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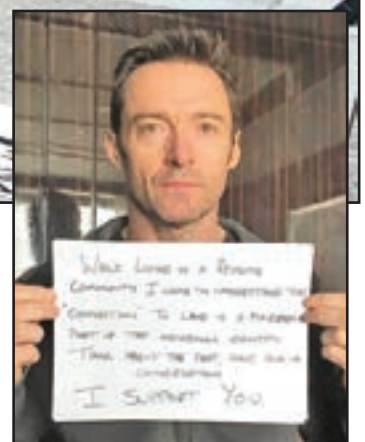
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Hands off our communities



THOUSANDS of protesters sent a message to Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett: Hands off our country. Rallies were staged across Australia as part of a national day of action against the forced closure of remote Aboriginal communities. Mr Barnett, above, was whisked away after angering the crowd by asking Aboriginal people to “put yourself in my shoes”. You’ll find our full report on page 5 and more protest pictures on pages 31-33. And Eastwood has his comment on page 20. Picture: Tash Nannup

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My FAMILY

Jermaine Miller – Port Lincoln, SA



I COME from the regional city of Port Lincoln on the west coast of South Australia. I was in Adelaide this month to coach the SA under-20 Boomerangs development cricket team in what is becoming an annual game against St Peter's College.

This match has a rich history that goes back to the 1800s.

Sport is a huge part of my family.

I was at the game with my seven-year-old son Justin, who is a student at Port Lincoln Primary and already a keen sportsman, his brother Dean Junior, who was playing in the match, and parents Carolyn and Dean Senior.

While I was born in Adelaide, we moved to 'Lincoln' when I was a child and I was always involved in sport.

As a lad I played football alongside (AFL stars) Shaun Burgoyne and Graham Johncock at Mallee Park, and in my late teens moved up to Ceduna, where I played in a couple of premiership flags with the Koonibba Roosters. That

was back in 2001 and 2002.

Both my brother Dean Jnr and I play cricket for the South Eyre South Cricket Club and we've enjoyed some success this summer.

I was also proud to be involved with my brother Dean in the inaugural Port Lincoln winning team in last November's annual SA Lord's Taverners statewide Aboriginal cricket carnival.

Cricket is a wonderful game, and I have been enticed back to it after upwards of a decade away. I'm keen to promote the game with the Indigenous youngsters on the west coast, as it is a fantastic educator.

Away from sport, my family is a big part of our life and I enjoy being around them and socialising with them.

From a work perspective, I am employed in Aboriginal health in Port Lincoln, currently in the mental health area.

My father Dean Snr works in child development as an Aboriginal service engagement officer.

– As told to Peter Argent

● Pictured above: Jermaine Miller, right, with Dean Jnr, Justin, 7, and Dean Snr at the cricket in Adelaide.

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OUR CHILDREN



Ricky Patatameri, playing for the Wanderers Eagles Yellow, in action in the Northern Territory Football League under 12s Atkinson division grand final at TIO Stadium, Darwin. See our sport section for coverage. Picture: Peter Argent

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Indigenous winners at mining awards



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander women and programs have been recognised at the annual Queensland Resources Council (QRC) and Women in Mining and Resources Queensland (WIMARQ) Resources Awards for Women this month.

Anna Kepper, a mechanical fitter and turner at Rio Tinto Alcan's bauxite mine in Weipa, won in the Outstanding Tradeswoman/Operator/Technician section, while Thiess/Wesfarmers Curragh won the Excellence in Diversity Programs award for its Oothungs (Sisters) in Mining initiative.

Ms Kepper, who grew up in Cairns and whose mother is of Torres Strait Islander descent, joined Rio Tinto Alcan Weipa in 2010 as a fitting and turning apprentice.

Last year she was recognised as one of the state's up-and-coming skilled tradespeople after securing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award at the Queensland Training Awards.

Thiess/Wesfarmers Curragh set up its Oothungs (Sisters) in Mining training program for Indigenous women in 2013, in partnership with the Salvation Army. It aims to maximise employment opportunities for Indigenous women in Central Queensland and beyond, and increase the number of women in the male-dominated resources sector.

