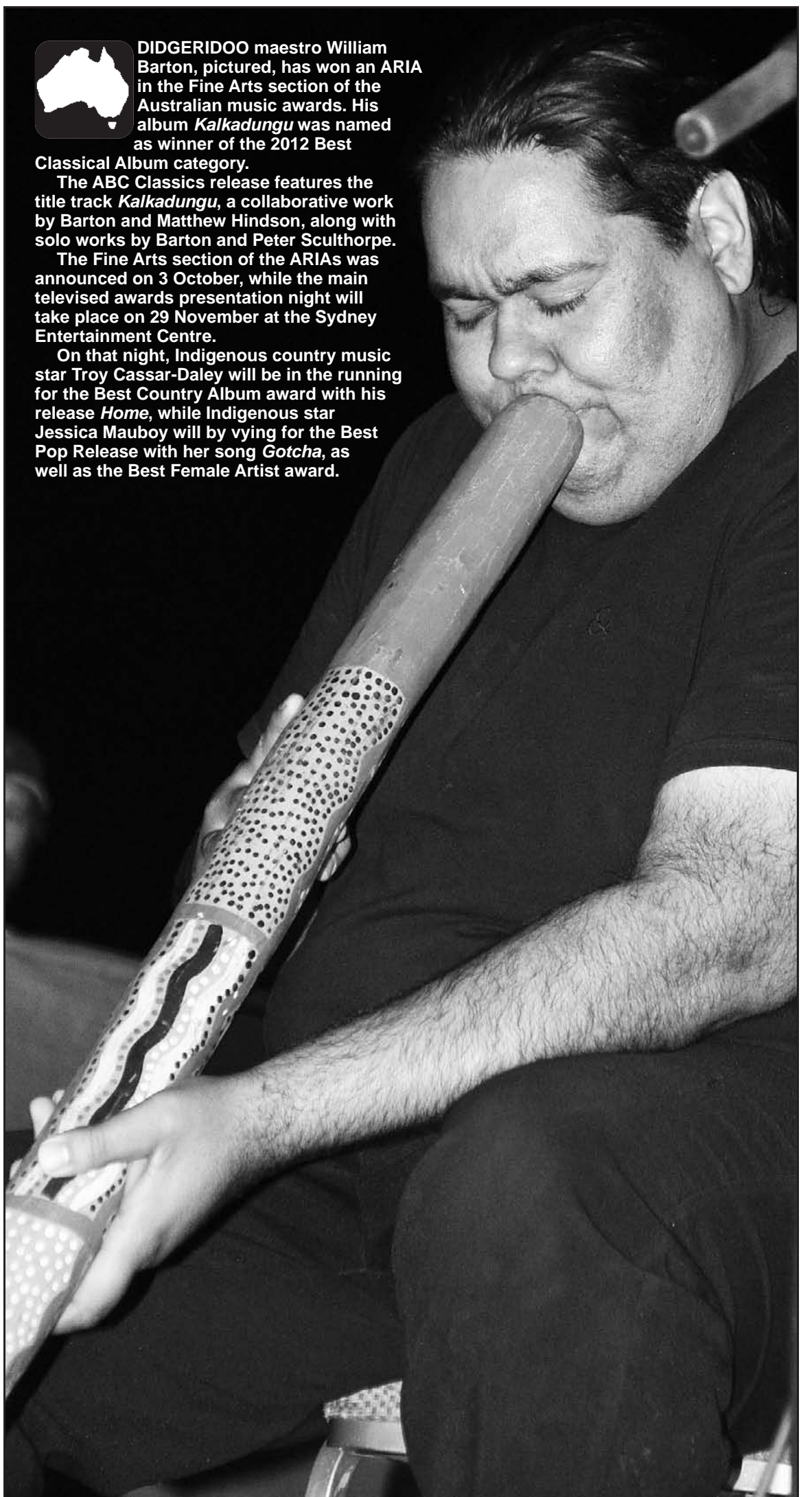
DIDGERIDOO maestro William Barton, pictured, has won an ARIA in the Fine Arts section of the Australian music awards. His album *Kalkadungu* was named as winner of the 2012 Best

Classical Album category.

The ABC Classics release features the title track *Kalkadungu*, a collaborative work by Barton and Matthew Hindson, along with solo works by Barton and Peter Sculthorpe.

The Fine Arts section of the ARIAs was announced on 3 October, while the main televised awards presentation night will take place on 29 November at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

On that night, Indigenous country music star Troy Cassar-Daley will be in the running for the Best Country Album award with his release *Home*, while Indigenous star Jessica Mauboy will be vying for the Best Pop Release with her song *Gotcha*, as well as the Best Female Artist award.



Author is keynote speaker at gathering



AUTHOR Melissa Lucashenko believes writing can be used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a method of de-colonisation.

"That means to take seriously the problem that we have as blackfellas as our recovery from attempted assimilation and, in some cases, actual assimilation," the Murri woman said.

"One prerequisite for writing is thinking and another is feeling.

"De-colonisation is an intellectual and emotional approach to our histories and an examination about how we move past them. Ultimately, it's an individual project."

Ms Lucashenko is the keynote speaker at the BlackWords symposium this Saturday, 20 October, at the University of Queensland Art Museum in Brisbane.

"We are nearly all born into a world where white rules prevail," she said.

"In my opinion, whereas traditionally we would have been put through various stages of law, it's our task in the 21st century to do a lot of that work ourselves.

Community

"By that I mean taking the time to ask ourselves 'What is my Aboriginality? What do I want to honour in my life and what sort of Aboriginal community do I want to live in? What do I need to do to make that happen?'"

"Anyone can ask themselves those questions, it doesn't matter if you're in a jail cell, a hospital bed, a classroom, or behind a university lectern. I suppose the task for writers is to wrap stories around them, which is what I've tried to do in my forthcoming novel *Mullumbimby*."

Mullumbimby is a love story between a Goori man and a Goori woman set in a mythical valley in the far north of Bundjalung country (NSW).

"It's about what native title law is doing to our communities, amongst other things. It's also about the very strong culture that is alive even though outsiders often can't see it," Ms Lucashenko said.

Other writers appearing at the symposium include Anita Heiss, Boori Pryor, Sandra Phillips, Ellen Van Neerven-Currie and Peter Minter.

This Friday 19 October, from 6-8pm at Avid Reader Bookshop, Boundary Street, West End in Brisbane there will be a celebration of 25 years of the David Unaipon Award, and the launch of UQP's David Unaipon eBook Collection.

The BlackWords Symposium begins at 8.30am on Saturday at UQ Art Museum, finishing at 7pm. For more information and a program go to www.austlii.edu.au/specialist/Datasets/BlackWords

Restaurant wins praise

By ALF WILSON



THE first restaurant on Palm Island has been described by visiting politicians who opened it as equal to any in the State. The restaurant, which is part of the Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill and doubles as a bistro and café, officially opened this month.

Queensland Local Government Minister David Crisafulli and State Member for Townsville John Hathaway travelled to Palm for the opening.

Proprietor Shane Stratton said the restaurant employed seven people, and more locals could soon get jobs.

"We will be open six days a week, excluding Sunday, from 7am until 9pm and have employed a chef from Brisbane," he said.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the opening showed that his council was setting standards.

"This is a place where families can come together to enjoy a meal and visitors can spend money in our shire," he said.



Mayor Alf Lacey (right) and Minister David Crisafulli in the new Palm Island restaurant.

Mr Crisafulli had nothing but praise for the restaurant.

"This is a really special place and takes hospitality to the next level," he said.

"You could be in Brisbane, and the views are sensational. I look forward to coming back in

the future and having a glass of wine and food here."

Palm Island Elders Iris White and Leonie Hopkins presented Mr Crisafulli with a didgeridoo crafted by a local artist.

Mr Hathaway said the restaurant was a great asset for

Palm, and he said many people in Brisbane would be quite envious of it.

"This is a tropical island paradise and the view from the back is great," he said.

"You wouldn't get this in Brisbane."

Sultan will tour for recognition

By DARREN COYNE



MUSICIAN Dan Sultan is about to embark on a tour he hopes will educate people about the push to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia's

Constitution. His message is 'fairly simple'.

"There's nothing complicated about it. It's about respect and human rights," he told the *Koori Mail* before performing a show with other artists at Uluru in Central Australia recently.

"The tour is about us not being recognised ... it's a disgrace and I don't know what people are scared of."

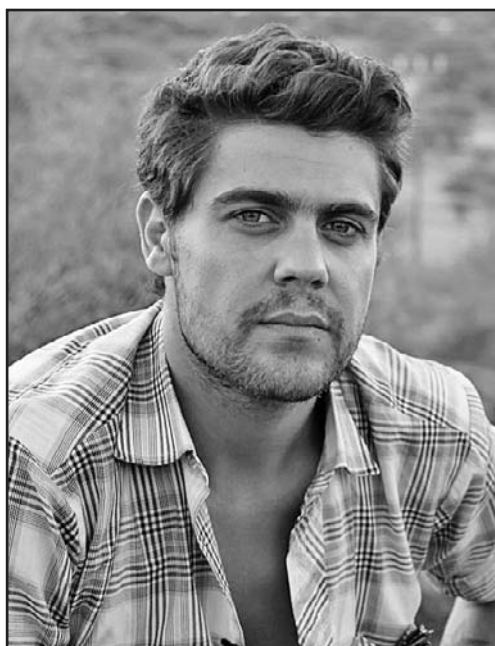
Sultan acknowledges that a large majority of Australians are not even aware of the push for constitutional recognition, and he's hoping it's those people who rock up to his concerts, which start in Melbourne on 8 November.

In fact, a report from Reconciliation Australia to the Federal Government, which was used as one of the reasons to delay a proposed referendum, indicated that just 39 per cent of non-Indigenous people knew anything about the issue.

Sultan said to change that, everyone who had some awareness could do their bit by talking to others to help bring about recognition. "I'm not a lawyer, for example, but I can put on a concert," he said.

Meanwhile, the push for recognition has received a boost this week with the release of a new survey showing that at least Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were getting the message.

An independent poll conducted for the You Me Unity campaign, which is pushing for recognition, found 80 per cent of Indigenous



DAN SULTAN

people thought it was important to recognise the culture and contributions of Indigenous Australians as something that made Australia unique and special.

The poll also found that 73 per cent said they backed constitutional recognition, with 45 per cent in the 'definitely support' camp.

Only 8 per cent were opposed.

The survey elicited views from 404 Indigenous people, in a randomly selected sample of community opinion.

You Me Unity campaign director Tim Gartrell said supporters of recognition should be buoyed by the evidence. "This tells us that

the push for Australia to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our Constitution is on solid ground with Indigenous Australians," he said.

"The vast majority of Indigenous people are saying clearly to the rest of the nation 'we want this'."

Professor Patrick Dodson, who co-chaired the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians, said the polling reaffirmed the strong support for recognition that the panel heard in almost 3500 submissions and more than 250 public hearings nationwide.

"There is a message here for our political leaders: Aboriginal people want to see you deliver on this," he said.

As for the push for a treaty, the poll said there were still more Indigenous people who believe constitutional recognition will be a positive step towards an eventual treaty (37 per cent) than those who think constitutional recognition should wait (30 per cent). Another 21 per cent think the two issues are unrelated.

"In any event, Australia should have a Constitution that properly honours Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and our long presence in this land," Prof Dodson said.

"And there should be no place in our Constitution for clauses like section 25, which contemplate people being banned from voting because of their race.

"The only way to make both of those changes is through a referendum."

● Dan Sultan's Rock for Recognition tour begins on 8 November at the Corner Hotel, Melbourne; 9 November at the Factory Theatre, Sydney; 10 November at Bakery Artrage, Perth; and 11 November at the Fly By Night, Fremantle.

Jangga granted title



THE Jangga people have been granted native title rights to more than 11,500 square kilometres of land in north Queensland, ending a 14-year struggle.

The Federal Court granted the native title claim to the Jangga during a special sitting at Glenden, west of Mackay, last

week. The consent determination is the result of negotiations between Jangga traditional owners, the Queensland Government and three local government councils, coal and energy companies and dozens of landowners.

It means the Jangga people will have the right to hunt and fish according to traditional practices across 218 parcels of land

covering a total of 11,558 square kilometres of the Mount Coolon region.

The National Native Title Council (NNTC) congratulated the Jangga people on their successful negotiation.

Determinations

"This means that there have been 67 consent determinations of native title across Queensland

where native title has been found to exist," NNTC CEO Brian Wyatt said. "Queensland is certainly leading the country in their negotiations for the recognition of native title rights and interests. The next State or Territory, with 45 consent determinations, is the Northern Territory."

Queensland Natural Resources Minister Andrew Cripps said several Indigenous

land use agreements regarding the land's management had been signed with the Jangga people.

He congratulated the Jangga people on the result, saying it created opportunities for 'economic, cultural and social benefits'.

Mr Cripps said 75 native title determinations had now been made in Queensland, including 69 by consent. — AAP

Mary G unfazed by television ad complaints

By GEOFF VIVIAN



SEVERAL people have complained to the Advertising Standards Bureau about a TV commercial featuring the

Aboriginal character Mary G. Further comments on social media sites YouTube and Facebook describe the advertisement, which appeared on this year's AFL finals broadcasts, as 'disgustingly stereotyped', 'patronising' and 'racist'.

The advertisement, aimed at discouraging pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers from drinking alcohol, features a young Aboriginal couple and their 'auntie' Mary G.

Aboriginal comedian Mark Bin Bakar, who plays Mary G, said the complaints revealed a lot about the people who made them.

"I see it as a positive because what it does is it exposes the racists," he said. "It exposes people's ignorance, their stereotyping and their racism, because they don't realise it."

"One lady rang me and said 'I really love your commercial, my 13-year-old daughter loves it, they should make one for white people'.

"The real issue is it's on commercial television and it's on prime time, and people are not used to that."

"When you see an ad (for) perfume or something like that, Aboriginal people don't say 'oh, that's for white people'. Alcohol

consumption is not an 'Aboriginal problem', it's everybody's problem — it just happens to have Aboriginal actors."

One non-Aboriginal complainant, Kylie Duff, said she supported the message of not drinking and showing support for family who are not drinking.

"However, I think the ad itself is incredibly racist and demeaning in the way it talks



Mary G ... aka Mark Bin Bakar.

down to people," she posted on Facebook. "It is really not necessary to demean the people you are hoping to reach with this very important message."

But after a representative from the WA Health Department contacted her she said she had changed her mind.

"I really appreciated the response ... and I have a new appreciation for the ad — I probably don't feel quite as

"The current advertisement was developed following an extensive statewide consultation process with Aboriginal people, organisations and communities over a 12-month period," a department spokesperson said on a Facebook site.

"A senior Aboriginal advisory group with representatives from Western Australia and the Northern Territory oversaw the consultation and design process."

"The campaign continues to receive positive feedback from Aboriginal organisations and communities within Western Australia and across the nation."

A spokesperson for the Advertising Standards Bureau said 'fewer than five' complaints had been received and would be dealt with by the Advertising Standards Board this month.

She said the board would probably consider whether the ad breached the sections of its code of ethics that dealt with discrimination, vilification, health and safety.

● Mary G Goldfields tour — P18

'I see it as a positive because what it does is it exposes the racists' — Mark Bin Bakar

strongly as I did a few weeks ago when I first posted on Facebook," she said.

"I do feel as though it does talk down to people generally ... a lot of advertising talks down to us and treats us like children when we're not."

Staff from the WA Health Department, who sponsored the ad, say the complainants probably didn't appreciate the 'Aboriginal sense of humour'.



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'Plenty of positives' from Palm Island men's group

By ALF WILSON



THE Palm Island Men's Gathering Group, started just six months ago, has already helped many people on the north Queensland community.

Members meet every Wednesday or Thursday, and project officer Vaughn Charles told the *Koori Mail* participants spoke about every-day issues and problems confronting them.

"We sit around and yarn and try and find solutions, and so far it has worked very well. There has been many success stories out of this," Mr Charles said.

"We always get about 20 to meetings and the oldest is around 65 and the youngest has been 15.

"They all have a meal and we discuss these issues in a great setting and friendly atmosphere."

Local Elders such as George Friday also attend to speak to participants and help solve problems.

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council supports the gatherings, and Deputy Mayor Cr Mislam Sam often attends.

Mr Charles said the group organises



Project officer Vaughn Charles, right, with Elder George Friday at a recent Palm Island men's group meeting.

recreational activities such as fishing and camping trips.

"Everybody listens to the demands of being a male on Palm Island and they all

try to support each other," he said.

"They try and fix a fellow brother's issues."

Mr Charles said the group leaders also visited

men with issues at their home camps.

"There are lots of positive outcomes being achieved because of these men's gatherings," he said.

Large increase in ward abuse

By LIZ MURRAY



THERE has been a major increase in the incidence of abuse of West Australian state wards during the past year.

The Department for Child Protection (DCP)

2012 annual report revealed 16 children, from four families, had been abused by government 'care givers', up from two reported incidents the previous year.

Almost half of all children in WA state care are Indigenous, despite Indigenous people making up just 3 per cent of the WA population.

Shadow Minister for Child Protection Sue Ellery said the increase was alarming, and such figures had not been seen since wide-reaching changes to the child protection system in 2007.

DCP director-general Terry Murphy said the increase in cases of abuse was disappointing, 'but it demonstrates the system, which involves early detection, rigorous investigation and prompt action, is working'.

Ms Ellery said children with the department had been taken into care because they had suffered some kind of



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harm. "Now their safety has been breached again," she said.

In its report, the DCP estimated it was '71 per cent compliant' with its principle of placing Indigenous children with Indigenous carers, a drop of 2 per cent from the year previously and 14 per cent less than its target.

It said Indigenous children made up

44 per cent of those detained in the state's Secure Care Centre for vulnerable youth.

Ms Ellery disputed the report's claim that mandatory reporting had caused a 17 per cent rise in child protection notifications, saying the figures actually showed a decrease in mandatory reports.

Director general Murphy said his department took the issue of abuse in care 'very seriously', and had a dedicated unit to investigate allegations.

"In all 16 cases, the department has taken prompt remedial action including revocation of the foster carer's approval status. No children are placed with these carers," he said.

Mr Murphy said the increase in reports might be due to increased staff education, and 'particularly the roll-out of accountable and ethical decision-making training, in addition to a review function for the Integrity Services Unit in assessing inappropriate physical contact complaints to make sure all are correctly categorised'.

He said that while 16 children was too many, on a national comparison WA still had the lowest substantiation rate of all states and territories.

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Some councils have one or more wards that are uncontested. There will be no voting in these wards and everyone on the voters roll has been sent an uncontested leaflet instead of an EasyVote letter or ballot pack.
As Ararat Rural City Council is entirely uncontested there is no voting for that council. The names of the candidates who will be elected are listed at vec.vic.gov.au
Brimbank City Council is not having an election in 2012.

Voting in a postal election
Ballot packs containing voting material were mailed to voters enrolled for councils marked P for 'postal elections' from 9 October 2012.
If you have not received your ballot pack, call the election office for your local council during business hours (Monday to Friday).
For your vote to count, your completed ballot paper(s) must be in the hands of the Returning Officer for your local council election by 6.00 pm on Friday, 26 October 2012.

Voting in an attendance election
EasyVote letters were mailed to voters enrolled for councils marked A for 'attendance voting' from 12 October 2012. Voting for these councils will take place from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on Saturday, 27 October 2012.
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Bangarra dancer to ballerina



WIRADJURI woman Ella Havelka has become the first Aboriginal dancer to join the Australian Ballet.

Ms Havelka performed for the last time with the Bangarra Dance Theatre on the closing night of *Terrain* in Brisbane last week.

She graduated from the Australian Ballet School in 2007 and has spent the past four years with Bangarra, performing in New York, Mongolia, Europe and across Australia in cities and remote towns.

Ms Havelka made her first appearance in *Fire – A Retrospective* in 2009 and was nominated as a 'Dancer to Watch' in the Dance Australia Critics Survey two years running.

Since then she has performed in *Mathinna*, in Bangarra's *of earth & sky*, toured Europe with *Spirit*, performed nationally in the acclaimed *Belong* and, through teaching with Bangarra's workshops in regional and remote locations, has helped many Aboriginal children connect with dance.

Bangarra's association with the Australian Ballet began in 1999 with artistic director Stephen Page's production *Rites*.

As part of the Australian Ballet's 50th anniversary celebrations this year, Mr Page created *Waramuk – in the dark night*, bringing both companies' dancers together to perform at the Lincoln Centre, New York.

"Ella is one of this country's greatest young talents and as she continues her journey as an Aboriginal woman and an Australian dance artist we wish her every success," Mr Page said.

"With her exceptional technique, strength and agility, her natural warmth and ability to connect with the audience we know she will thrive with the Australian Ballet when she trades knee-pads for pointe shoes."

● Pictured right: Ella Havelka, who has become the first Aboriginal person to join the prestigious Australian Ballet. AAP image



Collard an 'ambassador'



BALLADONG Nyoongar man Kim Collard has been named a Western Australian Disability Services Commission

Count Me In ambassador.

The ambassadors speak out about the need for inclusion, participation and access for people with disability across all communities.

Mr Collard was named an ambassador during the launch of the commission's Reconciliation Action Plan 2012-2014 in Perth.

WA Disability Services Minister Helen Morton said Mr Collard was passionate about raising awareness of disability in Aboriginal communities.

"Kim wants to work closely with both Aboriginal and

non-Aboriginal ambassadors to contribute to this awareness," she said.

"He has had personal experience with disability and understands the challenges people with disability can face."

Mr Collard is the director of an Aboriginal education and training consultancy.

Ms Morton said ambassadors were committed to promoting the WA Count Me In vision of all people live in welcoming communities which facilitate citizenship, friendship, mutual support and a fair go for everyone.

The commission launched the ambassador program in December 2010 to spread the word about the importance of inclusion and access for people with disability.



WA Disability Services Minister Helen Morton with new Count Me In ambassador Kim Collard.

Kimberley 'Queen' Goldfields-bound



MARY G, 'The Queen of the Kimberley', is to tour Western Australia's Goldfields as part of a 'Breaking the Cycle of Alcohol and Drug Abuse' tour. The tour, backed by the Federal Government, will go to Kalgoorlie, Laverton, Leonora, Wiluna, Meekatharra and Mullewa, starting on 20 October and finishing on 10 November.

Mary G (also known as Mark Bin Bakar) is a much-loved member of the Aboriginal community who has been working for reconciliation and health for more than 20 years.

The Breaking the Cycle of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Indigenous Communities initiative is being rolled out over three years. It will be delivered by the WA Government's Drug and Alcohol Office and has the primary objective of enabling Aboriginal communities to devise their own alcohol and substance abuse management plans. Funding is also available to help implement activities identified in the plans.

Communities in the Goldfields and Pilbara are being targeted under the program.

Deadly inspiration for writers

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



THIS year's winners of the annual kuril dhagun Indigenous writing fellowships have drawn inspiration from Ali Cobby Eckermann's recent Deadly Award for outstanding achievement in literature. Ms Cobby Eckermann was one of last year's two inaugural kuril dhagun fellows, and her verse novel *Ruby Moonlight* (for which she won the Deadly) was edited during the fellowship process as part of the State Library of Queensland's black&write! program.

Nineteen-year-old Teagan Chilcott, from Redcliffe, said the news had given her hope that she might also achieve at that top level one day.

A first-time author, Ms Chilcott won the 2012 kuril dhagun fellowship for her fantasy novel *Rise of the Fallen*, which she started writing when she was in Grade 11.

She said the novel's subject matter dealt with angels and demons, which gave it a 'darker feel'.

"I had a dream about the final chapter of the book, and when I first started writing it, I thought it was going to be a short story," Ms Chilcott said.

"Then I came up with a plan for the overall novel. I'm writing the second book right now, and I've got a brief plan for the third."

The other 2012 fellowship has been shared by Brisbane-based Jillian Boyd for her children's story *Bakir and Bi*, (which she wrote after attending a writing workshop at SLQ last year), and her 17-year-old niece Tori-Jay Mordey, who has done the illustrations.

The initial inspiration for *Bakir and Bi* came from a picture by Ephraim Bani, which graces the front cover of Margaret Lawrie's book *Myths and Legends of the Torres Strait*.

Ms Boyd said that during a writing exercise they were shown the picture and asked to write something from it.

"It could have been a poem, or anything," she said. "For me it brought



The 2012 kuril dhagun fellowship award winners, from left, Teagan Chilcott, Tori-Jay Mordey and Jillian Boyd, with Indigenous editors Ellen van Neerven-Currie and Linda McBride-Yuke.

back childhood memories. My mother is from Seim village on Erub Island, but I grew up on Thursday Island. I remembered seeing that picture in the school library. I didn't know the details of the original story, but it just struck home... and what I was writing turned into an island story."

Ms Boyd said her niece was a talented artist and had been 'just overwhelmed'

by the whole experience.

"It's the beginning of her career," she said. "It's been a good platform for her and connected her with all the right people."

Each of the two kuril dhagun fellowship prizes is worth \$10,000, and includes a publishing deal with Indigenous publishing house Magabala Books.

The prizes were awarded following a

national competition for published or unpublished Indigenous authors in a range of genres.

Highly commended were Allannah Hunt, from Toogoolawah in Queensland for her epic young adult fantasy novel; published ACT author Kerry Reed-Gilbert for her 2012 poetry collection; and Northern Territorian Maree Yoelu, for her three children's stories.

NT on alert for measles



THE Northern Territory Centre for Disease Control (CDC) has issued a further alert for measles following a second case of the disease in recent weeks, this time in a young child who was infected in Darwin.

CDC acting director Steven Skov said early symptoms of measles included fever, cough and red eyes with a blotchy rash developing two to four days later.

"Measles is highly infectious so it is likely that more Territorians who are not immune may fall ill as a result of contact with either of these cases," Dr Skov said.

"This might occur over the next two to three weeks.

"Measles can be a very

serious illness with severe effects and it is important that the public is aware so that the spread can be minimised."

Dr Skov said measles could be spread by casual contact, such as being in the same room.

"It is important to recognise the early symptoms and signs of

go to school or child care.

"Medical advice should be sought as soon as possible. They should phone ahead to their local clinic and warn that they may have measles. The clinic can then make arrangements to minimise contact with other members of the public when they arrive."

Measles can be prevented by immunisation.

Parents are urged to ensure their children are up to date with immunisation.

People born between 1966 and 1985 may not be immune and should ensure that they have had two doses of measles vaccine.

The measles vaccine is free and is available from community health centres and most general practitioners.

'Measles can be a very serious illness with severe effects'

measles to prevent further spread of this highly contagious illness," he said.

"It is essential for people who might have measles to minimise contact with other people.

They should stay home from work and children should not



'Chosen' Cultural Apprenticeships or Residencies

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board welcomes expressions of interest to the 'Chosen' initiative for Cultural Apprenticeships or Residencies.

The 'Chosen' initiative allows Indigenous communities to take control and plan for how they will nurture early career people from their community or sector in culture and the arts.

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A Yarn With...



BRIAN SHEPHERD

Retired
Lalor Park, NSW

Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo.

Favourite other food?
I love sausage and eggs.

Favourite drink?
It used to be beer, but now I really like ginger beer and ice cream.

What do you like in life?
Spending time with the family.

What don't you like?
Prawns. They make me feel sick.

What are you reading?
Murder mysteries.

What are you watching?
I like sports and the program *Crime Watch*.

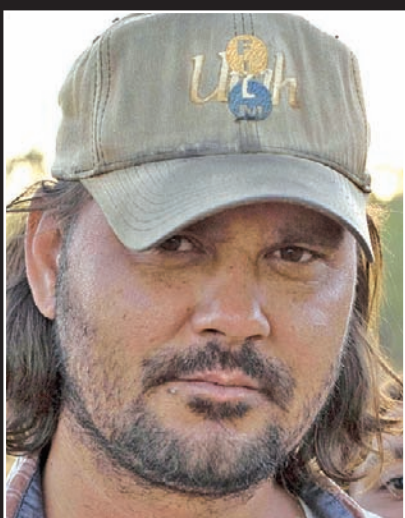
Your favourite music?
Jazz.

Your favourite holiday destination?
Umina, of the NSW central coast. It's a great place.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My family.

What would you do to improve the lot of Indigenous people?
I'd hold more gatherings and get-togethers, where we could all discuss issues and problems, and reinforce culture.

Quote



'This shouldn't go away. There's good police and bad police. Let's get rid of the bad ones'

— Alice Springs film-maker Warwick Thornton speaking at a rally over the death of Kwementyaye Briscoe

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Unquote

Grappling with grog reforms

For some it's a comfort, for others it's a curse. And while it wasn't even an issue more than 200 years ago, alcohol certainly has been a problematic subject for many Indigenous people ever since.

Even now, as governments in the Northern Territory and Queensland move to water down tough restrictions put in place by previous Labor administrations, many Aboriginal leaders are cautioning against moving too fast.

Prominent leaders including Professor Marcia Langton, Dr Sue Gordon, Noel Pearson and Warren Mundine have all publicly stated that it is too early to relax alcohol restrictions in Queensland, while the director of the powerful Central Land Council in the NT has also urged caution.

And although the mayors of Aboriginal councils across Queensland have mixed views on whether alcohol should be made available in their communities, they at least appear united in the view that their communities must at least be empowered to come up with their own solutions.

Yarrabah mayor Errol Neal, a spokesperson for all the mayors, argues that so long as proper studies are undertaken, and support services provided, communities should be able to choose their own solutions. Some will choose to allow alcohol, others will not.

He also argues that restrictions prevent communities from taking advantage of tourism opportunities, and that other laws are already in place to cope with problem drinkers.



OUR SAY

They are reasoned arguments, but so too are the arguments of those reflecting back on times when these communities were not dry, when alcohol, for some, was a curse that adversely affected culture, family, and general health and wellbeing.

CLC director David Ross is right when he says that the rights most relevant are for those people, especially children, not to be subjected to the violence, abuse and mayhem that is caused by the abuse of alcohol.

Whatever the outcomes of the current debates and proposed reforms, let's hope that it is these voices who are given the most prominence.

Governance Awards

Congratulations must go to the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation (NPY) from Central Australia and West Kimberley's Yiriman project, which have taken out top honours in the 2012 Indigenous Governance Awards. They were chosen from eight finalists, in two categories, narrowed down from 107 applicants, which shows that there's plenty of talent out there. So well done to all.

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Black as ■■■

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

WHEN a friend approached her to collaborate on a series of identity monologues, Karla Hart already had plenty of material to draw upon.

"Being a fair-skinned black, people always question how black you really are and make assumptions," she said.

"And then there's the shit whitefellas say, like 'why do you identify as being black, when you could pass as white?'"

"I already had lots of material and poetry about identity."

The resulting show *Black As Michael Jackson... And Other Identity Monologues*, had a three-week season in Perth, coinciding with this year's NAIDOC celebrations. Karla co-wrote the show with Michelle White (a blonde-haired, blue-eyed Yamatji woman who came up with the original concept).

Karla is now re-developing another version of the show called 'Black as...' which will be part of the Perth Fringe festival Summer Nights season next February.

"People write what they know, what they experience," she said.

"I already had so much stuff written and I would look at it and go 'there's a scene' and I'd write it up."

Karla, who performed in *Black As Michael Jackson* along with Della Rae Morrison, said that for one particular scene she used her memories of growing up in a small country town (where there was just a pub, a service station and a couple of shops) and of being bailed up in the toilets at the blue light disco and called a coconut.

"I'll never forget that and I put it in the play," she said.

"There's also a hilarious scene, it's a kangaroo court with 'Judge Fraud' presiding and I have to prove I'm not a coconut."

"How many missions can you name? Can you make damper? How many people in your extended family? What do you have at home that's black, red and yellow? That's a hell funny scene."

Meanwhile, YouTube clips created in tandem with the show have also gone down a treat.

"We've had such outcry about (YouTube clips) 'Shit Noongars Say' and 'Shit Whitefellas Say'. People think it's hilarious," she said.

"People are asking 'when are you going to do another one?' or 'Oh My God I was pissing myself laughing. It was so nice to see our Noongar sayings and how we use language'."

Karla concedes that with so much language in the show, 'unless you're Noongar or you hang with Noongars' some of it might go over people's heads – although she also reckons you could still get the gist from either the actions on stage or the laughter of the blackfellas in the crowd.

"We had a three-week season, with 15 shows and 91 per cent attendance," she said. "The last week was pretty much sold out. Everyone knows me from the radio. They want to see me in action, and Della's pretty well known too. She's done a lot of music and activism."

Karla wears a lot of hats in the community, and her long-running stint as the presenter of Noongar Radio's Drive Show won her the 2011 Deadly Award for Community Broadcaster of the Year.

As a passionate advocate for her language, she introduced the first Noongar language lessons on air, which were then cut up into smaller segments.

"You remember it more when you hear it



The disco scene. Karla Hart drew on her personal experience for *Black As Michael Jackson... And Other Identity Monologues*, which she co-wrote and performed in earlier this year.

all the time and it's not just a snippet," she said.

"Although I already knew quite a bit (of language), it wasn't until I started learning and looking at the dictionary that I realised how much. Many of the words I grew up using I thought were slang, but they were actually Noongar language."

"Once I started learning my memories of my old people talking came back."

"But I'm still learning and I've still got so much to learn."

Although she's no longer on air, Karla says she still gets people commenting on her show.

'Madness'

"I still get people coming up to me just about every single day saying 'we miss you making us laugh, your madness, we miss the language lessons'," she says.

"For me that's really lovely to know I'm so loved in the community. That people looked forward to me and my crack-up style of presenting."

"I'll probably go back to radio in the future when the time is right. It's in my heart. I loved it."

Karla currently lectures and mentors students working with the David Wirrpanda Foundation Solid Ground program, at the Central Institute of Technology's Leederville campus.

She says the students come from all walks of life, and it's about easing them back into the world of learning and being accountable, but in a fun environment.

"They can then go on and do the Solid Futures course, where they're learning about mining and business, and there's other courses and employment we help get them into," Karla says.

"They're my everyday heroes. I get so inspired with them coming through that door, making a difference in their lives and their communities... We have such a high rate of employment (following on from the course)."

Karla manages herself as an artist in residence in many schools across WA and

works with Role Models Australia, so she frequently travels to remote communities.

"I'm a country town girl, so I can relate to kids all over, but especially when I get to remote communities in WA," she said.

"I do a lot of work with kids about career paths. I talk to them about where I come from, about struggles and overcoming them and not letting hard times define who you are and who you can be."

"My grandmother raised me. She had a rough life, like all of our grandparents had back in the day. She had her kids taken off her. She couldn't read or write."

"One thing that she instilled in me was how important it was to have an education."

"You can't expect somebody to give you a great life. I've worked really hard and this is not where I'm going to stop. There's a lot of big dreams. A lot of stuff I want to do."

"You've got to be really lucky to finish school and just be given a great job and immediately get where you want to be."

"Most times there's all these stepping stones. You should always have goals."

"Once you start helping yourself, a lot of people will start helping you. It's the way of the universe."

One of the other hats Karla wears is as manager of dance group Kwarbah Djookian (Solid Sisters), which she formed after having the opportunity to learn traditional dance.

Culture

While she's always loved her culture and spent so much time camping in the bush with her nanna when she was growing up, she didn't know about dance.

"It was as part of the Perth International Arts Festival, and it was facilitated by Kylie Farmer (Kaarlijilba Kaardn)."

"Many Noongar women Elders who wanted to teach made the offer: 'Any Noongar woman, or anyone of Aboriginal descent, if you want to learn these dances, we want to teach it'."

"We met down near the river in East Perth. We met and danced. I decided 'Wow, we don't have a Noongar female dance group here in Perth'. So that's what I wanted to do."

The group has travelled to China, and Karla performed for the Queen at last year's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth and will be part of Phil Walley Stack's production *Strong* in New York in August 2013.

Karla said it wasn't a big deal to dance for the Queen, but it was a big deal to showcase Noongar culture on a world stage. "She's not my queen. My Queen was my grandmother ('mum'). She's just an old lady sitting there that has that title."

"But for me to be able to dance with my girls who are like my sisters... It was more about showcasing how beautiful and amazing our Aboriginal culture is to Australia and the world."

On the immediate horizon, Karla is busy gearing up for her second year as co-ordinator of the Wardarnji Festival, which features music, dance, art displays, performances and workshops on 3 November at the Fremantle Arts Centre.

She said that this year there would be an even bigger emphasis on language, which will include the performance of four Shakespeare sonnets, translated into Noongar, which Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company toured to London in the lead-up to the Olympic Games.

"I'm really excited about that," Ms Hart said. "We should be learning much more about our own country and celebrating what's unique to Australia – and that's our culture."

Slow-walking goanna

HAVE been taking some tough paths during my adventures in love. I've been spying cuties on the Countrylink train the XPT Sydney to Casino, I've been to too many footy knockouts and, of course, I've had a few nice emails from readers. You know who you are! I've met a few people, but haven't hit it off with too many people to move to the next relationship step: Texting each other. But this has changed in the last week or so! I've met someone and I was brave enough to give them my mobile phone number for texting purposes only.

Gee, I was hanging out waiting for that first text! I waited one day and no good, no text. The next day turned up bright and hot like a sunrise and yet again no text. Night time came and I was off to bed when I heard the tingle of the text. I launched myself over the lounge like Kyle Vander-Kuyp doing hurdles and read the text. It was a short little text that said so much 'Thinking of you, sweet dreams 'n good night'. Woo hoo! I was so excited and you best believe I did have sweet dreams. I was in the middle of a sweet dream when I was woken

up by another text message saying good morning. Aww so sweet! I got out of the shower and I had another text saying 'got a busy day ahead?'. On the way to work got another text about what they were gonna do that day. I was heading off to some meeting or something and I got another text! By midday I put my phone on silent and didn't check my phone until after dinner. I had five texts!! Maybe texting every minute of the day is their way to show they like me and that they are thinking of me. I'm not interested in texting my every movement as

my day is quite boring. My text messages would be something like 'I'm in the kitchen' and 'I'm making a cup of tea and toast' and 'oh no my kitchen is on fire'. I like my romancing to be slow and smooth, like a slow-walking goanna. We will get there eventually, so don't rush! Let's enjoy this journey of getting to know each other. I do like a text message or two, but not every minute of the day. That's what I call stalking, and no one likes a stalker. Send me a text message or two every day but slow your roll!



