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The Man's tears

**I would
never put
my people
down –
Mundine**

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ANTHONY 'The Man' Mundine says he feels sick to think that any of his people could believe he would ever put them down.

He insists that he has been misunderstood over a raft of controversial comments relating to identity and believes that 'both our women and men are the strongest warriors'.

He told the *Koori Mail* at the weekend that he cried during what had been a disastrous week for him and, arguably, the entire Indigenous community.

A furore erupted after Mundine told a Sydney press conference on 18 October called to announce his rematch with current world champion Daniel Geale early next year that he 'thought they wiped all the Aborigines from Tasmania out'.

Geale, who holds twin IBF and WBA world titles, identifies as an Aboriginal Tasmanian and has long worn an Aboriginal flag emblem on his boxing trunks – something Mundine told the press conference he didn't deserve.

"I don't see him representing black people, or coloured people," Mundine continued. "I don't see him in the communities, I don't see him doing the things I do for people, and fighting for the people. But he's his own man."

"He's got a white woman, he's got white kids. I keep it real, all day every day."

Within days, Mundine had 'sincerely' apologised to Aboriginal Tasmanians generally and to Geale for his comments about his wife Sheena and their three children.



Anthony Mundine in a pensive mood at the gym last Thursday. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

He said that as soon as the words left his mouth, he regretted them and wished he could take them back. But, by then, the damage was well and truly done.

A firestorm of comment in mainstream and social media saw the Bundjalung and Wiradjuri man roundly condemned, with many now wondering if he can ever redeem himself in the eyes of his people.

By contrast, Geale won high praise for what many saw as his dignified refusal to bite back during the press conference and afterwards.

"At the end of the day, we're just two guys who have to get into the ring and fight each other," he told the *Koori Mail* late last week.

Mundine, however, says he's shattered to have lost the

community's faith. "When some brothers and sisters got offended and took that as me trying to put down my people, that really hurt me," Mundine told the *Koori Mail*.

"I had a tight stomach and a heavy burden and I carried that for days. I tried to be strong and suck it up but I had to let it out. I was in my car by myself and I cried. I would never, ever put my people down. I serve and protect my people by any means necessary."

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The scene at the joint press conference in Sydney on 18 October announcing the Geale v Mundine rematch. It was here that Mundine made his controversial comments. Newspix image

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My FAMILY

ANITA AHWANG, Thursday Island (living in Cairns)

THIS is me with my three daughters and my sister on the end here. We're all here together at the Cairns All Blacks Carnival catching up with family and friends and watching the games.

We moved to Cairns around six years ago and most of my family, including my mother and sister, lives in Cairns, although I was born and raised on Thursday Island.

I have a really close relationship with my family and I do everything with my three daughters, we're rarely apart and we do everything together.

Most weekends are spent down at the Cairns Esplanade where they have a lagoon for swimming and swings for the children and barbecues. Otherwise it's just whatever the girls feel like doing.

They're into sport at the moment, so that takes up a lot of our time. They love playing anything and everything from touch footy to high jump and long jump, cross-country and everything in between.

My family is very important to me. At the moment I'm expecting. I've got a little boy on the way and it's going to be my last, but the girls came with me to my first scan and they're very excited to have a little brother.

I work full-time at the Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) so I'm really busy all the time and my own time, when I do get it, is really precious and spent with my family.

Culture and family are the two most important things in my life.

— As told to MAHALA STROHFELDT



● Above: Anita Ahwang with her daughters Taesha, 10, Janita, 7, and Tiarna, 11, and sister Teyla at the Cairns All Blacks Carnival played in Cairns, north Queensland.

OUR CHILDREN



'FLYING like a bird', if only for a few seconds. That was how youngsters from the north Queensland community of Palm Island summed up the feeling as they leapt from the island's Reel Women Jetty when the *Koori Mail* stopped by on 19 October. Here, 10-year-old Shauntae Walsh takes a leap out above the deep, briny water. "The water is really cool and we don't have a swimming pool so we just love it," Shauntae told our reporter ALF WILSON.

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Ready for anything... Stephanie Mansell-Allen with some dagwood dogs.

A 'showie' lifestyle!

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TRAVELLING the eastern states of Australia managing a fast food van

for the past six years, the showie lifestyle has got into palawa women Stephanie Mansell-Allen's blood.

"It's like a big family environment, in a way like Cape Barren Island and Flinders Island," she said, comparing the family atmosphere to her childhood island home in the Bass Strait.

"It's like roughin' it, it's like you've got to rough it on Cape Barren," Mrs Mansell-Allen explained of the camps set up on the sides of show grounds.

"The best thing is meeting people and mixing amongst different people."

Mrs Mansell-Allen said there were a lot of other Aboriginal people working

the shows, too. Along the way she often educates people about her own mob, and their struggle for identity – on some occasions, even where Tasmania is.

"I educate them all the time, I say I'm a Mansell and

"We came back from doing the Sydney carnival, we came back to base and the boss was moving his camp," she recalled.

"I saw his pull out on his caravan moving, I've just jumped straight out of my camp and bolted across blue metal rock, I had no shoes on, it didn't faze me.

"His son saw me, he said 'where's your shoes, you ran across there with no shoes on, you're definitely a black woman, no way could I even walk on it'. I laugh about it now."

Although she's thought of chucking in the towel several times, there seems to be something that keeps drawing her back.

"This is tiring work, it's good, it keeps your mind active and it's stressful.

"But I enjoy it, I dunno, I just do. You make a lot of good friends. When I wasn't coming back they got all upset. It gets in your blood."

'The best thing is meeting people and mixing amongst different people'

they say are you related to Mick Mansell, that Mansell on the television, yeah he's a cousin, they all know my cousin," she says.

Even her own boss doubted her Aboriginality.

Mrs Mansell-Allen laughs as she retells a story of the morning his doubts disappeared.



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Kidney expert a 'tall poppy'



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous kidney specialist has been announced as the Northern Territory's Young Tall Poppy as part of the 2012 NT Research and Innovation Awards.

Dr Jacqui Hughes, a research fellow with the Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) in Darwin, was last Friday named the NT's premier young researcher for 2012 for her forward-thinking approach to Indigenous health research.

As Australia's first Indigenous nephrologist (kidney specialist), Dr Hughes is working towards reducing the risk and impact of kidney disease in Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

"The death rates from kidney disease are eight-to-ten-times higher among Indigenous Australians, who are also 14 times more likely to need in-hospital care for kidney dialysis," Dr Hughes said.

With obesity and diabetes key drivers of kidney disease in Indigenous Australia, Dr Hughes' research has focused on body composition.

"Indigenous Australians tend to accumulate fat around their mid-sections, rather than other areas of the body, which could greatly influence kidney function," Dr Hughes said.

The Torres Strait Island-born

researcher began a doctorate on the topic and has recently submitted the completed work for examination.

"My research with Menzies showed that young, healthy adult Aborigines develop a very high-risk pattern of intra-abdominal fat while only modestly overweight, which is not seen in people with a European background," Dr Hughes says.

"Controlling weight gain in this age group should be a priority because it may save people from developing diabetes and kidney disease, or prevent a heart attack before they reach the age of 40."

Researcher

Dr Hughes' win marks the second time in a three-year period a Menzies researcher has won the award, with Dr Kate Mounsey named the NT's Young Tall Poppy in 2010.

Another Menzies project was also in the spotlight on the evening with former staff member Anne Hanning taking out the McArthur River Mining Indigenous Innovation Award for her lead role in the project 'Your Child, Your community: it's just so important'.

Menzies' Dr Louise Maple-Brown was also named a finalist in the Southern Cross Television Tropical Knowledge Research Award for her research program into diabetes and chronic kidney disease.



Young Tall Poppy of the Year Award winner Jacqui Hughes receives her award at the Research and Innovation Awards in Darwin last Friday. Photo by Shane Eecen

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Closing gap is hit by red tape: senator



EFFORTS to close the gap between Indigenous and mainstream Australia are

being severely hampered by Federal Government red tape, Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion says.

Senator Scullion said that in Senate Estimates on 19 October, Federal Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services Brian Gleeson said he knew of one provider that had 68 funding agreements.

"I had asked him if he had heard about the former Northern Territory Coordinator-General's claim that a former community organisation at Yuendumu had 34 separate funding agreements and on average has to write a report every five days," Senator Scullion said.

"I thought that was bad, but was stunned when he said he knew of a worse case.

"Imagine the number of



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– Senator Nigel Scullion

applications, quarterly reports, and the number of acquittals they would have to do every year before they then have to apply again.

"They'd have little time to do anything else but paperwork.

"How on earth can these hard-working service providers who are desperately working to help people on the ground actually make a difference when

they are wrapped up in so much red tape? This Government is more concerned about process and paperwork rather than outcomes to help our First Australians out of poverty.

"Gillard Labor seems determined to have community organisations servicing government departments' requirements rather than the needs of Indigenous people."

ARIA honour for Yothu Yindi



YOTHU Yindi is to be inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame. The eight-times ARIA award winners will be inducted at the Sydney Entertainment Centre at the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) 26th annual awards night on 29 November.

Formed in 1986 with Yolngu (Aboriginal) and Balanda (non-Aboriginal), Yothu Yindi crossed the cultural divide by blending musical aspects of Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures.

Combining the sounds and instrumentation of Western rock 'n' roll with songs and performances that date back tens of thousands of years, they took the ancient song cycles of north-east Arnhem Land – featuring such traditional instruments as the bilma (ironwood clapsticks) and yidaki (didgeridoo or hollow log) and juxtaposed them with Western pop sounds to present a true musical meeting of two diverse cultures.

Yothu Yindi's Aboriginal members came from Yolngu homelands near Yirrkala, on the Gove Peninsula, in Northern Territory's Arnhem Land.

Founder, principal songwriter, singer and guitarist Mandawuy Yunupingu was joined by Witiyana Marika on manikay (traditional vocals), bilma (ironwood clapsticks) and dance; Milkaingu Mununggurr on yidaki (didgeridoo); Stuart Kellaway on bass, and Cal Williams on lead guitar.

Two years later, a young Gurrumul Yunupingu joined on keyboards, guitar, vocals and percussion.

With the 1991 release of their second album, *Tribal Voice*, Yothu Yindi secured their place in the annals of Australian rock history.

Tribal Voice, which dominated the national charts for much of 1991-92, yielded the hit singles *Treaty* and *Djapana*, won the band recognition as the



Flashback to 2001 with Yothu Yindi performing in Adelaide during celebrations marking the 30th year of the Aboriginal flag. AAP Image

first predominantly-Aboriginal act to gain widespread media attention, and generated international recording and touring commitments.

The album featured the band's first hit single, *Treaty*, which crashed into the Australian ARIA charts peaking at number 11 and then spending almost six months in the charts. The first song by a mainly-Aboriginal band to chart in Australia, it was also the first song in an Aboriginal language (Gumatj) to gain extensive

airplay and international recognition.

Treaty was inspired by Mandawuy's wish for a song to highlight the lack of progress on the treaty between Aboriginal people and the Federal Government promised by Prime Minister Bob Hawke in 1988.

He co-wrote it, along with Australian singer/songwriter Paul Kelly, Yothu Yindi members Kellaway, Williams, Gurrumul Yunupingu, Mununggurr and Marika, and Peter Garrett, then the frontman of

Midnight Oil and now the Federal Minister for School Education.

Mandawuy recalls: "Bob Hawke visited the Territory. He went to the Barunga Festival and he made a promise that there shall be a treaty between black and white Australia.

"A couple of years later, Paul Kelly visited me in Arnhem Land and sitting around the camp fire, I said 'let's write a song about a treaty'.

"And that's where *Treaty* was born."

Ombudsman wants NSW taser overhaul



NSW police need to overhaul their use of tasers after numerous incidents of brutality, misuse

and two deaths involving the weapons in the past two years, an Ombudsman's report says.

NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour tabled his report – 'How are Taser weapons used by the NSW Police Force?' – in State Parliament last Tuesday.

The report reviewed 556 incidents between June 2010 and November 2010 and found the devices were used inappropriately on 80 occasions.

In 27 cases, police were not under serious threat and should not have fired the weapon at all.

Police tasered people who were handcuffed or fleeing, and in some cases victims were tasered repeatedly – actions that Mr Barbour said should be outlawed.

One example of unreasonable use identified by Mr Barbour related to Wilcannia man Phillip Bugmy, who police tasered while he knelt on his lounge room floor

with his hands behind his head.

The Ombudsman said in that instance there was no evidence of imminent or actual violence or danger.

In February, a magistrate found the police use of a taser against Mr Bugmy unreasonable and excessive and dismissed four charges against him, including some of resisting police and intimidating police.

However, by then Mr Bugmy had spent seven months on remand with bail refused.

Mr Barbour's report makes 46 recommendations about how police should use a taser and how they should improve taser training for general duties officers.

"(Taser) can present significant safety and medical risks, and there is a justifiable public concern about the potential for unsafe and inappropriate use," the Ombudsman states in the report.

A recent coronial inquest into the death of Brazilian student Roberto Laudisio Curti, which was not considered in the Ombudsman's report, heard the



BRUCE BARBOUR

young Brazilian struggled with 11 officers who fired their tasers up to 14 times.

Some of those instances were drive-stuns, a practice Mr Barbour also condemned. Such usage involves applying the taser directly

to the skin, as opposed to discharging the barbs from a distance.

NSW Greens MP and justice spokesman David Shoebridge said it was 'remarkable' the Ombudsman's report had failed to consider the evidence given at the Curti inquest, which wrapped up hearings the week before.

"One of the clear options for limiting taser use by police is to withdraw them from general duties officers and limit them to specially trained squads," Mr Shoebridge said in a statement.

Mr Curti's family issued a statement in response to the Ombudsman's report.

"The family said many of the recommendations related to the way in which taser (sic) was used on the night Roberto died," Mr Curti's brother-in-law Michael Reynolds said.

"The family feels that several of the Ombudsman's recommendations are a step in the right direction."

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said the report

highlighted areas where officers could 'improve' their use of tasers.

"We say quite clearly, these devices cannot and will not be used as a compliance device," Mr Scipione said at a media conference last week.

He said the proper use of tasers was 'drilled into the minds of police officers', who lost their taser accreditation if they used the device inappropriately.

NSW Police Minister Michael Gallacher said the recommendations would enhance the work of NSW police.

The Police Association of NSW (PANSW) said assaults and injuries to officers had plummeted since the introduction of tasers.

"In most instances, an officer simply drawing their taser is enough to defuse a situation," association president Scott Weber said in a statement.

The Ombudsman has asked the Government to respond to the report's recommendations within three months. – AAP, with additional reporting by the *Koori Mail*

Channel prepares to go free



EXCITEMENT is building ahead of National Indigenous Television (NITV) finally going free-to-air, following its move from pay TV to a channel of the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS). Channel manager Tanya Denning will announce this week the date when all Australians will be able to tune into NITV's unique programming.

There've been unconfirmed reports that date will be 12 December, but it is being kept strictly under wraps as the NITV team, which includes 30-plus Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, readies itself for what promises to be a gala occasion with bush elements.

Last week, some of the NITV crew joined network colleagues and media representatives at a showcase of what SBS will be serving up for the rest of 2012-13.

For NITV, that includes the dance, music, health, fitness and culture show *Move it Mob Style*, NITV News' live half-hour weekday news service, a new art series called *Colour Theory* featuring controversial Indigenous artist Richard Bell, and continuation of the *Living Black* current affairs



Head of NITV Sports Mark Ella, *Living Black* video journalist Larteasha Griffin, *Living Black* host Karla Grant, Brad Cooke and Luke Carroll from *Barefoot Sports*, NITV channel manager Tanya Denning, and NITV communications and publicity manager Chris Bonney at an SBS industry showcase in Sydney last week.

program hosted by Karla Grant. SBS director of TV and online content Tony Iffland told those gathered that NITV was now part of

'the SBS family' and would take Indigenous stories to the wider Australian audience for the first time in broadcast history.

"And we think it's just a fabulous fit at SBS," he said. "I truly believe that NITV makes us whole, now that it's with us."

Assange speaks to NITV

By KIRSTIE PARKER



HE might be a long way from his native country of Australia – holed up in a makeshift bedroom in the tiny Ecuadorian embassy in London – but WikiLeaks founder and editor-in-chief Julian Assange will soon experience a taste of what he's missing.

It's a music play list that has been compiled for him by Aboriginal journalist Jeremy Geia, of National Indigenous TV (NITV), and features the likes of Coloured Stone and Warumpi Band.

Mr Geia is sending Mr Assange the gift after the transparency-in-government crusader granted him his first interview with an English-speaking journalist since seeking and finding refuge in the embassy in June, out of the reach of extradition to Sweden where he's wanted for questioning over sexual assault allegations, and to the United States over WikiLeaks' release of sensitive national documents.

Mr Geia, who hails from Townsville in far north Queensland, has plenty of cheek, in a good way. The Canberra correspondent and

political journalist for NITV scored the coup after fronting up at the embassy in September and, well, asking.

"I knocked on the door and said I wasn't interested in an interview – even though I was – but that I just wanted to meet the bloke," he told the *Koori Mail*.

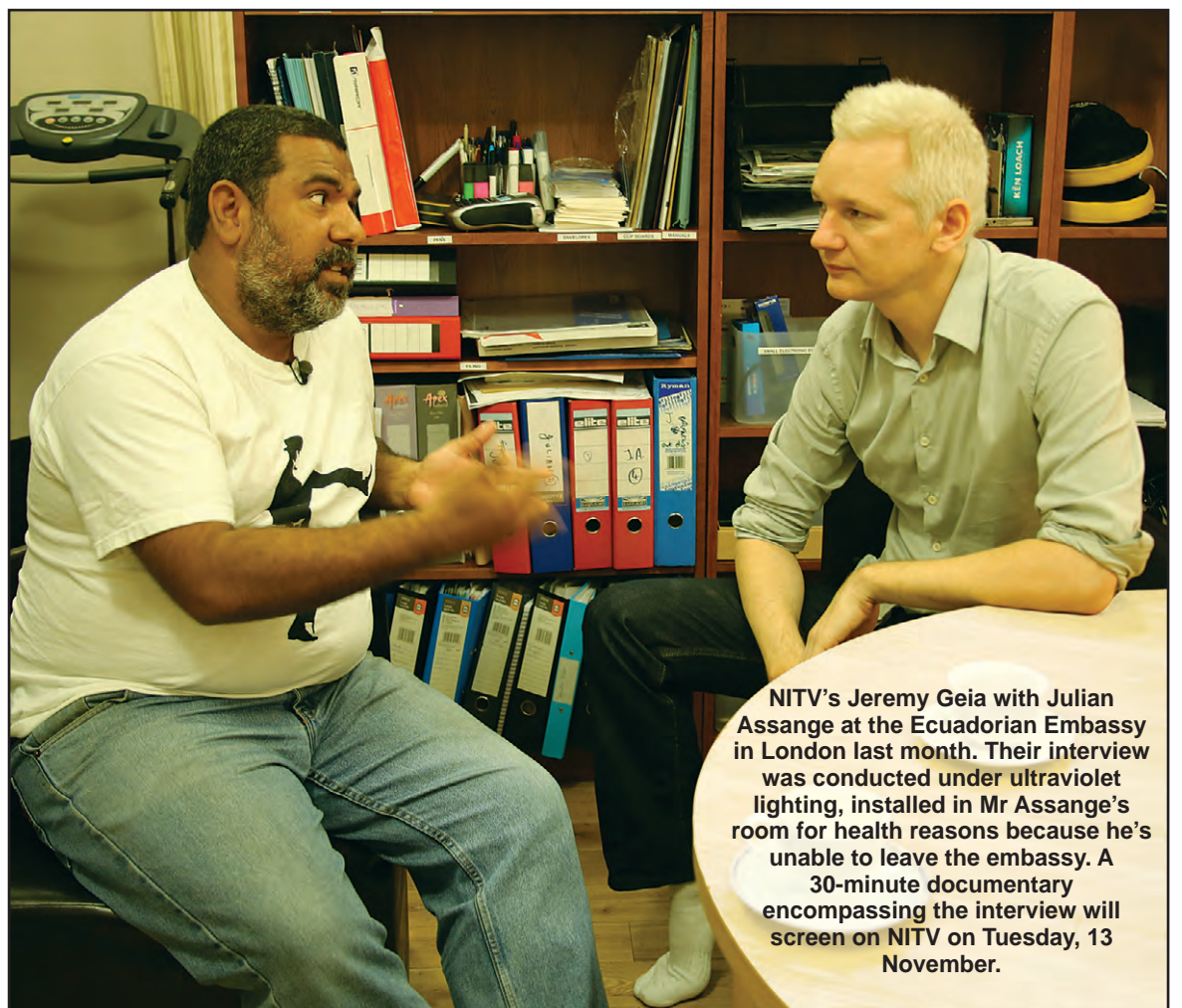
"I told them, if you're going to talk to anyone, you're an Australian and Indigenous media should be the first you talk to.

"That afternoon, Assange cancelled a few appointments and we talked for two hours. At the end of the two hours, he agreed to do an interview with me.

"When you go into the room, it's quite small and he sleeps in there. There are only five rooms in the embassy, one is a makeshift bedroom and he lives in it.

"He was very pleasant and we had high tea in the embassy and we had a very good discussion about life in general, about how he's feeling."

Mr Assange, who was named *TIME* magazine's runner-up person of the year in 2010 (he was pipped by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg), spoke about what he says are serious flaws in the Australian Government's dealings with Indigenous Australians, and



NITV's Jeremy Geia with Julian Assange at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London last month. Their interview was conducted under ultraviolet lighting, installed in Mr Assange's room for health reasons because he's unable to leave the embassy. A 30-minute documentary encompassing the interview will screen on NITV on Tuesday, 13 November.

talks about the potential threats to Indigenous peoples world-wide based on the thousands of diplomatic cables WikiLeaks, and his support for Aboriginal sovereignty.

"This whole interview is a victory for black media in Australia," said Mr Geia, who like Assange once attended Townsville High School.

Interview

"I was the first journalist he has spoken to from a country where English is the official language. I think a journalist from Paraguay and Ecuador had spoken to him, but he had knocked back a number of global media organisations, the BBC, the ABC and others.

"...For me, it was mostly curiosity about this person who many people say has been demonised and I sort of really

wanted to hear his perceptions of that. As Aboriginal people, we hear that all the time... 'you're lazy, you're a drunk, you're no good' etc, so for me it was of interest to see what he said and what his position was.

"I was attracted to hearing from him because he's seen as a troublemaker. Aboriginal people are stirrers too... my grandfather led a strike on Palm Island in 1957 and, from my perspective, had every right to do what he did, drawing attention to social justice and equal rights."

Also interviewed for the resulting 30-minute documentary *Julian on the Inside* were other people including international human rights specialist Geoffrey Robertson, QC, who questions what has come of dire predictions made as WikiLeaks has gone

public with information from an assortment of whistleblowers.

Mr Geia also cleared up a furphy doing the rounds in Indigenous communities that Mr Assange had asserted Torres Strait Islander heritage. He says Mr Assange is, in fact, descended from a Taiwanese family that still lives in the Torres Strait 'but in terms of blood connection he is not a Torres Strait Islander'.

Last month in Sydney, Mr Assange's father John Shipton accepted an 'Aboriginal Nations Passport' on his son's behalf from the Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA).

As for any more of what Mr Assange had to say, tune in to NITV on Tuesday, 13 November for the world premiere of the 30-minute documentary *Julian on the Inside*. Check guides for timing.



LINDA BURNEY

Burney given new shadow ministry post



NSW Deputy Opposition Leader Linda Burney is Labor's new spokesperson on Aboriginal Affairs following a Shadow Cabinet reshuffle.

Ms Burney, a Wiradjuri woman, said it was the first time in NSW that an Aboriginal person had held the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio in Opposition.

"I have worked with the Aboriginal community for more than 30 years – including as president of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and director general for Aboriginal affairs," she said.

"I am looking forward to holding the O'Farrell Government to account and keeping the issues that matter to the community at the top of the agenda.

"In appointing an Aboriginal person to this portfolio, the NSW Labor Party has demonstrated its commitment to moving forward in partnership with the community.

"This contrasts with the O'Farrell Government which has shown virtually no interest in Aboriginal Affairs since it came to office."

Ms Burney took aim at Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, who she said had repeatedly washed his hands of important issues 'including his responsibility to protect sacred Aboriginal sites'.

"When you are Minister for Aboriginal Affairs it is your job to fight for what's right across portfolios – and that's not what we're seeing from Victor Dominello," Ms Burney said.

Sovereignty funds sought



ABORIGINAL activist Michael Anderson is calling for donations to fund a legal challenge to Australia's sovereignty. Mr Anderson said he needed \$150,000 to start the legal proceedings.

"The research for the statement of claim and evidentiary material has now been concluded and it is now time to locate appropriate legal firms who would be interested in running this most important case," he said.

"We must put an end to all political and historical theories and bring this into the world of reality.

"We need to end speculating on the jurisdictional question and deal with what we argue is the legal and political reality of our continuing sovereignty."

Anyone wanting to donate should go to www.sovereignunion.mobi and go to the 'donate' tab on the homepage.



A file photo of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

UN bid success irks Anderson



ABORIGINAL activist Michael Anderson has attacked Australia's successful bid

for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council.

Mr Anderson had been lobbying members of the council in the lead-up to a vote on 19 October, accusing Australia of being 'immature and unable to develop its own independent thinking'.

He had raised three objections against Australia's inclusion.

They were that Australia is a colonial power with a Constitution, which is an Act of the British Parliament; that Australia was in breach of UN conventions and failed to comply with treaty body procedures; and that Australia still had no effective law against genocide.

But those warnings fell on deaf ears, as Australia, which needed at least 129 votes, received 140 votes.

It is the fifth time Australia will serve on the Security Council, the two-year tenure beginning at the start of 2013.

In response, Mr Anderson said he was surprised that the UN's member states had failed to see that Australia continued to be, under law, a colonial state of England.

And he argued that Australia had now placed itself 'in a very precarious situation in respect to ensuring that it has the



Michael Anderson ... "As the Sovereign Union of First Nations in Australia, we will now drive a continuous campaign, during Australia's presence on the Security Council, to have Australia revisit, compensate and make reparation for its gross violations of international legal conventions in respect to First Nations Peoples' rights in this country."

potential maturity to deal with the true sovereign status of Aboriginal Nations and Peoples within its borders'.

"While we understand that the UN's Charter is not to intervene in domestic politics of its member states, it does, on the other hand, have an obligation to ensure its member states observe

international norms established by international legal conventions and practices," he said.

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reparation for its gross violations of international legal conventions in respect to First Nations Peoples' rights in this country."

Meanwhile, other organisations including Amnesty International and the Human Rights Law Centre, congratulated the Government on its win, but urged it now to 'walk the talk'.

In announcing Australia's win, Foreign Minister Bob Carr said it had been 27 years since Australia last served on the council.

"Australia's re-election to the council for the 2013-14 term reflects Australia's positive standing in global affairs and the significant contribution Australia makes to international peace and security," Senator Carr said.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard said Australia would play a constructive role across the breadth of the council's peace and security agenda.

"Australia's key priorities will include Afghanistan, Syria, Iran and North Korea. Australia will also work to ensure the effectiveness of UNSC sanctions regimes, including those targeting individuals associated with Al-Qaida," she said.

Ms Gillard and Senator Carr also congratulated Luxembourg, South Korea, Argentina and Rwanda, which were also elected to serve as non-permanent members for 2013-14.

– By DARREN COYNE

APY people take up income scheme



ABORIGINAL people living in South Australia's remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

(APY Lands) are signing up to income management at a far greater rate than people in trial areas of the same scheme in regional and suburban areas of four other states.

Initial reports indicate that it is women who are most likely to sign up for the scheme, which quarantines 50 per cent of their income so that it can be spent on food and other essentials.

A Senate estimates hearing heard recently that 86 people, or four per cent of the APY region's 2000 population, had signed up for the scheme in its first 12 days of operation.

Bureaucrats from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs told the hearing it was expected about 500 people on the APY Lands would eventually have their income managed.

The rapid sign-up contrasts with a slow start to an identical scheme in Bankstown (NSW), Playford (SA), Shepparton

(Victoria), and Rockhampton and Logan in Queensland.

In the first four months of the scheme in those areas, just 96 people have volunteered to take part in the income management scheme, with three people forced to take part in those areas.

Need

Shadow Minister for Families, Housing and Human Services Kevin Andrews said the rapid take up in the APY Lands showed an overwhelming need for the scheme. He criticised the Federal Government for not introducing it sooner.

"People in the APY Lands have been calling for income management for well over a year, but the Government continued to drag its heels," he said.

"The fact that 86 people have already volunteered to have their income managed under the scheme shows how dire the need has been for it to be introduced.

"I was in the APY Lands more than 12 months ago talking with APY executive leaders and the NPY Women's Council who told me immediate Federal intervention was needed to quarantine welfare payments so families could buy food.

"This is why the Coalition has long supported the introduction of income management in the APY Lands. That it has taken so long for (Minister) Jenny Macklin to take action on an issue that can help so many people is a poor reflection on the deeply divided and dysfunctional Gillard Government," Mr Andrews said.

"We need a government that will listen to the community and react in a timely way to introduce practical measures that will ensure the wellbeing and safety of those most in need.

"The Gillard Government has clearly been unable to do that."

Jobs lost in college cuts

By Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



THE Burdekin campus of Shalom Christian College which trained Indigenous students for rural careers will close today with the loss of 32 jobs.

The college was placed under administration on 20 August, along with the Star of the Sea nursing home on Thursday Island, Diji Meta aged and disabled hostel in Cairns, and Shalom Elders Village in Townsville.

Deloitte has been appointed joint voluntary administrator of Congress Community Development and Education Unit Limited (CCDEU) and Shalom Development Services Pty Ltd, which ran the facilities.

A second meeting of creditors was due to be held at the Chifley Plaza Hotel in Townsville on Monday.

Shalom Christian College took over the Burdekin campus at the start of the 2012 school year to accommodate Indigenous students from remote communities across northern Australia.

The Burdekin College, which encompasses 2400ha near Clare, about 50km inland from Ayr, was used to teach certificate level students the principles of agriculture. It catered for Years 10 to 12.

Deloitte joint voluntary administrator Richard Hughes told the *Koori Mail* on 15 October that the Burdekin Campus's ongoing operation was not viable as it has fewer than 20 students.

"Our focus remains on ensuring that, where possible, CCDEU's various educational, aged care and drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities continue to operate as normal during the administration," Mr Hughes said in a prepared statement.

"At the same time, CCDEU is being restructured to ensure it, and its services, remain viable into the future.

"Across its various operations, the companies have employed around 380 people. On 8 October, employees at the Burdekin campus were advised that it would close by the end of October. As a result, 32 positions will be made redundant across teaching, administration and other support roles. Two employees are transferring to CCDEU's Condon campus in Townsville. Employee and union consultation is continuing.



Outside Shalom Christian College in Townsville. (File photo)

"Unfortunately, the campus, which offered agricultural training courses, is no longer viable. Less than 20 students were enrolled, the campus had lost its training accreditation and the Australian Agricultural College is not able to offer premises beyond next year.

"All affected students have been offered positions in Townsville. We understand this is difficult for the employees involved, but our role remains to do everything possible to ensure a future for CCDEU and the services it provides."

Redundancies

On 21 and 22 September, Deloitte issued 30 redundancies out of a total of 380 staff across the other centres.

Shalom Development Services Pty Ltd, the building arm of CCDEU was closed then.

The *Koori Mail* has received calls from concerned staff at the Star of the Sea on Thursday Island who are worried about their futures.

However, Deloitte spokesman Simon

Rushton says there have been no redundancies at Star of the Sea.

"The only job losses have been related to Shalom Development Services and the Burdekin campus," he said.

Black Ink Press is also an arm of CCDEU and a staff member told the *Koori Mail* on 26 October she was concerned for its future.

An Indigenous publishing company specialising in picture story books for young Indigenous readers, Black Ink has published 70 books, most by Indigenous writers and/or illustrators and has been in existence for 12 years.

Black Ink Press employs three people and has its office in the Yalga-binbi Institute building on the Shalom Campus in Townsville.

The *Koori Mail* has been told that negotiations are proceeding and Black Ink Press could continue in some form. However, nothing would be finalised until this week's creditors meeting.

However, the profitable company may lose its finances and have to find resources to restart.

Jobs rates linked to grog plans

By DARREN COYNE



FEDERAL Shadow Minister for Indigenous Health Andrew Laming has urged states and territories to consider workplace participation rates when deciding whether to make alcohol available in communities.

Dr Laming contacted the *Koori Mail* to suggest that the current debate in Queensland and Northern Territory surrounding proposed changes to alcohol availability should focus on social impacts.

"There are existing licensing arrangements in every state and territory so it needn't be a racist-based approach," he said.

Dr Laming argued that with any licensing change, or introduction of a licence, legislation required that a community impact statement be prepared.

He said such a statement should include 'the likely health and social impacts that granting an application would have on the population'.

"I am arguing that a good marker of health and social impacts is workforce participation rates," Dr Laming said.

"And we know communities with less than 50 per cent participation would have significant problems with alcohol.

"Get the workplace participation rate up and then contemplate a liquor licence."

Meanwhile, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has made it clear she would not approve any lifting of alcohol restrictions in the Northern Territory if there was evidence that it would negatively affect families.

Final say

Under the Stronger Futures legislation, which extended the NT intervention by 10 years, Ms Macklin has the final say on any changes to alcohol management plans.

But Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs Glen Elmes accused Ms Macklin of being a hypocrite.

"Minister Macklin is happy to authorise the supply of alcohol to Northern Territory communities, yet she hypocritically finds the review of Queensland's alcohol management plans somehow offensive," Mr Elmes said.

"The language she uses now is different to her previous stance to justify her Government's actions when introducing the Stronger Futures legislation.

"Then, she was a strong supporter of giving communities a say in their own future, now she says Queensland Indigenous communities can't be trusted to decide."

Meanwhile, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council chief executive Selwyn Button has argued that the consumption of alcohol in Aboriginal communities 'is not, should not, nor should ever be considered a basic human right'.

Mr Button said the fundamental issue was about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's common human right to make decisions that affected their lives, their families and their communities to improve their social circumstance (see his comment article on Page 26).

Boxers shaping up for huge rematch

ONE is known for his forthright, unashamedly showy manner. The other for his quiet, humble approach.

One declares his Aboriginality loudly and proudly, the other wears a symbol of his on his satin trunks.

While they express twin desires to honour and inspire their people, boxers Anthony Mundine and Daniel Geale are about as different to each other as they could get.

Indeed this contrast will guarantee that their rematch in Brisbane, Melbourne or Sydney early next year will be one of the most watched world title fights in history.

Both Mundine and Geale spoke to the *Koori Mail* late last week and at the weekend. Below are edited transcripts of what they said...

ANTHONY MUNDINE

What I said at the joint press conference was more to stir Daniel up, I didn't mean to hurt my brothers and sisters in Tasmania... Obviously I know there are Aboriginal people down there but I was trying to ramp up the fight, which sort of backfired. If I could take it back, I would. I fight for all brothers, no matter where they are, whether in Tassie or the mainland.

Like I said, I said a few things I regretted. I apologised (to Geale) man to man, and I was hurt and bit offended that I was misunderstood.

I would never, ever talk bad about my people... period. If you have every quote from the start of my career, all I do is positive things, I try to uplift and make change for the betterment of my people. And I will continue to do that. That's why I want to win, the whole world stage will hear about our plight.

With blackfellas, it's a small



Daniel Geale poses during a sparring session at Smeaton Grange, western Sydney. *Newspix image*

community, everybody knows everyone. It's about where you're from and who your people are. I don't mean that disrespectfully. I'm a proud brother, I like to protect identity. I feel I have the right, just like any blackfella can ask me.

I'm a Bundjalung. My mum's mum was a member of the Stolen Generations. Everyone thought my mum was white but she's black herself. Her mother was black and

her father was white. Nan was a McGuinness, she was half-caste and was Stolen Generations and went to Cootamundra. Dad's mum and dad were both Aboriginal.

...I believe that you are either black or you're not, but there has to be a cut-off point where the blackness is gone, that it has been bred out. I don't know what the cut-off point is for Aboriginality, but you can't say you are

one-fifth or one-eighth black.

You might be generational and have bloodlines of Aboriginality, but it can be bred out, you know what I mean?

You might have the bloodlines, but if you are fair-skinned and blond-haired you are not living the everyday life of a blackfella, the stereotype.

If you are living the stereotype, you are like a refugee in your own

country, you get harassed, you feel inferior, you are made to feel by the system like you're second rate.

There are a lot of the people that are taking up assistance for university places, the best jobs and all that... I think it's got to be based on both ancestry and need. First you look after those who need it the most... to push them forward and make things better for them.

A lot of people talk about this but don't want to stick their neck out. Some want to say it and don't have the platform. I don't know what the solution is; I'm not Einstein. I am just trying to keep our blackness strong. It's different for a black man to say these things. It hits home. This is a conversation to have within our community.

...A lot of people misunderstood my comments about (our) women... I am not saying that we are weak as people because we are the strongest race probably in the civilised world to have endured the oppression and the hardship from day dot, since the invasion and to still be here after everything our people have been through... people should look at that as a miracle. We are definitely one of the oldest and strongest races on earth and both our women and men are strong warriors.

As far as the weak thing goes, I am talking about dilution. Just being aware and making a conscious decision about two genders coming together, a man and a woman... I am not saying you have to be with Aboriginal people, I am just saying think about it for the longevity of our people.

I am gonna prove everyone, all of my critics, all of my detractors wrong. I have always said that Daniel Geale is a great fighter. And he'll be champion again – as long as I am not there. He picked the

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Geale's father tells of Aboriginal bloodline

DANIEL Geale's father has told a national news outlet that his daughter-in-law Sheena's father probably has 'as much Aboriginal blood as Anthony Mundine'.

It's an intriguing twist in the ongoing sparring between the two boxing camps, which started after Mundine questioned his Tasmanian opponent's Aboriginality and referred to his 'white wife' and 'white kids'.

Mundine insisted in an 18 October press conference that he kept it 'real' every day. He later pleaded for Aboriginal men and women to intermarry and have children

together in order to strengthen cultural bloodlines. This was despite conceding that the mother of his own children was of African American and Native American, rather than Aboriginal, descent.

"Daniel is very proud of the Aboriginal blood that flows through him and Sheena," Wayne Geale said on news.com.au on Sunday.

"He wears the Aboriginal flag on his trunks, but he's never made a big deal about it. To Daniel we're all Australians.

"All Mundine has ever done is try to make money out of creating a big noise. But what he said about Daniel

and his family ... well, this time he's overstepped the line. He's even turned his own people against him."

Daniel Geale confirmed to the *Koori Mail* late on Sunday that his father had made the comments attributed to him and said they were true.

"Sheena definitely addresses her Aboriginality. She doesn't go around telling people for no reason but she's proud of it too," Geale Jnr said.

"Her mum and dad were definitely upset (about Mundine's comments). Her dad Glenn comes from Bourke in NSW. It's something her family talks about."



Daniel Geale with his children Lillyanna, Ariyelle and Bailey and wife Sheena. *Newspix image*

Boxers shaping up

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wrong man for the wrong time and I wanna prove to him and everyone else he's not on my level.

Age has nothing to do with it. If you research right now and check out who is the best fighter pound for pound, their average age will be about mine, maybe higher.

I have got to win because then I will have the stage. I won't have the stage if I lose. People don't want to talk to losers. They don't remember the loser, they remember the winner.

DANIEL GEALE

Things have settled down a little bit now. I guess I'm a little bit happier with the way things are. I'm back to business and am concentrating on what I need to, the fight.

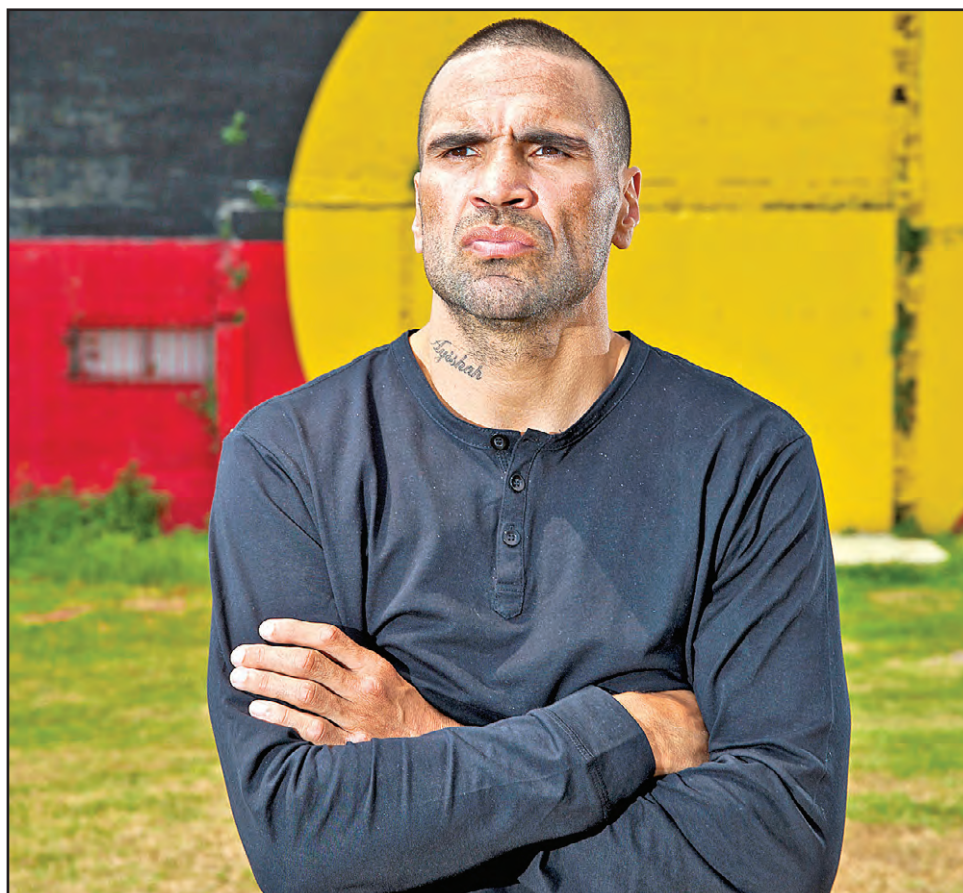
There are still a few people a little bit unhappy about what was said, but I won't be dwelling on it and won't let it take my focus away.

I didn't like Mundine's comment (about Tasmanian Aboriginal people having been wiped out). We spoke briefly at (Channel Nine's) *Wide World of Sports* and I basically said 'Say what you want about me but you can't talk about your people like that and my wife and kids'.

My wife was very annoyed about it. A lot of people were angry and my wife was one of them. The first thing she said to me after the apology on *Wide World of Sports* was 'You can't accept that apology on my behalf' and I said 'Fair enough'.

I was disappointed when (Mundine) questioned my heritage. When people talk like that, they are calling you a liar and saying you're false. He was also questioning what I do for people, almost bragging what he does and saying no one could compare. It's not a nice thing to do, but you have to remember it's a press conference and people are trying to fire each other up, but there are places you don't go and that's one of them.

I had a bit of chat with mum and dad, and mum was upset. My nan was VERY upset. I had a guy ask if he could have my nan's



Anthony Mundine at the Block in Redfern. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

number and I said 'It's probably not a good idea for me to give it to you'. She's a fiery lady and she wouldn't hold back.

I have certain families that I identify with. Unfortunately, I don't get to go back down there (Tasmania) as much as I would like. My heritage lies with a well-known lady called Dolly Dalrymple. She's my ancestor. Her father was one of the Aboriginal leaders from the Cape Portland people in north-east Tasmania.

There are aspects of my history that I am still learning all the time; every day, about my history on the Aboriginal side – on all sides of my family.

I'm an Aussie and I am representing all

Aussies. I know of my Aboriginal side and am proud of it.

I will keep wearing the flag on my shorts. What Choc said won't stop me. Unless I get asked by the people, the Elders etcetera.

I grew up in Tassie, in Launceston. I started fighting when I was nine and boxing when I was ten years old. At 21, I went on scholarship at the AIS in Canberra and three years later turned pro and moved to Redfern and started training at Marrickville. I do a lot for amateur boxing, around NSW especially.

I have been getting a lot of support from a lot of different people. It has been a bit of a surprise how much support I have been getting, but at the same time, it's welcome. A

lot of people are backing me more and wanting things to go well.

I believe Choc is a good athlete. He's going to train very hard for this. He tends to be able to step up when he needs to, and on this occasion he'll need to. I have been fighting the best in the world and so I go into this very confident. I go into every fight that way, but I am peaking, getting the best out of my training, and I'm a lot faster and a lot smarter.

I'm a different fighter since the last fight with him and I know he knows that. He's going to have to do a lot of different things if he wants to beat me.

Any talk that what happened at the press conference was a set-up is totally false. There was no pre-arranged media strategy. Whatever happens, happens at these things. If we want to be mates and shake hands so be it, but, if there are gonna be fights, at the end of the day we're just two guys who have to get into the ring and fight each other.

I try to keep the possibility of losing out of my head. There's plenty of options on the board for my camp and we keep that out of our minds. We want to be able to believe in ourselves.

I accept that there's a debate about Aboriginality that has to be had, but I'm not sure if by me. I'm not sure I'm the one who has to be talking about it, especially leading up to a fight. Of course, I don't agree that people should get funding when they don't deserve it, but for me to make statements about that... I'd rather keep out of it.

At this stage of my career I am not going to be a person who goes out and make big political statements.

I am just representing the people the way I know best. I am trying to do the best I can for my family, me and the sport.

I am definitely a proud Australian and I am proud to say that I'm Aboriginal. I love representing people and doing the best I can in my sport, hopefully inspiring people to be the best that they can be as well.

I think all of my kids want to learn boxing. I am going to teach them but I'll be extremely happy for them to play other sports too. If they decide they want to box, I will support them.

18 October

Anthony Mundine and Daniel Geale hold a joint press conference in Sydney to announce that they'll stage a rematch in Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane early next year. Their first fight, held in 2009, was Geale's only loss in a 29-fight career. Both say they'll win the next one. Mundine goes further, saying: "I thought they wiped all the Aborigines from Tasmania out, that's all I know" and "I don't see him representing, you know, us black people or coloured people. I don't see him in the communities, I don't see him doing things with people, the things I do. But he's his own man, you know what I mean. But then, he got a white woman, he got white kids... You know, I keep it real all day every day."

19 October

Tasmanian Aboriginal activist Michael Mansell slams Mundine's comments as 'ugly and racist, and an embarrassment to Aboriginal people everywhere'. He says the comments are 'a form of genocide' and identical to claims by newspaper columnist Andrew

How things unfolded

Bolt that fair-skinned Aborigines 'were not bona fide'. Mansell demands that Mundine apologise and says he won't be welcome in Tasmania until he does.

Mundine calls a press conference at The Block in Redfern, to apologise if his comments have offended some Aborigines in Tasmania, but stops short of an apology to Geale. "I know there are a lot of Aborigines in Tasmania that are proud of their heritage, just like me," Mundine says. "My comment wasn't directed at anybody but the system," he continues, saying there are some people 'who get jobs and are claiming benefits who claim to be Aboriginal because they have a great great great great grandmother or grandfather'. "That, I think, is wrong. I think the system needs to accommodate those Aborigines that need it most, rather than trying to cater for everybody. Maybe there's a cut-off point or a scaling system." Mundine says Australia is one of the most racist countries in the world and needs

to change its national flag and anthem. And he says he wants to see more breeding between Aboriginal men and women. "Our women are the backbone of our community, and the Aboriginal community is weak if our women are weak. We need to bring our women up with us and embrace that. Our mortality rate is far worse than our birth rate. We are probably one of the only races on Earth like that right now so we need to populate and multiply."

20 October

Michael Mansell issues a further statement saying Tasmanian Aboriginal people would accept Mundine's apology. "We'll leave it at that," he says. But Mansell goes on to say that 'not everything Anthony Mundine said about identity was wrong'. "Mr Mundine has said he was concerned about people discovering a distant Aboriginal ancestor and seizing on that information to claim to be Aboriginal, despite socially and

culturally living the life of a white person," Mansell says. He says that the number of people asserting Aboriginality in Tasmania has doubled in 20 years, with many white Tasmanians claiming to be Aboriginal because of rumour or because they 'feel different'. Mansell says the issue raised by Mundine 'will not easily go away until some common sense is put back into processes that are fair, reasonable and transparent'.

21 October

Mundine and Geale appear together on Nine's *Wide World of Sports*. Mundine tells Geale: "I think I went too far. I want to be man-to-man. I had a press conference, and I'll be man-to-man here and say I probably did (over)step the line about your woman and your children. I want to say I'm sorry, I'm sincerely sorry. After it came out I wanted to take it back but it was too late. I hope you accept my apology."

Geale accepts Mundine's apology: "It was something that did get me. Say whatever you want about me, I don't care, but not the family, not the people I know," he says. "I accept the apology. But when the time comes in the ring we'll sort it out... the guy says some things that aren't right. That's him. That's what he does. I'm not like that. I'm a little bit quieter, I keep to myself a little bit more. I'd rather let my boxing do the talking."

Later that day, Mundine posts on his Facebook page that he wasn't saying his people were weak or weakened.

"Far far from it," he writes. "We stand proud and strong. We have been so strong to endure so much hardship and issues... My point and frustration is that the Indigenous people and culture is being diluted and disappearing before our eyes. I just don't know what to do about it. It's sad and hurtful."

Mundine admits his initial comments 'started out with boxing show hype but some real issues came in'.

"Real life issues with Australian culture shouldn't mix with games. Sorry about that. Just know I'm comin' from a good place to make this a better land for all equally," he writes.

'Hype' that became so much more

By KIRSTIE PARKER

'Mundine Vs Geale', the promotional posters read. And then 'Whose side are you on?'

Before Sydney-based boxers Anthony 'Choc' Mundine and Daniel Geale held their joint press conference to announce a rematch early next year with Geale's two middleweight world titles at stake, no-one could have known quite how prophetic that question would become.

Nearly two weeks later, it's the question on the lips of almost every Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australian – and not because of some random spike in the popularity of the pugilistic sport.

Thanks to what started as pre-match 'hype' but quickly descended into ugly cultural sledging by Mundine of Geale, the answer to the posters question seems to be an increasingly emphatic 'the latter'.

The press conference detonated a public debate about Aboriginal identity, sexism and internalised oppression.