Trainees undertake a four-week, pre-employment program to start careers as trainee haul truck operators. The traineeship takes up to two years to complete and contributes to a nationally-recognised Certificate II in Surface Extraction Mine Operations.

Most women then take up permanent full-time positions as haul truck operators



Anna Kepper, a mechanical fitter and turner at Rio Tinto Alcan's bauxite mine in Weipa, was recognised at the recent Queensland Resources Council and Women in Mining and Resources Queensland Awards for Women.

with Wesfarmers Curragh at its Curragh mine or at the Thiess-operated Curragh North or Lake Vermont mines.

Participants receive mentoring and help

with setting goals, negotiation skills, nutrition and managing money.

Successful trainee Anastasia Warren said she has experienced a boost to her

self-confidence. "I'm proud of myself and I walk with my head held high. This job has now given me the confidence that I can succeed," she said.

NACCHO and RAAF sign health deal



IT was all smiles last week after the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) signed a memorandum of understanding for projects aimed at closing the gap in Indigenous health.

Under the first project, RAAF dental workers will partner with Aboriginal health workers in Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations.

NACCHO chair Matthew Cooke said the collaboration was a win for Aboriginal health and RAAF personnel.

"Our health services, run by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people, are the preferred provider of primary health for Australia's Aboriginal population, and demand is growing at around 6% a year," he said.

"In many locations we have waiting lists for our services, especially in high demand areas like dentistry. We have a chronic



Acting Chief of Air Force Air Vice Marshal Leo Davies and NACCHO chair Matthew Cooke after signing the memorandum of understanding.

shortage of health specialists, especially in some of our regional and remote areas. There are growing numbers of Aboriginal health specialists graduating, but not enough yet to fill the demand."

Acting Chief of Air Force Air Vice Marshal Leo Davies said the RAAF was committed to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal Australians.

"This will help reduce waiting

times for Aboriginal health services and allow more Aboriginal people to access the care they need," he said. "It will also provide benefits for RAAF dentists who will be able to use their skills in different health settings and patients with complex needs."

Mr Cooke said poor oral health can impact broadly on a person's health and wellbeing, including cardiovascular disease or birth weights of babies.

Mr Cooke said the dental initiative was the first in a series of initiatives planned between the RAAF and NACCHO.

He said NACCHO was also working on other partnerships to deliver ongoing affordable and accessible health care to Aboriginal people.

Federal Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash said the memorandum was an "impressive example of innovation and cooperation to improve the health of Indigenous Australians".

● **NACCHO seeks clarity on funding, page 31**



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Football thrillers in the Top End



THERE was plenty of Australian rules football action in the Top End this month, none

more so than in the Northern Territory Football League youth girls' grand final when the Tiwi Bombers downed St Mary's 12.8 (80) to 11.1 (77) in a thriller. Pictured at far left is Courtney Whitehead on the attack for the Tiwi Bombers, while at left Lucinda Kantilla gets set to handball for the Tiwi side. The action continued on the Tiwi Islands, north of Darwin, when the local football competition finals were held. In the main game, the Walama Bulldogs emerged from 18 years in the Tiwi Island Football League wilderness to beat Pumarali Thunder and Lightning 7.12 (54) to 7.10 (52) in another thriller.

● See pages 62-63 for more on the NTFL finals

Pictures: Peter Argent

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PM blasted for comment



PRIME Minister Tony Abbott has been slammed by both friends and foes for comments that

Aboriginal people are making a "lifestyle choice" to live in remote communities. Responding to a question about the Western Australian Government's plan to force Aboriginal people off their homelands by refusing to fund essential services, Mr Abbott said on a Kalgoorlie radio station that "it is not the job of the taxpayer to subsidise lifestyle choices".

Historically, funding for essential services to remote Aboriginal communities was shared equally by the federal and state governments. But last year the Federal Government offered the states a one-off payment to take sole responsibility.