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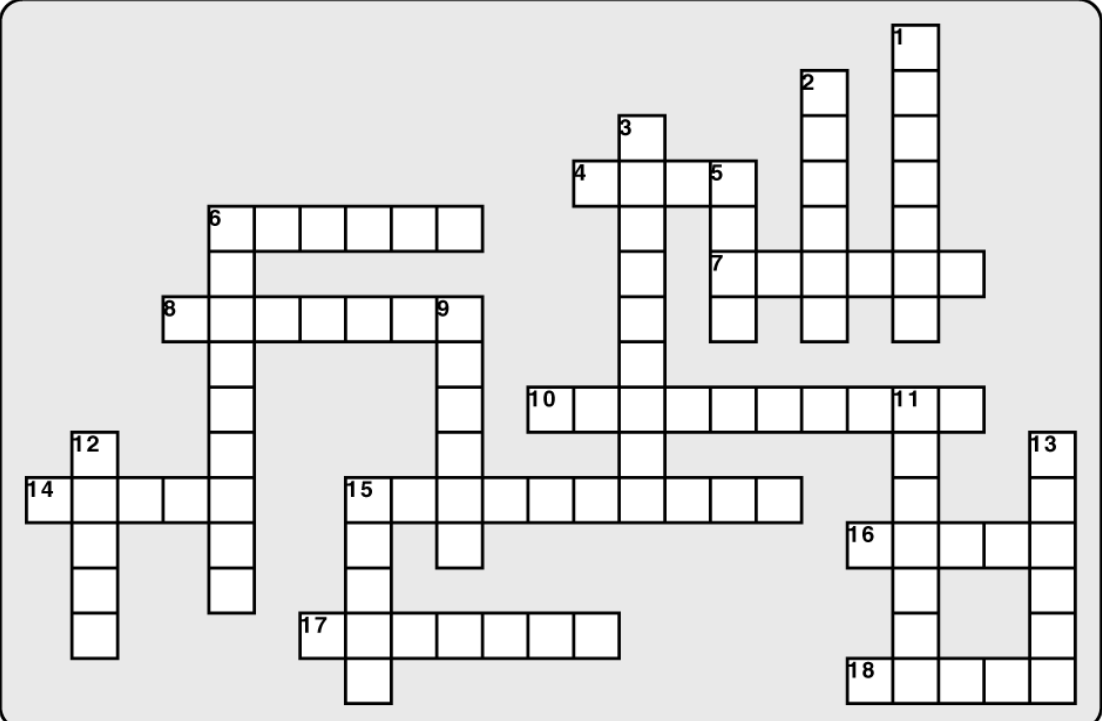
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- ACROSS:**
- 4. Bush potatoes
 - 6. Large park east of Darwin
 - 7. Land in the east of the Top End
 - 8. Major Indigenous accommodation provider Aboriginal H...
 - 10. People who give their time to help others
 - 14. Large rock in central Australia
 - 15. City in northern Victoria
 - 16. Your father's brother is your ...
 - 17. Radioactive substance
 - 18. This year's AFL champions

- DOWN:**
- 1. Sport of the Imparja Cup
 - 2. December 26 is ... Day
 - 3. Indigenous education institute based in Northern Territory



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Qld's review of AMPs welcome

As a traditional owner of Western Cape York and the Burketown region(s) and as a long-time commentator and contributor to the issue of intervention and alcohol management plans (AMPs), I have a great deal of respect for Aboriginal academic Professor Marcia Langton, given her tireless work as an advocate for her people and the arts.

Sadly, she is wrong regarding her stance on AMPs in remote Far North Queensland (as shown when interviewed last week on the ABC's 7.30 program).

People like her do need to evaluate not only how much positive impact their comments will have, but also their knowledge of the matter in all circles, especially given their often urbanised city existence.

Langton has weighed in softly, and late, in this debate, and in future I encourage her and any other advocate to be involved in conversations from day one of any new chapter. I value the fact that there have been numerous, localised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advocates who have been in discussions, on both sides of the fence, with the new LNP Queensland Government.

I have been doing so and we are seeing progress whilst both sides of the debate are being worked on with compromise as well.

It is easy for Langton to weigh in with the might of her media savvy late in the show, however Indigenous and non-Indigenous people need to accept that the dialogues she may have held in the past with the former Labor State government is in need of an update.

In her time on 7.30, Langton seemed scarcely above the issue and instead resorted to her usual point of denigrating men. She, as always, brought a few home-truths to the table and I am thankful for that, however she seems to not understand one of the basic arguments of this whole debate, which is that it is not about the alcohol at all.

One of the most important elements of growth for a person, which remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are currently being denied, is freedom of punishment and consequence due to



Aboriginal academic Professor Marcia Langton ... Her views regarding the Qld Government review of alcohol management in Indigenous communities have been criticised by letter-writer Jack Andrew Wilkie-Jans.

actions, and a person can't become capacitated if they're being sterilised due to punishments condemning all for the actions of some, under the anticipation of them eventuating.

Langton may well be right in that all Australians labour under alcohol restrictions in some capacity, but Aborigines are the only ones who have separate laws.

That is the rub of it: There are separate

laws for urban and remote people, separate laws for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people; there are the same problems regarding alcoholism in white urban towns/cities which do not have the same level of legislation and prohibition as remote Aboriginal communities.

Langton is right in that drinking alcohol is not a human right, but what is, is to be able to live and behave the same as all people, and to learn from mistakes with dignity and support.

It is apartheid, and I am very sad she now supports it, and against her own people no less.

Where the new Queensland Government differs from the former Labor one is that they are willing to provide the power and freedom of choice back to the individual communities.

They have accepted that people like Langton and the former Labor Government do/did not have the best interests of Aboriginal people living under the laws at heart, because they haven't supported by way of implementation rehabilitation centres, sober centres and family counselling for children, spouses and for perpetrators in all communities with AMPs which are deemed 'problem'.

The new Government has reconsidered the options and I continue to contribute to the discussion as I have done over the past year with ministers and MPs.

I welcome the Queensland Government review.

People like Langton need to accept that this doesn't mean it will be a free-for-all and that the bans/restrictions will even be lifted, but we can all be assured that there will be overdue and crucial support services implemented to see a holistic approach towards alcoholism.

With this review, I am confident that the emphasis in those communities through punitive laws will shift from the consumption of alcohol to the more serious issue of addiction to alcohol.

JACK ANDREW WILKIE-JANS
by email

POETRY

The disenfranchised and the disingenuous

We don't want you to say sorry
We want you to understand
We just want you to say thank
you in more ways
For our unspoiled land
And in friendship take our hand

We don't want you to say sorry
We want you to see our side
We want you to see our story
Our wounded land, our heart, our
pride

To recognise our wisdom, to see
our amazing dignity
We want you to see our amazing
grace
Enduring the face of your
adversity

Our tribes must walk together
Must teach each other hand in
hand
This walking over can be talked
away
But, there can be no lines that we
can't cross
There can be no more lines in
the sand

You can teach us your amazing
things
We can teach you how to see
and love our land
So please don't say you're sorry
Just offer us your honest hand

The people of this land are not
for stealing
They're not for sale or in your
way
See how the children, our now
and tomorrow, weep at all your
dealing
But you won't hear a word they
say

All you ever choose to see and
hear is only ever all for you
Only ever all your way
You're seemingly forever hungry
for something new
At the expense of tomorrow
today
We watch as our lands, our laws
and voice are swept away

We don't believe that you are
sorry
Your words in action are not true
There is no hand of fellowship
Your only treaties are with you

You declare our Dreaming as just
a dream
Judge that our laws and song
can not belong
That we don't fit your vision of
the new

You see sand not sacred land
You decree that it all belongs to
only you
So please don't say you're sorry
Because we do not believe you.

SHANE DEVINE
Murray Bridge, SA

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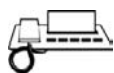
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Alcohol management review an opportunity

NOW that some of the heat has gone out of public discussion about the review of alcohol management plans in Queensland's Indigenous communities, I'd like to shine some light on what's actually happening.

Contrary to the viewpoint expressed by some politicians and commentators with an agenda to push, the Queensland Government is not proposing the carte blanche removal of alcohol restrictions.

We are offering the opportunity for any of the 19 communities covered by alcohol management plans to look at their community and decide if the plans have served their purpose, and the community is mature enough either to live without them or to vary them.

No one wants to see a return to high levels of alcohol-related violence, abuse and neglect in those communities where improvement has been made during the time that management plans have been in place.

There is no pre-conception with the review that it will automatically lead to a relaxation or removal of alcohol restrictions in communities. It will be up to individual communities which want restrictions eased or removed to develop strategies for government consideration to prevent an increase in alcohol abuse and alcohol-related violence and harm.

I made it clear when announcing the review that the bottom line for the review is that any changes to current restrictions must not be at the cost of adverse community impacts, particularly where women and children are concerned.

It will be up to each community which wants alcohol restrictions eased or removed to demonstrate they have strategies in place to

ensure there will be no increase in levels of violence and social disorder.

If one listened to what's being claimed by critics of the review, then taverns could be expected to be opened in Indigenous communities in the near future, and it would be party time 24/7. Anyone who knows the issue would be aware that councils anywhere in Queensland are prohibited from holding a liquor licence.

Unfortunately the scream of headlines claiming 'grog bans to end' and erroneous claims by people who hadn't taken the time to ask has drowned out the sound of what's actually happening.

The review will take as long as necessary to get it right. There's not a one-size-fits-all solution, and I fully expect the ultimate outcome will vary widely across communities. Some might want to maintain or strengthen existing restrictions. Others might want to relax or remove them.

The first step will be for each community to submit a proposal to government outlining how it believes alcohol use can best be accommodated in that community into the future.

The community proposals will need to address how they will reduce violence and keep women and children free from violence and abuse.

The final decision will be made by government. That decision will be made in the best interests of all members of the community, and will depend on the certainty that alcohol-related violence and abuse will not increase. In fact, it will need to decrease.

Any changes to existing restrictions will need to be supported by a proven willingness of individual communities to take responsibility for their own futures.



GLEN ELMES

The Queensland Government will support communities in pursuit of that. Our joint aim is for communities to be safe and socially cohesive.

If a community's proposal is accepted by government as realistic, practical and achievable, then a transition plan will be developed so that any proposed changes can be introduced in a co-ordinated and planned way over a defined period with the necessary checks and balances.

I appreciate there are many voices on this within individual communities, and I want to be assured all those voices have been heard.

Any proposal which comes from

a community must have the support of more than just the council. I want input from women's and men's groups, Elders, the local Community Justice Group, child and family support groups, and any others within the community which have a stake in a better future.

I will also want to hear from the many service providers who work with and within communities to get their perspective on the efficacy and necessity of alcohol restrictions in individual communities. Their input will be important in forming a viewpoint on a community's capacity to achieve what it wants.

The review will also invite submissions from any townships adjacent to communities subject to an alcohol management plan to assess what impact the restrictions might have on them.

Alcohol management plans were introduced as a measure to reduce violence against women and children particularly. Nothing in what the Queensland Government is proposing overrides that basic concern.

As the responsible minister, I won't be recommending to Cabinet the relaxation or removal of alcohol restrictions in any community unless I am utterly persuaded that the community has the strategies in place to ensure that women and children will be protected.

Commentators who make the point that economic development is critical for Indigenous communities in achieving sustainability are correct.

The Queensland Government recognises this, which is why we are undertaking initiatives like the Cape York Bio-Region Management Plan to stimulate economic development on the Cape, including proactive resource-based employment

programs, and various other Indigenous employment-specific programs to provide opportunities for Indigenous communities.

There will be a range of voices among the wider society from experts and commentators outside communities eager to have a say about the merits or otherwise of alcohol restrictions.

Some individuals have a heavy personal investment in their reputations as spokespeople – even saviours – of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In the past, they have railed against white paternalism and the denial of opportunity for Indigenous self-determination and the lack of opportunity to have a say in what's best for their communities.

Now, they oppose communities having a say about alcohol use within communities on the basis that affected Indigenous people don't have the necessary maturity or will power. They imply Indigenous people can't be trusted to make their own decisions about alcohol management within their own communities.

That's paternalism at its worst.

The review of alcohol management plans is an opportunity for Indigenous communities to show they have the maturity and desire to have a defining role in their future. Those which can't demonstrate a positive way forward won't have their current restrictions eased.

Commentators should see the review as just that, rather than perceive it as a threat to their own particular view of what's best for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Glen Elmes is the Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs



Department of
Human Services

Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Community Initiative Fund 2012 – 2013

As part of the Indigenous Family Violence Community Initiative Fund, the Department of Human Services invites applications from Victorian Aboriginal organisations and Aboriginal community groups to submit for funding for projects that support the priorities identified in Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group Plans. The Fund is for projects that prevent, reduce and respond to family violence in Aboriginal communities.

Further information, including Indigenous Family Violence Community Initiative Fund guidelines, application forms and Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Plan priorities are available from the following staff at Department of Human Services regional offices:

Barwon South Western	Tania Jones	0417 396 946
Eastern Metropolitan	Melissa Saunders	0428 038 795
Gippsland (Central)	Michelle Evans	5177 2659
Gippsland (East)	Michelle Smith	5150 4514
Gippsland West	Kerrie White	5177 2552
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Loddon Mallee (North)	Trudy Rigney	5022 3147
North and West Metropolitan	Robbie Lynch	9412 5390
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Applications close 5.00 pm on Friday 16 November 2012.

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Dated this 13 day of September 2012

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Concern over Knockout

I HAVE been going to the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout for 42 years, and during that time I have never witnessed such a blatant display of hostility and violence as I saw on 31 October during the Knockout at Raymond Terrace.

In my opinion Moree players and their supporters should be banned from participating in future Knockouts.

Many of our Elders were in a state of shock and were traumatised by Moree's display of aggression on and off the field. Young people were hurt during the melee.

I am a La Perouse supporter and my family settled in to enjoy a good game of footy between two good teams, but what resulted I have only witnessed on TV.

The La Perouse team was attacked by the Moree team and about 200 supporters. La Perouse players were chased off the field by the mob.

My young grandson, who was playing, had to run from the field, blood streaming from his face, with Moree players and supporters chasing him, and threatening to kill him.

This young man loved his footy and looked forward to playing in the Knockouts, but never again



A crowd scene from this year's NSW Aboriginal Knockout at Raymond Terrace, near Newcastle.

Photo: Naomi Moran

will I allow any of my family to participate. The organising committee have left a lot to answer for as they were responsible for the safety of the players.

There was no security or crowd control and the police were

nowhere to be seen.

In all it was a disgraceful act of violence. I have a brother-in-law from Moree and I love him and his family dearly. I feel sorry for them and the abuse they are still copping.

I would like to extend my

heartfelt thanks to the people who assisted when needed, especially the young man from Moree and Yuin-Monaro players.

Congratulations to the Yowies. Well Done!

VIVIENNE MASON
By email

I WRITE on the subject of NRL players in the annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

I am sick of my people running down teams that have NRL players.

What I have got to say to these people is 'who were these players before they played NRL?' They were Black Brothers!

And who are these players after they played NRL? They are Black Brothers!

Every young Black Brother or Sister aspires to be the best footballer, basketballer, or hockey player and so on.

At the latest Knockout I saw NRL players signing autographs and getting photos with young Brothers and Sisters.

These young people come from all over NSW and Queensland, from remote places, to see their black heroes in the flesh.

I would like to say that the Aboriginal Knockout is for Aboriginal people.

Power to my Black Brothers and Sisters.

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By email

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When can our children expect to enjoy the same rights as other Australian children?

THE harsh reality is that an Aboriginal baby girl born on 11 October — the first International Day of the Girl Child — will face inequality and disadvantage and not enjoy the same human rights as other Australian girls.

At birth, the baby girl will join the most disadvantaged and vulnerable section of Australian society: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Growing up, she will face the triple barriers of race, gender and age.

As an Aboriginal child, she is two to three times more likely to die as an infant or due to injury, and likely to suffer from health problems that are seldom found in developed countries such as Australia.

Her parents are more likely to suffer from poor physical and mental health, including higher levels of stress and anxiety.

She is eight times as likely to be the subject of a child protection substantiation compared with other Australian children. And she will face a disproportionately higher chance of being physically or sexually assaulted than non-Aboriginal children.

Later, as an Aboriginal juvenile,

she is 24 times as likely to be placed under juvenile justice supervision, and much more likely to come into contact with the criminal justice system as a victim or offender.

She is also likely to lack access to quality and culturally-appropriate early childhood services, leading to difficulties in reaching literacy and numeracy requirements in primary school. Her probability of finishing Year 12 is about half compared with other Australian girls, greatly lessening her prospects of employment.

Despite the best intentions of governments in recent years, her family will continue to live in a community under strain from poverty and marginalisation, and lacking the basic resources non-Indigenous Australians take for granted. Resources such as adequate housing free from overcrowding and access to jobs.

Governments will continue to issue statements on funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs — but how much of that money will actually get to her and her community?

Her plight and those of other Indigenous children will continue to



DAWN WALLAM

be ignored by most of the mainstream media (through sheer indifference or worse), but will be highlighted by some media keen to exploit her story to push

particular political agendas.

All the while, the international community will look at Australia and the status and treatment of its First Peoples with a mixture of confusion and bewilderment.

But it's not all bad news for the Aboriginal baby girl born today. There are signs of improvement, even if it's only in some areas and at a frustratingly slow pace.

She will have an increasing number of female role models as she grows up — there are more Aboriginal female lawyers, doctors, nurses, CEOs, public servants, teachers and academics.

And she will draw inspiration from the countless strong and proud Aboriginal women across Australia who continue to battle the odds, raising children and keeping their communities together.

Governments have made a commitment to make the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children a high priority in the coming years, as well as reduce the levels of disadvantage endured by Indigenous Australians.

Most state and territory governments have recently reformed, or are in the process of

reforming, child protection systems that have failed badly to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

So the will is there. But governments need to embrace the idea that the solutions to improving the life of the Aboriginal girl today will centre on proper engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Governments have to empower our communities and organisations so that they can have a meaningful say in the design and delivery of government programs and make decisions about the future. And governments need to be unflinching in their financial and human support — as well as be more transparent and accountable with their funding.

We all need to do better for the sake of all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls — and boys — born today.

● Figures used in this statement are based on publications from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Dawn Wallam is the chairperson of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

Indigenous Christians gather



MORE than 200 people were at this year's East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network gathering, held earlier this month. The event, the eighth held, was held at Jigamy Farm

on the NSW far south coast.

Organisers said participants — the most ever at the gathering — came from across Australia.

Activities included surfing lessons, a sports carnival, talent concert and a marine/Hawaiian themed dinner.

Broken Hill Scorpions and SA Eagles were among the sports winners, while South Coast Jarndas won the Aunty Evvie Walker Memorial Shield. Awards planned for next year include the Aunty Beryl Cruse Memorial Shield in honour of the late

Aboriginal Elder from Eden.

This year's guest speaker was Pastor Donald Hayward, and the camp hosts were Joshua and Jenice Manton.

The camps are designed to encourage youth in spirituality as well as leadership.

Tangentyere mob to benefit



INDIGENOUS people in Alice Springs are set to benefit from a community program being run by a major national supermarket chain.

Under the Coles Community Food with SecondBite program, fresh produce and bakery goods are donated to the local communities.

The Coles Alice Springs supermarket has become the 300th Coles store nationally to participate in the initiative.

Coles says that over the next two years, the program aims to donate enough healthy, fresh produce to charities around the country to provide more than five million meals to those in need.

In Alice Springs, the program will support the work of the Tangentyere Council's Indigenous-focused employment service.

Breakfast

Coles says the program will enable Tangentyere Council to create a breakfast program for participants to provide a healthy breakfast meal for more than 200 employees every day. It is estimated the program will deliver more than 15,000 meals to local Alice Springs residents in the first year alone.

Tangentyere Employment Services manager Liam O'Sullivan welcomed the program.

"We're looking forward to



Ready for the Coles SecondBite program in Alice Springs are Coles NT regional manager Andrew Folks, SecondBite CEO Elaine Montegriffo and Tangentyere Employment Services manager Liam O'Sullivan.

starting our breakfast program and we're very appreciative of the tremendous support of SecondBite and Coles in

helping us to provide good, nutritious food for the people that we work for," he said. "Coles has been extremely

supportive of Tangentyere Employment Services and has assisted us to place local people into employment at

their Alice Springs store."

For more information on the SecondBite program, go to www.secondbite.org

Bids sought for remote program

APY people 'left in dark' says SA MP



THE Federal Government is calling for expressions of interest from service providers for the new \$1.5 billion Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP), and is encouraging Indigenous organisations to apply.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins said the Government wanted to hear from individual providers and organisations interested in partnerships.

"The new program will deliver better training and support to get local people into jobs and ensure people who are not working are participating in activities that contribute to developing strong and sustainable communities," she said.

"A single service provider will now have a continuing presence in each of 59 identified remote regions around Australia."

Employment and Workplace



JULIE COLLINS

Relations Minister Bill Shorten said the RJCP would bring together Job Services Australia, Disability Employment Services, Community Development Employment Projects and the Indigenous Employment Program in remote Australia.

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the



JENNY MACKLIN

expressions of interest was designed to give small, local organisations the best opportunity to participate.

"We want to see as many local Indigenous organisations delivering the new program as possible," she said.

"That is why we have committed \$15 million to help build the capacity of potential providers. We have also made it

a requirement of the selection process, that applicants demonstrate their connection to communities in the regions, as well as their capacity to deliver the services required."

The Government says information sessions for potential providers will be held in all remote regions, providing information on funding and how to respond to the expression of interest.

The Federal Government says it will spend \$1.5 billion on the program over five years.

Expressions of interest for delivery of the RJCP are open until 14 November.

Organisations considering becoming a provider need to register with AusTender. Documentation is available at www.tenders.gov.au

Those wanting to attend the information sessions should contact the DEEWR Employment Services Purchasing Hotline on 1300 733 514 or email espurchasing@deewr.gov.au to register their interest.



A SOUTH Australian politician is concerned Aboriginal people in the remote APY lands have been left in the dark about details of the state's trial of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Unlike other states where trials will happen in specific locations, South Australia has opted for a statewide NDIS trial starting in July 2013 focusing on children aged from birth to five.

The age limit will be increased to 13 the following year and 14 in 2015.

Dignity for Disability MP Kelly Vincent visited the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands this month on a tour to examine health, education and disability issues among the Indigenous communities.

Ms Vincent said nine months out from the start of the NDIS trial in South Australia, Aboriginal people in APY land communities had no clue about how the trial would work locally for disabled children.

"There has been absolutely no consultations with people living on the lands about the incoming trial of the National Disability Insurance Scheme," she said.

"A government employee (based in the APY lands) working for the Department of Social Inclusion and Communities responsible for the trial was asking me for information about what shape the trial would take."

Ms Vincent said Indigenous communities 'were simply being left behind and thrown scraps'. — AAP

Cass to head up Menzies School



LEADING kidney specialist Professor Alan Cass has been named the new director of the Darwin-based Menzies School of Health Research.

Prof Cass was most recently a senior director at Sydney's The George Institute for Global Health.

Northern Territory Health Minister David Tollner said Prof Cass had significant experience fostering national and international collaborations in clinical research.

"With strong understandings of Indigenous health, chronic diseases and community based health, I am confident Prof Cass has the skills and experience to further advance the important work undertaken by Menzies School of Health Research," he said.

Menzies is the nation's leading health research and education institute with a primary focus on Indigenous communities and people living in tropical and remote areas.

Safer, better power in the Kimberley



ENERGY provider Horizon Power says the town-based residents of the Kimberley Aboriginal community of Bayulu now have a safer and more reliable power supply.

Under the Town Reserves Regularisation Program funded by the WA Department of Housing, three Aboriginal communities in the West Kimberley will receive improved services through supply upgrades.

The power supplies in Bayulu, near Fitzroy Crossing, needed upgrading after 17 new homes were built there.

Horizon says a network upgrade by Department of Housing contractors in Bayulu will meet its energy demands well into the future. Internal house wiring was also upgraded.

In the town-based sections of Looma and Mowanjumb, Horizon says it is upgrading infrastructure, as well as delivering energy efficiency and retail education.

Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Leadership scheme to assist women



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander women are being encouraged to apply for scholarships to the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) Women in Leadership

program, offered by Chief Executive Women (CEW). AGSM's Women in Leadership program targets women with managerial experience who want to build their leadership capacity.

Melissa Williams and Arabella Douglas won the 2012 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander CEW-AGSM scholarships.

The Women in Leadership program runs over four modules with the first beginning on 3 May next year in Sydney.

Executive director AGSM executive education Rosemary Howard said Australia needed better-managed companies that respected diversity and flexibility.

"It is not just about putting more women on boards or in senior executive positions to fill gender diversity quotas or guidelines," Prof Howard said.

To apply for the CEW-AGSM scholarships, go to www.ceb.org.au Applications close at 5pm on 29 October.

New drug added to benefits scheme



A DRUG used in the treatment of renal cell carcinoma has been added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Votrient (pazopanib hydrochloride) belongs to a class of drugs that interferes with cell processes, including cell signalling, the formation of new blood vessels to the tumour, and may ultimately slow or stop the development and growth of tumours.



Participants at the ANFA national conference in Alice Springs.

Alliance urges uranium bans



THE Australian Nuclear Free Alliance (ANFA) has called for a moratorium on all uranium mining and dumping of nuclear

waste on Aboriginal land until there has been a public inquiry into all aspects of the industry.

Arabana man Peter Watts and Arrernte woman Mitch (she has no surname) were elected co-chairs of ANFA at the national conference in Alice Springs from 5-7 October.

The Federal Government has proposed a nuclear waste dump near Muckaty, in the Northern Territory, which is being challenged by traditional owners in the Federal Court.

"The nuclear waste is going to come back to Australia after it has been processed in France and Scotland, so why don't they store it at Lucas Heights reactor in NSW?" Mitch said.

"That would be the safest place, you've got technicians, then there's no problem with transporting it from Sydney to the other side of Tennant Creek in the Territory, which opens it up to risk for the communities along the way."

Mitch said Federal Resources and Energy Minister Martin Ferguson had not responded to multiple requests to meet with traditional owners and inspect the site at Muckaty.

"It scares us that they may do a deal to take other people's uranium back," she said.

"The Government tells us that they are morally obligated to take nuclear waste back, but is Coles morally obligated to take packaging back? How come morals only come into it when you're talking about dumping nuclear waste out bush?"

"As (ANFA honorary president) Kevin Buzzacott said, if we are morally obligated to take waste back, how come there is not the same obligation to dig a trench nine miles deep at Maralinga and send that nuclear waste back to England?"

"It's a loose way of using 'morals'." The conference also discussed the



'Uranium is not racist, it doesn't care if you're rich or poor, doesn't care where you live, it travels in the water source and on the wind'

– ANFA co-chair Mitch

proposed uranium mines in Western Australia and wrote a letter of condolence to the people of Fukushima, Japan, where a nuclear reactor that used uranium mined in Australia melted down after an earthquake and tsunami.

Mitch said people were concerned about the huge amounts of water that uranium mines use and that dust storms and winds could carry particles from uranium mines all over the country.

"Uranium is not racist, it doesn't care if you're rich or poor, doesn't care where you live, it travels in the water source and on the wind," she said.

"A lot of people came because they had just been talking to their land council or mining companies and they wanted to hear another side of the story."

"We give information and websites of groups of other people dealing with uranium, people who know the history of Maralinga, who have worked in the industry, then people can be empowered and go away and make up their own minds."

"Those of us who are staunch opponents don't want uranium mined at all, it should be left in the ground, and



ANFA honorary president Kevin Buzzacott.

more spent on opportunities in renewable energy like solar and wind."

The conference also made a resolution to write to Prime Minister Julia Gillard saying they did not want Australia to sell uranium to India.

"People were also surprised to find out we export cheese that is worth more money in exports than uranium," Mitch said.



Actors Shari Sebbens and Tess Rose, who appear in the *Joyride* episode.

Series focus on Redfern

By MARGARET SMITH



REDFERN NOW, a six-part drama series produced by ABC TV and

Blackfella Films, premieres on ABC1 at 8.30pm on Thursday 1 November.

The series gives a realistic depiction of life today in the famous Sydney suburb through six episodes – *Family*, *Joyride*, *Pretty Boy Blue*, *Stand Up*, *Sweet Spot* and *Raymond* – directed by Catriona McKenzie, Rachel Perkins, Leah Purcell and Wayne Blair.

The episodes feature a galaxy of Indigenous actors including Deborah Mailman, Leah Purcell, Wayne Blair (director of *The Sapphires*), Shari Sebbens, Miranda Tapsell, Jimi Bani, Stephen Curry, Ewen Leslie, Kelton Pell, Luke Carroll, Dean Daley-Jones, Alec Doomagee, Shareena Clanton, Cramer Cain, Lisa Flanagan and Tessa Rose, and newcomers Aaron McGrath, Rhimi Johnson Page and James Stanley.

Producer Jimmy McGovern has worked on major productions including *Cracker*, *The Accused*, *The Street* and *The Lakes*.

The first episode, *Family*, is written by Danielle Maclean and directed by Catriona McKenzie and stars Leah Purcell and Alec Doomagee as a couple desperate for a holiday away from the



Actor Leah Purcell in one of the *Redfern Now* episodes.

tensions of living on the edge. But as they're about to leave Purcell's character's sister calls seeking help.

The second episode, *Joyride*, is written by Michelle Blanchard and also directed by McKenzie.

Episodes

The other episodes tell stories about an Aboriginal police officer, a woman who carelessly defrauds the government, a teenager caught up in a racist incident at school, and an Aboriginal boxer with attitude.

Directing *Redfern Now* has been something of a homecoming for McKenzie, as she lived nearby for years.

"It's great to be able to

come back here and work," she said. "For the people who live here things have changed a lot since then."

McKenzie learnt her craft from Indigenous media pioneer Lester Bostock at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School. He taught her about respecting culture and country, and she went on to graduate with honours.

Since then, McKenzie has directed *Box*, *Patterns*, *The Alice*, *The Circuit*, *RAN*, and very recently a feature film *Satellite Boy*.

Of *Redfern Now* she says: "We've been helped a lot by producer Darren Dale who has strong connections with the community. It's a heart-felt project."



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1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin 2011 NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Entertainment)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Games We Play G (Kids)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Games We Play PG (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Cookin' At Jacko's: Cyclone Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Wanja PG (Documentary)
11:00 Samoa G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Kiribati PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Spirits In Bare Feet PG (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 (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Vanuatu G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Black And Dusty G (Documentary)
8:00 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
8:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
9:00 4 Wheel Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
9:30 Our Generation PG (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin G (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Emotions And Feelings G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 Dreamtime To Dance PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas - Fiji G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
9:00 Blackfellas, Bulls And Bucking G (Documentary)
10:00 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER

1:30 Footy: The La Perouse Way M (Documentary)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:30 Ella 7's G (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: My Body G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
10:00 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)
11:30 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
12:00 From Dreamtime To Now G (Documentary Series)
2:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas - Fiji G (Documentary Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay: There's No I In Hock G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids: My Body G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tahiti PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Last Yolk In The Sami Forest PG (Documentary)
9:30 Suddenly Sami PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin G (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Opposites G (Kids)
6:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:00 Yarramundi Kids: Opposites G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
11:30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Wanja PG (Documentary)
1:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
2:00 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)
2:30 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
5:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Our Generation PG (Documentary)
7:00 Crook Hat And Camphoo G (Documentary)
7:30 Lore Of Love, The PG (Documentary)
8:00 Land Of The Little Kings PG (Documentary)
9:30 Women Of The Sun PG (Drama)
10:30 Dreamkeeper PG (Drama)



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SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Water G (Kids)
6:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:00 Yarramundi Kids: Water G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
10:00 Intervention Katherine NT PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
1:30 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:30 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:30 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:30 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Spirits In Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
6:30 Emily In Japan PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:30 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)
9:30 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)
10:30 The New Black M (Drama)

MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Connections G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)
10:30 Emily In Japan PG (Documentary)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tahiti PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
1:30 Island Of Lies PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay: Journey Through Fe G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids: Connections G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Ravens and Eagles: What Is Haida Art? PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Sitting Bull: A Stone In My Heart PG (Documentary)
9:00 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Unforgivable Blackness 1 M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Friends G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)
11:00 Sitting Bull: A Stone In My Heart PG (Doc)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
1:30 Ravens and Eagles: What Is Haida Art? PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Doc)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay: They Dance At Night G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids: Friends G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)
9:00 Apekathe PG (Documentary)
9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
10:00 Footy: The La Perouse Way M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Opposites G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 No Apologies PG (Documentary)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Apekathe PG (Documentary)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids: Opposites G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Cool Drink And Culture G (Documentary)
8:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
9:30 Whispering In Our Heart M (Documentary)
10:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Water G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)
10:30 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Dreamtime To Dance PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Urban Clan G (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids: Water G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:30 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)
9:30 Aeroplane Dance PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER

1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: What Makes Me Special G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Aeroplane Dance PG (Documentary)
11:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 From Dreamtime To Now G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
2:00 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids: What Makes Me Special G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Strong Men Of Nguiu G (Documentary)
8:30 Land Bilong Islanders G (Documentary)
9:30 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
10:30 Nice Coloured Girls PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

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12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: What Makes Me Special G (Kids)
6:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:00 Yarramundi Kids: What Makes Me Special G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
11:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Constitutional Reform 1 PG (Current Affairs)
1:30 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)
2:30 Nice Coloured Girls PG (Documentary)
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
5:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Whispering In Our Heart M (Documentary)
7:00 Karli Jalangu: Boomerang Today PG (Documentary)
8:30 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)
9:30 Women Of The Sun M (Drama)
10:30 Shifting Sands M (Drama)

SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin 2011 NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Life Cycle G (Kids)
6:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:00 Yarramundi Kids: Life Cycle G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
10:00 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)
11:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Ella 7's G (Sport)
1:30 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:30 The Habits Of New Norcia PG (Documentary)
9:30 Dying Shame, A PG (Documentary)
10:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Entertainment)

MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival G (Sport)
3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
4:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Life Cycle G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Habits Of New Norcia PG (Documentary)
11:00 Dying Shame, A PG (Documentary)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Entertainment)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids: Life Cycle G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Ravens and Eagles: Spruce Root Weaver PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Two Spirits PG (Documentary)
9:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
9:30 Last Call Indian PG (Documentary)
10:30 Willigan's Fitzroy PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 30TH OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: The Senses G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Samoa G (Documentary)
11:00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
12:00 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
12:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
1:30 Ravens and Eagles: Spruce Root Weaver PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids: The Senses G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)
9:00 Big Girls Dont Cry PG (Documentary)
9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

State of Emergency exhibition



Wayne (Coco) Wharton with a photo of himself taken in 1982 painting over the Musgrave Park sign, which was then re-written with the words 'Aboriginal Land'. He is seen here with his sister Patricia Leavy (nee Wharton).



The late Mick Miller and Steve Mam marching in 1982. They are carrying a placard Mr Mam made showing a photo of then Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen taken in 1973 on Saibai Island during a campaign against the prospect of including Papua New Guinea as part of Australian territory. Photo: Juno Gemes

Spotlight on '82 protests

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



STATE Library of Queensland staffer Dana Mam was so excited about the

library's new *State of Emergency* exhibition that she had to check it out a couple of days before the official opening.

The exhibition marks the 30th anniversary of the 1982 Commonwealth Games when Brisbane came alive with political demonstrations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander human rights, highlighting the policies of the state and federal governments on a world stage.

In the lead-up to the Games, Queensland's then premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen declared a 'state of emergency' which meant street marches became illegal, and anyone wearing the colours of the Aboriginal flag, or even political slogans on their T-shirts, could be arrested.

A protest march was held in Brisbane this month to mark the anniversary.

Walking through the exhibition of original footage, photos and stories, 24-year-old Ms Mam said she felt very proud and moved – especially to see the images of her grandfather Steve Mam.

"I feel very grateful to all the people featured in



Co-curator Katina Davidson with her uncle Budger Davidson who spoke at the official opening of *State of Emergency* on 30 September.

this show, because if it wasn't for their struggle and sacrifice, we wouldn't have a lot of the benefits we have today," she said.

"I'm a very proud granddaughter."

Gumulray Elder Bob Weatherall, who had a lead role in establishing the tent city at Brisbane's Musgrave Park in 1982, spoke at the exhibition opening on 30 September. He said at the time of the Commonwealth Games there were sanctions against South Africa, yet Australia's treatment of its Indigenous peoples went without international censure.

"We needed to expose Australia's treatment of

Aboriginal people," he said.

"We saw it as a great opportunity to try and bring attention to the violations of our basic human rights and freedoms. That was our opportunity and our slogan was 'the whole world is watching'."

Uncle Bob said they were 'extraordinary times, with extraordinary laws'.

"The Joh Bjelke-Petersen Government established a special branch. We were all under surveillance," he said.

"We all had records. We worked side by side with the civil liberties people, who continued to monitor those atrocious

laws which said we could not protest."

Exhibition co-curator Amanda Hayman said that in one of the seven digital stories recorded for the exhibition, Goorang Goorang Elder Aunty Valda Coolwell spoke about how she didn't participate in any of the protest marches because she had a government job and was scared of being 'black-listed'.

"She stayed away because of fear. She had family that had been black-listed," Ms Hayman said.

Also speaking at the official opening was Uncle Budger Davidson who paid special tribute to his niece Katina Davidson who co-curated *State of Emergency*.

"I've always said the strongest blacks in this country are Brisbane blacks because they stood up against Joh Bjelke-Petersen," he said.

"They put us down as black power mob, put us down as black panther mob... but our actions were Aboriginal actions for this land."

State of Emergency is free and open daily, 10am-5pm, until 19 April at kuril dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland. A program of events is also being held, including a Yarnin' Time session on 14 November with Uncle Bob Weatherall.

Visit slq.qld.gov.au/ whats-on for more information.



Marcia Langton and Bob Weatherall marching with protesters in 1982. Image courtesy of Bob Weatherall



Uncle Bob Weatherall in front of the photo of himself and Marcia Langton (above). He is with his granddaughters Miya and Jarla Weatherall-Stacey.

Bundaberg set to host Vibe 3on3



BUNDABERG, in south-east Queensland, will host the next National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3, on 26 October.

The event will feature a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition, a free barbecue and a health expo, all accompanied by RnB, hip hop and Indigenous music. Indigenous role models and stars scheduled to attend include actor Luke Carroll, who will be MC, Olympic boxer Damien Duncan Hooper and former Australian 7s rugby team player Matt Sonter.

Indigenous dancers Darren Compton and Jacqueline Cornforth will host lessons, while rapper Dizzy Doolan and DJ Jimblah, aka James Alberts, will perform.

The Vibe 3on3 aims to promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem.

To participate, young people need to pre-register in teams of four through their schools. Registrations are open now, and schools can visit the <http://www.vibe.com.au/events/vibe-3on3r.html> to register.

WA online directory is now in business



WESTERN Australia now has its first online Aboriginal business directory.

The Aboriginal Business Directory WA will feature businesses from all industry sectors across the State. It was developed by the WA Small Business Development Corporation, together with the Department of Training and Workforce Development, Department of Indigenous Affairs and Project Connect (ACCIWA).

It is designed to provide easy access to Aboriginal businesses for procurement and commercial engagement, raise the profile of Aboriginal businesses, increase the number of contracts won by Aboriginal businesses, and create new Aboriginal employment opportunities.