Aboriginal people in Tasmania, indeed throughout the country, reacted with immediate, universal disgust at 37-year-old Mundine's statement that he thought 'they wiped all the Aborigines from Tasmania out'.

Many were stunned, too, when the Bundjalung/Wiradjuri boxer also known as 'The Man' said that he didn't see Tasmanian-born Geale as representing 'us black people or coloured people' and ventured he shouldn't be wearing the Aboriginal flag on his boxing trunks.

"But then, he got a white woman, he got white kids... You know, I keep it real all day every day," Mundine said.

Geale, six years Mundine's junior, sat through most of the press conference with a bemused look on his face and saying relatively little, telling journalists afterwards that he

would not be getting involved in an argument about his Aboriginal heritage, of which he was 'very proud'.

The press conference was just the beginning. It was followed by calls for apologies to both Aboriginal Tasmanians generally and Geale and his family.

Tasmanian activist Michael Mansell flagged a possible racial vilification case, saying racism was still racism, even if it came from an Aboriginal person.

Within days, however, Mundine had said sorry to

accepted. "And we will leave it at that," he said.

But he went on to comment that 'not everything' Mundine had said about identity was wrong.

"Mr Mundine has said he was concerned about people discovering a distant Aboriginal ancestor and seizing on that information to claim to be Aboriginal, despite socially and culturally living the life of a white person," Mansell said.

"The issue that Anthony Mundine has raised will not easily go away until some common sense is put back into processes that are fair, reasonable and transparent."

Despite this, national Indigenous leaders were conspicuously absent from the discussion that ensued.

The co-chairs of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples would not be drawn on the subject, and the Australian Human Rights Commission, which has the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and the Race Discrimination Commissioner in its stable, did not take up an invitation to comment.

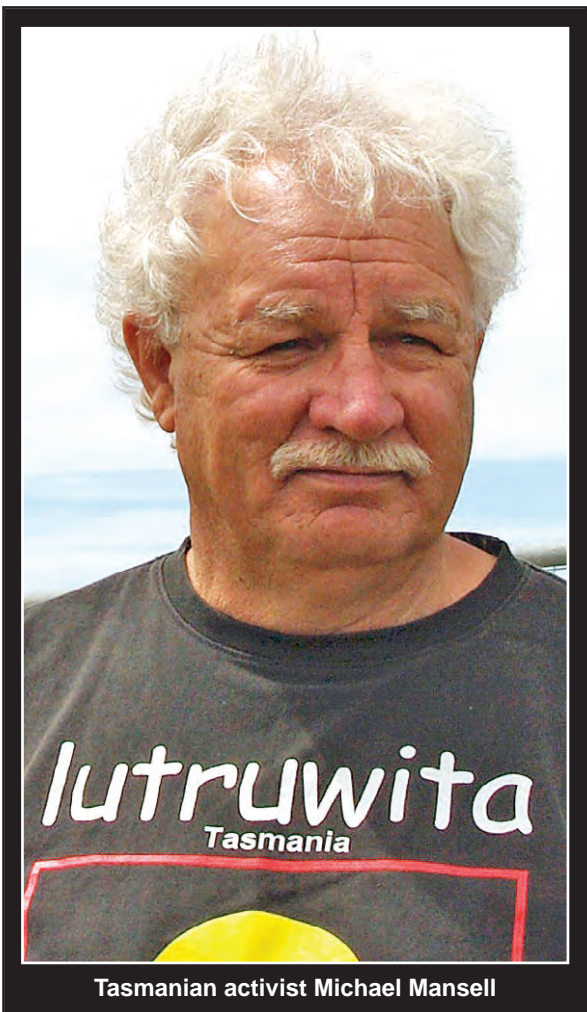
The *Koori Mail* approached several high-profile Indigenous sports figures for comment, but was knocked back there too.

It was left largely to the sporting and general public to thrash things out, mainly on social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Much of the discussion was vitriolic, abusive and heavily critical of Mundine.

Daniel Geale's Facebook page has about 5500 friends. Mundine's has a little over 20,000 likes. And another page entitled 'Anthony Mundine is an idiot' has about 30,000.

One thing's for certain, when Mundine and Geale step into the ring together somewhere on the east coast of Australia early next year, there'll be much more than world titles and a handsome purse at stake.



Tasmanian activist Michael Mansell

Aboriginal Tasmanians and to Geale. He had regretted much of what he'd said as soon as the words left his mouth, he said. He knew there were a lot of Aboriginal people in Tasmania who, 'like him' were proud of their heritage. And he'd overstepped the mark with comments about Geale's family.

Just how contentious Aboriginality or claims of it remain in Tasmania was clear in a second statement from Michael Mansell. The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's legal director said that Mundine's apology would be

What they thought

The *Koori Mail*'s Tasmanian correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY asked some members of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community for their views on Anthony Mundine's comments. Here's what they said.



RODNEY DILLON, Conningham –

Not acceptable, that's bad behaviour, he needs to have a good look at himself when he makes comments like that and how it hurts people in Tasmania. People have been fighting all their life for their identity. It's a cheap shot and I put him in the category of Alan Jones and people like that.



VICKI MAIKUTENA

MATSON-GREEN, Launceston – Mundine's apology was too little too late. Comments about Tasmanian Aborigines offended the memory of my ancestral matriarchs who struggled against the odds to survive. He offended me, my family and my community. What he said about Daniel's identity, his wife and little children didn't make him look strong.



JIM EVERETT, Cape Barren Island when he's home – He's just a symptom of white man's education.



KARTANYA MAYNARD, Hobart – I was really shocked, I couldn't believe that he would even say that. I cried when I heard. I had always looked up to him, but now I can barely look at him.



KAREN BROWN, Hobart – I found his comments offensive. I don't think his apology was sincere and it really wasn't adequate enough to overcome the offence he has caused to Tasmanian Aboriginal people.



DAVE WARRENER, Launceston – Mundine walks the talk, he fights for his people. Geale could and can do so much more for his people – palawa/Aboriginal Tasmanians.



RONNIE SUMMERS, Launceston – It was shocking as far as I was concerned. It sets back the Aboriginal struggle so many years, it made us feel worthless. Who does he think he is?



JODIE EDWARDS, Burnie – I felt disgusted, for him as an Aboriginal person to come out with that about Tasmania. He has mixed and stayed with Elders in Tasmania, he had no beefs that there were no Aboriginal people living here then. I didn't hear the apology.

Riders to tackle Nullarbor

By DARREN COYNE



DYNAMIC duo Steve Widders and Dr Mick Adams have conquered their walk/ride from

Brisbane to Sydney, and plan next to tackle the Nullarbor.

Mr Widders, who is legally blind, and Dr Adams, a long-time health practitioner, completed their 1000km journey to raise the profile of men's health.

Walk and Ride Widders encouraged all Australian men and their families to support each other to improve their physical, mental, spiritual and environmental health.

Stopping at Aboriginal medical services and speaking to men's groups along the way, Dr Adams and Mr Widders urged men to stand up and take charge of their health.

At Taree in northern NSW, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples health policy officer Scott Avery and the representative body's co-chair Les Malezer joined them.

Mr Avery, who is deaf and has a cochlear implant, said he was proud to be part of such a monumental journey, which travelled through his mob's Worimi country, north of Newcastle.

"Steve is inspiring me and other men to take better care of ourselves," he said.

"The ride has made me get out from behind my desk and ride and I will be talking to my mob about improving our health."

Others, including Prime Minister Julie Gillard's partner Tim Mathieson, who is patron of the Australian Men's Shed



National Congress co-chair Les Malezer, Congress health policy officer Scott Avery, Dr Mick Adams and Steve Widders.

Association, joined Mr Widders and Dr Adams for the final leg of their journey over the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Redfern Park. After finishing, an emotional

Mr Widders said the ride had been an amazing experience, which he hoped would become an annual event.

"We're going to do the

Nullarbor next year, probably in July, leading up to NAIDOC day," he said.

"We'll ride from South Australia to Kalgoorlie in WA,

which is about 800km."

Dr Adams said the support from all the medical services along the way had been fantastic.

Minister lashes NT Labor Leader



NORTHERN Territory Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie has been accused of racism after

speaking slowly to an Aboriginal Member of Parliament.

Indigenous Advancement Minister Alison Anderson, who's Aboriginal herself, said Ms Lawrie had been patronising.

During a matter of public importance debate – on making full-strength beer available in the Tiwi Islands – Ms Anderson told Parliament on Thursday she had been disgusted at the way Ms Lawrie spoke to the islands MP, Xavier Francis Kurrupuwu.

"I was absolutely appalled and disgusted to see the



'I was absolutely appalled and disgusted'
– NT Minister Alison Anderson

Leader of the Opposition come in, lean over a microphone and speak very slowly to the Member for Arafura – very patronising," Ms Anderson said.

"I feel there was racial undertones to that."

The issue of whether full-strength beer should be allowed for sale in the some Aboriginal communities has been a hot topic in the NT.

During the recent NT election, Mr Kurrupuwu admitted promising voters

that if elected he would ensure full-strength beer was on sale in the Tiwi Islands.

He later denied it was part of his campaign.

Ms Lawrie hit back at the claims she was being racist in the way she had questioned Mr Kurrupuwu.

"I do that often in speeches to apply emphasis. I know what you are trying to infer and that is offensive," she told Ms Anderson during the debate.

Health Minister David Tollner said the Labor Opposition had a 'terribly racist' way of thinking regarding allowing alcohol in Aboriginal communities.

The CLP has indicated it favours allowing Aboriginal people to decide themselves whether or not alcohol should be sold in their communities.



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Prevention, not detention, ministers told

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL advocates have told NSW Government ministers they should be spending money on 'prevention rather than detention'.

At a landmark meeting on 17 October, Justice Reinvestment Campaign advocates Mick Gooda, Tom Calma and Marcia Ella Duncan met with NSW Attorney-General Greg Smith and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello.

The trio presented the ministers with a 'revolutionary policy

approach' to tackle the over-representation of Aboriginal young people being incarcerated.

Mr Gooda, who is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission, said justice reinvestment was about taking dollars out of prisons and putting them back into communities.

"When implemented, justice reinvestment programs benefit entire communities, not just Aboriginal young people," he said.

Mr Calma said justice reinvestment involved smarter spending, not increased spending,

while Ms Ella Duncan said 'we have an opportunity to change the story of how corrections and the criminal justice system work in NSW'.

They asked the ministers to commit to trialing and evaluating justice reinvestment in an agreed number of metropolitan and regional communities.

Alarming

"The population of Aboriginal young people in detention is an alarming 50 per cent, while Aboriginal people in NSW make up just 2.2 per cent of the total population," they argued.

"The trend is a continual increase in admissions and in terms of Aboriginal over-representation there is a real risk of the situation getting worse, and costs continually increasing.

"A framework of Justice Reinvestment for NSW will have exponential benefits not just on the bottom dollar, but also on community safety."

Mr Dominello later told the *Koori Mail* that the meeting had gone 'really well'. "We had a really positive dialogue and we agreed that our policy advisors would speak on justice reinvestment further to work out what to do

from here," he said. "We as a Government and community need to be honest. Let's look at how we're spending money. Let's identify the programs that are working well in stopping kids from going to jail, that are stopping truancy and absenteeism.

"Let's allocate money from the glossy brochure programs and put it into the ones that are actually achieving results."

Mr Dominello said the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs was due to report to Cabinet by the end of the year with a view to formulating a new Aboriginal Affairs strategy for NSW.

Elders target stolen wages

By CHRISTINE HOWES



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Elders met in Mackay last week to vent their ongoing frustration and anger over the issues of stolen wages in that state.

It is ten years and six months since the then-Labor Queensland Government made its reparations offer for those affected by stolen wages.

Last week's meeting, hosted by the Queensland Council of Unions, was part of an ongoing campaign to encourage the Government, via local MPs, to prioritise and resolve the issue.

QCU Townsville branch president Les Moffit told SBS Radio the Elders who attended the meeting were very, very frustrated.

"And rightfully so," he said. "This whole issue has been allowed to drag on for far too long.

"We've written to the Premier who has more or less just put it all on the back burner and is not willing to meet with us so that we can at least sit around the table and hopefully get some common sense to prevail and move forward the whole issue.

"Because the message we're getting out there to the Government is that the QCU is not going to let this issue slide."

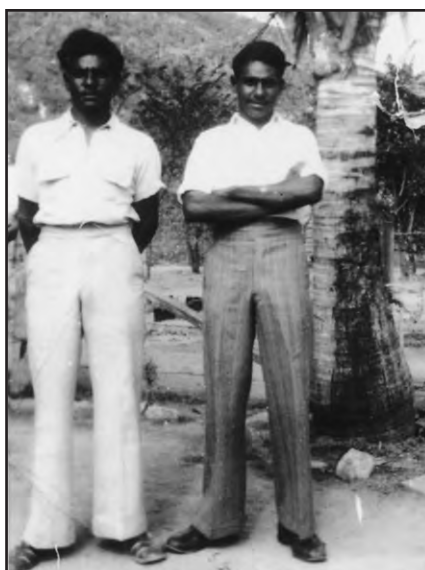
The meeting was attended by stolen wages twins Paul and Arthur Ah Wang, who worked side-by-side on diving boats when they were teenagers.

Paul successfully claimed the Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations payment, but Arthur's claim was unsuccessful.

"We don't know why," Arthur said. "He might have had some paperwork, I had some, but that money could help my family.

"I was diving for trochus, it was very dangerous.

"We filled out the same form, we worked side by side,



● Above: Identical twins from Thursday Island Paul Ah Wang, left, who has been paid stolen wages from when he worked on a trochus shell boat, together and Arthur Ah Wang, who hasn't been paid. File photo by ALF WILSON

● Left: Arthur, left, and Paul Ah Wang dressed for Sunday church at Palm Island about 1950. Their skipper insisted they go to church.

but he got paid and I didn't."

Paul said they should be paid.

"We came here for the lost wages to be sorted out in Mackay," he said.

"I was diving, me and my twin brother was diving here in Mackay and getting small pay.

'Few bob'

"I got a few bob back, which is terrible, but that was all.

"We should get more than that, if they want to pay us properly they should

pay us the right money.

"That's why we're having meetings all the time, to get that money, we are owed back pay. I'd like to see everybody else get paid too."

Yamadi Lera-Meta HACC programs manager Elizabeth Warren said she had helped many of her clients when the original offer was made.

"We did a lot of work helping when the original reparation applications went out," she said.

"Some of those people are

now in their late 80s or early 90s and we can't hope for them to be here for much longer.

"They don't trust governments because they have no reason to; throughout their lives governments haven't done much for them and they are the ones who were treated badly.

"They hope something will happen in their life and I think it's urgent, I don't think the Campbell Newmans of the world know the effect of dragging this on, people are going to die without getting a result.

"I just would like closure for those people, they've had little closure."

Other Elders, such as James Sambo and John Kennell, also had their say at the meeting, but they were all there for the same reason – because they want their money back.

"This stolen money, it's really hurt us to see that our government can't look after its own people," Mr Sambo said.

"My father was a teacher and he had six children, and for six of us he usually came home with \$30. He wasn't paid properly.

"Even I went through and worked for the boats – where's all the rest of it?"

The group agreed Premier Newman should stop wearing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander badge while he has failed to progress the stolen wages and several other issues such as repatriation of remains.

"For some time now, Elders throughout the state are getting annoyed that he's been seen on a number of occasions proudly displaying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander badge," Mr Moffit said.

"The Elders have put together a letter and they are going to request he not wear that badge, because how can he say he governs for all of Queensland yet he treats this minority group very harshly.

"It's just a disgrace for him to carry on the way he has."

Kakadu is a part of campaign

By DARREN COYNE



TRADITIONAL owners of Kakadu National Park are supporting an Australian Greens campaign to protect precious environmental and cultural sites across

Australia. Kakadu has been included on a website, www.tooprecioustolose.org.au, which includes sites that are threatened by mining or other factors.

Greens senator Scott Ludlam said despite Kakadu being Australia's largest national park, 'we allow more than 100,000 litres of contaminated water to leak into the ground beneath the Ranger uranium mineral lease every day'.

"More than 150 leaks, spills and licence breaches have been recorded since the mine opened," Senator Ludlam said.

"Now, Ranger's operator – Rio Tinto-owned Energy Resources of Australia – wants to expand the mine.

"Kakadu was World Heritage listed in 1991 for both its rich cultural and environmental importance, it covers an area one third the size of Tasmania.

"In addition to its environmental and cultural values, the park supports a vibrant tourist industry with hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

"We can't risk Kakadu with further uranium projects: we need to begin the long process of remediation and clean up of the damage already done."

Support

Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Justin O'Brien told the *Koori Mail* that Mirarr traditional owners fully supported moves to protect their land, and they had campaigned nationally and internationally against uranium mining.

"There has been no change in position since the year dot," he said.

"Traditional owners have always said that it was sacred and dangerous and couldn't be disturbed.

"That resistance is deep within the community, especially in the young people.

"In terms of the Ranger mine, it was imposed on the Mirarr people because their customary veto was removed under the *Land Rights Act* so that the mine could take place.

"That led to the marginalisation of people's land and lives. We maintain there has been a litany of human rights abuses as a direct result of uranium mining."

Mr O'Brien said Mirarr people had sometimes been portrayed as having sold out because they had accepted royalties from the mine.

But he argued that it had been forced upon them and had resulted in little long-lasting benefit, as money was poorly administered and managed.

ABC chair is speaker



ABC chairman and former chief justice of the NSW Supreme Court, Jim Spigelman, will be guest speaker at this year's 25th Human Rights Awards.

The awards, organised by the Australian Human Rights Commission, recognise the protection and promotion of human rights.

Craig Reucassel, from the TV program *The Chaser*, will MC the event.

Human Rights Commission president Gillian Triggs says her first few months in the job have given a 'fascinating insight' into the commission.

"I have been impressed with the wide range of projects undertaken by the commission, from the BackMeUp campaign against cyber-bullying to advocating for older Australians to be given a fair go in the workplace," she said.

"Now that I've seen some of the commission's work, I look forward to outlining my vision for the future at the historic 25th anniversary awards."

Former winners of the major award the Human Rights Medal, include the late Eddie Mabo and former prime minister Malcolm Fraser.

For more details on this year's awards, go to <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/hrawards>

Final Ord River plan released



A FINAL management plan for the Ord River and Parry Lagoons nature reserves in Western Australia's East Kimberley has been released. WA Environment Minister Bill Marmion

said the plan, which included input from the Miriung Gajerrong and Balangarra people, outlined strategies to protect the area's natural values and provide opportunities for visitors to experience them.

He said the 129,500ha covered by the plan included the Ord River Floodplain Ramsar site, which supported more than 20,000 migratory birds and other species.

The plan proposes joint management by the WA Environment Department and Yawoorroong Miriung Gajerrong Yirrgab Noong Dawang Aboriginal Corporation, and the determination of interest in pursuing joint management with the Balangarra people.

The Ord River is 320km long and its catchment covers an area of 46,100 square kilometres.

Corowa is new NCIE advocate



RISING singer/songwriter Marcus Corowa has become a advocate for the Redfern-based National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.

The NCIE advocates program is designed to give positive role models to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Corowa's performances draw on his Aboriginal and South Sea Islander roots. He won this year's Most Promising New Talent in Music award at the Deadlys, and has performed at major festivals.

Other advocates include model Samantha Harris, ex-AFL player Michael O'Loughlin, singer Casey Donovan and actor Luke Carroll.

Corowa will also be performing a month-long residency starting this month at Ayers Rock Resort for the Sails in the Desert grand opening.

Kimberley MP lashes gas hub protesters



THE first Aboriginal woman elected to an Australian parliament has come out swinging against Browse gas hub

opponents, saying the Broome community is not divided over the proposal and it's only a small but vocal group causing all the fuss.

Outgoing Kimberley MLA

Carol Martin has told the West Australian Parliament that she supported a bill underpinning the Woodside-led Browse project because many Aboriginal people in the Kimberley region believed it would benefit them, not just state revenues.

Premier Colin Barnett has long argued that a land agreement signed with native title claimant groups, which included a substantial benefits package, was 'the most significant act of self-determination by an Aboriginal group in Australian history'.

Ms Martin agreed, saying Aboriginal people needed to take control of their own destiny.

The Kimberley's Aboriginal communities were still mired in abject poverty, she said, and

they did not want to keep living with a welfare model that was not only humiliating and demoralising, but made some young people feel as if they did not have a future, leaving them contemplating suicide.

After being colonised by 'the British', 'do-gooders', 'missionaries' and 'industry', Aboriginal people were now being colonised by 'the bloody greenies' who opposed the hub,

'It is disgraceful. I do not support people who break the law, get arrested, and then stand as if they are some sort of martyr.'

– Kimberley MP Carol Martin



politically correct media that we have' and 'an essentially urban, middle-class Australia'.

"She talked about the famous, the rich and famous who would come to the Kimberly in a self-righteous way as if only they cared about the environment or only they cared about the whales or only they cared about the dinosaur footprints," the

Premier told Parliament.

"And implicit in that is an attitude that we see too often ... that somehow this state is a redneck environment, that we don't care about heritage, that we don't care about the environment, and somehow we're not capable enough to look after marine life in the Kimberley." – AAP

The organisers of the event did not ask the shire for a permit and interfered with an annual surf competition at Cable Beach, Ms Martin said.

"How disrespectful is that?" she asked. "These people stuffed it up."

Those who attended the concert were not necessarily opponents of the gas hub, she said.

Ms Martin said she thought it

was wrong that some activists had threatened Browse staff, and police had been criticised for sending officers to Broome to protect them.

"The public has a right to know what is happening; these people are being assaulted on their way to work and at work," she said.

"It is disgraceful. I do not

Aboriginal fears stop oil project



BURU Energy says it has stopped work at its Ungani oil project in Western Australia after traditional owners claimed it had destroyed a significant Aboriginal archaeological site.

KRED Enterprises on Friday

said Nyikina Mangala traditional owners had demanded the Perth-based company cease operations at the project, about 100km east of Broome in WA's Kimberley region, where extended production testing began in March.

It said Buru had bulldozed through sand dunes in an exclusion zone, destroying an Aboriginal archaeological site and disturbing important objects.

KRED chief executive and Nyikina Mangala traditional owner Wayne Bergmann, who used to head the Kimberley Land Council, said a complaint had been lodged with the Department of Indigenous Affairs along with a request for a full investigation.

Buru executive director Eric Streitberg said the company had been preparing for a geophysical survey but stopped operations in the area in question as soon as it was made aware of the concerns on Thursday.

"The company will not conduct any further work in that area until all



KRED chief executive Wayne Bergmann (file photo)

investigations are complete," he said.

Mr Streitberg said Buru was undertaking its own investigation into the incident and was fully assisting the department's independent probe.

However, there were no sites in the area of the alleged disturbance that had been registered with the department, he said.

Mr Streitberg said all of Buru's activities were conducted after obtaining heritage clearances from traditional owners.

"Buru takes particular care to ensure that its activities do not disturb registered sites or areas of cultural significance that are brought to our attention," he said.

"This particular work was conducted following extensive consultation with the Nyikina Mangala people over a period of nine months and has included on-ground monitoring by the traditional owners."

KRED said Buru was currently in negotiations with the Nyikina Mangala people over access to land for exploration activities.

"Buru has covered every inch of our claim with mining and exploration tenements, and if it wants to work with us, it needs to do it on our terms and respect our culture and heritage," Mr Bergmann said.

Buru is an Australian Securities Exchange-listed company with market capitalisation of about \$756 million. It is developing the Ungani project in partnership with Japan's Mitsubishi. – AAP

Flag badge big issue in Parliament



IT is not uncommon for supporters of Aboriginal people to be described as wearing their hearts on their sleeves.

NSW Greens MP Jeremy Buckingham favours his lapel; only it's an Aboriginal flag badge and not his heart that had some in State Parliament in a flap last fortnight.

When Mr Buckingham wore such a badge into the Legislative Assembly on 16 October, he ran foul of Government Whip Peter Phelps, who declared the badge too big under parliamentary rules and asked him to take it off.

Under the rules, MPs must not wear anything bigger than the official NSW Parliament pin, which measures 200mm. Mr Buckingham's Australia-shaped badge is about 250mm wide.

Breaching an order three times can see an MP ejected from the chamber, but Mr Buckingham insists it wasn't the size of his badge, but the fact that it bore the Aboriginal flag design that put Dr Phelps offside.

"The evidence for that is the numerous pins and badges that MPs wear all the time, of all shapes and sizes, that have never been called to order," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"He (Dr Phelps) took issue with this pin and it's clear there was a concerning undertone with that and that caused me enormous offence. Imagine doing the same with a pin that represented Legacy or the Cancer Council?"

"I believe Dr Phelps owes the Parliament and the people of NSW an apology. I think anyone who respects the flag of Aboriginal Australia would be offended and over my dead body will I be taking it off."

The day after the Whip's initial call to order, Premier Barry O'Farrell tweeted that, if the rules prevented MPs from wearing an Aboriginal flag pin in the chamber, they should be changed.

Mr Buckingham welcomed the Mr O'Farrell's statement and continued to wear the badge, sometimes cheekily giving it a bit of a polish as he entered the chamber.

But AAP reported Mr Phelps as having declared that he



NSW Greens MLC Jeremy Buckingham wearing his Aboriginal flag badge outside State Parliament last week.

wouldn't bother calling Mr Buckingham out on the badge again because the Greens MP was just 'attention seeking'.

The *Koori Mail's* calls to

type of badge – was the issue.

"Mr Buckingham can wear an Aboriginal flag pin; it's just a question of wearing one that is a size that is compliant," the spokesman said.

"Our office has such an Aboriginal flag pin and both the President and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Shelley Hancock wore one at last week's announcement of the Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize.

"That has been brought the Mr Buckingham's attention. To date, he hasn't been

down to get one but we have been very busy in Parliament and hopefully he'll be by to get it soon."

– By KIRSTIE PARKER



The NSW Parliamentary pin alongside the Aboriginal flag badge worn by Greens MP Jeremy Buckingham.

Dr Phelps' office were not returned. However, a spokesman for NSW Upper House President Don Harwin told us that size – and not the

Greens welcome heritage move



THE NSW Greens have welcomed what they say is a commitment by the NSW Heritage Minister to developing stand-alone Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation.

But they say questions remain over whether Aboriginal people will be given control over their heritage.

Greens NSW Heritage spokesperson David Shoebridge praised a commitment to remove the administration of Aboriginal cultural heritage from the *National Parks and Wildlife Act*.

"It should never have been there in the first place," he said.

"The real question now is whether the Government will retain its support for Aboriginal knowledge keepers and traditional owners to have final decision-making power over activities which will impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

"The Minister (Robyn Parker) also revealed in Budget Estimates that within weeks the Government will receive a report with

recommendations regarding the management and administration of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

"One of the key issues to be resolved is whether a stand-alone body will be established to administer Aboriginal cultural heritage, with Knowledge Keepers the primary decision-makers, or if the Government will repeat the mistakes of the past by keeping control firmly in the hands of the state," Mr Shoebridge said.

Recognition

"The Greens are calling on the Government to give recognition and respect to Aboriginal people's rights as custodians of Aboriginal culture heritage and country.

"The best way to do this is to return the decision-making power over Aboriginal cultural heritage to Aboriginal people.

"The Greens have asked questions on notice to get to the bottom of the Government's intentions in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage and maintain pressure on the Government to do the right thing," he said.



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Police bill decision 'reopens wounds'



THE Queensland Government decision to pay the legal bills of police officers in proceedings regarding the death of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee has reopened old wounds, Aboriginal leaders say.

Police Minister Jack Dempsey confirmed on 17 October that the Government would give the Police Union \$280,225 for the legal fees of Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley, who was acquitted of Mr Doomadgee's manslaughter.

Mr Dempsey also authorised a payment of \$384,700 for the legal costs of officers and staff involved in the coroner's inquest.

Mulrunji Doomadgee, 36, died of massive internal injuries in the Palm Island watch house after he was arrested for being drunk in November 2004.

His death led to major riots on the island, during which the police station and Sgt Hurley's house were set alight.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the Government's decision reopened old wounds for his community.



'Aboriginal people and particularly people at Palm Island will always be very wary and very concerned in terms of whether police protect all Queenslanders or they only protect some of Queenslanders'

— Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey

He said islanders would view the payment as racist.

"Aboriginal people and particularly people at Palm Island will always be very wary and very concerned in terms of whether police protect all Queenslanders or they only protect some Queenslanders," he said.

Lobby group Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) called for

the Government's decision to be reversed.

ANTaR Qld president Kitty Carra said the decision was 'akin to rubbing salt into wounds for those on Palm Island who have never received justice in this matter'.

"The State Government's decision to reimburse to the Police Union is wrong," Ms Carra said last week.

"A man died because of the actions of Chris Hurley."

But acting Police Union president Shayne Maxwell said all public servants were entitled to have their legal bills paid for by the Government if found not guilty of a crime while conducting their duties.

"It should be remembered that Chris Hurley and all other police involved have been cleared of each and every allegation ever made against them in every forum," he said.

In 2010, Coroner Brian Hine said he could not definitively determine if the injuries that killed Mr Doomadgee were deliberately or accidentally inflicted in a scuffle with Sgt Hurley.

But he found there was evidence other police had colluded to protect him.

The same year, the Crime and Misconduct Commission identified serious flaws in the initial police investigation by four officers who fraternised with Sgt Hurley while they were on the island investigating his actions.

It also found errors in a subsequent internal review by two senior officers.

— AAP, with additional reporting by the Koori Mail

Yolngu hopeful after meet



SENIOR law holders, clan and community leaders from across Arnhem Land have called for major changes to Northern Territory

local government arrangements, an end to the NT Intervention, and a reciprocal relationship between their traditional law structures and government agencies.

Men and women from east, central and west Arnhem Land attended the second annual gathering of the Yolngu Makarr-Dhuni (Yolngu Nations Assembly) in Maningrida from 11-13 October, starting with a march through the bush town and talks with new NT Chief Minister Terry Mills, and Member for Arafura Maralampuwu Xavier (known in the Parliament as Xavier Francis Kurrupuwu).

The group issued a statement seeking abolition of NT 'super shires' in favour of more local control, more funding for homelands, and scrapping of the Federal Government's Stronger Futures legislation encompassing the controversial BasicsCard and community leasing in exchange for housing.

A spokesman for the group of Arnhem Land senior law holders and leaders, Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra, said afterwards that he was hopeful that Mr Mills would keep a promise that his Country Liberal Government would work closely with the Assembly.

"He actually has recognised us by visiting us," Dr Gondarra told the *Koori Mail*. "He was invited and came, and this was the first Chief Minister of the NT to see the importance of the assembly and our concerns."

"The Chief Minister has said these are big issues, things like homelands, that he'll deal with in a partnership approach. We will build a dialogue between the Government and the assembly and address a lot of those issues together."

But Dr Gondarra was less optimistic that the Federal Government would listen to his people.

"I have lost touch with the Australian Government... they see me as a critic, a stirrer, rather than as a freedom fighter, a person trying to bring unity and reconciliation to the Australian nation, which I believe in, the democracy for all citizens," he said.

'Dehumanised'

"My people need to be seen as human beings, and stop being dehumanised. The legislation that has passed (Stronger Futures), you'd never dream that they would target particular people in this country like this."

"One of the things I promised when the Stronger Futures legislation was made law was that I would not stop fighting... in the assembly, man and woman said this is racist and can't continue for another ten years."

"It is not a good measure, it is not a service for us, it will press us down and control our lives so much. That message was given very clearly to the Chief Minister."

Dr Gondarra said he still hoped to work with the Federal Government 'in a proper diplomatic dialogue'.

"I see the importance of them and us being part of the solution together," he said.

— By KIRSTIE PARKER



Senior law holders (Dalkarramirri and Djirrikaymirri), clan and community leaders from across Arnhem Land at the second meeting of the Yolngu Makarr-Dhuni (Yolngu Nations Assembly). Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra is second from the right.



Helen Nyomba, from Galiwinku, speaking to Chief Minister Terry Mills and his adviser Lawson Broad.



Jessie Mabo, Carolyn Briggs, Nathan Lovett-Murray, Eva-Jo Edwards, Michael Long and Bronwyn Razem at The Long Walk Women's Luncheon in Melbourne on 12 October. Photo by BINDI COLE

Women enjoy Long lunch



JESSIE MABO, the daughter of famed land rights activist Eddie Mabo, was one of the guest speakers at the 2012 The Long Walk Women's Luncheon, held this month in Melbourne. She was joined at the fund-raising lunch for charity The Long Walk's Cultural Exchange programs by fellow speakers Michael Long and social worker Eva-Jo Edwards.

The lunch, inspired by former AFL champion Michael Long's walk to Canberra in 2004 to raise awareness of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and to get them on to the national agenda, is designed to highlight the role women play in Indigenous communities.

Ms Mabo presented a family perspective on the 10-year court case in which her father achieved national prominence as the successful principal plaintiff in the landmark High Court ruling on native land title.

Ms Edwards spoke on her life as part of the Stolen Generations and the trials she has faced and overcome.

The Long Walk charity now raises

awareness of health, well-being and life opportunity in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Fundraising for the event, now in its seventh year in Melbourne, included a silent auction and a raffle, and all funds raised at the Women's Luncheon went to The Long Walk Cultural Exchange in Victoria.

The Long Walk Women's Luncheon in Darwin is set for 16 November at the Holiday Inn Esplanade. Tickets are still available.

Go to thelongwalk.com.au for more information.

Reunion in Mittagong



ABORIGINAL and non-Aboriginal former residents and staff of a home for state wards in NSW will gather for a reunion this weekend. About 60 per cent of the children at Renwick State Ward Home in Mittagong were Aboriginal. The home ran for 109 years and was closed in 1994.

Reunions have been held there for the past six years, to support one another and 'reminisce about old times (both good and bad) as a family of wards'.

"I know myself, this reunion is the only link to my childhood and this is not uncommon between us," said one former resident, Leeallison Downie.

"A lot of us link the reunion with our childhoods; it is like seeing your brothers and sisters that you have not seen in years.

"Some of us have found our families but that loneliness is still there because they could never understand what it was like as a child growing up without the normal love, affection and support a child needs.

"With the reunions we have people who do understand, and we have people to relate to."

Unfortunately, the group is struggling to meet the costs of public liability insurance required for its members to meet at the home's old school gym.

While some individuals had been meeting the cost of the insurance, Ms Downie said that without some degree of support from government or other sources the gathering could not continue.

Ms Downie said she believed the government took on the parental responsibility of providing for the home's former residents as children and should continue that support and come to their aid.

The reunion will be held this Saturday, 3 November from 10am to 4.30pm, with tea and coffee provided and a variety of activities.

For more information on the reunion, contact Bill on (02) 9891 2123 or 0405 912 669 or Lee on 0415 389 466.

NSW input welcomed

By DARREN COYNE



NEW South Wales Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello believes there is 'no doubt there is an appetite for change' in the way government services and programs are being delivered.

Mr Dominello said community feedback had indicated there was plenty of money being spent by government, but it was not getting to the grassroots.

He spoke with the *Koori Mail* last week following the release of a report, 'Getting it Right', which presents the findings of the second round of consultations carried out by the NSW Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs.

The second round involved 900 people at nine community forums, and four workshops, with more than 400 of those people also surveyed.

That survey found 'overwhelming support' for proposals Mr Dominello said would encourage 'more economic opportunity, more language and culture, and more

community decision making and responsibility'.

Mr Dominello promised the feedback would help determine future policy. "I want to make it absolutely clear that the important information gathered from the consultations will be used by the Taskforce as the foundation of the NSW Government's new Aboriginal affairs strategy," he said.

The survey found 'substantial support' for what the Taskforce has termed 'Opportunity Hubs', which would provide pathways to jobs for Aboriginal students by getting local employers involved in career planning at school.

Decision-making

As well, there was substantial support to motivate students and families to learn Aboriginal language and culture, and support for local decision-making.

"The initiatives with the highest level of support were the Language and Culture initiative and the Hubs (almost equal levels of support)," the key findings section of the report said. "There was less support for the local decision

making model, as compared to other proposals."

And although none of the 'initiatives were considered easy to implement', the Hubs, followed by Language and Culture were seen as easier options than the local decision making model.

That was because the 'beliefs and attitudes about the representativeness and functionality of existing Aboriginal community organisations were divided and there was no consensus'.

Mr Dominello said the number of people who had turned out to consultation meetings across the state had been 'extraordinary'.

"These community meetings were valuable in testing the pulse of the community," he said. "Over 12 months we had 1700 people in the first round of consultations and 900 in the second round.

"As a proportion of the population that's over one per cent that turned up which are extraordinary numbers."

The report is available at www.daa.nsw.gov.au/taskforce/ yoursay or by phoning (02) 9219 0702.

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Cairns All Blacks Rugby League Carnival



Youths Against Violence and Crime (YAVAC) member Lily Samuel, Dylan Thompson, Jeff Smith, Tahleta Reys, Tazaah Arama and Willis Addo. YAVAC is looking for more under-25s members. For more information, go to Facebook.



The Rev John Manas, from Moa Island.



The undisputed style queen of the carnival was Eshay Warria, 6.

A feast of footy action

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THOUSANDS of supporters rolled out for teams that came from throughout North Queensland to take part in the 2012 Cairns All Blacks Rugby League Carnival at the weekend.

While the women's teams numbered only four this year, the Under 18s and men's competitions attracted almost 30 sides. And while there's no doubt Murriss

are passionate about their footy, catching up and reconnecting with old mates was also high on the agenda, as much as fashion was for the young ones.

Organisers tipped another year of 'fierce but fair and fun' footy, predicting a record crowd and something for the whole family. With an alcohol, drug and smoke-free venue, the message was clear that the weekend was about fun.

● For sports photographs and results, see the next edition of the *Koori Mail*.



QJ Matthew and Rahkeem Auda, from Thursday Island and Bamaga.



Innisfail mob Michael Brown, Daniele Brown, Cecil Heron, Jafari Brown, Armarie Heron and Matai Heron in the pram.



Tania Daniel, Jonaya Baira, Laurita Morseu and Rachelle Baira were among the crowd at the Cairns carnival.



Ka'Sharnee Costello Doyle at the carnival.



Cecilia and Lex Wotton made the trip to Cairns to support their Palm Island team.



Charlean Billy, from York Island, with her bub Albert Given.



Kimberley Girl 2012
Jacqueline Yu.
Photo courtesy of
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Jacqueline is toast of Kimberley



BROOME teenager Jacqueline Yu is this year's Kimberley Girl.

The 18-year-old was crowned last month at a presentation ceremony and catwalk show

attended by nearly 800 guests.

The ceremony, in the Goolarri Media Ampitheatre, was the culmination of two weeks of personal and professional development workshops for the 12 entrants.

A delighted Ms Yu said the whole experience has been 'fantastic'.

"Every single one of the girls I have met throughout the program has been amazing," she said.

"I am so proud to be the overall winner and am excited about representing all Kimberley Girls."

Girls from across the Kimberley region contested the overall title, with representatives from Broome, Derby, Ringers Soak, Kalumburu, Halls Creek and Mowanjumb.

Kimberley Girl, which started in

2004, is open to young Indigenous entrants aged 16 to 25. It includes structured workshops and showcase events that address contemporary issues, helping participants to overcome the impact of social, economic and isolation disadvantages and bringing the community together.

Role models

Program creator Kira Fong said the Kimberley Girl experience was a tried and tested program to give young Indigenous women the opportunity to become role models for their peers.

"We see their confidence growing over the weeks of personal development workshops," she said.

The results: Winner Jacqueline Yu (Broome), first runner-up Rickiesha Tchooga (Ringersoak), second runner-up Julia Loudon (Derby), most photogenic Leslie-Ann French James (Kalumburu), facilitators' choice Grace Matos (Mowanjumb), public choice Caitlin Morrison (Derby), Golden Pearl Award Tonii Skeen (Broome).

Torres Strait council near to collapse



A FINANCIAL controller has been appointed to the Torres Strait Island Regional Council to prevent it

collapsing.

Queensland Local Government Minister David Crisafulli said the council, which represents the 15 smaller islands in the region, owes more than \$4 million in unpaid wages and can't afford to pay its bills.

The council has a record of incomplete financial reporting, and audits have highlighted poor controls over corporate credit card use and a lack of accountability for council spending.

Questions also surround a senior employee's overtime claims.

Qld Govt sends in controller

Mr Crisafulli said the Queensland Government couldn't ignore that the council was in danger of financial collapse.

Insolvency concern

"The last thing this community and indeed the state needs is to have a council slide into insolvency," he said in a statement.

PricewaterhouseCoopers financial controllers were appointed by the Government

and started work last Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the outgoing head of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), Paul Bell, warned skyrocketing debt at all councils could upset the Government's plans to restore the state's AAA credit rating.

Mr Bell told the LGAQ's annual conference the amount of council debt had trebled in the past four years and could double again within five years. —AAP



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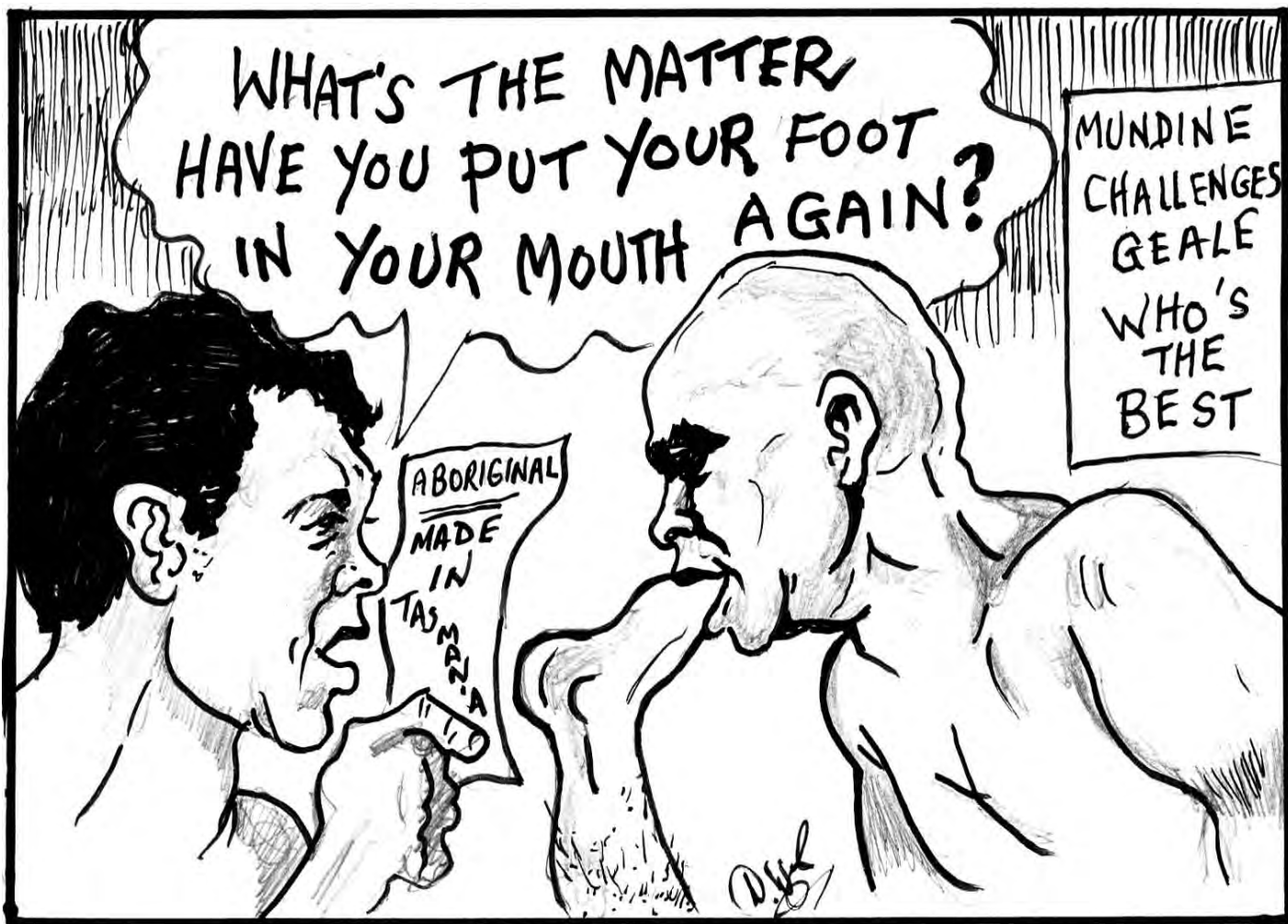
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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Sylvia Purrurle Neale

CAAMA library manager
Alice Springs, NT

Favourite bush tucker?

Akaperte, head of the kangaroo, cooked on the coals.

Favourite other food?

Japanese.

Favourite drink?

Guava juice.

Favourite music?

From one extreme to another, I like classical and country.

Favourite music?

Reg Livermore and Charlie Pride.

Favourite movies?

To Kill a Mockingbird, *The Notebook* and *Japanese Story*.

Favourite holiday destination?

On country, although I would love to spend some time in Ireland.

What are you reading?

Hilda Muir's story *Long Journey* and *Les Misérables*, by Victor Hugo

What are you watching?

The Big Bang Theory, *Compass*.

What do you like in life?

People who can belly laugh and tell jokes.

What don't you like?

People who don't listen.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?

Authors Harper Lee and John Pilger and entertainer Reg Livermore.

What would you do to help Indigenous people?

I would have everybody back on country so they could embrace their spirituality.

Quote



'...Miserable political exercises like the NT Intervention will fade like the terrible memories they are destined to become'

— Aboriginal writer
Melissa Lucashenko

● See Page 43

Unquote

Fighting words can hurt us all

"LADIES and gentleman, in the red, black and yellow corner, we have Anthony Mundine. And in the red, black and yellow corner opposite, we have Daniel Geale."

There's no real way to predict who will win next year's historic rematch between Daniel Geale and Anthony Mundine. Training regimes can go awry, injury looms as a constant threat, and even the best fighter can have a bad day or night.

But in the contest for the hearts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, it is clear who is on the ropes, if not the canvas.

It's an unfortunate development for Mundine, who clearly loves his people. He feels keenly the reality of racism in Australia. But, while his own heart is in the right place, his mind is not.

Notwithstanding his apologies, the repercussions of his comments about both Geale and Aboriginal Tasmanians generally will also be felt collectively by all of us, bruised by historical and contemporary assaults on our right to just be.

Mundine is right when he says that the issue of identity will keep gnawing away at the fabric of our society unless we sort it out. But it's complicated. And clumsy, ill-conceived forays into a space as sensitive as this do not help.

They do not, as some conservative commentators have suggested, strike a blow for free speech. They do place at risk the tentative conversations that have begun amongst us.

This obsession with a minority of people who falsely claim Aboriginality in



OUR SAY

an effort to access often imagined benefits distracts from the main game — the need to channel our efforts into ensuring we're in the best shape possible to compete on what, hopefully one day, will be an even playing field.

Mundine's publicly stated view that women can only ever lead other women belongs in the dark ages. It is clear, too, that his knowledge of both historical and contemporary affairs is patchy at best.

He says he based his comment about Aboriginal Tasmanians having been 'wiped out' on something he read online at Wikipedia.

Asked what he thought about having his views on identity compared to those of Andrew Bolt, he asks 'Who is he?'

Similarly, Mundine says he didn't really know who Michael Mansell was before the media furore.

There are many lessons to be learned from this unfortunate episode, not least of all that public profile and influence carry with them a very real responsibility to become properly informed.

Mundine insists he'd never hurt his people. We accept that he would not do so intentionally, but hurt us he has.

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Mouth that roared

By MICHELLE WHITE in Perth

'THE MOUTH' – it was a nickname her father Stan Headland Snr gave her when she was a just a kid. Even back then, she was famous for having a big mouth.

She was Marianne Headland Mackay, the self-confessed mouthy one who would stick up for anyone and everyone and say 'Yeah, I'm a 'Mouth', but I've got a voice and I'm going to use it.'

And use it she has.

These days, her outspokenness has earned Mackay a somewhat controversial national profile. But more importantly it's earned her another name she wears with extreme pride: 'Aboriginal activist.'

Mackay says she has always dreamed of being an activist, a freedom fighter for her people. She is a proud Whadjuk person – a term she says one of her treasured Elders told her means 'belongs to no-one'. She is a strong Swan River, Noongar woman.

She's also loud, proud, smart, funny and, surprisingly, a big sook.

"That's something people probably don't know about me," she told the *Koori Mail*. "I'm actually a big softie, a real sook. I'm one of them that cries all the time. I can't even watch movies or anything without crying."

"It takes a lot of strength not to cry in public, but I get that strength from my spirits and I know I have to put on a tough face in public."

Mackay is definitely not seen as a sook in the media. When she's in full activist mode we see an angry woman, who shouts and waves her finger in the face of authority.

She's been involved in many high-profile protest actions. She was at the fracas in Canberra in January this year during which Prime Minister Julia Gillard lost a shoe while fleeing a restaurant near Aboriginal Tent Embassy 40th anniversary celebrations.

She was involved in a flag-burning incident at the same protest action in Canberra. She was there when West Australian Premier Colin Barnett was confronted by a mob of angry protesters outside a land claim meeting. She was also involved in a protest action which saw a man arrested for trespassing at Colin Barnett's home. She has been evicted from a Perth court for shouting at a magistrate and she was instrumental in the Noongar Tent Embassy protest in central Perth.

"I don't set out to disrespect anyone but, if they do something wrong, I will expose them," she said.

Mackay's public profile, as well as her determination to stand up for Aboriginal equality and fight injustice has seen her earn as many haters as she has supporters.

Many a right wing blog column or mainstream media article has been devoted to slamming Mackay's antics. She's reckons she's been called everything under the sun.

Just plug her name and term 'activist' into an internet search engine and a barrage of hateful comments will appear.

Mackay's been called a 'paid shit stirrer', a 'disgrace to real Aboriginal people', a 'quasi-Aboriginal', and 'an ignorant loud mouth who does more harm than good'.

So how does this make her feel, especially someone who is prone



Marianne Headland Mackay at the Nyoongar Tent Embassy in Perth earlier this year. *NewsPix image*

to cry behind closed doors?

"It makes me sad," she said.

"Anyone who knows me knows that I don't do this for myself. This is not about self-advancement. I could easily get a well-paid job but this is what I want to do."

"And who are they to judge? No one is paying me to do this. Where's all the money then? We live a simple life. Look around my house? I've had the same bloody microwave for eight years for god's sake! I don't do this for money."