WA accepted \$90 million, South Australia refused and is still considering its course of action – but WA Premier Colin Barnett told the *Koori Mail* that there will be "changes to how and where the State Government invests resources in remote communities".

Noel Pearson, whom Mr Abbott has repeatedly referenced, characterised the comments as "deranged". "I just

think it's very disrespectful to cast fear into these communities through a kind of policy thought bubble," he said.

Bundjalung man Warren Mundine, the chair of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council, pointed out that Aboriginal people's connection to country was not parallel to wealthy retirees having a sea or tree change.

"It's about their life, it's about their very essence, it's about their very culture," he said.

"Pretender"

Parliament's only female Aboriginal MP Nova Peris described Mr Abbott as a "pretender" and said he was insincere about Indigenous people. "Aboriginal people choose to live on their country because it is our home, it's not a lifestyle choice," the Northern Territory Labor senator said.

"Tony Abbott is totally ignorant and dismissive of our deep connections to country."

Aboriginal Liberal MP Ken Wyatt told *The Australian* that Mr Abbott's comments were "unfortunate" and that he was disappointed the Commonwealth had withdrawn funding to remote communities.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert moved a motion calling on Mr Abbott to apologise, the

WA Government to reverse its decision to close communities and the Federal Government to reinstate funding.

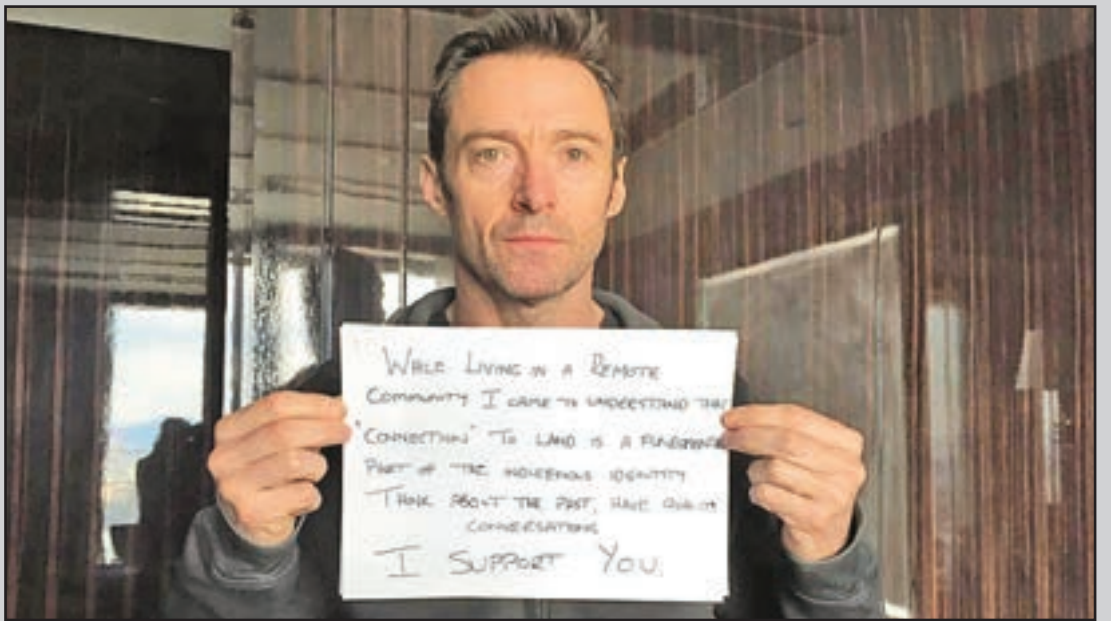
Canberra University chancellor and chair of remote corporation Ninti One Tom Calma said non-Indigenous Australians needed to develop a deeper understanding of the people who live in remote communities.

NSWALC chair Craig Cromelin said the comments indicated an ignorance of the critical importance of land to Aboriginal people and the ongoing impact of dispossession on the lives of people.

"Connection to country is everything to Aboriginal people – it defines Aboriginal people and sustains us in a cultural and spiritual sense and can play a vital role in building economic independence, self-determination and healing," he said.