The directory is at www.abdwa.com.au

Fundraising debate for diversity council



THE Diversity Council Australia (DCA) is holding its major fundraiser for the year, the annual diversity debate on the topic 'Racism: A minor obstacle or a major roadblock?' on Tuesday, 13 November at the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney.

Speaking for the affirmative, that racism is holding Australia back, is Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner Helen Szoke, National Centre of Indigenous Excellence CEO and Wiradjuri man Jason Glanville and the Australian Muslim Women's Association manager Silma Ihram.

Daily Telegraph journalist Joe Hildebrand, PwC strategic sales and marketing manager Sophie Crawford-Jones and former president of the Federation of Australia Indian Association Vish Viswanathan will speak for the negative.

The debate will be chaired by ABC TV's Q&A host Tony Jones and goes from 6.15-9.30pm.

Cost for DCA member organisations is \$250 a person or \$1900 for a table of eight; for non-member organisations \$300 a person or \$2300 for a table of eight.

For more information or to register go to <http://diversitydebate.dca.org.au/index.html>

New CEO for Moree local land council



BRIAN Riddiford has replaced Meryl Dillon as chief executive officer of Moree Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC).

Mr Riddiford has managed Aboriginal organisations for more than 16 years and was welcomed to Moree LALC by chair Lloyd Munro, who also encouraged the community to become more involved in the activities of the land council.

Award-winner teaches mental health first aid



AJ WILLIAMS-TCHEN believes mental health first aid should

be taken as seriously as physical first aid.

In the past year, Mr Williams-Tchen, a Wiradjuri/Wotjobaluk man, has been teaching mental health first aid courses to hundreds of Aboriginal people in regional NSW, and last week he received a Mental Health Matters Award for his work.

"We go into communities and try and break the stereotypes about anxiety, depression, suicide, and drugs and alcohol," he said.

"We try to improve mental health literacy, get people to talk.

"For instance when there has been a death in a community, and people say they are all on suicide watch, I ask questions about what they are looking for. They'll say someone with a knife, or on a cliff top and then we'll talk about how mental health starts a long time before that point, with changes in behaviour, signs and symptoms of these mental disorders."

Mr Williams-Tchen's consultancy, Girraway (goanna in Wiradjuri) Ganyi (echidna), has finished some



AJ Williams-Tchen with his Mental Health Matters Award.

research into how effective their programs are.

"We found that participants say they have benefitted in three ways: reduction in the stigma around mental illness; increased acknowledgement that mental illness is like any other medical condition;

and increased knowledge of where to refer people to when they need help," he said.

"The part of my work that is most satisfying is when I can see the 'lightbulb moment' for a participant – when I know that people recognise and understand

what I am talking about.

"The feedback can be quite overwhelming, when someone says 'Oh my god, I didn't know that my child was seriously depressed and that when I told him to get off the couch and get a job, I just thought he was lazy'.

"Aboriginal people have a high level of psychological distress and often don't talk about it, bottle things up and think we're dealing with them when in reality that can mean mental illness is going undetected.

"We break things down to their simplest form, analyse what causes mental health problems. What we need to do is help our friend, brother, sister until we can find professional help."

Mr Williams-Tchen has trained 50 Aboriginal people to become 'Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid Instructors' and worked with communities to understand why people take drugs and drink, and the best way to deal with someone's aggression while they are under the influence.

The Mental Health Matters Awards are co-ordinated by the Mental Health Association and funded by NSW Health as part of the Mental Health Month campaign marked in October every year.

Mental health support urged



MAKE sure the people in your families and communities are not alone. That was the Mental Health Week message from National Aboriginal

Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chair Justin Mohamed.

He also urged all levels of government to support Indigenous people and organisations with Aboriginal community control of specific Aboriginal mental health issues.

"The engagement of Aboriginal people with mental health services has traditionally been fraught with difficulty," he said.

"Even the expression 'mental health' is a major barrier for people to seek help and support. In fact most of our members refer to this issue as social and emotional wellbeing.

"The stigma and stereotyping that all contribute to the limited use of current mental health services are other major barriers.

"Geographic isolation, a lack of culturally appropriate services, a lack of Aboriginal staff within available services and limited training of mental health



JUSTIN MOHAMED

service staff regarding Aboriginal issues also contribute to the limited use of current mental health services by Aboriginal people.

"The lack of Aboriginal people in trained psychologist and counseling roles compounds the issue.

"You're not alone' is a key factor where we need to encourage community

members to talk with family and friends about their social and emotional wellbeing issues to restore their connections to community, family, the land and their spirituality, because research has shown those things underpin wellbeing."

Mr Mohamed said a key principle of the close the gap campaign had been that Aboriginal people should be part of policies and program to improve the health and wellbeing of their own people.

"As an example, NACCHO is currently working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Advisory Group and the Menzies School to develop the nation's first Indigenous Suicide Prevention Strategy, making sure that it is a coherent and comprehensive strategy and backed by a strong evidence base," he said.

"The advisory group, chaired by Tom Calma, has also provided guidance on how the Government can most effectively invest the \$6 million in funding over four years committed to reduce Indigenous suicide under the Taking Action to Tackle Suicide package."

NACCHO represents more than 150 Aboriginal community controlled health organisations throughout Australia.

'Day of Belonging' in western Sydney



Link-Up workers, from left, Michelle Turner, Megan Atkinson and Shani Galleghan, with Cheryl Armstrong (second left), from Tamworth.



KARI Inc workers, from left, Tyson Birtles, Donna Anderson and Danny Thorne.

Culture shared at Darug centre



IT was tagged as a 'Day of Belonging', and that's just what it was for

the hundreds of people who attended the Sharing Culture Day this month at the Darug Research and Information Centre in western Sydney.

Working with Blacktown Community Services, the information centre arranged the event for local Aboriginal children and young people in the care of the Minister for Community Services.

Darug Elders said the day was important to ensure local young people developed and maintained cultural links with the community.

Many of the children in care, along with community people, enjoyed a fine day at the centre, in Seven Hills. The program included cultural activities, sports, entertainment and a range

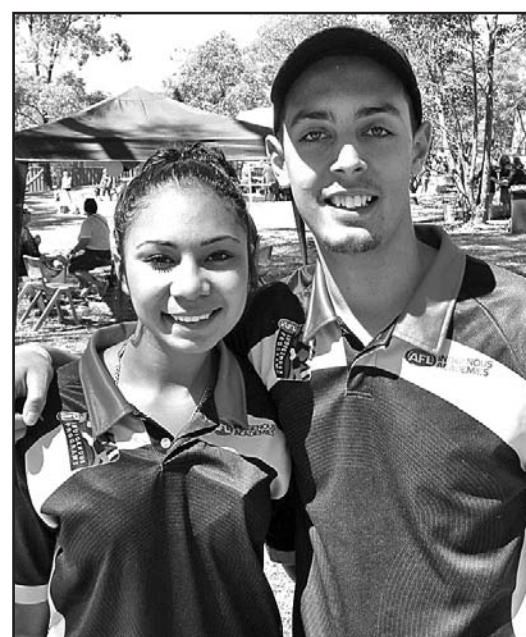


Western Sydney Elders Aunty Val Arisch, Uncle Graeme Cooper and Uncle Brian Shepherd at the Sharing Culture Day in Seven Hills.

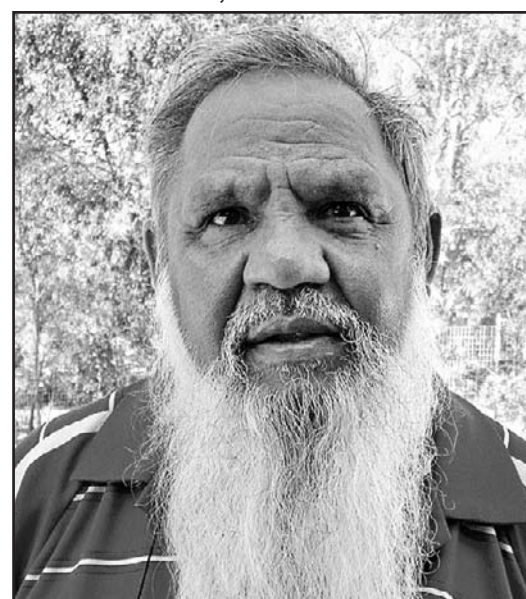
of information stalls. Volunteers and Elders also attended.

The day was part of Blacktown Council's Local Aboriginal Action Plan, and

organisers from the centre are hoping it will now become an annual event.



Nellie Dargan, of Campbelltown, and Matthew Keevil, of Bankstown.



Lyall Dennison, a community programs officer with NSW Family and Community Services.



Cathy Pearsall, of Lalor Park Public School, and Margy Pitt, of Merrylands.



Charley Boyter, of Penrith, and Uncle Wes Marne.



Josephine Joore and Tucky Cooley, from Reconciliation Western Sydney.

Preschool seeks closer links



JARJUM preschool in Lismore, northern NSW, is hoping to forge closer links with the local community so it's holding a family day and afternoon tea on 9

November. Preschool director Maurita Cavanough said everyone would be welcome to paint a mural on the shed and there would be face-painting, a sausage sizzle, lucky dips, games and a jumping castle.

"There are a lot of other community groups in our region and we'd really like to get to know people better," she said.

"Indigenous kids and their parents need to have a positive experience with early childhood education, so they are more likely to engage in education.

"We help get children prepared for school with social skills, and parents play a really important part in that.

"We'd really like to strengthen our relationships locally so we can have a deeper understanding of just what it is people do and be a good partner in the community."

The family day will begin at 11am, with afternoon tea from 2pm at Jarjum, 4 Rifle Range Road, Lismore.

● Pictured left, at the preschool (back from left) Adrian Rhodes, Elijah Cruse, Kieran Stephenson-Bolt, Cohen Ferguson, Aiden Yuke, Casey King, Isaac MacAlpine-King, Jackson McKay, director Maurita Cavanough and Wayne Dargin; (front) Martina Close, Kieran Kelly, Aaron Eldridge and Orlando Kelly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING TO AUTHORISE A SUNSHINE COAST/KABI KABI/GUBBI GUBBI NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION APPLICATION

The Sunshine Coast/Kabi Kabi/Gubbi Gubbi People are currently described as the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

- Maggie Cadenti/Cadente /Cantidi
- Ngimbrium
- Albert Smith
- Susan Andy
- James Crow / Crowe
- Annie Laurie
- Peter Graham
- May Burnett
- Maria of Pialba
- Tuppermywoe / "King" Tommy of Noosa
- Sarah Lloyd daughter of "Nannie"
- Dundalli
- Maggie Palmer
- William/Willie/Bill Crowe
- Towcha
- Dil:l
- Albert Williams
- Kaloma-kuta/Galmaguda/Haloma-kuta/Kal-ma-kuta
- Willie Kina
- Jacky Ball (or Baul)
- Emma Dunne
- George Parson
- Donald Murray
- O'Halloran of Maryborough
- Menvil Wanmuarn / Jackie Delaney
- Tilly / Tilly Glasshouse / Tilly of the Glasshouse / Matilda
- Kate Law
- Maggie Cain/Caine
- William/Billy Glenbar
- Lawrence Stanley
- Cob
- Edward Ross

This notice invites all members of the Sunshine Coast/Kabi Kabi/Gubbi Gubbi People as described above to attend a native title authorisation meeting at the following time, date and location:

Time/Date of Meeting: 9am (for a 9:30am start) Saturday 3 November 2012

Venue of Meeting: Gympie Conference Centre, 28 Fraser Road, Gympie, QLD 4570

The intended purposes of the meeting are to:

- Authorise a new Sunshine Coast/Kabi Kabi/Gubbi Gubbi native title determination application on behalf of the Sunshine Coast/Kabi Kabi/Gubbi Gubbi People relating to the recognition of native title rights and interests over the lands depicted in the accompanying map;
- Determine and authorise the decision-making process for the native title determination application;
- Identify and authorise the native title claim group;
- Identify and authorise the native title claim area;
- Appoint an Applicant for the native title determination application;
- Instruct Queensland South Native Title Services Limited ("QSNTS") to:
 - Prepare and file a Sunshine Coast/Kabi Kabi/Gubbi Gubbi native title determination application as authorised;
 - Act for the Sunshine Coast/Kabi Kabi/Gubbi Gubbi People native title claim group in relation to the native title determination application;
 - Provide a copy of the "Anthropological Connection Report: Sunshine Coast Region [Kabi Kabi]" prepared by Dr Anthony Redmond to the State for their consideration.



QSNTS regrets to advise that it is unable to assist with transport to or from the meeting, however morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.

All Sunshine Coast/Kabi Kabi/Gubbi Gubbi People are invited to contact QSNTS' Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting or for further information.

QSNTS
Queensland South Native Title Services

Programs a chance for award



TWO Desert Knowledge Australia programs are in the running for this year's Northern Territory Research and Innovation Awards, to

be announced on 26 October.

The organisation's Outback Business Networks and the Desert Leadership programs have been short-listed for the awards, which are run by the NT Department of Business and Employment.

The awards recognise and reward the NT's most innovative thinkers and problem-solvers and their ideas, which help the Territory to prosper economically, socially or environmentally.

The Outback Business Networks program has been short-listed for

its work as Australia's only national network of small- to medium-sized business enterprises. It connects more than 1450 remote-based businesses across Outback Australia.

The Desert Leadership programs is a finalist for its work as the first deliberately intercultural leadership development approach aimed at building the capacity of Aboriginal and other leaders to achieve change in the Territory and remote Australia.

Desert Knowledge Australia (DKA) CEO John Huigen said the finalist nominations affirmed the 'important work being done by DKA to strengthen the capacity of desert communities and the importance of innovation in achieving positive change'.

Posters full of errors



ABORIGINAL health posters riddled with anatomical errors have been shredded.

The Federal Department of Health

put out an immediate recall on 171 A3-sized female human anatomy posters produced as part of the Government's Live Longer campaign and sent to Indigenous health services across the country. Opposition Indigenous health

spokesman Andrew Laming said it was a 'fiasco', with the posters including embarrassing errors such as lungs labelled stomach, an extra pancreas and ovaries labelled kidneys.

"The oesophagus (food tube) runs into the lung," Dr Laming said.

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the errors were unacceptable.

The Health Department said it was investigating. — AAP

Minister in visit to Moama



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello recently visited the Moama Local Aboriginal Land Council, on the banks of the Murray River on the Victorian border.

During his visit, Moama LALC CEO Rosemary Jones gave Mr Dominello an overview of the community centre the council is proposing to build.

"Of course we asked the minister for money. He explained the NSW Government didn't have any but he gave us really constructive advice about organisations that could help us find funding, so we were really rapt," Ms Jones said.

Moama LALC chair Robert Hudson, deputy Debra Cowley who is a Yorta Yorta Elder, and board members Hazel Hudson, Phillip Hudson, Josephine Hudson, Pastor Joe Day, Penny Connors and John Kerr also welcomed NSWALC councillor Craig Cromelin.

● **Pictured left: at the Moama LALC office, front from left, Murray-Darling MP John Williams and Moama LALC chair Robert Hudson and, back, NSWALC councillor Craig Cromelin, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello and Moama council CEO Rosemary Jones.**



Guides to help cut smoking



A NEW classroom guide to help reduce Indigenous smoking has been launched. The National Curriculum-linked 'No Smokes' study guides are designed to give school teachers culturally-relevant lesson plans on the effects of smoking.

The guides incorporate videos, games and animations accessible via the No Smokes website www.nosmokes.com.au – a new Menzies School of Health Research project funded by the Federal Department of Health.

They follow on from research by the head of the 'No Smokes' project, neuroscientist Dr Sheree Cairney, finding young Indigenous people are more likely to tune into health campaigns that use Aboriginal faces and relevant themes.

"We've designed the No Smokes material and the associated study guides with a tone and message that speaks directly to young Indigenous people and empowers them with knowledge," Dr Cairney said.

"No Smokes online tools, like the animated brain showing how tobacco addiction works, help to explain complex notions in a highly visual way that takes into account varying literacy levels and culturally diverse concepts of health.

"We've taken the No Smokes project to the next level in creating these study guides that enable teachers to incorporate the videos and games into

'We've designed the No Smokes material and the associated study guides with a tone and message that speaks directly to young Indigenous people and empowers them with knowledge'

– Dr Sheree Cairney



meaningful class lessons that relate to curriculum."

An offline DVD with all multimedia content is also available.

The new lessons are designed to give students a greater understanding of the impact smoking has on the individual and the community.

Display

Students can investigate how much money their local community spends on cigarettes weekly, and work as a group to create an anti-smoking display.

The lessons also include a 'Smoking and Your Body' Bingo game to learn about the body parts damaged by smoking, and an activity that teaches

about the relationship between nicotine, the brain and addiction.

The launch of the study guides comes just months after the 'No Smokes' project received an additional \$500,000 grant over two years from the Department of Health to fund further content development and create training for health workers and teachers.

The five study guides are designed for teachers of Indigenous students in upper primary and secondary school.

The No Smokes guides will be available online as pdf files at <http://quit.nosmokes.com.au/teachers-and-health-workers/for-teachers/study-guides/>

Submissions call for sport inquiry



THE Commonwealth Government is calling for submissions to a new inquiry into the effects sport has on Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring. The House of Representatives Standing

Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs will examine how sporting bodies can increase opportunities for Indigenous participation, including for Indigenous women; how non-government organisations can use sport as a vehicle to improve outcomes for Indigenous people and how Indigenous sporting programs can contribute to closing the gap targets.

Committee chair Shayne Neumann MP said Indigenous athletes had a long and rich history of achievement in sport.

"Indigenous people are more likely to participate in some sports, such as Australian rules football or rugby league and Indigenous men participate in sport more than Indigenous women," he said.

"We know that sport can contribute to promoting teamwork, healthy living and community cohesion in Indigenous communities."

The committee is calling for submissions to the inquiry by Friday, 26 October.

For the full terms of reference and advice on making submissions, see the committee's website at www.apf.gov.au/sport or contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4559.

Corporation backs uranium venture



THE Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC) has given support to the development of the Kintyre uranium deposits in Western Australia.

Kintyre, in WA's Eastern Pilbara region, is a joint venture between Cameco and Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd.

WA Mines and Petroleum Minister Norman Moore said that while it was early days for the development, the WDLAC support was a significant milestone.

"This is a huge accomplishment for the company and the Martu people, which helps secure a strong future for the local Indigenous people," he said.

"Not only will this agreement ensure a range of employment, business opportunities and cultural initiatives, it also recognises the importance of the heritage protection of some highly sensitive cultural sites – this is a win-win for all involved."

Desert Divas' first album ready to go



CENTRAL Australia's first all-Indigenous women's compilation album will be launched next week in Alice Springs.

Produced by MusicNt, *Desert Divas Volume 1* is the result of a song-writing and performance workshops program started in 2010.

This year 20 girls and women have been involved in the program.

The new album features works from participants in the program's first two years.

Rock, hip-hop, folk, pop, country, soul and blues tracks from ten Central Australian women feature on the album.

The launch will be from 5pm on 27 October at the Alice Springs Desert Park.

Greens MLC guilty over tax offences



SOUTH Australia Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Tammy Franks has been found guilty of not lodging income tax returns between 2001 and 2010.

Ms Franks could face a fine of up to \$40,000 from the Adelaide Magistrates Court but the outcome is not expected to affect her position in the SA Legislative Council.

The 2012 Indigenous



Family and finalists from Western Desert Dialysis and Martumili Artists, back, Marlene Spencer, Sarah Brown and Meyika Chapman and, front, Jakayu Biljabu, Bobby West and Nancy Taylor.



IGA judging panellist Glenda Humes with Justin Mohamed from the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).



Eleanor Nichols, from BHP, and Karen Mundine, from Reconciliation Australia, at back with, front, Rebecca Cross from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Leo Bator from Indigenous Business Australia and Paige Davies from BHP.



Deadly Award winning hip hop duo Yung Warriors provided entertainment.



Awards judge Mick Dodson with Sharon Williams and Geraldine Atkinson, from SNAICC.



Franklin Gaffney and Edna O'Malley, from MG Corporation, with Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Bevan.



Healing Foundation chair Florence Onus, from Queensland, and SNAICC CEO Frank Hytten, from Melbourne.



BHP's Paul Hutchins, Inala Cooper, from Monash University, Rod Plant, from the Kokoda Aboriginal Servicemen's Campaign, and Kari White, from BHP.

Governance Awards

REPRESENTATIVES of organisations from around the country were in Melbourne last Friday for the announcement of winners in the 2012 Indigenous Governance Awards. The awards, held every two years, attracted 107 applicants – more than triple the number in previous years. The Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation (NPY) from Central Australia and West Kimberley's Yiriman project took out the top honours this year. The *Koori Mail's* Jillian Mundy was at the presentations, and took these images. See our report on Page 11 for full details.



IGA Award winners, highly commended finalists and judges at the Melbourne luncheon.



Charlee-Sue Frail and Isabel Orcher from Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly.



Old friends and colleagues Helen Gerrard, from Miriwung Gajerrong Corporation, and Joy Savage, from Aboriginal Hostels Australia, caught up at the awards.



Awards MC ABC Radio National's Daniel Browning.



Pictured between Geraldine Atkinson and Sue Beecher from SNAICC are Vanessa Harris, from the Lowitja Institute, and IGA judge Glenda Humes.



Rachelle Towart, from Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre, with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service executive officer Eddie Cubillo.



Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong launched BHP Billiton's new Reconciliation Action Plan. She is pictured with artist Kathleen Sorensen whose work features on the cover of the plan.



On the left Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly representatives Charlee-Sue Frail, Isabel Orcher and Sam Jeffries, at left, watch as Ted Fernando makes an acceptance speech for the assembly's highly commended award. Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon is on the right.



Aunty Di Kerr gives the welcome to country.



Jessica Jeeves, Nevada Brown, Karen Mundine and Kylie Kluger, from Reconciliation Australia, with Sally Clark (centre), from Ernst and Young.



Sharon Williams, from SNAICC, and Andrea Mason, from NPY Women's Council.

\$286,000 to help with interpreters



THE National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) will receive \$286,000 from the Australian Government to improve access for Indigenous interpreters.

The money will be used to develop appropriate testing materials in Indigenous languages where there is a demand for interpreting, focusing on languages spoken in Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland.

This will help more of the 500 Indigenous interpreters, many of whom are studying to further develop their skills, to gain NAATI accreditation.

There is a similar project between NAATI and the Northern Territory Aboriginal Interpreter Service.

Interpreters are trained in ethics and confidentiality to assist people with communication and in court processes.

They help people to receive appropriate care and understand their rights and responsibilities, and make sure voices are heard in the development and delivery of government policies.

WA Govt funds for Pilbara tourism



THE West Australian Government has funded research into new, quality ecotourism accommodation and related tourism experiences for Millstream Chichester National Park in the Pilbara. Environment Minister Bill Marmion said the

studies would look at commercial accommodation and tourism experiences within the 238,000ha park, south of Karratha.

"The work will also establish the requirement for any ecotourism development to complement existing and proposed camping accommodation," the minister said.

Mr Marmion said ecotourism would provide a range of benefits for the park including opportunities for job creation, equity and long-term financial benefit for traditional owners.

Ex-NSW Aboriginal Affairs minister dies



FORMER NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister George Paciullo has died in Sydney, aged 78.

Mr Paciullo became a member of the Australian Labor Party in 1958 and held a number of portfolios, including sport, tourism, roads, industry and small business, as well as Aboriginal affairs.

He was also responsible for introducing random breath testing in NSW in the early 1980s while Police Minister. —AAP

Congress planning for health summit



THE Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC) is planning a health summit for next year that puts a focus on violence, trauma, education and early intervention.

At a recent three-day meeting in Alice Springs, CAAC president Helen Kantawara gave a welcome to new young leaders.

"This is all about working together to acknowledge the past, appreciate the present and respect the future," she said.

Next year's health summit agenda will focus on six key themes:

- violence and trauma
- conflict
- suicide, grief and loss
- parenting and family
- culture, language and country
- responsibility and leadership.

It will discuss how underpinning all of these issues are alcohol and other addictions and how Congress says they can be addressed with education and early intervention.

"It is hoped that all of the Aboriginal organisations can work together as part of this project and build a better future for our people and everyone in Central Australia," Ms Kantawara said.



Gippsland region finalists and winners at this year's Wurreker Awards ceremony in Melbourne. Photos by Tyson Austin

VAEAI awards mark success



THE ninth annual Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) Wurreker Awards winners were

named recently at the Aborigines Advancement League in Thornbury, Melbourne.

More than 200 people attended the ceremony, held in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) to recognise the success of the Koorie community in vocational education and training (VET).

They also celebrate training providers and community organisations working for Koorie people and communities.

Victorian Higher Education and Skills Minister Peter Hall said the number of Aboriginal students undertaking VET had increased by 30 per cent since the introduction of the Victorian Training Guarantee.

"Much of this enrolment growth has been in higher level qualifications, in areas including automotive, transport, community services, health, and professional services," he said.

Enrolments

"We're also seeing more Koorie students taking up apprenticeships and traineeships, with enrolments more than doubling between 2010 and 2012 in areas such as plumbing, carpentry, automotive, engineering and hospitality.

"There has also been a 60 per cent increase over the past year in Koorie students taking on foundation courses that serve as the building blocks for further learning."

VAEAI president Geraldine Atkinson said the goal was to support Koorie students to earn qualifications. "To be informed about where their training can take them, move through to higher qualifications and transition into sustainable employment," she said.

There were several winners from



Higher Education and Skills Minister Peter Hall, Wayne Muir from the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, John Martin from Koorie Employment Enterprise, Katrina Beer from Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative and VAEAI president Geraldine Atkinson.

the Gippsland region, with GIPPSTAFE, Lake Tyers Health and Children Services and East Gippsland Shire Council among recipients.

The Dr Mary Atkinson Koori Organisation Award was presented to Koorie Employment Enterprises.

Other awards were:

Teacher/Trainer Award, Ashley Egan, Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative Vocation Program; Learn Local Award, Wimmera Hub; Private Sector Employer Award, Whelans Earthmoving Pty Ltd; Community Based Employee Award, Lee-Anne Carter, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service; Public Sector Employee Award, Dennis Mitchell, Mildura Primary School; Private RTO Award, VACCHO; Private Sector Employee Award, Les Solomon, Whelans Earthmoving; University Award, The University of Melbourne; Public Sector Employer Award, Department of Sustainability and Environment; VAEAI Special Recognition Award, Albert Mullet.



VAEAI life member Dr Alf Bamblett with Hollie Johnson, who received the Special Recognition Award on behalf of her grandfather Uncle Albert Mullet.

Mutitjulu Community Carnival

By DARREN COYNE



IT takes many years for a *kurkara* sapling to tap into the water deep beneath the red desert sands.

When it does, that spindly sapling branches out and transforms into something majestic and life affirming – a desert oak, the dominant tree that shadows the ancient, dry landscape around Uluru.

So too has a rock song about ‘the rock’ – which has struggled to be fully understood amid the smoky haze of three generations of loud juke boxes and cover bands throughout Australia – finally strengthened its roots, tapped the reservoir, and branched out into something majestic.

Solid Rock, written by Shane Howard, after visits to Uluru in Central Australia 30 years ago, came of age in the shadow of its inspiration just over a week ago as part of a community carnival held at the Mutitjulu community.

Accompanied by fellow singers John Butler, Bart Willoughby, Emma Donovan, Amy Saunders, Neil Murray, Warren H Williams, Stephen Pigram, Archie Roach, Dan Sultan and Natalie Pa’apa’a, Howard put on the show of his life in a community determined to reclaim it own.

From the original song, which railed against the invasion of an alien force on an ancient culture, *Solid Rock* has been transformed into a modern anthem demanding recognition and reconciliation.

With Howard’s own ‘sapling’, daughter Myra, providing back-up vocals alongside Indigenous stars Amy Saunders and Emma Donovan, an acoustic version as the sun set over the rock – with didgeridoo maestro William Barton providing the heartbeat and Bart Willoughby the soul on percussion – was just a hint of that transformation.

Children singing along in Pitjantjatjara nourished the second, rockier, version a little later in the evening. They sang: *Puli kunpunga ngaranyi Manta mil-milpa katu Nyunta kurangka ngaranyi Walpa kampa kutjuparinyi Walpa pulkaringanyi.*

The song’s chorus was first translated into Pitjantjatjara in 2010 to be used as a children’s book and bilingual learning resource.

Language

Earlier this year, the children of the APY lands were recorded singing the song for the first time in their own language, as part of a Music Outback program.

When eight of them finally got to sing their version live on Saturday, 6 October, their pride was evident as the crowd rose up from the dirt to dance. The celebration had well and truly begun.

By the time Dan Sultan and Natalie Pa’apa’a stepped up to unleash the third version ... a hip-hop style blast against the

Rocking at ‘The Rock’



A new dawn at Uluru.



Mutitjulu youngsters enjoying the concert as part of the community carnival.



Natalie Pa’apa’a, from Blue King Brown, and Shane Howard on stage.

Federal Government’s ‘Stronger Futures’ approach, demanding better solutions, the dancers were kicking up a cloud of red dust. It was obvious to all that the sapling, *Solid Rock*, had

returned to its roots as a modern-day addition to an ancient songline.

Howard earlier told media that the concert had taken two years of negotiation to convince the



Trevor Adamson, from Ernabella, sang *Waltzing Matilda* in language.

‘brutalised’ people of Mutitjulu to open their community for a concert.

It was a slow process involving complex discussions of cultural protocol and respect.

Understandably, he said, the community was suspicious at first.

Just five years ago it was portrayed, many say betrayed, by electioneering politicians as a hot-bed of pedophilia, drunkenness and hopelessness – reasons used by the Howard Government to suspend the Racial Discrimination Act and send military personnel in to ‘fix’ what critics argued should never have been broken and ignored for so long in the first place.

A cluster of suicides later, and with no real gains from the intervention to speak of (one house currently has 32 people living in it, while many others are riddled with asbestos, according to community leaders), Elders wanted something their young people could look forward to and be proud of.

After the years of talk, they put their trust in the ‘Goanna man’, (Goanna was the name of Shane Howard’s old band).

Mutitjulu Community Aboriginal Corporation chairman Sammy Wilson, who welcomed the crowd of about 1000 people, admitted he had never really got the full meaning of the song when he first heard it as a young man.

Like others he thought it was just another whitefella singing about blackfella stuff.

‘My country’

“A long time ago I heard this song but didn’t know he was singing about here, my country,” Mr Wilson said through an interpreter.

Mr Wilson spoke of the disadvantages the community had faced, and still faced, but also of its dream to open up and show the world its positive side.

“In 1985 we got our land back and then in a split second we leased it back for 99 years,” he said.

He described the surrounding Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park as an ocean upon which the small community floated like a boat.

“But it’s like a boat without a rudder and we’re still looking for our land,” he said, lamenting that the surrounding wealth in nearby resorts brought little benefit for people from his community.

“We’re still losing far too many old people and too many young people.”

Later, while addressing the crowd, Howard could barely contain his emotion, saying they were part of making ‘a good spirit’.

“Blackfellas and whitefellas, all together,” he pointed out, smiling. “We’re showing Australia a new story, a way of being in this country, a proper way ... giving a good example.”

Archie Roach, who has forged a career singing songs about the Stolen Generation, told the *Koori Mail* he felt like he was being reborn by visiting the ancient monolith, and its traditional keepers, for the first time.

“I feel like a baby just born. And these children are like my

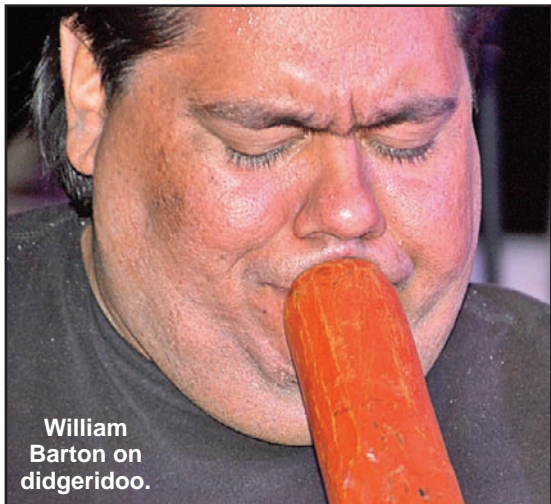
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More photos from the concert and carnival on the next two pages

Mutitjulu Community Carnival



What's a little dust when there's lollies to be had ... In this sequence, continued on the facing page, a helicopter flies over the football ground at Mutitjulu, dropping lollies.



William Barton on didgeridoo.



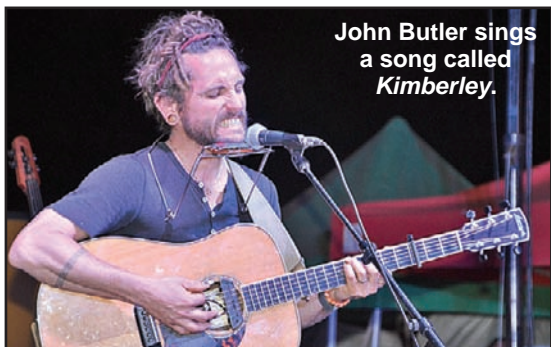
Children from the Pipalyatjara Anangu School in South Australia, Neville Bryant, Peterson Paddy, Renae Douglas-Cooper, Delilah Davidson, Felicity Martin, Michaela Buddy, Kupi Pierce and Eric Trigger, with Anangu Education workers Kukika Burton, Emily Buddy and Delores Miller, and the musicians taking part in the Other Side of the Rock concert.



The sign says it all.



Mutitjulu Community Aboriginal Corporation chairman Sammy Wilson welcomes the crowd to his community.



John Butler sings a song called Kimberley.



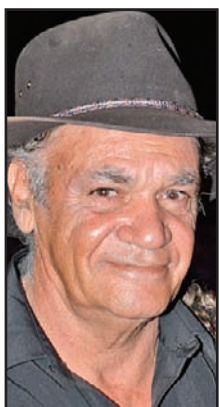
Genevieve Carlton, Marsha Riley and Cassandra Williams at the concert.



Aaron Riley and Julianne McKenzie, from Mutitjulu, at the concert.



Mutitjulu men Gary Mumu and Mark Reed.



Community leader Vince Forrester



Tara White, from Ernabella, gets her hair done by APY school student Kupi Pinder.



Site crew member Malcolm Hill, stage manager P J Rosas and site manager Sydney Maloney before the concert.



Hilda Bert, Wilma Dixon, Evelyn Ailek and Janet Herbert, with five-year-old Peta Lee.

Mutitjulu Community Carnival



These photos, continued from the facing page, show what happens when the local kids realise a helicopter has dropped a load of lollies on the Mutitjulu football ground.



Local Elders perform a dance to welcome visitors to their community.



Amy Saunders, Myra Howard and Emma Donovan sing at the concert.



Getting into the groove ... Dan Sultan and Archie Roach, with bass player Ruben Shannon in the background, and Neil Murray to the far left.

Solid rock at Rock

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Elders, my old people, because they still have their language and their culture," he said.

Singer Dan Sultan said he was honoured to be a part of the concert, and that the song *Solid Rock* had 'always been big in my life'.

"It's an amazing rock and roll song. It's always been big in my life. In fact I was out last night and someone was

playing a cover version," he said.

"Unfortunately it's still relevant and it will be a while before it's not."

Sultan, who kicks off his national Rock for Recognition tour next month, said the concert would hopefully raise the profile for the push to recognise Indigenous people in the Constitution of Australia, a process that recently stalled.

John Butler, who delivered

a powerful solo performance, singing about the plight of the Kimberley coastline in Western Australia which he said was threatened by the interests of mining companies, also said the song remained highly relevant.

Culture

"Songs are part of our culture, so when Shane wrote *Solid Rock* 30 years ago he added to that culture and it's

now part of our shared history," he said.

William Barton, who has played didgeridoo with symphony orchestras around the world, said the song was especially significant to him as it was one of the first rock songs to be accompanied by a didgeridoo.

He also recalled meeting Shane Howard as a seven-year-old living near Mt Isa in Queensland.

"Here was a rock star in

the middle of the bush ... mum and dad did the welcome to country for Shane, so this is a very significant occasion in my career," he said.

But it was the 'Goanna man' who best summed up their motivation for trekking to the other side of the rock.

"What we're doing here is for the young people and their future," Shane Howard said.

The future doesn't exist. We make it."

Sixth Pacific Region Indigenous



Dr Ngaire Brown and her brother Alex Brown, who is also a doctor.



Stephen Corporal relaxes between sessions.



Luke Hamlin, a trainee doctor at the University of Qld in Brisbane, with Billy Collins, who is part of the AIDA secretariat.



Vicki Wade, a Noongar woman from Western Australia, with her grandson Tristan Wade, 2.



Men from the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association perform Aboriginal-style dancing while the women perform Torres Strait dancing during the congress in Alice Springs. All photos by Darren Coyne

A healthy turn-out



HEALTH professionals, researchers and medical students from around Australia and other countries gathered this month in Alice Springs for the 6th Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors' Congress (PRIDoC).

The event brought together Indigenous medicos and others from PRIDoC's member organisations in Australia, Hawaii, Taiwan, Canada and New Zealand, along with delegates from America and the Pacific basin.

With a theme this year of

Connectedness, organisers said the conference acknowledged the bonds Indigenous people share, and the significance of their connections to land, culture, health and wellbeing.

Presentations

The program included presentations on new research and innovations in Indigenous health care, with speakers addressing issues such as increasing the number of Indigenous practitioners in the health workforce, traditional healing practices, and the delivery of clinical best practice in Indigenous communities.



Deanne Wano and Cassandra Stewart, both from Alice Springs.



Shauna Tilmouth, from Alice Springs, with locally-made jewellery, and Sue O'Connor, from Brisbane, who now lives in Alice Springs.



Benjamin Armstrong, Guy Dennis, Tapaya Edwards, Rob James and Luke Hamlin, before their performance.

Doctors' Congress



Arrente traditional owners enjoy the performance at the PRIDoC dinner.



Nathan Schrieber, of Cairns, performs traditional Torres Strait Island dancing with his daughter Lealon, 4, at the PRIDoC celebration.



Bilawara Lee, an Elder on Campus at Flinders University, with Karin Oldfield and Cheryl Davis, also from Flinders University. They are all part of the Northern Territory Medical Program with the Faculty of Health Sciences.



Salakshi de Silva, from the University of Wollongong, with Sarah-Rebekah Clark, Rebecca Gough, Kellyann Grayson, Nicole Whitson and India Latimore, all from Newcastle University.



Gerrick Weedon presents hospital patient Kyle Eaton with an Eagles AFL shirt signed by all the West Coast players.

Footy champ visits patient



CLAREMONT footballer Gerrick Weedon is doing his bit to give back to the next generation of Aboriginal youth. The West Australian Football League (WAFL) star recently visited fellow Gumala traditional owner Kyle Eaton in the Royal Perth Hospital at Shenton Park to cheer him up.