"And no one, NO ONE, has any right to challenge my identity. I didn't grow up white, I grew up Noongar and I'm proud of it."

Barbs

Mackay says sometimes the barbs do cut deep, but she's learnt to not show it in public and she tries to not let the haters get to her.

But she hates how it affects her family. She says they're constantly being forced to defend her, in particular her partner Rocky Loo.

Every time Mackay appears in the media, he cops it at work from his non-Indigenous colleagues.

Mackay says it's not fair on him. "He's just had to bite his tongue because it's important he support our family so I can look after the kids and have time for the causes I'm involved in," she said.

She said the haters sometimes went too far. Like the time she saw a photo of herself on the now shut down Aboriginal Memes Facebook site. The site had posted a photo of her from a protest, in angry activist mode, with a highly offensive comment about her being angry because Centrelink was shut and she needed to go the bottle shop.

"That was racist. Disgusting. What's even more offensive is that

I'm not even a drinker. I had to fight that one," Mackay said.

She has made an official complaint about the image to the Human Rights Commission.

She might be known as someone who gives as good as she gets, particularly with the media, but it's a relationship that's wearing thin.

"I much prefer to use social media now, like Facebook and YouTube to get the message out there," she said. "I'm just sick of being misrepresented and misquoted in commercial media all the time."

Asked if she regrets anything, Mackay thinks for a moment before answering.

"The burning of the flag. Me and mum never argue, but she was really upset that I was involved in that because her father fought under that flag," she said.

"I felt really bad about it. I told her that the flag to us at the time represented oppression, but she told me to never burn the flag again and I've promised her that I wouldn't."

Mackay's ability to provide newsworthy comments or be front-and-centre at controversial protests has given her a high mainstream media profile. It's also seen her cop some flack from her own community.

A couple of high-profile Aboriginal leaders in her home state have condemned her protest actions in the media, something which Mackay says has left her devastated.

"I have so much respect for my Elders. I wish they had just rung me up and said 'Hey niece, don't do that, or you've gone too far,'" she said. "I always listen to my Elders, I'm guided by them and my spirit ancestors. If my Elders don't

support what I'm doing I would stop."

Mackay cites activist Gary Foley as a major influence on her life, along with Aboriginal poet Oodgeroo Noonuccal (formerly Kath Walker).

But her biggest inspiration has come from two prominent, now deceased, WA activists, Len Culbong and Clarrie Isaacs. The two respected Noongar men were pivotal activists around the time of the Swan Brewery protests in Perth in the 1990s.

Another thing people might not know about Mackay is that she was a top student. She was a faction captain, a member of the student guild, she even represented her school and came second in the Tournament of Minds – a state-wide maths and science competition.

Her passion for justice saw her enrol at university to study law. A degree that has been interrupted by the birth of her four children.

Life-changing

The father of Mackay's oldest son Tyson died while the boy was only four months old. He died while in custody at Hakea Prison, something that was to change Mackay's life forever.

The coroner said his death was suicide, but Mackay and her former partner's family insist he was a victim of foul play and his death was covered up.

Mackay said the whole process and the lack of answers and justice reignited the activist fire in her belly. It set her back on the path to activism.

But it wasn't her former partner's death that drew her to become heavily involved in the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee; it was another tragic loss.

She was so outraged and saddened by the death in January 2008 of Goldfields Elder Mr Ward, who died in horrific circumstances in the back of a police transport van, that she decided to join the committee.

It's fair to say 'The Mouth' is in demand these days. There are a lot of causes that want her on board to help their profile.

But she's so busy being a full-time mum she has learnt that she has to pick her causes, and in effect, her fights.

These days Mackay has just a few campaigns she's committed to.

She's still involved in the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee although she is no longer the chair because she doesn't want her activism to affect an organisation she hold so close to her heart.

She's also involved in the Noongar Tent Embassy and National Sovereignty Movement and the WA Nuclear Free Alliance.

When she's not on the frontline of the various campaigns she supports, Mackay says she leads a simple life.

She loves gardening and finds weeding therapeutic. "I can weed for hours, I love it!" she says.

Mackay shares one more big idea she has.

"I reckon we could sort out so many issues in our community if we just got a great big boxing ring," she says.

"We would have to make it legal, with insurance and rules and all that, but when people are feuding or whatever, why don't we let them just get in the ring and sort it out fair and square like they did in the old days."

"There's a few people I'd like to get in that ring with, I tell ya!"

Commission welcomed



A NEW watchdog with powers to investigate cases of children who might be in danger has been welcomed by Victorian child welfare groups.

The Commission for Children and Young People will replace the existing Office of the Child Safety Commissioner, led by Commissioner Bernie Geary since 2005.

Mr Geary is understood to be the State Government's preferred candidate for the new commissioner role, to be appointed by the Governor.

The commission, pledged as an election commitment, will be independent of government and have new powers.

The commission will be able to launch investigations into cases of vulnerable children and systemic

problems in government and community service organisations that affect children's safety and wellbeing, and will table its findings in Parliament.

The Office of the Child Safety Commissioner could only investigate matters when directed to do so by the minister and reported its findings only to the minister.

Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS) chief executive Penny Wilson said Victoria's children deserved to have an independent watchdog to protect and promote their interests.

She said reporting directly to Parliament was an important change and the State Government 'is to be commended for putting the needs of Victoria's children and young people first'.

Child protection expert Karen

Flanagan, of Save the Children, said the new commission's power to launch its own investigations was vital. "This is a positive step forward for the protection of children in Victoria, and it will raise the bar for child protection in schools, kindergartens, businesses and churches," she said in a statement.

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) chief executive officer Muriel Bamblett said strengthening the commission's independence to investigate, along with special powers in relation to Aboriginal children, represented a strong step forward. But she said that, despite some positive developments in services and support for Aboriginal children in out of home care, there were still far too many Aboriginal children going into care.

As at June 30 2011, there were

877 Aboriginal children in care in Victoria, making up 14.9 per cent of the total number of children in care, Ms Bamblett said. Currently, Aboriginal services in Victoria are funded to work with 287 children in care. "In a recent review of Aboriginal children under permanent care orders, we found an inconsistent and inadequate connection between children and their families, communities and culture," Ms Bamblett said.

"Yet we know that connections to culture, family and community are fundamental to long term stability and wellbeing of Aboriginal children."

Community Services Minister Mary Wooldridge said that as well as a commissioner for children and young people, another commissioner would be appointed for Aboriginal children and youth.



VACCA CEO Muriel Bamblett

Answers to our Edition 537 Crossword. How did you go?

ACROSS	16. Uncle	5. Swan
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15. Shepparton		

Our brain-teasers

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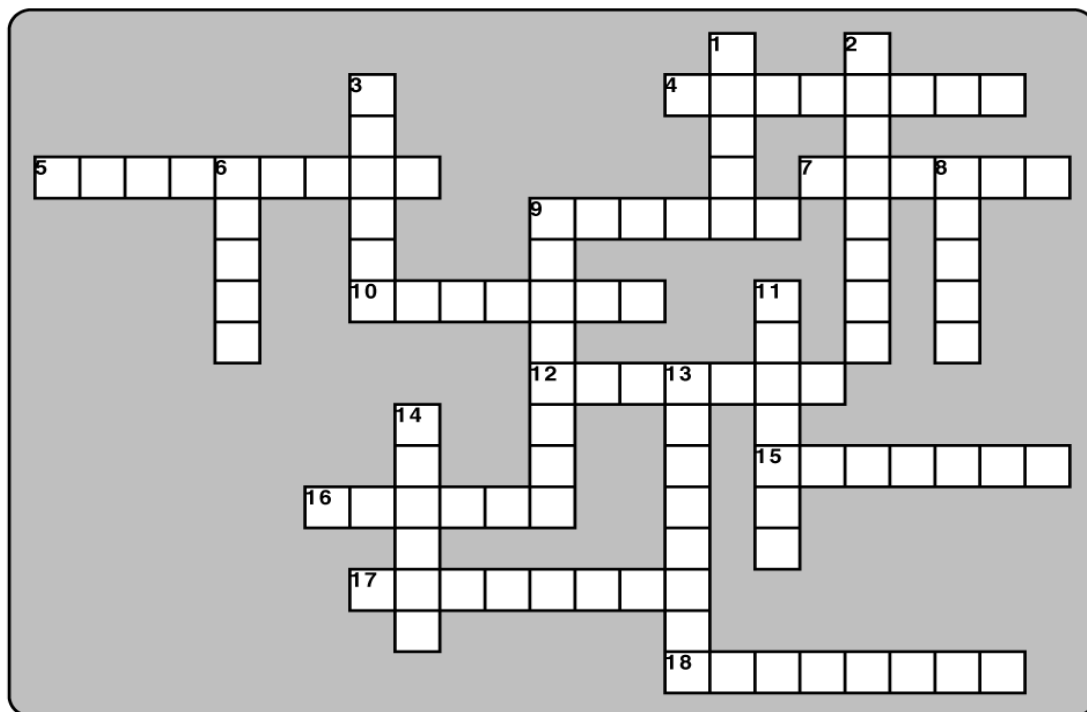
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ACROSS:

- Indigenous dance theatre
- The nation stops for this Cup
- Far western NSW city ... Hill
- Sport played at Wimbledon
- Major cause of cancer
- Sponsor of leading NT-based art award
- Victorian singer/songwriter Kutcha ...
- Didgeridoo master William B...
- Devonport is in this state
- Australia's country music capital

DOWN:

- Indigenous people of New Zealand



- Aboriginal hip hop group Yung ...
- Airline with the kangaroo logo

- Earth pigment used in art
- Tree-dwelling marsupial

- How many in a baker's dozen?
- Aboriginal actress Leah ...

- Police and army rank
- Australia's longest river



Listing threat to Cape York

CAPE York has continuously suffered because of inaction by the Labor Federal Government due to various impositions, apartheid laws and general disregard to basic services. World heritage listing (WHL) of the Cape has little to do with actual environmental care.

It is an excuse to continue to not pay attention to what really matters in the Cape. If the Cape is world heritage listed, the Federal Government won't have to look after gas lines, roads, town expansion and other viable employment opportunities and community needs.

With regards to the traditional lands which we, fellow First Australians, supposedly have 'ownership' over, listing will see us no longer have rights to land use and land development.

This stands as a pure corruption over the land rights and sovereignty many of my predecessors have lobbied so hard for over the past few decades, with a very arrogant and head-strong approach by Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke on this subject, and a very determined attempt to secure Green votes in the south. It will stifle existing mining opportunities and see no future opportunities, which benefit everybody in remote communities via income.

I am not happy with the lack of consultation with traditional owners, a large majority of whom I have no doubt do not want to see the Cape's future and more diverse land use opportunities be so swiftly cast aside due to the ALP's proposition.

The ALP will put forward their alternatives to industry employment were mass 'zoning off' of the Cape's assets, resources and land to go ahead. However, it will not match the level of financial sustainability that is already supporting far north Queensland.

By doing this they don't want to shut off the Cape to mining companies; they want to shut off the Cape to traditional owners and people who call it home.

'Keeping the Cape open' is not me saying to keep it open to mining companies; it is me saying let's keep it open to us and the people to use, enjoy and learn to make a decent life from and on.

Politics should move away from this world heritage listing rhetoric and take action on more pressing concerns to the far north, namely the high cost of living, lack of diverse education and employment, the need for higher-education facilities to allow children to remain in their home towns to complete schooling, sea walls for the Torres Strait, investing in the Arts in far north Queensland, linking the regional assets to other regions for a sustainable and diverse economy via a regional economic revival plan, agriculture, agri-business, and many more pressing issues which the listing proposition distracts voters from advocating for.

JACK ANDREW WILKIE-JANS
Waanyi, Teppathiggi,
Tjungundji
Cairns, Qld



Cape York from the air. File photo by Christine Howes

POETRY

Macassans

Macassans came from so far away
White sails and red flags
shimmering in the distance
Arriving on their praus (boats)
without permission
Landing on Aboriginal land and
seashore.

Friendly, cheerful and happy
Short brown-coloured men in
their sarongs
Collecting trepang (sea slugs).

Getting Aboriginal men to work
Diving and collecting trepang
Taking men back to Sulawesi
(Indonesia)
And Papua New Guinea.

They look so funny and
handsome
Beyond the eyes of the
Aboriginal ladies
They came exchanging
trademanship
Axes, canoes, tobacco and
Having intermarriages.
With the Aboriginal ladies.

Whereas the white settlers came
and
Claim our country
Taking Aboriginal women as
slaves and
Making them their wife
Killing all black fellers, shunting
them
Out of their own country.

Trading was not their agenda, but
killing
They came to claim and take
Without a reason whatsoever
Claiming and pegging land that
Was in their best interest.

The land that wasn't theirs
Some came as missionaries
To help black fellers
The Aboriginal people thought
that some
White men were devil, devil
Baribari (evil spirit)
No wonder they speared the
settlers because of their colour.

JEANETTE CHARLIE
Borroloola, NT

Dearest Mimi

Your people would prefer
To call you the black
anthropologist
You were an inspiration
A man of many stories
A man of knowledge and wisdom
Naming each country and land
By heart
You were a mastermind, behind
Aboriginal law and culture
You encourage me more about
Our country and song cycles
Mimi, thankyou, your dreams
finally came true
We have our country back
The land of the Brolga Dreaming
Wubinjava.

JEANETTE CHARLIE
Borroloola, NT
(In memory of my Mimi Dinny
McDinny)

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– EDITOR



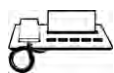
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Our protocols are so important

I AM writing in response to a recent article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* (15 October).

Be cautious when talking with journalists as they will use your comments out of context and play the old divide and rule strategy.

I refer to a recent article in the *SMH* regarding the tokenism of welcome to country.

Having coined the phrase welcome to country and developed a number of protocols to ensure our age-old rituals are honoured, I was dismayed that so many trolls took to denouncing me without even talking or looking beyond one point of view and the depth of words used by non-Aboriginal people.

I have always ensured that at our public events and gatherings protocol is undertaken by the appropriate custodian. They need

to be honoured and recognised as our dignitary, and simply paid for their custodial obligations to country.

I have always respected their commitment and learnt so much from many. However, when I hear some non-Aboriginal politicians, council members and/or bureaucrats refer to the phrase 'I acknowledge the past, present and future' I questioned if they know the depth, the spirit of what they are quoting or are they just doing it to tick a box and be politically correct?

If so, then it's tokenistic and devalues the intent and purpose of our protocols.

If you acknowledge the past, then you are simply saying you acknowledge that we are the sovereign peoples of this nation. But where is this reflected in their



RHODA ROBERTS

policies?

If you acknowledge the present, what are they doing to address the level of systemic racism, impoverished communities and more deaths in custody? Who came out

recently when they did an acknowledgment to country to question the brutal police behavior in Alice Springs?

If they acknowledge our future Elders, does this mean they are committed and if so how is that commitment demonstrated?

The second phase I referred to in the article is how in some of our communities there are some who have seized an opportunity to slowly develop more cultural approaches to welcome to country where, if appropriate, they include a smoking with the dialogue.

Others will call in ancient chants and some will dance in the custodians etc... This is where we are moving, to slowly show Australians the oldest race.

Our knowledge keepers are our custodians who conduct welcomes and the performers who

assist. They are keeping our traditions alive for the coming children.

My quotes were intended to empower our many artists and custodians who always ensure protocol is attended to in the appropriate manner and often in many policies are ignored.

Everyone goes to the football, but how many have gone to a cultural arts event where a significant welcome ceremony is undertaken and they are there supporting them both financially and spiritually as our artists and Elders who continue the oldest living adapting culture on the planet.

I hope this explains why I'm so passionate about this topic.

RHODA ROBERTS
Bundjalung
Northern Rivers, NSW

Brewarrina students win praise

CONGRATULATIONS to the students at Brewarrina Central School for winning the Western NSW Region Song Writing Competition.

Brewarrina Central School is located in Western NSW and is 99 per cent Aboriginal identified. It represented the Western NSW Region in Sydney this month.

The win in the song writing competition was a great achievement by the following students: Zanah Rose, Taylah Donnelly, Sharone Moore, Steven Salt, Ehren Donnelly, Tarah-Lea Kirby, Anna-Mae Warraweena, Theo Francis, Jacinta Shillingsworth, Rahni Williams, Savannah Moore, Ebon Walsh, Annalyce Gordon and Mia-Rae Murray.

A big thank you to the choir teacher, Mrs Jessica Fares.

CAROL BARKER
Via www.koorimail.com

Looking for Kevin Stagg

I AM seeking to contact Kevin Stagg in regards to a family matter.

He was born in 1946/47, mother's and father's names unknown.

If anyone knows of Kevin or his whereabouts, please contact me at the SA Link-Up Program of Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc on phone (08) 8406 1600, fax: (08) 8223 6086 or by email at amilouise@nunku.org.au

AMI-LOUISE HARRISON
Caseworker
SA Link-Up Program
Adelaide, SA

Knocked out from Tassie



Letter writer Aaron Everett is unimpressed by Anthony Mundine's recent comments.
File photo by Pen Tayler

ANTHONY Mundine, your apology on Friday (19 October 2012) to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community for saying 'I thought they were all wiped out' just shows your lack of education and respect for other Aboriginal people around the country.

Comments like that are not easy to forgive or forget.

It is one thing for you to get your opposition off guard, but to take it upon yourself to insult the Tasmanian Aboriginal community with racist comments is simply not acceptable.

Mundine, I am a Tasmanian Aboriginal man (pakana) that represented my people, in and out of the ring for a number of years, including the Commonwealth Games.

I would like to say to you 'man to man' I don't except your apology nor will I be supporting you ever again.

You have not just shamed yourself but many Aboriginal people and athletes around the country!

AARON EVERETT
lutruwita (Tasmania)

Bindal carnival is a winner

MY wife and I travelled to Townsville from Brisbane to join in the spectacular that is the Bindal All Blacks Carnival.

We were never going to be disappointed by how professional the carnival is run, the quality of rugby league and the calibre of the players, the wonderful passion of the families, friends and the thousands of spectators.

Palm Island Barracudas were clear winners which came about through the

flow of their games and the natural abilities of the team.

In saying that, one of the best games was between Australian Army and Mount Isa Razerbacks in the final of the losers' competition, where the Army won in the final 15 seconds of the game (26-22).

The talent pool extended to under 18s competition and to the great show put on by the North Coast Dolphins in their win. The healthy talent pool now

and into future will soon flow to the NRL, like the talent of Ben Barba who won the Player of the Carnival in 2010.

Thank you to Jenny Prior, her team of people, the many volunteers and sponsors that support the carnival, the players, families and the many fans that made it happen for the 25th time.

Bring on 2013 Carnival.

R WILLIAMS,
Brisbane, Qld

At what point

At what point am I responsible for those that have tread before me?

Is every Japanese person responsible for Pearl Harbour?

Is every German responsible for Hitler?

Is every Australian responsible for Indigenous peoples' pain?

Is every American responsible for Native Indians' loss of culture?

Is every Canadian responsible for First Peoples' loss of identity?

At what point am I responsible?

I am a white, English born Australian

I am proud of my history

I am ashamed of my privilege and power

At what point am I responsible for the pain my forefathers cast?

I should feel ashamed and I do

What can I do?

How can I help?

What right do I have to cast an opinion?

I am passionate about the wrongs that have gone before me

I am ashamed of my actions, my distrust

What can I do?

Please teach me

Please help me know what to say

How to act

What to do

How can I help you?

NICOLA HAMPTON
Rockingham, WA

Eden mourns Elder

BERYL CRUSE

17 Oct 1934 - 1 Oct 2012

THE Eden community is mourning the loss of an important Elder and Koori role model with the recent death of Beryl Cruse.

More than 800 people gathered on Thursday, 11 October, for her funeral in the Aboriginal Culture Centre at Jigamy, just north of Eden, far southern NSW.

In early July, Beryl had participated in NAIDOC activities at the culture centre, making Johnny cakes for crowds of school children over three days. Within the week she was in hospital and, after three months of struggle with her husband Ossie constantly at her side, Beryl passed away on 1 October.

Born at Port Macquarie on 17 October 1934, Beryl was the oldest of ten children to Herbert and Elizabeth (Dolly) Henry nee Campbell.

Beryl grew up at Summervale Aboriginal Reserve outside Walcha (NSW) and moved to the south coast with her family in the late 1940s, where she met Ossie.

In February this year, Beryl and Ossie had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a surprise party at the culture centre.

In the eulogy, Beryl was described as a wonderful mother to their three children and their partners; Dennis and Esmay, Rhonda and Dennis, and Ben and Carol, as well as taking in nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Like many Koori families, Beryl's early life was characterised by constant travel,



The late Beryl Cruse with the shell Sydney Harbour Bridge she made.

following the seasonal work with her parents and then with Ossie; sawmilling, fishing, picking and abalone diving.

Life was difficult, but Beryl was staunch and hardworking, raising her family in humpies and camps, taking the end of the saw in the bush with her husband, picking peas for long hours in cold wet paddocks across the south-east of Australia.

After committing her life to the Lord in 1962 – and giving up cigarettes and

gambling overnight – Beryl worked with Ossie in pastoral and youth work in the Aboriginal Evangelical church in Eden and across Australia with the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship.

A member of the early rights group the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) in the 1960s, Beryl supported Ossie in his work for civil and political rights for over 50 years.

In 1970, Beryl and Ossie pioneered a resettlement program in Eden, offering new opportunities of secure housing and education for the children.

Beryl loved the little schooling she had and valued education highly. Feeling she had missed out, she took the opportunity to study for her Year 10 Certificate at TAFE in the early 1990s.

She then worked with her friend Liddy Stewart to establish the archive at the culture centre and co-wrote the book *Mutton Fish* about abalone and the surviving Koori beach culture in the south-east.

"She has been a touchstone for our work in the archives and the keeping place," said Liddy. "No gammin! (pretending), I can still hear her saying that."

Beryl always loved beautiful things and over the last few years she revived the traditional art of shell work originally learnt as a child from her mother and aunties. Her exquisite shell harbour bridge was selected for display at the Bega Art Prize.

Beryl worked to make connections between people and generations and her legacy lives on today in her family, the community and beyond. Children can now learn their history with pride.

Beryl is survived by sisters Faye, Val, Mary, Irene and brother Kevie and spouses, her husband Ossie, her children and partners, 13 grandchildren and partners, 53 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was a wonderful inspiring friend to many across Australia and at home. We won't forget her.

– submitted by SUE NORMAN



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We have to break the cycles of violence

WE are being paralysed by the 'so-called' democracy of choice. Try being paralysed with fear of violence, abuse both physical and mental, and for some on a regular basis and then tell me it is okay. It's not!

We as a community need to take our duty of care to those unable to protect themselves seriously. And be sensible and reflect on the past unacceptable behaviours of destruction that uncontrolled alcohol use and abuse alcohol places on us as a peoples.

We have to assist to break the cycle of our young people who believe that substance

abuse and the violence and destruction that comes with it as normal.

This is a very dangerous game where our men, women and children are vulnerable statistics, whether you're a victim or a perpetrator.

The first line of defence are those people willing to say that it's just not acceptable for our women and children to be the first line of attack. It is (in relation to) a minority, but that doesn't make it right or acceptable.

In fact, it should be vivid in people's minds; the results of limited alcohol controls

and the misuse, the sickening violence, the sick and hungry children, social and cultural destruction and the decaying results that infused our communities.

To say 'ask the people in the community to decide', doesn't account for the elephant in the room. Half the affected population can't vote because they are just too young, the other parts are the women that are in difficult positions of being strongly controlled and influenced to do or stay silent.

The tragic human cost of substance abuse is too great. We have been gaining

rights to many freedoms in this country, but not all of them are good or good for us.

Until our people have been taught to use alcohol in a responsible way, we will still have the unacceptable high level of tragic outcome for us as a peoples.

Let better-informed debate feed wise decisions and not be mandated by ignorance and greed, even if it means positive discrimination.

R WILLIAMS
Brisbane, Qld

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Human Resources Coordinator, NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close 13 November 2012

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Communities have to plan

PRIOR to taking up office, Queensland Premier Campbell Newman made an election commitment to consider removing Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) from all 19 remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

It was topical at the time and met with great debate, including an accusation by then Premier Anna Bligh of 'buying Aboriginal votes'. However, it's hard to believe we hold any significant voting power.

In Queensland, Indigenous people make up four per cent of the total population. Only half of the 160,000 are eligible to vote and only 15 per cent of our population live in the communities affected by alcohol restrictions. We were never going to have the same impact of the recent Northern Territory elections.

However, the debate continues as the Newman Government now starts the challenge of deciding on the reduction or removal of AMPs in 19 communities.

We have already heard from mayors, experts and commentators, many with differing views, about the effects this policy change may have on the overall social well-being, as well as people's human rights.

Thus starts the potential process of true 'Self-Determination' for our people in communities, if they are up to the challenge. This is a real challenge because with self-determination comes responsibility – owning our future means we must own our problems.

To understand the entire dynamics of this policy implementation we must first look to the root cause of underlying problems. We must also accept the subsequent problems.

In Queensland, alcohol consumption and sale was restricted in many communities until the early 1980s. When alcohol sales and distribution became common, we experienced an extreme feasting on this new trend.

We can draw similarities with poverty trends in Africa where food not readily available was dropped in by international aid groups to tackle famine.

Our people were taking the same 'Feast or Famine' approach to alcohol consumption. People became engrossed in the new trend without understanding or accepting the harmful social effects. In many instances, it continues as evident in the excessive drinking, partying and subsequent violence on 'pay day'.

What should have occurred when alcohol became readily available were



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SELWYN BUTTON

broad social marketing campaigns providing an understanding of responsible consumption of alcohol, including advice about its harmful effects.

Here lies the fundamental issue which plagues the AMP debate – an entrenched denial that irresponsible alcohol consumption has detrimental effects on communities.

This process would have made some attempts to 'normalise' attitudes about alcohol consumption. To think coming home from work of an afternoon, sitting on your front veranda to have a beer is the norm demonstrates that people are too far removed from community reality. This norm has never existed, cannot exist and probably never will.

Consideration was also needed for the creation of education, training and employment opportunities that essentially keeps people's minds occupied with positive thoughts and aspirations, rather than harmful ones. Without these people drift toward

drug and alcohol to deal with issues of disadvantage.

The consumption of alcohol in our communities should never be considered a basic human right, nor the basis of our argument in addressing this problem.

The fundamental issue is about our people's common human right to make decisions that affect their lives, their families and communities to improve social circumstances.

That is the essence of self-determination. As Mick Gooda describes it, more eloquently, 'Self-Determination is the right to participate in decision-making that affects us, and true self-determination exists when the weakest in communities have a voice'. This must include those most affected, including women, young people and Elders.

The biggest failing of AMPs is they have not normalised people's understanding and attitudes to alcohol consumption and the effects of excessive consumption. Nor have they built the capacity for communities to tackle entrenched alcohol abuse and its negative impact on people's health and wellbeing.

In pursuit of self-determination, we must accept the burden alcohol abuse places on the overall social wellbeing of our people. We must also accept responsibility for both the issues as well as the solutions. Community-led, comprehensive planning is now needed.

A comprehensive planning approach is the backbone of the community controlled service sector, including determining expectations, identifying required resources and mitigating risks.

The identification of potential and unintended consequences that have plagued communities like 'sly-grogging' and home brewing should be part and parcel of good comprehensive planning. This is called 'due diligence'.

This process must engage the entire community, to ensure not only are they 'owning' the problem, but are also prepared to address the issues.

This will lead to greater 'self-determination' for our communities, while also providing opportunity for our future leaders to shine and demonstrate how we as communities can come together, deal with issues and make lasting change for our people.

***Selwyn Button is the Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC)**



From left, Ivan Copley (Reconciliation SA board member and ABS), Professor Peter Buckskin (co-chair Reconciliation SA and convenor State Panel on Constitutional Reform 'Time for Respect'), Minister Jenny Macklin, Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue (Reconciliation SA patron), Kurna Elder Uncle Lewis O'Brien, SA Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Dr Duncan McFetridge, Chris Sumner (Reconciliation SA patron), and Bill Denny (Reconciliation SA board member and director of Veterans SA). Photos courtesy of You Me Unity

Kit promotes recognition



A KIT has been launched in South Australia to help promote constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The new resource was developed by You Me Unity as part of the work being led by Reconciliation Australia (RA) and is designed to be used by Members of Parliament to help them build awareness of constitutional recognition in their own electorates and communities.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin joined Reconciliation SA in Adelaide to launch the kit and told those gathered that the Gillard Government wanted meaningful reform that reflected the hopes and aspirations of Indigenous people and united the nation.

The Government had put \$10

million towards work being led by Reconciliation Australia to build public awareness and community support for change, she said.

Ms Macklin also announced that Reconciliation SA would receive \$50,000 to build awareness in that state about constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians.

Awareness

"This is one of a series of grants being provided to community groups as part of the Government's funding to build public awareness and community support for constitutional change," she said.

"Constitutional recognition is an important step towards building a nation based on strong relations and mutual respect, which recognises the unique and special place of our First Peoples."

Ms Macklin said the Government

did not underestimate the challenge of achieving nationwide consensus.

A recent preliminary report prepared for the Government by RA found that only 39 per cent of non-Indigenous Australians had heard about a proposed referendum.

The Government has previously announced it would ask the Parliament to pass an Act of Recognition acknowledging the unique and special place of First Peoples.

It says the act will be an important step towards holding a successful referendum to change the Constitution to recognise Indigenous people.

You Me Unity campaign director Tim Gartrell said the support of parliamentarians would help spread the word and build grassroots support in local communities ahead of a referendum.

"Political leadership is critical to the success of any referendum," he said.



From left, Greg McCulloch from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Minister Jenny Macklin, Indigenous Co-ordination Centre manager Lorraine Merrick and ALRM CEO Cheryl Axelby.

Administrators for two corporations



TWO Indigenous corporations have been placed under special administration. Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven said the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Welfare Services in Mt Isa, Queensland, and the Amundurrngu Mt Liebig Community Store (Aboriginal Corporation) in the Northern Territory would both have administrators.

The Mt Isa corporation was established to provide affordable housing for local Indigenous people. It owns and manages 32 residential properties.

Mr Beven said a number of governance issues were brought to light after an examination of the corporation's books was completed in June.

The examiner's report also revealed that the corporation's current financial position could not be established because financial records had not been kept since February 2011.

Mr Beven said he took action at the Amundurrngu Mt Liebig Community Store after a request from all directors of the organisation.

The corporation, established in 1987, owns and operates the only community store in Mount Liebig, about 325km west of Alice Springs. It sells food, fuel and general merchandise.

In recent times the corporation has experienced a number of trading difficulties.



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Local Aboriginal Land Councils are invited to submit their applications for a grant of up to \$50,000 to clean-up and deter illegal dumping incidents on Aboriginal owned land, partnering with the local council.

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be made available for illegal dumping projects commencing in 2013 that also strengthen relationships between Local Aboriginal Land Councils, local government and the community.

A total of \$200,000 is available for grants under the Aboriginal Lands Clean-Up Program 2013.

For application details visit:
www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/alcup.htm
or call (02) 8837 6000.

Applications close at 5.00pm on
Friday, 14 December, 2012.

Premiers say sorry



TASMANIAN Premier Lara Giddings was emotional in delivering an apology to the

state's victims of forced adoptions. And Victorian Premier Ted Baillieu has also officially apologised for past forced adoption practices (see report below).

With about 100 of those affected looking on in Hobart, Ms Giddings fought back tears and

paused as she read a section of her speech in the Tasmanian Parliament on 18 October.

"You were not allowed to touch or hold your baby," Ms Giddings said. "That most pure and instinctive human need was denied to you as a mother."

Tasmania became the fourth Australian state to formally apologise for the past practice, joining Western Australia, South Australia and NSW. The Victorian Government followed suit a week later.

Many in the House of Assembly gallery wept as Ms Giddings spoke.

"To those people who have held their pain close for so many years, who have lived their lives under a shadow of secrecy, shame, anger, guilt and deeply held trauma and loss, we offer you our unreserved and sincerest apologies," she said.

Supporting the motion, Liberal Opposition Leader Will Hodgman spoke of his experience as a

father of three, admitting he could not comprehend how a mother would feel having her child removed.

"You have suffered, you were wronged and we are sorry," Mr Hodgman told the House.

A solemn Greens leader Nick McKim said people affected had lived 'real nightmares'.

"It is one of the greatest moral and legal failures in Tasmanian history," he said.

Ms Giddings said it was unknown how many of the 11,000

adoptions in Tasmania between 1920-1988 had been forced.

She pledged the state would provide specialised counselling, free access to records and a memorial.

"We acknowledge the life-long damage that has been done to the lives of those affected by past forced adoption practices, and we commit to ensuring that these unethical, immoral and illegal practices are never repeated," Premier Giddings said. — **AAP**

Baillieu speaks of sorrow



VICTORIAN Premier Ted Baillieu has officially apologised for past forced adoption practices, saying the Victorian Parliament recognises the devastation and ongoing impacts caused to those affected. "We express our sincere sorrow," he told Parliament on 25 October.

"These were misguided, unwarranted and they caused immeasurable pain. Today Victoria Parliament is standing up and saying sorry."

Mr Baillieu said the Parliament's intention was to ensure those practices of the past were never repeated.

"We undertake to never forget what happened," he said. The hurt is never ending, the pain is deep and overwhelming, the tears are private, lonely and spontaneous."

Mr Baillieu told mothers they were not to blame for what happened.

He acknowledged the forced adoption practices were the result of flawed and harmful government policy and in some cases what happened was illegal.

Mr Baillieu acknowledged the families whose lives had been shattered by unhappiness, and those who came to hear the apology, saying it was bringing together those 'for whom separation has been a torture'.

End the silence

The Parliament wanted to put an end to the silence, he said.

Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews said that while words would not heal, they might provide some comfort.

He spoke of the agony and torment of those whom the government policy so 'manifestly failed'.

"This Parliament will never ever forget," he said.

"On behalf of the Labor Party, on behalf of the Parliament, I say we are sorry."

Those affected by past forced adoption practices welcomed the apology, saying the significance of the day could not be underestimated for mums, dads, sons, daughters and their families.

"Decades of trauma, of loss, of grief, of feeling that you live in a shadow world, today there will be some acknowledgement of that by the premier and we appreciate that," Coleen Clare, chief executive of support group Vanish, said.

But Ms Clare said people needed to understand that forced adoption was a life-long journey and when your baby was taken from you, that grief never left.

She called on the Government to not only apologise but to back up the words and change the law so mothers and fathers could access free information about their biological children.

A Senate inquiry this year heard that some women were shackled to beds as their children were taken from them. An estimated 150,000 Australian babies born between the 1950s and 70s were taken from their mostly young and single mothers.

Premiers in most other states have already made formal apologies to women who were victims of forced adoptions. — **AAP**



Roy Gibson on country. Photo courtesy of the Mossman Gorge Centre

A dream fulfilled, and a tourism award held high



THE fulfilment of an Aboriginal Elder's dream to create employment and a brighter future for his people was one of the success stories

heard at 14th annual Tropical North Queensland Tourism Awards, held in Cairns last month.

The friendship between Roy Gibson and the Murday family helped lead to the establishment of Tropical North Queensland's newest tourism venture, the Mossman Gorge Centre.

At a ceremony on 13 October, it also won Mr Gibson and the Murday family one of three awards for excellence handed out by Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) chairman Stephen Gregg.

Roy Gibson had worked for the Murday family on their Mossman cane farm for many years and had built up a strong relationship with them.

He left to open a business with the Mossman Gorge Aboriginal Community offering Dreamtime walks and a small local gallery.

Understanding better than anyone the traffic congestion often experienced at Mossman Gorge, he came up with creating employment through a shuttle bus operation into the Gorge.

The Murday family wanted to work with Mr Gibson to achieve his dream and they negotiated to release a parcel of their family farm for the Mossman Gorge Centre. The dream grew to include an art gallery, gift



At the awards, from left, Sue Brown from Lotusbird Lodge, Liberty and Vanessa Seekee, MP Warren Entsch, Cr Pedro Stephen, Sayah Scott and Cook Shire Council Mayor Cr Peter Scott. Photo courtesy of Liberty Seekee

shop, cafe and the already established Dreamtime walks.

Mr Gibson's dream and the Murdays' support, along with the respect of the Yalanji people, enabled the creation of a \$20 million business employing 60 Indigenous people. Ninety per cent of the workforce is Indigenous and drawn mostly from the Yalanji area, resulting in one of Australia's most significant Indigenous businesses and a new tourism experience in Tropical North Queensland.

Also winning was a tour business based on Horn Island in the Torres Strait. Torres Strait Heritage was named one of six tourism ventures inducted into the Tropical North

Queensland Tourism Hall of Fame this year.

Run by fifth generation Torres Strait Islander man Liberty Seekee and his wife Vanessa, the venture also won the Heritage & Cultural Tourism and Events NQ Indigenous Tourism award categories.

TTNQ CEO Rob Giason said the awards were being held in a time of optimism with 'a successful tourism season behind us and a buoyant shoulder period ahead of us'.

"We have much to celebrate and I especially acknowledge the outstanding businesses and individuals receiving awards for setting such high standards in our \$7 million-a-day industry," he said.

Mobfest at 'The Ridge'



MUSIC took centre stage at Lightning Ridge Central School last Thursday when

the Indigenous music education festival Mobfest came to town. Through dance, instrument making, music technology or art, Mobfest engages students and gives them a chance to take centre stage and perform for their community.

More than 350 students attended from five schools in the north-west NSW region.

The school-based festival is facilitated by the Melbourne-based Music Outback Foundation (MOF), to give remote Indigenous students opportunities that kids from cities are often fortunate enough to have on a regular basis – a chance to engage in the arts and perform in their community.

With annual festivals in the Northern Territory, NSW and South Australia, each Mobfest combines performances on a main stage with workshops throughout the day.

Elders deliver a traditional program – with dance, singing, carving and body art at the heart of these activities – and students can learn about their culture as traditions are passed down.

Each school involved in Mobfest has a designated MOF



The kids gave The Jimmy Little Foundation the thumbs up. They're seen here with the late, great entertainer's grandson and Music Outback Foundation facilitator James Henry (centre, at back).

facilitator who visits throughout the year to run arts programs and workshops.

By running music programs in remote schools, the foundation aims to engage communities and

enhance literacy through song writing and the arts.

One of the festival's core facilitators, singer Natalie Pa'apa'a said she felt that she learned just as much as

she taught when working at Mobfest.

"The teachers, students and community alike gain so much from the exchange of knowledge and skills," she said.

"It's important that the students have an outcome like Mobfest to work towards throughout the year while participating in their music workshops."



There were plenty of volunteers for Mobfest activities at 'The Ridge'.



Dance was popular during Mobfest at Lightning Ridge last week. Photos by Shayne Teece-Johnson

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WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA 2008 NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Celebrations 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 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
11:30 Apekathe G (Documentary)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Artie: Our Tribute To A Legend G (Documentary)
1:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)
2:00 Not A Willing Participant 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: Celebrations 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: Solomon Islands PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Crook Hat And Camphoo G (Documentary)
8:00 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
8:30 Milli Milli PG (Documentary)
9:30 Art From The Heart G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA 2008 NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Reading The Land G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou 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 Milli Milli PG (Documentary)
11:00 Intervention Katherine NT PG (Documentary)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Solomon Islands PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Art From The Heart PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Reading The Land G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Kiribati PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
8:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
9:30 Black Magic G (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

12:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Night Sky G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou 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 Surfing The Healing Wave G (Documentary)
11:00 Black Magic G (Documentary)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Kiribati PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
2:00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Night Sky G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Vanuatu PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Sister, If Only You Knew PG (Documentary)
9:00 Portrait Of A Distant Land G (Documentary)
10:00 Papa Mau: The Wayfinder PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

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 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Games We Play PG (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
7:30 Yarramundi Kids: Games We Play PG (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 Portrait Of A Distant Land G (Documentary)
11:00 Papa Mau: The Wayfinder PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 Nice Coloured Girls PG (Documentary)
2:00 Black Magic PG (Documentary)
3:00 RHEF PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Willigans Fitzroy PG (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Art From The Heart PG (Documentary)
7:00 Ken Thaiday Snr G (Documentary)
8:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
9:30 Bran Nue Dae PG (Documentary)
10:30 Wrap Me up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
11:30 Willigans Fitzroy PG (Documentary)

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1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Emotions And Feelings G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
7:30 Yarramundi Kids: Emotions And Feelings 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 Art From The Heart PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
1:30 NATSIBA 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)
6:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
10:30 Land Of The Little Kings PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

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 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 Bizou 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 Papa Mau: The Wayfinder PG (Documentary)
11:00 Dreamtime To Dance PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Vanuatu PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Ken Thaiday Snr G (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Games We Play PG (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas - Fiji PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Raven And Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
10:00 Miss Navajo PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 In The Shed PG (Documentary)

TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

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 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Connections G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou 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 In The Shed PG (Documentary)
10:30 Whispering In Our Heart M (Documentary)
11:30 Raven And Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas - Fiji PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Emotions And Feelings G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tahiti PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 RHEF PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)
9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
10:00 Special Treatment M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)

WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

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 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Friends G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou 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 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tahiti PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)
2:00 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids: My Body G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Message Stick: Darby PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 A Frontier Conversation PG (Documentary)
9:30 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)

THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

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 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Opposites G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou 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 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)
10:30 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
11:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)
2:00 Wanja PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Connections G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Murri Carnival (Sport)
8:30 Surfing The Healing Wave G (Documentary)
9:30 Gulpiilil: One Red Blood PG (Documentary)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)

FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Water G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Surfing The Healing Wave G (Documentary)
2:00 In The Shed PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Friends G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Beyond The Dreamtime G (Documentary)
9:00 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)
10:00 The Human Race PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

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 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: What Makes Me Special G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
7:30 Yarramundi Kids: What Makes Me Special 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 Human Race PG (Documentary)
11:00 Beyond The Dreamtime G (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)
2:00 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
3:00 RHEF PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:00 In The Shed PG (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
7:00 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)
8:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
9:30 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
10:30 From Sand to Celluloid M (Drama)

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA 2008 NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Life Cycle G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
7:30 Yarramundi Kids: Life Cycle 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 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
11:00 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
1:30 NATSIBA 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)
6:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
7:00 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Entertainment)
8:30 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
9:30 Dreamtime To Dance PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)
10:30 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

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 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: The Senses G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou 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 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
11:00 Dreamtime To Dance PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Entertainment)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Opposites G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania 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: Argillite Carver PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 4 Wheel Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
9:30 Henare O'Keefe PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)

TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

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 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Celebrations G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Bizou 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)
12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Water G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Living Black (Current Affairs)
8:00 RHEF (Documentary Series)
9:00 Strong in the City (Documentary)
9:30 Julian on the Inside (Current Affairs)
10:00 Bigfella (Documentary)
10:30 Stone Country (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)

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Filming under way on *Wheat Street*

Lights, camera, action!

By RUDI MAXWELL



BUNDJALUNG writer and producer Jon Bell is hoping *The Gods of Wheat Street* will inspire more Aboriginal people to be involved in acting and television.

The ABC Television series is being shot in Lismore, Coraki and Casino in northern NSW, and when the call went out for people to come and be part of a crowd scene at a football game, Mr Bell was overwhelmed by the response.

"The support filled me with a huge sense of pride," he said.

"I felt a lot of love for my Bundjalung brothers and sisters, that so many people cared enough to give up their whole day – a lot of love.

"It's been a number of years now that I've been talking to the boys, saying 'This is really happening' but to actually get out there and be shooting, collaborating with such a great cast and crew, bringing the characters that I imagined to life, it's a bit surreal."

Fortunes

The Gods of Wheat Street follows the fortunes of the Freeburn family and stars Kelton Pell (*The Circuit, Cloudstreet, Redfern Now*) as Odin Freeburn, Lisa Flanagan (*Look Both Ways, Double Trouble*), Shari Sebbens (one of the stars of *The Sapphires*), Bruce Carter (*Here I Am, Redfern Now*), Mark Coles-Smith (*Beneath Hill 60*), Rarriwuy Hick, Miah Madden (*The Sapphires*), Ursula Yovich (*Jindabyne, Australia*) and David Field (*Wild Boys, City Homicide, The Oyster Farmer, Chopper*).

"I think it will be a story that a lot of Aboriginal people can connect with and see elements of their own families," Mr Bell

said. "It's really funny but in a heart-warming way. We've got a character in jail, football scenes, aspects that touch on a lot of worlds that Aboriginal people have contact with.

"The Freeburns are an Aboriginal family that is just existing. I think it will strike a chord when people see a black family in a situation that they can empathise with at different moments and say 'That could easily be me'."

One of Mr Bell's aims was to write strong, dynamic Aboriginal characters. Another was to film on his country.

Beautiful area

"I really hope we get more productions here on Bundjalung country, the Northern Rivers. We have so many experienced professionals and it's just a beautiful area with so many different environments, everything except desert and snow," he said.

"A lot of Bundjalung people are getting something out of it being extras.

"So many blackfellas enjoy hands-on learning and if they can experience this industry one step at a time, this time be an extra, next time have a line or two or work behind the scenes and build up. This is really close to my heart, I hope we can lift up people on the screen and see more work for people.

"So many blackfellas get disheartened because they will believe in something and then if it doesn't happen they feel let down and they won't believe the next time, so it was really important to me to get this happening.

"It's taken five years of me saying 'You are my brother, come and be part of this', but we've got to the stage where we're filming.

"It's a sweet spot."



Writer Jon Bell on set in Coraki for *The Gods of Wheat Street*. "It's been a number of years now that I've been talking to the boys, saying 'This is really happening' but to actually get out there and be shooting, collaborating with such a great cast and crew, bringing the characters that I imagined to life, it's a bit surreal."



Kelton Pell stars as Odin Freeburn in *The Gods of Wheat Street*.

Actor Lisa Flanagan during filming of the series.

Aboriginal women wade in at empowering conference



MORE than 150 women from Aboriginal nations around NSW, the ACT and elsewhere rolled up their sleeves and took to the water as part of a recent cultural event in the western NSW Macquarie Marshes.

Held on Ngilyampaa-Wailwan country, the gathering was aimed at empowering Aboriginal women to undertake leadership, representative and management roles in natural resource and cultural heritage management.

The conference, co-hosted by the Wailwan people and the NSW/ACT Aboriginal Women's Network, brought together women working in paid or volunteer positions in natural resource, environmental and cultural heritage management sectors.

The theme – Women and Water: Weaving traditional knowledge into Natural and Cultural Resource Management for resilient communities – highlighted the importance of transferring cultural and environmental knowledge between women to ensure they had a voice in and encouraged a holistic approach to land and water management.

There was a field trip to Warren to visit the Beemunnel Aboriginal Reserve to get an understanding of the local Aboriginal community's priority-setting.

Enhanced

Local native plants and animals were flourishing during the three-day event, which enhanced the cultural values of the wetlands. This was thanks to a cultural flow released along the Ginghet Creek at the beginning of August, approved by the Macquarie Marshes Environmental Flows Reference Group, following a joint request from the Wailwan community and NSW/ACT Aboriginal Women's Network.

Participants learned about the use of native plants for food and medicinal purposes.

They undertook a wet walk and discussions focused on contemporary environmental water management processes.

A highlight was walking into the water to harvest sedge, which was then used for cultural weaving activities during the conference.

Another feature was the sharing of stories by five Aboriginal women from NSW and the ACT about their successes and challenges when leading their own communities in reconnecting, owning and managing their country.

At the Beemunnel Reserve, the women dedicated a plaque to the Wailwan community to commemorate the gathering. They also planted 200 trees to support the regeneration of the riparian lands that is now owned and managed by the Warren Macquarie Local Aboriginal Land Council.

To finish the conference, the women shared a cultural feast of bush tucker prepared by three local Ngilyampaa men at the camp. Food included an emu in a hole, kangaroo stew in camp ovens and johnny cakes cooked in the ashes and over coals.



Women get ready for a feed of emu at a bush tucker feast to mark the end of the conference. *Photos supplied*



Gathering participants checking wetland plants in Ginghet Creek at the Macquarie Marshes.

Homeless concern



HOMELESSNESS could rise in Western Australia next year when a \$135 million national agreement to tackle the problem expires.

Last Wednesday, WA acting auditor-general Glen Clarke reported on the effectiveness of state programs under the jointly-funded agreement.

He said they had helped many people over the past four years, but 'demonstrating that the programs under the agreement directly reduced homelessness by the

intended seven per cent is not possible'.

"This is partly because information on how many individuals became and remain housed is incomplete and difficult to obtain, and isolating the agreement's specific impact from other homelessness initiatives and broader economic circumstances is extremely difficult," Mr Clarke said.

The lead state agency for the 2009 agreement, the Department for Child Protection (DCP), contracted 71 not-for-profit organisations to deliver 20 programs to help homeless people and those at risk of homelessness.

Mr Clarke said 16 of the 20 programs had targets for assisting people and most had exceeded these targets.

"In 2010-11, nearly 2500 people were directly assisted and DCP estimates that over 6000 people benefited overall," he said.

"Targets for assisting Aboriginal people were also exceeded."

However, there were issues with the planning and provision of housing under the agreement.

"The availability of both public and private housing was overestimated and so

the programs are at risk of not meeting their objectives," Mr Clarke said.

The four-year agreement ends in June 2013 and he says there are no plans in place for either continuing the programs or transitioning people to other services.

"The ongoing uncertainty over the future of the agreement beyond mid-2013 risks the people who are delivering the services moving to other jobs, and support for homeless people being cut short," he said.

There are more than 100,000 homeless people across Australia, with about 13,500 in WA. – AAP

Police blamed for NT death



A FAMILY in the Northern Territory are claiming police mistreatment caused the death of an Aboriginal man after he left a lock-up.

Doris Lewis, the sister of Eric Lewis, said her brother died early in the morning on 23 September, soon

after being released from police custody in the town of Katherine.

Mr Lewis suffered from diabetes and needed regular medication, Ms Lewis said.

"We are blaming the police. He had just come from the police station, the watch house," Ms Lewis said.

In a statement, police denied Mr Lewis's death occurred soon after he left police custody.

Acting Commander Michael White said Mr Lewis was taken into custody at 5.20pm (CST) on Friday, 21 September for a number of offences relating to an incident at the Katherine Hotel.

He said Mr Lewis was interviewed, charged and refused bail, although on Saturday at 2.16pm he was given bail and taken home by police.