"The land rights network will be stunned that the Prime Minister, who says he is prepared to sweat blood to recognise Indigenous people in the nation's Constitution, could make these hurtful comments."

Mr Abbott said no other Prime Minister had ever spent nearly a week in a remote community and he is "very comfortable" with his credentials in Indigenous affairs.



Star joins the Blackfulla Revolution

By RUDI MAXWELL

BLACKFULLA Revolution, a Facebook page dedicated to supporting First Nations sovereignty and self-determination, posted a picture on social media, appealing to movie star Hugh Jackman.

"Hugh Jackman, you said publicly that you only grew up after spending

time in a remote Aboriginal community!

"Now the Government wants to shut them down. This week we will protest and the media will ignore us! We need your support," the message, which was widely shared, read.

And Jackman responded (see images above). In fact, more than two million people saw the response.

One of the administrators of

Blackfulla Revolution told the *Koori Mail* that they'd sent the message to him because they'd remembered he had a connection to remote communities.

"I felt great when I saw him reply," he said. "Hugh Jackman's personal networks are five times bigger than any Australian media networks."

Many other people also showed their support online, with messages of

support posted from around the world under #sosblakaustralia including from Denmark, the United States and Canada.

Thousands of Australians also posted photos and messages, including AFL stars Shaun Burgoyne and Cyril Rioli, musicians Seaman Dan, Jimblah and Last Kinection, the Coober Pedy Saints and the Fregon Bulldogs from remote South Australia and many more.

Kimberley calls and the nation answers



THE Kimberley called last week and the rest of the country answered. Kimberley Aboriginal

communities in the north of Western Australia declared a day of action last Thursday, March 19, against the forced closure of Aboriginal communities in their country and other remote areas.

Thousands of people around the country attended protests in cities and towns in every state and territory, while an online protest saw thousands more show solidarity under #sosblakaustralia.

Last year WA Premier Colin Barnett said the state had no option but to review the viability of 274 small Aboriginal communities, which have an estimated total population of 12,000, because the Federal Government had cut off essential services funding with a 'parting gift' of \$90 million that would last two years.

While the Premier has said the Government will consult with Aboriginal people, he has yet to have any significant dialogue with WA Elders.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott unwittingly drew national and international attention to the WA Government's plan when he said on radio that "it is not the job of the taxpayer to subsidise lifestyle choices". (See story, page 4.)

Jodie Bell and Mitch Torres, who live in the Kimberley, said it was an "intrinsic fundamental human right to live in our own communities and our own country". "We hold significant cultural



Protestors spread their message during the day of protest in Perth. Picture: Tash Nannup

obligations to our ancestors to maintain sovereign ties to our lands," they said.

"After successive breaches of Human Rights conventions and the forced removal of the Aboriginal community of Oombulgurri in 1914, we maintain a vote of no confidence in both the incumbent State and Federal governments in their actions toward Aboriginal people."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda told the *Koori Mail* that the WA Government's proposal would force Aboriginal people out of their homes.

"I think what they are saying is sanitising what they intend to do,

which is cut services, power, water and sewerage – the sort of services almost every Australian takes for granted – in the hopes of forcing people off their country," he said.

"It's actually as though they've already predetermined the outcome. Anything after that is pretending to be proper discussion.

"Let's talk"

"The WA Government needs to engage with our mob to talk about the future of remote communities across WA. Let's talk about what people mean by 'viability' – are they talking financial viability, cultural aspects, custodianship responsibilities?

you as the Premier of this state if I ignored those issues."

A fortnight ago Mr Barnett said there was "appalling mistreatment of little kids" in remote communities.

Kimberley Land Council chair Anthony Watson said the Premier needed to stop demonising Aboriginal people and consider the economic and social cost of closing remote communities.

"We believe that closing communities will cost Aboriginal people in terms of identity, relationship to country, health, and wellbeing," he said.

"These costs will be passed on to the already under-resourced larger towns, service providers, local governments, housing, health, costing the state for generations to come.