Kyle, 15, the son of Gumala member Denise Smith, was in hospital after being struck by a car a couple of months ago at Roebourne, in the Pilbara. He is also a gifted footballer and goes to Carmel School in Perth (Gumala assists with funding his education).

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation spokesman Peter Caruso said Mr Weedon was a great role model and mentor for Indigenous youth, including his mentoring work at the Wirrpanda Foundation.

The 21-year-old last month helped Claremont to their WAFL premiership.

But off the field, he loves to mentor Indigenous youth.

"I'm encouraging all young Aboriginal people to leave no stone unturned when following their dreams," Mr Weedon said.

"I know first-hand that sacrifices like living away from home, training and hard work get you to where you want to be.

Mentoring

"A year-and-a-half ago I started leading a mentoring course through the Wirrpanda Foundation.

"Now, every Tuesday morning, about 20 young people and adults meet for mentoring and then in the afternoon I take the group to play sports and do other creative activities.

"I get the chance to mentor a variety of young people because the groups change every two months."

Mr Weedon moved to Perth five years ago from the Pilbara and was recruited by the West Coast Eagles in the 2010 National Draft.

He inherited the number 44 guernsey, which was made famous at the AFL club by one of his heroes, David Wirrpanda.

His career in professional football has meant that he has had to sacrifice being able to return to the Pilbara and Kimberley often to visit his family.

"The sacrifices and struggles of living away from my homeland continue to pay off in many different ways," he said.

"Mentoring has given me life skills and confidence in talking to other people and public speaking."

Support

Studying and mentoring at the Wirrpanda Foundation has been made possible through the financial support provided by Gumala Aboriginal Corporation, which has also provided funding support to Mr Weedon over the years to assist him with his professional football career.

Gumala chairman Stephen Peterson said Mr Weedon was one of many examples of Indigenous people working hard and giving back to the community.

Gumala CEO Steve Mav said the organisation was proud of Mr Weedon and everything that he had achieved.

"Gerrick is a role model to our Indigenous youth," he said.

"He is a great example of how Gumala's funding programs help our youth fulfil their dreams and live up to their full potential."

Gumala is an Indigenous organisation providing programs and projects to support the traditional owners from the Banyjima, Innawonga and Nyiyaparli groups based in the iron ore-rich Pilbara region.

\$2.5m grant to form new lung centre



THE Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) has given a \$2.5 million grant to form the Centre of Research Excellence in Respiratory Health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children. Indigenous children are more vulnerable to lung disease than other kids and more likely to be hospitalised for lung infections than any other illness or injury.

The centre will conduct research into improving prevention and treatment of respiratory illnesses and will also seek to create career pathways for Indigenous health researchers.

It will be led by Queensland Children's Medical Research Institute's (QCMRI) Professor Anne Chang and will work on projects in major hospitals and in urban and remote rural Indigenous communities.

"We know that many lung conditions suffered by adults begin with childhood illnesses," Prof Chang said.

"Prevention or early



Head of the newly-formed Centre of Research Excellence in Respiratory Health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children Professor Anne Chang.

treatment could change the trajectory of a child's life by protecting the health of their lungs," Prof Chang said.

"We are working to prevent long-term lung disease and irreversible lung damage by reducing the number of short-term respiratory infections suffered by these children."

The centre will take a holistic approach to lung health research, studying factors that predispose some children to respiratory illnesses, treatment of short-term and recurrent infections, and improved management and clinical care for children.

The centre's plans are being informed by representatives from Indigenous communities, and a major focus of all activities will be providing opportunities for clinical researchers, especially Indigenous researchers.

"Across Australia, respiratory illnesses are the most common reason why Indigenous people seek medical attention, yet there are comparatively few resources directed at clinical care, prevention and research," Prof Chang said.

The research will be conducted primarily in the Northern Territory and Queensland, in collaboration with the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin and QCMRI in Brisbane, and will also involve researchers in Wollongong, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.



John Da Silva (centre) presenting the award to CAN WA chair Brian Curtis and CAN WA managing director Pilar Kasat.

CAN WA recognised at mental health awards



THE Community Arts Network WA (CAN WA) has been honoured at this year's Mental Health Good Outcomes Awards.

CAN WA won the the John Da Silva Award for improved outcomes in Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing at the awards, presented in Perth on 9 October.

The Mental Health Commission WA presents the John Da Silva Award to organisations or projects that make a significant contribution to improving the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal communities.

CAN WA was recognised 'for its creative and innovative approaches to achieving cultural expression and arts development for Aboriginal communities in the regions, in particular with

Noongar people of the Wheatbelt'.

The CAN WA community arts and cultural development practice was praised as having a positive impact for communities to move towards healing and reconciliation.

"We are very excited at receiving this acknowledgement for the work we do with Aboriginal communities in the Wheatbelt," CAN WA chairperson Brian Curtis said.

"CAN WA has made an ongoing commitment to give Noongar communities a voice through culture and the arts, creating opportunities for their voices to be heard."

CAN WA managing director Pilar Kasat thanked Lotterywest for its support and contribution in enabling the network to carry out community arts and cultural development work in the Wheatbelt region.



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Native American researchers visit



NATIVE American researchers recently paid a visit to the University of Southern Queensland's

research projects with USQ.

CRRRAH director Don Gorman said that they had discovered many similar problems.

"We both agree the process seems to work a lot better

have a great global effect."

Chief Henson said many young Native Americans had dysfunctional backgrounds or identity issues.

"We put them in the talking circle and get them to open up,"

he said. "First, we must gain their trust. One of the first questions I ask them is 'Who are you?' followed by 'Are you happy with yourself?' and then find out where they want to be and what help they can receive."

"The programs and methods we develop at home and with USQ will be able to help people all around the world."

The four Native Americans spent three days at USQ before travelling to Brisbane for an international conference on Indigenous health knowledge and development.

(USQ) Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health (CRRRAH) to discuss substance abuse in young Indigenous people.

Florida Atlantic University Professor John Lowe (Cherokee), Chief Jim Henson (Keetoowah), Sue Henson and Cheryl Smith Riggs (Cherokee), have been researching substance abuse prevention and intervention among Native American youth.

Prof Lowe, a member of the CRRRAH advisory board, said he was looking forward to further collaboration and

coming from inside the community, rather than outside," said Mr Gorman.

"It's an issue that affects cultures throughout the world so any solutions we find could



Chief Jim Henson, Sue Henson, Professor John Lowe and Cheryl Smith Riggs.

Hobart prize to Morgan

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ALYAWARRE women Katie Petyarre Morgan has won the paint category of the City of Hobart Art Prize with her piece titled 'Bush Orange'.

The emerging artist from Utopia left her traditional country and lifestyle for only the second time in her life, travelling by airplane for the first time to receive the prize and attend the recent launch and announcement in the Tasmanian capital.

As the title suggests, Ms Morgan's painting depicts bush oranges, their flowers and the tracks used to gather them, from an aerial perspective, applied in tiny dots using a thin stick.

Bush oranges, also known as atwakee, were once abundant and a stable source of tucker for Alyawarre people, but are now scarce due to overgrazing.

The fragrant small fruit hang on long stalks, changing colour as they ripen and come into season around Christmas time.

"Mostly I paint them in black and white, green and yellow or purple and blue to show how they change in colour, when they are ripe, when they are dried, when they are small as well," Ms Morgan said through her cousin the artist Barbara Weir.

Tracks

"I paint the tracks to the bush oranges, the tracks my ancestors travelled when they gathered bush oranges

"I am proud to paint my Dreaming and take a long time to do it proper."

Ms Morgan's main Dreaming is Bush Orange, and artworks such as hers are an important part of bush tucker ceremonies conducted by the women of Utopia.

She first painted on canvas in 2006 under the guidance of her aunts and particularly Ms Weir. She has exhibited extensively and has work in the Art Gallery of NSW and the Holmes a Court Collection.

Ms Weir said Ms Morgan's art 'just came along and, bang, we are all very excited for her'.

In its 24th year, with 400 entries and 35 finalists this year, it is the first time an Aboriginal person has won the City of Hobart Art Prize.

In a deliberate move, the prize attracted more Aboriginal artists than ever before, including finalists Vicki West, Emily Pwerle, Mavis Ganambarr and Margaret Loy Pula.

The City Hobart Art Prize exhibition is open at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery until 11 November.



● Above: Award-winning artist Katie Petyarre Morgan, with her painting 'Bush Oranges'.

● Right: Aunty Phyllis Pitchford and finalist in the fibre section Vicki West are pictured here at the Hobart Art Prize announcement and launch with Barbara Weir, from Utopia, and Shep Thorp and Ankarah Grace, from Hobart.



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Rachael Maza stars in 'Beautiful One Day', about Palm Island.

An exploration of life on Palm

NSW

A NEW show at Belvoir Street Theatre in Sydney brings together three theatre companies, Belvoir, Ilbjerri and version 1.0, to explore life on Palm Island. 'Beautiful One Day' is a collaboration that sprang from outrage over the handling of the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee in a police cell in 2004 that seeks to 'turn outrage into real understanding and new possibilities'. Starring Rachael Maza and Palm Island actors Magdalena Blackley, Kylie Doomadgee and Harry Ruben, 'Beautiful One Day' combines the stories of Palm Island and impositions of white Australia with voices of the community.

The show opens on 21 November, with previews on 17 and 18 November, and will run until 23 December.

For tickets call 02 9699 3444 or go to belvoir.com.au

New designs on way



FIVE Queensland University of Technology (QUT) fashion students

are working with Aboriginal artists to create new designs for the catwalk.

The Contemporary Indigenous Fashion Project will showcase prints on cotton, wool and silk by Cairns artists Arone Meeks, Napoleon Oui, Sharon Phineasa and Tommy Pau, as well as Margaret Mara, from Mapoon, near Weipa.

The students and artists will reveal their 20-piece collection at the QUT fashion show on 21 and 22 November.

Project organiser Cynthia Macnee, from QUT Creative Enterprise Australia (CEA), said it was hoped the project would lead to a new label featuring collaborations between emerging designers and Indigenous artists.

"We really want to take beautiful Indigenous art and put it on the runway," she said.

"Indigenous art works really well transformed into textile prints. Why



QUT fashion student Hayley Elsaesser and artist Sharon Phineasa with Mrs Phineasa's design.

have this art on canvas in galleries when it could be seen on some of the best-dressed men and women in the world?"

Ms Macnee said profits from sales would be split evenly between designers

and artists, with both names featured on labels. She said a contract ensured the artists' work was treated in a culturally sensitive way.

"So often designers are conflicted about how to

approach and work with Indigenous communities and Indigenous artists, and this project hopes to break down those barriers," she said.

"We're trying to set up a process that can be used by designers to work with artists and develop new income streams for both."

Cairns artist Sharon Phineasa is working with final-year student Hayley Elsaesser.

"Seeing my art in this luxurious material is amazing," Mrs Phineasa said.

"Wearable art is something I've always wanted to do with my work, so it's a fantastic opportunity.

"They're conscious of the cultural protocols and are following every step so our work is used in a sensitive way in terms of the stories behind the art, and appreciated by people who want a high-end product."

The Contemporary Indigenous Fashion Project is a collaboration between QUT Fashion, QUT CEA and KickArts Contemporary Arts in Cairns, with support from Arts Queensland.

Maps not required



A MAJOR exhibition by Martu artists of the Western Desert, 'We don't need a map', is bringing part of the Pilbara to the Fremantle Arts

Centre (FAC) from November to January. The artworks, artifacts and workshops provide a portrait of Martu life, from paintings documenting culture to snapshots of daily life such as camel hunts and football games, painted by younger contemporary artists.

The exhibition includes the 5m x 3m 'Karlamilyi' painting by Lily Long and Amy French, a complex work filled with information about journeys through country, ancestral beings, animals and plants, waterholes and other significant sites.

More than 30 experimental and contemporary paintings and drawings have been selected and grouped to explore significant sites and themes such as the use of fire in land management practices.

'We don't need a map' commissioned a number of new works created by collaboration between Martu and other artists.

The Phone Booth Project, by Martu film-maker Curtis Taylor and Melbourne visual artist Lily Hibberd, is a humorous video work that celebrates the robust,



Maisie Parrngurr, as part of the Phone Booth Project by Curtis Taylor and Lily Hibberd.

adaptable and colloquial aspects of daily life through the public phone booths central to communication between communities.

"Making this work is a new way for our people. I'm making this work to show the outside world how we live," Mr Taylor said.

Billy Atkins' animation 'Yunkurra' sees Martumili's most senior artist's work – dramatic stories of cannibal babies, ancestral weaponry and

dangerous country – brought to life by award-winning animator Sohan Ariel Hayes.

Co-curator Gabrielle Sullivan, from Martumili Arts, said the exhibition had provided Martu artists with opportunities to work on film, installation and sound pieces.

"It's exciting for Martumili to be working on a non-commercial project where we have curatorial input, exhibiting artworks that are important to the artists, works

that have been created to communicate the significance the story they want to share," Ms Sullivan said.

Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa (KJ), a Martu-controlled organisation based in Newman that seeks to build strong, sustainable communities based on Martu culture and knowledge, has provided land interpretation and mapping material for the exhibition.

KJ is working with the

curatorial team to provide information on how the rangers interact with country, linking the knowledge in the paintings with sites, species, stories and landforms.

KJ will also contribute to the public program Martu Mob at FAC, running cultural awareness workshops, talks on ranger programs and threatened species.

Co-curator Kathleen Sorensen said working on 'We don't need a map' was one of the best things she had done since working for Martumili.

"I am Martu and I also know how whitefellas think, so I'm the one in the middle of both worlds," she said.

"I believe Martu people just want a voice and they use that voice through art to be heard and for it to be recognised that we live in the Western Desert."

The exhibition will also include a collection of Martu cultural objects, including wooden spears and baskets.

To celebrate the exhibition, FAC is growing a Pilbara garden at the entrance of the grounds.

Working with Pilbara flora experts, ground staff have brought 22 tonnes of red Pilbara soil to FAC and begun propagating and seeding various species of Pilbara plants.

New work from Kutcha

'My songs may be contemporary but they are more than 40,000 years old' – Kutcha Edwards



KUTCHA Edwards describes his new album **BLAK & BLU** as 'Bidgee'

music, with influences from his Mutti Mutti country on the Murrumbidgee River.

"Music is not what I do, it is who I am," Edwards says. "My songs may be contemporary but they are more than 40,000 years old."

"They come through me from my ancestors and my people ... and they tell our stories."

Edwards has spent two years writing **BLAK & BLU** and is joined on the album by well-known artists including Dan Sultan, Jeff Lang, Chris Wilson and Rebecca Barnard.

He began writing music again after re-connecting with producer Craig Pilkington.

"I had yarned with Craig when we performed

together for the Nukkan Ya Ruby Tribute Concert at Sydney Festival and I told him how I was at a fork in the road as far as my music," he said.

"The link with Craig reignited my desire to make music again and inspired me to seek support and an album happen."

"As the tracks would come to life, I remember listening and giggling inside... I was back doing what I loved."

BLAK & BLU is a fusion of Edwards' voice and blues arrangements in a mixture of his own songs and songs that have had an impact on him.

BLAK & BLU will be released on Friday, 19 October, with Edwards playing the first album release show this Saturday, 20 October, at the Melbourne Arts Centre.

For further tour dates go to the site www.kutcha-edwards.com

Circus skills on offer



KIDS in the Queensland towns of Woorabinda, Mount Morgan, Baralaba and Eidsvold will have the chance to learn circus skills with the help of two professional trainers from Brisbane's Flipside Circus, as part of a new artists in residence program.

The circus trainers will spend two weeks in each community, working with schools, community organisations and families to develop circus skills.

The program will conclude with a performance on the final day.

Central Queensland University widening participation program manager Stacey Wallace said the program aimed to enliven local communities to participate and celebrate possibilities through the arts and to promote life-long learning.

Rockhampton Regional Council communities committee chair Cr Rose Swadling said it



A Flipside Circus kids' class.

was a wonderful opportunity for young people of the region.

"We all know that involvement in the arts is great in terms of educational outcomes for young people and in bringing the community together, and I look forward to seeing the results of the residency," she said.

The workshops will be held in Woorabinda at Kangaroo Stadium until 19 October; Baralaba State School from 23 October to 2 November, at Eidsvold's Munjoorum Hall

from 5-16 November and Mount Morgan from 19-30 November at the School of Arts and the Green Shed.

The program is supported by Arts Queensland, Creative Capricorn, Australia Council for the Arts, Rockhampton Regional Council, Central Queensland Indigenous Development and Flipside Circus.

For more information, email wideningparticipation@cqu.edu.au or phone Stacey Wallace on (07) 4930 9456.

'Boot camp' in Orange



ARTISTS in Orange and the surrounding districts are being invited to a one-day arts marketing boot camp on Friday, 9 November, run by Arts OutWest and the Australian Film Television and Radio School Open.

The course, at Orange Regional Gallery, will cover the basics of marketing and aims to give participants the opportunity to devise a practical approach for their own marketing needs.

Arts OutWest executive officer Tracey Callinan said the course was open to anyone working for themselves in the arts.

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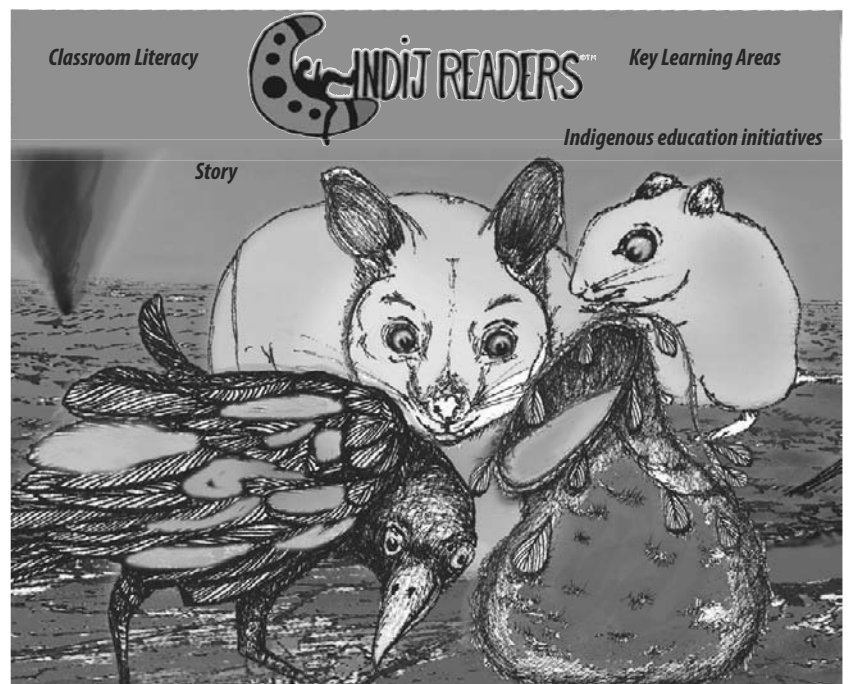
Participants will be shown the basics of what makes a marketing strategy, including effective market research, branding, networking and word-of-mouth.

Presenter Monica Davidson will speak on ways to keep clients happy and use existing

contacts, while also searching for new clients and business prospects. Websites, social media and search engine optimisation will also be covered.

The \$65 course normally costs \$125, but Arts OutWest has chipped in and will subsidise places for locals.

Bookings and payment online <http://www.open.afrs.edu.au/course/Q559> or call AFRS on 1300 065 281, or for further information talk to Arts OutWest on (02) 6338 4657.



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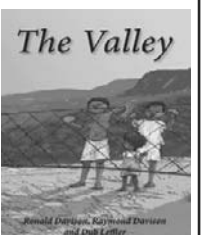
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Lena Yarinkurra and Bob Burruwal, from Maningrida, will feature in the Dream Catchers exhibition at Coo-ee Gallery in Bondi.

Weaving workshop part of sculpture exhibition



MANINGRIDA artists Lena Yarinkurra and Bob Burruwal will hold a weaving workshop at Coo-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery in Bondi Beach to celebrate the opening of the Dream Catchers sculpture exhibition at noon this Saturday, 20 October.

Ms Yarinkurra is noted for her fibre/pandanus camp dogs and sculptures.

Some of her sculptures include paperbark puppy skeletons and buffalo sculptures with real horns.

Mr Burruwal is a ceremonial didgeridoo maker at Maningrida and a morning star and figure sculptor.

Dream Catchers is an exhibition of sculpture from Maningrida artists being held in conjunction with Sculpture by the Sea and will also feature work from artists Owen Yalandja and Crusoe Kurrdal.

Cost for the workshop is \$30 a person. Bookings essential.

For more information go to <http://www.cooeeart.com.au/>

Serpent, crocs, dogs on display

By MARGARET SMITH



IMAGES of Aboriginal camp dogs, crocodiles and the Rainbow Serpent are now being featured at Sydney's Museum of Modern Art.

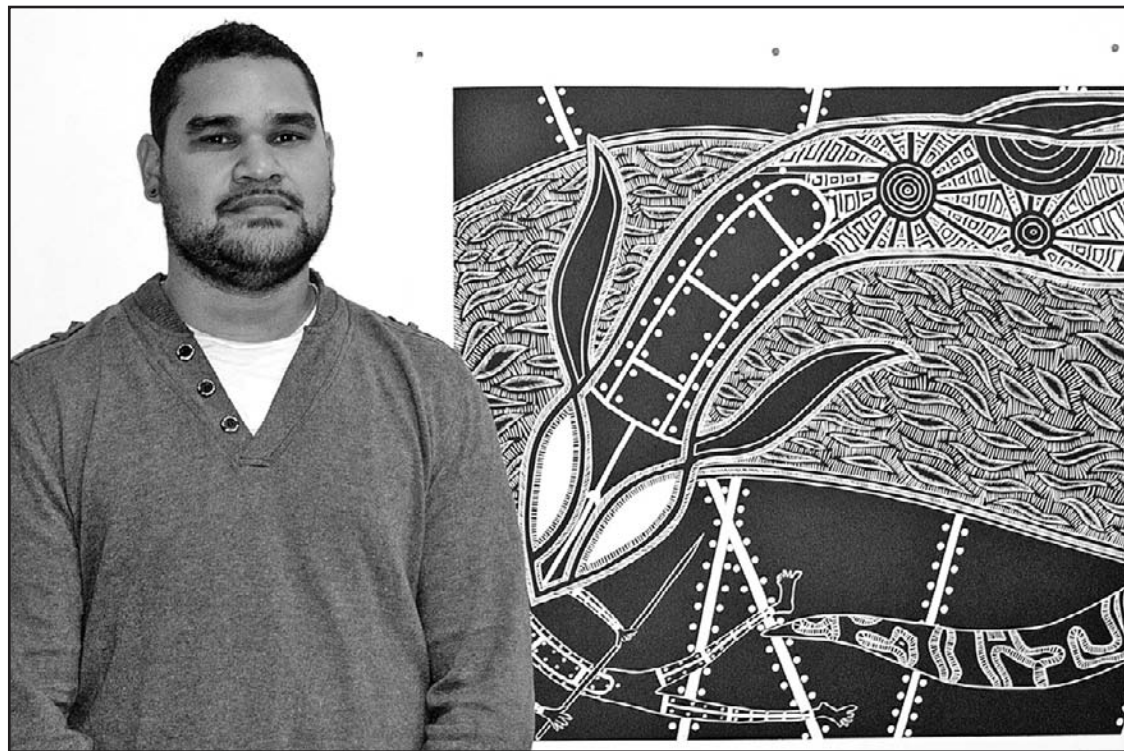
They are part of Primavera 2012, an exhibition of works by seven artists all aged under 35.

Two of them – Dion Beasley from Tennant Creek and Teho Ropeyarn from Cape York – are Indigenous.

As reported previously in the *Koori Mail*, the camp dog images are the work of profoundly hearing impaired Beasley, who also suffers from muscular dystrophy.

He uses his drawings to communicate his vision of the world. As well as his 'Cheeky Dog' images, Beasley also draws more exotic animals such as lions and tigers which were inspired by the film *The Lion King*.

The crocodiles and Rainbow Serpent works are vinyl-cut relief prints by Cairns-based artist Teho Ropeyarn.



Cape York artist Teho Ropeyarn in front of one of his vinyl-cut relief prints.

Finalist

A finalist in the Telstra National Awards, Ropeyarn is surprised at the new-found recognition of his work.

He told the *Koori Mail* that one of his works, 'Upudhi and Ambah', is about the Rainbow Serpent and its daughter the Carpet Snake.

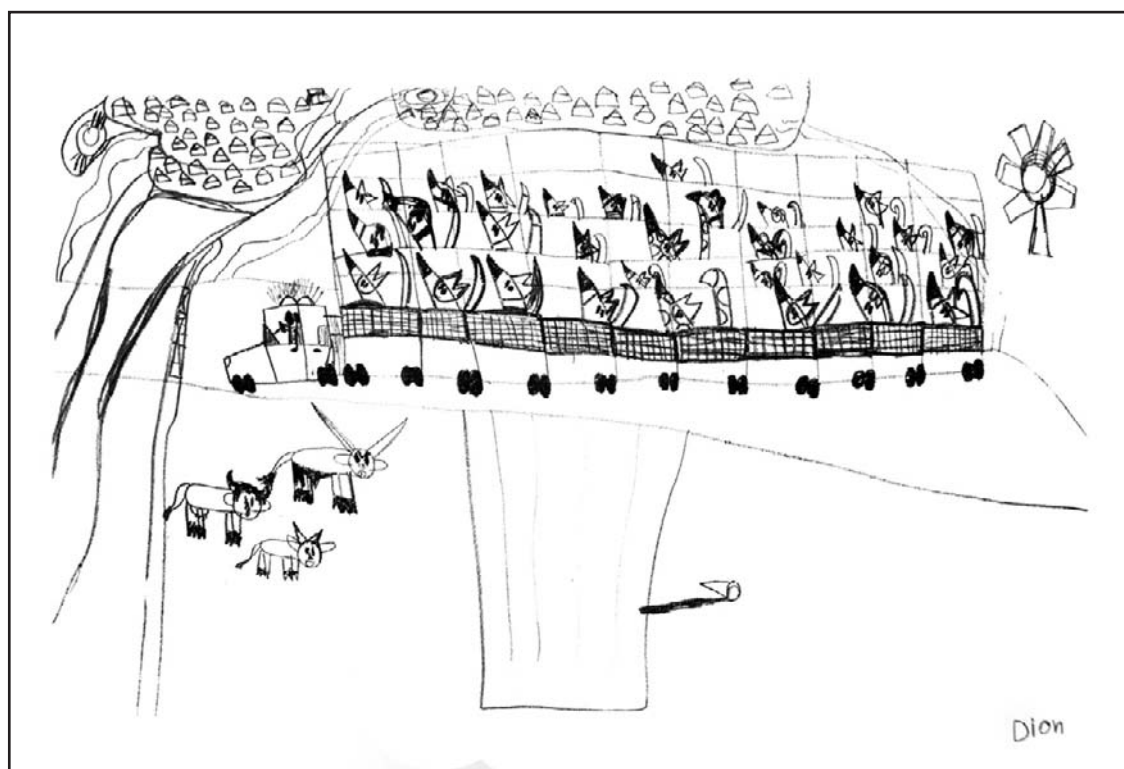
"I made the body of the Rainbow Serpent with a lot of scales to represent the Dreamtime effect of rivers and mountains formed by the serpent's journey across the land," he said.

Ropeyarn says his crocodile painting contains a 'certain sadness' because of what is happening to the environment.

"It's travelling through water and time, but the eyes of the crocodile are becoming darker," he said.

Ropeyarn, who works for Indigenous artists cooperative Umi Arts, says he is worried about cutbacks being implemented by the new Queensland Government.

But he says he remains optimistic that Umi and other artists will be able to continue with their programs.



Dion Beasley, 'Canteen Creek at Last' 2008, hand-coloured screenprint, 56 x 76cm.

Nominations open for WA Art Awards



NOMINATIONS are now open for next year's Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards.

The awards were founded in 2008 to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art from around Australia.

Since then, they have attracted nominations from 734 individual artists and artist groups.

The national awards are open to all adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists living in Australia, working in any theme or media.

The awards are comprised of a group exhibition of outstanding art and three non-acquisitive awards:

WA Indigenous Art Award of \$50,000 (national)

WA Artist Award of \$10,000 (for a Western Australian artist)

People's Choice Award of \$5000 (most votes from the public)

Nominations close at 5pm on 14 January.

A digital nomination package can be downloaded at www.artgallery.wa.gov.au/exhibitions/Awards.asp

For more details, call (08) 9492 6623 or email: IndigenousArtAward@artgallery.wa.gov.au

Exhibition at city museum



SYDNEY-based installation artist Jonathan Jones, a member of the Wiradjuri and

Kamilaroi nations, is one of nine contemporary artists exhibiting in Artists' Proof #1, a new exhibition series at the Monash Museum of Art (MUMA) in Caulfield, Melbourne.

The series supports innovative, experimental and research-based practices and will be held at MUMA's recently designed galleries.

Jones will present a new light installation that builds on his work for the 2012 Adelaide Biennial, where he installed a felled river red gum in the Art Gallery of South Australia.

At MUMA, Jones will use old red gum fence posts sourced from a property near Sale in Gippsland to consider the local history of colonisation, land usage and environmentalism.

The exhibition will run until 15 December.

Award to Yunggorendi



THE Yunggorendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research at Flinders University has won a

national award for university teaching from the Federal Office for Learning and Teaching.

The 2012 Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning was made for 'sustained, dedicated, inspirational and far-reaching contributions to the education of pre-service teachers of Indigenous students in compulsory topics in the School of Education'.

"Yunggorendi ... took up the challenge in 1997 to maximise the possibility that every Flinders University teacher education graduate is equipped to teach Indigenous children and work within Indigenous knowledges," centre director Simone Ulalka Tur said.

"Our teaching team of highly expert members delivers the compulsory topics to inform and strengthen teacher education students' preparedness for the classroom. It is a transformative journey of learning for both the teaching team and the students."

The team members are Abigail Diplock, Saib Dianati, Vicki Pascoe, Dr Bindi MacGill, Associate Professor Tracey Bunda, Simone Ulalka Tur, Faye Blanch, Terry Magias, Associate Professor Daryle Rigney and Laura Deane.

Associate Professor Bunda, the teaching coordinator, said it is a great honour to work with a 'deadly teaching team'.

"This award not only acknowledges the labours of the teaching team, comprised of highly experienced and committed Indigenous and non-Indigenous academic staff, but gives due recognition to all staff of Yunggorendi who contribute a passion for making change," she said.

"Our teaching is informed by our student support, research and community engagement.

"As one of three national citations specifically concerned with Indigenous engagement, this award is further recognition of Flinders University's strong commitment to Indigenous higher education and building the capacity of the communities we serve."

Flinders says it has received six of the 11 national teaching awards in South Australia this year.



Yunggorendi staff, from left, Abigail Diplock, Saib Dianati, Vicki Pascoe, Dr Bindi MacGill, Associate Professor Tracey Bunda, Simone Ulalka Tur, Faye Blanch and Terry Magias.



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Testing dates: 12 and 13 November and 21 and 22 January

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To find out more contact the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education on **1800 032 923** or visit **www.uws.edu.au/badanami**

Remote youth learning



A THREE-YEAR study by the Australian National University's (ANU) Centre for Aboriginal

Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) has found that Indigenous youths living in remote communities are using digital technology to re-engage with education and learning.

Authors Inge Kral and Robert G Schwab released their findings

in the recently-released book *Learning Spaces*, funded by The Fred Hollows Foundation and the Australian Research Council.

"In our research we've noticed that although many young people may be walking away from compulsory schooling and training, they are not rejecting learning," Dr Schwab said.

"Our observations and interactions with young people indicate that when alternative learning opportunities are

available, youth are participating and successful outcomes are being attained."

Doctors Kral and Schwab worked with 24 Indigenous youths from remote communities in the creation of what they call 'learning spaces' and new media technologies to encourage engagement with learning.

"In recent years media organisations, schools and youth centres have tapped into digital media as a way of engaging

young people," Dr Kral said.

"With an increase to these resources, young people are now producing and controlling new forms of cultural production.

"As a consequence, we are witnessing a new wave of oral and written language activity as youths experiment with the production of computer based, multi-modal text."

'Learning spaces' are where young people have control over their physical space, time and

resources to acquire and practise new skills.

"In these learning spaces they have the freedom to explore and express their contemporary Indigenous identity," Dr Kral said.

Learning Spaces is aimed at Indigenous people, educators and policy makers.

The book is available in hard copy or as an e-book downloaded through ANU E Press at <http://caepr.anu.edu.au/publications/others/learningspaces.php>

Institute offering student support



THE Gold Coast Institute of TAFE is offering Indigenous scholarships

next year for two mature-aged learners and three school leavers.

The scholarships were officially launched by GCIT's Indigenous Community Advisory Board founding member Aunty Joyce Summers.

The scholarships cover all course fees, plus \$500 towards learning materials at the GCIT Bookshop.

Institute CEO Aaron Devine said the scholarship program had been successful, with many recipients going on to bigger things.

"GCIT's Indigenous student population has increased by 21 per cent this year, which is a reflection of the success of the Joyce Summers Indigenous Scholarship Program and the institute's 'Mi Options Day'," he said.

"The 'Mi Options Day' at our Ashmore campus allows Indigenous high school students to sample GCIT practical classes such as cookery, childcare, hairdressing, fitness, engineering and more.

"GCIT is very proud that over the past year, 65 per cent of our students with Indigenous descent graduated with a certificate qualification or higher."

Scholarship applications close on 2 November. For more information, call Gold Coast TAFE on (07) 5581 8220 to obtain a scholarship application form.



Burbangana student Josh shows a ring-tailed possum to NSW Family and Community Services Minister Pru Goward.

Zoo program working

By RUDI MAXWELL



AN education program at Sydney's Taronga Zoo is helping young Aboriginal people find the motivation to turn their lives around.

Taronga's Burbangana (a Darug word that means 'take my hand and help me up') Program, offers Aboriginal teenagers in out-of-home care the chance to learn about the care and protection of animals, including animal handling, husbandry and food preparation.

Zoo Aboriginal educator and mentor Nardi Simpson (also a member of the band Stiff Gins) said part of the success of the program was making participants understand that they are valued.

"We give them a uniform and straight away they feel like they belong here, are part of a wider team," Ms Simpson said.

"Also they can reinvent themselves in my eyes, start from scratch.

"Outside life can be structured and rigid for these kids, and often they're in conflict with schedules and plans. Here they don't have to worry about that sort of stuff so much, we're a lot more relaxed."

The students are taught how to handle the animals at the zoo's education centre.

"The animals are injured and can't be re-released into the wild and I think the kids really relate, because all kids that come to us have suffered severe trauma," Ms Simpson said.

"They become the animals' care-taker and protector, look after the lizards and snakes that have suffered trauma, and take ownership of animals' well-being.

"They help with the husbandry and vet checks, get to know each animal and their stories, so they become not just an animal in a zoo, but a real creature with a back story and history, and feel some kind of connection to those animals."

Promote education

NSW Family and Community Services Minister Pru Goward, whose department funds Burbangana, recently met some of the participants and said it was critical to promote education and ensure stability for Aboriginal young people with complex needs.

"The zoo's Burbangana Program offers rare opportunities for learning, while also increasing self-esteem and promoting a cultural sense of connection," she said.

"Importantly, it assists in reconnecting young people with education."

Most of the participants do a 12-week one-on-one course, but some stay for longer,

like 16-year-old 'Macca', who just graduated from a one-year course.

When he began Burbangana he wanted to get his Year 10 certificate but had not met the attendance requirement.

"It's hard enough being 14 or 15 in the best of circumstances, but if you're physically away from home, from country, life's going to be hard," Ms Simpson said.

Macca also did a program with Tribal Warrior that partners boys with men.

"Here there's a lot of teaching and female energy, so in the course of completing both programs over a year Macca turned from a kid to a man," Ms Simpson said.

"He did all that work himself, it wasn't anyone else, he became the young version of the man he's going to be."

Burbangana has been so successful that there is a sister program for primary-aged children at Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo called Walanmarra, and other zoos including at Perth and Wellington in New Zealand are looking at similar ideas.

"I'm not even an animal person, but it's amazing what animals can facilitate from kids, particularly kids who've had trauma," Zoo Aboriginal educator, Ms Simpson said.

"Animals have something us humans need to learn from."



Student is on a 'journey of discovery'



SUNSHINE Coast TAFE student Kale Rickards is on a personal journey of discovery after learning about his Indigenous heritage.

The screen and media student said the opportunity to film the Indigenous stories of others through TAFE's 'My Country - My Australia - Through My Eyes' had given him a new perspective on his own ancestry.

"It's only been in the last couple of years my family discovered that we have Indigenous heritage," Mr Rickards said.

"I don't know a lot about my ancestry; we originated from the Furneaux Islands in Bass Strait.

"Back in the early 1800s an English sealer abducted my great, great, great ancestor and they had three children before he sold her to another sealer for a guinea.

"It's a fascinating story and I want to learn more about it in future.

Backgrounds

"Working on this project really showed me that there are so many people out there in the same situation as me, not even knowing of their Indigenous backgrounds.

"It was fantastic to see the kids wanting to identify with their culture and expressing themselves through their talented art work."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Undurba State School,

Kallangur State School and North Lakes State College shared the histories of their families during the filming.

Sunshine Coast TAFE teacher Adrian Combes said students like Mr Rickards benefited from the practical training available at TAFE.

"Being able to provide our students with real work projects provides them with the skills and confidence to succeed in their careers," he said.

"Kale is a wonderful example of how valuable these opportunities can be."

The 'My Country - My Australia - Through My Eyes' project will be launched this Friday from 6pm at the Undurba State School Hall, Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs.

New pathway at University of WA



THE University of Western Australia (UWA) has launched a new pathway for Indigenous students wanting to become lawyers through its Juris

Doctor course. The Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Legal Studies aims to provide Indigenous students with a preparation course for further studies in law.

The program, starting next year, will include subjects taught by the Law School and School of

Indigenous Studies, as well as a practical component in a law firm or government agency.

UWA's new Juris Doctor degree is a three-year postgraduate coursework degree that incorporates legal skills such as drafting, legal research and advocacy.

Successful students will be eligible for admission to practise law.

Since applications opened last month, the Law School has received 70 applications.

For more information, go to www.law.uwa.edu.au

Scholarships on offer



THE Benevolent Society has announced two scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

to participate in the 2013 Sydney Leadership program. The Sydney Leadership 2013 scholarships are worth \$16,500 each and will be awarded to people whose work, either directly or indirectly, is driving positive social change.

Sydney Leadership is an annual eight-month program that brings together 30 people from the business, not-for-profit and government sectors.

Director of Social Leadership Australia, the arm of the Benevolent Society that will award the scholarships, Geoff Aigner, said Sydney Leadership aimed to help make a lasting, positive impact in the community.