"Just before 2.30am on Sunday the 23rd of September 2012 authorities were called to his house where subsequent attempts to resuscitate him failed," the acting commander said.

Statement 'wrong'

Asked about the police statement, Ms Lewis said it was wrong and that her brother did not return home from the police lock-up until the early hours of Sunday, and died just a short time later.

She said that after leaving the watch house, Mr Lewis complained he was not given any medicine, food or water, and that he had been dragged and kicked by police.

When he returned home he could barely sit up, she said.

Ms Lewis said witnesses had also seen her brother, a Warlpiri man who was a diabetic amputee and used a wheelchair to get around, roughly handled by police during his arrest.

"They (police) lifted him up and threw him in the paddy wagon without his wheelchair, and that is the last the family saw him alive," she said.

The arrest is believed to have followed an altercation between Mr Lewis and a bouncer at a local pub.

Ms Lewis said her brother had left the premises, and he 'walked away'.

She said he went to a nearby place where people were playing cards, and was involved in a card game when police arrested him.

Inquiry call

Ms Lewis has called for a coronial inquiry to examine the circumstances surrounding the death.

"Unless there is some justice, they will just keep treating our people like this," she said.

Police urged anyone with information that could assist the coroner to contact the NT Coroner's Office.

"If anyone has any information regarding Mr Lewis's period in custody or alleged impropriety by police, they can contact the Ombudsman," Acting Commander White said.

The death of Mr Lewis comes soon after a coroner's findings critical of the treatment of Kwementyaye Briscoe, who died in a police lock-up in Alice Springs earlier this year.

Mr Briscoe's aunt, Patricia Morton-Thomas, said Mr Lewis's death was the fifth in suspicious circumstances involving police or corrections since 2009.

"The Northern Territory Government must do something urgently about the brutality and harassment that our people are experiencing at the hands of the police," she said. — AAP



March protesters at Parliament House in Perth. Photos by MICHAELA PEARCE

March celebrates Noongar culture

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A LUNCHTIME march and rally held by the Noongar Tent Embassy in Perth last

fortnight to celebrate Noongar culture drew a small, supportive crowd. Speakers at the March to Preserve Our Culture on 18 October relayed messages of solidarity and the uniqueness of Noongar country and culture. They included Helen Ulli Corbett, Bella Bropho and Rex Bellotti Snr.

A focus of the event was a controversial deal, reportedly valued at one billion dollars, being negotiated between the West Australian Government and the South West Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) to settle all native title claims in the state's south-west.

Upper House Greens MP Lynn McLaren accepted a petition opposing the native title offer and representation from the land council, and demanding 'recognition of the tribal sovereigns of the region'.

Helen Ulli Corbett told those gathered that sovereignty was long recognised in law but said members of an expert panel appointed by the Federal Government to make recommendations on recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution had been unaware of the 'Queen Victoria Imperial Act which recognised our right to self-determination



Young people taking part in the march.



HELEN ULLI CORBETT

as a sovereign nation'.

They were similarly unaware of other international standards and practices on this issue, Ms Corbett said.

"We have rights – we have sovereign rights, we have never surrendered those rights," she said.

Sovereignty

"We cannot and should not negotiate with a regional government who sits in the cold, dark shadow of the Federal Government which refuses to recognise our sovereignty and enacts its own legislation that is racist, discriminatory and intentionally breaches its



MARIANNE HEADLAND MACKAY

international treaty obligations towards Aboriginal sovereign people."

The potential for consensus building for positive legislation and policies affecting Indigenous peoples and the wider community were demonstrated by the Rights of Indigenous People working groups and the Elders Council, once appointed by the WA Court Government, Ms Corbett said.

Despite the WA Government's commitment to due diligence on paper to ensure all Noongar voices were heard, she said, 'it had and still refuses to meet with

representatives from the Noongar Tent Embassy, all who in their own right represent their family and members of the individual community'.

"Instead it sent over 80 members of the WA Police Force and its paramilitary unit to unleash State terror against Noongar children, youth, Elders and young men and women," she said.

"On the SWALC home front, it takes more pleasure in unleashing staff to contribute towards the anti-Noongar Tent Embassy media hysteria, who silenced the legitimate voices of Noongars' opposition to the land deal."

A three-month cooling-off period was available if a land settlement was reached for objections to be lodged, Ms Corbett said, and 'to date, up to several thousand Noongars have signed a Declaration of Will stating that they've given no authority to any party to act on their behalf to secure a land deal'.

"So already they have indicated that the process is flawed and unacceptable," she said.

March organiser Marianne Headland voiced frustration over what she described as widespread social conditioning to injustice and inequality that existed in present laws and in the way the Government was using them.

"I don't know about youse mob, but I'm sick of all these crap tokenistic actions," she said.

SWALSC declined to comment.

Commended carer calls for more help



WENDY Brown says carers are doing it tougher than ever – and she should know. The Aboriginal woman from Queanbeyan, in southern NSW, has just been highly commended in this year's NSW Carers Awards.

Her days are full being the primary carer for her elderly parents as well as helping her daughter, who has diabetes, with the care of her three grandchildren, each of whom has a mild intellectual disability.

Mrs Brown's daughter and grandchildren rely on her care and attention each day. Speaking with the *Koori Mail*, Mrs Brown said politicians of all persuasions had to do more to help carers and the organisations that assist carers.

Harder all the time

"We do what we do because we love our families and people, and because we have to," she said. "But it's getting harder all the time."

"Caring is a job that never ends, and politicians need to realise that more support is

needed. The organisations that help us are also being squeezed – something has to give."

Mrs Brown said she was shocked by her highly commended award. "I'm nothing special," she said.

"There are many, many carers out there. I consider this is an award for them as much as for me."

This year's NSW Carer of the Year was Maria Heaton, a paediatric palliative care clinical nurse consultant at Sydney Children's Hospital.



Wendy Brown receives her commendation award from NSW Disability Services Minister Andrew Constance. Photo by Pardalote

Commission's new reconciliation plan



Count Me In ambassador Kim Collard, left, Aboriginal artist Patrick Carter, Disability Services Minister Helen Morton and Reconciliation Australia board director Fred Chaney at the launch of the 2012-2014 Reconciliation Action Plan.



THE Western Australian Disability Services Commission has just launched its third Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Commission director-general Ron Chalmers said the RAP, approved and endorsed by Reconciliation Australia, would be even better because of experiences and lessons learnt from the previous two plans.

"This new plan includes realistic and measurable areas of action so they align with the commission's current strategic direction," he said.

"The plan is consistent with the State

Government's long-term strategy, 'Count Me In: Disability Future Directions', which identified the need to work with Aboriginal people with disability, their families and carers in a number of ways," Mr Chalmers said. "This includes ensuring resources, services and supports are culturally responsive."

Awareness

"The plan also aims to improve staff awareness and understanding of the varying needs of Aboriginal people, as the commission continues to strive towards building better relationships with Aboriginal communities," he said.

The 2012-2014 RAP features artwork from Patrick Carter, an Aboriginal

artist in a commission-supported accommodation facility.

"Patrick's painting depicts a story about his family when he visited them in Broome, which is something very close to his heart," Dr Chalmers said.

"The work shows the essential ingredients for positive, meaningful and culturally-appropriate reconciliation: family and friendships."

"By sharing his story and painting with us, Patrick has made an important contribution to our reconciliation process."

The RAP was officially launched by WA Disability Services Minister Helen Morton at the Constitutional Centre in West Perth on 11 October.

Warning over cut to bonus



A CUT to the baby bonus could disadvantage Aboriginal women already living in poverty, Federal Liberal MP Ken Wyatt has warned.

As part of its mid-year budget update, the Federal Government will reduce the bonus from \$5000 to \$3000 for second and subsequent children from mid-2013.

Treasurer Wayne Swan justified the change by arguing 'after the first child you've already bought the cot, the pram and the other items that you can use again'.

Mr Wyatt, the first Indigenous MP elected to the lower house, wants the cuts means-tested because of their financial impact on Aboriginal mothers.

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows the Indigenous fertility rate is 2.57 babies for each woman, compared with 1.89 for all women in Australia.

The peak age group for Aboriginal

women to give birth was 20-24 and the birth rate was 149 babies per 1000 women, which was three times the rate of non-Indigenous women in the same age group.

Mr Wyatt said the Federal Government had not considered how the changes would affect remote Aboriginal families, many of whom were on low incomes. "There are a lot of people in the low socio-economic group in society who would not have the type of equipment many families would buy and then hand down to use again," he said.

"I would much rather see a means-tested approach than a blanket approach."

The St Vincent De Paul Society echoed the MP's concerns, saying there would be an impact on low-income families. "Especially in the absence of much-needed increases to social security payments," CEO John Falzon said.

Comment was sought from Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin. – AAP

Title reform concerns



NATIVE title reforms to be introduced to Federal Parliament this year fail to address the major inequalities in the system, an Indigenous rights group claims. Under changes the Federal Government announced in June, 'good-faith negotiation' will be legislated, Indigenous land-use agreements will become more flexible and land covered by native title will no longer be subject to income and capital gains taxes.

But the Government has shied away from acting on calls from Indigenous groups to reverse the onus of proof in native title claims.

A spokesman for the Attorney-

General's Department says the Government is aiming to introduce the bill to Parliament by the end of the year.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTAR), in a submission on the bill's exposure draft, said although the changes would make some improvement, they 'fail to address the major underlying inequities in the native title system'.

National director Jacqueline Phillips said time was running out for many Elders wanting to see land justice in their life time. "We highlight the need for more far-reaching reforms as an urgent priority, informed by the inequities in the current system," she said in the submission. – AAP

Remains returned to country

Keeping place near Cobar



ABORIGINAL remains have been formally returned to country at the Yathong Nature Reserve, near Cobar in western New South Wales.

Office of Environment and Heritage, Country, Culture and Heritage Division Far West regional manager Gary Currey said the remains, formerly held in the Australian Museum, had been buried in a keeping place that would be 'protected forever'.

"The six sets of remains have been held in the Australian Museum possibly since the 1880s when one of the sets was collected," Mr Currey said.

"The Office of Environment and Heritage was very pleased to work with the Australian Museum, Cobar Local Aboriginal Land Council and the local Ngiyampaa people to bring the



At the ceremony, from left, Ngiyampaa man Max Harris, Phil Sullivan and Gary Currey from the Office of Environment and Heritage, Greater Cobar Heritage Centre's Kay Stingemore, Ngiyampaa Elder Elaine Ohlsen and Ngiyampaa men Ricky Ohlsen and Robert Harris.

remains back to country.

"Physical anthropological assessments carried out by the

museum indicate that the different remains range from people who had lived a

traditional lifestyle and diet, to those from post-European contact. The clear evidence is in

the teeth wear. Aboriginal people living a traditional lifestyle have an even teeth wear whereas Aboriginal people from post European contact have uneven wear with decay or cavities.

"Boxes carrying the remains were walked through a pall of smoke in a cleansing smoking ceremony. They were then laid to rest in an area that has been set aside by the National Parks and Wildlife Service as a keeping place in Yathong Nature Reserve."

Ngiyampaa Elder Elaine Ohlsen, from Cobar, had spearheaded the campaign for the return of the remains. "I was just so pleased to see these remains finally back in country where they belong," she said.

Following the ceremony, organisations and individuals who assisted in the return were presented with certificates of appreciation.

Warruh back home

By RUDI MAXWELL



AFTER 105 years away from home, Warruh – the traditional name of Neddy Larkin – has returned to his country on Wiyabal land in Lismore, northern New South Wales.

In an emotional ceremony, Mr Larkin's remains were returned to his descendants for reburial. Mr Larkin's remains were dug up and taken from his grave in Lismore by a local taxidermist, who sent them to the Peabody Museum for 'scientific purposes' in the early 20th century.

Mid last month, Afzal Khan and Ros Sten travelled from Lismore to the Peabody Museum in Washington DC, to accompany him home.

"He was away from home for 38,325 nights," said Mr Khan, one of Mr Larkin's descendants.

"I know how I feel when I'm away from home for two nights... imagine what he's felt being away for that time. We will return him to the Bundjalung nation and know in our hearts that this is the right thing to do, to return him back to country, to the soil from which he was taken."

Aboriginal heritage conservation officer Ashley Moran said it was a pleasure to be able to return Mr Larkin.

"He's been lost for so long, which is offensive to people in the community, spiritually, that one of their



ancestors could be ripped from his traditional soil," Mr Moran said. "This is a special occasion to be able to bring Neddy Larkin's remains to peace."

Ms Sten and Mr Khan travelled to Washington with the assistance from the Federal Indigenous Repatriation Program.

Ms Sten said it was important that Mr Larkin was not forgotten.

"When I was five years old, my grandmother told me and my sister that they took Neddy Larkin to the Peabody Museum," Ms Sten said. "Today, we brought him back."

A celebration is also planned to commemorate Mr Larkin's return and recognise the anniversary of his coming home.



● Above: Participants at the return to Bundjalung country of Warruh – the traditional name of Neddy Larkin – in Lismore, northern New South Wales.

● Left: Local men Ashley Moran, Douglas Miller Jnr and Douglas Miller Snr during the solemn repatriation ceremony.

2012 Remote Indigenous Media Festival



Mary G was at the festival.

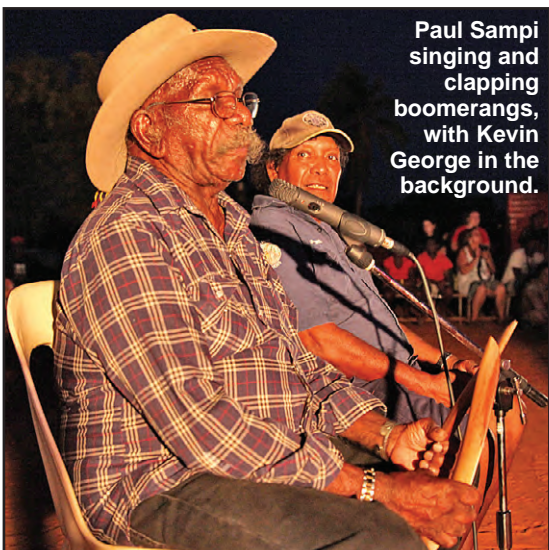


Award winners Henry Augustine, of Beagle Bay, with the Mr Garawirtja Memorial Award, and Bernadette Angus, of Djarindjin, with the Mr McKenzie Memorial Award for Best Contribution to Remote Indigenous television. PAKAM manager Neil Turner is on the right. *Photos courtesy of IRCA*

Desert to sea at Djarindjin meet



Lucas Habte from ICTV.



Paul Sampi singing and clapping boomerangs, with Kevin George in the background.



Steven 'Baamba' Albert and Mick Manolis on guitar.



THE 2012 Remote Indigenous Media Festival was held recently at Djarindjin in Western Australia's far north, making good on a 'Bringing the Desert to the Sea' slogan adopted by event hosts Pilbara and Kimberley Aboriginal Media (PAKAM).

Each year, the festival is hosted by a different Remote Indigenous Media Association, supported in turn by the Indigenous Remote Communications Association (IRCA), which facilitates industry forums and holds its annual general meeting.

Indigenous Community Television (ICTV) again coordinated nightly festival film screenings and managed the video award judging process.

Amongst the highlights of the four-day gathering were the 14th National Remote Indigenous Media Awards.

Winners

IRCA congratulated the award winners for their work, in particular Jemma Purantatameri, winner of the Preston Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement; Henry Augustine for the Mr Garawirtja Memorial Award for contribution to Media, Entertainment and the Arts (sponsored by TEABBA); Annette Victor for the John MacCumber Memorial Award for Community Media Operator of the Year (sponsored by CAAMA); Bernadette Angus for the McKenzie Memorial Award for Contribution to Remote Indigenous TV (sponsored and presented by PY Media); Ian Waina for the Steve McGregor Award for Emerging Talent (sponsored and presented by TEABBA); SharingStories for their *Mermaid and the Mimi Spirits*, unanimously voted as Best Youth Video; and the *Life of a Red Kangaroo* by M'Bunghara School, a clear winner of the People's Choice Award.



A dance group from One Arm Point.



Jemma Purantatameri, Jodi Cameron and Anne Thompson get a lesson in video editing from Anna Cadden (back to camera).

-2012 AICA conference and meeting-



PAKAM's Bernadette Angus (Djarindjin), Corrina Sebastian (Beagle Bay) and Annette Victor (Ardyaloon). Photos by Kirstie Parker



Ella Henry from New Zealand, Elaine Egan from the United States and Australia's TIGA Bayles spoke during the conference opening session.

Talks focus on the digital era

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media in the digital era

drove discussions at the Australian Indigenous Communications Association (AICA) 2012 Conference and annual general meeting in Brisbane last month.

The 22-23 October gathering was attended by about 100 representatives of First Nations broadcasting, print, online, film, video and television organisations in urban, rural and remote areas.

Participants were first treated to a tour of Brisbane Indigenous Media Association's (BIMA) impressive new facilities, a barbecue breakfast, and a talk by BIMA founder Ross Watson.

The conference began with a welcome to country by Elder Aunty Valda Coolwell, followed by the Yuluburiba (Sand and Sea) Dancers drawn from the Noonuccal tribe of North Stradbroke Island.

Facilitator Tony Dreise framed the conference by asking delegates to consider what the sector's forward strategy should look like at what is undeniably a critical juncture for the industry.

An international panel explored First Nations media in the United States, New Zealand and Australia.

Eileen Egan, a Hopi woman and board member of Native Public Media in the United States, spoke about the Native American media sector, which is largely dominated by public radio. Ms Egan noted that print remained an important communication tool in native communities.



At the conference, Ben Rea and Jackie Tim from Bumma Bipperra in Cairns and Charmaine Miller and Daniel Webster from My 105 Mackay.



Errol Chapman and Jeanette Brown from Cherbourg and Noel Heenan from Yuelamu.

AICA chairperson TIGA Bayles gave an overview of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media sector and called for recognition of the 'essential service' performed by Indigenous media. He called for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander radio stations to be afforded special First Nations status by funders, not just that of community radio.

Ella Henry, from the Auckland University of

Technology, spoke about Maori entrepreneurship in screen production. She lamented that Maori people were often portrayed on screen as 'mad, bad and sad', ignoring some extraordinarily success in Maori communities. She outlined four case studies of Maori organisations embracing the digital challenge.

Assistant secretary at the Department of Broadband, Communications and the

Digital Economy (DBCDE) Greg Cox gave an update on Commonwealth policy and programs affecting the sector. He flagged a major announcement for the sector by Communications Minister Steven Conroy, tipped by conference participants to take place at the launch of NITV on free-to-air television in December.

The afternoon was taken up by networking, discussion groups, key sector updates and workshops on volunteering, diversifying through multiple platform delivery, an Indigenous radio hub on VAST, and untapping Indigenous media potential through social media.

At the conference dinner, Eileen Egan spoke about advances being made in the US through native colleges. The night ended after a spirited Karaoke session including a performance by a certain AICA executive member, who shall remain nameless, as Tina Turner.

The 2012 AICA annual meeting was held on day two, and saw a few changes to the peak body's executive. Here's what the new board looks like:

- Chairperson: TIGA Bayles (continuing)
- Deputy Chairperson: Lloyd Wyles (re-elected)
- Treasurer: Trevor Tim (continuing)
- Secretary: Sandra Brooks (re-elected)
- Radio Rep: Gilla McGuinness (continuing)
- TV/Film Rep: Nelson Conboy (elected)
- Print Rep: Kirstie Parker (elected to a vacancy)
- ICT Rep: Brett Leavy (continuing)
- Remote Rep: Jen Enosa (elected to a vacancy)
- Ex-officio appointment: Tanya Denning.



IRCA general manager Daniel Featherstone with Wayne Bynder, station manager of 100.9 Noongar Radio in Perth.



BIMA founder Ross Watson and Aunty Valda Coolwell.



NITV Sports' Mark Ella and conference delegate Ashley Saltner.



CAAMA Radio's Warren H Williams.

Fortescue can seek relief, says Premier



WEST Australian Premier Colin Barnett says Fortescue Metals Group is entitled to seek financial relief from the State Government to defer royalty payments if necessary.

It has been reported that with Fortescue's desire to proceed as soon as possible with its Kings iron ore project, it may seek to defer state royalty payments.

The *Financial Review* last Wednesday reported a rumour that Fortescue had earlier in the month sought the postponement of two quarters of royalty payments, which would probably total more than \$200 million. The September quarter royalty payments were due by yesterday (30 October).

Answering a question from the Opposition in Parliament last Wednesday,

Mr Barnett said he would not make a comment on the financial position of a publicly listed company, but said Fortescue was allowed to seek relief from the Government if necessary.

"It's no secret that a number of companies were hit by the very sharp fall in iron ore prices and there's been a lot of commentary in the financial media about that," he said.

"If a company were to come to the Government and seek some sort of relief, then the Government would consider that on merit and it's not without precedent."

Mr Barnett said such assistance had been granted in previous years, including to the mineral sands sector and Rio Tinto's Argyle diamond operation. — AAP

36 years on, Gali's wagon still rolling

By JILLIAN MUNDY



GALIAMBLE Men's Recovery Centre in Melbourne recently

celebrated its 36th anniversary, and staff estimate they and their associated programs have helped more than 10,000 people since the doors opened as a men's shelter in 1976.

'Gali', as it's affectionately known to residents and staff, is two things – an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting and an alcohol and rehabilitation centre.

The centre, situated in St Kilda just outside the city centre, is run by Aboriginal organisation Ngwala Willumbong (Pitjantjatjara for 'Dry Place') Co-operative Ltd.

It welcomes Aboriginal and other people.

Speaking to past residents gathered for the centre's anniversary, many of whom say they owe their life to Gali, it was clear that a deep affection is held for the place and that its value runs broader than alcohol and drug abuse recovery.

Not only do they speak of their recovery and quality of life once they achieve sobriety, but also of the cross-cultural understanding Galiambles affords.

Their staff reckon they run the best AA meeting in Australia.

"Gali has had wonderful cross-cultural relationships," said one staff member.

"It's attended by all nationalities. Many non-Aboriginal people have got dry in Gali, we embrace whitefellas and we've made lots of good connections."

The staff member said mainstream rehabilitation centres could be culturally uncomfortable, and many of them admired Galiambles achievements.

"The reason we started our own meeting was because we didn't feel comfortable in mainstream meetings because there was no blackfellas in them," he said.

"We had to relate, our fellas can't relate to someone getting up and talking about how they drank in a pub with their mates. What they can relate to is talking about missions, and Fitzroy and jails... hardcore. That's why Gali's so different. We go the extra mile."

Galiambles weekly meeting begins with an acknowledgement to country and concludes with a member or guest playing



'Winja Butterflies' Ebony Lawson, Laura Glasby, Kathleen Pepper, Stephanie Taylor and Gloria Solomon, from Winja Ulupna Women's Recovery Centre, celebrated Galiambles 36th anniversary.



Snider Brown credits Galiambles for saving his life, and is proud of the fact he has been sober for the past 28-and-a-half years.



Galiambles worker Troy Blow, a Yorta Yorta man, outside Galiambles Men's Recovery Centre is pictured with resident Damien Hayes, from Gippsland.



"My art is proof of my sobriety" ... Murri man Les Stanley, a past resident of Galiambles, artist and Galiambles cook, said he could never have painted while he was still drinking.

didgeridoo. "Gali (AA meeting) years ago, you could not get a seat," the staff member said.

"When (AA members) came from overseas – AA is world-wide – the first thing they wanted to do when they land in Melbourne was a Gali meeting, because it was so raw. Boys been to jail and women been to jail, people (that had been) drinking on missions, drinking on the street, swearing that came from the floor.

"It was rough as guts, people love it, because it's so real, it still is."

One fella who remembers the early days of Galiambles is 69-year-old Ngunga man Snider Brown.

"I used to be a stockman in Queensland chasing wild cattle, then I gave up and picked up the bottle, it just happened," Mr Brown told the *Koori Mail*.

"I used to drink flagon after flagon."



Noongar man Arthur Edwards was reunited with old mate Fred Fenner after 28 years. Being in Galiambles all those years ago not only helped these men give up the booze, but getting to know one another gave them a deeper understanding of each other's culture.

Mr Brown believes he would not have given up the booze without moving to Melbourne and going to Galiambles.

He also swears by AA, and after 28-and-a-half years' sobriety

still attends a meeting at least once a month. "If you knock off going to AA meetings you'll end up going back down the (same) track again, next time could be six foot under," Mr Brown said.

"It's a big thing giving up booze, I don't want to pick up a drink under any circumstance."

Since giving up the booze, Mr Brown has been happily married for 20 years and also worked at Galiambles for 14 years, 'driving the bus and taking the lads to AA meetings'.

"I'm proud, not too many around (still alive) that done the program and 20 years sober."

Most of Galiambles dedicated staff are themselves former residents, and some have gone on to achieve professional qualifications in counselling and drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

They speak of the fulfilment, in what is a career steeped with emotional investment and high burn out, of watching someone

grow, to 'get back to being a man, or being a woman', or to see them getting their kids back.

They say a lot of people go on to big things when they get dry. However, a major problem is not being able to provide services to all those seeking help.

"We can't get enough beds, we need more rehabs, we definitely need our own detox, it's an epidemic," said a Galiambles staff member.

"It's not just grog anymore, there's things like ice, the fellas are coming in younger, times are changing."

He said stories of recovery needed to be shared to inspire others to give a life free of substance abuse a go.

Ngwala Willumbong runs four other recovery centres, including Winja Ulupna Women's Recovery Centre, also in St Kilda.

Contact details and further information can be found at www.ngwala.org.au

Fears in Nhulunbuy



THOUSANDS living in the Top End town of Nhulunbuy are facing an anxious wait while a mining company considers mothballing the alumina refinery much of the community relies on to survive. About 3800 people live in Nhulunbuy, formerly known as Gove, in the eastern part of Arnhem Land, with about 800 directly employed at the nearby alumina refinery. Another 100 people from Nhulunbuy work at the mine. East Arnhem Chamber of Commerce and Industry chair

Dave Suter said the operation was too important to be allowed to fail. He said about 10,000 people, including those in small communities outside Nhulunbuy, relied on the bauxite and alumina operations continuing. "If both the mine and the refinery close the town will be finished," he said. The impact would reach far beyond those working in the mining industry, Mr Suter said. "It won't just be the mining company downsizing its workforce, it will be the schools. It will be the child-care centres and probably closures of different businesses," he said.

The refinery and a large bauxite mine are run by Pacific Aluminium, a subsidiary of mining giant Rio Tinto Ltd. Pacific Aluminium last Wednesday broke the news that a strategic review was being undertaken of the Gove bauxite mine and alumina refinery due to challenging market conditions.

Operations

The review will consider the potential suspension of refinery operations and is expected to be completed in January. Pacific Aluminium CEO Sandeep Biswas said the company was very mindful

of its importance to the local community.

"We recognise this review creates uncertainty for our employees and the many people that depend on Gove operations for their livelihood," Mr Biswas said in a statement.

Rio Tinto CEO Tom Albanese has said the Gove refinery was the area in the miner's aluminium operations that was most in a position of losing cash.

Analysts estimate the Gove operations lost Rio Tinto \$100 million in the first half of 2012, due to weakness in commodity prices and the high cost of diesel to fuel the refinery's power station.

Lynne Walker, the MP who represents Nhulunbuy, said most people in the town relied on the bauxite operations and many were very concerned. "For the first time they are talking about the worst-case scenario, which is closure," she said.

Chief Minister Terry Mills said the NT Government was working towards securing a reliable gas supply for the Gove refinery.

"I think there is a solution here and it will require a number of players to come into this one spot and provide a solution, which is aggregated gas supply," he said.

"That gas is available, it is on the table." — AAP



Turtle 'Lorraine' was with the Yuki Baja Muliku Rangers for six months, after being injured by boat strike. She is pictured above heading back to sea and, below, during her rescue.

Yuki Baja Muliku Rangers helping save sick turtles



ABORIGINAL rangers have played a key role in the establishment of a treatment centre for sick turtles near Cooktown, in far north Queensland.

Yuki Baja Muliku Rangers received funding to build the centre in the wake of Cyclone Yasi, which devastated local turtle feeding grounds.

The rangers worked with traditional owners, the Indigenous Land and Sea Management Fund (ILSMF) and Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre to establish the Yuku-Baja-Muliku turtle rescue centre at Archer Point.

Yuku-Baja-Muliku Land Trust chief Larissa Hale paid tribute to ILSMF leader Graham Keating, the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre's Dr Jenny Gilbert, and Marlin Coast veterinarian Rod Gilbert



for their commitment to the turtles and their ongoing support for the Yuku-Baja-Muliku rangers' turtle rescue and rehabilitation program. "We have been able to rescue and treat turtles that

have severe boat strike and floater's disease, to name but a few of the ailments," Ms Hale said.

"As word of our rescue and triage centre got out, we've been able to liaise with other

Indigenous Ranger groups, including the Hope Vale rangers who brought a very sick animal to us from Cape Flattery."

Three large turtles have so far been released back into the Cooktown area, and one into the waters off Cairns.

Before releasing rehabilitated animals, they are tagged and have a tracker attached. The rangers hope to involve schools in the Cooktown area in the tracking venture by setting up programs on their school computers.

Ms Hale praised the work of senior ranger Mick Hale and his 'very dedicated' team of rangers.

"They are an inspiration to us all, as the welfare and rehabilitation of these sometimes very elderly majestic creatures of the sea are always at the forefront of our Indigenous conservation program," she said.

NLC defends bail out for corporation



THE Northern Land Council (NLC) has defended its decision to help the Larrakia Development Corporation (LDC) out of financial strife.

The Federally funded land council is the sole shareholder of the corporation, which directs a chunk of its profits to the Larrakia people, the traditional owners of the Darwin area.

NLC officials were grilled about the LDC's financial problems during a Senate budget estimates hearing in Canberra on Friday.

NLC legal officer Ron Levy told the hearing the council had granted \$2 million to the LDC.

He said LDC directors in December 2011 told the NLC there was a cash flow problem and that many of its assets were losing value.

"The audited assets on 30 June 2010 were \$12.5 million but by 31 January 2012 the unaudited net assets appeared to be around \$7 million," he said. He said the LDC discussed liquidating some of the assets to pay its bills, but that didn't happen.

Mr Levy said if the land council hadn't stepped in to help the LDC it would have been forced to bring in an administrator.

The NLC hired an auditor to look at the corporation's financial position and found instances of project losses and poor management.

The auditor said the LDC could recover with the help of short- to medium-term assistance.

Mr Levy said the \$2 million grant came from the Aboriginal Benefit Account.

He said he had full confidence in the LDC board to turn around the situation and develop a new strategic direction. "They have some contracts coming through, there are some good signs," Mr Levy said. — AAP



The NLC's premises in Darwin.

Sites back with people



TWO sites of cultural significance have been handed back to the Wurundjeri people in Victoria. They are the Mt William Axe Quarry, west of Kilmore, and the Sunbury Earthen Rings, to the north-west of Tullamarine Airport.

Wurundjeri traditional owner Annette Xiberras told the *Koori Mail* the handback had taken a number of years and was an example of reconciliation as it had involved work by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

"We are very happy to have the land back so that everyone can share it and learn more about the true history of this country," she said.

Ms Xiberras said Wurundjeri people had been working in partnership over many years with the local council, Department of Sustainability and Environment and Parks Victoria to manage the land.

She said her people had been managing the Mt William site with fire, along with other sites of significance.

"This handover represents a great opportunity for black and white to continue to work together to maintain our land as an educational resource so we can continue to teach each other about real Australian history," she said.

The Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin presented the titles to representatives of the Wurundjeri Tribe and Land Compensation and Cultural Heritage Council Inc on 19 October.

She said the handback recognised the cultural significance of the sites. "Green stone axes from Mt William were traditionally traded by Aboriginal people over a wide area of south-eastern Australia before European settlers arrived in the area," Ms Macklin said.

"The site contains the remains of hundreds of mining pits where Wurundjeri people obtained the green stone to make axe heads.

"The amazing earthen rings at the Sunbury property may be more than 1000 years old, and were an important part of traditional ceremonies for Wurundjeri people.

"The Wurundjeri people were the original custodians of these sites, and it is only fitting that they are now returned to them."

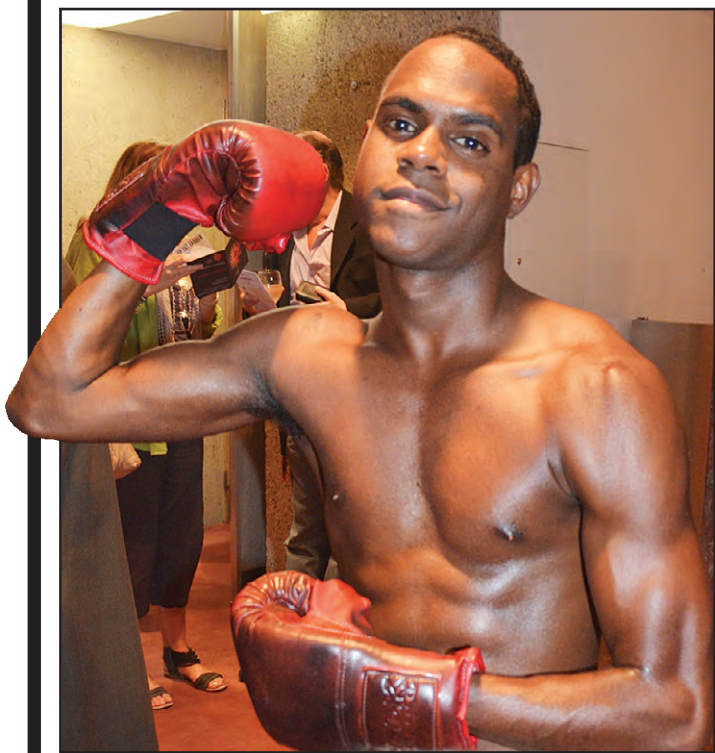
The 7.5-hectare Mt William Axe Quarry property had been gifted to the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) in September 1997 by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, while the 9.1-hectare Sunbury Earthen Rings property was acquired by the ILC in December 2000.

ILC chairperson Dawn Casey said it was appropriate that current generations of Wurundjeri people maintained and managed the cultural sites.

"The acquisitions of these sites provide Indigenous training opportunities in land management and enable the transfer of cultural knowledge from Elders to youth," she said. — **By DARREN COYNE**



DAWN CASEY



Benjamin Creek, who played the Phantom, before the show.



Laura Andrews and Joshua Thaiday performing.

ACPA students step up for production

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



AFTER last year's sell-out season of *Stolen*, students from the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) were last week once again treading the boards of QPAC's Cremorne Theatre – this time with Roger Bennet's iconic play *Up the Ladder*.

With more than 50 dancers, musicians and actors onstage, *Up the Ladder* evokes the carnival atmosphere, humour and energy of 1940s and 50s sideshows, following an Aboriginal man's journey from the humble rough and tumble of post-war Australian boxing tents to a high-profile professional career as a champion boxer.

At the opening night after-party, show director Wesley Enoch paid tribute to the ACPA students.

"I just want to say from the bottom of my heart, 'You are the future. You are making it now'," he said.

"What you gave tonight was of your heart and your spirit."

Metaphor

Earlier, the Queensland Theatre Company artistic director told ABC Radio the boxing ring was a metaphor for how Aboriginal people have had to survive a whole range of fights.

"Because people forget that even in those days, Aboriginal people couldn't travel very much, or you had to get written permission," Mr Enoch said.

"The boxing tents gave Aboriginal people a chance to make a living and travel around the country, to aspire to something more."

Uncle Budger Davidson said watching the ACPA performance of *Up the Ladder* brought a tear to his eye and he paid tribute to boxers like Uncle Elley (the playwright's father who went through the tents and became a renowned feather and bantamweight boxer in the 1940s) and Uncle Ron Richards.

"I miss (playwright) Roger (Bennet) very much," he said.

"We lived through the hard times, on the streets of Brisbane. We grew up bare knuckle. We travelled with the boxing tents. So I know all about boxing."

Mr Enoch said that, while *Up the Ladder* was a feel-good story with an optimistic ending, it was also grounded in history and showed the obstacles to be confronted as the characters struggled against the system.

"Let's not forget that it wasn't that long ago that our fathers and grandfathers had to fight these battles," he said.



Uncle Budger Davidson with ACPA performers, back from left, Travis Johnson, Corey March and Eliah Watego and, front from left, Manduway Dutton and Laurence Baker.



● Above: At the after party, from left, Pearl Thompson, Tula Clutterbuck, Davey Thompson and Phi Sandy.



● Left: At the after-party Kerri Simpson, left, who played the main character Johnny in *Up the Ladder*, with Cody Raymond and Scott Campbell.

Pedersen and Whyman showing Signs of Life

By MARGARET SMITH



A NEW play by celebrated author Tim Winton has brought Aboriginal actor Aaron Pedersen back to the stage.

Pedersen plays the character of 'Bender' in the Sydney Theatre Company production of *Signs of Life* at the Sydney Opera House from 2 November to 22 December. He's joined by fellow Aboriginal actor Pauline Whyman, who plays his sister Mona, and veteran non-Indigenous actor Heather Mitchell.

The play, which previously has been performed at the Black Swan Theatre in Perth, is set in a lonely farmhouse in Western Australia near a parched river bed.

It's the home of white farmer Georgie (played by Mitchell), whose husband has recently died.

When Bender knocks at her door in the middle of the night, and Georgie can hear weeping coming from his car, she's spooked and a little terrified.

It's a great start to a mysterious, riveting play by the author of *Cloudstreet* and *Dirt Music*, both of which explored themes of place, belonging, and ghosts haunting the living.

And it's a worthy challenge for Pedersen who came to television fame with *City Homicide*, *The Circuit*, and *Jack Irish*, and has just finished shooting Ivan Sen's



Aaron Pedersen and Pauline Whyman in rehearsals for the play *Signs of Life*. Photo by Grant Sparkes-Carroll

new feature film *Mystery Road*.

Pauline Whyman is also a filmmaker in her own right, with her short film *Backseat* showing round the world.

The pair spoke to the *Koori*

Mail during a break in rehearsals.

Pedersen said film and stage were different mediums requiring different skills.

"I do enjoy stage work," he said. "There's the discipline of

preparation and rehearsals, and then an organic flow to the work."

Whyman loves film and theatre. "We have longer rehearsal periods for stage, and more time to go into depth with a character," she said.

Mona and Bender 'know all about the forced removal of children', Whyman said. "They are the product of Stolen Generations, trying to reclaim their past."

Pedersen said the pair's journey is triggered by their father.

"They are trying to revisit a place he once called home... They come across a pastoral place, that had meaning to their father," he said.

He adds that it's through a tough dialogue with Georgie that their different cultures collide.

"They're forced to find a language where each can understand the other. It's a very interesting conversation between black and white Australians.

"On a larger scale it's about the state of the world and of the planet, which is at a point of no return."

Both actors said they'd found working with Tim Winton rewarding.

Tickets: \$45-90 for performances from 2 November to 22 December at the Sydney Opera House.

For more information, go online at www.sydneystheatre.com.au/what's-on



DJIRIRRA WUNUNGURRA

Double win for Djirirra



SHE was the judge's choice – and now she's the people's choice. Arnhem Land artist

Djirirra Wunungmurra has taken out the People's Choice Award at this year's 29th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award. Her latest success comes after she won the Bark Painting Award at this year's 'Telstras', announced in August.

The 44-year-old artist received 118 of the 1544 votes cast by viewers of the award art exhibition entries at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT (MAGNT).

Her winning entry was a bark painting 'Yukuwa', which is one of the artist's names and is also a yam, whose annual reappearance is a metaphor for the increase and renewal of the people and their land.

'Yukuwa' was one of 63 works featured as part of the award exhibition, which has so far drawn more than 46,000 people since it opened.

MAGNT director Pierre Arpin and Telstra area general manager for the NT Brian O'Keefe congratulated Ms Wunungmurra on her win.

Mr Arpin said many viewers had praised the high quality of work presented, with 'Yukuwa' a noticeable standout.

"'Yukuwa' is a remarkable bark for both its subtlety of colour and complexity of form," he said. "The use of the yam imagery radiating from the centre to the outer edges makes this a magical work."

"We are also very pleased to have acquired this bark which is now part of our Telstra NATSIAA collection."

Mr O'Keefe commended all 63 artists in this year's exhibition. "Each year we see some of the finest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists represented in the Telstra Art Award," he said.

"It's fantastic that so many people have had the opportunity to view the exhibition here in Darwin and also online around the world."

Tiwi Islands artist Timothy Cook won the \$40,000 Telstra Award in August for his painting 'Kulama'.

Workers ready to Accelerate



SIX Indigenous arts workers have flown to London to take part in the ACCELERATE program, which

involves training at some of the United Kingdom's largest and most respected institutions.

They are Nicole Monks, Alison Page, Gina Williams, Jane Harrison, Lily Shearer and Rita Pryce.

ACCELERATE is leadership program developed by the British Council for Indigenous Australians working in the creative sector. Founding partners are the Australia Council for the Arts and the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts.

The program was developed in response to the lack of representation of Indigenous Australians in positions of influence in the arts and creative industries.

The six finalists, now in London, were chosen from a field of 14 short-listed applicants, and each will visit different organisations.

Nicole Monks, a senior interior designer and artist from New South Wales, will meet with staff at the studio of leading UK industrial designer Tom Dixon, while Alison Page, a designer and arts manager from NSW, will visit CultureLabel and 100 per cent, two UK arts marketing companies. Victorian playwright Jane

Harrison will visit the National Theatre Scotland and National Theatre Wales.

Gina Williams, a singer/songwriter from Western Australia, will visit multimedia theatre company Border Crossings and world music company Serious Productions.

Practitioner

Lily Shearer, a practitioner of interdisciplinary arts from NSW, will spend time with international student-run initiative Room 13 in Fort William, Scotland, and also at the Eden Project environmental park in Cornwall.

And Rita Pryce, the founder and artistic director of Baiwa Dance Company from

Queensland, will spend time with Greenwich Dance and the English National Ballet School.

British Council Australia director Nick Marchand said the six were in for an incredible journey.

"Having witnessed the connections, opportunities and working collaborations that have emerged from ACCELERATE over the last three years, it's a great honour to welcome these six incredible individuals to the program in 2012," Mr Marchand said.

"They understand what ACCELERATE is capable of achieving – and their own individual plans reflect this opportunity in terms of ambition."

BlackWords 5th Anniversary



Symposium speakers and participants from South Australia, from left, Natalie Harkin, Faye Blanche, Dr Jared Thomas, Simone Tur and Gus Worby. Photos by KIRSTIE PARKER



Eileen van Neervan-Currie (back, left), Dr Sandra Phillips and Dr Anita Heiss (front) spoke during a session on 'Writing Us', convened by Dr Peter Minter (back, right). Dr Heiss convened the symposium.



ONE of the many highlights of Austlit's BlackWords Symposium at the University of Queensland was a performance by Steven Oliver (pictures above). The Cloncurry-born actor, singer, comedian, arts administrator and Kukuyalanji, Waanyi, Woppaburra and Bundjalung descendent is currently working on his musical *Black Queen Black King*. Oliver's performance piece *Real*, which brought down the house at the symposium, provided delegates with plenty of food for thought – especially given recent developments. It is reproduced here with his permission. And a warning – there is some coarse language.

Half caste, he said to me
That I wasn't one of those
real Aborigines
Said he spent some time
with them in the outback
Then he looked at my skin
said I wasn't even black
I was more of a brown he
went on to explain
His voice the whole time
with a certain disdain
He stared a bit longer then
said I suppose
When I look at your face I
see a bit of the nose
Oh, I said, a bit taken aback
To this obvious expert on
everything black
My head in a muddle just
trying to see
Why this man had a need to
be questioning me
He stared a bit longer so I
said to the guy
Are you waiting for me

to try and justify
The complexities of identity
When it comes to
Aboriginality?
Well, he said, in a know it all
voice
I don't understand how you
made a choice
Proclaiming that you're an
Aboriginal
When it's obvious that
you're not really a full
Okay I thought, I'll play this
game
And proceeded to ask him
what was his name?

Christopher Smith he said
full of pride
A name revealing his
English side
So calmly I said, my friend
what are you?
He said I'm an Aussie mate
through and through

Now come on I said, is that
not a myth?
From the Great land of
England comes the name
Smith
Your heritage lies in a
faraway land
So to say you're from here, I
don't understand
You're English, you said it,
it's there in your name
And that's when all the
obscenities came
Listen here Abo you know it
all coon
It seemed that my friend had
spoken too soon
Just moments ago I was not
the real thing
Yet now by his words my
heritage clings
Of course he was Aussie, I
knew that he was
But I wanted to show him
that simply because
I have other bloodlines
flowing in me
It does not alter my identity
The lifestyle I've lived, the
way that I've grown

My heritage is something
that I've always known
Just in the way he is Anglo
Saxon
But yet in his heart he is
Australian
I don't question his call, I
accept it as fact
So why do his questions feel
like an attack
Relentlessly trying to prove
he is right
By saying I'm not black yet
I'll never be white

It seemed that the man
would go back to the days
When classifications were
all of the craze
A quarter, a sixteenth, an
eighth or a half
F*** all that shit cos I'm full
in my heart
I'm full and I'm rich thanks to
my history
The roots firmly planted in
my family tree
Yet he wants to judge for he
learns with his eyes
Too ignorant to learn

with his mind
So he can't understand what
it means to be black
Yet he passes his
judgement so matter of fact
So I bid him good day, okay
that's a lie
I wasn't really that nice or
polite
It's just so annoying when
fools come along
Who spend their time trying
to prove that you're wrong
I don't understand what
gives them this drive
Believing that they have this
God given right
To tell me what I am yet
don't know my life
The arrogance just
unbelievably rife
See, there are some
members in my family
Who are blessed with the
gene where they're darker
than me
But to say that I'm less
cause my skin's not as black
Just shows how much
knowledge these idiots lack
I speak the same language,
share the same roots
So why from my colour do I
have to prove?

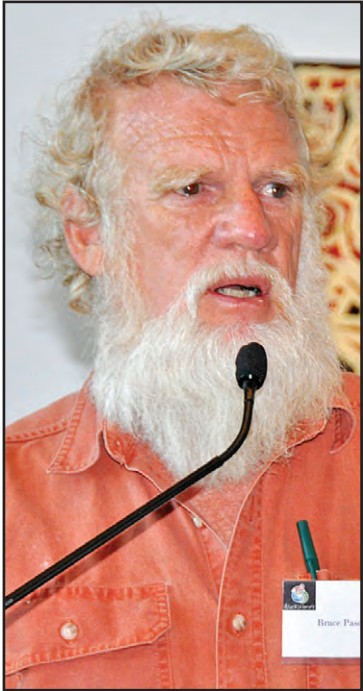
To someone who never has
given a day
To sit with my family and
learn of our ways
Whose eyes will not open

for fear they will see
How wrong they were in
labelling me
Part Aboriginal, not really full
Sickening terms that I never
will
Give to myself or to those of
my peers
So to those would be
experts let me make this
clear
What's in my heart, the
connection I feel
Is something unseen but
totally real
And unless you have lived it
you don't know its strength
And you'll never disprove it
no matter what length
You go to because is it
something so true
Just as is the Australian in
you
Whatever your last name,
whatever it be
McGuire or Tomic or
Andrews or Lee
Names that arrived from a
foreign shore
Yet you are Australian to
your very core
So please understand when
I say that I am
A proud Australian,
Aboriginal Man
And though I might have
other bloodlines in me
It does not alter my identity.

(c) Steven Oliver

REAL

Celebration and Symposium



Bruce Pascoe



Jackie Huggins, Alison Ravenscroft and Yvette Holt at the symposium.



Speaker J Linda McBride Yuke

Black writers 'have key role'

By KIRSTIE PARKER



BLACK Australian writers have an important role to play in the struggle against

neo-colonial governments and societies that try to govern their people while robbing and wilfully misunderstanding them.

That's the view of accomplished Aboriginal writer Melissa Lucashenko, who says honesty, courage and hope are weapons in that struggle.

"Sovereignty is inevitable," Lucashenko told an audience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers and publishing industry representatives in Brisbane last month.

"And miserable political exercises like the NT Intervention will fade like the terrible memories they are destined to become."

"As we work towards sovereignty every Aboriginal person has a task. We writers must weave blankets of stories to warm us from the coldness of Dugai (non-Aboriginal people's) hearts; we have to weave ropes of stories that we can throw to each other across the canyons of Dugai ignorance and greed and hatred, so that we can find and guide each other across these chasms."

Yugambah Bundjalung woman Lucashenko was the keynote speaker at the BlackWords 5th Anniversary Celebration and Symposium,



Writer Melissa Lucashenko gave the keynote address. "Sovereignty is inevitable ... and miserable political exercises like the NT Intervention will fade like the terrible memories they are destined to become," she said.

held at the University of Queensland (UQ) Art Museum on 20 October.

In her speech titled 'Writing as Decolonising Practice – we are the ones we've been waiting for', she reflected on what Aboriginal writers could do to 'stay on track in the face of seemingly insurmountable structural racism in most of mainstream Australian society'.

Lucashenko despaired about recent comments by

Aboriginal boxer Anthony Mundine around Aboriginal identity in the lead-up to his world title fight with fellow Aboriginal boxer Daniel Geale from Tasmania.

"If Mundine really did say what he was reported to have said, then like so many before him, he has internalised the belief and the propaganda of the Dugai: that you can destroy Aboriginality by adding other bloodlines to a family,"

Lucashenko said.

She railed against 'a perverted and reductive' world view that decreed skin colour and blood quantum the measures of Aboriginality – rather than reverence for country, efforts to restore stolen language and precious traditions, adherence to Aboriginal social values, or walking on or caring for, or loving, one's lands and waterways.

"I say yugam, yugam, no, no," Lucashenko said. "I say to hear this from another blackfella is a bridge too far."

The free all-day symposium, convened by Dr Anita Heiss, celebrated black writers and the fifth anniversary of BlackWords, a subset of the AustLit database and ever-growing online site featuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander published and unpublished books, stories, plays, poems and more.

The night before the symposium saw the University of Queensland Press (UQP) David Unaipon eBook Collection launched at Avid Reader Bookshop in Brisbane's West End.

The next day's activities included academic papers, panel discussions featuring the likes of Dr Jeanine Leane, Bruce Pascoe, Dr Jared Thomas, Wesley Enoch and Dr Sandra Philips, performances, a tour of the Art Museum's current exhibition, and Australian Children's Laureate Boori Pryor in conversation with Dr Heiss.