"There is a better way forward. We have identified a wide range of measures that Aboriginal people and governments can take to improve efficiencies, save money, reduce waste, develop employment, and strengthen communities.

"At the same time, people can live on and care for their country, providing a valuable service to the whole state. Instead of failure, we invite government to take a stake in developing a positive future for our people and our communities."

Protests were staged in all capital cities and many regional centres including Broome, Alice Springs, Townsville, Yarrabah, Halls Creek, Lismore and Bellingen.

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Recognition push goes on

By JILLIAN MUNDY



RECOGNISE youth campaign coordinator Peter Dawson urged his peers to get behind the

principles of recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution and ridding the founding document of racial discrimination at a 'paste up' project in Hobart last week.

"We are going to inherit that change," he said.

"We are the generation that will breathe life into the words of the Constitution. It's a document that has really important political and legal aspects.

"It's supposed to be a symbol of our country, of who we are as Australians, and, if the first chapter's missing, we are not telling the whole story.

"We are one of the only countries in the world that doesn't recognise our indigenous peoples in some kind of founding document. Anything would be better than what we have now."

The 24-year-old Wiradjuri (NSW) law student encouraged voters to show their support to keep the pressure on the Government for a good model for constitutional change and to make sure a referendum goes ahead.

Currently almost 250,000 Australians have signed up online or at events to show their support for the Recognise campaign.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has earmarked May 2017 for a



Recognise youth campaigner Peter Dawson pastes the 'paste up' in Hobart. He's pictured beside the words of Maggie Walter, the UTAS pro vice-chancellor of Aboriginal research and leadership.

referendum, the 50th anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum which enabled Aboriginal people to be counted in the national census and to be subject to Commonwealth, rather than state, laws.

Mr Dawson warned that reserving support until the words are finalised could risk a referendum date never being called. "Everyone should be informed what the proposed changes are," he said. "Your voice will be much more effective getting

involved in the campaign and supporting the principles, and then get involved in the detail if you want to.

"The exact words will continue to be bashed out and we can have a role in that, that is a public committee process. We can get involved in the parliamentary committee. We can make proposals. We can go to round table discussions."

The 'paste up' event at the University in Tasmania (UTAS) is one of five around the country,

where large-scale portraits and statements in support of constitutional recognition are attached to prominent walls.

Mr Dawson said the paste-ups were a great conversation starter that gave supporters and young people a voice in the campaign, encouraging healthy debate.

"Each time we paste a new face on the streets of cities across Australia we recognise each other's humanity and lay the foundations for a more unified future together," he said.

Territory public housing concern raised



AN Aboriginal housing forum in Darwin has painted a grim picture of the public housing system, claiming

it is in crisis with millions of dollars in housing spending failing to deliver the promised outcomes.

Forum participants claim that while dollars are disappearing into bureaucracy, the housing system is failing.

They called on the Northern Territory Government to abandon the current approach and support a more diverse, flexible and locally appropriate housing system that would put Aboriginal people back in control of the design, construction and management of Aboriginal housing.

And they claimed that while the national mainstream housing sector has shifted to a diverse, community-based sector, Aboriginal housing in the NT has gone in the opposite direction, moving to wholesale government control.

Housing Minister Bess Price attended the forum along with 150 delegates, who voiced their concerns and called for solutions and alternatives.

Solutions

Convened by the Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APONT), in conjunction with NT Shelter and the Central Australian Affordable Housing Company, the forum brought together Aboriginal people in remote communities, town camps and homelands along with national and international housing sector experts, community housing groups from across Australia, regional councils and government representatives.

APONT spokesperson and forum chair David Ross said problems with housing were apparent across the NT.

"This was a critical opportunity for Aboriginal people from right across the NT to share experiences and frustration with the housing system, and develop our own solutions for our communities," he said.

Tony Jack, from Robinson River, was appointed interim chair of the new Aboriginal housing body.

"Individuals are just a voice in the wilderness and we need a new body to move this issue forward," Mr Jack said.

The body is aiming to creating a new Aboriginal housing system, which will allow for local control over services, generate local employment and make better use of available funding.