"These scholarships represent an opportunity for Indigenous Australian leaders, businesses and communities to benefit from this powerful program," Mr Aigner said.

For more information contact Julie Ahern on (02) 9339 8093 or visit www.benevolent.org.au/leadership. Applications close on 31 October and the program begins on 7 February.

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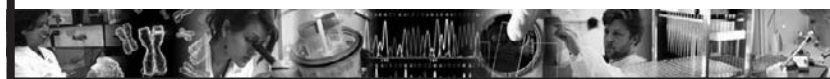
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Education & Communities

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2014

Application is required in November 2012 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2014.

Parents with internet access are required to apply online. Online applications will be available from 16 October to 19 November 2012.

Application information is available on the internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms will be available in government primary schools, school education group offices and some state office locations from 23 October 2012. Paper applications must be submitted to the student's school principal by 16 November 2012.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2014 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 14 March 2013.

There are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and a virtual selective class provision (Western NSW Region only) offering selective placement in Year 7 in NSW.

In 2014 Granville Boys High School will commence a selective stream in Year 7 for the first time.

Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools with the exception of the virtual selective class provision, xsel, which is restricted to applicants intending to enrol in a government high school in Western NSW region.

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

Enquiries:

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit, email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on (02) 9707 6262. Enquiries relating to individual school matters should be directed to the schools concerned.

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. Bringing together government and other agencies that work in 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

NSW-ACT

Until 21 October: Eora TAFE College graduates' art exhibition, featuring three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists who have strong cultural connections with their 'Countries' and their art reflects and portrays these connections. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-57 Flood St, Leichhardt from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com

Until 20 November: Weaving Women Together Exhibition, an exhibition of art and craft by Aboriginal women and girls in the Liverpool area with the theme of building a strong, safe, healthy community for women, children and men. Held at the Casula Powerhouse Art Centre, 1 Casula Powerhouse Rd, Casula from 10am-5pm Mon-Sun. Free and all welcome. Details on (02) 9824 1121 or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

Until 25 November: 'Bungaree', the First Australian 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

18 October-13 December: Women Exploring Anger Course. This nine-week course covers a number of topics, including creating respectful relationships, recognising anger and abuse and more. Held at the Casino Community Centre, 35 Walker St, Thursdays 10am-1pm. Free and all welcome. Details Linda Wimble at Brighter Futures on (02) 6662 2273.

26-27 October: Koori netball tournament. Aboriginal communities are invited to take part. Three divisions available. Cost: \$250 a team. Held at Charlestown Netball Complex, Bula Street, Charlestown. Details: Donna Coady on (02) 4926 1633 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

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 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

15 November: Marrangbah Cottage Memorial Garden unveiling & information day. Biripi Aged and Community Care is holding the opening of an Aboriginal Memorial Garden. The primary aims are to educate, acknowledge & promote awareness in the Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal communities regarding the Aboriginal veterans. Held at Marrangbah Cottage, 151 Manning River Dr, Taree, from



Netball at Newcastle

A NETBALL tournament for Koori girls will be held in the Newcastle suburb of Charlestown on 26-27 October. Aboriginal communities are invited to take part. There will be three divisions and the cost is \$250 a team. It will be held at Charlestown Netball Complex, Bula Street, Charlestown. ● Details: Donna Coady on (02) 4926 1633 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

10am. Free and all welcome. RSVP. Details: Sue or Andrew on (02) 6550 0766 or (02) 6550 0788.

17 November-23 December: *Beautiful One Day*, a theatrical documentary about the irrepressible life and times of Palm Island. *Beautiful One Day* looks for a way to turn outrage into real understanding and new possibilities. Held at Belvoir St Theatre, 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills, from 6.30pm Tues, 8pm Wed-Fri, 2pm & 8pm Sat and 5pm Sun. Cost: Full \$62, seniors (excluding Fri/Sat evenings) \$52, Con \$42. Bookings on (02) 9699 3444 or visit www.belvoir.com.au

Queensland

Until 3 November: Desert Exhibition, a collection of seen and unseen works from Central and Western Australia featuring the works of more than 20 artists. Free and all welcome. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba, from Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm. Details on (07) 3891 5551 or email wag.com.au or visit www.wag.com.au

Until 25 November: The Gold Coast Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award Exhibition. The award aims to acknowledge and celebrate the Gold Coast's Indigenous heritage by offering artists an opportunity to exhibit and promote their work to the wider community. Held at The Arts Centre, 135 Bundall Rd, Surfers Paradise from 10am-5pm Mon-Fri and 11am-5pm Sat-Sun. Free and all welcome. Details on (07) 5581 7508 or (07) 5581 6567 or visit www.theartscentregc.com.au

22-24 November: Indigenous Allied

Health Australia 2012 National Conference and AGM. This two-day conference provides a supportive environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous professionals working towards improving the health of Indigenous Australians. Held at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, cnr Merivale and Glenelg St, Southbank. Registrations are now open. Details on (07) 6285 1010 or visit www.indigenousalliedhealth.com.au

26-28 October: Stradbroke Island Vibe Festival. This annual event held over three days is a multi-faceted celebration of island culture that includes art exhibitions, interactive workshops, stalls, circus, eco-food, craft markets, dance, art and culture, music including roots, soul and electronic acts and more. Held at Home Beach Park, Point Lookout, Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island). Tickets available at www.rudekatrecords.com. Details: info@islandvibe.com.au

11-21 November: Steel Jidu (Fire Stick) exhibition, a quality exhibition of stainless steel sculptures in two and three dimensions by Indigenous artist Wayne McGinness. Includes official launch on 11 November at 6pm. Free and all welcome. Held at Umi Arts Gallery, 335 Sheridan Street, North Cairns, Mon-Fri -10am-4pm. Details: Danelle on (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

South Australia

Until 11 November: Sky, Land & Beyond: Expanding Identity Exhibition. Works by artist Darryl Pfitzner Milika featuring a series of smallscale digital image prints that explore landscape, sky and cosmology, reinforcing traditional Aboriginal connectivity between the micro and macro. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide from 10am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details on (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

Until 25 November: Desert Psychedelic – Jimmy Pike Exhibition. This exhibition offers an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the late Indigenous artist Jimmy Pike featuring his legacy of brilliant paintings, prints, textile designs, stories and illustrations. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide from 10am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details on (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

17 October-2 December: Our Mob 2012 Festival, a statewide celebration of South Australian Indigenous art and artists. This annual exhibition is an engaging experience that raises public awareness and understanding of Indigenous art and cultures from across South Australia. Held at the Artspace Gallery and Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre, Festival Dr, Adelaide from 12-4pm (Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun), 12-8pm (Thur). Free and all welcome. Details on (08) 8216 8600 or email artspace.gallery@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

Western Australia

Until 31 October: Jorna Newberry & Maisie Campbell Napaltjarri Exhibition, featuring the Tjukurrpa stories they have inherited through their family lineage. Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High St, Fremantle, from 10am-5pm Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm Sat and 12-5pm Sun. Free and all welcome. Details on (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

Until 31 October: Ampilatwatja Artists Exhibition. Ampilatwatja is the cultural heartland of the Alywarr nation and the paintings from 20 of the artists reflect their

connection to and respect of their lands. Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High St, Fremantle, from 10am-5pm Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm Sat and 12-5pm Sun. Free and all welcome. Details on (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

Until 11 November: 'Mine Own Executioner' 2012 exhibition, featuring another remarkable and fresh take on traditional genre of self-portraiture, curated by Susan Flavell. Free and all welcome. Held at Mundaring Arts Centre, 7190 Great Eastern Hwy (cnr Nichol St), Mundaring. Details on (08) 9295 3991 or visit www.mundaringartscentre.com

19 October-4 November: Tiwi Tradition Art Exhibition. The Munupi artists of Melville Island will once again be showcasing their artistic skill and story telling through art. Held at Artitja Fine Art, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle, from 11am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details on (08) 9336 7787 or visit www.artitja.com.au

3-4 December: Second annual Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations (IBEC) Conference. The 2012 IBEC Conference represents a unique opportunity to hear Indigenous business leaders, corporate representatives, leading academics and policy makers talk about the new opportunities for Indigenous people. Held at the University of Western Australia Business School, M263, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley. Registrations now open. Details on (08) 6488 8561 or email csi-conf-business@uwa.edu.au or visit www.business.uwa.edu.au/ibecconference

23 November: 22nd annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March. The silent memorial march is held each year to commemorate and honour all those who have died in the past 12 months from family and domestic violence-related incidents. Includes morning tea, information stalls and key guest speakers. Free and all welcome. Held in the Stirling Gardens, cnr Barrack St and St Georges Tce, Perth, from 10.30am onwards. Details: Terri Aldridge on (08) 9420 7264 or email terri@womenscouncil.com.au

Northern Territory

Until 21 October: Desert Mob 2012 exhibition, celebrating new artworks from Aboriginal-owned art centres throughout Central Australia, including stories, images and films. Official launch on 7 September at 5pm. 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

Victoria

17 October-7 November: My Moola Program. This culturally appropriate program is for Koories who want to better manage their money and is run over a four-week period. Learn more about goal setting, overcoming barriers, making money stretch past payday, understanding credit and loans. Free and all welcome. Held at 45 Nicholson St, East Brunswick on each Wednesday from 10am-2.30pm. Details: John Wayne Parsons on (03) 9385 9003 or (0412) 908 756 or email johnp@vacca.org.

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 are limited. Full registration price is \$400, 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



Bowraville program participants at the chainsaw course.

Bowraville residents are getting job-ready



PEOPLE from the Indigenous community of Bowraville in northern NSW have been getting 'job ready' in the hope of securing work as part of a \$54 million dam construction project set to start soon.

They are participating in a 'work for the dole' program coordinated by Enterprise and Training Company Limited (ETC) and hosted by Bowraville Local Aboriginal Land Council (Bowraville LALC).

Bowraville LALC CEO Phillip

Hall said that over the past two months the participants had been working two days a week maintaining properties owned by the land council. Duties have included general renovations, rebuilding fences, cleaning out stormwater drains and mowing.

"You don't get many opportunities for employment in Bowraville so we are doing what we can to get the participants ready for work," Mr Hall said.

He said the course participants would also be undertaking training courses to ensure they are appropriately skilled and qualified.

"The participants are doing a two-day chainsaw course and ETC is also looking into organising an occupational health and safety, forklift and possibly even a traffic control course for us," Mr Hall said.

Excited

Participant Bobby Kelly said he was excited about where work for the dole could lead.

"We're hoping to get four years of continuous employment out of this – two years on the dam, and by then the highway upgrade should have started

and then we can swap over to that project," he said.

But Mr Kelly recognises that it's one step at a time, and he says he can see the importance of the link between training and employment.

"We need our chainsaw ticket because you can't just bulldoze all the trees at the dam site," he said.

"There are a lot of habitat trees containing lots of wildlife that will need to be protected."

ETC employment services manager Sula Whitmore praised the Bowraville LALC for giving local unemployed people the opportunity to gain work

experience and learn new skills.

"Work for the dole is all about building on existing job skills, learning new skills and improving a job seeker's chances of finding sustainable employment," she said.

"ETC is thrilled to be working with the Bowraville LALC to provide these important opportunities for local unemployed people.

"Together we are aiming to put the job seekers in the best position possible to secure employment with the leading contractors of local infrastructure projects."

It's your guide to employment

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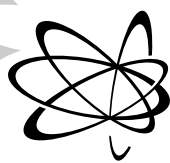
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To be successful in this role you will be required to be innovative, dynamic and possess a high level of motivation, with a demonstrated ability to achieve results.

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Applications are encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people and from people who contribute to the diversity of our workforce.

Further information, including a copy of the position description and details of how to apply, is available at www.hwa.gov.au/work

Applications Close COB (5pm ACDT) Wednesday
31st October 2012



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- State & Regional Services Strategy Group | Alice Springs, NT
- Reference Numbers: 12/0770, 12/0769, 12/0763, 12/0761 & 12/0760
- Closing Date: 25 October 2012

The Central Australian Regional DEEW office is part of the State Network. The Central Australian Office situated in Alice Springs, delivers best practice implementation of the Department's business priorities and supports the Department to deliver on the policy priorities of the Government.

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Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Qualifications/Special Requirements:

Essential - Current driver's license and able to undertake travel in a light aircraft.

Please note, under section 22(8) of the *Public Service Act 1999*, employees must be Australian citizens to be engaged in the APS unless the Agency delegate has agreed, in writing. Applicants are to indicate their citizenship when applying online.

Contact Officer: Rory Liddle on (08) 8959 8886

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Aboriginal Family First Worker

Port Stephens – full time

Experience in the field of Aboriginal family work including early intervention/Prevention/child protection is essential.

Understanding of the NSW Families Strategy would be an advantage.

This is an Aboriginal identified position in accordance with section 14(D) of the anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Proof of Aboriginality must be presented with application.

Applicants must be willing to undergo a working with children and criminal record check (Prohibited Employment Act 1998).

Please phone: (02) 4950 1566 for further information or an application package.

Application close:

5pm, 2nd November 2012

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Indigenous Women's Legal Program
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Base Salary \$46,448 – \$53,609
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"Women's Legal Services NSW considers being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)".

Women's Legal Services NSW is a community legal centre for disadvantaged women in NSW. We are looking for a Program Officer for the Indigenous Women's Legal Program.

Selection criteria include:

- a commitment to social justice.
- demonstrated experience in community education and development.
- understanding of Human Rights and advocacy.
- capacity to consult with Aboriginal women and develop strong networks.

We offer flexible working conditions and fringe benefits.

Please call Women's Legal Services NSW on
(02) 8745 6900 or check our website
www.womenlegalnsw.asn.au
for a full job package and selection criteria.

Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be marked 'confidential' and forwarded to:

The Indigenous Women's Legal Program Coordinator,
PO Box 206 Lidcombe 1825

or by email to:
reception@wlsnsw.org.au

Applications close: 31 October 2012

Recruitment

Aboriginal Sexual Health Worker

(Identified Position)

In this position, an applicants' Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

Our well respected Albury client, a successful Aboriginal health service is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal Sexual Health Worker.

The purpose of this position is to assist in reducing the incidence of HIV, STI and hepatitis C within local Aboriginal communities. Responsibilities for the role include providing culturally appropriate services, support and education to the different target groups within the local Aboriginal communities as well as improving the quality of life, life expectancy and reducing geographical isolation of HIV positive Aboriginal people through adequate treatment, care and support.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated knowledge of a broad range of issues associated with blood borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections as well as the ability to plan, deliver, and evaluate health education and prevention programs and liaise and network with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and organisations.

Relevant tertiary qualifications, group facilitation skills and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be required.

If you think you possess the skills and qualities to be successful in this role then please contact:

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**Delkaia Aboriginal Best Start Partnership
Paid Position**

Wimmera UnitingCare and Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative are seeking expressions of interest from outstanding individuals to Chair the Delkaia Aboriginal Best Start Partnership Group meetings in the Wimmera region of Victoria.

The Partnership Group provides governance to the Delkaia Best Start program and meets four times a year.

Best Start is a Victorian government early years initiative that supports families, caregivers and communities to provide the best possible environment, experiences and care for young children in the important years from pregnancy to school. Best Start aims to improve the health, development, learning and wellbeing of all Victorian children (0-8 years) and local partnerships are the cornerstone of each program site.

The Chairperson will be responsible for ensuring the Partnership meetings provide effective governance and direction to the Delkaia Best Start Program.

For enquiries please contact:

Wally Coleman, Chief Executive Officer
Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative
on (03) 5381 6333 or ceo@goolumgoolum.org.au

Expressions of interest to be addressed to:
Wally Coleman, Chief Executive Officer
Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative
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Applications close Wednesday 31 October 2012



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Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre

The Australian National University is seeking to appoint a Director to lead the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre and to promote the University to local and regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as an institution that welcomes and assists Indigenous students to achieve their educational goals.

The Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre is; a first point of contact for all enquiries about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student matters in the University; a focus for Aboriginal activities and for the education of other members of the University community about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues; a place where students can meet for study support and social purposes.

The University is seeking an experienced Director who will lead the Centre and manage its staff, budget and operations.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the ANU Identified Position Policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

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For a confidential discussion please contact:

Dr Laura-Anne Bull T 02 6197 0110
E Laura-anne.Bull@anu.edu.au

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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

VACCA is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

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• Therapeutic Clinician

The successful applicant will be expected to provide therapeutic practice leadership and advice to staff in developing trauma informed responses to children, their carers and family members.

For a more detailed position description please contact Adela Homes Manager of the Healing Unit – 03 8388 1855 or by email adelah@vacca.org

• Kinship Care Case Manager

The North West Aboriginal Kinship Care Program provides a culturally sensitive service to kinship carers of Aboriginal children who live in the North and West Region of the Department of Human Services. We strive to ensure that service delivery meets the best interests, cultural safety and stability of children in kinship placements.

For a copy of the position description or for more information please contact Vicky Ross A/Manger Kinship Care 03 8388 1855 or by email vickir@vacca.org

• Foster Care/Extended Care Worker

The Extended Care program provides therapeutic home based care to Aboriginal children who cannot live with their parents and is looking for a dynamic person to provide case management. An understanding of trauma and an ability to respond to the needs of children who have experienced trauma and abuse is required.

For a more detailed position description please contact Merinda Slater on 03 8388 1855 or merindas@vacca.org For more information please contact Liz Munt on the number above.

Applicants must address the key selection criteria.

Applications close: Monday 29th October 2012

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To apply attach a copy of your resume not exceeding 5 pages, and the selection criteria form and email to hr@durri.org.au, or mail to:

Human Resources Manager
Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Services
PO Box 136
Kempsey NSW 2440

Applications that do not attach a completed selection criteria form will not be considered.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position and is authorised under the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act Section 14D.

Applications close on 26 October 2012.



Aboriginal Community Development Worker

Permanent Full-time role based in Kempsey NSW

The Benevolent Society has been caring for Australians and their communities for nearly 200 years. We are a non-religious, non-profit organisation working to bring about positive social change in response to community needs.

The Aboriginal Community Development Worker is responsible for delivering community strengthening and capacity building initiatives that support the well-being, development and safety of children and young people in Kempsey.

This role will develop and maintain local networks, alliances and pathways to facilitate access to appropriate and responsive services for vulnerable children, young people and their families, including parental risk factors, such as substance abuse, family violence, and mental illness.

A qualification in community development/welfare or other relevant field is required, as are demonstrated experiences in the application of strengthbased community development practices.

We offer a \$16,050 tax free salary component which means more in your take home pay. You will also benefit from ongoing professional development, a supportive working environment and great flexibility and a commitment to shared values and team work.

For further information on how to apply, please visit our website where you will find the position description or contact Louise Pearson on 0428 206 970 or LouiseP@bensoc.org.au Applications must address the selection criteria found in the position description and close on **October 31, 2012**.

The Benevolent Society considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

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Koori Prison Officer Recruitment

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Applications close Monday 29 October 2012

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View the job description and complete the online questionnaire at **www.careers.vic.gov.au** with reference number: VG/DHS/EAS/ADDSO1202

For further information about the role please contact Kym Harris on (03) 9843 6646

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for these positions please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or email aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close 30 November 2012

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MISSION STATEMENT

To lead the development of Aboriginal health policy, to influence and monitor performance across the health sector, to advocate for and support community development and capacity building in Aboriginal communities, to support the continued development of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and to build the workforce capacity to improve the health, social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal People in Western Australia. A key role of AHCWA is to support, advocate for and provide quality services to our member Aboriginal medical services.

The Aboriginal Health Council of WA as the Peak Body for 21 Aboriginal Medical Services throughout WA, currently has the following vacant positions:

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer is accountable to the Manager Population Health and works collaboratively with the West Australian Country Health Services Liaison Coordinator to support the introduction, implementation and evaluation of the state-wide Aboriginal Liaison program.

To consult with regional government departments, and non-government organisations and Aboriginal community controlled health organisations to ensure inter-sectoral support for the program.

To provide leadership and support to staff involved in the Aboriginal Liaison Officer program at a state-wide level through development of communication networks and the opportunity for face-to-face meetings.

Selection Criteria:

Essential:

- Aboriginality (under Section 50D Equal employment Opportunity Act) is essential to this position
- Demonstrated effective listening and communication skills
- Well developed interpersonal and written skills
- Demonstrated problem solving, conceptual and analytical skills
- Demonstrated project management and organisational skills
- Demonstrated ability to undertake stakeholder consultation and facilitation
- Demonstrated cultural safety through consistent behaviour, understanding of, respect for and compliances with culturally sensitive ways of working
- Intermediate level computer skills.

Practical Requirements:

- A current driver's licence and willingness to drive is essential
- Some work out of normal hours of duty may be required
- Depending on the nature of the region, some travel on light aircraft may be required
- Intra- and inter-state travel including overnight absences may also be required.

Immunisation Coordinator

The Immunisation Coordinator is accountable to the Manager Workforce Development. The position is responsible for planning, preparing promoting and delivering the accredited training program as part of the National Immunisation Program. The program is intended to increase the numbers of Aboriginal health care providers in Western Australia who have completed an accredited training program and are deemed competent to provide immunisation services. The position is also required to provide ongoing support for Aboriginal health workers delivering immunisation services. The occupant of this position will be expected to comply with and demonstrate a positive commitment to the highest achievement level in Equal Employment Opportunity, Work Health & Safety, Code of Conduct, Quality Improvement, Performance Management, Customer Focus and Confidentiality throughout the course of their duties.

Selection Criteria

Essential:

- Have demonstrable knowledge around the current Immunisation practices and Schedules
- Competency in administering childhood immunisations (must hold immunisation certification)
- Relevant clinical knowledge, skills and have a minimum 2 year experience within a primary health care setting
- Demonstrated knowledge of the Australian Qualifications Training Framework (AQTF) and best practice and assessment practices
- Demonstrated ability to plan, develop resources and deliver training
- Understanding of Adult Learning principles
- Understanding of the issues including social determinants affecting Aboriginal people health status in contemporary Australian society
- Highly developed interpersonal skills including negotiation and consultation skills and the ability to proactively establish and sustain effective stakeholder relationships
- Strong organisational skills, the capacity to successfully manage competing priorities, maintain attention to detail and meet deadlines
- Efficiency in MS Office.

Desirable:

- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE 40110) or working towards it or willingness to attain
- Experience working with Aboriginal Health Workers in a health care setting.

Closing date: 1st November 2012

Applicants should request a copy of the full position description and application requirements from application@ahcwa.org or (08) 9227 1631.

All application and enquiries can be forwarded to Natalia Sala via Email: application@ahcwa.org, Mail: PO Box 8493 Perth WA 6849.

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Research Associate (FAR Project)

Ref 12304 As a member of the Research Team the incumbent will conduct research for the project entitled "Funding, accountability and results for Aboriginal health services – Closing the policy: implementation gap? (the FAR project)". This will include engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and mainstream health care providers, data collection and analysis, writing of research reports and dissemination of findings.

This is an identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position.

- **Health Services Management (Flinders Clinical Effectiveness), School of Medicine**
- **Location: Cairns, Queensland**
- **Available until December 2013 on a part-time basis (up to 0.8 is negotiable)**
- **Salary (Res A): \$61,504 to \$74,907 pa (full-time)**
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Far West NSW Medicare Local Limited (FWML) is a health service provider that works to improve the health of people living in the outback shires of Cobar, Bourke, Broken Hill Brewarrina, and Walgett.

Far West NSW Medicare Local currently has vacancies for two Dietitians and is looking for enthusiastic health professionals to join the organisation and contribute to our efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in north western NSW. The FWML manages a variety of health contracts focusing on early intervention and prevention of chronic diseases, chronic disease management, lifestyle modification programs and health promotion.

The positions will be working directly with GP's and Practices and also contribute to the development of programs in the community for the management of lifestyle risk factors linked to health problems such as Diabetes. Working in the outback for more than 15 years, the FWML is looking for staff who can work as part of a team, with relevant experience and plenty of passion to create original solutions for our rural and remote communities.

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Both positions are offered on the basis of full-time. The eastern position based in the Walgett Shire is a short term contract for 6 months, the eastern position based in Cobar or Bourke is long term. Candidates seeking part-time flexible work arrangements are also encouraged to apply. The FWML program has a wide network with excellent continuous professional development opportunities.

Closing Date for Applications: 26th October 2012

For more information and an application pack containing: guidelines for applicants, position specifications and position description please contact:

Margo Anderson; Manager of Rural Primary Health Services Program
FWML head office Bourke on 02 68 724777.

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Enq: Patrick Parker, Ph: (02) 9616 4057

Closing Date: 2 November 2012

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (An applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977).

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Indigenous Tenancy Advocate

Under Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act Aboriginality is considered essential for this position.

Fulltime position – 38 hours per week

The Kimberley Community Legal Service (KCLS) wishes to employ an Indigenous Tenancy Advocate to work in its free legal assistance service located in Kununurra, WA.

KCLS provides free legal assistance and Community Legal Education to Broome, Derby, Hall's Creek, Wyndham, Kalumburu, Balgo, Warmun and other remote communities in the East Kimberley.

Indigenous Tenancy Advocate works with KCLS Tenancy Solicitor to provide to provide a culturally responsive tenancy advocacy service to Indigenous people within the Kimberley region

The main requirements of the position are:

- Explain to tenants their rights and assisting them to resolve tenancy issues
- Provide face-to-face advice and information to tenants in the KCLS service area.
- As part of KCLS's tenancy service to assist and advise the Tenancy Solicitor in providing casework services to tenants who need legal assistance to manage their housing and associated issues.
- Deliver targeted community education programs in issues relating to tenant's rights and responsibilities

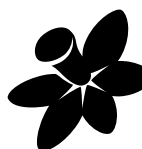
Salary: \$53,109.90. (Level 4 Paypoint 2 of the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010)

Enquiries: For copies of the Position Description and Selection Criteria, please email manager@kcls.org.au

Closing Date: 31 October 2012

Applications by email to: manager@kcls.org.au, Kimberley Community Legal Service, PO Box 622, Kununurra WA 6743

Applicants must address the Selection Criteria



Cancer Council
New South Wales

CommunicationsCoordinator

- Communications opportunity with the leading cancer charity in NSW
- Flexible working hours and salary packaging
- Part time contract position (3 days a week for 12 months)

Cancer Council NSW is dedicated to defeating cancer by building a cancer smart community. The Cancer Research Division is seeking a talented and enthusiastic Communications Coordinator. This is a great opportunity to influence health policy and practice with a view to reducing the impact of cancer on Aboriginal people in NSW.

The Aboriginal Patterns of Cancer Care project (APOCC) is funded by NHMRC and is investigating why Aboriginal people in NSW have a 60% higher mortality from their cancer compared with non-Aboriginal people. The Communications Coordinator will manage and drive the communication of the research results and its implications to stakeholders including community groups, health care professionals and other interested groups such as regional advocacy committees.

Essentially, you will have:

- 2 -3 years experience working with Aboriginal communities and demonstrated understanding of the Aboriginal culture and health issues
- Tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience in Communications or related field, preferably with experience in health or research communications.
- Advanced verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to consult with and develop effective relationships with key internal and external stakeholders
- Organised and efficient
- Demonstrated experience in health and/or research communication
- Computer skills, particularly MS Office,

To view the remaining selection criteria, visit the 'work for us' page of our website to obtain the job description, www.cancercouncil.com.au.

Send your applications (addressing the selection criteria and quoting reference 'CRD 1012 CC') to: careers@nswcc.org.au or fax (02) 8302 3509 by Wednesday 24 October 2012. For further information please call Mr Rajah Supramaniam on (02) 9334 1894.

The Cancer Council is the leading cancer charity in NSW and is an equal opportunity employer. Applications from people of Aboriginal descent are encouraged and welcomed.

Cancer Council

is the leading cancer charity in NSW.
www.cancercouncil.com.au



Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Administrative Assistant (JJCS)

Clerk Grade 1/2
Juvenile Justice
Glen Innes
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 000018D9

Total remuneration package valued up to \$65,671 per annum (Salary: \$54,742 pa - \$59,512 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Administrative Assistant provides clerical and administrative support to the Area Manager and staff, as well as providing front desk/reception services.

Selection Criteria:

- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent customer service and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated computer/keyboard skills using a range of software.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and exercise judgement in dealing with sensitive and confidential issues.
- Experience in general clerical duties.
- Ability to learn and assist in the budget monitoring process.
- Knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal Culture.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. 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 Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions.

Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Fallon Roberts - Ph (02) 6770 1515

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 000018D9

Closing Date: 2 November 2012

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GALAMBILA

Aboriginal Health Service Incorporated

Chief Executive Officer

Up to \$150,000 Package + Salary Sacrifice
(3-5 year contract)

Galambila is a community controlled, leading provider of comprehensive Aboriginal Health Services based in Coffs Harbour on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales. With 30 employees and an operating budget of \$4.5M our vision is to achieve and maintain better health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities and to close the gap between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Australian's in life expectancy and health status.

We are currently seeking a new Chief Executive Officer. Reporting to the Board of Directors and working closely with the Senior Management Team, you will be responsible for:

- operational and strategic direction
- effective delivery of services
- management of stakeholder relationships
- finances, human and physical resources

The successful candidate will be an experienced executive with high level leadership skills and financial experience, ideally gained within health/community controlled sectors.

Galambila is an equal opportunity employer. Pursuant to Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW), Australian Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

For full details please go to www.galambila.org/employment-opportunities.php or contact Michelle Collins (02) 66520850 for an application pack. The closing date for completed applications is **Friday 9th November 2012 at 5pm.**



NASCA

Would You:

- Like to help young Aboriginal young people achieve greatness?
- Be a member of a dynamic leadership team as a Board Director?

The National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) is looking for new Directors!

NASCA is:

- Totally Aboriginal governed with an all-Aboriginal Board and membership;
- A national leader in providing innovative programs for Aboriginal young people;
- Based in the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, Redfern, but with programs and Directors across Australia;
- A not-for-profit organisation with tax-deductable status.

We want Aboriginal young people to be healthy, successful and proud.

We want YOU to help them live their dream!

Want to know more? If you think you might be interested in joining the NASCA Board and being part of our exciting team, contact us for a Director's Information Package by telephone (02) 8399 3071 or e-mail admin@nasca.com.au or writing to; NASCA, 180 George St, Redfern, NSW, 2016.

Applications to be a NASCA Director close at 5pm on: 5th November 2012.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

- Cowra Public School - 02 6342 2400
- Quirindi Public School - 02 6746 1565
- Yamba Public School - 02 6646 2420

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER - ABORIGINAL

- Goodooga Central School - 02 6829 6257

SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER - ABORIGINAL

- Moree Public School - 02 6752 1913
- Lake Illawarra High School - 02 4296 3844

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to **www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au**.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 2 November 2012.**

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION



Help shape the direction of Reconciliation in NSW!

Nominate yourself or someone else for a position on the Management Committee of the NSW Reconciliation Council.

Board members have the unique opportunity to shape the future of the Reconciliation movement and to make a positive contribution to social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in New South Wales.

The following voluntary positions are available:

1. Co-Chair (Indigenous)
2. Co-Chair (non-Indigenous)
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Ordinary member (Indigenous) x 2
6. Ordinary member (non-Indigenous) x 2

We are seeking board members with the following skills and personal qualities:

Vision and Leadership, Advocacy, Stewardship and Integrity, Knowledge, Collegiality and Commitment.

For more information including eligibility and nomination forms, visit www.nswreconciliation.org.au/opportunities-volunteer or phone the office on (02) 9562 6355.

Board members will be elected at the:

NSW Reconciliation Council Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday 3 November 2012

Time: 10.00 am - 11.30 am

Address: Tranby Aboriginal College,
11-13 Mansfield Street, GLEBE, Sydney.

Nominations close: 6pm AEST 26 October 2012.



NSW Reconciliation Council is hiring!

The NSW Reconciliation Council is the peak body for reconciliation in the state, working with a range of individuals and organisations to grow respectful communities.

We are looking for two passionate individuals to join our small team in Glebe, Sydney:

Project Coordinator - Full Time

The Project Coordinator will look after our state wide schools program, membership engagement and administer and coordinate events.

The successful candidate must have outstanding communication and networking skills and a proven track record in delivering project outcomes. In the role, you will build and maintain effective relationships and thrive in a rapidly-changing environment.

Salary range: \$51,916-\$53,052 fixed term contract to 30 June 2013 (with the possibility of a 12 month extension subject to funding).

Administration Officer - Part Time

The successful candidate will be a pro-active, confident person with strong administrative, organisational and communication skills, able to problem solve, meticulous in your attention to detail with a 'can-do' attitude. You will have good time management skills and be flexible in a fast-paced and changing environment.

Salary range: \$44,179 to \$50,590.80 pro rata. Fixed-term 3 days per week basis to 30 June 2013 (with the possibility of a 12 month extension subject to funding).

For application packages, including selection criteria please visit www.nswreconciliation.org.au/employment or phone (02) 9562 6355.

Applications close: 5pm AEST 31 October 2012.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



"Full citizenship for all people living with a mental illness in Australian society"

Neami Aboriginal Traineeships

Are you:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Passionate about working with people
- Looking for a job that makes a difference
- Interested in supporting people with a mental illness

Do you:

- Want a fulfilling job but don't have experience
- Want a career that provides the training, mentoring and cultural support you need
- Want to support people and communities with social, emotional and cultural wellbeing
- Want a regular income

The Aboriginal Traineeship program involves Neami in partnership with the MHCC and the Aboriginal Employment Unit to support a total of 8 traineeships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across four service sites in NSW.

Two trainees will be placed at each of the service sites in Ashfield, Carrington, Campbelltown and Darlinghurst, and will receive support from Neami, MHCC and AEU to complete the Certificate IV in Mental Health and progress into permanent employment at Neami.

Neami is a non-government national organisation that has been providing psychosocial rehabilitation to people with a mental illness for over 20 years. As a progressive organisation Neami uses the Collaborative Recovery Model (CRM) which delivers a range of rehabilitation and support services tailored to meet the individual needs of consumers. 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.

Interested?

Please call for more information:

Chris Lines, Ashfield Service Manager – (03)9798 2111

Stephen Suttie, Darlinghurst Service Manager – (03) 9380 9629

How to apply: Go to www.neami.org.au to apply.

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS ADVISER WANTED

MAKING IT BETTER TOGETHER

For 110 years Shell has been working for Australia with substantial holdings in the oil and gas industry across the country, and exciting new projects about to start. We are committed to Australia's future. As part of that commitment Shell believes engagement with Indigenous communities is imperative.

Shell is creating a new high profile role for an experienced Indigenous Relations Specialist. Reporting to our Social Performance Manager, you will be responsible for many aspects of Indigenous relations throughout all areas of Shell's business.

You will support agreement building and engaging communities, as well as ensuring our Indigenous commitments are integrated into Shell's business and culture. Your expertise will be used in the development of our Indigenous Peoples' and Social Performance plans and to counsel technical project teams on Cultural Heritage, Native Title and agreement making.

You will have significant experience with engaging Indigenous communities and an understanding of native title. You will have a relevant background from Industry or Indigenous Community organisations.

This is a unique opportunity for the right person to make a significant contribution to the future of Shell, together with the communities surrounding our business.

To find out more and to apply, please visit **www.shell.com.au/careers**

Applications close: 28th October, 2012

LET'S DELIVER BETTER ENERGY SOLUTIONS TOGETHER.



Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officer

Warrnambool CCS, position no.3837

• **\$55,241 - \$63,524 + super**

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers (LCCOs) monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department of Justice Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 24 October 2012.



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Health
Central Coast
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health - Aboriginal Chronic Care Worker

Gosford

Temporary Full-Time

Enquiries: David Follent, 0416 193 648

This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Reference ID: 105744

Closing Date: 7 November 2012

Apply now...

Website: www.nscchhs.health.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker, Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health

An opportunity exists for an Aboriginal Health Worker in our Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health team at Coffs Harbour. The position is permanent part-time, 32 hpw and is Aboriginal Identified under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted in the community as such. Salary will be in accordance with the Aboriginal Health Education Officer Graduate classification.

Enquiries: Lee Brogmus (02) 6656 7258 quoting Reference ID: 102719.

Apply online: <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>



Safe Pathways

Staff Required Immediately

Are you a mature professional that is looking for a rewarding career?

Safe Pathways have available positions for individuals who are interested in working in a care environment with traumatised and disadvantaged young people in Darwin and surrounding suburbs.

A driver's license and residency are preferred but not essential. We offer flexible working hours to suit your lifestyle and can offer: day, evening, weekend work and sleepover shifts.

A first aid certificate and police check and working with children check will need to be provided or you must be willing to obtain one prior to commencement of employment.

Please email your resume to admin@itechealth.com.au

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Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Careers in Juvenile Justice



Do you have the qualities we're looking for?

YOUTH OFFICER

**CAREERS at ORANA
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE**

- Maturity • Motivation
- Personality • Character

Juvenile Justice, Department of Attorney General and Justice is NOW recruiting suitable people to train as casual youth officers.

Working with children in custody is a challenging role requiring real strength of character. It is both demanding and satisfying to know that you can make a difference in the lives of our clients and our community.

Youth Officers make a difference while earning \$26.15 per hour, plus casual loading, shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable.

For further information or to apply visit:
www.jobs.nsw.gov.au, for assistance
telephone 1800 355 562.

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Payroll & Compliance Officer Cairns, QLD

- * **Key development position - make a difference everyday!**
- * **Remuneration \$51,195 - \$62,287 + salary sacrifice options!**



Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (CLCAC) has an exciting opportunity for a dedicated **Payroll and Compliance Officer** to join their team in Cairns. In this pivotal role you'll be responsible for completing various tasks including payroll processing as well as assisting with HR duties including recruitment and compliance. In return for your hard work, you will enjoy a great **salary circa \$51,195-\$62,287 plus salary sacrifice options and generous leave allowances!**



ApplyNow.com.au/Job39150
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



Community Engagement & Translational Officer

\$80,757 - \$94,982 salary package (comprising gross salary \$60,450 - \$72,957, superannuation & salary packaging benefits)

2 Year Full Time Contract based in Brisbane

The Centre for Research Excellence (CRE) in Discovering Indigenous Strategies to Improve Cancer Outcomes Via Engagement, Research Translation and Training (DISCOVER-TT) will build an evidence base through innovative, high-quality, priority-driven, applied health services research which aims to reduce disparities in treatment and survival for Indigenous Australians with cancer.

This position will provide support within the CRE on strategies to maximise outcomes from research. The key aim of this role is to achieve high level and consistent outcomes in policy and practice that the DISCOVER-TT CRE must deliver to achieve real change in Indigenous cancer outcomes.

The successful applicant will have experience in research translation, well developed interpersonal and communication skills, experience in a health research and/or health services setting and the ability to travel when required.

Contact: Noel Matson email Noel.Matson@menzies.edu.au or phone 07 3309 3402

Closing Date: 29th October 2012

This position has been designated for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

Menzies is a Health Promotion Charity (HPC). HPC salary packaging arrangements can significantly increase your effective salary. Menzies also provides generous superannuation benefits, 6 weeks annual leave, and flexible working arrangements.