Phillip McLaren and Vicki Grieve attended the symposium.



Dr Jeanine Leane.



University of Queensland's Irene Howe and AustLit director Kerry Kilner.

Jason Wing takes rich Parlt Prize



WESTERN Sydney artist Jason Wing has won the \$40,000 2012

Parliament of New South Wales Aboriginal Art Prize with his work, 'Australia was stolen by armed robbery'.

His piece, a bust of Captain Cook wearing a balaclava, was crafted from fibreglass, fabric and marble, and reflects the artist's 'interpretation of past events and contemporary Australian society'.

Wing, whose father is Chinese and whose mother is an Aboriginal woman from the Biripi people in the Upper Hunter region of NSW, was named the winner at a ceremony in Parliament on 16 October.

In his artist statement, Wing said it was a great honour 'to be selected to re-write history and offer the general public alternative thoughts and views of contemporary and historical accounts of Australian history'.

"It is validation that I am on the right path," he said.

"Art for Aboriginal people is all about social and historical documentation that we can use to measure our society's progress."

"My selection proves that the most unlikely artworks can also win."

Legislative Council President Don Harwin opened the exhibition and said Parliament was pleased to be able to continue its contribution to the development of Aboriginal art in NSW.

"The Art Prize is an event that is very special to the Parliament and we are so pleased to be able to offer this wonderful opportunity to local artists," he said.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said he was impressed with the quality of the works on display.

"It's a real testament to the creativity and talent evident in contemporary Aboriginal art in New South Wales," he said.

"This prize is particularly important to the NSW Government, as it delivers on the key directions of the NSW



Jason Wing's winning 2012 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize work 'Australia was stolen by armed robbery'.

Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy, increasing the visibility of NSW Aboriginal visual artists in the community and providing professional development opportunities."

In addition to the main Art Prize, the awards ceremony also included the 2012 College of Fine Arts Professional Development Award, which includes an artist residency at COFA.

The winner this year was Nicole Foreshow, for her photographic series 'Belong to all yet to no one'.

The Parliament of NSW

Aboriginal Art Prize is on display at the NSW Parliament on Sydney's Macquarie Street until Sunday, 4 November. Entry is free, with doors open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (with a special weekend viewing on 4 November).

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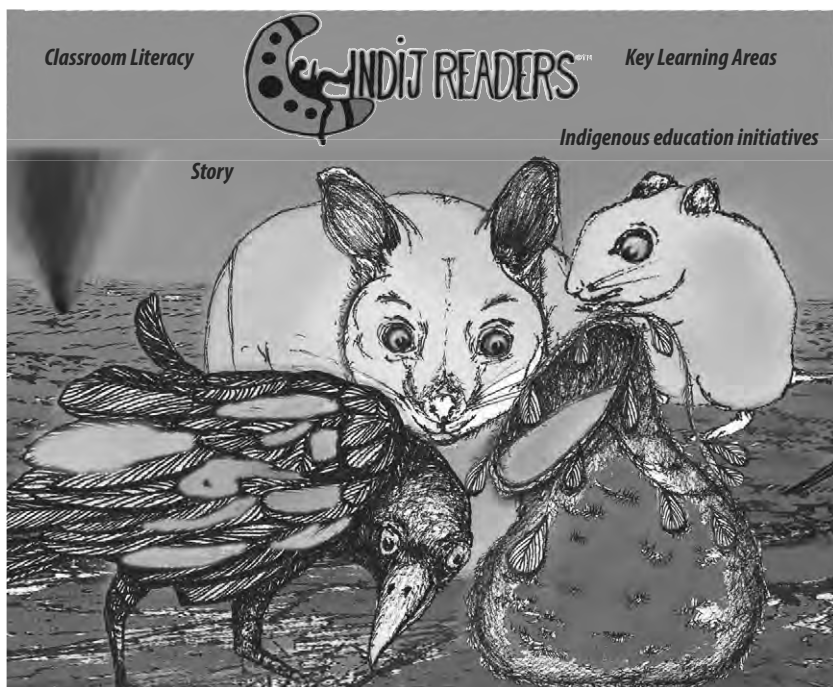
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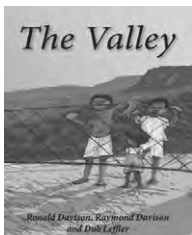
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National tour for Warriors



ABORIGINAL hip hop artists Yung Warriors (pictured) are about to embark on a national tour, promoting their latest album, *Standing Strong*.

Having recently been named Hip Hop Artists of the Year at the Deadly Awards, the Victorian duo of Tjimba and D Boy will start the national tour in the Victorian city of Warrnambool, tomorrow (1 November).

Their Hip Hop Corroboree Tour is being supported by Triple J, which has been playing their music on high rotation. They will travel to Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia.

Along the way, depending on the region, special guests including Street Warriors, Jimblah, Chrissy J and Jimmy Mac will support them.

The tour announcement caps off a stellar year for the young performers.

As well as their Deadly award, they were also nominated for Best Hip Hop/Urban Album at the 2012 Jagermeister Independent Music Awards.

In the lead up to their latest tour, the Yung Warriors have been turning out for community gigs in their home town of Melbourne and other regional areas.

During their career, they have also performed with the likes of 50 Cent, Akon, the Game, and D12, and have headlined shows in all major capital cities, and in regional centres 'from the east coast across the Nullarbor'.

For tour information go to www.paybackrecords.com.au or for tickets to their shows go to www.oztix.com.au

Focus on Girringun



THE resilience of the Girringun people of north Queensland following the devastation of Cyclone Yasi is the focus of a new exhibition.

The Girringun Resilience exhibition tour, which features photography, film, dance and song, will be held during the next few weeks.

The exhibition tour, by Fiona Croft and Debra Murray, and the Eye on Country photographic exhibition are on show at Castaways in Mission Beach.

Girringun Resilience features black-and-white portraits of Elders and traditional owners of the Girringun Aboriginal Corporation's nine tribal groups as well as colour portraits of their land and sea country.

The documentary film *Girringun Portraits – Resilience after Yasi* will be screened at the 2012 Mission Beach Film Festival this Saturday night, 3 November.

Photographer Fiona Croft initiated the project, mentoring Girringun Artist Debra Murray in photography and interviewing



Debra Murray's photographic portrait of local Elder Claude Beeron.

Elders about the effects of Cyclone Yasi, regrowth and the resilience of the people. "Debra Murray has proven herself to be

an exceptional photographer," Ms Croft said. "You can see Deb's heart in the eyes of the Elders."

Ms Murray said she learnt a great deal. "And there's still a lot more I'd like to learn," she said.

The crew, including Girringun ranger Chris Muriata, Ms Croft and filmmaker and trainer Jan Cattoni, travelled across the Girringun region, visiting Elders on country and interviewing them about their experiences during Cyclone Yasi.

The Girringun Dance Troupe, led by Girramay Elder Claude Beeron, will perform this Saturday at the Mission Beach Film Festival.

Eye on Country is Ms Croft's photographic exhibition showing Girringun Aboriginal Corporation artists creating their works and interpreting spiritual stories of their land, sea and rainforest country.

The country of the nine traditional owner groups represented by Girringun Aboriginal Corporation covers about 25,000 square kilometres from north of Townsville, south-west to Clarke River, north to the Mission Beach area, west to Ravenshoe and east to include Hinchinbrook and the Family Group Islands.

Funds for new gallery



THE Martumili artists in the Pilbara region of Western Australia are to get a new gallery.

The gallery, art work space and accommodation are part of a \$7.5 million project to support the Newman-based group.

BHP Billiton is providing \$4 million and the WA Government \$3.5 million for

the project, to be managed by the Shire of East Pilbara.

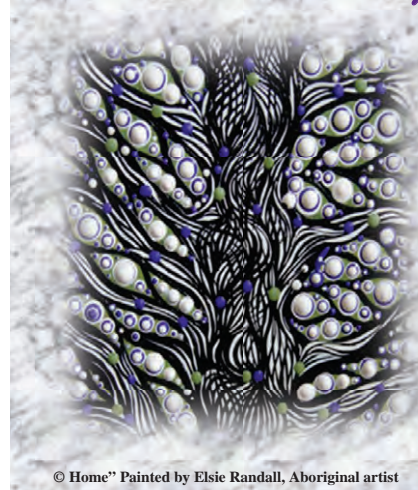
WA Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said the new facilities would give Martumili artists an opportunity for learning and sharing their culture.

"The new gallery will have a great impact on the livelihoods of individuals and their communities and provide an independent income," he said.

Mr Grylls said the demand for Martumili art had grown rapidly, making an impact in the international art scene, and the facilities were crucial for the artists to continue the quality and supply of art.

"Apart from providing a space for gathering and activity in the communities, the new gallery will provide opportunities for new artists and training facilities for retail and tourism," he said.

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Human error blamed for poster bungle



THE Federal Department of Health has blamed its bungled Indigenous health posters on a human error by an outsourced designer.

Aboriginal health posters riddled with errors were sent to the shredder earlier this month, costing thousands of taxpayer dollars.

The department put out an immediate recall on 171 A3-sized posters of the

female anatomy produced as part of the Labor Government's Live Longer campaign and sent to Indigenous health services across the country.

Errors included the lungs being labelled as the stomach – thanks to arrows pointing to the wrong organs – and ovaries labelled kidneys. The cost for the design, artwork and printing of the 2000 posters of females was \$2060.83, although only 171 were distributed.

During a Senate estimates hearing on 19 October, department assistant secretary Adam Davey said the error occurred after the poster was sent back to the graphic designer with amendments and an old file version was accidentally used.

"The department does have processes in place to ensure the accuracy of our communications. On this occasion they were not followed," Mr Davey said.

Committee member Liberal senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells joked that the design of the human body had been around for a long time.

Mr Davey said the department intended to reissue a corrected poster.

The posters were available online until they were removed.

The department was asked to provide, on notice, the number of website hits for the poster. – AAP



At the official opening, from left, Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation CEO Scott Monaghan, Bullinah Aboriginal Medical Service CEO Mark Moore, Federal MP for Page Janelle Saffin, Federal Health Minister Tanya Plibersek, Dharah Gibinj Casino Aboriginal Medical Service CEO Steve Blundell, North Coast NSW Medicare Local chair Dr Tony Lembke and North Coast NSW Medicare Local CEO Vahid Saberi.

New Medicare Local head office opened



LOCAL Aboriginal health services were involved when the head office of North

Coast Medicare NSW Local (NCML) was officially opened in Ballina this month.

Federal Health Minister Tanya Plibersek, who performed the opening, praised the new organisation for its 'dynamism and energy in its first six months'.

She said it was 'the embodiment of Federal

Government primary health care reforms in Australia'.

CEO Vahid Saberi said North Coast Medicare Local was committed to excellence, innovation and inclusion.

"It is not just about harnessing local knowledge. It's the generation, diffusion and application of local knowledge that is central to bringing about change and the work of Medicare Locals," he said.

Ms Plibersek said the Federal Government had established 61

Medicare Locals around Australia 'because local people know their communities best'.

"They know the strengths of their community, where the health care gaps are and how best to fill them," she said.

"So, we've taken a whole lot of funding out of Canberra and put it into local communities, trusting the local people – the doctors, nurses, allied workers – to commit to their community, identifying gaps and filling them..." said Ms Plibersek.

Diabetes food for thought



WOMEN who breastfeed are more likely to avoid diabetes in later life, a study has found. The 'surprising' finding has been made in a five-year study examining the health of people in NSW aged 45 and over.

The Sax Institute released its latest findings from its wide-ranging research – titled '45 And Up' – which has examined the general health of the ageing population.

Professor Emily Banks says one of the most surprising findings of the state-funded research has been that diabetes can be prevented by breastfeeding.

"There are very few things you can actually do long term to prevent diabetes," she said.

"(But) women who breastfed in their 20s, 30s and early 40s, actually prevented diabetes over their lifetime. That to me was quite surprising."

The study of more than 250,000 people also found that life expectancy could be increased by avoiding too much sitting down.

"The longer you sit, the more likely you are going to die in the next three years," Prof Banks said. Researchers believe

standing up is beneficial to a person's health.

There have already been 50 research papers published from the study, and Prof Banks says this new information will give researchers a clear picture of positive and negative factors influencing our health as we age, such as inequalities in health services.

"I think one of the challenges for Australia is to make sure that health gains are more even

'The longer you sit, the more likely you are going to die in the next three years'

amongst people from different ethnic groups and Aboriginal populations," she said.

NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner praised the study group, which she said would help prevent illness.

"I think it is stunning that we have this 45-and-up age group that will really lead us into new areas about our lifestyle, genetic

disposition, and things that are going to impact on our health," she said. "More importantly giving us indicators as to where we can intervene to help prevent illness and manage it in the future."

The Sax Institute is a coalition of 37 health agencies, health service groups and universities across the state. – AAP

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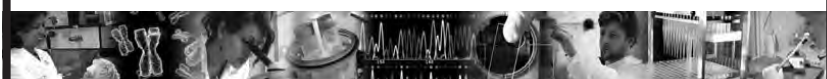
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\$50,000 for foundation



A FOUNDATION helping north Australian Indigenous people with a rare disease has received a

\$50,000 grant from the US-based Newman's Own Foundation.

The MJD Foundation (MJDF) helps people at risk

of Machado Joseph Disease (MJD), a hereditary neuro-degenerative condition. Each child of a person carrying the defective gene has a 50 per cent chance of developing the disease, which is currently incurable.

At present, more than 550 people are at risk of developing the disease across the Top End.

The \$50,000 grant from Newman's Own Foundation, the private group established by the late actor Paul Newman, will be used to provide medical and education support for Indigenous children affected by the disease in Top End communities, especially in Groote Eylandt, Elcho Island, Ngukurr and Yirrkala.

Kids go hungry – report



THOUSANDS of Australian children are suffering at school because their parents can't afford to properly feed them, health and social experts warn.

A report released by Anglicare Australia on 16 October estimates about 45,000 households accessing its emergency relief services don't have enough money to adequately feed their families.

Of this group, 22,000 go without food for a whole day, at least once a week.

Almost one in ten are children.

"It's really quite unforgivable," Anglicare executive director Kasy Chambers said.

"We think being hungry is pretty horrible, but it means that people aren't going to school or they're going to school hungry.

"We know, every educationalist knows, that children can't concentrate when they're hungry."

Ms Chambers said some parents were keeping their children home from school on days they couldn't afford to put food in their lunchbox, and often gave up meals themselves to ensure their family was fed.

"One dad told us that every second he's awake he's worrying about what to give the kids to eat," she said.

"It just seems unthinkable in 2012 in



A new report released by Anglicare Australia finds that many families cannot afford to feed themselves properly.

Australia. That's happening to them weekly and it's affecting their education – and we know that education is one

of the surefire ways out of poverty." Nutritionist Rosemary Stanton said missing meals, particularly breakfast,

posed serious health and developmental risks for children.

"There's a chain reaction of not having enough food," she said, ahead of a forum on food insecurity at NSW Parliament House.

"It has an affect on your concentration levels, and then that has an affect on your behaviour, which then has an affect on your future ability to learn.

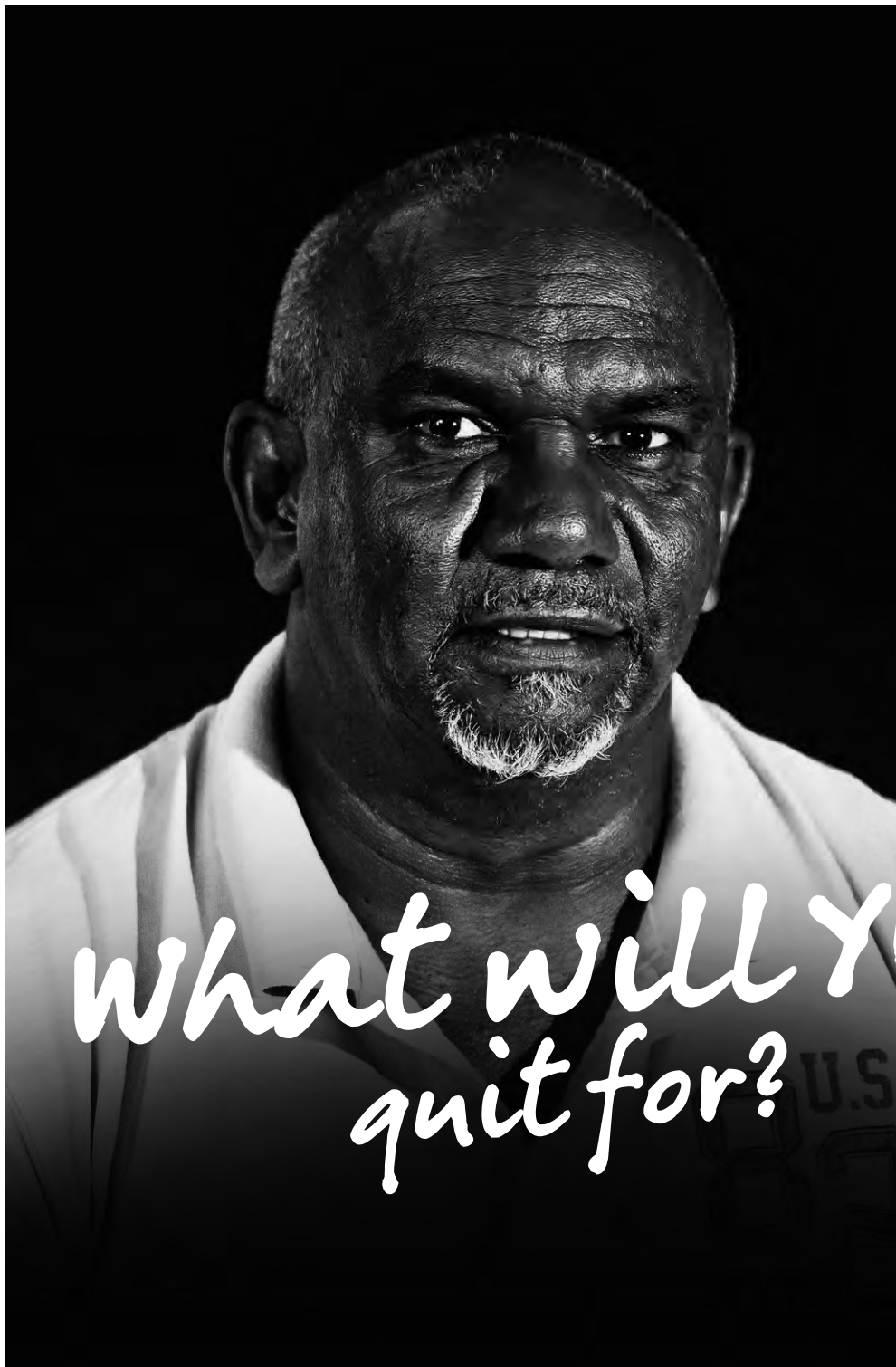
"There's also the affect of not having enough nutrients. Follow that up with trying to have anything that'll give you a few calories, having an increased risk of being overweight and type 2 diabetes, which then sets off the chain reaction for heart disease."

Dr Stanton said children who did not have enough food were also less likely to play sport because of low energy levels and their parents' inability to pay for it.

The Anglicare report found that 94 per cent of households with food insecurity were under rental stress.

Most relied on government support payments like Newstart and had little to no money left for food after paying rent and other necessary bills.

Anglicare is one of a number of organisations calling for the Federal Government to increase the Newstart allowance by at least \$50 a week to help with the rising costs. – AAP



“I SMOKED FOR 38 YEARS. I DIDN'T WANT TO END UP IN HOSPITAL AGAIN”

- RAY

Meet Ray

Ray started smoking at 15, and decided 38 years later that enough was enough. "I tried to quit lots of times," he says. "Not only have I felt better and had more energy, but it's also saved me money." But the benefits extend well beyond saving a few thousand dollars a year.

Support and advice

For Ray, the realisation that his life could well be cut short – taking him away from family and loved-ones – meant the difference between trying to quit and staying smoke-free for good. You can do it too, by talking to a doctor, calling the Quitline or visiting the iCanQuit website.

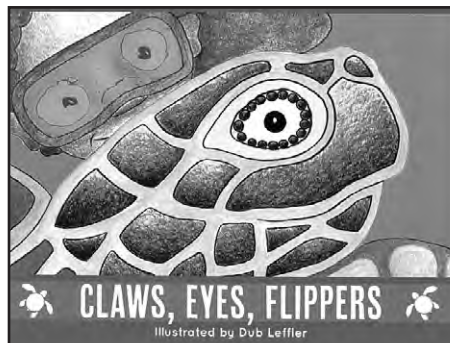
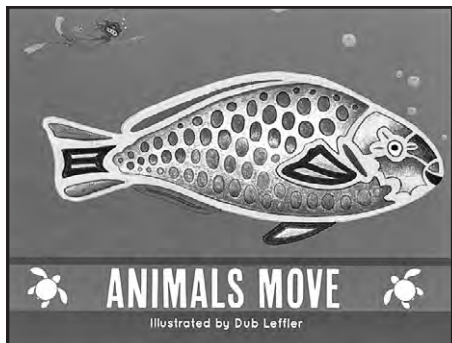
What will it take?

Ask yourself what you would quit for. "The reality is it's allowed me to spend more time with my kids and grandkids," says Ray. "After 38 years of smoking, I didn't want to end up in hospital again."

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They're Deadly reads

MAGABALA Books and Woodside have combined to launch the new Deadly Readers Series, a literacy tool

for Indigenous students written and illustrated by Aboriginal Australians. The first installation of the Deadly

Readers Series is called Saltwater and consists of four pre-primary readers for Band A and B readers. The books are

available and online at www.magabala.com and in educational bookshops. Magabala Books is an

Indigenous publishing house, based in Broome, that aims to promote, preserve and publish Indigenous culture.

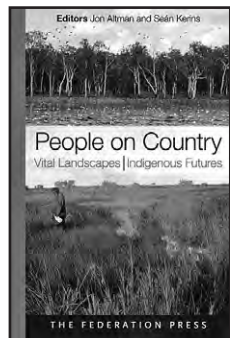
Here are some of the latest books and CDs that have come across our desks at the *Koori Mail*. Some of the books are written, illustrated or published by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and publishers. Others are about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, cultures and history but come from non-Indigenous writers or mainstream publishers. The *Koori Mail* features information about both, in the interests of promoting greater awareness and understanding about our people. While we publish book and CD reviews from time to time, the information shown here also draws upon material provided by publishers and should not be taken to be the *Koori Mail*'s opinion.

PEOPLE ON COUNTRY

Edited by Jon Altman and Sean Kerins

People on Country, Vital Landscapes, Indigenous Futures features a series of essays, drawn from an unusual collaboration between university researchers and Indigenous land owners. The book tells a little-known story about Aboriginal people who are living on, working on and caring for the lands and seas that they own and manage.

The ongoing struggles by Indigenous people to conserve and rehabilitate the outstanding natural and cultural values of their ancestral lands deserve wide recognition and acclaim. This book seeks to reposition Indigenous people and their caring for country activities from the margins to the very core of the growing national conversation on issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss and resource depletion.



MICKY O

By Michael O'Loughlin with Jim Main

When Michael O'Loughlin was drafted by the AFL's Sydney Swans at just 17 years of age, he was the No 40 selection and the last player picked.

Back then he could not have imagined the extraordinary future that awaited him. That future included many awards and accolades, the respect and admiration of fellow players, a huge number of personal supporters, and a record-breaking 303 games in the red and white.

This is the inspiring story of his life from the pragmatic lessons he learned from his mother, Muriel, to the discovery of the astonishing sporting ability which would see him vault into the elite echelons of AFL.



THE SUGARBAG

By Nola Turner-Jensen

This is a picture book for children aged over four. It tells the story of Jimmy and Max who follow a native bee and find sugarbag (honey). The boys eat some of what they have found, then Jimmy puts some on a flat stick and wraps it in bark to take it back to his grandfather. There are under-stories of older people passing on information and skills, the theme of sharing, of bush tucker, of family and obligation. And in a country where obesity is a growing issue, the idea of what sort of sweets are good for you is another area of discussion this book promotes.



MAZIN GRACE

By Dylan Coleman

A gifted storyteller, Dylan Coleman won the 2011 David Unaipon Award for Indigenous Writing for *Mazin Grace*, an inspiring fictionalised account of her mother's childhood at the Koonibba Lutheran Mission in South Australia in the 1940s and 50s. Growing up on the Mission isn't easy for clever Grace Oldman. When her classmates tease her for not having a father, she doesn't know what to say.



Papa Neddy says her dad is the Lord God in Heaven, but that doesn't help when the Mission kids call her a bastard. As Grace slowly pieces together clues that might lead her to answers, she struggles to find a place in a community that rejects her for reasons she doesn't understand.

When Grace discovers that her father is white farmer, the impact is devastating. Woven with the powerful, rhythmic sounds of Aboriginal English and Kokatha language, *Mazin Grace* is a 'heart-rending, provocative and funny' story of the spirit of survival for a brave girl who refuses to be told who she is, determined to uncover the truth for herself.

OUR CHILDREN, OUR CULTURE, OUR WAY
Published by the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)

SNAICC has published a glossy coffee table book to celebrate the 25th anniversary of National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day (NAICD), which has been held on 4 August each year since 1988.



The full-colour 144-page book – titled *Our Children, Our Culture, Our Way* – features photographs and stories contributed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families from across Australia.

The book, which also features a message from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, is available for purchase from SNAICC. Copies are \$45 plus postage – go to the website www.snaicc.org.au/children

ABORIGINAL CONVICTS

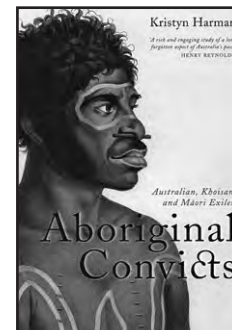
By Kristyn Harman

Bulldog and Musquito, Aboriginal warriors from the Hawkesbury, were captured and sent to Norfolk Island following frontier skirmishes in New South Wales.

Eventually, Bulldog seems to have made it home. Musquito was transported to Van Diemen's Land, where he laboured as a convict servant. He never returned.

Hohepa Te Umuroa was arrested near Wellington in 1846 with a group of Maori warriors. Five of the men were transported to Van Diemen's Land where Te Umuroa died in custody. More than 140 years later, his remains were carried home to New Zealand. These men are

among 130 convicts who were transported to Australian penal colonies. They lived, labored, were punished, and died alongside other convicts, but until this groundbreaking book their stories had largely been forgotten.



FLASH OF RECOGNITION

By Jane Lyndon

As a student, Jane Lyndon was shocked by the photograph on the cover of Charles Rowley's 1970 classic, *The Destruction of Aboriginal Society*, which showed two Aboriginal men in neck-chains.

In this original and highly illustrated book she uses photography to tell a bigger story of the struggle for Aboriginal rights in Australia.

While many of the images are confronting, the book tells the positive story of the way in which photography has been used as a tool for change and to argue for recognition of our shared humanity.

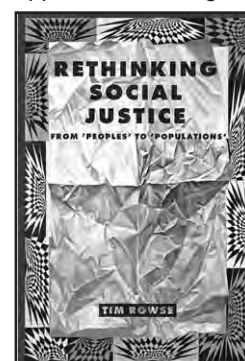
Starting at the turn of the 20th century and continuing to the NT Intervention in the present, the book includes more than 60 images taken from newspapers and journals, as well the work of contemporary artists.



RETHINKING SOCIAL JUSTICE

By Tim Rowse

Tim Rowse's new book *Rethinking Social Justice* poses a new way to look at the social justice question when applied to the Indigenous population.



In the early 1970s, Australian governments began to treat Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander as 'peoples' with capacities for self-government. Forty years later, confidence in Indigenous self-determination has been eroded by accounts of Indigenous pathology, of misplaced policy optimism and of persistent socio-economic 'gaps'.

In his new book, Tim Rowse accounts for this shift by arguing that Australian thinking about the 'Indigenous' is a continuing, unresolvable tussle between the idea of 'people' and the idea of 'population'.



Black Image brothers Damien, Vincent and Dylan Harrigan at the Cultural Centre in Cairns before the launch of their new CD *Too Deadly*.

New CD just Too Deadly

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THEY are five brothers, all married with children and all in full-time employment who started working together 16 years ago when most of them were still in high school.

And they make up one of north Queensland's most established, hard working country, blues, reggae and traditional Indigenous rock music bands.

They are 'Black Image', and they say the music and lyrics to their new CD *Too Deadly* tells something of their story.

"Music is in our blood and that is something that's always been there, from when we were young to being family men," acoustic guitar player and vocalist Dylan Harrigan said.

"We grew up in Cooktown, but our mum is from Hopevale and our dad is from Wujal.

"Nowadays we're scattered between Cooktown down to Cairns.

"We schedule around our work and we also have time with our families, our children as well, so you balance those three things out just right.

"Everything works out fine, I reckon."

The brothers clearly take after their father Ron, to whom the new CD is dedicated, and their mother Rose Harrigan, who is extremely proud of them.

"I didn't think they'd get famous now," she said. "When they were small, because their father had a band (Country Unknown), they used to come home from

school and want to set up a little make-shift band and that's why all the lids on my saucepans couldn't fit.

"They'd bang away there and put the tape on and try and sing along with the songs and play the music and all that.

"I'm really proud of them and the influence they had from their father and the band."

Dylan says their previous CD, *Beautiful land and sea*, was released five years ago.

"There are 10 songs on *Too Deadly*, but we didn't really have 10 when we started," he said.

'This is the best album we've ever done and it's taken five months – the longest we've ever done'

"This is the best album we've ever done and it's taken five months – the longest we've ever done – in the best studio in North Queensland and one of the best young producers, Will Kepa.

"All our music are originals, so we're constantly writing all the time.

"It was just that process of finding the right song for that album, and where do you want this to steer.

"We're very fortunate to cut a song with Troy Cassar-Daley on our album as well.

"We're planning on touring next year through Cape York, and then we're

planning on a national tour sometime after that.

"We actually have two types of shows. We have your pub gig, which you play all your covers, and then you have your concert shows where we play at festivals.

"It's just a matter of getting together and finding the right time, scheduling everyone in because we all work full time.

"And balancing that with our family commitments, our own individual families, and the music.

"We've practiced that for a while so we know how to balance the three of them out and having a good family structure."

Dylan said it should be no surprise their own children were already showing signs of loving music.

"The kids are actually jumping up, showing a few signs of being musical," he said.

"Three of them – Myeisha, Arrami and Darnell – are actually on the CD as well, giving their vocal talents.

"One was only four.

"We treasured the instruments from our father because they're precious, they're worth something today and they have a lot of memories.

"But we'd never go near selling them, we keep those for the kids to play with.

"We'd like to say we're getting more mature in our music, and our music is starting to get out there more now, not only in Australia but around the world.

"People can keep in touch with us through Facebook and the website and our new Black Image Ap that's going to go up soon."

New releases

BLAK & BLU Kutcha Edwards

Kutcha Edwards's story is one of twists and turns, ups and downs but always one of family and culture.

BLAK & BLU is an album of his soul. It's a road journey of his spirit. In being given the opportunity to create this, his third solo album, Edwards was able to find enjoyment through music again.

For the recording of *BLAK & BLU* he teamed up with Craig Pilkington, who performed on and produced the album with Heath Mackaay from late 2011, wrapping up recording in mid-2012.

On the album Edwards is joined by a who's who of Australia's best blues and roots musicians including Jeff Lang, Dan Sultan, Chris Wilson and Rebecca Barnard.

The album is a fusion of Edwards's voice and blues arrangements in a compilation of his own songs and the songs that have had meaning and impact on him.



BETTER LIFE Oz Island

Four boys from northern Australia have taken the rasta grooves of reggae and added Australian style to create the band Oz Island and its debut album, *Better Life*.

Oz Island is made of Geoffrey James from Beagle Bay, Japeth James from Maningrida, Patrick Laurel from Kadjina and Fabian Cox from Perth.

They blend a fusion of reggae, rock and a mix of country and pop using a contemporary set up of drums, keys, bass, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, vocals and various percussion instruments.

The band has already shared the stage with the likes of Christine Anu, Troy Cassar-Daley and Last Kinection, Ernie Dingo and Mary G.



INTO THE BLOODSTREAM Archie Roach

ARCHIE Roach's eighth album is about finding strength and then expressing it. After the death of his long-time partner Ruby Hunter, Roach suffered a stroke and then battled cancer.

Through it all he wondered if he would ever produce another album.

Well, he did, and *Into the Bloodstream* tells the journey of how he found the strength to

carry on. "Going through what I have has made me realise that a big part of people getting sick has to do with holding on to pain and not letting it go," Roach said.

"That was the inspiration behind it all. Letting go of the pain and the bad stuff and holding on to something good and strong."

The record has been produced and arranged by ARIA award-winning producer/arranger Craig Pilkington of Audrey Studios and, back in the day, the Killjoys.

Guests include Paul Kelly, Vika and Linda Bull, Lou Bennett and Emma Donovan.



'Deadlys' at Ignatius Park College



THE success of Indigenous students at Ignatius Park College in Townsville has been celebrated at its eighth annual Deadlys evening, held recently.

Guest speakers were

Dr Ray Blackman, a former North Queensland Cowboys NRL player who is now a doctor in Townsville, and current Cowboys players and former college students Michael Morgan and Chris

Grevsmuhl. Student presentations and performances were held, and children and their parents had an opportunity to make their own message stick to take home.



At the annual celebration, Michael Morgan (NQ Cowboys), Josh Stanley, Ene Shibasaki, Matthew Marshall-McGrath, Chris Grevsmuhl (NQ Cowboys) and Jonte Kennedy. All students are in Year 8.



Lockie Kennedy, John Tapim and Tristan Nelliman-Adams. Tristan won the inaugural 'Deadly Bula' award.

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WA figures questioned

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



ABORIGINAL education outcomes in Western Australia are in question again after the annual report of

the state Education Department revealed substantial reductions in Aboriginal tuition hours.

Opposition Leader Mark McGowan has complained that the gap in education outcomes between Aboriginal and other West Australian students is widening, with a 72 per cent drop in Aboriginal Tuition Assistance Scheme (ATAS) hours provided.

"In 2010, the ATAS provided approximately 82,000 hours of tuition over a 33-week period," he said.

"This dropped to 22,950 hours over a 25-week period in 2011.

"The ATAS targets students performing below the national minimum standards in NAPLAN testing and provides them with tuition to help them to graduate."

Mr McGowan said the

Education Department's annual report showed Aboriginal retention rates dropped from 40.2 per cent to 36.7 per cent, while retention rates for non-Indigenous students rose from 65.6 per cent in 2008 to 70.9 per cent in 2011.

"The new figures tell us that since 2008, the percentage of Aboriginal students that stayed in school until the end of Year 12 declined substantially," he said.

Education Minister Peter Collier rejected Mr McGowan's comments, saying the total number of students accessing ATAS had risen from 3324 in 2010 to 4527 in 2012, and that funding rose by almost \$2 million.

Support

WA Shadow Education Minister Paul Papalia said Aboriginal students were amongst the most disadvantaged in the system and more needed to be done to support them.

"It is undeniable that there has been a massive drop in the overall number of hours provided to Aboriginal students under ATAS between 2010 and

2011," he said. "And that is alarming."

A spokesman for Minister Collier said the percentage of Aboriginal students graduating had increased each year, but he did not supply the number of Year 12 students that graduated.

He said Aboriginal enrolments across all school years had risen.

"...the retention rate is calculated differently and is not the same as a graduation rate," he said.

However, the spokesman acknowledged the retention rate for Aboriginal students dropped in 2010 and 2011 by 2.6 per cent.

In July 2010, after a parliamentary inquiry into the sudden removal of Years 11 and 12 from 21 mostly regional district high schools, Opposition MP Michelle Roberts predicted to the *Koori Mail* that Aboriginal retention rates would drop.

However, a departmental spokesperson said last week that any reduction in the number of Aboriginal Year 12 students was unrelated to the controversial decision.

TSI leaders graduate



TWO more Torres Strait Islander leaders have graduated from the Australian Rural Leadership

Foundation (ARLF).

John Mosby, from Masig, and Torres Webb, from Erub, have become fellows of the foundation and received a Graduate Certificate of Australian Rural Leadership awarded by the James Cook University. They join five other graduates from the region to have completed the course over 18 months.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairperson John Toshie Kris, who was the region's second graduate, congratulated Mr Mosby and Mr Webb.

"It is very rewarding to see both established and emerging community leaders benefit from the course which is heavily focused on the development of

leadership skills," he said.

"I found those skills extremely helpful during my terms as chairperson of the TSRA and I strongly supported a TSRA sponsorship with the ARLF to deliver leadership training for Indigenous people from the Torres Strait region.

"The first three graduates were sponsored by external agencies but we quickly realised the benefits of the program, and sponsorship through the TSRA has been in place since 2009.

Capacity

"The ARLF is one of Australia's leading organisations in the development of remote and rural leaders and the program works towards improving the capacity of remote and rural leaders to engage, contribute and address challenges in their communities, industry or political arena."

Mr Webb, who works as a TSRA ranger on Erub Island, has

been involved in youth affairs.

"Throughout this course the networking opportunities were amazing," he said.

"The course provided a platform to meet, develop friendships, partnerships and work on issues facing rural Australia and I do not think I would have had the same opportunity any other way."

Mr Mosby, a Torres Strait Island Regional Council divisional manager for the Masig community, said the resources and tools he developed on the course had helped him gain a better appreciation of the Torres Strait as a frontier region and its place in the broader world.

"We were exposed to big social issues on visits to mainland cities and while we don't have issues like homelessness and street kids in the Torres Strait, it impressed on me the need to look more closely at our own issues," he said.



Australian Rural Leadership Foundation graduates Torres Webb, left, and John Mosby at the graduation in Launceston, Tasmania.

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Aboriginal name for Sydney playgroup



THE Northern Sydney Aboriginal Community Playgroup now has an Aboriginal name.

The Naremburn-based group chose the name 'Narang Muru', which means 'Young or Little Pathway'. A fish emblem was also selected, as the Cammeraygal people of the local Guringai tribe were hunters and fisherman.

The playgroup, run through Integricare, has four Aboriginal playgroup assistants.

Caressa Lee-Sengstock and Janie Roberts work in the mainstream supported playgroups in a move to make them more accessible to Aboriginal families in the area, while Janelle Beale and Jean Moran are facilitating the Narang Muru playgroup.

The opening was a special day for Ms Moran as her grandmother, Doreen Morgan, started the first Aboriginal playgroup in Redfern during the 1970s.

● Left: People at the renaming ceremony.



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Youth are inspired



NORTHERN Pride rugby league star Rod Jensen was a special guest at the final event of a three-part University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

Fraser Coast series aimed at inspiring Indigenous youth.

Mr Jensen came from North Queensland for the Burunga-m Gambay (Learning Together) Indigenous cultural day, designed to help young rural and remote Indigenous students with their aspirations, goal-setting, career guidance and reflections.

He said that while he was there to help inspire the kids, they had also inspired him. "My three visits this year have added to my life journey," Mr Jensen said. "Each time I've visited (in May, July and October) I've taken something away that I could use for my own improvement."

This month's festival was designed as an example of how schools can incorporate Indigenous cultural activities into their classes.

About 20 Year 10-12 Indigenous students and teachers from Urangan

High School, Hervey Bay High School, Aldridge State High School, Maryborough State High School and Xavier Catholic College attended.

"It was fantastic," Mr Jensen said. "I could definitely see improvements and growth in the kids this time compared to when I first visited in May."

USQ Fraser Coast project manager Sharon Louth said this month's event topped off an 'absolutely brilliant' series for 2012.

"Highlights included Rod Jensen's session as well as phenomenal presentations from USQ lecturers Trevor Black, John McMaster and myself who gave students the necessary tools to organise themselves better, think better, get better marks and set some educational goals," she said.

"In one session the students were asked to draw or paint their thoughts on where they saw themselves in five and ten years' time."

"Studies show that about 90 per cent of people who articulate their goals either in writing or visually actually achieve, or go close to achieving, their goals."



Getting inspired, from left, Chloe Fitzhenry, Shantelle Pampling, Dakota Easten, Jacinta Gowley, Carlee Ernst, Shanese Clarke, Anni Roma, Shakeya Baker, Rod Jensen, Grace Brown and Maria Tanner.

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

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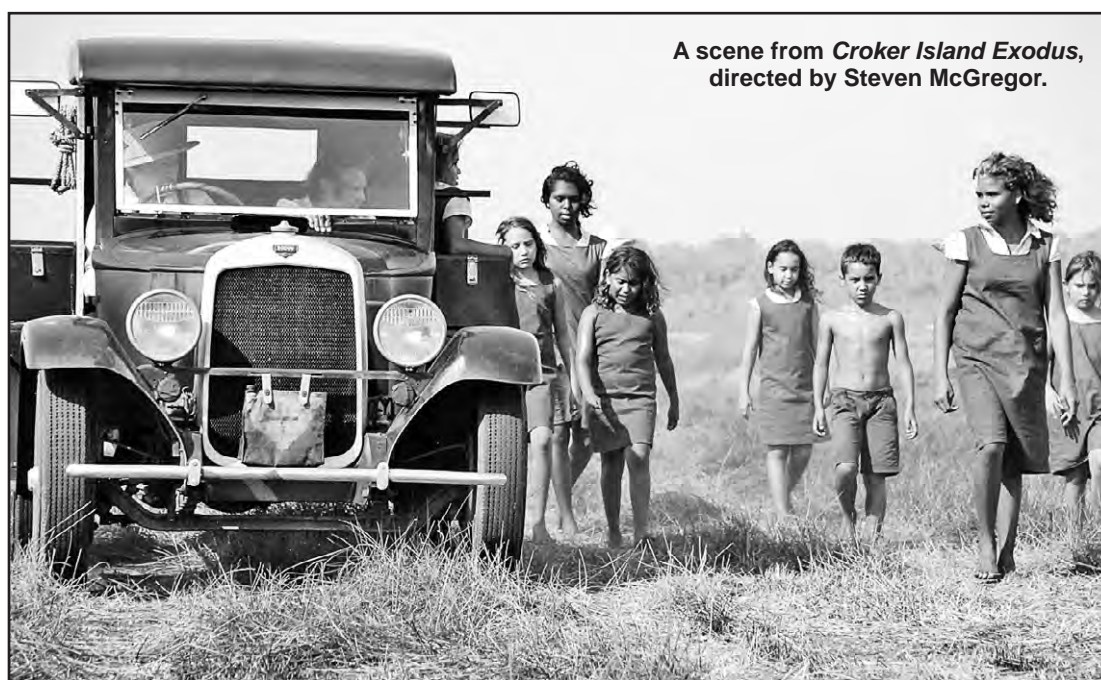
Until 16 November: Aboriginal Women's Show Art Exhibition. This exhibition features the works of Shirley Amos, Jessica Birk, Euphemia Bostock, Tracey Bostock, Brownyn Bancroft, Charmaine Davis, Danneille Gorgo, May Hinch, Joy Duncan, Leonie Binge, Kim Healey, Lianne Hunter and Camel Richardson. Free and all welcome. Held at the Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details on (02) 9560 2541 or email boomalliartgallery@gmail.com

Until 17 November: Ukalinganyi Art Exhibition. A selection of artworks titled 'water running down'. Free and all welcome. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Details on (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalandpacificart.com.au

Until 20 November: Weaving Women Together Exhibition, a show 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 colonial settlement. Held at the Mosman Art Gallery, cnr Art Gallery Way and Myahgah Rd, Mosman from 10am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details on (02) 9978 4178 or visit www.mosmanartgallery.org.au

Until 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



A scene from *Croker Island Exodus*, directed by Steven McGregor.

Townsville to host festival



SCREEN buffs in Townsville are in for a treat later this month when Australia's longest running travelling film festival rolls into their city.

Mackay, Cairns and Toowoomba have already hosted the festival, and it'll be Sydneysiders' turn in March next year.

Aboriginal production house Blackfella Films has partnered with the Travelling Film Festival (TFF), the regional touring arm of Sydney Film Festival (SFF), to present its top picks of Indigenous Australian films and Indigenous films from worldwide communities, alongside some of the best cinema in the world. The Indigenous offerings in this year's festival include feature film *Mosquita y Mari* (US), feature length documentary *Croker Island Exodus* (Australia), and short films *Blackbuster* (Australia), *Snow in Paradise* (New Zealand) and *She.Say* (Australia).

When the Japanese bombed Darwin in 1942, 95 Aboriginal children from the Stolen Generations, along with their missionary carers, were trapped on Croker Island, 200km off the Northern Territory coast.

Their only route to safety was by boat to Barclay Point, then across Arnhem Land by foot, canoe and truck.

They reached their final destination, a Methodist farm just south of Sydney, 44 days and almost 5000km later. Seventy years on, in director

Steven McGregor's film *Croker Island Exodus*, the now-elderly travellers look back on their epic journey and fractured childhoods.

Blackbuster is described as a delightful song-and-dance romance between a bashful teenage boy and a publican's daughter. The short film was written and directed by SF Tusa, a filmmaker of Torres Strait Islander/Samoan descent, based in far north Queensland.

She.Say was directed by Leah Purcell. After seeing her husband put in jail for domestic violence, Leela (Leah Purcell) has a big decision to make on his pending return, influenced by differing opinions from her two youngest children and her three best friends. What will Leela do?

Directors

The directors of Blackfella Films, Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale, were the curators and producers of the annual Indigenous film festival Message Sticks at the Sydney Opera House from 2002 to 2011. The production house was also behind *The First Australians*, *The Tall Man*, *Mabo* and six-part series *Redfern Now*, which starts on ABC TV tomorrow (1 November).

The Travelling Film Festival will be at Townsville Warrina Complex on 16-19 November, and at Sydney's Casula Powerhouse in March next year (dates to be confirmed).

Tickets are available at the SFF Box office or online at sff.org.au

Community Centre, 35 Walker St, Thursdays 10am-1pm. Free and all welcome. Details Linda Wimble at Brighter Futures on (02) 6662 2273.

3 November: 2012 Renwick Reunion. Mittagong Farm Home for Boys. Renwick Reunion invites family and friends.

There will be a display of photos from the 1960s to 1990s including group, sports and funny images. Free and all welcome. Held at the gymnasium at Renwick (next to Toombong school) Bong Bong Rd, Mittagong from 10am-4.30pm. Details: Bill on (02) 9891 2123 or 0405 912 669 or Lee on 0415 389 466 or Rod 0433 402 027 or Lance on

0408 608 367 or visit the site www.renwick.com.au

3-4 November: Indigenous Contemporary Dance weekend. Indigenous dancers (or aspiring dancers) from Canberra and region ages 14-20 are welcome at a weekend of dance including contemporary, hip hop, cultural and theatre. Free and all welcome. Held at QL2 Dance, Gorman House Arts Centre, 55 Ainslie Ave, Braddon from 10am-2pm daily. Details on (02) 6247 3103 or visit www.ql2.org.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 and Bong Bong Rd, Dapto, from 7pm until late. Details: Liz or Heidi on 0431 591 779 or email koorimagoor@yahoo.com.au

9 November: Jarjum Preschool fundraiser. Includes lucky door prize, jumping castle, face painting, stalls, raffles, crazy hair and nail painting, circus with Jo and more fun and games. Held at Jarjum Preschool, Cynthia Wilson Dr, East Lismore from 10am-2pm. All donations welcome. Details on (02) 6621 9203.

10 November: Photo Day Fundraiser. A fundraiser to help

raise money for Amelia Telford to attend the International Antarctic Expedition. Held at Heritage Park, Molesworth St, Lismore from 8.30am-3pm. Bookings essential. For conditions and further details contact Greg Telford on (0427) 255 582

15 November: Marrangbah Cottage Memorial Garden unveiling and information day. Biripi Aged and Community Care is holding the opening of an Aboriginal Memorial Garden. The primary aims are to educate, acknowledge and promote awareness in the Aboriginal and wider communities regarding the Aboriginal veterans. Held at Marrangbah Cottage, 151 Manning River Dr, Taree, from 10am. Free and all welcome. RSVP. Details: Sue or Andrew on (02) 6550 0766 or (02) 6550 0788.

16-17 November: Marramarra Bulla Showcase Event. This event brings together Aboriginal artists, performers and communities from across the NSW central west. The event includes a visual arts exhibition, live performances, short films, and a range of workshops. Free and all welcome. Visual arts exhibition opening on Friday 16 November at the Coventry Room, 25 Bogan St, next to Parkes Library from 6-8pm. Performances on 17 November starting with a free community breakfast. Held at Cooke Park, Parkes from 8.30am onwards. Details: Tracey on (02) 6338 6589 or visit www.artsoutwest.org.au

17 November-23 December: 'Beautiful One Day', a theatrical documentary about the life and times of Palm Island. 'Beautiful One day' looks for a way to turn outrage into 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

27 November: Aboriginal Men's Health Gathering. Northern Rivers NSW Local Health District in partnership with other service providers will be holding a series of Aboriginal Men's Health forums and planning days in the Richmond network. Held at the Aunty Fay Smith Room, Lismore TAFE, Conway St, Lismore from 10am-1pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Barry on (02) 6686 5644 or Elly on (02) 6620 2740 or Roger on (02) 6686 8977 or Warren on 0428 2763 991.

28 November: Far North Coast Festival of Ability. This festival aims to showcase the ability of people with a disability, in anticipation of International Day of People with a Disability. Activities include a talent quest, photo competition, puppet show, performing arts and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Byron Regional Sporting and Cultural Complex, Ewingsdale Rd, Byron Bay from 10am-2pm.

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Details: Lee Clark on (02) 6624 5499 or (0421) 055 992 or email northernrivers@scia.org.au

Queensland

Until 3 November: Desert Exhibition, a collection of seen and unseen works from Central and Western Australia featuring the art 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 art@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

Until 21 December: Nominations for the 2013 Warriors Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival. Open men's, maximum of 10 teams, nomination fee \$1000 a team. Open women's, maximum of four teams, nomination fee \$500 a team. Held at the Newtown Rugby Leagues Club, Toowoomba, Saturday 2 February. Registration and nomination fees to be paid by 21 December. Details: Tom Clevin on 0411 617 769 or Ken Edwards on 0409 281 511 or email bclevin6@bigpond.com.au or kedwards@westnet.com.au

5-7 and 26-28 November: Strong Aboriginal Men course. The Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) invites all Aboriginal men to attend this three-day workshop. Aboriginal men will have an opportunity to find strength in their own identity and roles as men in their community. Free. Held at Kirra Hill Community and Cultural Centre, 1 Garick St, Coolangatta from 10.30am-4.30pm daily. Details and registration call Charlie Fay on (0428) 237 038 or Leitia Kelly on (07) 5506 7288 or (0408) 663 969.