The forum has charged a group of leaders, supported by APONT, with the responsibility to work on housing issues and drive an alternative agenda for housing.

More workers the goal of initiative

By NATALIE CROMB



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has announced an employment initiative that aims to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the workforce so that, ultimately, the Indigenous level of unemployment is pro rata at parity with the rest of Australia.

Currently the national unemployment rate is about 6.3%, but the Indigenous level is just over 16%. Senator Scullion said about 20,000 unemployed Indigenous people would need to join the workforce to reach parity with the national average.

He also discussed the Government's new procurement policy (see report page 18) where the Federal Government is aiming to have 3% – the same percentage of the population that identifies as Indigenous – of its procurement contracts with Indigenous suppliers by 2020.

Senator Scullion spoke to the glaring statistics raised in the recently released Close the Gap Report and the fact that in key areas of Indigenous wellbeing, Australia is actually trending away from the set targets, including in employment.

"I personally am absolutely determined to ensure we not only change this trend around, not over 10 or 20 years, but over the next couple of years in this term of government we make significant change towards reaching parity (in employment)," he said.

The minister confirmed that this initiative is an



"It is a call to arms, but it is not as if there is any resistance in the crowd, corporate Australia is jumping over each other to be a part of the change."

– Minister Nigel Scullion

extension of the vocational education program that seeks to address passive welfare dependence and said it represented a "call to arms" to large corporations in Australia to ensure their workforce reflected the wider community by employing more Indigenous people.

"It is a call to arms, but it is not as if there is any resistance in the crowd, corporate Australia is jumping over each other to be a part of the change," he said.

Senator Scullion considers the parity target to be realistic, although a challenge, and has set key performance indicators that he said will ensure the success of the program and create accountability.

The Department of Prime Minister and

Cabinet will administer the initiative and offer tailored contracts to the companies participating that include subsidies of up to \$10,000 for Indigenous employees.

"The \$10,000 figure supports the individuals for the first 26 weeks and the evidence shows that after the 26 weeks, they are staying employed and the more Indigenous workers, the more retention," Senator Scullion said.

"Investment by the Government may seem significant but it is a more significant investment by the companies that are a part of the initiative as they are changing the way they run their business in respect of culture, outcomes and human resources."

Contracts under the initiative will run for three to four years and invitations will be extended to companies based on their track record in Indigenous employment or their capacity to hire a minimum of 400 Indigenous Australians over the duration of the contract.

The first two companies to sign up to the initiative are Accor Hotels and Compass Group, both of which already have considerable Indigenous employment and want to increase this.

Accor Pacific chief operating officer Simon McGrath spoke of the synergy of having Indigenous people working in the tourism industry because of their knowledge and passion about the country.

Senator Scullion said the initiative would be evaluated quarterly.

"There is simply no choice; the notion that we would track away from our targets is simply unacceptable," he said.



Our music awards will stand alone

THE National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAs) are moving from the Darwin Festival to a stand-alone event on Saturday, July 25. And to ensure this year's event will be a night to remember, there will be a live one-hour performance of the Genesis Project, a collaboration between Yolngu bands East Journey and Yothu Yindi.

To ensure remote communities don't miss out, NIMA organisers have aligned with Outback Stores and the Arnhem Land Progress Association, who will have sales boxes in more than 35 remote NT community stores so families from all over the Territory can ensure a ticket.

The NIMAs are presented by MusicNT in partnership with the NT Government.

The award ceremony and concert will be held at the Darwin Amphitheatre.

For more information go to nima.musicnt.com.au

● Pictured: Rrawun Maymuru from Yolngu band East Journey, who are going to premiere The Genesis Project, their collaboration with Yothu Yindi, at the National Indigenous Music Awards in July.

Review for strategy



THERE will be a Senate Inquiry into the rollout of the Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) funding process, after the Upper House supported Greens senator Rachel Siewert's motion.

"There will now be a comprehensive review of this process and its outcomes, which will come as a relief for groups that are highly concerned about the process and when and if they will receive funding," Senator Siewert said.