For information on how to apply for this position and to obtain the Position Description and Selection Criteria please visit www.menzies.edu.au or phone 08 8943 5052.

discovery for a healthy tomorrow



Charles Sturt University is a dynamic and progressive employer whose innovative approach to education has earned it an international reputation for excellence. The career opportunities for supporting our research and teaching initiatives at CSU abound.

Associate Lecturers / Lecturers Centre for Indigenous Studies

- Multiple continuing full-time positions
- Level A or B \$57,336 - \$97,268p.a. (plus 17% superannuation)
- Dubbo

The Centre for Indigenous Studies is an academic School housed within the Faculty of Education at Charles Sturt University, located at the Dubbo campus. The Centre comprises of a dynamic and multi disciplinary cross-cultural team committed to fostering reconciliation and social justice through the provision of high quality Indigenous Australian Studies and its community engagement and research and professional activities.

The successful applicants will be required to teach across a range of courses and disciplines within their field of expertise via distance education and on campus modes. The successful applicants will be required to work collaboratively with colleagues in the University to embed Indigenous knowledges and perspectives through the design of high quality subjects and modules suitable for courses in a wide range of disciplines. Additionally, the appointees will contribute to the development of a strong Indigenous Studies program within the Faculty and across the University, built on a sense of local, National and global Indigenous community.

The successful applicants will also be expected to contribute actively to the scholarly life of the Centre for Indigenous Studies through their own higher degree studies, publication outputs, or through community-focused and/or multi-disciplinary research activity.

Applicants are expected to apply online and address the selection criteria listed in the position description.

Applications close: 28 October 2012

For more information about these positions, other employment opportunities and the benefits of working at CSU, please visit our website www.csu.edu.au/jobs or contact the Division of Human Resources via hr@csu.edu.au or 1800 688 177

www.csu.edu.au/jobs

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Australian Government Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services is about people and delivering the services they may need at different stages of their lives. It includes Child Support, Centrelink and Medicare as well as CRS Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with the Department of Human Services and each year we deliver more than \$90 billion in payments. The department is seeking highly talented and motivated people to join its team.

SENIOR PRACTITIONER

Indigenous, Regional and Intensive Services

Zone Northern Australia / ABSTUDY

Palmerston, NT

APS Level 5

\$67,668 - \$73,017

Job Reference: 1136-201112

- Provide technical and procedural guidance and advice to the ABSTUDY Processing Team.
- Identify and deliver training in ABSTUDY policy and procedures to the ABSTUDY Processing Team and other stakeholders where required.
- Be an active member of the ABSTUDY Leadership Team.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Closing: Sunday 21 October 2012 (midnight)

Contact: Isabel Stewart – (08) 8936 9930

Selection Documentation: www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/careers

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One APS Career...Thousands of Opportunities

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officer, Swan Hill CCS

5445

- **Ongoing - Full Time**
- **\$55,241 - \$63,524 plus super**

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers (LCCOs) monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department of Justice Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close 28 October 2012



Department of Justice

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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed person to fill the following position:

Executive Assistant / Office Manager

This position resides under our Strategic Development and Research Unit which leads, and is accountable for, the development and management of key functions which guide VACCA's growth and development as the lead Aboriginal child and family organisation in the state.

This position has been created to provide high level executive and administrative support to the Director, Strategic Development and Research and fulfill office management functions.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Brenda Young on 03 8388 1855 or by email: brenday@vacca.org

For further information about the position please contact Raoul Spackman-Williams on 03 9385 9000 or by email: raouls@vacca.org

Applications close Monday 29th October 2012



**South West Sydney
Legal Centre**

Aboriginal Specialist Worker

Liverpool based.

Up to \$70,000 p.a. pro-rata equivalent
(with salary packaging), plus Super.

Above Award conditions under the SWSLC Enterprise Agreement.

Salary packaging is available.

14 hours per week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Contract to 30 June 2015.

The South West Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service is seeking to employ an Aboriginal Specialist worker for 14 hours per week to provide advocacy and information to women and their children before, during and after court in Apprehended Domestic Violence proceedings.

We seek a committed Aboriginal woman who can apply confident, motivated and dynamic skills and personality to deliver effective and timely services to women and children affected by domestic violence. This position also provides high-level expert advice on how to make WDVCA services relevant, accessible and responsive to Aboriginal women and their children. Our ideal candidate will also have experience working within the community sector or human services area.

Being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational requirement for this position pursuant to sections 14 and 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

For a copy of the Position Description and Essential Criteria visit our website www.swslc.org.au and click on 'Employment at SWSLC' on the footer of the home page.

Closing date: 4.00pm, 31 October 2012.

Please send written applications to korie@swslc.org.au. Applications must address all the essential criteria and include details of two recent work referees.

Membership and Administration Officer

As our Membership and Administration Officer your excellent communication and information sharing skills will be the link between our members, the public and our Victorian office.

You will provide general administration support, coordinate events and assist in promoting our work in the community.

Knowledge and understanding of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is essential.

For further information, please visit our careers page at

redcross.org.au

For enquiries, please contact David Fitzroy on 03 8327 7984.

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 24 October.



Australian Red Cross

THE POWER OF HUMANITY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.



Bentley-Armadale Medicare Local Ltd (formerly operating as Canning Division of General Practice) is a regionally focused primary care organisation and is responsible for supporting better coordination between primary care services, identifying and addressing gaps in service delivery and for supporting improvements in the way primary care is delivered.

The Bentley-Armadale Medicare Local region spans seven local government areas including the Town of Victoria Park, the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale and the cities of South Perth, Belmont, Canning, Gosnells and Armadale.

Bentley-Armadale Medicare Local has a large well established Aboriginal team who deliver a number of programs to the community. BAML are seeking enthusiastic, skilled and experienced Aboriginal people for the following positions:

INDIGENOUS OUTREACH WORKER

In this role, you will be required to provide assistance and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to enhance Chronic Disease prevention and management and work closely with the Aboriginal Care Coordinator.

INDIGENOUS HEALTH PROJECT OFFICER

The Indigenous Health Project Officer will be responsible for developing and implementing strategies to improve access to mainstream primary care for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders.

MALE ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER

This position requires a male Aboriginal Health Worker to contribute to our efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in partnership with other providers and services.

For the selection criteria and to apply for these positions please contact Kerry Woods at k.woods@baml.com.au or 08 9458 0505.

Closing date is Friday the 16th of November 2012

Aboriginal Health Western Network Coordinator

Location negotiable:

Gunnedah, Narrabri or Moree

Salary range: \$80,107 - \$88,920



A dynamic and innovative leader is sought to join the New England Medicare Local (NEML) Aboriginal Health Team in the role of Aboriginal Health – Western Network coordinator on a permanent full-time basis.

This position will work closely with health care providers, other stakeholders and community members to lead the Aboriginal Health team in the delivery of programs and initiatives that support equity and access to health care for Aboriginal people.

Please find a copy of the position description and details of how to apply on the website <http://www.neml.org.au/>.

For further information contact Kirby Stacey on 02 6792 5514.

Applications close: Friday 26 October, 2012



**NORTH EAST
CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY**

PROJECT OFFICER

Aboriginal Landcare Facilitation

The North East Catchment Management Authority is seeking a reliable, self-motivated person with experience to assist in increasing the involvement of Aboriginal communities across Victoria in Landcare by facilitating partnerships between Landcare and Aboriginal communities that leads to both enhanced environmental outcomes and broader acceptance of Aboriginal aspirations and values.

Reporting to the Landcare Team Leader this position will:

- Work closely with the Indigenous Liaison Officer
- Develop partnerships between Landcare groups/networks across the state and existing Aboriginal engagement programs in Victoria
- Build the capacity of Landcare groups/networks to engage with the Aboriginal community in Victoria
- Work with Regional Indigenous Facilitators to implement statewide outcomes

The position is classified Band 6 under the North East Catchment Management Authority Enterprise Agreement. This equates to a salary range of \$ 54,921 - \$59,301 pa plus superannuation.

Applicants will need to obtain a copy of the Recruitment Information Kit. This document can be downloaded from the authority's website (<http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/NewsJobsTenders/Jobs>) or obtained by contacting the Wodonga office on 02 6043 7600.

Applicants **must complete the employment application form and address the key selection criteria** contained within the kit.

Applications must be received by 4.00 pm Friday, 26 October 2012

No late applications will be accepted.

Applications are to be emailed to:

'Confidential'
Manager Business Services
recruitment@necma.vic.gov.au

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Indigenous Australian Entry Level Development Program (IAELDP)

Various Budget Divisions across the University

The University of Melbourne is a leading international university focusing on teaching and research. The main campus is located in Parkville and employs people of outstanding calibre and offers a unique environment where staff are valued and rewarded.

Indigenous Australian Entry Level Development Employment Program (IAELDP) provides an employment development opportunity for Indigenous Australians through direct work activities and completion of a nationally recognised qualification in Certificate IV (Administration Business Support).

The program is seeking to fill several positions to commence in February 2013 on a two year contract, to gain experience across various professional roles at the university including finance, student support, administration and human resources.

The successful candidates will be interested in working for the University, be able to work in teams and have good communication skills. In addition you will have drive and commitment, the ability to problem solve and most importantly, have a willingness to learn and develop.

Salary: \$47,541 p.a. plus 9% super

Job No: 0030093

Applications Close: 30 November 2012

For more information about our University and current vacancies visit **www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers**

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NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

SALES MANAGER & SALES REPRESENTATIVE (TRACKER MAGAZINE)

**MEDIA & MARKETING UNIT PARRAMATTA
TEMPORARY POSITIONS FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS**
(Generous remuneration package including base salary and uncapped commission structure)

Salary Range: \$64,819 to \$78,434pa

Salary Range: \$48,701 to \$58,927 pa

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) Media and Marketing Unit based at Parramatta is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging roles of Sales positions.

Are you passionate about human rights? Do you want to generate revenue for a publication that fights for equal rights and receive attractive commission along the way? Tracker Magazine is Australia's most widely circulated Aboriginal news publication and the nation's only Aboriginal human rights-based magazine. It is produced by the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council, Australia's largest member-based Aboriginal organisation and the state's peak representative body.

An exciting opportunity exists for a passionate, driven and customer focused print and online Sales Manager & Sales Representative with a strong ability to forge, develop and maintain relationships.

The successful applicants will have the capacity to: increasing revenue and achieving targets through advertising sales; updating and maintaining sales and advertising spreadsheets; conducting competitor analysis and research; responding to clients' needs in a manner that adds value to achieve objectives. The manager will have a very small but dedicated team, including the Circulation Coordinator.

CIRCULATION COORDINATOR (TRACKER MAGAZINE)

**MEDIA & MARKETING UNIT PARRAMATTA
TEMPORARY POSITION FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS**
(Generous remuneration package including base salary and uncapped commission structure)

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The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Circulation Coordinator.

Are you passionate about human rights? Do you want to increase circulation and generate revenue for a publication that fights for equal rights? An exciting opportunity exists for a passionate, driven and customer focused print and online Circulation Coordinator with a strong ability to forge, develop and maintain relationships.

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For detailed information about these challenging positions, the benefits/conditions and how to apply, please obtain a copy of the Recruitment Package containing the Position Description and selection criteria. **For your application to be considered you must address the selection criteria.** For a recruitment package contact Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au or (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator, NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close 29 October 2012

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



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
31/1000	ST BARBARA LIMITED	406228	21.46HA	138km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 54' S Long: 122° 41' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/1005	ST BARBARA LIMITED	406229	250.17HA	148km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 55' S Long: 122° 41' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/788	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	404574	150.95HA	140km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 52' S Long: 122° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/788	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	404576	181.87HA	140km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 122° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/788	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	404577	188.73HA	140km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 122° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/788	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	404578	174.85HA	140km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 122° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/788	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	404579	197.05HA	140km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 52' S Long: 122° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/788	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	404580	174.10HA	140km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 122° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/788	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	404581	23.48HA	140km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 122° 34' E	MENZIES SHIRE
37/1075	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	406913	188.45HA	46km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 46' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
53/1612	BRUTUS CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD	405573	27.31HA	37km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 120° 47' E	WILUNA SHIRE
77/1416	WESTERN AREAS NICKEL PTY LTD	406140	71.07HA	82km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 38' S Long: 119° 42' E	KONDININ SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.
Notification day: 17 October 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 **17 January 2013**. 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. 17 February 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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Byron Shire Council

Are you looking for professional challenges and a great lifestyle on NSW's beautiful North Coast?

Byron Shire offers fine beaches, a diverse lifestyle, a magnificent natural environment and a sub-tropical climate. Council is recognised for its environmental initiatives and commitment to sustainable development.

Applications for the following employment opportunity closes: **Friday 26 October 2012.**

Position:	Term:	Salary:	Enquiries:
Indigenous Bush Regenerator (identified position)	30 hpw Temporary P/T Until 1/08/2013	\$43-\$58K (Pro rata rate and conditions apply)	Angus Underwood on (02) 6626 7324.

Other benefits include 9% superannuation, education and training support and an attractive salary packaging scheme.

The Job Information Package is available on the Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au or by contacting (02) 6626 7145.

Byron Shire Council is an EEO employer and committed to the principles of workplace diversity.

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: 26th October 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



Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Housing Office

Senior Project Officer - Identified

**Clerk Grade 9/10
Dubbo
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 000019DB**

Total remuneration package valued up to \$113,802 per annum (Salary: \$93,586 pa - \$103,128 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Senior Project Officer within the Region is responsible for building the capacity of the Aboriginal Housing sector at the regional level. Providing input into development and review of the strategic direction and framework for Aboriginal housing and for managing projects that undertake skills development and provide support for identified training to regional management services Aboriginal housing providers or external stakeholders within the sector.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. Creating a sense of need to achieve organisational goals in line with a clear overall vision through planning, managing performance, motivating people and role modelling desired behaviours.
- Participates in and/or leads successful projects, using strong communication and organisational skills to balance conflicting priorities and manage resources.
- Listens, interprets and conveys information in a clear and accurate manner, provides timely delivery of information and selects the most appropriate method of communication.
- Identifies and analyses situations and/or issues, considers options, develops solutions, and decides on, implements and monitors appropriate solutions.
- Operates computer hardware and software, departmental systems and electronic systems effectively.
- Applies and improves specialised technical knowledge, skills and judgment to achieve outcomes.
- Leadership or participation in policy development through consultation, stakeholder engagement, scoping needs, development, implementation and review.
- Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. The position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14a of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Laurinne Campbell ph: (02) 6841 9100

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 000019DB

Closing Date: 2 November 2012

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Western Australia

Notification day: 24 October 2012



National Native Title Tribunal



WI2012/005 Nyiyaparli People and BHP Billiton Comprehensive Agreement—Initial ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

About 32,550 sq km located 240 km southeast of Port Hedland. Relevant Local Government Authorities: Shires Of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Meekatharra and Wiluna.

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

12.4 For the purposes of section 24EB(1) of the Native Title Act [NTA], the parties consent to all acts covered by [this agreement] to the extent they involve future acts without conditions but in accordance with [the agreement]. 12.6 The process set out in Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the [NTA], known as the "right to negotiate" process, is not intended to apply to any act covered by [the agreement].

[The future acts covered by the agreement relate only to "BHP Billiton's Iron Ore Business" which is defined in clause 13.1 as meaning each and all elements of iron ore exploration, mining, transport, processing and treatment (including milling, concentration, refining and smelting) in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, and all acts or things incidental to any of that, by on behalf of or for the benefit of a "BHP Billiton Entity" (as defined in clause 1 of the agreement)].

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Limited for and on behalf of eight entities
C/- Ashurst Australia
Level 32, Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
Perth WA 6000

David Stock, Gordon Yuline, Victor Parker, Raymond Drage and Billy Cadigan on behalf of the Nyiyaparli People
C/- Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
Level 2, 16 St George's Terrace
Perth WA 6000

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation and Central Desert Native Title Services, the representative bodies for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA, 6000 by 24 January 2013.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary data sourced from & used with the permission of Landgate, WA. 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 Ella Quigley on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.**

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Course Coordinator - Social Housing and Environmental Health

Position No: 32828

3 year fixed term appointment commencing ASAP – Batchelor, NT

Remuneration: Academic Level B - \$83,853 - \$89,505 + super

Batchelor Institute is seeking a highly motivated Housing or Environmental Health worker. If you have been working in the Environmental Health or the Housing Sector for over 4 years or you have a certificate IV in either professions then this position provides professional challenges and rewarding growth for you. The position is responsible for the delivery of approved VET sector certificate courses in Environmental Health II and III and Social Housing III to Indigenous Australians. You will travel across the Northern Territory providing training and assessment in this field and be working with Indigenous adults. Applicants need to demonstrate a clear commitment to enabling Indigenous community management, lifelong learning and skilling.

Note: All applicants must address the selection criteria.

Applications close: Friday 26th October 2012

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.



Graduate Community Development Officer

(Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identified Position)

This position provides an opportunity to work with Lake Macquarie City Council on community programs for a period of twelve weeks. The position is funded under the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program.

During the twelve weeks you will:

- assist the Social and Community Planning team to identify the needs of residents and develop and implement relevant services, programs and strategies to meet these needs.
- work with the Sustainability Engagement Team in promoting programs and initiatives for the community.

You will:

- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- be in the final year (or having completed a tertiary qualification in the academic year prior) in social work, social sciences, business or other relevant discipline
- possess a knowledge of community development and capacity building processes
- demonstrate high level written and oral communication skills
- possess an understanding of the operations of community organisations, and the issues facing the community services sector.

Salary: \$32.77 per hour plus 10% superannuation.

Closing date: 5pm Monday 22 October 2012.

Further information: Contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 4921 0333.

To apply: Please download the application package from www.lakemac.com.au

Tips for applying: Please ensure that in your application you complete an electronic application form, address all the selection criteria as listed in the position description, include a current resume and include copies of any certificate/accreditation required.



Australian Government Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services is about people and delivering the services they may need at different stages of their lives. It includes Child Support, Centrelink and Medicare as well as CRS Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with the Department of Human Services and each year we deliver more than \$90 billion in payments. The department is seeking highly talented and motivated people to join its team.

CORPORATE SERVICES SUPPORT OFFICER

Indigenous, Regional and Intensive Services

Corporate Services, Broome

APS Level 4

\$60,672 - \$67,222

Job Reference: 1134-201112

The primary outcome of this position is to manage and maintain the administrative support services for designated Departmental offices and assets.

Duties

- identify building faults and maintenance requirements and take appropriate action to report, monitor and escalate as required;
- oversee and maintain security procedures including security code register, security duress alarm system, SAMS access, key register and out-of-hours building activity;
- supervise the delivery of services in line with formal contracts, including pot plants, cleaning and office machines/equipment maintenance.

Closing: Sunday 21 October 2012 (midnight)

Contact: Nicole McNaughton – (08) 8936 3848

Selection Documentation: www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/careers

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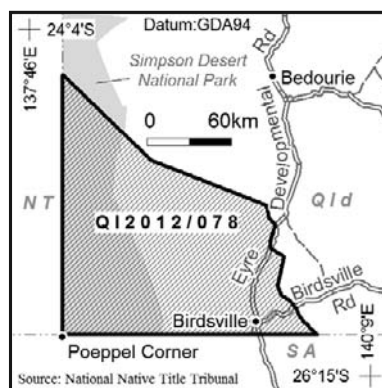
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 24 October 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2012/078 Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi People & Ergon Energy ILUA

Description of the agreement area: About 19,120 sq km located north east of Poeppel Corner and south of Bedourie abutting the South Australian and Northern Territory borders. Relevant Local Government Authority: Diamantina Shire Council.

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[References below to 'Electricity Infrastructure' means 'Works' as defined in section 12(1) of the Electricity Act, 1994 and includes 'Operating works' as defined in section 12(3) of that Act].

5.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in this Agreement.

5.2 The Parties consent to Ergon Energy performing any of the following future acts: [this includes Minor Works, access to the Agreement Area for conduct Minor Works, use of all land siting electricity infrastructure in existence at the execution date and of any adjacent land necessary for operational use and maintenance of relevant Electricity Infrastructure including access by way of certain access tracks, any future acts on Aboriginal Land subject to the prior written consent of the entity holding the Aboriginal Land having been obtained and the grant of any easement, licence or permit over relevant Electricity Infrastructure].

5.10 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.

6.1 [The Native Title Party consents to the State of Queensland granting Ergon Energy any tenure or other interest over land within the Agreement Area on which Electricity Infrastructure is located].

7.2 and 7.3 [The Native Title Party consents to and authorises: Ergon Energy's use of all land on which Electricity Infrastructure existing at the execution date is located and all land adjacent to any Electricity Infrastructure; Ergon Energy's use of an area 10 metres on each side of the line on the ground falling beneath any powerlines or other Electricity Infrastructure located in airspace].

7.6 [The Parties consent to and otherwise authorise the grant of an easement, permit or licence for the use of Electricity Infrastructure to Ergon Energy by another person.]

[Schedule 2 defines Minor Works as including tree lopping and tree clearing in certain circumstances, repairing or reinstating any damaged or destroyed Electricity Infrastructure, maintaining and inspecting Electricity Infrastructure, performing any statutory duties or responsibilities, accessing the Agreement Area for the before mentioned purposes and installation of street light poles and service/intermediate poles that are tied into the existing powerline system in urban areas/towns precincts.]

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Ergon Energy Limited Corporation
c/- MacDonnells Law
GPO Box 79
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Arthur Ah Chee, Brenda Shield, Haydyn Bromley,
Sharon Lucas on behalf of the Wangkangurru/
Yarluyandi People
c/- Camatta Lempens Pty Ltd
Level 1, 345 King William Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application ('application') or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. **The application must be made by 24 January 2013.**

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Nicole Maher, freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntf.gov.au.

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POSITIONS VACANT Physiotherapists



Far West NSW Medicare Local Limited (FWML) is a health service provider that works to improve the health of people living in the outback shires of Cobar, Bourke, Broken Hill, Brewarrina, Central Darling and Walgett with offices in Lightning Ridge, Bourke and Broken Hill.

Far West NSW Medicare Local currently has two vacancies for Physiotherapists and is looking for highly motivated professionals to join the organisation and contribute to our efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in north western NSW. The positions will be working directly with General Practitioners and staff involved in chronic disease management and lifestyle modification in both a clinical and primary health care environment.

The FWML manages a variety of health contracts focusing on early intervention and prevention of chronic diseases, chronic disease management, lifestyle modification programs and health promotion. Working in the outback for more than 15 years, the FWML is looking for staff who can work as part of a team, with relevant experience and plenty of passion to create original solutions for our rural and remote communities.

So if you're looking to join a dynamic organisation with ideas, exciting networks within the health and academic sector, innovative community partnerships, a commitment to quality and a determined agenda to deliver sustainable health outcomes for the bush; send us your CV and application to join a not-for-profit NGO and make a difference. 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, Far West NSW Medicare Local Ltd employees are entitled to an attractive salary packaging component or remuneration.

Both positions are offered on the basis of full-time on annual contracts. Candidates seeking part-time flexible work arrangements are also encouraged to apply. The FWML program has a wide network with excellent continuous professional development opportunities.

Closing Date for Applications: 26th October 2012

For more information and an application pack containing: guidelines for applicants, 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

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STUART ON 02 66 222 666



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2171	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	156BL	74km SW'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 38' S Long: 123° 1' E	BROOME SHIRE, DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2215	AUSTRALIA LIANGHUI RESOURCES PTY LTD	200BL	130km S'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 19° 21' S Long: 125° 30' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2216	142 EAST PTY LTD	32BL	102km SE'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 54' S Long: 124° 22' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2217	142 EAST PTY LTD	3BL	92km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 4' S Long: 124° 43' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2218	CARNEGIE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	85BL	12km N'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 4' S Long: 125° 36' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2411	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	172BL	33km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 5' S Long: 114° 5' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1890	BARACUS PTY LTD	82BL	173km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 115° 39' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1334	RAVEN RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	12km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1340	STRINDBERG, Hans August Nicholas	4BL	8km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 15' S Long: 121° 37' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/915	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	11BL	15km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 21' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/443	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	28BL	63km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 39' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/444	ST BARBARA LIMITED	1BL	80km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 120° 39' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/446	ST BARBARA LIMITED	11BL	67km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 120° 42' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/486	FIREANT RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	56km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 122° 1' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2239	SKYDOVE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	70BL	129km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 123° 0' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2256	SHANNON RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	80km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2258	INTEGRA MINING LTD	1BL	94km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 122° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	36/791	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	10BL	31km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 121° 0' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/793	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	3BL	29km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1141	MONTANA EXPLORATION SERVICES PTY LTD	19BL	63km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1142	TERRAIN MINERALS LTD	1BL	25km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2760	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	18BL	47km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 122° 44' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1702	GOLDPHYRE RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	51km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 121° 49' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3616	MULGA DOWNS IRON ORE PTY LTD	32BL	104km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 9' S Long: 119° 8' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3864	MT STEWART RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	59km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 120° 35' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4032	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	184BL	143km NE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 19° 51' S Long: 121° 18' E	BROOME SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4060	HAOMA MINING NL	4BL	12km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 119° 43' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/970	BC IRON NULLAGINE PTY LTD	20BL	51km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 13' S Long: 119° 45' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/972	TANTALUMX PTY LTD	65BL	33km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 11' S Long: 120° 6' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2691	YOUNG, Bradford John YOUNG, Julie Lynne	21BL	49km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 29' S Long: 118° 10' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/2693	YOUNG, Bradford John YOUNG, Julie Lynne	20BL	47km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 40' S Long: 118° 21' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/2694	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	20BL	63km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 35' S Long: 118° 4' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	52/1984	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	104BL	91km W'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 36' S Long: 118° 52' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2793	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	15BL	13km SW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 26' S Long: 119° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1687	NOVA ENERGY PTY LTD	12BL	52km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 120° 33' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1706	PROTO RESOURCES AND INVESTMENTS LTD	38BL	75km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 19' S Long: 120° 9' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1709	ALLOY RESOURCES LTD	1BL	32km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 52' S Long: 120° 52' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1710	ALLOY RESOURCES LTD	10BL	27km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 120° 49' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/905	ENCOUNTER RESOURCES LTD	70BL	42km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 118° 53' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/906	ENCOUNTER RESOURCES LTD	70BL	47km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 118° 51' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/921	CURRAN RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	5km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 119° 14' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/416-I & 417-I	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	2BL	64km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 118° 28' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/435	MACDONALD, Jason Stanley	7BL	30km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 117° 54' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1881	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	19BL	66km N'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 117° 49' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1894	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	23BL	78km NE'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 115° 54' E	GERALDTON CITY, MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1895	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	25BL	73km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 116° 2' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1896 & 59/1900	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	88BL	44km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 116° 49' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1897	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	30BL	12km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 116° 36' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4153-I	KARARA MINING LIMITED	4BL	30km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 116° 19' E	MORAWA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4401	ELSNORE NOMINEES PTY LTD	20BL	13km NE'ly of Augusta	Lat: 34° 13' S Long: 115° 14' E	AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5210	ADELAIDE PROSPECTING PTY LTD	111.32HA	17km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 19' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5675	MUSKETEER MINERALS PTY LTD	151.87HA	2km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5750	NANKIVELL, Dennis William	179.84HA	27km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 11' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5753	STRINDBERG, Stan Harry Frederick	24.99HA	13km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 121° 27' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4648	BEZEMER, Michael Cornelius EWEN, Gregory John	21.02HA	54km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4661	VOLLMER, Rachael Louise	66.90HA	70km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4664	FRENCH, Donald Victor	41.18HA	59km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 120° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2149	KATAHANAS, John SULTANA, Peter Mark	69.49HA	56km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2262-3	REMBRANDT MINING PTY LTD	225.59HA	13km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 121° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8276-7	GOLDPHYRE RESOURCES LIMITED	399.01HA	17km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 29' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8278	POINTON, Alec Charles	200.01HA	43km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4043	SYME, Thomas	76.85HA	17km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5330	DIXON, Trevor John	7.09HA	59km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 121° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2862	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	23.40HA	92km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 56' S Long: 119° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2863	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	176.71HA	88km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 47' S Long: 119° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2864	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	177.96HA	90km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 52' S Long: 119° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2865	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	99.78HA	83km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 42' S Long: 119° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1681	GORDON, Cyril	9.99HA	107km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 14' S Long: 118° 18' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	47/1682	GORDON, Cyril	10.00HA	105km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 118° 19' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	47/1683	GORDON, Cyril	10.00HA	101km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 11' S Long: 118° 22' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	51/2793-7	KENTOR MINERALS (W.A) PTY LTD	942.2HA	50km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 118° 29' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1578-S	SPENCER, Paul Geoffrey BLAIR, Roland Jameison	10.09HA	33km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 52' S Long: 120° 45' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1596-8	MPF EXPLORATION PTY LTD	423.11HA	42km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 120° 56' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1917	SANDERCOCK, Alan James	67.96HA	12km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 5' S Long: 121° 48' E	DUNDAS SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Notification day: 17 October 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 17 January 2013. 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. 17 February 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. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Sport

Hayden, Langer square off in Tiwi Ashes



CRICKETING greats Matthew Hayden and Justin Langer will go head to head on Monday 22 October as they captain students from Tiwi College at Pickertaramoor, on Melville Island, in a friendly cricket match to raise funds for the college.

The students will also be joined by former Australian fast bowler Michael Kasprowicz, former Wallaby Matthew Burke and former Kangaroo Wendell Sailor, as Hayden's XI take on Langer's XI in the 'Tiwi Ashes'.

The match is one highlight of a day that includes festivities such as traditional Tiwi food, dancing, art and performances that aims to raise awareness of and funds for Tiwi College.

Made possible by the Macquarie Group Foundation, The Hayden Way, Tiwi Islands Adventure Group and Red Dust Role Models, this is the third year that the Tiwi Ashes have been contested.

It is hoped that the match will raise in excess of \$100,000 to assist the Tiwi Education Board in developing its agricultural education program, with an emphasis on sustainability, for students at Tiwi College.

Tiwi College provides secondary education for Tiwi students.

Students are accommodated in family group homes and the curriculum combines classroom learning with sport, life skills, outdoor education and contributions to the life of the college.

In the past year, the college has more than doubled student numbers from 35 to 81 full-time students. It sustains attendance rates of more than 80 per cent and has achieved more than 90 per cent during the current year. The college believes this is the highest attendance rate for an Indigenous school in Australia.

Kununurra girls part of NT netball titles



INDIGENOUS players were a big part of the Northern Territory Link netball championships in Palmerston from 21-23 September.

Aboriginal players dominated the two teams invited from Kununurra, Western Australia.

Twenty-two teams came from netball associations in Alice Springs, Darwin, Gove(Nhulunbuy), Katherine and Palmerston.

In the final of the open division, Darwin beat Alice Springs 52-31. Dební Tauleli was beat on court.

In the play-off between third and fourth, Gove(Nhulunbuy) beat Katherine 32-23.

Other results: 13 & under grand final, Alice Springs Black 23 d Darwin Green 9; 3rd v 4th, Palmerston Blue 29 d Katherine 22; 5th v 6th, Alice Springs Gold 21 d Darwin Gold 4; 7th v 8th, Palmerston Black 20 d Kununurra 13.

Grand final best on court, Keialah Satour (Alice Springs).

15 & under grand final, Darwin Green 32 d Alice Springs 26; 3rd v 4th, Palmerston 28 d Kununurra 20; 5th v 6th, Darwin Gold 21 d Katherine 15; 7th v 8th, Gove 45 d Mataranka 16.

Grand final best on court:,Maddi Spedding (Darwin).

17/19 & under grand final, Darwin 56 d Alice Springs 18.

Grand final best on court, Rebecca Winch (Darwin).

Player of the championships, Tash Dack (Katherine 17 & under).



Two in Socceroos squad



QANTAS Socceroos coach Holger Osieck named a 22-player squad that included Indigenous stars Jade North and Adam Sarota that faced Iraq yesterday in a 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifier in Doha, Qatar.

This was the eighth meeting between the Socceroos and Iraq at senior men’s international level. The Socceroos are currently ranked 25th in the FIFA World Rankings whilst Iraq are 78th (as of 5 September 2012).

Before yesterday’s game, the Socceroos were in third position of Group B with draws against Oman (0-0) and Japan (1-1) and a loss against Jordan (1-2) in their opening matches of the final round of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers.

Iraq was in fourth place after draws with Jordan (1-1) and Oman (1-1) and a loss to Japan (0-1).

Gordonvale-born Adam Sarota was one of three Brisbane Roar players to sign with FC Utrecht last season, but he has made the biggest impact at the Eredivisie club.

He plays in the midfield. He was named the National Youth League Player of the Year in 2008-09 as a member of the Brisbane Road team.

He made his A-League debut for the Roar against the Newcastle Jets in November 2008.

Taree-born Jade North had been a long-serving member of the Socceroos.

Initially a right-sided fullback, North has proven himself versatile enough to play anywhere across the backline.

He earned his call up to the national team after showing great form with the under 23s team at the Athens Olympics and was a consistent performer

with the Newcastle Jets in the Hyundai A-League.

After playing a part role with the Socceroos over the years, North came of age when he ventured overseas to gain more experience.

Stints in the Korean Republic and Norway won him a spot in the 2010 World Cup qualifying campaign, but he failed to make the final squad.

North returned to the Hyundai A-League with Wellington Phoenix in 2010, before securing a deal with Japanese second division side FC Tokyo in 2011.

MEANWHILE, AAP reported that Football Federation Australia chairman Frank Lowy admitted the Socceroos faced a fight to reach the 2014 World Cup, but was confident they would make it.

Before yesterday’s game in Doha, Qatar, Australia’s ageing side was poorly placed in the final stage of qualifying, with a shock loss to Jordan in September leaving them third in their five-team group.

The eventual top two qualify directly for the Brazil showpiece event, with the third-placed team needing to win two sudden-death play-offs.

Lowy remained confident, but conceded qualifying through Asia was tougher than four years ago.

“I think we’ll be there,” the FFA boss said last week at a draw in Melbourne for the 2015 Asian Cup.


“Of course Asia has grown up and it’s not a pushover.

“Every team is fighting very hard and we’ll have to fight a bit harder.

“I have every expectation that we’ll be there in Brazil in 2014.”



Adam Sarota in action for the Brisbane Road against the Central Coast Mariners in an A-League match at Bluetongue Stadium, Gosford, in December 2009. – AAP image



Resources & Energy

MINING LEASE APPLICATION

Mining Lease Application No. 418

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

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining

An area of 1465 hectares situated approximately 26 kilometres south of Blaney, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Argent (Kempfield) Pty Ltd ACN 155 759 550 is the applicant, for a mining lease which would authorise the mining for barite, copper, gold, lead, nickel, rare earth minerals silver and zinc and be granted for a term of up to 21 years.

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

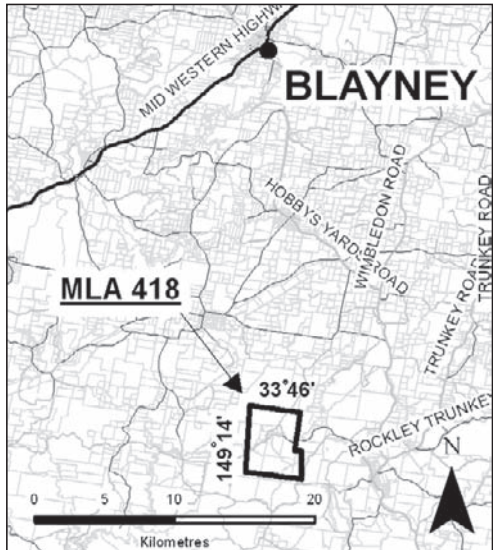
Ian Hartcher, Minister for Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.


How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Wayne McDonald; Titles Program, Trade & Investment NSW, telephone (02) 6360 5341, fax (02) 6360 5363.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **1st November 2012** Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.





PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority with Acreage Option application applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0064	Westbranch Holdings Pty Ltd	877.03 km ²	<p>The application is a State Onshore Exploration Permit application located in the Perth Basin. The application occupies a total of 21 5'x5' blocks in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SH50 (Perth). It has a total area of 877.03 km².</p> <p>The blocks forming the application covers both mainland, islands and ocean. A State Onshore application means that it covers the Australian mainland and islands within the application block extent above the AMBIS (Australian Maritime Boundaries Information System) Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006 which defines the LAT (Lowest Astronomical tide). The areas below the Territorial baseline within this application block extent are subject to the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982 and not valid as part of this application. The Baseline and Three Nautical Mile Limit are interpreted and defined by Geoscience Australia, the Federal Government's Mapping Agency. AMB v2 2006 relates to the most current version of these boundaries. The application straddles the Indian Ocean coastline of Western Australia from approximately 7 kms north of the town of Greenhead southwards to approximately 7 kms south of Lancelin. The north-east corner of the application is approximately 26 kilometres south-west of the town of Eneabba.</p> <p>It encompasses the towns of Jurien Bay and Cervantes. The application can be broken up into 2 main areas the Western Australian mainland and the islands within the Territorial waters that fall within the extent of the application. The application part for the mainland area covers 3 full and 18 part 5' x 5' blocks and commences at a point 114°57'58.82"E, 29°59'55.63"S which is situated on the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006, thence east along parallel to a point 115°5'5.15"E, 29°59'55.63"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°5'5.21"E, 30°29'55.67"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°15'5.21"E, 30°29'55.66"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°15'5.24"E, 30°49'55.68"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°20'5.24"E, 30°49'55.68"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°20'5.26"E, 31°01'59.96"S, which is situated on the AMBIS Three Nautical Mile Limit – AMB v2 2006, thence in a north north westerly direction to northerly direction along the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006 to the starting point of 114°57'58.82"E, 29°59'55.63"S. The application part for the Territorial water area which contain islands and reefs enclosed by their own territorial baseline consists of 18 part 5' x 5' blocks and commences at a point 114°55'5.15"E, 29°59'55.64"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°57'58.82"E, 29°59'55.63"S, which is situated on the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006, thence in a south south easterly direction to southerly direction along the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006 to a point 115°20'5.26"E, 31°01'59.96"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°20'5.26"E, 31°4'55.69"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°15'5.26"E, 31°4'55.69"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°15'5.25"E, 30°54'55.69"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°10'5.25"E, 30°54'55.68"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°10'5.24"E, 30°44'55.68"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°5'5.24"E, 30°44'55.68"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°5'5.22"E, 30°34'55.67"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°0'5.22"E, 30°34'55.67"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°0'5.18"E, 30°14'55.65"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°55'5.18"E, 30°14'55.65"S, and thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 114°55'5.15"E, 29°59'55.64"S. Within the Territorial waters area there are 24 separate areas enclosed by the Territorial Baseline and therefore subject to the application. They include the whole of Lancelin, Edwards, Wedge, Green, Whittell, Buller, Cervantes, Favorite, Sandland, Fisherman, Lipfert, Milligan and Snag Islands, part of Boullanger Island, and also North Ronsard, Ronsard, South Ronsard and Red Rocks, and part of Inner 7 Foot Rocks.</p> <p>All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).</p>	Shire of Dandaragan (78.9%) Shire of Coorow (15.4%) Shire of Gingin (5.6%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permit, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further two 5 year terms.