10 November: Murri School Spring Fair. Live entertainment, rides, stalls and fun for the family. Free and all welcome. Held at 1277 Beaudesert Rd, Acacia Ridge. Details: Pandy or Mara for stall holders on (07) 3255 6133 or 98.9FM on (07) 3892 0101.

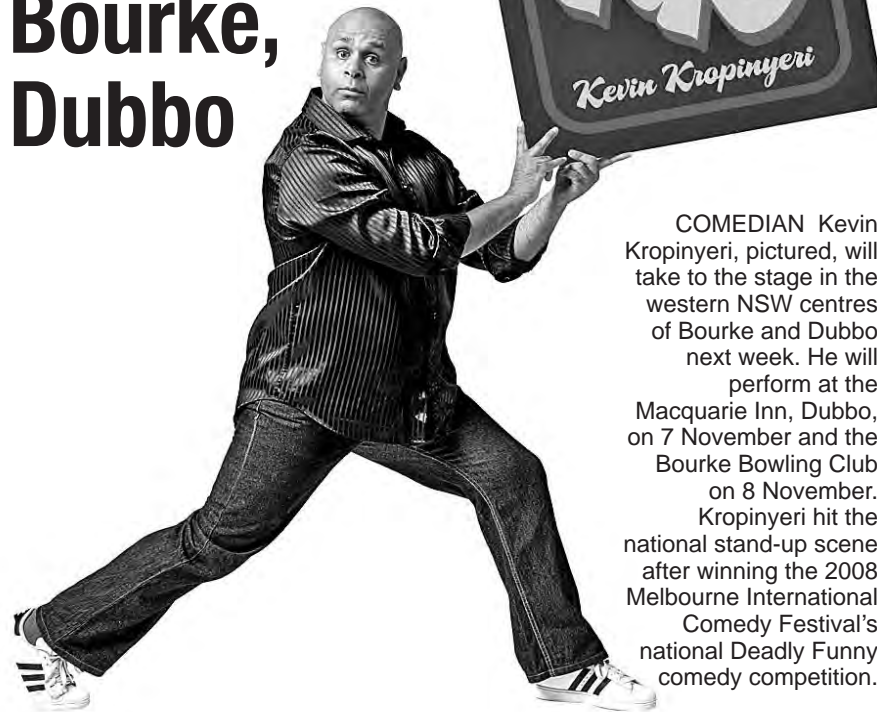
22-24 November: Indigenous Allied Health Australia 2012 National Conference and annual meeting. This two-day conference provides a supportive environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous professionals working towards improving the health of Indigenous Australians. Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, cnr Merivale and Glenelg St, Southbank. Registrations are now open. Details on telephone (07) 6285 1010 or visit www.indigenousalliedhealth.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 and Beyond: Expanding Identity Exhibition. Works by artist Darryl Pfitzner Milika

Comedian is heading to Bourke, Dubbo



COMEDIAN Kevin Kropinyeri, pictured, will take to the stage in the western NSW centres of Bourke and Dubbo next week. He will perform at the Macquarie Inn, Dubbo, on 7 November and the Bourke Bowling Club on 8 November. Kropinyeri hit the national stand-up scene after winning the 2008 Melbourne International Comedy Festival's national Deadly Funny comedy competition.

Students prepare



ABORIGINAL theatre students at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) are getting ready for their own production.

They will stage *Crowbones and Carnivores* at WAAPA's Enright Studio in Perth from 17-22 November.

The production was devised by Aboriginal writer David Milroy, whose works also include *Waltzing the Wilarra* and *Windmill Baby*.

WAAPA says its Aboriginal theatre studies program gives students the opportunity to nurture and develop Indigenous performance skills through self-devised and collaborative work.

Crowbones and Carnivores is the graduating performance of the 2012 class. "The students will shine in this new work from playwright David Milroy," director Rick Brayford said.

More details on (08) 9370 6636 or online at www.waapa.ecu.edu.au.

● Right: A scene from the production of *Crowbones and Carnivores*.



featuring a series of small-scale 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

Until 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 and Sun), 12-8pm (Thur). Free and all welcome. Details on (08) 8216 8600 or email artspace.gallery@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

Western Australia

Until 11 November: 'Mine Own Executioner' 2012 exhibition, featuring a 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

Until 4 November: Tiwi Tradition Art

Exhibition. The Munupi artists of Melville Island will again showcase 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

23 November: The 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

26-30 November: AIMSC Western Australia Roadshow. To promote its new office and presence in WA, the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC) has organised a roadshow up the West Coast. The roadshow includes guest speakers from AIMSC member companies, business opportunities, certification for Indigenous businesses an information session. More information and to register contact Kate on 1300 055 298 or visit www.aimsc.org.au/events/WA_Roadshow

Dates, venue and times as follows: 26 Nov: Perth, Duxton Hotel Perth, 1 St George Terrace from 2-5pm; 28 Nov: Port Hedland (Pilbara), Pindan College, 8 Byass St, Sth Headland from 2-4pm; 30 Nov: Broome (Kimberley), Oaks Broome, 99 Robinson, Broome from 10am-noon.

3-4 December: Second annual Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations (IBEC) Conference. The 2012 conference is an opportunity to hear Indigenous business leaders, corporate representatives, leading academics and policy makers talk about new opportunities for Indigenous people. Held at the University of Western Australia Business School, M263, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley. Registrations now open. Details on telephone (08) 6488 8561 or email csi-conf-business@uwa.edu.au or visit www.business.uwa.edu.au/ibecconference

Victoria

Until 7 November: My Moola. This program, for Koories who want to better manage their money, is run over four weeks. 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

22 November: The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) will hold a dinner and concert to help raise funds towards SNAICC scholarships and traineeships. Featuring Archie Roach, Neil Murray, Shane Howard, Monica Wieghtman, the VACCA Youth Choir and the Koorie Tiddas. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton from 6.30-10.30pm. Cost is \$120 a person. Details: Sue Beecher on (03) 9189 8099.

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, AES CEO Danny Lester and AES Waterloo business development and operations manager Rodney Williams cut the ribbon at the new office.

New office for AES



THE Aboriginal Employment Strategy's new office in the Sydney suburb of Waterloo will be a boon for jobs and training in the area, according to NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello.

Mr Dominello opened the national not-for-profit employment organisation's new office earlier this month and declared it a win for Indigenous locals.

"The strategic location of the office will enable the AES to create a wealth of new employment and training opportunities for Indigenous people living in the inner-city area, and help facilitate change within the local community," the minister said.

The AES provides recruitment services and structured school-based and full-time workplace training for Indigenous people through its Career Preparatory Program.

It says it has placed more than 2000

Indigenous people into long-term careers during the past 12 months.

AES CEO Danny Lester said the new office was an exciting step.

"The new office positions the AES to better connect with a range of local communities to ensure a wider population has access to employment, training and career opportunities," he said.

Opportunity

"Staff will continue to focus on the AES's purpose – working with Indigenous and local business communities to provide a career opportunity for every Indigenous Australian.

"We look forward to building on our existing relationships with government and corporate partners to achieve this goal."

The office opening was marked with a smoking ceremony and barbecue for locals and AES staff.



Uncle Max Eulo performs a smoking ceremony at the new AES office.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES2.4

Salary range \$69,288 to \$81,700 (48/52) per annum

Full time ongoing position available, North - Eastern Victoria Region.

The Victorian Department of Education & Early Childhood Development is seeking a suitably experienced Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to work in the Eastern Metropolitan Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

The successful applicant will work as part of the regional Aboriginal Education Team, responsible for the implementation of the Wannik Education Strategy. They will be responsible for the delivery of programs for Aboriginal children and young people through early childhood, school completion and transition to further education.

The successful applicant will have a sound knowledge and understanding of Victorian Aboriginal communities and their needs relating to education. They will possess highly developed leadership and interpersonal skills, to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services, and provision of advice to schools, kindergartens, families and community on strategies to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people.

This role is an identified position. Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander people only, need apply. VCAT exemption [# A195/2009].

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at: www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs

Job reference number: **807637**

Applications close: **13 November 2012**

For a more detailed position description, key selection criteria and contact details please refer to:

www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs

For more information about the Wannik Education Strategy, please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/wannik

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Program Leader

Exciting opportunity in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training

General Practice Education and Training Limited (GPET) is a wholly owned government company who fund and administer the delivery of the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program across Australia.

GPET is committed to making a contribution to closing the gap on the health comes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. This contribution will be made through the delivery of general practice training that produces a clinically and culturally competent GP workforce, increasing access to primary health care services and improving outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

GPET has a Reconciliation Action Plan in recognition of its corporate responsibility and acknowledges that this process will make an important contribution to closing the gap.

The Role

Our new **Program Leader** will coordinate a range of activities which aim to achieve the objectives of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training Program. Key responsibilities will be the provision of strategic advice and support to GPET's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Training program; a focus on advancing GPET's strategic agenda and role in relation to key Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Training networks and educational project and resource development in the delivery of vocational general practice training.

This will be a stimulating and varied role requiring some travel within Australia to support GPET's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health training stakeholder groups.

To be successful in this position you will have a sound knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues related to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities in addition to the philosophy underpinning Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. You will also have strong communication skills including the ability to liaise with and manage complex stakeholder relationships.

Applications close 9am Monday, 12 November 2012

To download an information package for these positions go to <http://www.agpt.com.au/GPETtheCompany/Employment> or contact Glenn McMahon on 02 6263 6744.



Blacktown City is a modern city of 48 suburbs, home to 300,000. Council is continuously evolving and our 2025 Vision will inspire and motivate you to be part of Blacktown City's future.

Aboriginal Arts Development Officer

Position Number: BCC1064

You will be required to develop and implement a comprehensive Aboriginal arts development program, including economic and professional development opportunities for Aboriginal artists. Your duties will include but not be limited to: designing and developing projects, programs and/or strategies to address the identified arts development needs and providing specialist advice and expertise on Aboriginal arts development to Council and its employees.

You must hold a Tertiary qualification in a related field or equivalent relevant experience and a Driver's Licence. Experience in cultural planning, policy development and project management and experience working with artists, in arts organisations and Aboriginal communities.

Enquiries: Jenny Bisset on 9839 6081.

Salary Range: \$1,114.80 to \$1,248.60 pw (Grade 11).

Closing Date: 4.30pm Friday, 16 November 2012.

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. Blacktown City Council considers Aboriginality to be a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

For all positions: Application forms and descriptions are available on our website. Applications MUST quote relevant position number. Salary and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Blacktown City Council's Enterprise Agreement.

How to apply: Applications should be directed to The General Manager, Blacktown City Council, PO Box 63, Blacktown NSW 2148 or emailed to council@blacktown.nsw.gov.au



Dala Yooro

"This is a place for our little children. Our little children are like the red gum trees where they have strong roots to their country and earth and they grow into big strong trees with branches and family. They are a part of the country"

CO-ORDINATION ROLE

We are looking for someone with strong leadership qualities to join our team at Dala Yooro. Dala Yooro provides a number of programs for children and families, including Kindergarten and Playgroups. As Co-ordinator you would drive the development of programs through Dala Yooro. You will be a collaborative leader who is comfortable with shared decision making and you would work in a way that actively involves families and community in the design of programs. Action research will be something you understand and value as a way to evaluate the quality of programs.

As the interface between Dala Yooro and community, you would strive to meet the needs of families, children and community by creating an environment that is welcoming and builds connections:

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • children and parents | • services and families |
| • children and educators | • community and staff |
| • families and staff | • bodies and programs |
| • families | • research, policy and practice |
| • community and families | |

These connections will sit within traditional Aboriginal culture entwined through story, art, dance and the sharing of skills and knowledge about history, spirit and life.

This leadership role will hold the vision and strengthen the connections we need to create Dala Yooro. This role will facilitate family engagement models and the implementation of programs for children. For further information about this role please contact Kim McAlister or Alyson Ferguson on 03 5150 0700.

Applicants will need to address the key selection criteria. Information packs and position description can be obtained by phoning 03 5150 0700.

Applications for this exciting new role will close 5pm Friday 16th November 2012 and are to be addressed to

Kim McAlister
Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative
Children, Youth & Family Services Unit
P.O. Box 634,
BAIRNSDALE, 3875.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

GEGAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Internal applicants may also apply.



The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. Located in Surry Hills (Sydney), the AH&MRC are currently seeking applications for two positions in the newly created SEWB Workforce Support Unit.

Project Office

(Workforce Support – Drug & Alcohol focus)
Fixed term, full time for 3 years

Project Officer

(Workforce Support – SEWB focus)
Fixed term, full time for 3 years

The positions will assist with the coordination of initiatives and activities aimed at addressing the training and development needs of the SEWB workforce; one position will have a focus on the drug and alcohol sector; the other position will focus on the social, emotional, well being and mental health sectors.

Application for both positions close at **9:00am Monday, 19 November 2012.**

*** The AH&MRC has a preference for employing suitably qualified Aboriginal people.**

For further information on this position or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, ring 02 9212 4777 or visit: www.ahmrc.org.au



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd (ATSICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

Career Opportunities

ATSICHS currently has the following vacancies. Please note that all applicants must be able to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and a commitment to working positively and appropriately with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Families Coordinator (Logan - full time)

- Act in a Team Leader capacity for the Mums and Bubs clinic at Woodridge including being the first point of contact for any staff issues. Refer onto the Practice Manager as required;
- Work collaboratively with ATSICHS staff, maternal health and mental health workers and other service providers in providing opportunities, support and services which enhance the existing skills and abilities of families to achieve strong family and well-being outcomes;
- Work collaboratively as a member of a multidisciplinary team, to provide integration and coordination between different programs, to facilitate the delivery of an efficient and responsive support service to clients;
- Work as a member of the multi-disciplinary team within the clinical setting to provide assistance in the delivery of healthcare;
- Liaise and consult with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to collaboratively assess needs and priorities and subsequently facilitate strategies that address identified issues;
- Engage with participants in ways that acknowledges their hopes, goals, abilities and strengths and work with them to develop and apply their own strategies to achieve sustainable and positive change;
- Supporting the coordination of referrals to social service providers as required, including liaising where needed with providers to support effective information exchange to and from the providers;
- Registration with AHPRA as a RN along with a current drivers licence is essential;
- Previous Management/Supervisor experience will be highly regarded.

Practice Manager/Registered Nurse (Murri School clinic Acacia Ridge – part time 3 days per wk)

- Lead a professional team that provides the highest standard of client care;
- Ensure the clinic delivers quality treatment and meets agreed health service commitments to clients.
- Provide health services to patients including blood pressures, blood sugar levels, temperatures, urine testing (routine and pregnancy tests), weight, length and head circumference (in children under three);
- Immunisation of adults and children as requested by the doctor.
- Develop and maintain effective relationships with the Murri school staff and community;
- Liaise regularly with the Murri School staff to highlight particular health needs for student's and/or the wider community;
- Registration with AHPRA as a RN along with a current drivers licence is essential;
- Demonstrated management experience, preferably in a community controlled health service.

To apply for these roles, please forward a cover letter along with a current CV to jobs@atsichsbrisbane.org.au by no later than the **9th November 2012** or contact HR on (07) 3240 8904 for a confidential discussion.

ATSICHS is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

WNAC

**Waanyi Nation
Aboriginal Corp**

Community Development Projects Manager

Waanyi Nation Aboriginal Corporation is based in the remote community of Doomadgee in North West QLD.

This position is for a self-starter, requiring an innovative, creative and energetic leader to manage our expanding range of community and social development initiatives.

The position is based in Brisbane, though regular travel will be required to Doomadgee and other regional centres.

Salary will be negotiated commensurate with skills and experience.

Current drivers license is required for this position.

To download a position description and selection criteria, please go to our homepage www.northernprojectcontracting.com.au

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 7th November 2012

*Waanyi Nation Aboriginal Corporation is an equal opportunity employer.
Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply for this position.*

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

- Alma Public School - 08 8088 2181

SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER - ABORIGINAL

- Chifley College Bidwill Campus - 02 9628 2222

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 16 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.



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- Previous experience is not required
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- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent



If you are interested in seeking employment with Accor please call Alanah on **02 9280 9615** or contact us at indigenous.employment.au@accor.com



Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation



**Do you have a passion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander music, culture and current affairs?**

Production Coordinator (Radio/IT)

**Koori Radio 93.7FM/KR00 Digital Radio - \$48,950 basic salary
12 month contract**

A fantastic opportunity exists to join Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation as Production Coordinator (Radio/IT). The position is responsible for producing content for Koori Radio 93.7FM 2LND, KR00 digital and website, reporting to the Programme Manager. This is a full time position, working Monday to Friday, with some 'on call' time.

Essential Skills are:

- Aboriginality
- Experience in production for the on air studio and production studio
- High level production of sponsorship adverts, community service announcement and sound design
- Resolve technical issues that arise on a day to day basis with radio & IT equipment & software Implement and manage the digital platform for Koori Radio
- Train and supervise broadcasters on technical issues

and on air presentation

- Ability to develop and maintain administrative systems
- Well-developed communication, negotiation and organisational skills
- Sound understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues
- An ability to work flexibly and in a pressured environment
- Ability to generate reports
- Ability to work in an environment supported by volunteers
- Ability to work in a team.

DESIRABLE:

- Tertiary qualifications or extensive experience in a related field
- Current driver's license.

Brekky Show (Producer/Broadcaster)

**Koori Radio 93.7FM/KR00 Digital Radio
\$24,798K basic salary - 12 month contract**

A fantastic opportunity exists to join Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation as Brekky Show Producer/Broadcaster. The position is responsible for producing content & presenting the Brekky show for Koori Radio 93.7FM 2LND and KR00 digital, reporting to the Programme Manager. This is a permanent part-time position, working Monday to Friday 6am to 10am.

Essential Skills are:

- Aboriginality
- Experience in radio presentation & production for the on air studio
- Well-developed communication, negotiation and organisational skills
- Ability to research local Aboriginal and Torres Strait community news and events happening in Koori Radio footprint area
- Ability to identify, research & source guests to appear in interviews or segments appropriate for a Brekky Show audience
- Sound understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and music
- Ability to work alone and as a member of a team.

DESIRABLE:

- Tertiary qualifications in a related field
- Experience in working with media software
- Current driver's license.

Blackchat (Producer/Broadcaster)

**Koori Radio 93.7FM/KR00 Digital Radio
\$50K basic salary - 12 month contract**

A fantastic opportunity exists to join Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation as Blackchat Producer/Presenter. The position is responsible for producing content & presenting the Blackchat, flagship News & Current Affairs program for Koori Radio 93.7FM 2LND and KR00 digital, reporting to the Programme Manager. This is a full time position, working Monday to Friday.

Essential Skills are:

- Aboriginality
- High level research/journalism experience
- Experience in radio presentation & production for the on air studio
- Ability to meet tight deadlines
- Well-developed communication, negotiation and organisational skills
- Sound understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community issues
- Ability to identify research and source content for the program
- Maintain interview database
- Ability to work in a team.

DESIRABLE:

- Tertiary qualifications in a related field or extensive experience in radio broadcasting
- Experience in working with media software
- Current driver's license.

Volunteer Broadcasters

Koori Radio 93.7FM 2LND broadcasts across metropolitan Sydney and has an estimated audience of 100,000 people a week.

We are currently seeking past and new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander broadcasters to be trained as volunteer Broadcasters with our deadly organisation.

If you think you are deadly enough and want to volunteer for a community radio station like Koori Radio 93.7 FM 2LND, and you live in the Sydney metropolitan area, and then please email your details to: info@gadigal.org.au and we will send you a program proposal and membership form.

**For further information, including position description,
please contact Darrell Sibosado, Acting General Manager on
(02) 9384 4000 by COB on Friday 30th November 2012.**

Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation is home to Koori Radio 93.7FM 2LND/KR00 Digital Radio, Gadigal Music and Kameygal Recording Studio, Young Black and Deadly, Klub Koori and Yabun Festival.

GIS is a not-for-profit, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community media and arts organisation operating from state-of-the-art premises in Redfern, Sydney on the site of the Old Black Theatre.



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.

SOCIAL WORKERS

Indigenous, Regional and Intensive Services

Zone Northern Australia / Social Work Services
Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin
APS Level 5/6 (Professional 1)
\$67,668 - \$86,618
Job Reference: 1138-201112

The Department of Human Services is seeking Social Workers to work in various locations including Alice Springs, Katherine, Darwin and remote Northern Australia. These positions are part of the Northern Australia Social Work Team which is responsible for the provision of Social Work Services in accordance with national directions, objectives, policies, professional ethics and standards, and cultural protocols. Successful applicants will be required to regularly travel to remote communities to deliver Social Work Services.

Successful applicants will provide professional social work assessments, casework interventions and be involved with community work in support of the department's most vulnerable customers, in accordance with national guidelines and professional standards; assist in the establishment and maintenance of strong relationships and working partnerships with business, community and government agencies at the local level, to ensure access to services for vulnerable customers.

Information sessions will be held for prospective applicants in Alice Springs and Darwin. Please call one of the contact officers for details.

Closing: Sunday 11 November 2012 (midnight)

Contacts: Belinda Hortle (08) 8936 3522 or John Smulders (08) 8953 8157

Selection Documentation: www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/careers

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ACT Government Community Services

Office for Children, Youth and Family Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services Out of Home Care

Youth Worker

Administrative Services Officer Class 3

Salary Range: \$52,818 - \$57,004 (PN: C05524, several)

The position of Youth Worker provides direct supervision and support to young residents, assisting residents with their living skills, social and community interaction and linkages to suitable support programs and services. In conjunction with other areas of the Department and community partners, the Youth Worker is responsible for providing direct case work support to residents in relation to the development and implementation of case management plans, and is responsible for engaging with the young residents in a culturally appropriate, sensitive and supportive manner. The Youth Worker position also plays a pivotal role in providing a safe and caring environment for residents and for the professional administration of NHISA in line with the standards and expectations of the ACT Public Service.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Current driver's licence. First Aid Certificate or capacity to quickly acquire. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people encouraged to apply.

Note: These positions will involve shiftwork. An order of merit will be formed from this selection process and maybe utilised to fill any casual positions (at level), which may occur within the following 12 months.

Contact Officer: Jenny Lintern (02) 6207 6858 jenny.lintern@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 13 November 2012

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BIRIPI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL CENTRE

NEW OUT OF HOME CARE SERVICE BASED IN INVERELL

Biriapi Aboriginal Medical Service is seeking applications from suitable people for the following positions. All positions are **Aboriginal Designated** and authorised under section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act. Attractive Salary Packages with a \$16,000.00 per annum tax free component will be negotiated with the successful applicant and will be based on qualifications and experience. You must be willing to work on a weekly rostered on-call system for after hours.

Co-ordinator Out of Home Care

Full-time Permanent (salary negotiable from \$78k)

The successful person will need to be a highly self motivated individual who will be responsible for assisting with the Establishment and Co-ordination of our Out of Home Care Service. The position will supervise and support a team of Caseworkers. It will also encompass overseeing and approving their case-management of children in our program along with their carers and natural parents. They will also be responsible for overseeing of the recruitment, training, assessment and supporting of potential foster carers.

Out of Home Caseworker (2 positions)

Full-time permanent (salary negotiable from \$55k)

The successful persons will be a part of the Out of Home Care Team with the aim of supporting and case-managing children in our foster care program. This will involve the supervision and support of foster carers and keeping children connected with their natural family.

All applicants need to contact Cheryl Holden on 02-65512088 or cheryl.holden@glmacs.org.au for an application package and must address the essential criteria outlined. If you have any enquiries about the position please contact Amanda Bridge on 1800 422 555 or 0414897565.

Applications Close:

3pm Friday 9th November 2012



Health Murrumbidgee Local Health District

Are you looking for a Life-Style Change or Career Progression?

These are some of the opportunities within our Local Health District:

DENILQUIN

Aboriginal Health Education Officer/ Hospital Liaison Officer

Position No: 105187

To work cooperatively within a multidisciplinary team in order to ensure an integrated and comprehensive approach to the provision of care to the Aboriginal community.

Salary: \$23.10-\$39.41 ph

Enquiries: Diann Tremain, (02) 6058 1725, Diann.Tremain@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

LAKE CARGELLIGO & NARRANDERA

Aboriginal Health Education Officer – Building Strong Foundations

Position Nos: 95383 & 95588

The Building Strong Foundations (BSF) Aboriginal Health Education Officer will work in partnership with BSF Child and Family Health Nurse and in consultation with internal and external child and family health providers to deliver culturally appropriate child and family primary health care in the critical early years of life, so Aboriginal children have optimal health, development and wellbeing. School readiness is a particular outcome focus of the program.

Salary: \$23.10-\$34.03 ph

Enquiries: Sabrina Brown, (02) 6058 1732, Sabrina.Brown@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

These are designated positions for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales.

Child and Family Health Nurse – Building Strong Foundations

Position Nos: 96465 & 96396

The Building Strong Foundations (BSF) Child and Family Health Nurse will work in partnership with BSF Aboriginal Health Education Officer (AHEO) and in consultation with internal and external children and family health providers to deliver culturally appropriate child and family primary health care, so Aboriginal children have optimal health, development and wellbeing. Child and Family Health Nursing addresses health and wellbeing and acts as an entry point for families with children into the community health care system. Utilising the Families NSW framework, the position is responsible for the delivery of Aboriginal child and family health nursing services, home visiting as well as health education and community development.

Salary: \$27.35-\$38.41 ph

Enquiries: Sabrina Brown, (02) 6058 1732, Sabrina.Brown@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Being female is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date above positions: 13 November 2012

Log-on to <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> for further information on these and other opportunities.

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Outreach Worker, Bega

- * Make a difference to local Aboriginal communities!
- * Attractive salary cira \$48K - \$64K + vehicle & more!



The Lyndon Community has a fantastic opportunity for a **full time Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Outreach Worker** to join the Wandama Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service team in Bega. You will work as part of a professional team, **providing specialist Aboriginal drug & alcohol outreach programs, groups and casework services to Aboriginal communities**, with a specific focus on male participants. You'll be rewarded with attractive remuneration circa **\$48K - \$64K + salary sacrifice, mobile phone, laptop & vehicle**. You'll also enjoy ongoing training & extensive support. Apply Now!



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Youth Services Manager Dubbo, NSW

- * Exciting opp. to oversee a range of Youth programs!
- * Attractive remuneration + super & salary sacrifice!



Muri Paiki Regional Enterprise Corporation has an exciting opportunity for a **Youth Services Manager** to join their team in Dubbo, NSW. You'll be **leading an integrated team to provide case management services and a variety of programs to young people aged 12-19, predominantly from local Aboriginal communities**. In return for your enthusiasm and dedication, you will receive an **attractive salary** + super & **salary sacrifice**. **Relocation assist.** for the right candidate - *Apply Now!*



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Health Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Sexual Health Education Officer

Eastgardens

Temporary Full Time, up to 30 June 2013

JH No: 105507

Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer Graduate: \$45,819-\$67,484 pa.

Enquiries: Jennifer Woodward, 0412 971 562.

Closing Date: 12 November 2012.

This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales.

To apply for this position please visit <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>
NSW Health Service – Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation



FINANCE OFFICER

Remuneration: \$70,000 p/a pro rata with generous salary sacrificing arrangements

Tenure: 2.5 days per week

The primary role of this position is to support the CEO across all activities and responsibilities in the planning, coordination and implementation of budget preparations, end of financial year and financial statement activities, and relevant funding reporting requirements.

Selection criteria must be addressed if applicants are to be considered.

Applications Close: Friday 9th November 2012

Enquiries and Applications to be sent to Tyron Major via email tyron@ntsgac.org or telephone (08) 8947 9171 or send via post to: NTSGAC, PO Box 43372, CASUARINA, NT, 0810.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.



Health Mid North Coast Local Health District

Registered Nurse – Hastings Macleay Aboriginal Chronic Care

An opportunity exists for a Registered Nurse in our Hastings Macleay Aboriginal Chronic Care Team based at Port Macquarie. The position is Permanent Full Time 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 Public Health System Nurses' & Midwives' (State) Award - Registered Nurse.

Enquiries: Marilyn Body (02) 6656 5087.

Apply online: <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> quoting Reference ID: 105695.



Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation

is seeking to fill the position of

General Manager

For information, including position description and criteria:
www.wonnarua.org.au/employment

Telephone enquiries: Dr John Lester on 0417 698 654.

Applications close: 4pm Friday 16 November 2012

Youth Worker

Tjuntjuntjara, Southeast WA

* Remuneration package circa \$70,715!

* Relocation assistance & subsidised

The Spinifex Health Service has an exciting opportunity for a community-minded **Youth Worker** to join our team in Tjuntjuntjara, WA. Reporting to the General Manager, **you'll be responsible for assisting young people in the community to make a healthy transition to adulthood.** In return for your hard work, you'll receive an attractive remuneration package circa \$70,715 plus salary packaging, relocation assistance, subsidised accommodation and more!



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GROWING SOLID ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN KALGOORLIE PROGRAM

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Part time (22.5 hours per week)

Fixed Term to 31 December 2013

(possible extension until 30 June 2015)

\$60,194 to \$68,356 per annum

Remuneration package based on full time equivalent inclusive of 9% Superannuation contribution

- ◆ Are you interested in improving opportunities for Aboriginal children?
- ◆ Do you enjoy working closely with Aboriginal families?

We are seeking a Community Engagement Officer (based in Kalgoorlie) to assist with a partnership between Perth and Kalgoorlie health and disability services. In this role you will identify the needs of Aboriginal families caring for a child with a disability, help establish collaborative relationships, and engage the local community to direct the provision of culturally appropriate disability services.

The successful applicant will have a commitment to working with Aboriginal families and the ability to liaise positively with Aboriginal communities in the Goldfields region. An understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and well developed communication skills are required. Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy offers competitive remuneration with access to benefits including:

- Attractive salary packaging
- Opportunities for professional development
- Generous leave conditions
- Paid Parental Leave and flexibility with hours

Enquiries about the position are welcome and should be directed to:

Catherine Greenway General Manager, Therapy & Health Services on (08) 9443 0205 or by email on Catherine.Greenway@tccp.com.au (**NOT to be contacted for an Application Package**).

For information regarding the Application Package please contact: Julie McLean-Phillips - Human Resource Officer on (08) 9443 0202.

To apply please go to http://www.tccp.com.au/Employment-Current_Vacancies and download the Application for Vacancy and the Job Description Form. Send your completed Application for Vacancy, Resume and a 2 to 3 page cover letter in which you address the criteria and the responsibilities of the position to jobs@tccp.com.au.

Applications close:

4pm Wednesday 14th November 2012.

'The Centre for Cerebral Palsy is an equal opportunity employer that fosters diversity in the workplace'.



Our Tanami Operations, 540km north-west of Alice Springs, are on Aboriginal freehold land in the NT's remote Tanami Desert. A fully equipped 800-bed village, 40km from the mine, offers modern leisure facilities to the workforce who FIFO direct from Perth, Darwin and Alice Springs. Having recently changed from a contractor mining model to owner-operator, there are new projects planned for an extended mine life to 2020, and we're excited to be able to provide a stable and secure working environment for our Tanami employees.

Senior Social Responsibility Advisor

- Opportunity to make your mark on indigenous employment
- FIFO 9:5 roster

A rare opportunity has arisen at our Tanami operations for a Senior Advisor, Social Responsibility to join our Environment & Social Responsibility team on site. This is a key role which will give you the opportunity to implement and develop the indigenous recruitment strategy (in conjunction with Human Resources), build and grow successful relationships with key stakeholders including the Central Land Council (CLC), community members and relevant government agencies, and support and mentor indigenous employees on site.

Key areas of focus will include:

- Stakeholder engagement with the CLC, community, government agencies and the traditional land owners
- Implementation of Indigenous employment programs and their ongoing review and improvement
- Overseeing the delivery and planning of the site social responsibility plan
- Wider community engagement

- Providing mentoring support for all Indigenous staff and trainees to develop their career paths

We are seeking a results focused individual with a proven track record in a similar role, including prior experience managing indigenous employment and community development programs. Your relationship building skills will be complemented by your leadership, sensitivity and respect for communities and stakeholders, and your ability to relate to and communicate with Indigenous people. Relevant tertiary qualifications will be well regarded.

Our excellent remuneration package includes a fly-in, fly-out allowance plus subsidised medical premiums for yourself and your immediate family. Not only will you work in a dynamic and collaborative environment but you will also benefit from the opportunities that only a global company can offer. The successful applicant will be required to spend a portion of their time in Alice Springs with key stakeholders.

To apply for this role click on the link below or go to www.newmont.com click on careers then select the Asia Pacific Region.

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THE CHARLIE PERKINS TRUST
for Children & Students

The Aspiration Initiative Aboriginal Project Officer

The Aspiration Initiative (TAI) aims to increase opportunities and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, helping to ensure they realise their potential at school, university and beyond.

In September 2011, TAI launched its academic enrichment program for 90 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 8 students in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. A joint initiative of the Aurora Project and the Charlie Perkins Trust for Children & Students, the program provides intensive and continuous educational support through academic camps, tutoring and ongoing mentoring. Students receive at least 200 hours of support each year until the end of their first year out of high school. The aim is for every TAI student to successfully complete Year 12 and be eligible for university in 2016.

TAI is currently seeking a project officer to join the team (full-time and based in Sydney).

Key responsibilities include coordinating the logistics associated with the delivery of TAI academic camps and the logistics associated with student, family, school and stakeholder management. The role will also involve providing administrative support to TAI's National Coordinator.

The position calls for an enthusiastic and dedicated person who has an interest in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and their families. The Project Officer will need to have good organisational skills, attention to detail and the ability to prioritise tasks and take initiative. Advanced writing and communication skills are essential.

This is an Aboriginal identified position.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Email your resume to Georgia.Snow@auroraproject.com.au or contact Georgia on 02 9469 8100 for more information.

Application Closing Date - Friday 9 November

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The 2013 Northparkes Mines Indigenous Scholarship
www.northparkesiss.com to apply or call Haylee on (02) 6861 3003

Rio Tinto
NORTH PARKES

Cabin Crew, Guest Services and Pit Crew. Brisbane based.

Virgin Australia is again changing the face of the Australian aviation landscape. This is a unique opportunity to play an integral role in shaping the evolution of this iconic brand, and to become a part of a dynamic company that genuinely believes and demonstrates our people are our greatest asset.

We are seeking interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living on the Gold Coast who are willing to relocate or commute to Brisbane, who are interested in working as Cabin Crew, Guest Services and Pit Crew for Virgin Australia. If we gain suitable interest, an Information and Assessment Session will be held in November 2012.

Within our recruitment department, we have a dedicated Indigenous Employment team that will work with you to understand your skills and career interests, and assist you in identifying if a career at Virgin Australia is right for you.

At Virgin Australia we encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation across all levels of employment. We are dedicated to providing a range of culturally appropriate recruitment, career development and retention initiatives.

To register your interest to attend the Virgin Australia Indigenous Career Information Session please email: indigenous.recruitment@virginaustralia.com

Applications close Sunday 11 November 2012.



Jobs that make a difference

Aboriginal Graduate Recruitment Program 2013

Various locations (Melbourne metropolitan)

Full time - ongoing

\$46,949 + Super

Aboriginal applicants who will have completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree by January 2013 can apply for the Department of Human Services & Department of Health Aboriginal Graduate Recruitment Program.

As an Aboriginal Graduate you partake in:

- Three four-month work rotations in different business areas.
- The Graduate Recruitment and Development Scheme (GRADS) learning and development program that is coordinated by the State Services Authority.
- Access to high quality corporate learning and development training sessions.
- Interesting and important work.
- Good benefits and conditions.
- The opportunity to be part of a vibrant and diverse workforce.

These roles have been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. Under VCAT exemption number: A067/A068/2010/0088

For further information about the role contact Prue Stewart on (03) 9096 7143 or email prue.stewart@dhs.vic.gov.au

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for these positions to contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or via email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and complete the questionnaire visit www.careers.vic.gov.au with reference number: VG/DHS/AGRP2013

Applications close Friday 30 November 2012

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Health
Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker (HEO Non-Grad)

Ref: 105484 F/T at Redfern Community Health

Salary: \$45,818-\$67,482 pa

Enq: Alison Murray, 0404 822 869

Closing Date: 16 November 2012

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Female Aboriginal Immunisation Officer

Ref: 98377, Temp F/T up to 16 October 2015 at Camperdown, Narellan

Enq: Deborah Thomson

Ph: (02) 9515 9420

Closing Date: 23 November 2012

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Being female is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Carer Recruitment Development Coordinator: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families are seeking a Carer Recruitment and Development Coordinator who will be responsible for the development and management of carer recruitment, assessment, training and support. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: 2 November 2012

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We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are accredited as an EOWA employer of choice for women. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is Victoria's leading and only dedicated Aboriginal Child and Family Services provider. We are a state-wide, community-based, Aboriginal organization with extensive experience in the management and delivery of a range of child and family welfare programs and Link-up services for Stolen Generations.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced person to fill the following senior position at our Eastern office.

OPERATIONS MANAGER

The Operations Manager for Eastern VACCA was created to ensure that all VACCA programs located and servicing the Eastern Metropolitan Region would be coordinated and managed to provide the best possible service response for Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

It is expected that the Eastern Operations Manager will be a key participant in the development and implementation of new initiatives and programs identified for the Eastern Region.

The primary role of this position is to co-ordinate the day to day running of programs to ensure quality and timely service provision to Aboriginal children and families referred to these programs. The Manager will provide leadership, direction, and support to all staff employed by for these programs.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Michelle Stewart on (03) 9871 9000 or by email michelles@vacca.org

Applications close: Wednesday 14th November 2012



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

ABORIGINAL HEALTH EDUCATION OFFICER – MENTAL HEALTH TRAINEE

TFT (up to 30/06/14), Salary: \$877.70-\$1,293.30 pw.

Enquiries: Kathi Boorman, (02) 8887 5600 or kathi.boorman@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Blacktown, Mount Druitt Ad No: 97551 Close Date: 14.11.12

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=97551>

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or another race) is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Police Liaison Officer

Queensland Police Service, Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$52 066 - \$57 149 p.a.

Location: Woorabinda

REF: QLD/15813/12

Key Duties: Knowledge and understanding of local cultures, customs and community organisations. The capacity to be accepted by the local community.

Skills/Abilities: Learn and apply relevant laws, Queensland Police Service and other government policies. Problem solve and organise. Effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: Senior Sergeant Tom Nelson 07 4935 0155

Closing Date: Monday, 12 November 2012

www.jobs.qld.gov.au



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Remuneration - \$90,000.00 including Superannuation,
Vehicle and Phone per annum
(Lake Macquarie Area)
Full Time

The Biraban Local Aboriginal Land Council (BLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of full-time

Chief Executive Officer.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Erica Smits by email: erica.smits@alc.org.au or on 4337 4704.

Applications can be forwarded to carole.galvin@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Biraban Local Aboriginal Land Council

The CEO Recruitment Panel

Biraban Local Aboriginal Land Council

PO Box 670, Gosford NSW 2250

Applications close:

Friday 23rd November 2012

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at

www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment

Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Enrolled Nurse / Enrolled Nurse without medication qualification Aged Care Facility

Muswellbrook

Enquiries: Hilary Walker, 0428 101 986

Reference ID: 106976

Closing Date: 11 November 2012

Registered Nurse

Tamworth Community Health Centre

Enquiries: Ali Harding, 6767 8826

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 126 of the Anti Discrimination Act. Reference ID: 106233

Closing Date: 16 November 2012

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Careers in Juvenile Justice



Do you have the qualities we're looking for?

YOUTH OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

CAREERS at ACMENA JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE

- Maturity • Motivation
- Personality • Character

Juvenile Justice, Department of Attorney General and Justice is NOW recruiting suitable people to train as Youth Officers (Aboriginal).

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 up to \$65,000 pa, plus shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable. Generous annual and long service leave conditions also apply.

Acmena Juvenile Justice Centre is hosting an information evening from 6pm on Wednesday, 31 October 2012. For more detail please call the Centre on: (02) 6643 0000.

For further information or to apply please visit:

www.jobs.nsw.gov.au, or for assistance telephone 1800 355 562.

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City of Whittlesea

Aboriginal Planned Activity Group Supervisor

\$26.76 per hour + Super

16 hours per week - (Wednesday & Thursday), Permanent

Located in Whittlesea LGA

A new Aboriginal PAG program is seeking a supervisor to assist the HACC Aboriginal Liaison Officer, PAG Support Officer and Elders plan and deliver activities which support continued physical, social and emotional wellbeing of Elders.

The new program initiated by Elders to support older Aboriginal people to remain active and socially connected has received ongoing government funding.

Please read the detailed position description available on the City of Whittlesea website at www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au for more information.

Enquire to Cathy Austin, HACC Aboriginal Liaison Officer on 0419 750 450.

Applications close:

6pm Sunday 18th November 2012



belvoir

Indigenous Technical Theatre Trainee

4 month (16 week) training position, \$1,008 per week plus 10% superannuation

Belvoir is a theatre company based in Surry Hills, Sydney with a long history of working with Indigenous artists.

We are looking for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person interested in a career in technical theatre production.

The position is a four month full time position within the Belvoir production department focused on training an individual for further opportunities as a theatre technician in the industry including working in lighting, sound, AV, stage management and production management.

The training schedule will be developed with the individual to focus on their specific learning requirements.

For further information including position description and how to apply go to: www.belvoir.com.au/jobs

Enquiries: Maeve O'Donnell, Administration Coordinator
reception@belvoir.com.au (02) 9698 3344.

Closing Date: 10am, Friday 30 November, 2012



Government of Western Australia
Department of Housing



If you're a good listener and want to make a difference in our community, then we want to hear from you.

Senior Case Managers, (up to 10)

Level 5 \$75,570-\$83,520 pa

Case Managers (up to 25)

Level 4 \$67,933-\$71,794 pa

Metropolitan Pool Ref: DOH8012

Regional Pool Ref: DOH8112

Metropolitan and Country Areas

Permanent full-time and fixed term positions are available. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Do you want to help build good relationships in our community?

Do you have a genuine interest in helping people and can you communicate with people from varied backgrounds? If you do, then we would like to hear from you.

We are looking for people from all walks of life to work with some of our tenants to address disruptive behaviour and help to keep harmony in our neighbourhoods.

These roles involve working closely with support agencies, tenants and neighbours. You don't need a background in housing or government - if you can work well with all types of people, build good relationships, listen, investigate and take appropriate action, then these jobs may be for you.

The Department offers employees flexible work practices, generous leave entitlements, mentoring and support networks, training, wellness programs, remote area allowances and is willing to help you develop your skills and abilities to further your career opportunities.

How to Apply

It is essential candidates access the job information kit for full position and application details.

We are interested in how your skills, knowledge and experience match these roles and would like to make it easy for you to apply. Candidates are asked to submit a comprehensive CV and a covering letter of approx 2 pages outlining your suitability for the role/s, taking into account the 2 essential criteria detailed in the job information kit.

To obtain more information about the jobs an INFORMATION SESSION will be held at the Hyatt Hotel, 99 Adelaide Terrace Perth at 5 pm on Monday 5 November 2012. Although not essential, interested candidates are encouraged to attend.

To obtain the job information kit go to www.jobs.wa.gov.au and key in DOH8012 for metropolitan opportunities, or DOH8112 for regional opportunities or telephone (08) 9222 4685 and a kit will be sent to you.

For more information about these great opportunities please contact Ms Sally Farnham on (08) 9350 3200 (not to be called for job information packages).

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

CLOSING DATE: Monday 19 November 2012, 9.00 pm

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Indigenous Australian Employment

- Do you want to be part of and contribute to a University that is educating tomorrow's Doctors, Nurses, Psychologists, Teachers, Engineers, Architects and Leaders of Industry?
- Do you want to continue to learn and develop your skills and knowledge?
- Do you want to be challenged and pursue rewarding work?
- Do you want a secure job with great remuneration?

If YES then the University of Melbourne is a great place for you to consider as your employer of choice!

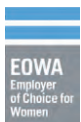
The University of Melbourne is committed to employing Indigenous Australians in both professional and academic positions on the basis that they bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills that will inform, enrich and fundamentally improve the work that we do.

Indigenous Australians seeking support to apply for a vacancy are encouraged to contact the University. Email your contact details, quoting the position number, to hr-careers@unimelb.edu.au

For more information about our University and current vacancies visit www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers

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Koori Prison Officer Recruitment

Put Your Life Experience to Work in Your Community

Valuing workplace diversity, the Department of Justice has a growing number of Koori staff working across Victoria, including Koori Prison Officers. This career opportunity will have you working with people and families from all backgrounds. Your work will make a real difference.

The Melbourne Assessment Prison and County & Supreme Courts (Melbourne CBD, North Metropolitan Region) are recruiting **ongoing** and **casual** Prison Officers. To find out more information about these positions, or to register your attendance at our upcoming information session on Thursday 8 November, please call Arbut Peters in Recruitment Services on **(03) 8684 0385** or the Department's Koori Employment Team on **(03) 8684 1757**.

Alternatively, you can visit www.cvcareers.com.au for more information or to apply on-line.

Applications close Monday 12 November 2012

PRISON OFFICERS - OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE NOW

VCAT has ruled that these positions be filled by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only (VCAT exemption number: A293/2010)



Koori staff currently working in the Department of Justice



Department of Justice

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Come and join the conversation.
Be part of the story.
Our story.



Coordinator Indigenous Programs

APS6 (\$73,060 – \$81,887), Ongoing

Are you looking for an opportunity to work in a creative and dynamic environment helping to learn about and tell Australian stories? If so, come and join the Learning Services and Community Outreach section at the National Museum of Australia where, as Coordinator of Indigenous Programs, you will be responsible for coordinating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander related education, public and community programs.

This position is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. This vacancy is only open to Indigenous Australians under clause 4.2(6)(b)(i) of the Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999.

For further information or to apply, visit www.nma.gov.au/recruit

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One APS career ... thousands of opportunities
The National Museum of Australia is an Australian Government Agency.



Indigenous Complaints Officer

**\$71 464 – \$77 674 p.a.
Fortitude Valley**

It is a genuine occupational requirement that this position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person under sections 25, 104 and 105 of the *Anti-discrimination Act 1991* (Qld). *(Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

The Indigenous Complaints Officer will focus on dealing with complaints received from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders regarding suspected misconduct by officers of public sector agencies and deal with, or provide assistance to officers dealing with, complaints from non-Indigenous complainants which involve Indigenous issues.

The successful applicant will have:

- Sound knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, issues and protocols relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, in both urban and rural areas.
- Demonstrated skills in communicating, interviewing, consulting and negotiating on complex and sensitive issues with individuals and groups within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and government agencies.
- Sound communication skills, including verbal and written skills appropriate to culture, and the ability to adapt to a variety of audiences.
- A good working knowledge (or the ability to quickly acquire such knowledge) of the Queensland public sector environment, including local government and the Queensland Police Service, and relevant policy and legislative frameworks.
- A demonstrated capacity to self-manage, work in a team with staff from other disciplines, and deliver quality work to meet deadlines.

For more detailed information, see the position description for vacancy CMC 44/12, available on www.jobs.qld.gov.au or our website www.cmc.qld.gov.au. For any inquiries, please contact Melanie Mundy on telephone (07) 3360 6371 or Elsja Dewis on telephone (07) 3360 6361 or email hr@cmc.qld.gov.au.

How to apply for this job

We encourage you to apply online at www.jobs.qld.gov.au. Download the position description for more information about the position and how to apply.

The CMC is an equal opportunity employer and aims to have a workforce that is representative of the wider community.

Enquiries: Chris Lee (07) 3360 6878 hr@cmc.qld.gov.au

Job Reference no. VRN: CMC 44/12

Applications Close: Wednesday 21st Nov 2012

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ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

Human Resources

UC Level 8 Salary Range: \$83,280 - \$92,891 pa, plus Super

This is a continuing full-time position

Vacancy Reference No: 120142

Do you have passion for helping an organisation reach its potential through its people?

Do you have strong human resource consulting skills coupled with knowledge of workforce planning and other organisational development processes?

Does working in a small, supportive but very busy professional team appeal to you?

The successful applicant will take primary responsibility for assisting our leaders understand their workforce challenges and how to build capacity to meet the challenges moving forward.

The role will also involve management of the relationships with our external development providers and the opportunity to become involved in other high priority staff development initiatives.

For further information on this position, please visit our website, or contact Natalie Bowman on (02) 6201 5155.

CLOSING DATE: 14 NOVEMBER 2012



The University is an EO employer offering excellent conditions and benefits including generous superannuation.

Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For more information on this position and how to apply please, go to our website at <http://www.canberra.edu.au/hr/jobs>

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Indigenous Opportunity

www.csiro.au

- Looking for a role that really makes a difference?
- Make your mark as Site Coordinator with CSIRO Property Services
- Work for an organisation making a positive impact for Australia

CSIRO Property Services (CPS) is seeking a Site Coordinator to carry out day to day supervision of a small number of in-house support staff and Service Contractors primarily in Narrabri.

This includes "hard services" such as Building and Equipment repairs and maintenance related work and "Soft Services" such as Cleaning, Waste Management and Grounds Maintenance. Assisting in the development of maintenance and services contracts, developing budgets and cash flows for these activities will also be a key aspect of the Site Co-ordinator's role.

Location: Narrabri, NSW

Salary: \$75K to \$85K (plus up to 15.4% superannuation)

Tenure: Indefinite

Ref No: NSW12/03503

For further details, please contact Suku Sukumaran on (02) 9490 8399 or visit us online.

CSIRO as part of its Indigenous Engagement Strategy is encouraging applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Applications Close: 11 November 2012



For selection documentation and details on how to apply visit www.csiro.au/careers or call: 1300 301 509

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PROPERTY MANAGER

- Warrigundu (Hodgson Downs) Station, NT
- Fixed Term Employment Offer

Warrigundu Station is a commercial cattle operation located off the Roper Highway, three hours drive south-east of Katherine, Northern Territory and is operated by the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC). The dual focus is to run a cattle station of 419,200 ha that carries 15,000 cattle, and to provide a residential employment based training facility for Indigenous people to develop skills and knowledge in the pastoral industry. Successful trainees will be provided with job opportunities within the National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises Pty Ltd (NIPE) and/or with other employers.