"Two weeks ago, the Federal Government were happy to announce funding under the new IAS. What they have failed to provide is a full list of who will and won't be funded, and how much

each organisation will receive. There has been a great deal of concern expressed about the whole process and it needs thorough investigation.

"At the moment many distressed groups are scrambling around trying to work out if they have made the cut, while other groups are still trying to find out what they have been funded for and for how much. We have anecdotal evidence of some groups that have been funded but not a full picture of what has and hasn't been funded.

"This should provide clarity to these important groups that provide essential services that reduce Aboriginal disadvantage, and this should be a great help."

A spokesperson for Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion assured the *Koori Mail* that a list of organisations successful under the

IAS would be published online this week.

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and programs have already had their funding applications knocked back, or received only a fraction of what they sought.

Rethink

MacDonnell Regional Council president Sid Anderson, whose local government area looks after 13 communities in central Australia, asked the Government to rethink its funding decisions under the IAS.

"After the initial impact to businesses, from around 50 job losses across our communities and many more from other organisations, I fear for the social impact in our communities and Alice Springs when our youth services lose their funding," he said.

"I fear that the Government didn't think through all the financial and social costs to central Australia when they made their decision to cut youth services in our remote communities.

"Last week the Australian Government included MacDonnell Regional Council in the list of successful applicants for their IAS funding. This week we have learned what being on the 'successful list' meant.

"The Government expects that for only 8% of our current budget we can maintain and expand our Youth Development program (MacYouth, currently offered in nine communities) to be provided in 12 of our remote Indigenous communities.

"The main goal the Government said they wanted from the IAS was to 'get adults to work'. Their funding


cutbacks will instead take 51 community people out of paid employment with MacDonnell Regional Council and put them on the dole."

Other Northern Territory councils, including the Barkly and Central Desert Regional Councils also said they would be forced to shed jobs and reduce programs, after missing out on funding.

Barkly Regional Council president Barb Shaw said the youth development program had been "completely shattered".

"Twenty-seven Aboriginal jobs are now on the line," she said. "What will this do for the 500 kids across the region, aged from five to 15, that use our services every day? Who will help them if we go?"

Similar questions were being asked by Indigenous organisations across the country.



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Tributes flow for former PM



Contemporary artist Judy Watson has been recognised with the prestigious Australia Council Visual Arts Award.

Aust Council awards for Watson, Roach



ABORIGINAL artist Judy Watson and singer Archie Roach have received major awards from the

Australia Council.

Ms Watson, who has Waanyi heritage, won the prestigious Australia Council Visual Arts Award, while Mr Roach was recognised with the Don Banks Music Award at the council's inaugural awards ceremony in Sydney on March 19.

Ms Watson's work is exhibited in the National Gallery of Australia and all state art galleries, as well as significant overseas institutions such as the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, the British Museum, the Library of Congress in Washington DC, and the Musee du Quai Branly, Paris. She represented Australia at the 1997 Venice Biennale, won the Moët & Chandon Fellowship in 1995 and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award in 2006.

Winning this award, though, came as a bit of shock.

"I was in north Queensland running an artist workshop when I received the call telling me I had received the award. I had to sit down under a shady tree to take it in," Ms Watson said.

"It was a huge boost to know that other people believed in me and supported me as an artist worthy of such an award. I feel that there is now more space in my life to imagine and create new work."

Mr Roach's award recognised his body of work, from his debut album *Charcoal Lane* in 1992 to his acclaimed latest album *Into the Bloodstream*, which has been

described as "an inspirational comeback", "a triumphant return" and "amongst his best work".

Northern Territory art centre coordinator Will Stubbs won the Australia Council Visual Arts Awards (Advocate) for his success as the coordinator of the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre in Yirrkala and his advocacy of Indigenous arts and Australia's unique arts centres.

A former defence criminal lawyer in Sydney, Mr Stubbs began working in 1995 with Yolngu Elders and artists, such as Djambawa Marawili, Gawirrin Gumana and Wanyubi Marika. The Yirrkala artists have since won 30 major art prizes and exhibited widely.