Notification Day: 17 October 2012

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **17 January 2013**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**17 February 2013**) there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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Palm players winners on netball court

By ALF WILSON



BWGOLMAN Community School, from Palm Island, are the North Queensland school netball tier two champions after a carnival in Townsville.

Held at the Murray Basketball Stadium netball courts on 20 September, Bwgcolman defeated another Indigenous team Shalom Christian College 16-6 in the final.

Another Indigenous team – St Michael's Catholic School from Palm Island – also sent a team.

There were a total of 26 teams in five pools.

Six teams contested the tier two division, with the others being Bluewater State, Railway Estate Blue and Railway Estate Gold.

Results of tier two: Bwgcolman 18 d Bluewater State School 2, St Michael's School 17 d Railway Estate Blue 0, Bwgcolman 17 d Shalom Christian College 8, St Michael's 21 d Bluewater State School 3, Bwgcolman 25 d Railway Estate Blue 0, St Michael's 13 drew with Railway Estate Gold 13, Bwgcolman 12 d St Michael's 7, Bwgcolman 12 d St Michael's 7, Bwgcolman 2 d Railway Estate Gold 7,

and Shalom Christian College 12 d St Michael's School 8.

At the end of the qualifying rounds, Bwgcolman and Shalom were the two top teams and played off in the final.

Player of the carnival was Bwgcolman's Jackie Ketchup-Friday.

Bwgcolman's side consisted of Penny Robertson, Jackie Ketchup-Friday, Vasenai Dabea, Tareesha Baira, Natalie Grannigan, Lena Friday, Moira Murray, Dianne Fulford and Julie Pearson.

St Michael's Saints players were Giaan Baira, Mychael-Lei Sibley, Priscilla Sibley, Jaisheree Oui, Sarkeitha Williams, Ernestine Lacey, Jashieka Baira, Yisahrae Sibley and Savanne Castors.

The Shalom side was made up of Shy Watton, Seanne Jervis, Kaya Buie, Karrisona Pompey, Darcy Parkinson, Ilesha Whaleboat, Lurleen Blackman, Tamara Stretton, Ali Sonio and Assunta Massey.

Their teacher Mark Burgess said Shalom won four games and lost one to Bwgcolman in the group games.

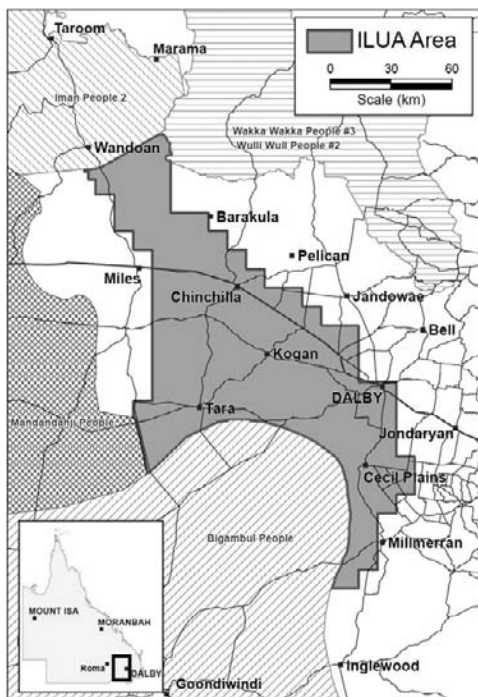
"We faced Bwgcolman again in the final of the tier two competition and at half-time scores were level at 4-4. Unfortunately for us, Bwgcolman finished strongly," he said.



Bwgcolman Community School team, back, from left, Penny Robertson, Jackie Ketchup-Friday, Vasenai Dabea, Tareesha Baira, Natalie Grannigan; front, Lena Friday, Moira Murray, Dianne Fulford and Julie Pearson.



St Michael's team, front, from left, Giaan Baira, Mychael-Lei Sibley, Priscilla Sibley, Jaisheree Oui; back, Sarkeitha Williams, Ernestine Lacey, Jashieka Baira.



PUBLIC NOTICE

AUTHORISATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

Arrow Energy Pty Ltd ACN 078 521 936 (Arrow) proposes to enter into an area Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the ILUA Area shown on the map for the development of gas fields and the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure which will allow Arrow to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Curtis Island, near Gladstone (Arrow LNG Project).

The ILUA Area as shown on the map is not currently subject to any registered or unregistered native title claims. The ILUA Area excludes any areas of the following registered native title claims:

- Iman People #2 (QUD6162/1998),
- Mandandanji People (QUD366/2008),
- Bigambul People (QUD101/2009),
- Wulli Wulli People (QUD6006/2000),
- Wulli Wulli People #2 (QUD311/2011),
- Wakka Wakka People #3 (QUD621/2011).

Authorisation Meeting:

An authorisation meeting regarding the ILUA will be held in Toowoomba, QLD as follows:

- Date and time:** 17 November 2012 at 9.00am.
- Place:** USQ Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre, Baker Street, Toowoomba, QLD.
- Purpose:** to authorise the ILUA.

You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you consider that you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

Registering your interest:

If you intend to come to the authorisation meeting, **you must register your interest** with Kylie Delaney on **1800 706 533** by **2 November 2012** by providing details of:

- your name and contact details; and
- the basis on which you claim to hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

NOTE: No meeting fees will be paid for the authorisation meeting however limited travel assistance will be available. For further information about the meeting or assistance, please contact Colleen Pettitt on 0481 221 939 or 0481 151 750 (between 7.30am and 5.00pm).



Shalom Christian College team, back, from left, Mark Burgess (HPE teacher), Shy Watton, Seanne Jervis, Kaya Buie; middle, Karrisona Pompey, Darcy Parkinson, Ilesha Whaleboat, Lurleen Blackman; front, Tamara Stretton, Ali Sonio, Assunta Massey, Amy Gulbina (teacher).



Bwgcolman star Vasenai Dabea takes aim at the hoop.



Natalie Grannigan lines up a shot for Bwgcolman.

Tour ends with win

THE Australian Schools, led by Indigenous player Mitch Whitley, finished their rugby union tour on 6 October with an historic 16-14 win over New Zealand Schools in Auckland. The victory saw the Australians finish the tour with three wins and two losses.

The Australian Schools side brought a wealth of passion and determination to their final game to claim only their second ever win on New Zealand soil and their fourth over the Kiwis in six years.

In blustery conditions at Auckland Grammar, the game was played with high intensity and the drama of the match continued throughout.

As the game progressed Australia had the majority of possession and territory, with Mitch Whitely (St Ignatius College, Sydney) working hard at the breakdown to stifle any New Zealand attack.

Another Indigenous lad, John Porch, from Farrar Memorial Agricultural High School (Tamworth), also played in the final match of the tour.

In the game leading up to the match against New Zealand Schools, the Australians had an 80-7 win over Samoan Schools in Hamilton.

In earlier games, the Australians were beaten 24-5 by the New Zealand Barbarian under 18s in Auckland, lost 18-9 to the Fijian President's XV in Fiji, and beat the Fijian Schools 29-12.

Glory for Wittwer

By PETER ARGENT



CAPTAIN Josh Wittwer was a key part of the Central District side that hung on to win a thrilling 2012 reserves SANFL grand final at AMMI Stadium, West Lakes on Sunday 7 October.

The final scores were Central District 12.9 (81), minor premiers Norwood 11.8 (74).

After a ten-goal opening quarter, the contest tightened up during the middle of the game and only one point separated the teams at half-time.

In the last term, the Bulldogs took their lead to 14 points before the Redlegs charged back and Luke Rander had a shot to lock the scores 26 minutes in to the term.

A vital point two minutes later meant Norwood needed to score twice.

The final siren sounding soon after, sparking joyous celebrations by the predominately young Central District side.

"It was a fantastic achievement from the group," victorious coach Jeff Brown said.

"We actually won this title from six spot.

"To collect the flag we had to win eight in a row, which is a pretty fair effort.

"It was triumph over injury as well as the opposition.

"I was pretty relieved that we got home."

Still just 19, Wittwer was given the leadership role of this young group of Doggies.

He was a strong contributor – while finishing with just 11 disposals – the diminutive Wittwer displayed plenty of courage and commitment around the contested ball.

The grand final was Wittwer's 49th reserves game at the club. He started with the Bulldogs in 2008 at under-age level after being recruited from the Central United Football Club in the amateurs.

'Best feeling'

"It was the best feeling I've had in footy," Wittwer told the *Koori Mail* after the grand final celebrations.

"This is a definite highlight of my career.

"My ambition is to play league football in 2013 and establish myself at the top level.

"There is a bit of a rebuilding phase at the Ponderosa – a changing of the guard.

"This reserves title proves the dynasty isn't over at Central District.

"A lot of this group will play plenty of league football for the Bulldogs."

Central District's previous reserves premiership was in 2003.

In the game that preceded the reserves grand final, Yorke Peninsula Indigenous product Malcolm Karpany played a pivotal role in Woodville-West Torrens' thrilling six-point win over the Sturt Football Club to collect the 2012 SANFL Macca's Cup under 18 crown.

This group also triumphed over injury issues and strategically outplayed the Double Blues.

They backed their game plan in what proved to be an intriguing grand final that started at 9.05am.

Woodville-West Torrens were the underdogs, having been beaten by Sturt in a qualifying final three weeks earlier.

But the Eagles grabbed a thrilling victory – 9.10 (64) to 8.10 (58).

"A key was making the Sturt runners from half back more accountable, with Malcolm playing an important offensive role in this area," Eagles coach Shane Grimm said.

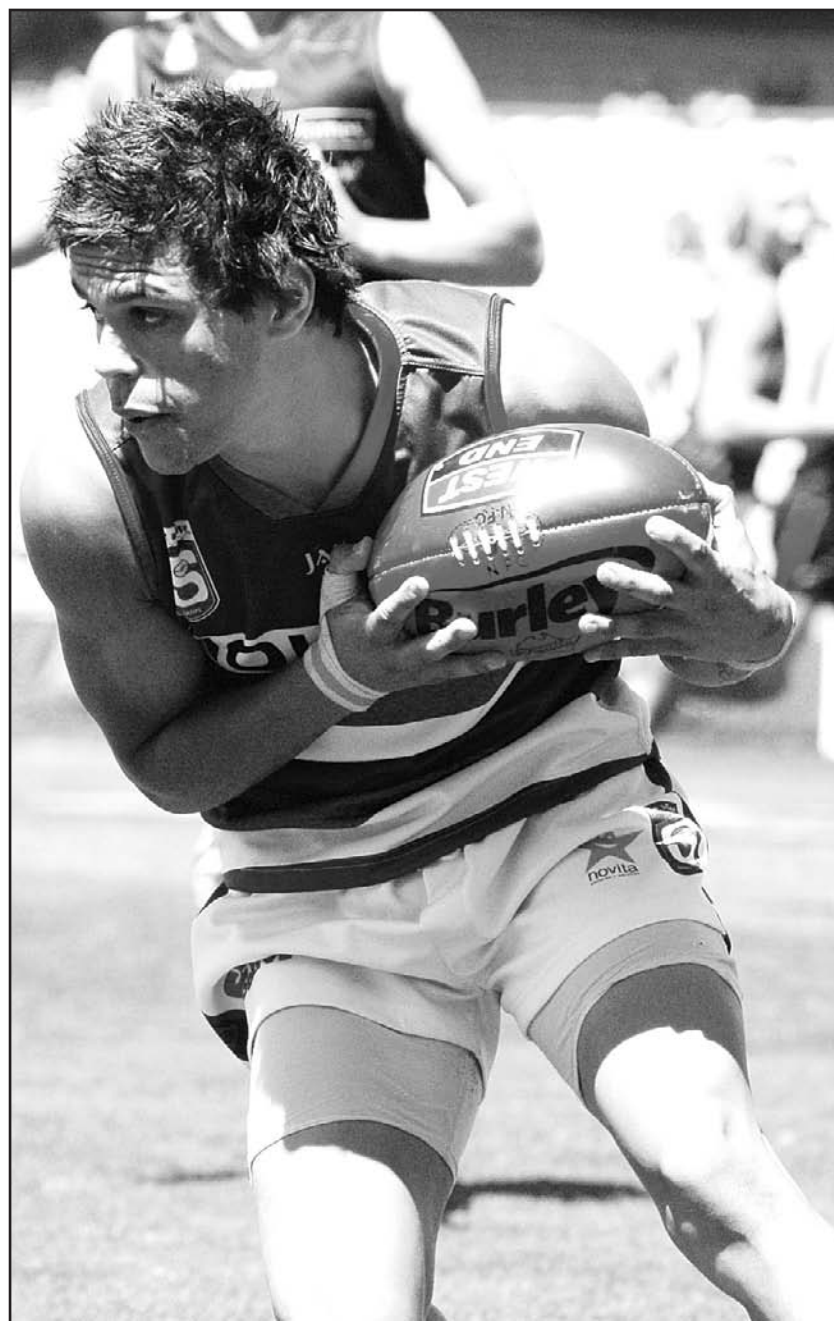
"They didn't show him enough respect and he cut up their defence, especially in the first half.

"We stuck to our structures and executed them well.

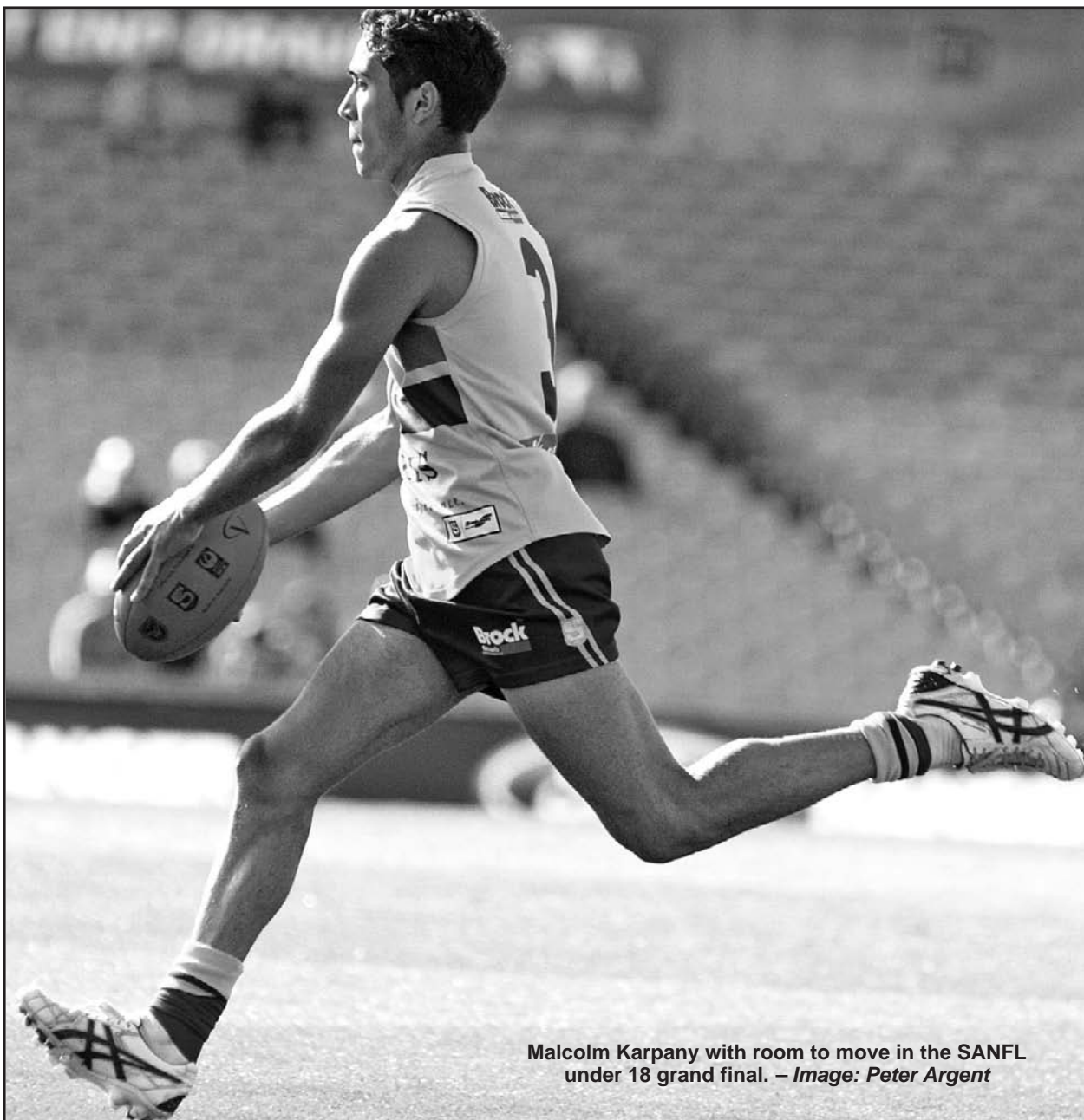
"It was a complete team effort, and while a couple may have been below prime form, everybody contributed.

"A couple of vital and desperate defensive efforts late in the game were special and explained the unity of the group."

Karpany went on to win 23 possessions in the decider, including 15 kicks and was mentioned among the winner's best players.



Josh Wittwer in action for Central District Reserves in the grand final. – Image: Peter Argent



Malcolm Karpany with room to move in the SANFL under 18 grand final. – Image: Peter Argent

Combine: Chance to show wares

By PETER ARGENT



A NUMBER of elite Indigenous athletes were on show at the demanding 2012 Australian Football League (AFL) Draft

Combine, at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, from 2-5 October.

They were among 120 of the young footballers from throughout Australia and even overseas who were trying to impress recruiting staff from all 18 AFL clubs.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to three lads – Darwin's Jed Anderson, the Kimberley's Jack Martin and Perth youngster Shannon Taylor.

Anderson, the young sibling of former Carlton footballer and current Sturt (SANFL) player Joe Anderson, had a scholarship with the Greater Western Sydney Football Club in 2010 and played in the NEAFL competition.

Jed Anderson was also a member of the NT Thunder under 18s side that won division two of the national championships at that level last July.

"It is quite a formal process," Anderson said of the number of exercises the players went through at the combine.

"You had to show your mental toughness, being able to perform at each new discipline, despite feeling tired.

"I was happy with some aspects of my testing, with my vertical jump being pretty good," said Anderson.

'Intense, overwhelming'

While Anderson wouldn't disclose how many AFL clubs he had spoken to, he said he had chats with a few and they were on occasions intense and sometimes overwhelming.

He was one of four Northern Territory Aboriginal lads at the combine. The others were Jarrod Stokes (Darwin) and Alice Springs lads Jake Neade and Dom Barry.

Jack Martin was one of the sensations at the national under 18 championships for Western Australians.

He said he was one of the eligible 17-year-olds able to be put into the

system through special compensations to expansion clubs.

"This year I've been playing for the Town FC in Geraldton," Martin said.

"But I'm from Broome, in the Kimberleys.

"It was a big decision in Year Eight to move from home and follow my football commitments.

"I've been reasonably happy with what I've achieved at the combine."

Martin is aligned to current WAFL powerhouse club Claremont.

For new father Shannon Taylor, who has a four-month-old daughter Shiloh, this was his second appearance at a draft combine.

The Claremont footballer did a senior pre-season and also was involved with the AFL-AIS program in 2012.

"There was a few of different activities this year," Taylor said.

"I have had chats with about ten clubs.

"I just love to get into the AFL system and show what I've got."

Other WA boys at the combine included forward Danyale Garlett and Josh Simpson, along with Woodville-West Torrens talent Tim Sumner, from South Australia.

Morningside's utility player Brian

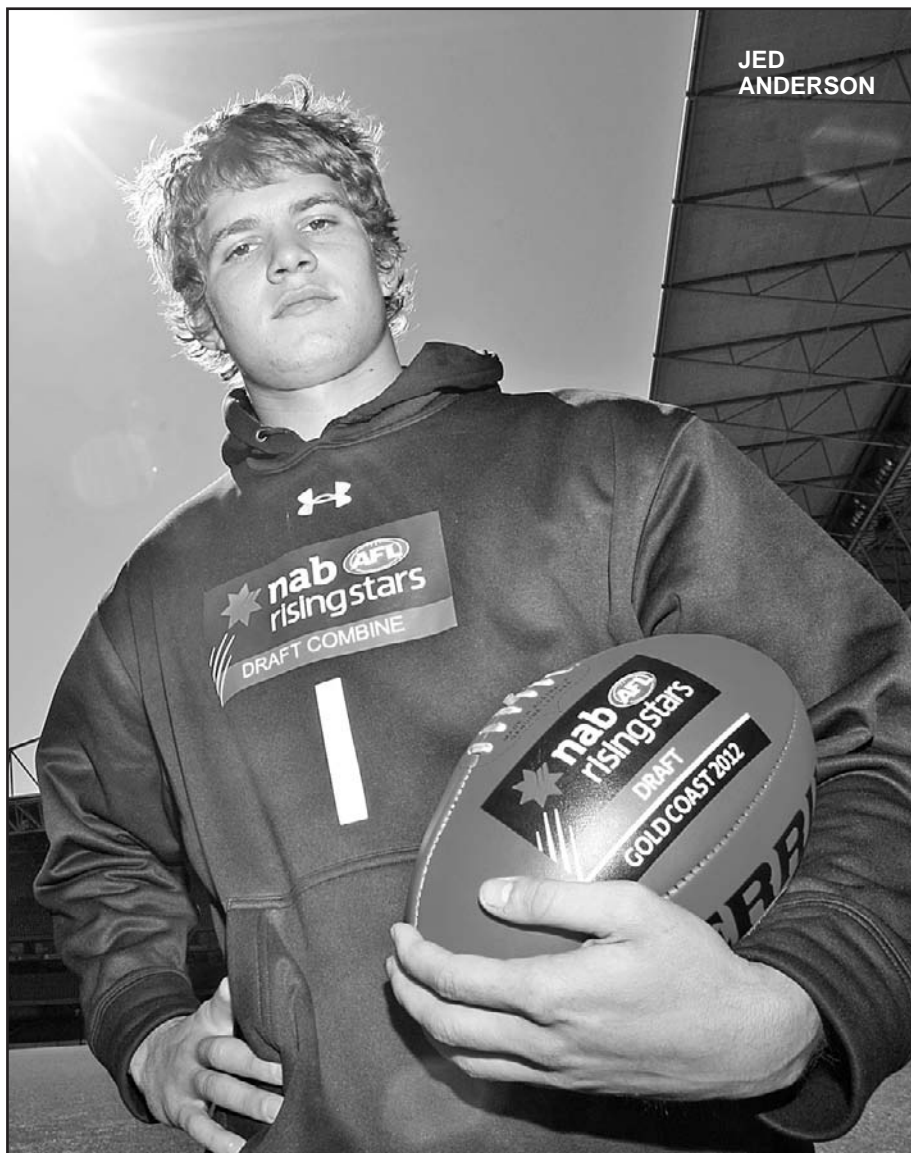


SHANNON TAYLOR

Coleman-Broome was also another invitee to the combine.

There were also upwards of another 100 prospects asked to state level screenings, with two sessions in Melbourne and a other sessions Adelaide and Perth.

Among the participants in these are Anthony Tipungwuti, from the Gippsland Power, Chris Yarran, from Perth, and St Marys talent Ben Rioli.



JED ANDERSON



JACK MARTIN



DANIEL FOGARTY

Two in futsal thumping of Solomons



TWO Aboriginal players were in the Australian futsal squad that played a friendly international against the Solomon Islands near Brisbane last

Wednesday night.

Australia won 7-0.

Lachlan Wright, a Dunghutti man, and Daniel Fogarty, of Biripi-Worimi descent, were part of Futsalroos head coach Steven Knight's squad.

Fogarty plays with the Penrith-based West City Crusaders in the Futsal Super League (NSW) and Wright is with the Enfield Rovers (Riverwood) in the same competition.

The first half was a tight affair, with Fogarty's goal in the first minute the only goal of the half.

But the Australians ran away with the game in the second half, with Fogarty again scoring as the Futsalroos piled on another six goals.

Qantas Futsalroos coach Knight will name his final squad for the FIFA Futsal World Cup Thailand 2012 this week and will then depart for Bangkok on Saturday 20 October for final preparations.

"So far I am very happy with our preparations and after we name the squad and leave for Thailand, we'll be looking for another couple of matches to tune us up for the start of the tournament," Knight said.

The Qantas Futsalroos have been drawn in Group D of the FIFA Futsal World Cup along with Argentina, Mexico and Italy.

All Futsalroos matches at the World Cup will be broadcast live on SBS Two (see www.sbs.com.au for broadcast details).



LACHLAN WRIGHT

Keifer snapped up



WESTERN Sydney
18-year-old Keifer Dotti has been signed by the Sydney

Football Club (FC) to play in the National Youth League (NYL) under 20 competition.

He is the only Indigenous player in the Sydney FC squad.

Keifer comes from a rich family sporting background. He has a Gumbaingerri grandmother and a Thungutti grandfather.

He was raised in Wattle Grove and attended Hammondville Primary School and Holdsworthy High School.

He has been playing soccer since his early school days and won numerous school sporting awards.

But his father Phil Dotti said Keifer was not seen to be an outstanding representative soccer player and was overlooked for higher schools honours.

Rewards showing

But he said his family continued to encourage Keifer and now the rewards were beginning to show.

Keifer joined Moorebank Soccer Club, where he played his early years, and was selected in Southern Districts under 12s team – a stepping stone to elite football.

He then progressed to NSW Premier League under 13s through to under 20s.

It was during this time that he caught the eye of several coaches and continued to win football awards.

He was named captain of the Apia under 15s. Apia is a club with a strong Italian football background, so it was a rare achievement for an Indigenous footballer at this level.

Keifer is also a very accomplished futsal player, earning State honours and also at schoolboy level.

His ambition is to progress to higher levels in soccer.

Sydney FC coaches Ian Crook and Brian Dene have had their eyes on the young defender for some time.

His proud dad said Keifer had been signed by Sydney FC without having represented his State, and not attending any State sporting institutions to enhance his development.

His former coach and mentor Gerry



KEIFER DOTTI
– Image supplied

Goldbach said: "I have known Keifer since he was six years old and from day one, I knew he was a very special player.

"Players like Keifer very rarely come along. He had an ability that made him stand out. He was doing things on the field at the age of seven that 15 or 16-year-olds couldn't do.

"He's such a wonderful kid... right attitude, good manners; where he is right now in football doesn't surprise me."

Keifer's father Phil Dotti said Keifer had worked very hard to get where he was.

"While other kids were over sleeping, playing with computers or watching cartoons, Keifer was training and watching DVDs of football," he said.

Sydney FC NYL coach Brian Dene said Sydney FC had continued its philosophy of selecting young players to promote development over results.

NYL clubs can choose one player who is 21, but Sydney FC has declined to take up this option, underpinning coach Crook's philosophy of developing younger players.

The 2012-13 NYL squad contains four 16-year-olds, three 17-year-olds, six 18-year-olds, one 19-year-old and two 20-year-olds. The average age of the Sydney FC NYL team is 17 years and seven months.

"We have selected a young team, but we're very excited by the potential of all the boys in the squad," Dene said.

"We believe we've identified some good prospects who we'll be able to work with to help develop them into A-League players.

"Every time you go out onto the pitch you try to win, but this team has been selected with the future in mind. We aim to develop young players so they are able to step up to play in the A-League."

The *FourFourTwo* A-League website reports that the son of a professional rugby league player, Dotti was snapped up for the Sky Blues youth team after several months acclimatising with the train-on squad.

Always soccer

But while his dad Phil Dotti once enjoyed a memorable professional career with Cronulla-Sutherland, from the age of six Keifer Dotti has only ever had eyes for the round ball.

The 18-year-old is just the second Indigenous player to sign with the harboursiders since David Williams was brought in for a brief Asians Champion League stint last year.

"I don't know why I didn't go in for rugby league," Keifer Dotti said. "I just came home from school one day and said I wanted to play soccer.

"Then Dad took us down to the nearest club in the area and I went out and started kicking a ball.

"After that I just started training in the backyard, kicking it around myself, up

against the wall, just having fun and enjoying it."

He's been kicking a ball ever since. Sky Blues head coach Ian Crook and NYL coach Brian Dene have kept a close eye on the progress of the towering Sydney teen.

Last season, Dotti added Rockdale City Suns Player of the Year award to a growing list of accolades. A former Harry Williams Cup winner, he has excelled at a variety of sports, but it's in football where he hopes to make his mark.

Powerfully built and versatile – he can play anywhere along the back line – the kid from Wattle Grove is carrying more on his shoulders than just personal aspirations.

Role model

"It's very big for me (making the youth team) and also good for Aboriginal people," he said. "Knowing that I'm doing them proud, moving up in the ranks

and hopefully being a good role model is important to me.

"I know I look up to players like David Williams and Travis Dodd – they're really good. But maybe for a lot of Indigenous kids, those in rural areas growing up, there's not much soccer around and they just naturally go into rugby league.

"Just hearing about all the big rugby league stars like Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis and seeing their parents watch them on TV – I guess they see them as role models and want to follow what they do."

Dotti is hoping to help change that.

For the next few seasons at least he'll be juggling football and university studies – he hopes to become a primary school teacher – but his first passion remains the same.

Looking at players such as Dimi Petratos, Joel Chianese and Mitch Mallia who have made the leap from the youth league to the first team, Dotti is convinced he's on the right track.

"Getting in the youth team has really encouraged me to strive and progress," he said.

"It makes me even more determined to get into the A-League and get a first grade contract.

"After that maybe overseas. Hopefully I'll make one of the Australian sides this year if not next year – whatever. I just want to climb as far as I can go."

Goodes avoids knee surgery



SYDNEY Australian Football League (AFL) star Adam Goodes says he won't need surgery for his knee injury.

Goodes and Jude Bolton – the two 300-plus game Swans – and all their premiership-winning colleagues were feted by several thousand people during a sun-kissed street parade to mark their grand final win over Hawthorn.

Co-captains Goodes and Jarrad McVeigh were presented with keys to the city.

Goodes, who has played a record 319 games for Sydney, injured a posterior cruciate ligament during

the grand final, but kept playing.

The 32-year-old dual Brownlow Medallist said he wouldn't require an operation to fix the problem.

"I've just got to be really smart about not travelling unfortunately, which is a shame, because I had got something planned which I've had to cancel," Goodes said.

"But my focus is about getting my body right for the start of the pre-season, so the sacrifice I make now for the next three weeks will put me in good stead."

Bolton, who like Goodes, made his Sydney debut in 1999, said he had spoken to coach John Longmire and chief executive Andrew Ireland and had

a couple of weeks to decide whether he retires or plays on.

Livewire speedster Lewis Jetta drew plenty of cheers as his car passed slowly through the Sydney CBD at a pace slower than his incredible dash to out-run Hawthorn superstar Cyril Rioli in the grand final.

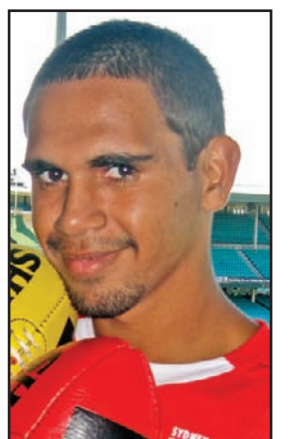
"I love doing something that makes the crowd happy and I was just happy I was the one to beat Cyril," Jetta said.

Sydney's leading goalkicker this year with 45, Jetta has targeted defence as the main area he wanted to improve before next season.

"I still can improve on that and I know my offence is always going to be there," Jetta said. – AAP



ADAM GOODES



LEWIS JETTA



Barracudas back Kevin Morgan with grandmother Lorna Doolan after the Bindal carnival win.



Palm Island supporters Clay Hunter with Iris Cannon holding granddaughter Mileah Cannon, 3.



Barracudas captain Fred Bulsey, right, and Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey hold the trophy after the win.



Argan Warriors player Bubba David, from Tully, places some ice on an injury.



Carnival organiser Jenny Pryor with former international Colin Scott.



● ABOVE: Barracudas outside back Hezron Murgha is airborne after scoring a try in the final against Yungi Boongi.



● LEFT: Star halfback Brian Murgha, middle, is one of three Barracudas players who tackled a Girringun opponent.



Plate winners Cannonballs, from Townsville.



● BELOW: Spectator David Smallwood said he supported no particular team.

Des Hasler orders Barba off the field

CHAMPION Canterbury Bulldogs fullback and Dally M winner Ben Barba was spectacularly banned from playing further games midway through the 25th anniversary Bindal Sharks All Blacks rugby league carnival in Townsville.

Barba had starred for GH United, a family team from his home town of Mackay, in qualifying games on 6 October during the 19-team men's section of the carnival.

GH United's reached the final four, but before the semi-final against the Palm Island Barracudas on 7 September, Barba received a call from Bulldogs coach Des Hasler banning him from more games.

"I'm not allowed to play no more – I got a call from the big fella, coach Des Hasler, Barba told the *Townsville Bulletin* newspaper.

"It was good to come back and play with all my family. It's a good way to keep fit and it's a long season, but I love the game and that's why I do it. They are my relations – we're all family. Two of my older brothers are playing and there are a fair few cousins there."

Hasler told the *Bulletin* he supported Barba being at the carnival to promote the game – but not to play.

"What happens if he breaks his

leg or does a cruciate ligament?" he said.

"What should be happening is him signing autographs and talking to the fans."

Without the services of Barba, GH United lost the semi-final 34-4 to the Palm Island Barracudas, who went on to defeat Yunga Boongi 22-8 in the final.

Barba played three games for GH United – two on day one – and another early on day two before being banned.

Targeted

On the field he was targeted by opponents and swamped by fans off it.

A crowd of about 6000 watched the popular Bindal carnival.

The carnival was held at Brothers Leagues Club four fields, with a backdrop of Dairy Farmer's Stadium, the home of the NQ Cowboys.

A year earlier, Ben and Aaron Barba played for Boigu Island side Malu Kiai, who won the final of the Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island.

The 2012 Zenadth Kes (Torres Cup) on Thursday Island was held the same weekend as the Bindal carnival.



Ben Barba in action for GH United before the order by Canterbury Bulldogs coach Des Hasler to take no further part in the carnival.

Long winter ends for Palm team

Pictures and story by ALF WILSON



AN emotional Palm Island Barracudas captain Fred Bulsey said playing 'Mission Murri football' enabled his side to break an 18-year drought and win the 25th anniversary Bindal All Blacks carnival in Townsville.

Nineteen men's teams and eight under 18 sides contested the popular carnival held at Brothers Leagues Club's Jack Manski Oval on 6-7 October.

Barracudas last won the carnival in 1994 and its players and hundreds of supporters wept and celebrated after the side defeated Yungi Boongi 22-8 in the decider.

"We played good hard Mission Murri football 'cause we come from Palm Island and we are proud of that. All the boys played well and we thank all the supporters who are here," Bulsey said.

Yungi Boongi was coached by Jimmy Doolan and captained by former Newcastle Knights NRL and NSW Waratahs rugby union star Milton Thaiday.

"We had no excuses and the Barracudas were just too good. But my boys played their hearts out," Thaiday said.

Barracudas scooped the individual awards with star five-eighth Darryl Pearson taking out the player of the carnival and best back.

"Darryl has been blessed with freakish skills," the senior referee at the carnival told the *Koori Mail*.

Hard working Barracudas' Raoul Miller won the best forward award.

Several of the Barracudas who had lined up in the 1994 winning team including

Algon Walsh Jnr, were there.

"This has been a wonderful win and I am so proud," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Qualifying games were played on day one, with the quarter-finals and semi-finals played on day two.

In the semi-finals Barracudas defeated GH United (Mackay) 34-4 and Yungi Boongi rolled host side Bindal Sharks 40-10.

NRL star and Dally M medal winner Ben Barba played three games for GH United, but was banned from the semi-final by his Canterbury Bulldogs coach Des Hasler (see separate story).

Carnival organiser Jenny Pryor said the carnival had been a wonderful success.

"It is great to have our 25th carnival which is a milestone and some great football was seen by top Indigenous footballers," she said.

Cannonballs won the grand final of the plate competition easily defeating Noogini Warriors.

The plate section is for sides that didn't qualify for the main winner's section after qualifying rounds.

Puzzled by exclusion

After the win, Cannonballs officials were at a loss to explain why they were not in the main section.

"We went through the carnival undefeated and had a draw in the qualifying rounds," one said.

In the game for the Kevin Aldridge Shield, the Australian Army Thunder defeated Mount Isa Razorbacks in a hard fought match.

A star-studded North Coast Dolphins defeated last year's winners Bowen Stingers 44-18 in the under 18 grand final.

The side has some potential champions, including Boigu Islander Eddie Daniels, who was named the carnival's best back.



Hornets, from Palm Island.



GH United (Mackay) under 18 players.



The Ajas Boyz side from Palm Island.



The Walkabouts side from Townsville.



The North Coast Dolphins under 18s after their final win over the Bowen Stingers.



The Palm Island Barracudas minutes after their Bindal Sharks All Blacks carnival win.

Walker in Gold Coast rugby 7s



FORMER Gold Coast Titan Shannon Walker was in coach

Michael O'Connor's 12-man squad that played in last weekend's opening round of the IRB rugby sevens World Series on the Gold Coast.

Australia was drawn in pool B of the tournament against Tonga, Scotland and defending Gold Coast champions Fiji.

Their campaign began on Saturday against Tonga.

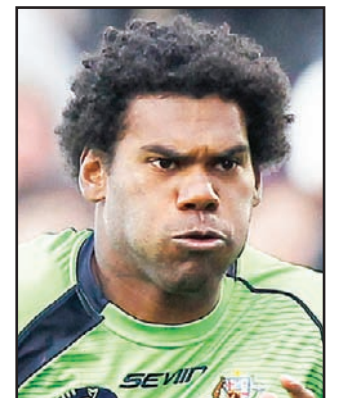
In 2011 Walker missed out on making his debut with the international rugby sevens on the Gold Coast due to injury.

The inclusion of Shannon Walker was something that O'Connor was excited about.

"I'd pay money to come and watch Shannon play," O'Connor said.

The Qantas Men's Sevens entered Gold Coast Sevens Fever Pitch 2012 having not won on Australian soil in a decade.

The ten-year drought was something O'Connor was eager to rectify.



SHANNON WALKER



A National Indigenous player dives over for a try in the game against South Australia.
— Image courtesy of Sportography.com.au



There was no shortage of support for this National Indigenous ball carrier in the game against Tasmania.
— Image courtesy of Sportography.com.au

Ninth title since 2001



THE National Indigenous team hardly raised a sweat in claiming the John Eales Shield as division two winners at the Australian under 16 rugby union championships in Sydney.