This position requires the successful applicant to have a strong commercial background and to be experienced:

- in managing a large cattle breeding enterprise; and
- overseeing the management training of Indigenous people in the pastoral industry

The Property Manager will have excellent supervisory/leadership skills with the ability to motivate employees/trainees by leading by example. Very clear and concise communication skills are essential (including written and verbal). Experience working with and developing Indigenous employees and a knowledge and understanding of Indigenous culture is also highly desirable.

A 3 year employment offer with an attractive salary package will be negotiated depending on experience. Other benefits may include a comfortable air-conditioned homestead, stores, station meat and use of a vehicle and if required, a Governess for the Manager's children.

The successful applicant will be employed by the National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises Pty Ltd (NIPE); you must be an Australian resident and have a current unrestricted driver's licence. Employment will be subject to a medical and police clearance.

For further information, please contact Peter Last, Business Enterprise Officer on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490. The Position Profile, Cover Note and more information are available on our website at www.ilc.gov.au

Applications are to include a covering letter, a detailed current CV and the Cover Note (located on the ILC website) and should be in "MS word". Further information may be requested if you are selected for interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Monday 12 November 2012. Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Human Resources, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, Adelaide SA 5001.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

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The Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council

Aboriginal Youth Worker

Location: Mindaribba Aboriginal Land Council, 1a Chelmsford Drive Metford, NSW.

Project delivery will be Maitland and Cessnock Local Government Areas

Reports to: Chief Executive Officer

Hours of Work: Full time (38 hours pw) 9am to 7pm (This position may require some work out of business hours. Time in lieu arrangements will apply.)

Salary and conditions:

Award Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry (SCHADS) Award 2010, Level 4 (\$42,863 pa to \$46,124 pa) An initial 3 month probationary period. Applicants must be willing to consent to a Police Check and hold a current Working with Children Card.

The Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council provides a range of community services including Pre-School, Families NSW Family Worker, Youth Worker, Satellite Medical and Housing services to the Aboriginal Community of the Maitland, Cessnock and parts of the Dungog LGAs.

The Aboriginal Youth Worker will:

- The Promote information and resource sharing between service providers.
- Develop partnerships and relationships with other agencies to support the delivery of services and programs to Aboriginal young people in the Maitland and Cessnock LGA's.
- Liaise with relevant groups and organisations in order to support existing initiatives and to advocate the development of new services.
- Network with relevant groups and organisations in order to maintain and develop a full range of information and resources.

Essential Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality in accordance with section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.
- A tertiary qualification in youth work or related discipline or relevant experience in the youth services field.
- Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal young people.
- Demonstrated understanding of young people's issues and knowledge of youth work theory and practice, and the ability to apply that knowledge.
- Knowledge of youth service networks and support services within the community.
- Experience in developing collaborative working relationships with Aboriginal and mainstream services.
- Demonstrated ability to plan and evaluate programs.
- Demonstrated experience implementing projects and achieving outcomes within budget and timeframes.
- Demonstrated ability to develop, maintain and facilitate networks and community partnerships.
- Proven ability to work both unsupervised and as part of a team combined with a high level of motivation and initiative.
- Competent computer and written and oral communication skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to ethical practice with the capacity to implement EEO, the Charter of Principles for a culturally Diverse Society, and OHS policies, practices and standards.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

Application Process via email or post;

- Cover letter stating why your the most suitable person for the job.
- An application addressing each Essential Selection Criteria.
- Provide a current resume with 2 referees and 1 Aboriginal Referee.
- Proof of Aboriginality.

For further information please contact: Mr Ken Riddiford, CEO, Mindaribba LALC on (02) 4015 7000 or email ceo@mindaribbalalc.org

Applications close: COB Monday 5th November, 2012.



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
27/452	BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD	406497	196.66HA	43km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/452	BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD	406551	197.28HA	43km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
31/999	ST BARBARA LIMITED	406399	115.69HA	148km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 29° 55' S Long: 122° 42' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/999	ST BARBARA LIMITED	406565	25.42HA	148km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 122° 45' E	MENZIES SHIRE
37/915	ST BARBARA LIMITED	407147	13.30HA	59km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 121° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/916	ST BARBARA LIMITED	407143	131.95HA	53km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 121° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/916	ST BARBARA LIMITED	407144	166.84HA	53km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/917	ST BARBARA LIMITED	407146	81.77HA	45km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 29' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
77/1655	HR FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	395764	215.29HA	82km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 22' S Long: 119° 43' E	KONDININ SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 31 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 **31 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. 28 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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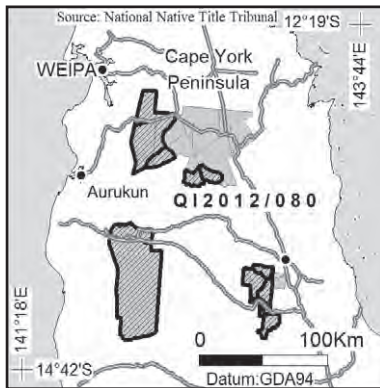
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 7 November 2012



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QI2012/080 – Wik and Wik Way People and Cook Shire Council ILUA #3

Description of the agreement area:

Agreement covers about 5133.190 sq km over Lot 653 on SP178000, Lot 1 on YK4 and parts of Lot 1 on SP177772 and Lots 2 and 3 on SP140870; situated between Aurukun and Coen.

Relevant LGA: Cook Shire Council

Data statement: Agreement area boundaries compiled using data sourced from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (Qld).

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Anthony Kerindun, Victor Kuukumu Lawrence, Hogan Shortjoe and Silas Wolmby on their own behalf and on behalf of the Wik & Wik Way People
C/- HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
GPO Box 2033
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Cook Shire Council
C/- Preston Law
Level 1, 59 McLeod Street
CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.5 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this Deed.

10.4 The Parties consent to the doing of Approved Future Acts and agree that Sub-division P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to Approved Future Acts.

10.2 A Work or Activity is an Approved Future Act for the purposes of this Deed if:

- (a) it is described in a Proposed Activity Notice or Revised Activity Notice given to the Native Title Parties; and
- (b) either:-
 - i) the Native Title Parties have given a Concurrence Notice; or
 - ii) consent is deemed to be given under paragraph 10 of Schedule 3.

11.1 The Parties consent to the construction or carrying out of Minor Works or Activities *[being the acts described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 4, a copy of which may be obtained on request by contacting the Tribunal on the details below]* on the conditions described in Schedule 4.

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 for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. **The native title determination application must be made by 7 February 2013.**

Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of the Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, for a term not exceeding fifty (50) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding fifty (50) years.

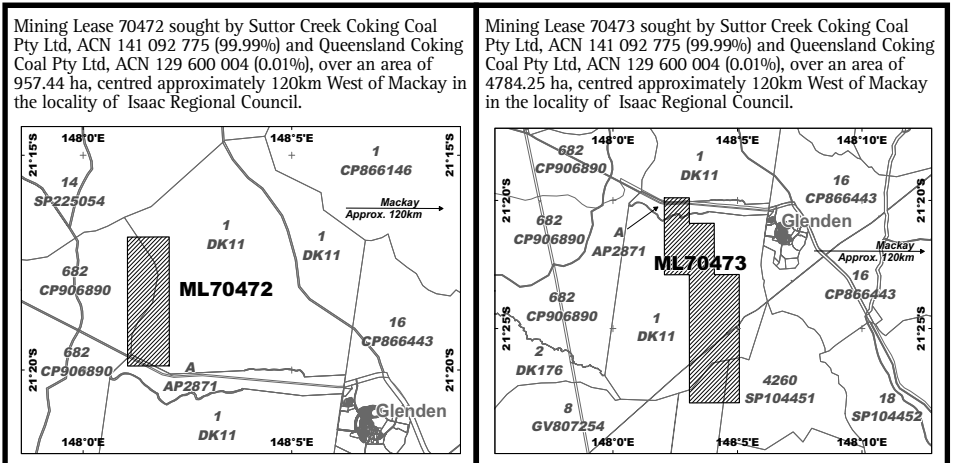
Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease applications may be obtained from Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3008 5741; Mining Registrar Coal, Building E, 25 Yeppoon Road, Parkhurst, Rockhampton Qld 4702, Telephone: (07) 4936 0362.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

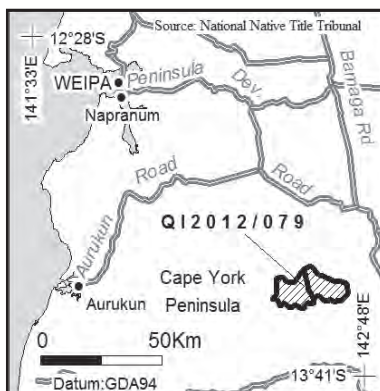
Notification Day: 21 November 2012



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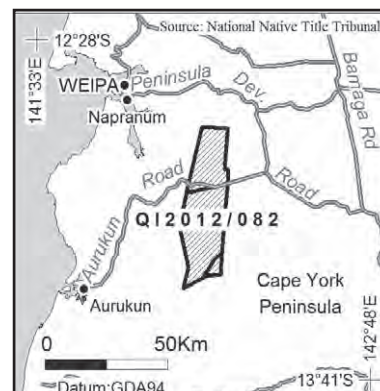
State of Queensland Notification day: 7 November 2012

Relevant Local Government: Cook Shire Council



QI2012/079 - Wik & Wik Way People - Piccaninny Plains Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: Agreement covers about 294 sq km over part of Lot 2 on SP140870 (Piccaninny Plains Pastoral Lease) approx 110km southeast of Weipa.



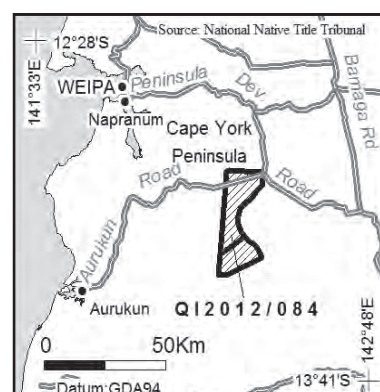
QI2012/082 Wik and Wik Way People - Watson River Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: Agreement covers about 891 sq km over Lot 1 on YK4 (Watson River Pastoral Lease) approx 35km southeast of Weipa.



QI2012/081- Wik & Wik Way People - Kendall River Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: Agreement covers about 2712 sq km over Lot 653 on Plan SP178000 (Kendall River Pastoral Holding) between the Archer & Holroyd Rivers.



QI2012/084 - Wik & Wik Way People - Merluna Pastoral ILUA

Description of the agreement area: Agreement covers about 451 sq km over part of Lot 3 on SP140870 (Merluna Pastoral Lease) approx 60km southeast of Weipa.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

For all four agreements:

Anthony Kerindun, Victor Kuukumu Lawrence, Hogan Shortjoe and Silas Wolmby on their own behalf and on behalf of the Wik & Wik Way People; and Ngan Aak-Kunch Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

C/- HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
GPO Box 2033
BRISBANE QLD 4001

For QI2012/079:

Australian Wildlife Conservancy; and The Tony and Lisette Lewis Settlement Pty Ltd

C/- Judy Siddins
PO Box 8070
SUBIACO EAST WA 6008

For QI2012/081: John Lynch

For QI2012/082: Cameron Clive Quartermaine and Doreen Ruth Quartermaine

For QI2012/084: Cameron Stuart Maclean and Michelle Margaret Maclean

C/- Thynne & Macartney
GPO Box 245
BRISBANE QLD 4001

The agreements do not include any statements that are of a kind mentioned in paragraph 24EB(1)(b), (c) or (d) or 24EBA(1)(a) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth)*.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Because these applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements have not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to the registration of the agreements. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by any of these agreements, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area covered by the agreements. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered. **The native title determination application must be made by 7 February 2013.**

Data statement: Agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (Qld). Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Latoya Billy makes a sensational run from the back half to score for Dedeyal Gammaz in the women's competition.

TSI final a thriller

By ALF WILSON



BADU Island side Kuruwai Warriors beat Goemu Bau Raiders 22-19 in an exciting men's final in the 2012 Zenadth Kes rugby league carnival on Thursday Island.

In the women's decider, Dedeyal Gammaz, from Paul's, on Moa Island, beat Wakeyama 26-14.

Seven's men's teams and four women's sides battled it out for honours in the 4-7 October carnival which was formerly known as the Torres Cup.

The other teams in the men's competition on Thursday Island were Dhabu Titans (Moa Island), Thursday Island United, Magun Warriors (Yam Island), Oped Makrem (Murray) and Mulga Tigers (Badu).

Mabuiag Island side Bau Au Stingers and TI United were the other two in the women's draw.

Only carnival

This was the only major carnival held in the Torres Strait this year after the Island of Origin Series on Badu Island scheduled for June was cancelled.

Veteran referee Rod McCrae was glowing in his praise for the standard of play during the carnival.

McCrae is the longest serving referee of All Blacks carnivals in north Queensland and was one of five who officiated at the carnival.

"The standard of play was very high and I have never seen the Ken Brown Oval in such great condition and I have refereed there many times," he said.

"It was lush green and soft."

The other four referees were David Maiden, David Gilbard, Roy

Brown and Alister Parmenter.

McCrae said there wasn't one sin bin or blood bin incident for the whole carnival.

"In the final we had dual referees which resulted in clean rucks where the ball got out quickly for fast and open play," he said.

Kuruwai Warriors players to impress McCrae included halfback and five-eighth Solomon Ahmat, and forwards Wayne Laza and George Nona.

Robbie Amber was outstanding at hooker, setting up many attacking raids, as was Sam Joe, who travelled from Rockhampton.

Ted Whap (halfback), Louis Whap, Patrick Whap, Steven Whap, Bert Whap (forwards), and Aaron Bani (five-eighth) all contributed.

Goemu Bau Raiders is a community team made up of families and relatives of Mabuiag Island descent.

Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) organised the carnival and secretary L J Shibasaki said it was highly successful.

"Wakeyama ladies came from Central Islands. This was the first time that a Central Island group have fielded a ladies team in a rugby league competition and they did extremely well to make it to the final, beating the favourites TI United and a very strong Bau Au Stingers team from Mabuiag," she said.

There are other carnivals coming up, with the huge Cairns held last weekend.

Cooktown will host a carnival in mid-November, with Kowanyama planning another later that month.

However organizers of the Dan Ropeyarn carnival, which was to be held at Bamaga on the first weekend in November, have advised it had been cancelled.



Kuruwai Warriors get on top of Goemu Bau Raiders in the men's final.
— Images: Mark Roy

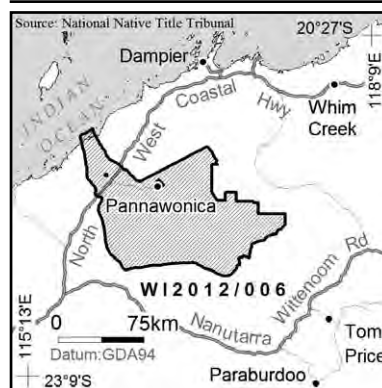
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RTIO and Kuruma Marthudunera People ILUA (Area Agreement) WI2012/006

Description of the agreement area: About 11,920 sq km, extending 100 km southeast and 75 km northwest of Pannawonica. Relevant Local Government Authorities: Shire of Ashburton and Shire of Roebourne

Agreement area boundary was compiled using data sourced from, and with permission of, Landgate, WA.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

- Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd on its own behalf as a Venturer and as Manager for and on behalf of the Robe River Iron Associates (comprising Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd, Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd, Cape Lambert Iron Associates [a business carried on under that name by Nippon Steel Australia Pty Limited, Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd, and Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd], Pannawonica Iron Associates [a business carried on under that name by Nippon Steel Australia Pty Limited and Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd], and North Mining Limited); and
- Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd; and
- Robe River Limited
(each) c/- Ashurst Australia
Level 32, Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
Perth WA 6000

Kuruma Marthudunera Aboriginal Corporation as the Local Aboriginal Corporation for the Kuruma Marthudunera People

c/- Kristie Hughes

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Level 2, 16 St Georges Terrace

Perth WA 6000

Mark Lockyer, Neil Finlay, Jack Alexander and Gloria Lockyer on their own behalf as Registered Native Title Claimant and on behalf of the Kuruma Marthudunera People

c/- Michael Meegan, Principal Legal Officer

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Level 2, 16 St Georges Terrace

Perth WA 6000

The agreement contains the following statements: (unless described below, capitalised terms are otherwise defined in the agreement)

[Explanatory notes in brackets have been inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal. Where relevant, text in brackets may be a summary of the relevant clause (or part of a clause) of the agreement in accordance with section 24CH(2)(c)(ii) of the Native Title Act 1993. Further detail about those summaries or any of the following statements may be obtained from the NNTT (see freecall phone number at the bottom of this notice), or by contacting one or more of the parties to the agreement via the address details above.]

8.1(a) The Native Title Applicants agree with, consent to and support and continue to agree with, consent to and support the Existing Operations including all RTIO [Rio Tinto Iron Ore] Existing Titles.

(b) Subject to clause 11.11 of the Participation Agreement, the Native Title Applicants agree with, consent to and support, and continue to agree with, consent to and support: (i) the doing of every Future Act; (ii) the Grant or Modification of every: (A) Approval; and (B) Interest, and (iii) the Modification of every RTIO Existing Title; that is for an Agreed Purpose.

8.2 Without limiting clause 8.1, the Native Title Applicants agree with, consent to and support and continue to agree with, consent to and support the reliance on and the conduct by RTIO Entities of all activities required, permitted or contemplated by each Agreed Act, including as Modified.

8.5(a) An 'Agreed Purpose' means any of the following from time to time: (i) the Existing Operations; (ii) any Modification of any of the things comprising those operations provided they remain part of RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business; and (iii) the planning, development, operation and expansion, further expansion and decommissioning of any aspect of RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business from time to time, including new iron ore mines, borrow and ballast pits and necessary supporting infrastructure.

(b) Without limiting clause 8.5(a), the development, operation or expansion of each of the following is deemed to be an 'Agreed Purpose' if a Substantial Reason for its development, operation or expansion is for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business: [new power, water, rail and road infrastructure and associated infrastructure and works; iron ore processing infrastructure and works; construction camps; town infrastructure and accommodation infrastructure.]

(c) In this clause 8.5, 'Substantial Reason' means, subject to clause 8.5(d), on the balance of probabilities, it would have been unlikely to be developed, constructed or operated were it not required for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business, even though it may be used for other purposes.

(d) [Dwellings or commercial facilities within a town will be an Agreed Purpose if: (i) they are being established under a Government Agreement that requires not more than 20 per cent of the dwellings or facilities to be offered for sale or lease to the public; and those that do not need to be offered to the public would have been unlikely to be developed were they not required for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business; or (ii), where (i) does not apply, if and insofar as each of the dwellings or facilities would have been unlikely to be developed were they not required for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business.]

11.4 For the purposes of section 24EB(1) of the Native Title Act, the parties consent to all Agreed Acts to the extent they involve Future Acts without conditions but in accordance with this document [Agreed Acts are those agreed to under clauses 8.1 and 8.2].

11.6 The process set out in Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act, known as the 'right to negotiate' process, is not intended to apply to any Agreed Act.

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, the representative body 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, Western Australia, 6000 by 7 February 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.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Ella Quigley on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntf.gov.au.

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National basketball titles begin on 12 November

THE seventh annual Generation One National Indigenous Basketball Championships will start in Hobart on 12 November. The tournament, which continues until Friday 16 November, will be held at Kingborough Stadium at Kingston, about 20 minutes south of Hobart. It is being run by the National

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association. The tournament is the only one of its kind in Australia, showing the finest Indigenous basketballers from more than 50 teams competing from grassroots to professional levels. The tournament will run from 9am to 5.30pm each day.

Silver for Lass Bourne in bodybuilding



TOWNSVILLE bodybuilder Lass Bourne finished second in the women’s over 52kg physique at the Australasian Natural Bodybuilding and National Figure and Bodybuilding titles in Sydney this month.

The Koori Mail featured Lass in our sports section in our previous edition and Lass said that as a result, she had received a great response from family, friends and mob from around the country that she had never met. She said she was happy that her story had inspired people. Lass took up bodybuilding three years ago, leaving behind touch football, Oztag and basketball. The Torres Strait Islander was born and raised in Townsville. ● BELOW: Lass Bourne, of Townsville, at the National bodybuilding titles in Sydney. – Picture: Josephine Bourne



NSW Imparja Cup squad announced



NEW South Wales selectors on Friday announced a preliminary Imparja Cup squad for this year’s cricket tournament in Alice Springs.

Sixteen players have been named for the squad preparing for the 11-17 February cricket tournament that brings together the best Indigenous cricketers in Australia. The final squad of 12 will be announced in mid-November. Missing from the squad are 2012 players Pat Rosser, Matt Bradley and Matt Jones. NSW contracted player Josh Lalor is in the squad, but his availability may depend on whether he is required for State duties. New South Wales has won the past two men’s titles in the Imparja Cup and this year’s tournament will be the tenth year of competition for the cup. The 16-man NSW squad is: Jack Manning-Bancroft (Uni of NSW), Lain Beckett (Illawarra), Ryan Bulger (Sydney), Dan Caldwell (Mosman), Jeff Cook (Wests), Damien Duroux (North West Sydney), Andrew Gordon (Wests), Kris Halloran (Central North), Josh Lalor (Penrith), Farren Lamb (Central North), Aaron Muir (St George), Nathan Price (Randwick-Petersham), Pat Rosser (Western), Tyrone Thomas (Southern), Jake Turner (Easts), Chris White (Parramatta).



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 applications applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP-SPA-0034 with Acreage Option	WOOLNOUGH DOME OIL & GAS PTY LIMITED	21294km²	The application is located in the Officer Basin. The application occupies a total of 273 5'x5' blocks comprising of 42 on the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF51 (Oakover River) and 231 on the 1: 1 000 000 mapsheet SG51 (Wiluna). There is an Access Authority Application STP-AAA-0016 in conjunction with this application, which is needed to complete the proposed survey. It has a total area of 21294 km² and is rectangular in shape, and extends over the Little Sandy Desert in the western portion of the application to the Gibson Desert in the eastern portion. The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 217 kilometres north-west of the township of Warburton and the north-west corner approximately 255 kilometres south south-east of the Telfer Mining Centre. The application commences at a point 123°10'4.80"E, 23°49'55.11"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°55'4.75"E, 23°49'55.02"S, thence south along meridian to a point 124°55'4.80"E, 24°54'55.01"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123°10'4.84"E, 24°54'55.12"S and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 123°10'4.80"E, 23°49'55.11"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)	Shire of Wiluna (85.7%) Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku (14.3%)
STP-SPA-0035 with Acreage Option	CSR WELL 13 OIL & GAS PTY LTD	15429.07km²	This application is located in the Officer Basin. The application occupies a total of 198 5'x5' blocks in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG51 (Wiluna). It has a total area of 15429.07 km². There is an Access Authority Application STP-AAA-0017 in conjunction with this application, which is needed to complete the proposed survey. The application is rectangular in shape, being approximately 186 kilometres from its western boundary to eastern, and approximately 82 kilometres north/south. The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 127 kilometres south-east of the township of Newman and the south-east corner approximately 111 kilometres north–westerly from the Carnegie Homestead The application commences at a point 120°35'4.82"E, 24°9'55.22"S, thence east along parallel to a point 122°25'4.83"E, 24°9'55.14"S, thence south along meridian to a point 122°25'4.85"E, 24°54'55.14"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°35'4.88"E, 24°54'55.19"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 120°35'4.82"E, 24°9'55.22"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)	Shire of Wiluna (100%)

Nature Of The Act: A Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority, while it remains in force, authorises the holder, subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* and in accordance with the conditions to which the Special Prospecting Authority is subject, to carry on in the blocks specified in the Special Prospecting Authority the petroleum exploration operations being an airborne gravity and magnetic survey. A Special Prospecting Authority comes into force on the day the survey commences and unless surrendered or cancelled, remains in force for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as is so specified. **Notification Day: 31 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 **31 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. **Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each Special Prospecting Authority may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **28 February 2013**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, 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 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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PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* .

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0064	Westtranch Holdings Pty Ltd	877.03 km²	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. 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. 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. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).	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: 31 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 **31 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 (**28 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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Players celebrate after the final of the Dingo Cup

Fat Boys win at Timber Creek

NT TIMBER Creek, 600km south-west of Darwin, played host to the tenth annual Dingo Cup on 20-21 October, with teams from the Northern Territory and Western Australia converging on boab country for an exciting carnival of eight-a-side cricket.

More than 60 players in eight teams competed in what was an ideal example of community cricket played in the best of spirits, with participants of varying ages and abilities enjoying a great weekend.

The expected front runners lived up to expectations as the two local sides, the Bush Turkeys and the Timber Creek Dingoes, were joined in the semi-finals by Imparja Cup Community Division champions Brothers in Arms, from Alice Springs, and Greg Aldam’s Fat Boys, from Darwin.

Saved best for last

In a major upset, the Fat Boys saved their best for the final as they managed to see off the side from Alice and collect the Dingo Cup. Their imposing total of 140 off their 14 overs proved insurmountable for Brothers in Arms, who fell 29 runs short in their chase.

The Kalkarindji Kingfishers took out the second division final as they clawed their way past the Kununara Border Rats in the penultimate over.

Kalkarindji’s captain Rob Roy was ecstatic to finish with a win. “We’ve been here for the past four years and finally, in the fifth year we’ve managed to take home a trophy,” he said at the presentation barbecue which was hosted by the Timber Creek Hotel.

NT Cricket’s Top End development officer Tim Sparks praised the positive and enthusiastic spirit in which the competition was played.

“It is clear to see how important the Dingo Cup is for so many people and it is great to see the tremendous efforts players go to in travelling to Timber Creek,” he said.

● Timber Creek is an isolated small town on the banks of the Victoria River in the Northern Territory. The Victoria Highway passes through the town, which is the only significant settlement between the West Australian border and Katherine, to the east.

Another Gagai at Knights

JACOB Gagai is to join his older brother Dane at the Newcastle Knights.

The National Rugby League (NRL) club said the 17-year-old five-eighth would join the team when the Knights began their pre-season training in November.

“Jacob has been in the Brisbane Broncos system but has decided he wants to come and play at the Knights,” coach Wayne Bennett said.

“This is a coup for us; he is a quality player with a bright future. We have signed him long-term because we want to bring him through our system and get him ready for NRL.” – AAP



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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	09/1915	ATTILA RESOURCES LTD	33BL	106km S'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 58' S Long: 115° 29' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, SHARK BAY SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1923	CLIFFS ASIA PACIFIC IRON ORE PTY LTD	52BL	156km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 0' S Long: 117° 4' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1999	WA GYPSUM PTY LTD	48BL	62km N'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 21' S Long: 113° 51' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2006	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	14BL	135km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 6' S Long: 116° 3' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1332	BARACUS PTY LTD	29BL	69km E'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 122° 18' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1333	GEKO-CO PTY LTD	50BL	113km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 51' S Long: 120° 16' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/813	MONTANA EXPLORATION SERVICES PTY LTD	41BL	29km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 10' S Long: 117° 55' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	21/167	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	19km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 117° 56' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	21/173	GASCOYNE RESOURCES LIMITED	65BL	40km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 117° 30' E	CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2259	MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	28/2263	FIREANT RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	66km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 122° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	30/447-I	INTEGRA MINING LIMITED	5BL	103km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 122° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	30/448	MACARTHUR IRON ORE PTY LTD	2BL	95km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 120° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1010	MACARTHUR IRON ORE PTY LTD	1BL	96km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 6' S Long: 120° 5' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1010-I	MINGS MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	126km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 122° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1022-I	WA MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	11BL	139km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 52' S Long: 122° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1025	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	135km S'ly to Laverton	Lat: 29° 50' S Long: 122° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1026-I	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	114km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 12' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2746	ATTADALE LAND ACCESS PTY LTD	6BL	47km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2747	BUSBY, Shaun Christopher	6BL	47km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2748	BUSBY, Shaun Christopher	2BL	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2750	JONES, Simon Neil David	2BL	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2761	FLESSER, Christopher Robert	5BL	14km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 31' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2764-5	HANNA, James Andrew				
Exploration Licence	39/1686	AUSQUEST LIMITED	114BL	122km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 15' S Long: 122° 0' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1707	RED RIVER RESOURCES LIMITED	36BL	152km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 123° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1708	MATSA RESORUCES LIMITED	8BL	132km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 33' S Long: 123° 15' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3250	MATSA RESORUCES LIMITED	57BL	145km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 123° 9' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3251	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	174BL	145km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 48' S Long: 121° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3394	LEGACY IRON ORE LTD	16BL	126km E'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 23' S Long: 120° 58' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3869	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	9BL	101km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 118° 43' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	52/2779	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN MINING PTY LTD	3BL	47km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 46' S Long: 119° 47' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1716	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	75km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 121° 33' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/920	CURRAN RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	7km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 0' S Long: 119° 13' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1566	CORNELIUS, Rohain Ian	106BL	70km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 3' S Long: 122° 23' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4288	AURUM WEST PTY LTD	21BL	24km S'ly of Toodyay	Lat: 31° 45' S Long: 116° 23' E	MUNDARING SHIRE, NORTHAM SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4351-I	WESTERN GOLD PTY LTD	70BL	8km W'ly of Narembreen	Lat: 32° 5' S Long: 118° 18' E	BRUCE ROCK SHIRE, NAREMBREEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4364	KAOLIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	62BL	15km SW'ly of Quairading	Lat: 32° 4' S Long: 117° 18' E	BEVERLEY SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4392	AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD	55BL	51km E'ly of Katanning	Lat: 33° 40' S Long: 118° 6' E	KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4396	EAST PILBARA IRON PTY LTD	84BL	42km W'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 13' S Long: 118° 2' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/527	WESTERN ENERGY (WA) PTY LTD	47BL	34km SW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 6' S Long: 121° 18' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/530	AUSTRALASIAN MINING LIMITED	1BL	15km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 33' S Long: 120° 12' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2064-I	MINGS MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	20BL	48km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 6' S Long: 119° 9' E	NAREMBREEN SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4724	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	8BL	85km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 54' S Long: 127° 17' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4725	NORTHERN MINERALS LTD	63BL	133km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 56' S Long: 128° 41' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4725-6	NORTHERN MINERALS LTD	236BL	131km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 49' S Long: 128° 44' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2211	ARCHER, Glenn Douglas	199.85HA	72km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 117° 25' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4665-8	MAGMA METALS LTD	789.56HA	61km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4671	WESTERN AREAS NL				
Prospecting Licence	26/3888	TUCKER, Anthony John	196.58HA	65km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 120° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		MADIGAN, Michael Francis	194.93HA	7km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 24' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2143-5	DESERT STORM RESOURCES PTY LTD				
Prospecting Licence		MAGMA METALS LTD	527.49HA	55km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		WESTERN AREAS NL				
Prospecting Licence	37/8279-81	TERRAIN MINERALS LTD	594.72HA	29km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4026	PARSONS, Lincoln James	88.32HA	32km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 40' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5310-29	GOLDPHYRE RESOURCES LIMITED	3437.22HA	52km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 50' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2868-71	BARACUS PTY LTD	704.29HA	87km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 45' S Long: 119° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1600-3	ALLOY RESOURCES LTD	706.92HA	31km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 51' S Long: 120° 51' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4165	LOPRESTI, Stephen	25.70HA	96km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 119° 4' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4167	HARD ROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	4.44HA	34km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 29' S Long: 119° 31' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4168-9	LOPRESTI, Stephen	280.46HA	60km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4170	LOPRESTI, Stephen	134.36HA	86km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 119° 15' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1809	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL	112.07HA	24km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 21' S Long: 127° 29' E	HALLS CREEK 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 exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 31 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 **31 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. 28 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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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
General Purpose Lease	53/20	CREASY, Mark Gareth	433.41HA	34km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 21' S Long: 120° 36' E	WILUNA SHIRE
The purposes of G 53/20 are: Erecting, placing and operation of machinery plant and equipment (fixed and mobile) together with all buildings and other structures necessary for minesite accommodation (including sewage processing, treatment and disposal), administration and for the processing, production, refining and concentration of mineral product. Depositing of mined material (including clay and borrow material), overburden and tailings storage and management. Borefields, water management facilities and groundwater monitoring. Pipelines (including for gas transmission). Power generation and transmission lines for electricity grid. Access and haul roads together with all communications facilities necessary to maintain a mining operation						
Mining Lease	26/616	INTERMIN RESOURCES LTD	954.25HA	6km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 24' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	39/1085	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	1801.90HA	67km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1229	ARCHIPELAGO NOMINEES PTY LTD	119.37HA	24km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 30' S Long: 118° 41' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 31 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 **31 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. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 28 February 2013**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **URANIUM ONE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** ACN 069420462 of Level 9, 11-19 Grenfell St, Adelaide, SA, 5000 and any of its respective successors or assigns propose to undertake exploration activities pursuant to Exploration Licence number 3904 and Miscellaneous Purpose Licence 64 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with the Exploration Licence and any other exploration authority or interest in exploration authority from time to time held over the area of the Exploration Licence or any part of that area) on the following land:

EL 3904 Yarramba -Approximately 90km NE of Olary, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31° 35'S and longitude 140° 35'E, thence east to longitude 140° 40'E, south to latitude 31° 38'S, west to longitude 140° 50', south to latitude 31° 51'S, west to longitude 140° 40'E, north to latitude 31° 40'S, west to longitude 140° 35'E, and north to the point of commencement, including all incorporated areas of areas of MPL64, all within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 452 square kilometres approximately.

The general nature of the proposed exploration and mining operations that are to be carried out on the land are as follows:

Exploration activities to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralisation which may include (without limitation) such activities as magnetic, gravity, electrical, electromagnetic and seismic surveying; geophysical surveys; geological mapping; geochemical, soil,

calcrete and rock chip sampling, shallow trenching, rotary mud, sonic, diamond mud core, auger, rotary air blast, aircore reverse circulation or diamond core drilling.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all relevant and legally required parties and including who hold or may hold native title in the land where there is no native title parties in relation to the land to which this notice relates, Uranium One Australia Pty Ltd or any of its respective successors or assigns may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the Mining Act, 1971 authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land and conduct of mining operations on the land. Any person who holds or may hold native title to the land is invited to contact the proponent Licensee and any of their respective successors or assigns for the purpose of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within four (4) months from the initiation of these negotiations the licensee and any of its respective successors or assigns and any native title parties have not reached agreement any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operation on the land to which the notice relates.

Uranium One Australia Pty Ltd
Level 9, 11-19 Grenfell St
ADELAIDE, SA, 5000

Contact: Stephan Kent – (08) 8112 2888
Leon Faulkner – (08) 8112 2888

Sport



Mitchell Whiteley in action for Australian Schoolboys during their tour of Fiji and New Zealand. – *Paul Seiser Photography*

Mitchell had ‘ripper tour’



MUCKING around and helping out the local kids in Fiji was one of the highlights for Australian Schools’ rugby union team captain Mitch Whitley during his team’s tour of Fiji and New

Zealand. The Australian team came home with two wins in their two Tests, but two losses in warm-up matches.

“Mucking around with the local Fijian kids was a ripper of an experience,” the Year 12 St Ignatius College student from Geurie, NSW, said.

He said the experience gained as a player was immense and to be captain was ‘truly an enormous honour’.

He has since had surgery to his ankle just two days before Higher School Certificate (HSC) examination and is sitting for his exams from the school infirmary.

But he’s adamant that captaining Australia to a win against NZ was well worth the injury.

Comments on match reports from the Schoolboys’ tour were full of praise for Whitley.

“Mitch Whiteley – one of the most skilled Schools forwards I have ever seen,” said one.

“He’s noticeable playing a shooter role coming off the line and knocking guys over. He was the one who created the turnover that led to the first Oz try,” said another.

“He’s kind of a Zinzan (Brooke) type of player at the schools level and his speciality is in linking the forwards and the backs.”

Offered ARU contract

Meanwhile, Whitley has been offered a contract with the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) for the next three years under its National Academy program.

The academy selects the potential best young players under 18-plus players from across Australia with the ability to gain higher-level honours.

Only six NSW and six Queensland boys have been offered contracts into the 2013 program that also incorporates the National Sevens (men’s and women’s) and National under 20s programs.

The program is managed and coached by professional coaches from the ARU High-Performance Unit.

Medical, Sport Science and other expert staff support the High-Performance Academy program targeting elite player development.

In a nutshell, this ARU program feeds into Super Rugby, which is the ultimate selection pool for the Wallabies.

WHILE big brother Mitchell was making people take notice, younger brother Linc Whitley was also impressing.

He was a member of the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) that won the ARU National under 16 division two championships in Sydney.

The all-Indigenous team went through the five-day tournament undefeated.

Planning had started for the LMRDT team to tour Belgium and France in 3013.



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Access Authority applications applied for under section 106 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP- AAA-0016	WOOLNOUGH DOME OIL & GAS PTY LIMITED	8649.53km²	This Access Authority Application is located in the Officer Basin and will be used in conjunction with the STP-SPA-0034 Special Prospecting Authority Application to conduct a survey. The application occupies a total of 111 5'x5' blocks comprising of 30 on the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF51 (Oakover River) and 81 on the 1: 1 000 000 mapsheet SG51 (Wiluna). It has a total area of 8649.53 km². This application is roughly rectangular in shape, being approximately 203 kilometres across in the east-west extent, but being hollow to accommodate the STP-SPA-0034 Special Prospecting Authority Application. It extends over the Little Sandy Desert in the western portion of the application to the Gibson Desert in the eastern portion. The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 187 kilometres north-west of the township of Warburton and the north-west corner approximately 243 kilometres south south-east of the Telfer Mining Centre. The inside boundary of this application is the same as STP-SPA-0034. The inside boundary of the application commences at a point 123°10'4.80"E, 23°49'55.11"S, thence east along parallel to a point 124°55'4.75"E, 23°49'55.02"S, thence south along meridian to a point 124°55'4.80"E, 24°54'55.01"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123°10'4.84"E, 24°54'55.12"S and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 123°10'4.80"E, 23°49'55.11"S. The outside boundary of the application commences at a point 123°5'4.80"E, 23°44'55.11"S, thence east along parallel to a point 125°5'4.74"E, 23°44'55.00"S, thence south along meridian to a point 125°5'4.81"E, 25°4'55.01"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123°5'4.85"E, 25°4'55.12"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 123°5'4.80"E, 23°44'55.11"S All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)	Shire of Wiluna (63%) Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku (37%)
STP- AAA-0017	CSR WELL 13 OIL & GAS PTY LTD	15882.03km²	This Access Authority Application is located in the Officer Basin and will be used in conjunction with the STP-SPA-0035 Special Prospecting Authority Application to conduct a survey. The application occupies a total of 204 5'x5' blocks, of which 192 are situated in the 1:1000000 mapsheet SG51 (Wiluna) and 12 blocks are in the 1:1000000 mapsheet SF51 (Oakover River). It has a total area of 15882.03 km². This application is roughly rectangular in shape, being approximately 219 kilometres across in the east-west extent, but being hollow to accommodate the STP-SPA-0035 Special Prospecting Authority Application. The north-west corner of the outside boundary of the application is located approximately 96 kilometres south-east of the township of Newman and the south-east corner of the outside boundary is approximately 76 kilometres north–westerly from the Carnegie Homestead. The inside boundary of this application is the same as STP-SPA-0035. The inside boundary of the application commences at a point 120°35'4.82"E, 24°9'55.22"S, thence east along parallel to a point 122°25'4.83"E, 24°9'55.14"S, thence south along meridian to a point 122°25'4.85"E, 24°54'55.14"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°35'4.88"E, 24°54'55.19"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 120°35'4.82"E, 24°9'55.22"S. The outside boundary of the application commences at a point 120°25'4.81"E, 23°54'55.22"S, thence east along parallel to a point 121°25'4.83"E, 23°54'55.17"S, thence south along meridian to a point 121°25'4.84"E, 23°59'55.17"S, thence east along parallel to a point 122°35'4.82"E, 23°59'55.13"S, thence south along meridian to a point 122°35'4.86"E, 25°14'55.13"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°25'4.90"E, 25°14'55.21"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 120°25'4.81"E, 23°54'55.22"S, All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)	Shire of Wiluna (99.9%) Shire of Meekatharra (0.1%)

Nature Of The Act: An Access Authority, while it remains in force, authorises the holder, subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* and in accordance with the conditions to which the Access Authority is subject, to carry on, in the area specified in the Access Authority, the operations so specified as an airborne gravity and magnetic survey. An Access Authority comes into force on the commencement of the survey and, unless surrendered or cancelled, remains in force for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as is so specified.

Notification Day: 31 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 **31 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.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each Access Authority may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **28 February 2013**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, 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 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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Barwon Sharks captain Errol Torrens with Inspector Roger Whyte and Lenease Cooper.

Barwon Sharks had just enough bite to beat Goodooga



THE Barwon Sharks again went home with the rewards after beating Goodooga 32-28 in the final of the Mission Australia Dirranbandi A-Day rugby league carnival.



The Sharks pocketed \$3000 and the winning trophy.

The fun day brought together nearly 1000 people from south-west Queensland and north-west NSW.

The event was organised by the Kamilaroi Frogs Inc.

"It's great to see Barwon Sharks take out the trophy again. They have been a constant team to the event and thoroughly deserve the reward even though they beat our Dirranbandi team," said the Kamilaroi Frogs' Sonny Draper.

"The whole region looks forward to A-Day every year and this year didn't disappoint with fantastic weather and extra activities to keep everyone involved."

Jumping castles, games, art activities and face painting were great hits with the young ones.

Carbal Medical – Toowoomba, Goondir Health Services and Diabetes Australia

were on hand to conduct health checks, with Carbal Medical also running kids' interactive games.

The South-West Indigenous Network also organised traditional games activities and the Queensland Government provided funding for traditional games and Kids' Korner activities.

The Elders enjoyed the day in an area set aside for them.

Inspector Roger Whyte, Queensland Police Service, said during the presentation of the trophies that the day was a great success.

He said it was great to see so many people come to see fantastic games and activities and that the Police Service was proud to be a part of the day.

"It's more than just a football carnival, it's almost a modern-day celebration, or corroboree, where families come back together, so it is great to see the Elders coming to be a part of the day", said Mr Draper.

Dirranbandi accommodation was booked out and local businesses reported extra trading.

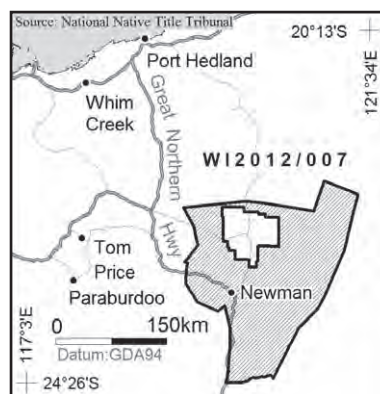
Barwon Sharks captain Errol Torrens accepted the winning trophy from Inspector Whyte and Kamilaroi Frogs Inc chair and community Elder Lenease Cooper.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Western Australia
Notification day: 7 November 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



W12012/007 RTIO and Nyiyaparli People ILUA (Area Agreement)

Description of the agreement area: About 32,550 sq km located 240 km southeast of Port Hedland.

Relevant Local Government Authorities: Shire of Ashburton, Shire of Meekatharra, Shire of East Pilbara and Shire of Wiluna.

Agreement area boundary was compiled using data sourced from, and with permission of, Landgate, WA.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

- Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd; and
- Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd on its own behalf as a Venturer and as a Manager for and on behalf of the Robe River Iron Associates (comprising Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd, Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd, Cape Lambert Iron Associates [a business carried on under that name by Nippon Steel Australia Pty Limited, Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd, and Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd], Pannawonica Iron Associates [a business carried on under that name by Nippon Steel Australia Pty Limited and Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd], and North Mining Limited); and
- Hamersley HMS Pty Ltd as Manager for and on behalf of the Hope Downs Joint Venturers (comprising Hamersley WA Pty Ltd and Hope Downs Iron Ore Pty Ltd); and
- Hamersley Resources Ltd on its own behalf as a Venturer and as Manager for and on behalf of the Rhodes Ridge Joint Venturers (comprising Hamersley Resources Ltd, Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd and Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd)
(each) c/- Ashurst Australia
Level 32, Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
Perth WA 6000
- David Stock, Gordon Yuline, Raymond Drage, Billy Cadigan and Victor Parker on their own behalf as registered native title claimant and on behalf of the Nyiyaparli People
c/- Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
Level 2, 16 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000

The agreement contains the following statements: (unless described below, capitalised terms are otherwise defined in the agreement)

[Explanatory notes in brackets have been inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal. Where relevant, text in brackets may be a summary of the relevant clause (or part of a clause) of the agreement in accordance with section 24CH(2)(c)(ii) of the Native Title Act 1993. Further detail about those summaries or any of the following statements may be obtained from the NNTT (see freecall phone number at the bottom of this notice), or by contacting one or more of the parties to the agreement via the address details above.]

8.1(a) The Native Title Applicants agree with, consent to and support and continue to agree with, consent to and support the Existing Operations including all RTIO [Rio Tinto Iron Ore] Existing Titles.

(b) Subject to clause 11.12 of the Participation Agreement and clause 8.1(c), the Native Title Applicants agree with, consent to and support, and continue to agree with, consent to and support: (i) the doing of every Future Act; (ii) the Grant or Modification of every: (A) Approval; and (B) Interest, and (iii) the Modification of every RTIO Existing Title[;] that is for an Agreed Purpose.

(c) Clause 8.1(b) does not apply to the extent an act or thing is done or to be done within or in relation to the Special Cultural Significance Areas.

8.2 Without limiting clause 8.1, the Native Title Applicants agree with, consent to and support and continue to agree with, consent to and support the reliance on and the conduct by RTIO Entities of all activities required, permitted or contemplated by each Agreed Act, including as Modified.

8.5(a) An 'Agreed Purpose' means any of the following from time to time: (i) the Existing Operations; (ii) any Modification of any of the things comprising those operations provided they remain part of RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business; and (iii) the planning, development, operation and expansion, further expansion and decommissioning of any aspect of RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business from time to time, including new iron ore mines, borrow and ballast pits and necessary supporting infrastructure.

(b) Without limiting clause 8.5(a), the development, operation or expansion of each of the following is deemed to be an 'Agreed Purpose' if a Substantial Reason for its development, operation or expansion is for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business: [new power, water, rail and road infrastructure and associated infrastructure and works; iron ore processing infrastructure and works; construction camps; town infrastructure and accommodation infrastructure.]

(c) In this clause 8.5, 'Substantial Reason' means, subject to clause 8.5(d), on the balance of probabilities, it would have been unlikely to be developed, constructed or operated were it not required for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business, even though it may be used for other purposes.

(d) [Dwellings or commercial facilities within a town will be an Agreed Purpose if: (i) they are being established under a Government Agreement that requires not more than 20 per cent of the dwellings or facilities to be offered for sale or lease to the public; and those that do not need to be offered to the public would have been unlikely to be developed were they not required for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business; or (ii), where (i) does not apply, if and insofar as each of the dwellings or facilities would have been unlikely to be developed were they not required for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business.]

11.4 For the purposes of section 24EB(1) of the Native Title Act, the parties consent to all Agreed Acts to the extent they involve Future Acts without conditions but in accordance with this document [Agreed Acts are those agreed to under clauses 8.1 and 8.2].

11.6 The process set out in Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act, known as the 'right to negotiate' process, is not intended to apply to any Agreed Act.

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 Ltd, 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 7 February 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.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Mallee Park too strong in decider

Stories and pictures by PETER ARGENT



MALLEE PARK lifted the Winnie Branson Memorial Cup after beating Narungga by 19 points in Australian football at the annual South Australian Aboriginal Football and Netball Carnival.

The final was the culmination of two days of intensive football and women's netball competition at Argana Park, Elizabeth Downs, on 13-14 October.

Mallee Park was coached by Adelaide Crows 200-gamer Graham Johncock and captained by Harry Miller and Graham's brother Barry Jnr.

The final score was Mallee Park 9.7 (61), Narungga 6.6 (42).

It was a tough and low-scoring affair in the first half before the game was broken open with the Peckers kicking five third-quarter goals to set up victory.

For the victors, North Melbourne forward Lindsay Thomas was a livewire, while former AFL players, including Byron Pickett and Harry Miller, also showcased their immense talents.

Ky Miller, who spent this year at South Adelaide, was outstanding in defence, while another member of the Johncock clan – Rowan –

impressed with his athleticism and football smarts in the back half.

Former Sturt forward Jeremy Johncock also played a strong game in defence for Mallee Park in the final.

Significant performers from Narungga over the weekend included Kadina's Trevor Harradine, teenage Woodville-West Torrens talent Malcolm Karpny, former Adelaide NSL soccer player Fred Agius, the lissom on-baller Josh Wittwer and utility Adam Cullen.

To make the decider, Mallee Park defeated Raukkan in their semi-final, with the vanquished side including the Sumner and Wilson siblings, along with national draft prospect Brad Hartman, who travelled straight from the SA State screening of the AFL Combine to Elizabeth to play both days.

In the other semi-final, Narungga beat a Kaurna 1 side that included Michael and Ricky O'Loughlin, North Adelaide's Kriston Thompson and Adrian Wilson.

Former Port Adelaide Magpie and current Saints player Terry Milera also donned a Koonibba jumper for a game on Saturday.

Along with the senior competition, there was a four-team under-14 competition won by Raukkan, and a women's game on the Sunday before the semi-finals.



Michael and Ricky O'Loughlin played for Kurna No 1.



2004 Norm Smith Medallist Byron Pickett with his daughters Mikayla and Shawanah.



Championships winning Mallee Park coach Graham Johncock and captain Harry Miller Jnr with the Winnie Branson Memorial Cup.



Narungga's Central District FC connection – Adam Cullen, Eddie Sansbury and Josh Wittwer.



The Sumner clan, from left, Tim, DJ, Daniel and Byron – playing for Raukkan.



The 2012 South Australian Aboriginal football championship winners – Mallee Park.

Eddie Sansbury wins Wanganeen Medal

EDDIE Sansbury (Narungga) was named winner of the 2012 Wanganeen Medal as the best player of the South Australian Aboriginal football carnival. A premiership player with the SANFL Bulldogs in 2003, 2009 and 2010 and a member of North Ballarat's breakthrough first VFL flag in 2008, Sansbury also played 40 AFL games with North Melbourne.

Last year he won the Bulldogs' top individual honour, the Norm Russell Medal, as well.

The Wanganeen Medal is donated by Michael Wanganeen Snr.