The Indigenous team wrapped up the competition with a 64-5 drubbing of South Australia after earlier wins over Northern Territory (45-3) and Tasmania (107-3).

The side scored a total of 216 points while

conceding just 11 points in three games.

In their opening game, the National Indigenous team thrashed Tasmania by 104 points.

Run by the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team, the National Indigenous side showed they again were the team to beat.

The squad has won the division two title nine times since 2001.

The tournament was played at St Ignatius College, Riverview in Sydney.

Queensland Red won consecutive titles following a 34-31 win over New South Wales Schools in the division one final.

A high-scoring, hard-fought affair saw eight tries in total scored throughout the contest, with a single penalty goal to Queensland's Mack Mason the only thing separating the sides.

Earlier in the day, Sydney Juniors claimed the division one Plate final with a 35-10 win over NSW Country following a six-tries-to-one domination in the third v fourth play-off.

'JT' silent on future



JOHNATHAN Thurston has refused to give any assurances that he will remain a North

Queensland player beyond next season, with the champion playmaker poised to potentially become the game's highest-paid player.

A week after his Australia and Queensland teammate Greg Inglis signed a new deal with South Sydney to become the NRL's first million dollar-a-season man, Thurston said he was yet to decide his future.

The 29-year-old two-time Dally M Medallist is the biggest name off-contract at the end of the 2013 campaign, and with the new broadcast deal pumping a billion dollars into the game, Thurston's in a strong position to name his price to potential suitors.

The Cowboys have no fewer than 20 players who have deals that expire at the end of next year, including representative

props Matt Scott and James Tamou, while Matt Bowen, Brent Tate, Dallas Johnson and prolific winger Ashley Graham will also be out of contract.

This could significantly hamper their attempts to keep the former Canterbury playmaker, who joined the club in 2005, but Thurston, who played for Australia against New Zealand on Saturday in Townsville, said he was more interested in taking a holiday than sitting down with the Cowboys' powerbrokers at the moment.

"It's still a long way away," Thurston said.

"I like to deal with it differently to others. I have a holiday planned and I don't want to worry about it before then.

"I just want to relax, enjoy my holiday.

"I won't have time to sort it out before I go away. When I get back, that's when I'll sit down and work out with my manager and we'll work out then what is best for my future." — AAP



JOHNATHAN THURSTON

Hoops galore at Diamonds in the Sky

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE inaugural Diamonds in the Sky Suicide Intervention Basketball and Touch Football Carnival kicked off on 29 September in Innisfail.

Touch footballers were a bit scarce, but the carnival drew hundreds of basketballers from around Cairns, Innisfail, Tully and Babinda for a fun weekend.

Instigated in 2011 by the suicides of two well-known and loved Indigenous men within three months of each other – aged 24 and 20 – the community and families rallied to cope with the loss.

The two men were heavily involved in local basketball and touch football.

Young and old came together for three days of non-stop basketball with a few fun games of touch footy thrown in, along with a talent night on Saturday night hosted by comedian Sean Choolburra and a family day on Sunday, culminating in Monday's basketball grand finals.

Cairns team Sista Galz dominated all three days of basketball and won the under 18s girls' grand final game

against Innisfail Combined All Starz. Babinda Barras won the under 18 boys from Innisfail team Street Kings, while the men's division saw Cairns team No Direction win from Innisfail's A-Team.

In an all-Innisfail women's grand final, Emeralds beat Rubies. Far North Queensland Recreation and Sports Management Ltd (FNQRSM) came together with Innisfail Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), Mamu Health Service and a host of other community agencies to hold the annual event.

Great weekend

Innisfail PCYC general manager Adam Willmott said it was a great weekend.

"It was good to see so many people playing sports and being healthy and making new friends," he said.

"We wanted to say that if you've got nothing to do, instead of turning to alcohol and drugs, why not take your mates to the park and throw the footy around or shoot some hoops.

"We wanted to promote life and happiness and it was done in such a good spirit that everyone walked away from the weekend feeling good."



Innisfail women's team Young, Black and Deadly (left) up against Cairns' Sista Gals.



A Sista Gals player on the attack.



A Cairns Sista Gals player with room to move.



Two Innisfail teams Rubies (right) and Sapphires battle it out.



An Innisfail Rubies player gets weighs up her options.



A Babinda Barras player launches himself.



A Babinda Barras shooter aims for a slam dunk.



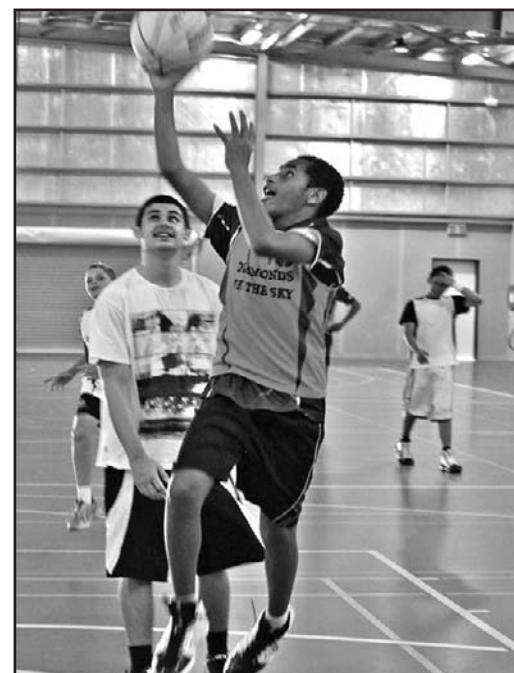
● ABOVE: A Young, Black and Deadly player gets set to shoot.

● FAR LEFT: An Innisfail BOTR player goes for a slam dunk.

● LEFT: Innisfail teams Emeralds (left) and Sapphires battle it out.

● RIGHT: An Innisfail BOTR player goes for a slam dunk.

Photos by Mahala Strohfeldt



Argan Warriors undefeated at Murri carnival

THE Argan Warriors remained undefeated at the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri rugby league carnival at Ipswich. The *Koori Mail* reported that

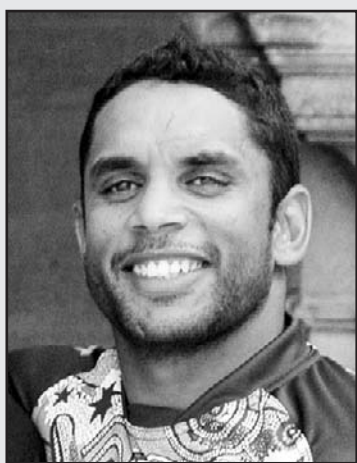
the Argan team was beaten 14-6 in its opening game by the Moreton Bay Murris. But the result actually was the other way around, with the Warriors winning 14-6.

The *Koori Mail* obtained the results from the official Murri Rugby League website. A spokesman for the Argan Warriors said only 15 players had arrived at the ground for

the start of the game against the Moreton Bay Murris. He said their numbers were later bolstered when other players arrived after the opening game.

Inspired by youth

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

IN my work with Titans 4 Tomorrow and as Learn Earn Legend! Ambassador for the Federal Government, I often get asked how do I try to inspire Indigenous youth to achieve their dreams.

It is an obvious question, but one that misses the mark.

At the end of the day, it is the kids who inspire me and give me the motivation to continue to work alongside them to reach their destination.

True hope comes from within.

What we can all provide youth with is the confidence and belief that they can achieve their dreams.

I work closely with Dean Widders and Clinton Toopi in delivering workshops in our programs, but at the end of the day, it comes down to the quality of the relationships that are developed during our time with them.

Dean often challenges the participants to define the future that they want for themselves, their peers and their communities.

His central message is that while there will be people there to help them, it is their dream and it will be up to their own individual efforts to make the dreams a reality.

And it is amazing how many of them respond to the challenge.

It is equally amazing how different their stories can be while all providing the same level of inspiration.

Let me give you three examples.

Titans 4 Tomorrow participant Dylan Nicholls was recently awarded the Young Indigenous Learn Earn Legend! Award as part of the NRL Community Awards

Dylan was named as a dual winner of the award alongside Katelyn Farrell (Souths Cares Learn Earn Legend! School to Work Transition Program).

Passionate

Dylan is a passionate member of the Tweed-Byron Indigenous community, and is completing a Bachelor of Medicine, Surgery and Science at the University of Queensland in a bid to further improve the education and health outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

Dylan's own dedication and passion were always going to see him succeed, but his involvement in the T4T programs has given him the opportunity to develop and realise his abilities as a leader.

This year we were proud that 19 per cent of our Year 12 leaders decided to enrol in university studies

This in itself is something to be proud about as it represents more than six-times the national average.

But it is not the Titans who have gained these young men and women entry into university.

It is their own individual efforts with the support of their schools and, in the majority of cases, their families.

Where we have tried to play out part is in raising the level of their ambitions.

For many to complete Year 12



DYLAN NICHOLLS

was their initial destination.

Our task was to ask them the obvious question: "Why finish there?"

It was the same question that we challenged the other participants with.

Rather than simply look for a job, we wanted to challenge them to search for a career.

And with every individual success, there was a story of personal circumstance behind them.

The remaining two stories are inspirational at all levels.

One is the story of a young girl who left her family and ended up initially living on the streets and finding solace in drugs and alcohol.

She ended up in shared accommodation and had an Indigenous aide at her school encourage her to come back and to be part of the Titans 4 Tomorrow program.

I'll call her Amy after her mentor, but she really does not need her identity protected because she can be so

proud of what she has achieved.

Not only has she completed her Year 12 studies – she is on her way to university to gain qualifications to assist troubled youth.

In her own words, she wants to be the type of counsellor who goes to the youth rather than have them come to her.

She has lived their stories.

She understands and wants to help them.

In the long term, she wants to set up a charity to affect lasting change.

Like Dylan, she is already a leader of her generation.

Let me finish with the story of a participant from one of the regional areas we work in.

Let me call him Clinton because he has developed a special relationship with Clinton Toopi.

Clinton left school when he was roughly eight years old.

By most standards he would be considered illiterate and was understandably embarrassed by situations that required him to read or write.

So he simply avoided those situations.

Recently he decided that he needed to change that situation and has joined courses to assist him reach his goal.

At a recent residential camp, he undertook a TAFE course where he completed his assessments.

When we visited him in the community, we were able to present him with his certificate. For the first time in his life, he had a piece of paper that told him he was worth something.

He was an achiever.

Like Dylan and 'Amy', our good friend 'Clinton' has become a leader in his community.

It was his determination and effort that got him there as with every other individual we work with.

We are proud to share their personal journeys.

We are proud because they are the ones who inspire us to get up every day and head to work.

Time to vote for NRL All Stars



RUGBY league fans are being called on to play selector for Wayne Bennett now that voting has opened for the 2013 NRL All Stars team to be spearheaded by rival Test captains Cameron Smith and Benji Marshall.

While on opposing teams in their final match of the 2012 season in the Australia-New Zealand Test in Townsville last Saturday, they will team up in the first official game of 2013, the fourth annual Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium on 9 February.

As NRL All Stars captain and Kiwis skipper, Marshall is an automatic selection in the

20-man NRL All Stars squad, with Kangaroos and Storm captain Cameron Smith as the Australian team's automatic selection.

The public now take on the role of selector and will vote on the 16 players to join Marshall and Smith in stage one of online voting. An additional two players will be selected by Bennett at the completion of stage two voting in January.

10 December deadline

Fans have until 10 December to be a selector in the first stage of voting at www.nrl.com/allstars

They must choose two forwards and two backs from each of the 16 NRL clubs to form a short list for Bennett to then refine his team for

stage two of the voting.

"The All Stars is an incredibly important event on the rugby league calendar as it showcases all the great things about our game from amazing skills and athleticism to inclusiveness, spirit and passion," Bennett said.

"It is a very fitting way to kick off the 2013 pre-season. Now in its fourth year, the match has not lost any of its appeal to me as a coach; to the players who see it as a great honour to represent their people; and to the wider community who watch it live or on Channel Nine."

At the completion of stage one voting, Bennett will place the 64 players chosen into his preferred positions, as well as outline the make-up

of the bench positions.

Stage two of voting will start on 10 December, where the public have the challenge of selecting just one player from each of the 16 NRL clubs to join Marshall's side.

Bennett and the NRL All Stars coaching staff select the remaining two players to form the final 20-man squad.

The first player to be chosen in the NRL All Stars team will be the player who scores the highest number of overall votes in a position.

Once a player from one club is placed in the team, no other player from that club can be selected.

If a player withdraws from the team due to injury, he will be replaced by someone

from the bench.

The open bench spot will then be replaced by someone from the injured player's club, depending on the position needed for the bench.

Tickets on sale

Tickets for the 2013 Harvey Norman All Stars match are available through Ticketek outlets, on 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au

Prices are \$90 (category 1), \$50 (category 2) and \$20 (category 3).

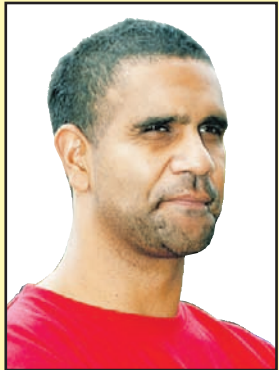
Pensioner prices are \$90, \$45 or \$18 for the three categories.

Junior prices: \$70, \$40, \$15.

Family passes (two adults and two juniors): \$265, \$150 \$60.

Jetta's arrival

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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TO see Lewis Jetta celebrate with his Swans' team-mates after winning the AFL story was inspiring to all who admire his amazing skills as a footballer.

But like a lot of success stories, it is the personal story behind the public image that is even more inspiring and amazing.

He is not only one of the great success stories of the Clontarf Foundation, but also an example of what can be achieved through understanding, patience and perseverance.

Jetta credits meeting Ross Kelly and Gerard Neesham, from the Clontarf Foundation, at a barbecue after a game of football in Bunbury five years ago for

helping turn around his life.

Jetta, then 17, had dropped out of school a year earlier, and apart from occasional work at the local panel beaters, his prospects looked grim.

"Clontarf (an Aboriginal education program for disadvantaged kids) believed in me and my mates," said Jetta, who eventually returned to school and completed Year 12 after turning 19.

"When I look back to that day, my life has changed for the better."

Although he had been on the radar of a number of football clubs in 2007, Jetta was overlooked in the national draft and became resigned to a life in bush football.

The year after he failed to be picked up by an AFL club, he played for Bridgestone, which is about 70km from Bunbury, in the Lower South West League.

He would eventually be picked up by the Swans as 14th in the 2009 draft.

But even then he struggled, juggling the demands of playing in the AFL and becoming a father at the age of 21.

"Looking back, I owe the likes of Ross Kelly (Clontarf Foundation chairman) heaps, he's a great man, a true champion," Jetta said.

"I owe him and the people behind the foundation for first getting me back into school and getting an education.

"I had quit school like most of my mates back home had done after turning 16 and I wasn't doing very much... just the odd job, including cleaning cars in a panel beating shop alongside my dad.

"Then one day a few of my mates heard the foundation was organising a game of footy at my old school and I decided to go down and have a look.

"There weren't enough players for two sides, but we still got to have a kick."

From that point on, his life changed to the point where he has lived every kid's dream of winning a premiership flag.

Only Jetta knows just how close he came to being lost to the Swans and football, having twice been overlooked in the national draft.

Jetta's achievements have been recognised elsewhere with him taking out the Outstanding Achievement in AFL gong at the Deadly Awards over Hawthorn's Lance Franklin and Cyril Rioli.

Jetta also outvoted Essendon's Paddy Ryder and Carlton's Eddie Betts for the annual award, following his break-out season.

Brownlow votes

He also polled his first ever Brownlow votes, finishing the night with five votes for his 2012 efforts.

Speaking that week before the grand final, Jetta said the events had exceeded all of his expectations so far.

So it was hardly a surprise that the Swans livewire was awarded as the club's Most Improved Player at the club champion dinner.

The 23-year-old, who kicked just nine goals and missed out on the Sydney Swans finals tilt in 2011, kicked five times as many goals this season, contributing 45 goals and playing every game in 2012.

While it has been well-documented that Jetta paired up with midfielder Kieren Jack in this year's pre-season to improve his fitness and endurance, the 2012 Swans leading goal kicker said his improvement also came down to self-belief.

"I give a lot of credit to Kieren Jack and obviously the coaching staff for not only helping me get through pre-season, but helping me and pushing me really hard," Jetta said.

"But for me to get better and not rely on other people, I had to rely on myself and do all the hard work that I had to do as well as believe in myself and push myself.

"It doesn't come down to other people, at the end of the day, it just came down to me."

This is an important message for all Indigenous kids with any aspiration in life to listen to.

As important as the key people in your life are, they cannot do the hard work for you.

It is still up to the individual to make the most of the opportunities that are provided to them.

And Jetta has certainly worked hard to achieve his ultimate aim and his improved statistics across the season tell the story:

Jetta kicked goals in 20 of his 25 games this season, and contributed multiple goals on 13 occasions. He also racked up a career-high 27 disposals against Adelaide in round five and collected 20-plus possessions in five matches.

The speedy forward said his increased output came as a result of playing a more

well-rounded style of football.

"I just went out and had fun," he said.

"I started my games on defence and the goals just kept coming and coming, so that's what I pretty much did every week.

"I just played to my strengths and chased down tackles and all that stuff and at the end of the day my goals just came from my defensive work and it all felt really good."

Reflecting on his stellar season, Jetta said his preliminary final goal against Collingwood was a stand-out moment.

"(My favourite goal) would probably be against Collingwood in the final," Jetta said.

"That 90-100 metre sprint and three bounces were pretty cool."

Jetta said his awe-inspiring run against Cyril Rioli in the grand final was inspiration for him to improve his fitness and endurance even further in 2013.

"(Outrunning Cyril) felt really good," he said.

"Late in the first quarter my legs were a bit tired, but coming back on in the first five minutes it felt really good to have a big long sprint.

"Now my aim for next year will be to get even fitter."

That's probably the most encouraging about Jetta's attitude.

Although he is on top of the world, having just won a premiership and having had his best season to date, he is already setting himself new goals and standards.

That is a true winner! Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Lewis Jetta, flanked by Chris Lewis, left, and Peter Matera back in Western Australia before his Australian football career took off.

Titans throw Kelly a lifeline



AFTER blowing opportunities to establish himself as a National Rugby League (NRL) player with Cronulla and Newcastle, talented utility Albert Kelly has been thrown a lifeline by the Gold Coast Titans.

Kelly hails from Macksville, the same NSW country town as Greg Inglis.

There were some who felt he was just as talented as Inglis when he headed to Parramatta straight out of high school.

However he has had a turbulent career, sacked mid-season by the

Sharks in 2011 and then dumped by Newcastle following a nightclub incident earlier this year.

Kelly has a four-month trial period to show the Titans he is serious about fulfilling his potential and that he wants to get his young life back on track.

Titans football manager Scott Clark said the club became aware of Kelly's plight through its many Indigenous community programs.

"His manager came into contact with our guys working in the field and told us about Albert. We told him about the opportunities to work with Indigenous people off the field and it all stemmed from there," said Clark.

"Before you knew it, we were in negotiations about a playing contract as well."

Kelly, who can play halfback or fullback, will have to tick some boxes before being offered a contract, but he's been given a chance many thought would not come his way again.

"Albert has an opportunity to train with the full-time squad over the off-season and to play some trial matches during the pre-season," said Clark.

"I think deep down he knows this could be his last crack, although you'd never say that. We know he can play

footy, he's a great player.

"I'll never compare anyone to Preston Campbell, but Albert's got that freakish ability to do things that Preston would do on the field."

"He's also had a child recently which can sometimes put some perspective into his life."

"We've been able to provide a positive environment for other players who've had off-field issues in the past, so hopefully Albert can make the most of his opportunity here with the Titans."

He will join David Taylor as new faces at the club when the Titans' pre-season begins on 5 November.

— AAP

McGrath signs off

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



SOUTH Fremantle champion Toby McGrath has announced his retirement from the West Australian Football League

(WAFL) and will go down as one of the most decorated players of the modern era.

McGrath has announced that the 2012 season was his last with South Fremantle after a career that began in 1998 and saw him amass 234 matches as well as a host of other accomplishments.

McGrath had the rare blend of being incredibly tough and hard at the contest while possessing good running ability and kicking skills, as well as being good at ground level and as a marking player above his head.

That allowed him to play virtually all over the field throughout his career. While predominately he was a midfielder, McGrath showed an ability to get forward and kicked 108 goals in his career and when in defence, he was rarely beaten and was outstanding at setting up play.

Distinguished career

Over the course of his 15-year senior football career, McGrath played in South Fremantle's premierships of 2005 and 2009, and was captain for the latter, won the 2005 Sandover Medal as the WAFL's fairest and best player, won the Simpson Medal as best afield in the 2005 grand final and claimed two South Fremantle fairest and best awards.

On top of that, he represented Western Australia on six occasions, including being captain and was named in the South Fremantle Indigenous Team of the Century and the top 25 WAFL players of the past 25 years.

Without question, that makes him one of the most decorated players of modern-day WAFL football and also of all-time at the South Fremantle Football Club that includes such legends as Stephen Michael and Maurice Rioli.

McGrath has been the heart and soul of the Bulldogs for virtually his whole career and while there has

been stints in the AFL and the army that briefly took him from the club, he has bled red-and-white, highlighted by his premiership tattoo of a Bulldog and his club licence plate adorned with his famous No 39.

However, the 32-year-old knows that the time is right for him to retire, with his body starting to give way, and to allow him to concentrate on his work with the fire brigade and as a landscape gardener, and to do things that a football career doesn't allow like travel during the winter months.

"It was just my time. I had a good run, but my body has had enough and now my mind has kind of had enough as well," McGrath said.

"Work commitments have played a part in the decision as well and I just can't commit the time that I need to in order to give everything to the team. It's such a young team at the moment and there's no point going on if I can't give them my 100 per cent."

"I wanted to leave on my terms as well instead of getting midway through next year and being told I'm not going to be part of the league side any more."

"Hase (coach Paul Hasleby) wanted me to go on to add some leadership, so it's kind of nice knowing that I'm leaving knowing that I still had something to offer the club, but the time is just right."

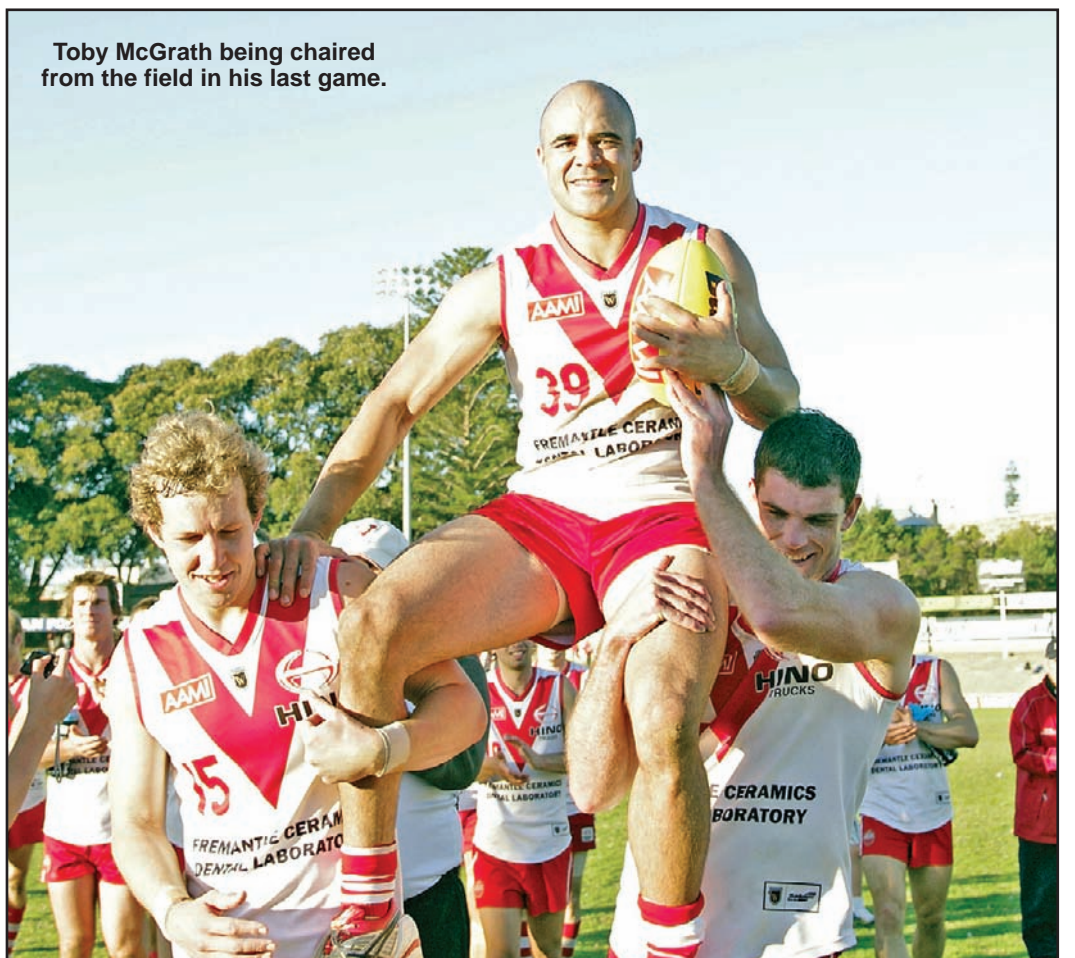
While Toby was on the rookie-list of two AFL clubs – West Coast and Essendon – he never was able to make it through for a game, but his youngest brother Ashley has already racked up 188 matches with the Brisbane Lions and has re-signed with the club.

Ashley was a premiership player with the Lions in 2003 and has signed on for another two seasons in Brisbane, effectively meaning that he will finish his career as a one-club player. The 29-year-old never seriously considered leaving the Lions.

"In the end, it was an easy decision to make," Ashley McGrath said.

"The club has built such a great culture and with the young talent that we have been able to expose to senior footy over the last two years, it's an exciting time to be here."

Toby McGrath being chaired from the field in his last game.



Feel good moment: Toby McGrath and a premiership cup.



Geale on the cusp

Promotor proposes box-off of the world's best



DANIEL Geale may get the chance to justify promoter Gary Shaw's assertion that he is the world's best middleweight boxer by taking part in a proposed box-off between the division's finest fighters.

Australia's WBA Super and IBF champion Geale, Kazakhstan's undefeated regular WBA champion Gennady Golovkin, Russia's unbeaten former WBO champion Dmitry Pirog and Britain's Matthew Macklin are among the fighters who could feature in the box-off.

American Shaw, who helps out the Geale

camp, said cable television network HBO was trying to invest in the middleweight division.

HBO had already featured Golovkin and Sergio Martinez and Julio Cesar Chavez Jnr, the latter pair meeting in a WBC middleweight world title bout last month.

"A 160-pound (middleweight) box-off, we come up with the best 160-pound fighter in the world, which I believe is Daniel Geale," Shaw told AAP.

"I believe he beats Chavez, I believe he beats Sergio Martinez."

Geale has a myriad of options following last month's unification title win

over Felix Sturm in Germany.

Both Sturm and fellow German boxer Sebastian Sylvester, who lost the IBF title to Geale last year, want a rematch with the Australian.

Mundine possibility

There is also the option of an early 2013 rematch with Anthony Mundine, the only professional to beat Geale.

Geale also has mandatory defences looming against Australian Sam Soliman for the IBF title and Golovkin for his WBA crown.

Shaw said he was trying to come up with

a big fight for three-division world champion Vic Darchinyan, another Australian boxer he represented.

Darchinyan revived his stalling career by winning the North American Boxing Federation (NABF) super bantamweight title last month.

Shaw was looking at rematches with Jorge Arce, Nonito Donaire and Abner Mares, with Darchinyan having beaten Arce and lost to the other two.

He said he would love to have Geale and Darchinyan appear on the same card in Australia, but neither man would fight again before the new year. — AAP

Wasie a contender for Glasgow 2014



EXCITING Indigenous javelin thrower Wasie Toolis is a definite prospect for selection in the

Australian team for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, according to her coach Dion Collins.

Australia is expected to send three javelin throwers to Glasgow.

Collins ranks the 17-year-old from Brisbane at number four in Australia and says she has 'heaps' of potential.

Athletics Australia has had its eye on the teenager for a number of years.

Collins said that as a rule, javelin throwers did not peak until their mid to late 20s and remained competitive into their early 30s.

Wasie linked with coach Collins earlier this year. Collins, also from Brisbane, is the national youth squad javelin coach.

Wasie is a member of the

national under 9 talent squad for 2012-13.

In 2011, she was selected into the Australian team for the world youth championships in Lille, France, in July.

This year Wasie was selected in the Australian team for the world junior championships in Barcelona, Spain in July.

She threw a personal best and finished ninth.

Wasie said she was excited about representing her country against the best competitors in the world.

The Torres Strait Islander was born on Thursday Island.

She started her athletics with Little A's at The Gap club in Brisbane and then continued with Toowong Harriers.

She has since switched to the QE II club.

Wasie also is an accomplished netballer and in 2010 represented Queensland at under 15 and under 17 levels.

In 2011 she made the Australian under 17 netball squad.



Bourne to be a sportswoman

Lass Bourne working out in a Townsville gym last Friday as she prepared for the Australian natural body building championships in Sydney last weekend. — Picture: Alf Wilson



TOWNSVILLE'S Lass Bourne, 34, last week was fine-tuning her body for the 2012 Australian Natural Body Building national championships held in Sydney

last Sunday.

Lass was to compete in the over 52kg women's physique category. The competition was at the Marconi Club, Bossley Park, near Parramatta.

Three years ago Bourne decided to change from regular club sports of touch football, Oz tag and basketball and took up bodybuilding. She began to think about safer ways to fulfil her love of sports and fitness after sustaining a knee injury in basketball.

In May 2011, she decided to train for the ANB competitions with personal trainer Paula Pool.

This was something she dreamed of doing since the age of 16 and it finally become a reality.

After just five months of training, she took first place in the 2011 North Queensland Natural Bodybuilding and Figure championships, in the women's novice physique division.

A week later, she won the women's physique, 52kg and over title at the Queensland Natural Physique Bodybuilding titles on the Gold Coast.

She then went on to the national championship competition in October 2011 and finished third.

This year Bourne was placed first in the over 52kg women's physique in the North Queensland titles in Townsville and was second in the Queensland championships on the Gold Coast.

Lass Bourne is a mainland Torres Strait Islander, born and raised in Townsville on the lands of the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people. Her ancestry is from Mabuig, Badu, Murray and Moa islands.

She said she hoped her story inspired young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to follow their dreams.

"We all have dreams that we think are impossible to achieve and it's hard when others don't believe in you, but when you decide to change the way you think about it, you open your mind to take on the challenge," she said.

"This is what drives me to beat those negative beliefs about what I can and can't do".



Torres Strait Islander Wasie Toolis competing in the Women's under 20 javelin the Australian junior athletics championships at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre on 16 March 2012.

— Getty Images

NRL players ruled out of Interstate Challenge

AS winners of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival, the Newcastle Yowies have won the right to contest the Interstate Challenge next February.

The Yowies will be up against the Argun Warriors, who won the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival at Ipswich. That carnival was played the same weekend as the NSW Knockout.

This year the Mindaribba Warriors beat the Southern Dingoes in the inaugural Interstate Challenge as part of the All Stars week on the Gold Coast.

The annual NRL All Stars-Indigenous All Stars match has been moved to Brisbane next year and will be played at Suncorp Stadium on Saturday 9 February.

The interstate Challenge between the

Newcastle Yowies and the Argun Warriors will be played on 8 February at Davies Park, South Brisbane.

National Rugby League players who featured in the winning sides at the NSW and Murri carnivals will not be allowed to play in the Interstate Challenge.

This will rule out the likes of Timana Tahu, Chris Sandow, Reece Robinson, Albert Kelly and Wes Patten.



The Narwan Eels.



3-ways Griffith United.



Coastal Sharks.



Narwan Eels Old Boys.



The Dunghutti Warriors.



Performing his happy dance is men's player of the grand final – James Livock, of the Newcastle Yowies.

Brawl fallout – Bans are likely



THE hosts of next year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival say they will call a summit of Aboriginal rugby league delegates to discuss the fallout from the wild melee that broke out at the 2012 Knockout at Raymond Terrace.

There were ugly scenes as players and spectators became involved in a brawl soon after the start of the game between La Perouse and the Moree Boomerangs. Many patrons at the Knockout carnival are waiting to see what action will be taken following the melee.

Yarreen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation chairman Jimmy Wright told the *Koori Mail* he planned to call a meeting to discuss what action should be taken against those involved in the Raymond Terrace brawl.

Yarreen's team, the Newcastle Yowies, won the 2012 Knockout and now have the right to host next year's event.

Mr Wright said he wanted to call a meeting in a month and would invite delegates from around NSW to discuss disciplinary action following the Raymond Terrace brawl.

He said it was possible that teams would be banned.

He also expressed the opinion that the bans should also cover individuals identified as being involved in the melee.

"There's no point in banning a team if

their players simply join another club and turn up the next year," Mr Wright said.

"If we bar a team, we bar their players as well. We must get the lot."

Raymond Terrace carnival organiser and veteran rugby league administrator 'Smiley' Johnstone said the incident was a disgrace.

There were reports that a young girl who was caught up in the melee had her arm broken.

It is understood a fight broke out early in the La Perouse-Moree Boomerangs game, and two La Perouse bench players ran on to the field and joined the melee.

A witness said spectators also joined in.

Disqualified

When the dust had settled, La Perouse was disqualified for having too many players on the field.

Mr Johnstone said he did not see the start of the flare-up, but what ensued was something he never wanted to see again.

He said the crowd became involved as the ugliness spread to the sidelines.

He said the disputes committee had recommended that action be taken against La Perouse and the Moree Boomerangs.

But because there was no single organisation that controlled the Knockout, he was unsure what would happen next.

The *Koori Mail* received a number of phone calls from people expressing their disgust at what had happened.



'SMILEY' JOHNSTONE

One reader said: "The question is, is anyone going to put some pressure on the National Rugby League to do a proper inquiry into the actions of both teams to get to the bottom of what happened and make sure it doesn't happen again."

"If no-one cares, then we should just tell kids not to come because they might get hurt, or are people in the right places too scared to talk up?"

"Surely, someone has to be held

accountable... very shameful for our people."

Mr Johnstone said the Raymond Terrace incident highlighted the need for the Knockout to have a central governing authority to work in conjunction with whoever won the hosting rights.

He believed the Knockout had become too big for individual clubs to organise year to year.

"This carnival cost something like \$250,000 to run. Who has got that sort of money," he said.

"We need a single governing authority to work with the NSW Rugby League and Country Rugby League."

"There are a number of hidden costs, but some of these can be reduced by aligning ourselves with the NSWRL and CRL."

Mr Johnstone said neither of those organisations would take the lead as they did not want to be seen to be taking ownership of the Knockout.

He said the push would have to come from within the Aboriginal community.

He said that apart from the La Perouse-Boomerangs incident, the Knockout had been a big success.

"We had a few shortcomings. We were caught out with toilet facilities because of the size of the crowd. I reckon we had 8000 there on the Saturday," he said.

"There wasn't enough seating and the lack of shade was another issue."



Women's player of the grand final Caitlin Moran, of the Mindaribba Sisters, with Linda Burney MP.



James Livock, with his player of the grand final and player of the carnival trophies



NRL star Timana Tahu in action for Knockout winners Newcastle United.



Knockout veteran Wes Patten in action for Newcastle Yowies.



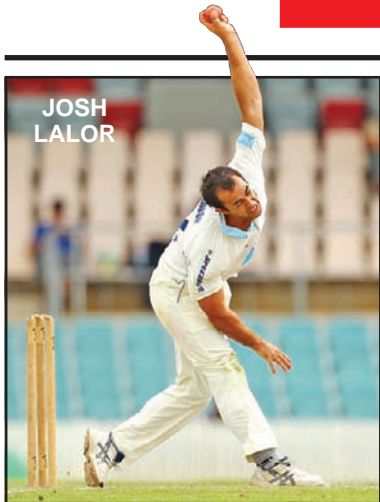
Dunghutti Warriors and 3 Ways Griffith United meet head-on.



Over the years Wes Patten has featured in many Knockout successes, and it continued this year with the Newcastle Yowies. It was his sixth Knockout finals win.



A Narwan Eels Old Boys player runs at the defence of eventual finalists Mindaribba.



JOSH LALOR



BEN ABBATANGELO



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Cricketers in India



THE National Indigenous Cricket Development Squad last week left for India to attend the country's Global Cricket Schools and play a series of matches against representative sides.

Selected by former Test and One-Day player Ray Bright, Mark Hanlon and Marcus Rosas at the 2012 Imparja Cup, Cricket Australia's national Indigenous tournament, the squad departed for Mumbai before moving on to Pune.

Spanning 14-26 October, the tour will combine cricket development with India's

unique cultural experiences, including a visit to the nation's largest slum and local orphanages.

Members of the team will also travel to Delhi to attend the Australian Government's OzFest, a four-month celebration of contemporary Australian culture in 18 Indian cities.

Development opportunities

Team captain Josh Lalor, a member of the New South Wales and Perth Scorchers squads, said the team was excited by the opportunity to develop their cricket and take in the uniqueness of India.

"The tour is a fantastic opportunity for

members of the squad to come to a vastly different part of the world to develop our cricket and learn from exposure to new cultures," Lalor said.

"The guys have shown their potential at the Imparja Cup and this tour gives them a chance to further develop their cricket through the day-to-day life of professional cricket.

"Travelling to India goes beyond what we'll do on-field; the cultural experiences we'll encounter will develop the group personally and contribute to our overall development."

Documentary makers JetZak is accompanying the team on tour, producing

an hour-long documentary to screen on NITV/SBS.

The squad is: Ben Abbatangelo (Victoria), Michael Bailey (Western Australia), Dylan Fuller (Northern Territory), John Green (Victoria), Jake Kubinek (Queensland), Josh Lalor (New South Wales), Aaron Muir (New South Wales), Nathan Price (New South Wales), Darcy Short (Northern Territory), Fletcher Stewart (Victoria), Cameron Trask (Queensland), Bohdi Walker (Victoria).

Coach, Barry Weare; manager, Aaron Briscoe.

The 2013 Imparja Cup will be held in Alice Springs from 11-17 February.

Fast and furious action at Bindal carnival

A Bowen Stingers player is tackled by Palm Island Barracudas in an under 18 game at the Bindal Sharks All Blacks rugby league carnival at Townsville earlier this month. Stingers reached the final, but were beaten 44-18 by the North Coast Dolphins.

Palm Island Barracudas won the open men's division, beating Yungli Boongi 22-8 in the final. It was the Barracudas' first Bindal carnival win since 1994.

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