"This medal is for the best player overall for the carnival," Paul Vandenberg, the Aboriginal engagement and employment manager at the Port Adelaide Football Club and organiser of the carnival, said.

"This medal has been around for more than 20 years and is a great part of history of the SA championships and an honour to win.

"Eddie was excellent throughout the tournament and now adds his name to this special list."

Recent winners have included Willie Sansbury, Tim Karpny and Shannon Goldsmith, who each have multiple Wanganeen medals, while former Power listed footballer Wade Thompson won the top individual honour in 2010.

Football & Netball Carnival



Blazers goal shooter Trischaye Newchurch takes a pass.



Blazers goal defence Stella Garlett.



Blazers wing defence Rachael Wanganeen passes the ball.



Blazers centre Shelley Coleman.



Blazers goal attack Jordan Wanganeen in action in the final against Mallee Park. Blazers were made up of players from Ceduna, Port Augusta and Point Pearce.

Blazers dominate

THE newly-formed Blazers won the South Australian Aboriginal netball carnival, where 18 teams played in two divisions.

Blazers swept all before them and finished with a comprehensive win over Mallee Park in the grand final.

It was a special result for Blazers goal attack Jordan Wanganeen, as this was her third successive title after playing in the 2010 and 2011 Narungga winning teams.

She explained what playing in the carnival meant to her.

"Every year coming into carnival I get nervous and excited," Wanganeen said.

"I enjoy representing my home station, Point Pearce.

"After the last two years winning (undefeated), this year was definitely not going to be an easy one.

"Coming into day one of the carnival, I was pumped and very keen to hit the court.

"Netball is my number-one sport, I could play it every day, all day, especially when you get to play with family."

Know each other

This carnival was the first year the Blazers squad played together under the name, but most of the girls had played previously together at other carnivals.

The girls came from Ceduna, Port

Augusta and Point Pearce, and for a majority of the team this was a third consecutive premiership in a row.

"Our team has gelled together extremely well," Wanganeen said.

"Winning three in a row is amazing.

"I enjoy playing for my culture and my family. Making them proud is what counts to me."

In the grand final, the Blazers faced off against the Mallee Park Peckers.

This contest was tight early, but the Blazers took the game to another level during the middle stages and went on to win by 24 goals.

The best on court in the final was Blazers wing defence Sarah Smith.

— Peter Argent



Blazers wing attack Sarah Smith.



● LEFT: In the final, Matthew Johncock handballs in front of Narungga's Trevor Harradine.

● RIGHT: North Melbourne listed player Lindsay Thomas.

● BELOW LEFT: Leap of faith – Mallee Park's Rowan Johncock's fantastic leap in the final.

● BELOW RIGHT: Mallee Park's Lindsay Thomas gets a kick away under pressure from Narungga's Fred Agius in the final.



Player of the football carnival Eddie Sansbury, from Narungga.



Narungga's Malcolm Karpany kicks the ball forward.



Sydney hosts netball carnival



SYDNEY this month hosted its first Aborig-

inal Netball carnival – and organisers said the response was overwhelming.

It accommodated women and mixed teams and was played over two days (12-13 October) at the Robyn Webster Indoor Sports Complex at Tempe.

In the women's semi-finals, Scorpions were beaten by La Perouse 2s in a close encounter, and La Perouse 1s beat Wanderers – another Sydney team.

La Perouse 2s beat La Perouse 1s in the final.

The mixed final was between the Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) and The Dreamtimers. It ended with a golden point, with AH&MRC coming out on top.

Organisers said the carnival would become an annual event and next year would be held on 11-12 October.



● ABOVE: Scorpions made the journey from the NSW New England city of Armidale for the tournament.



The Elaine and Jacko Memorial team travelled to Sydney Nowra, on the NSW south coast.



Sydney team Girls on Fire.



Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) and La Perouse mixed teams.



La Perouse 1s, 2s, and mixed players at the first Aboriginal Netball Carnival, played in Tempe.

Prince quiet on Titans dealings



GOLD Coast have denied sacking star

halfback Scott Prince along with reports that the National Rugby League (NRL) club faces a serious sponsorship backlash should their club captain head to England next season.

Titans management declined to comment publicly on reports that it had sacked Prince.

However, insiders insist the Queensland and Australian representative could still turn out for the Titans in 2013 if he rejects a three-year package from Super League club Hull.

Club sources also said they had not heard from a single sponsor despite News Ltd reporting last Tuesday that several long-time sponsors were reviewing their relationship with the NRL club in the wake of Prince's rumoured sacking.

Efforts to talk to Prince last week to clarify confusion about his sacking and current situation were unsuccessful.

No interviews

He declined interview requests during a pool session on the Gold Coast and it was believed he had not discussed his plans with his Titans team-mates.

"Scott has gone to ground," said a Titans insider.

"The club is waiting for his decision. There's still a chance he will be here next season.

"Scott has to weigh up his options and what is best for him and his family and when he does that, we will be able to comment further."

Prince, 32, is weighing up whether to go around for one more season with the Titans in the NRL or take up a three-year contract with Hull, a path many Australian players tread towards at the end of their careers.

The club has told him it is unable to guarantee him another contract after 2013, but would not stand in his way if requested a release to accept Hull's offer.

The 2005 Clive Churchill medallist has played 278 games for North Queensland, Brisbane, Tigers and the Titans.

Prince struggled at times during the 2012 season, although he found some of his old form as the club made a late but unsuccessful surge to make the finals.

The Titans have copped some flak from Prince supporters, who are angry that coach John Cartwright and former boss Michael Searle had not cut short a US holiday to talk with their club captain.

The Titans will begin pre-season training on Monday, by which time Scott is expected to have made a decision on his playing future.

Titans coach John Cartwright returned from the United States last Wednesday and met with Prince, the halfback's manager Steve Robinson later saying the situation had not been resolved.

"There's not much to say that has not already been said," Robinson said.

"It's just a matter of finding a resolution."

Hull coach Peter Gentle was certainly not giving anything away.

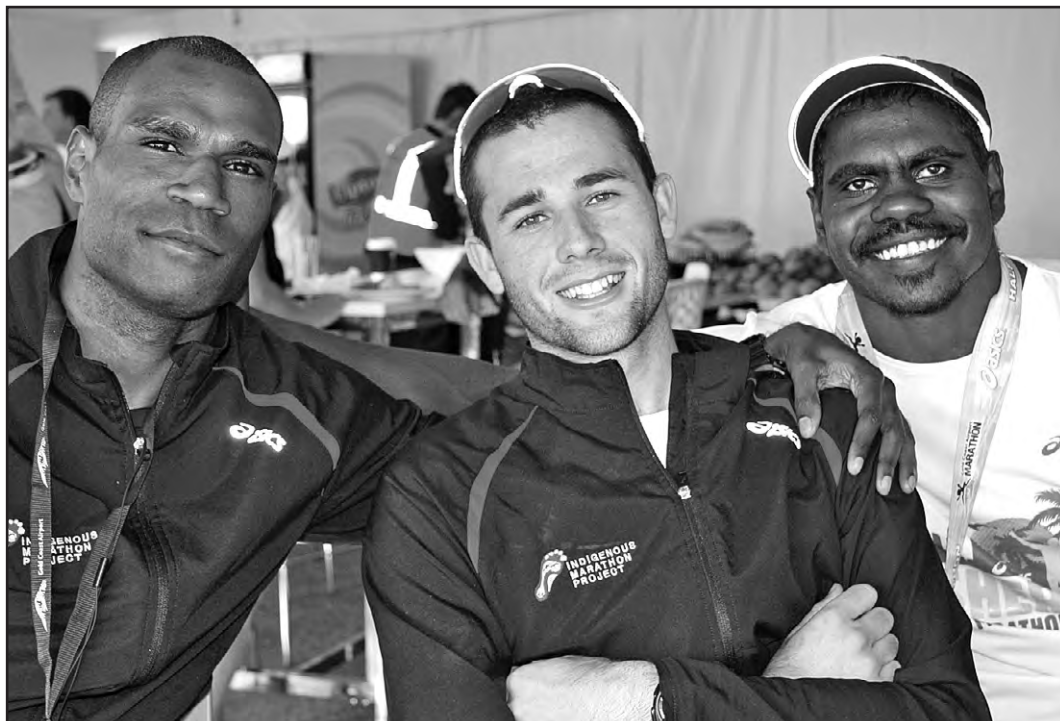
"We still have a number of irons in the fire and that includes speaking with player representatives in Australia," he told the Hull website.

"We are working towards concluding our recruitment and we still think another pivot is important as we look to balance our squad for 2013."

Prince is contracted to the Titans through to 2013 with an option for 2014, but the veteran is believed to be upset that he's being shopped around by the club to free up money under the salary cap.

Prince didn't sound like he was going anywhere when he extended his contract for four years in 2009.

"This contract pretty much rules out going to the Super League or any other sport... so I'm happy to stay here and know that I'm retiring a Titan," Prince said back then. "I don't want to leave." – AAP



Ready for the Big Apple... Indigenous Marathon Project runners, from left, Jurgean Tabuai, Korey Summers and Kieren de Santis.

Bound for New York



AUSTRALIA'S Indigenous runners taking part in the 2012 New York Marathon will fly out of Sydney tomorrow (1 November). The team, from around Australia, assembled in Sydney yesterday.

The New York Marathon, the world's biggest, will be run on Sunday 4 November.

The Indigenous runners were selected to represent the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) team under the direction of former world marathon champion Robert de Castella.

This is the third year an IMP team has contested the New York Marathon.

On Sunday they will put six months of blood, sweat and tears into practice as they set out to achieve what they never thought possible.

Korey Summers, from Alice Springs, Marius Clarke (Gunbalanya), Justin Gaykamangu (Ramingining), Kieren de Santis (Tiwi Islands), Nat Heath (Newcastle), Jurgean Tabuai (Townsville), Grace Eather (Maningrida) and Amber Parker (Newcastle) will tackle the 42.195km journey alongside 47,000 other athletes, and will be cheered across the finish line by 2.5 million spectators, and 35 million television viewers.

The course is considered one of the ultimate physical and mental challenges for any runner and one that will test the minds, bodies and spirits of athletes – but once they cross the finish line, they will join the elite few who can call themselves a marathon runner.

For 29-year-old Justin Gaykamangu, the bustling streets of New York will be a world away from the remote East Arnhem community of Ramingining.

"I am feeling tough, and ready to go. I have been training well and thinking a lot about the race," he said.

"When I am running, I imagine the trees are the buildings and that I am running in New York city.

"My plan is to get to the finish line in less than three hours by running smart and not hard."

Kieren de Santis, 20, from the community of Milikapiti, on the Tiwi Islands, never imagined that he would travel to one of the world's biggest cities to run a marathon alongside 47,000 other people.

"I am excited by the opportunity that I have been given and I am looking forward to representing the Tiwi Islands in New York," he said.

While the aim in New York will be to get each of the eight athletes across the finish line, de Castella said running the marathon would show the athletes that they could achieve anything.

'A new life'

"Life for these inspirational athletes will begin when they cross the finish line in New York, and when they realise that if they put their minds to it, they can achieve anything that they want in life," he said.

"Being part of IMP and running a marathon will open many doors, and present many opportunities that will change the lives, not only of these athletes, but of their families, friends and communities back home."

Before leaving Sydney, the athletes continued their Certificate IV in Health and Leisure course and took part in final training sessions.

To stay up to date with the runners, visit the IMP's Facebook page.

Menangle reins in best Indigenous reinsmen



AUSTRALIA'S best Indigenous harness racing drivers were set to line up last Sunday in the

Indigenous Drivers Invitational at Tabcorp Park Menangle's Fisher's Ghost meeting.

Joel Pengilly finished second in last year's Invitational, but he said he was determined to finish one better last Sunday.

It was to be one of the biggest races for Pengilly in recent times.

Comeback

Having been on the sidelines for seven months due to illness, the Shanes Park reinsman was looking forward to making a comeback in the sulky.

"I'll definitely be driving in the Indigenous race," he said in the lead-up to the event. I have just had my first drive in seven

months at Menangle, so I should be spot-on for the race."

Pengilly was one of six drivers confirmed for the Michael Brown Planning Strategies-sponsored penalty-free event.

Others secured for the \$10,000 feature included last year's inaugural winner Bruce O'Brien, along with David Caffyn, Jimmy Brown and Ricky Potts, who all competed in the inaugural race, as well as North Albury reinsman Royce Gregory Jack.

The talented Jimmy Brown admitted he would love to win the race.

Last year the best Brown could manage was fifth with Manhattan Cruzer, beaten about 17 metres by Eloquent Babe, driven by Bruce O'Brien.

This year, all Brown wanted was a decent horse – and revenge.

Fighting spirit



WIRADJURI teenager Caroline Hain is making her mark in the Olympic sport of judo.

Caroline, 16, has been involved in judo since the age of 11, when she began training at a small judo club in her home town of Wellington, NSW.

She was diagnosed at birth with Treacher Collins syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects the growth and development of the head. The condition causes facial birth defects, cleft palate and hearing loss. Caroline has undergone numerous reconstructive surgeries in recent years and this has impaired her ability to breathe normally and resulted in her needing to wear a special machine at night to help her breathe.

For the past two years she has been living in Hexham, near Newcastle, with her grandparents while studying at the Hunter River High School, where she is a Year 10 student.

She continues her judo training at the Kido Judo academy at Tuggerah, on the Central Coast.

Recently, Caroline competed at the Sydney International Open Championships where she dominated in all age categories of the 48kg division – under 17, under 20 and seniors – winning three gold medals.

She impressed her club and national coaches by powering through her opponents with her unusual and relentless attacking style and variety of throwing techniques. She was such a standout player that the tournament organisers awarded her the female 'Rising Star' trophy.

Caroline recently trained at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra during the school holidays in preparation for the International Judo Federation Continental World Cup in Samoa next month.

Caroline and fellow Kido Judo club-mate Awabakal teenager Liam Yokoyama, of Morisset, have been named on the team to compete in Samoa, and their selection for this international event is a first step towards selection in the Australian team for the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.



CAROLINE HAIN (above) and LIAM YOKOYAMA.



Calling Victorian Indigenous cricketers...



CRICKET Victoria is seeking Indigenous club cricketers to trial for selection in the Victorian team to participate in the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs during February 2013.

The Imparja Cup brings together Indigenous cricketers from around Australia.

Cricket Victoria said it was continuing to increase its commitment to the Victorian Imparja Cup team to play in the national tournament and

provide opportunities for Indigenous cricketers.

It said this commitment was matched by the 2011-12 team which finished third this year.

Those wanting to be a part of the 2012-13 team should register online at

<http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/get-involved/imparja-cup-team-registration> Nominations close on Friday 9 November.

People who cannot nominate online should call Paul Montgomery on (03) 9653 1153.

Young boxer on the rise



THERE'S a long road ahead, but Wangkumara youngster Lynken Dickson, from Tamworth, could be the next big thing in amateur boxing.

The Oxley High School Year Ten student is not long back from Kansas City, USA, where he won the boys 15-16 years 132lb (60kg) novice division at the annual Ringside world championship tournament.

Last week, the 15-year-old won at the NSW titles in Wollongong.

He now has been selected to enter the Australian Sports Commission's amateur boxing program, following in the footsteps of his role model Cameron Hammond.

Lynken's mum Robyn is justifiably proud of her son.

"He's an Aboriginal boy who has achieved so much in such a short time," she said.

"He was born and raised in Narromine. We relocated to Tamworth when he was just ten years old, and this was where Lynken's boxing career took off."

The Ringside world championship tournament is regarded as the biggest such event in the world.

Lynken boxed his way in the 60kg lightweight division and was undefeated in his four fights, seeing off fighters from Canada, Puerto Rico, America and Mexico.

Trainer Mike Abra said the reason for the trip to Kansas City was to give Lynken the experience of fighting overseas.

"Just to get that international thing out of the way and get used to fighting on the international stage," he said.

Lynken said: "It was the best fighting I've ever experienced."

There were more than 1600 boxers fighting across 62 divisions.

Natural talent

Lynken started boxing for fitness, but trainer Abra saw plenty of natural talent and further developed his skills.

His first tournament was a Golden Gloves event in Queensland. After winning his first few fights and experiencing the atmosphere of an excited crowd, Lynken's passion for boxing grew stronger.

After four years, his trophy cabinet looks impressive:

- Ringside World Champion 2012

- Australian Olympic trials – Junior world championships, Tasmania.

- Twice Golden Gloves champion, Queensland.

- Four-times NSW champion.

- Australian Indigenous champion, Brisbane.

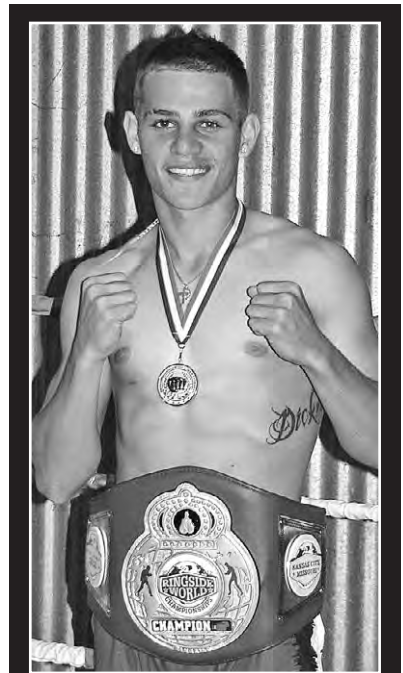
- Three-times NSW v Qld titleholder.

- City v Country champion, Sydney, Maitland, Tamworth, Forster, Wauchope

- Twice Australian titles, Canberra and Melbourne

Lynken now trains for two hours every day.

His training intensity lifts in the run-ups to tournaments, when he schedules two two-hour sessions daily.



A recent picture of Lynken Dickson.

Lynken is philosophical about the highs and lows of boxing.

"Most of the time you learn more from a loss than a win," he said.

"If I lose, it makes me more determined to go back to the gym and work on what I did wrong."

He juggles school work, boxing and catching up with friends and family.

"My school work is very important and my school is very supportive when it comes to boxing," he said.

"They help me catch up on what I have missed when I'm away at boxing tournaments."

"I catch up with family and friends on weekends and school holidays when I'm not travelling to tournaments."

On remaining focused and dedicated, Lynken speaks with a surprising maturity.

"To stay focused, you have to stay dedicated," he said.

"I have learned that I need to be able to separate my school work and boxing. I do this with the support of my school and my family."

"When I'm at school, I'm dedicated to school only; at boxing, it's boxing."

Lynken has no shortage of role models and not surprisingly, his current role models are Cameron Hammond and Damien Hooper.

Hammond and Hooper recently represented Australia in boxing at the London Olympics. Hooper has since turned professional.

"Cameron and Damien – we are all Aboriginal fullas and they both made the Olympics and that's what I want to do," Lynken said.

His ambition is to win an Australian title and make it to the Commonwealth Games and the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

His advice to other youngsters wanting a career in amateur boxing: "Boxing is all about discipline, dedication and commitment, staying focused, but at the same time having fun and enjoying it," he said.

"If you want something challenging, test yourself and go for it. I did and I'm enjoying every minute of it."

Wise words from one so young.



'Condo's' Samuel Coe, left, and Keanau Wighton.

Condobolin sprinters set to bolt



JAMAICA is calling for Condobolin's fastest runners – Samuel Coe and Keanau Wighton – who have been invited to the Competitive Edge training camp in 2013.

The western NSW Aboriginal boys have the opportunity to visit the homeland of the world's best athletes, experience the culture and beauty of Jamaica and enjoy training on the same turf that has produced Usain Bolt, the fastest athlete the world has seen.

Samuel and Keanau have excelled on the track this year, smashing a number of school records on their way to the NSW State titles.

The boys have been selected because of their raw talent.

Program co-ordinator Hayden Knowles is keen to see the development of the boys as they train with Australia's best young sprinters in Jamaica.

The 15-day training camp is a first for Aussie athletes, having been developed through a partnership between Hayden Knowles, of Competitive Edge, and the Jamaican Government's Business of Sport

president Carole Beckford. The program will be hosted by Jamaican track and field Olympic team head coach Maurice Wilson.

This camp gives the boys exposure to the search for Australia's fastest men in an effort to put an Aussie in the final of the 100m at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Eight athletes will be selected to be given a year's funding, training and support. At the end of the year, one athlete will be given a full scholarship in the lead-up to the Rio games.

This training opportunity comes at a price for the boys – close to \$8000 each – and both are seeking sponsorship to assist them.

The support thus far has been exceptional, with Condobolin High School providing the deposit to secure the boys' places on the training tour.

Donations from individuals, community groups and local businesses will go straight towards travel and training expenses.

For further information on the boys' progress and to offer support, contact Simon Murphy at Condobolin High School on (02) 6895 2333.

Army's second-half blitz sinks Skipjacks

Story and pictures by
ALF WILSON



A SECOND-HALF salvo led the Australian Army Thunder rugby league side to a 32-14 win over Palm Island

Skipjacks in a curtain-raiser to the Test between Australia and New Zealand in Townsville.

The 13 October game was at Dairy Farmers Stadium, the home of the North Queensland Cowboys, and two hours later, Australia beat New Zealand 18-10 before 26,000 spectators.

It was the fifth game for the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield between the Army and Skipjacks, who were the Palm Island competition 2012 premiers.

Bill 'Kookaburra' Coolburra was a Palm Island Elder who was an Australian Army Vietnam soldier, having served with the famous Tunnel Rats.

Born in June 1945, he died on 29 October 2009 and his family, including wife Edna and son William, were at Dairy Farmers Stadium for the match and presented the shield to the Army team.

The Army forward pack looked awesome and heavily



The Palm Island Skipjacks rugby league team at Dairy Farmers Stadium.

outweighed their Skipjacks counterparts.

However, Skipjacks was the first to score, courtesy of centre Mickeal Sibley at the eighth minute, but the attempted conversion missed.

Army hit back soon after with a converted try to lead 6-4, but a second Sibley try after a high

kick saw Skipjacks hold an 8-6 advantage.

At the 23rd minute mark, Army scored to lead 12-8 lead at half time.

After the break it was all the Army, who scored four tries to lead 32-8.

In the dying minutes, speedy back Fred Haines Jnr crossed

for Skipjacks and the Anthony Gadd conversion gave a 32-14 result.

Army had some Indigenous footballers who starred, including Thursday Islander Private Nawia Nomoa, who was excellent in attack and strong in defence on the wing.

"I am very proud of my Torres

Strait heritage," he said.

Another top player for the Army was big forward Apa Matalau, who made plenty of metres in the thick of play.

Skipjacks' best were Mickeal Sibley, captain Fred Bulsey, Esrom Geia until he went off with a knee injury, Georgie Dabea, Jeremy Pulleh and James Sibley.

No excuses

Skipjacks skipper Fred Bulsey offered no excuses and said the game had provided Palm Island with some wonderful positive publicity.

Skipjacks have won three of the five annual matches.

Skipjacks won the 2011 clash held on Palm Island's football oval 46-30 over a strong Australian Army Thunder line-up.

It was sweet revenge for Skipjacks, who lost the 2010 game 22-16 to Army Thunder.

The 2008 and 2009 clashes were held at Brothers Leagues Club, Townsville, and were won by Skipjacks in amazing similar circumstances.

Scores were deadlocked at 28-all in both when the final siren sounded, but Skipjacks were awarded the victory because they scored first under game rules.



Army's Apa Matalau, left, with Skipjacks' Georgie Dabea.



Edna Coolburra and son William.



From Umagico, in the Northern Peninsula Area, at Dairy Farmers Stadium are Abigail Pascoe, John Mara, Lancaster Mara, 16, Noah Mooka, 15, and Jauntae Mara, 5.



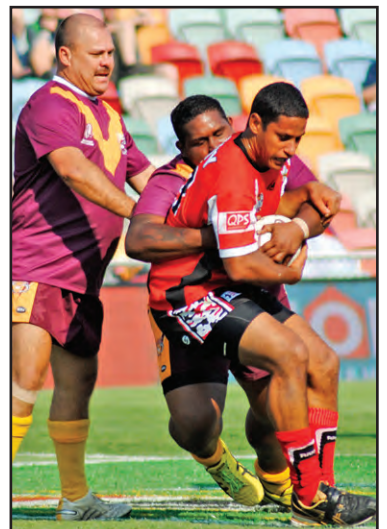
Thursday Island man Private Nawia Nomoa celebrates after Army's win.



Skipjacks centre Mickeal Sibley after scoring one of his two tries.



Former North Queensland Cowboy Obe Geia Jnr runs on to the field with his Skipjacks team-mates.



An Army player is collared by Skipjacks defenders.

Indian cricket tour: Three wins, two losses



DEFEAT in their final game of their five-match tour of India by the National Indigenous Cricket Development Squad (NICDS) gave the squad a three-win, two-loss record.

The squad arrived home last week from the 14-26 October tour.

The tourists lost their first and last games, and won the others.

Three games were 40-over fixtures, their opening game was a 35-over encounter, while their second game was a Twenty/20.

The team's busy 12-day tour included a last-ball loss to the Cricket Club of India in Mumbai in a 40-over match, a six-wicket Twenty/20 win against the Poona Cricket Club in Pune, and a seven-wicket win against the same opposition, which included New Zealand international Dean Brownlie.

Outstanding with bat

NSW opener Nathan Price was a star with the bat, making 85, 58 and 87 respectively in his first three matches.

Sixteen-year-old Victorian Bhodi Walker turned the Twenty/20 match with 4-15 with the ball, and Northern Territorian Dylan Fuller, 17, led the way with 4-46 in the 50-over match in Pune.

The team completed the tour with two 50-over matches against the MIG Cricket Club on 23 and 24 of October in Mumbai.

Game 1 – 35 overs: CC of India 8-229 d NICDS 5-228 (Price 85, Short 67 not out) in Mumbai.

Game 2 – Twenty/20: NICDS 4-134 (N Price 58) d Poona CC (B Walker 4-15) in Mumbai.

Game 3 – 40 overs: NICDS 3-261 (N Price 87, D Short 75) def. Poona CC 257 (D Fuller 4-46) in Pune.

Game 4 – 40 overs: NICDS 6/226

(B Abbatangelo 76, D Short 38) d MIG CC 225 (J Green 2-27, N Price 2-21) in Mumbai.

Game 5 – 40 overs: MIG CC 9-215 (J Green 3-17, B Abbatangelo 2-27) def. NICDS 196 (M Bailey 88) in Mumbai.

The squad took a break from the on field action to join the cast of *Save Your Legs!* on the red carpet for the Indian premiere of the film in Mumbai.

Starring Stephen Curry, Brendan Cowell, Damon Gameau and Pallavi Sharda, the film tracks a suburban Australian cricket team's journey to India. The film was screening at the Mumbai Film Festival as part of the Australian Government's Oz Fest activities.

Vice-captain D'Arcy Short said the team was excited to walk the carpet and take some time away from their playing duties.

"It's nice to take a break from cricket to join members of the cast at the premiere. It's a story the team will be able to relate to having made the journey from Australia to India ourselves," Short said.

"It's a new experience for most of the team and that's what this tour is about, exposing the guys to new playing conditions of India as well as off field experiences."

In Mumbai, the team visited India's largest slum, joined Australian MasterChef hosts Gary Mehigan and George Calombaris at a special event and attended the Indian premiere of *The Sapphires*.

Documentary makers JetZak accompanied the team and will produce a one-hour documentary to screen on NITV and SBS later this year.

Members of the team will next meet at the 2013 Imparja Cup in Alice Springs. The 20th anniversary of Cricket Australia's national Indigenous cricket tournament will be held 11-17 February.



Indigenous team coach Barry Weare and Cricket Australia official Matt Betsy watch one of the games from the sideline.



Victorian Ben Abbatangelo, left, meets students at a local college in the Indian city of Pune.



At the OZ Fest opening, from left, Cricket Australia's Matt Betsy, Indigenous cricketer Ben Abbatangelo, Cricket Australia's Seb Kippman, Indigenous cricketers D'Arcy Short, Dylan Fuller and Josh Lalor, and team manager Aaron Briscoe.



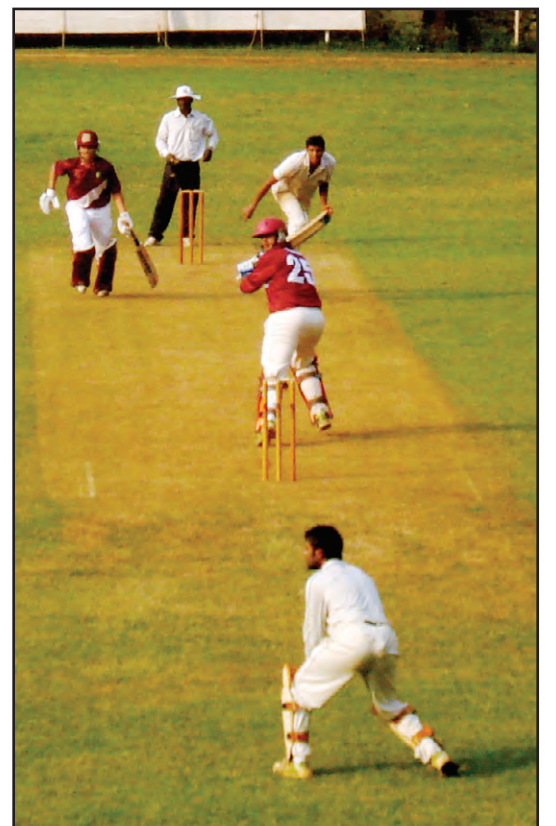
Fletcher Stewart (Victoria) in the nets.



● LEFT: Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard is presented with a signed Australian Indigenous cricket team shirt by team captain Josh Lalor.



● BELOW: An Indian journalist with, from left, Dylan Fuller, D'Arcy Short, skipper Josh Lalor and Ben Abbatangelo.



The Australian Indigenous team batting in one of the games in Mumbai.
– Images Doland Johannessen

Cairns All Blacks Rugby League Carnival



THE *Koori Mail's* Mahala Strohfeldt was at the Cairns All Blacks Rugby League Carnival last weekend and captured some of the early action.

Details of the carnival and more pictures will be in the next edition of the *Koori Mail*.



This Papuan Blacks player comes to a sudden halt in a men's game against Western Bears.



Mosby Eagles (blue and red) take on Cairns United (yellow and blue) in one of the women's games.



A Papuan Blacks player is shouldered by a Western Bears defender.



The Cairns Budda Balas defence closes in on an Innisfail Waru player.



Smiles all around as a Cairns Budda Balas player carries the attack to Innisfail Waru.

Shared passion

ONE of the great pleasures I have enjoyed as a National Rugby League (NRL) player and in my current role, is being able to introduce non-Indigenous players to my culture.

As they learn, I also learn with them.

It has been great to see the willingness of a lot of younger players to become involved in the delivery.

And the more I work with them, the more I understand how much we have in common as human beings.

Matt Srama and Kevin Gordon are not only rising stars at the Titans, but they have also been earmarked as future representative players.

Both hope one day to represent their State.

But in the meantime, they have already become international players.

Their story is inspiring.

Matt and Kevin have Filipino mothers and during the off-season, they represented their heritage in the first ever game between the Philippines and Thailand.

Although the match was one-sided, it was played with great intensity, and with a dash of humour.

Apparently 'next try wins!' was the call from the Philippines side as a scrum packed near the end of the first ever rugby league international in Asia!

The scene was the Royal Thai Police Stadium, Bangkok, on a sweltering Sunday afternoon. The score: Philippines 80 d Thailand 0.

The call, from an anonymous Filipino player, was intended to motivate his team-mates to keep their brave opposition scoreless as the Thais fed the final scrum.

But there was still something more at stake.

Brotherly battle

Between them, Matt Srama and his brother Luke had scored 26 points. They were one of five sets of brothers in the side. Kevin and Dennis Gordon had scored 22.

The scrum was won by the Thais, but they couldn't hold on to the ball.

Both benches were told the game was over. But before the siren could sound, Titan Kevin Gordon was in the clear – as we have seen so many times in the NRL – and he ran 65 metres before converting to edge his clan ahead of his club-mates.

"My two goals got me close to

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

my brother, anyway" said Kevin.

Meanwhile, Matt and Luke Srama got to play together for the first time.

"First time ever – we've been waiting for this day for years and years and years," said Luke, who played hooker.

"We didn't think it would ever happen but it finally has."

Matt: "He reminds me of myself when I'm playing hooker – really tough, gets in there, popped the ball out four or five times. He gives me tips when I go back to Gold Coast."

This was no explosive arrival for our game in a new region – but it was an arrival nonetheless.

Some things that people imagine about international development games are better in reality.

Other things are probably worse.

I have a different view.

People said the Indigenous Team would never play with a full representation of players.

But then came the 'Welcome To Country' match that paved the way for the All Stars.

Thailand versus the Philippines may never reach the heights of the All Stars, but the passion is just as real.

The commitment of the players, the nerves of the coaches and staff, the intensity of the warm-ups and the talk - it's like anything we see in the winter months in Australia.

Players from pub competitions (or not playing at all this year) run out alongside highly-paid

professionals, put their bodies on the line and new friendships are forged.

It sounds like the NSW Aboriginal and Murri carnivals held recently!

Playing international rugby league outside the top four countries mixes the passion and emotion of the game's highest levels with the menial, humble chores of its lowest.

There is no room for prima donnas or superstars.

People say it's a waste of time, and says Srama, "I've got to admit, I was probably one as well."

"But the coaching staff, the Filipino Rugby League have all done a great job and hopefully we can promote the game over there a little bit in the Philippines."

"There are a lot of juniors coming through. Now there is a benchmark out there that there's a team."

"When I was a kid, I would have loved it if there was a Filipino league team."

"We're part of the first one ever."

That's the passion of rugby league.

And the shared passion of playing for your culture!

From hero to villain

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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LANCE Armstrong was more than a champion athlete in his chosen sport of cycling.

He was a world-wide brand.

He was a hero to many and was just as recognised for his charity work in raising funds to fight cancer as he was for his seven Tour de France titles.

Yet – despite his own inspiring battle against cancer – at the end of the day he was like every other person.

He was human.

As such, he came with all the weaknesses that are part of the human condition.

At the end of the day, he succumbed to the weakness of using every possible means available to him to ensure victory.

Claims that other athletes were doing the same ring hollow.

It is still cheating.

The fact that so many measures were put in place to avoid detection reinforce that this was understood by all involved.

Deception and the continued denial of use of drugs just continue the lie.

He sported the 'clean image' with so much pride that when

he was targeted and suspected of using performance-enhancing drugs, he turned furious, rebutting every claim that branded him a cheat.

What raised initial doubts was the fact that he kept winning even when almost everyone around him was caught cheating.

The revelations have been startling, but not new.

However, it is nothing short of a disappointment for those who regarded him as their hero and this is not just because he was a cancer survivor.

What he achieved while pedalling and scaling numerous mountains made him a legend transcending sporting boundaries.

He was a character that would have inspired athletes and teams competing locally or on the international stage.

Wiped clean

Such is his persona that even now it is hard to believe what the sport's apex bodies are alleging against the 41-year-old whose cycling record has been wiped clean.

The opinions are divided.

There are those who are still standing with him, pledging their support in the face of any challenge, and then there are those who want to make an example out of him.

Many have used his charitable works to defend him as a person to be admired. Many will continue to defend and support him, as is their right.

But at the end of the day, it is all about integrity.

It is all about participants and fans having the confidence and faith that their sport is clean.

Nobody likes to be associated with the taint of corruption.

In all sports we need to be vigilant about the use of illicit drugs.

The AFL is not immune from criticism in this area, with many people calling for a zero tolerance policy to illicit or so-called recreational drugs.

All I can attest to is the regime of testing, combined with education that is in place with the support of the players.

It can be argued that AFL

players face a stronger regime of 'in and out of' competition and holiday testing for illicit drugs than any other sportsmen around the world.

AFL players have two drug policies – the Anti-Doping Code, developed in 1990, which protects the sport from performance-enhancing drug use and enforces the WADA international standards and the illicit Drug policy, introduced in 2005, which tests players for illicit drug use out-of-competition.

The Illicit Drug policy is a voluntary code agreed to by AFL players.

AFL players have also volunteered to further strengthen the policy by agreeing to a trial of holiday hair testing for illicit drugs.

All Australian sports are subject to in-competition testing.

The AFL remains one of only three Australian sports that test for illicit drugs out-of-competition.

The AFL is the only sport where players have volunteered to be subjected to holiday hair testing.

But at the end of the day, it is all about the message we are sending to our kids and the coming generations.

Drugs of any sort can be harmful.

Indeed, more people die in Australia through the misuse of prescription drugs than they do of illegal drugs.

Proper medication is a benefit of modern science.

Misuse of any substance is an abuse of our bodies.

This brings me to alcohol and cigarettes.

Too many of our young people smoke and are lessening an already too short life expectancy.

The blight of alcohol on our communities does not need to be documented here.

Its impact on levels of abuse and suffering are too close to need comment.

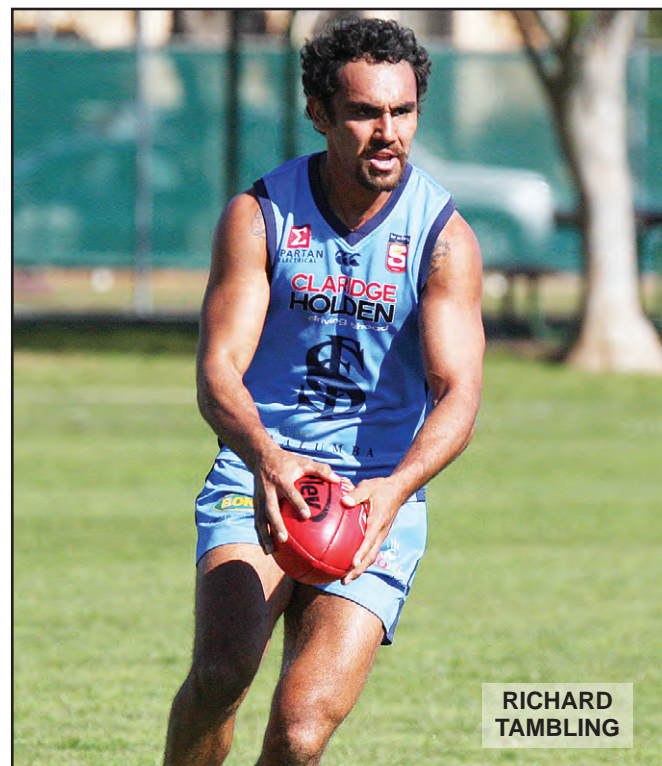
Let the story of Lance Armstrong bring a broader message to us all.

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RICHARD TAMBLING

Tambling wins Sturt's B&F

By **PETER ARGENT**



RICHARD Tambling has become just the second Indigenous football to win the Sturt

Football Club's top individual honour in the South Australian National Football League's (SANFL's) PT Morton Medal – as the 2012 best and fairest.

For a club that has a strong Aboriginal connection included 'SANFL Team of the Ages' Indigenous champions and Sturt premiership greats Michael Graham and Roger Rigney, the only other best and fairest winner was Eddie Fry in 1981.

Tambling collected the medal with 177 votes – ahead of Double Blues captain Jade Sheedy, with on-baller Ben Kane third.

Tambling, who is from Darwin, was collected by Sturt in the SANFL mini-draft after being traded from Richmond to the Adelaide Crows before the start of the 2011 season.

Sturt football manager Paul Sandercock called Tambling 'an outstanding fella' and a 'deserving winner'.

"Richard has a naturally competitive spirit," he said.

"His tackling and defensive pressure is as good as any player in the SANFL."

"Others strengths include his leg speed and his hardness at the contested ball."

"Richard played the majority of the season as a genuine half back."

"Early in the year he played a little on the wing, and was pushing through the mid-field."

"When it comes to recruits through the SANFL mini-draft, Richard is as good as we have had," Sandercock said. Sturt has a strong

Indigenous content with players including Josh Cubillo, Cameron Stokes and Joe Anderson on the senior list, along with exciting prospects Brad Hartman and Dwayne Wilson in the under 18s.

Still only 26, Tambling played 108 games with the Tigers after being a first-round draft selection in 2004.

In his first year at the Crows, he played ten senior games, but couldn't force his way into the high-flying Adelaide side for more than one game this year.

"Obviously, not my preferred option, but there weren't many opportunities as Adelaide had an injury-free and consistent year," a frank Tambling told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was good recognition for my season and proved to be one of my most consistent."

Confidence

"The season has given me confidence I can break back into Adelaide's senior team."

"I need to tidy up on a few areas of my game, but pleasingly I have no off-season operations to deal with and I am looking to have a big pre-season, and force my way back into the Crows' line-up."

Tambling also confirmed that once his career at the top level was over, he was keen to return to his foundation club Southern Districts in the Northern Territory Football League.

"I played with them as a 15-year-old," Tambling said.

"In those first couple of seasons, we struggled a little, winning just five or six games a season."

"Then the year I got drafted, Southern Districts won the title."

"I have a younger brother starting his footy up there and I'd love to play a couple games with him as well."

Davey to remain a Bomber

ESSENDON forward Alwyn Davey has been rewarded for one of his most consistent Australian Football League (AFL) seasons with a one-year contract extension.

Davey, 28, booted 29 goals from 17 games in 2012 to finish second in the club's goalkicking.

"I really enjoyed my footy this year, I felt it was probably one of my most consistent years at the club and it was nice to kick a few goals as well," said Davey.

"We've got a really good group of guys here. We want to be successful, we're working hard and you can see we are on the right track."

Essendon coach James Hird was pleased with Davey's contribution this year.

"Alwyn is a really important part of the way we structure our forward line, he not only provides us with great speed and forward pressure but he also has the ability to apply scoreboard pressure," he said. – **AAP**

Rugby League Knockout brawl 'should have been avoided'



A LIFE member of the Moree Boomerangs Rugby League Club is blaming the organisers of the 2012 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout for the ugly scenes

that broke out during the game between La Perouse and the Moree Boomerangs.

Douglas McGrady, a long-time Moree resident, said officials should have stepped in as soon as Boomerangs officials protested over La Perouse having 14 men on the field at the same time.

A fight broke out and a 15th La Perouse player ran onto the field.

Mr McGrady said it was some hours later that carnival officials decided to disqualify La Perouse for having too many players on the field.

The match was subsequently awarded to Moree.

Mr McGrady said that had officials acted as soon as the Moree protest was lodged, the matter would have been dealt with and the ugly scenes that followed would have been avoided.

He said the blame should not be directed at La Perouse or the Boomerangs – it should be directed at the carnival officials for not acting sooner.

From villain to hero



KURTLEY Beale was Australia's standout player in the Wallabies' honourable 18-all draw with the New Zealand rugby

union All Blacks at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on 20 October.

It wasn't that long ago that Beale was out of favour after a couple of ordinary performances in the Four Nations campaign.

But it all turned around in the Wallabies' heroic draw against the All Blacks in the third Bledisloe Cup game of the year.

The draw meant the Australians avoided a 3-0 Bledisloe Cup whitewash by New Zealand, the undefeated Four Nations champions and last year's World Cup champions.

Kiwi-turned-Australian radar boot Mike Harris kicked the Wallabies to arguably the most honourable draw in their Test history at Suncorp Stadium.

Harris slotted five penalty goals from as many attempts and coolly kicked the final three-pointer in the thrilling dying minutes as the

Wallabies drew 18-18 with the world champions.

In a nail-biting finish where the result could have gone either way, All Blacks maestro Dan Carter narrowly missed a match-winning field goal four minutes after the hooter sounded.

It denied New Zealand a record-equalling 17th straight Test win.

Despite being a tryless affair, the sell-out 51,888 crowd was captivated by the ebbs and flows of an encounter both sides looked set to clinch at different times.

The injury-ravaged Wallabies, 13-point underdogs, had threatened to produce one of the biggest upsets in Australian Test history when they led 15-6 after 50 minutes.

But the momentum turned viciously as flanker Michael Hooper was sin-binned and Carter kicked four straight penalties to grab a three-point lead with ten minutes left.

While Auckland product and former New Zealand Under-20 playmaker Harris, playing his first trans-Tasman Test for Australia, levelled the scores with five minutes left, Australia desperately tried to seal the result.

Missed opportunity

They set up for a field goal of their own through countless pick-and-drives in the All Blacks quarter, but Kurtley Beale never got the chance for a heroic attempt as prop Sekope Kepu was penalised for leaving his feet.

Expected to be easy meat for a full-strength Kiwi outfit eyeing a record-equalling streak, Australia aimed up in a stirring first-half effort.

It was a night where almost everything rolled the right way for the Wallabies, who were far more pro-active than the first two Bledisloe Tests, in the first 50 minutes.

Beale was Australia's most dangerous player and skipper Nathan Sharpe starred in his final match on home soil.

Beale was unsure whether he pulled the right rein by foregoing a drop-goal attempt at the death after multiple phases, but Sharpe backed his decision to allow the forwards to rumble ahead in the hope of a penalty close to the sticks. – *With AAP*



Wallabies player Kurtley Beale kicks a long-range penalty during the Bledisloe Cup match against the New Zealand All Blacks at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on 20 October.

AAP image

'You little ripper...'

The euphoria of winning a grand final is obvious as Goulburn Valley Australian football reserve grader Ashton Casion is hugged by No 46 team-mate Ben Kealy after a thrilling three-point win over Rochester at Shepparton, Victoria. Image: Peter Argent



Reed home for races



INTERNATIONAL Supercross star Chad Reed is back in Australia to contest the remaining three

rounds of the national championship.

Reed's first race on Australian soil since a victorious one-off appearance in 2010 was the second round, held alongside the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix at Phillip Island for the first time on 27 October.

"I'm really excited to confirm that I'll be heading home for what will be my first Australian appearance under my own TwoTwo Motorsports banner," the 30-year-old Cessnock-product 'Speedy Reedy', a former world and US Supercross champion, said before leaving the US.

"Taking the championship to Phillip Island is a big task and a significant move forward for the sport.

"We'd originally planned to make a trip home to be spectators at the event and spend time catching up

with friends and family, but the opportunity to race at such an amazing circuit along with MotoGP was one I couldn't pass up."

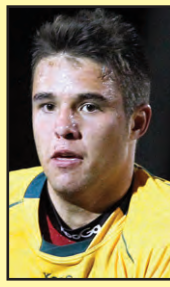
Reed said he planned to use the Phillip Island round and following ones in Toowoomba and Newcastle to develop his new race machine, the powerful new Honda CRF450R, ahead of the next American season.

"We saw it as a good chance to race and test the 2013 bike and then felt it would be a significant investment for only a single race so we decided to extend it to both Toowoomba and Newcastle," he said.

Reed is not long back on the bike after eight months on the sidelines. He injured his left knee at a race in Texas in February. – *AAP*



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Queensland sports carnival again is postponed



THE inaugural Queensland Murri Sports Carnival has been postponed again – this time to next year. The carnival – headlined by rugby league but also including basketball, Oztag and boxing – most likely would be held in the second half of next year, Queensland Murri Sports Carnival

(QMSC) co-director Paula Maling, told the *Koori Mail*. Champion boxer Anthony Mundine is the other co-director of QMSC. Maling said a couple of other sports now wanted to join the carnival, so it had been decided to postpone the event again to allow time to negotiate with these sports. She did not want to name the additional sports.

The Sunshine Coast would remain the venue, Maling said. The inaugural QMSC was to have been held in September, about a week ahead of the Queensland Rugby League-sanctioned Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival. But in an 11th-hour announcement, Maling said the QMSC would be put back to November.

New kid on the block



BUDDING Aboriginal beach volleyball talent Taliqua Clancy's childhood was like so many others –

clad in Olympic dreams. The 20-year-old from Kingaroy just never thought it would have anything to do with sand. "I didn't even know what volleyball was when I was growing up," Clancy says. "I did a bit of everything when I was growing up – swimming, netball, athletics. "Then I started indoor (volleyball) in high school." Her potential was noticed soon after, but it was only three years ago that Clancy first tried her hand at beach volleyball while at the Queensland Academy of Sport. Her development since is best reflected in the fact she and fellow young gun Maria Fe Artacho Del Solar were a part of Australia's team at this year's Continental Cup, in which they helped seal Natalie Cook's fifth Olympics berth. "That was pretty awesome, just to be a part of that and help your country get a spot at an Olympic Games," Clancy said.

Indomitable mark

Cook in particular has left an indomitable mark on Clancy. "Nat helped me a lot actually. She got me an apprenticeship when I was living in Brisbane," she recalls. "She was always there for me to talk to, and almost being a mum. She's played a massive role in keeping me in the sport." It's a good thing too. With London being Cook's swansong, questions about the future of the sport will be asked over the next four years until Copacabana Beach hosts the next Olympic tournament. The early indicators suggest it's the odd-couple partnership of Sydney-based Artacho Del Solar, who migrated from Peru as a child, and Adelaide-based Clancy, a proud Aboriginal person who grew up living with her single mum and grandparents in a town made famous by its peanuts. The duo joined forces at the start of the year, having



Taliqua Clancy in action during the VISA FIVB Beach Volleyball International at Horse Guards Parade, London, on 9 August, 2011. The Horse Guards Parade hosted the London 2012 Olympic beach volley competition this year. – Getty Images

previously trained together. Results were positive, but it wasn't until the recent junior world championships in Canada they were tested by the best under-21 talent. **Bronze medal** The result was a bronze medal, captured with a thrilling win over the United States. Its significance is perhaps best described by Volleyball Australia's high performance manager Matt Sebbens.

"It's a great boost for our Rio hopes," Sebbens said. "The girls represent the future of the sport in Australia and victory over the US pair is a major step forward for us. "They actually played a key role in assisting Nat Cook and Tamsin Hinchley reach the London Olympics and could well signal a changing of the guard." Great expectations accompany most athletic upstarts, and the nature of the Olympic beast means planning four years into the future.

It was something Clancy and Artacho Del Solar were embracing, as they looked to make an impact in the world tour's final event for the year on 23-28 October. "We knew coming out of London and the new Olympic cycle, that we really wanted to do well ahead of Rio 2016," Clancy said. "We both have the dream of Rio... and know that if we train really hard and compete well that we're setting ourselves up for Rio. "We're going to Thailand for the

last world tour event, so it's a good opportunity to get world tour points. "We've got to start making the draw (at world tour events), so we get our points up and can hopefully qualify for the Olympics through being in the top 16." The Olympics remain very much a dream for Clancy, but one that's suddenly a lot more achievable than it was 12 years ago when Cook's gold medal effort at Bondi was the furthest thing on her mind. – Rob Forsaith of AAP

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