"It feels strange to accept a personal award," Mr Stubbs said.

"But I accept it on behalf of those Yolngu Elders and artists who have mentored, educated and supported me. I feel like the Stephen Bradbury (Winter Olympics gold medallist) of art coordinators. The last one left standing! But, like him, I feel lucky but worthy."

Recent artwork by Ms Watson is on show this month at the Sydney College of the Arts Galleries in Rozelle, alongside that of her mother Joyce. They are one of four daughter-mother couples exploring the creative exchanges in such partnerships and the intersection between personal and public histories. The exhibition is part of the larger umbrella project, Future Feminist Archive.

This year, Ms Watson is completing public arts project in Adelaide and Canberra, where her installation *fire and water* is sited at Reconciliation Place.



TRIBUTES have been flowing from Aboriginal people and groups around the country for former Liberal Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, who died last week aged 84.

Mr Fraser has been remembered as the Prime Minister whose government passed the *Northern Territory Land Rights Act 1976* and, more recently, as a strong campaigner against the NT Intervention and for the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Mirarr people, whose lands include parts of Kakadu National Park as well as the Ranger and Jabiluka uranium deposits, said in a statement that they were saddened by the news of Mr Fraser's passing.

"More than 30 years ago, as prime minister, Mr Fraser declared the first stage of Kakadu National Park and oversaw the enactment of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act*. These visionary decisions

continue to have significant impacts on the lives of many Aboriginal people across the Northern Territory," they said.

"While the passage of the *Land Rights Act* imposed the Ranger Uranium Mine on Mirarr country, it also delivered real property rights to Mirarr and other Aboriginal people across the Northern Territory and remains the high water mark of Aboriginal land rights in Australia."

In more recent times, Mr Fraser has been an advocate for justice and decency for Aboriginal communities from within the conservative side of politics.

Mirarr senior traditional owner

Yvonne Margarula said Mr Fraser was an important leader.

"With (the late prime minister) Mr Gough Whitlam, Mr Fraser ensured that our land rights were acknowledged and granted to us and other Bininj (Aboriginal) people in the Territory," she said.

"He has been a friend to Aboriginal people over a long period.

"We also respect that he became ambassador for Children's Ground, one of our important partnerships in Kakadu and West Arnhem, to change the future for our people."

NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Craig Cromelin paid tribute to Mr Fraser's contribution to the land rights movement and his commitment to reconciliation and social harmony.

"Human rights"

"In his later years, Mr Fraser dedicated himself to reconciliation, human rights and combating the scourge of racism in Australia," he said.

Last year, Mr Fraser said a push to reform land rights by the Federal Government was heading in the wrong direction.

"I wouldn't trust the Northern Territory administration in relation to Aboriginal affairs," Mr Fraser said in October 2014. "Protection of Aboriginal interests in the future is just as important as it has been in the past."

He told *The Australian* newspaper that there should be an inquiry to examine issues around 99-year leasing of Aboriginal land, which he said he strongly opposed.

"It's a very important matter, and should be treated as seriously as the original inquiry

into land rights," Mr Fraser said.

John Browne and Patrick Byrt, from Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) South Australia, said Mr Fraser acted to give all people in Australia, including Aboriginal people, a fair chance.

"He assisted in the introduction of Aboriginal land rights in the Northern Territory to accelerate what had already been commenced by our people and advocated many times for the improvement of better economic standards and living conditions of Australia's first nation peoples," they said.

"He was an elemental force in the creation of the people's movement out of which both the Journey of Healing and ANTaR have come into being. His wisdom and patronage for the advancement of Aboriginal rights knew no bounds and will be sorely missed."

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said Mr Fraser was a great advocate for the Territory and its Aboriginal people.

Mr Fraser passed the *Aboriginal Development Commission Act* in 1980, which provided a funding system for Aboriginal services, and the *Human Rights Commission Act* in 1981, providing for a body to promote human rights.

Following his political life, Mr Fraser remained active in reconciliation. He spoke regularly on issues such as closing the gap, the intervention and on the Stolen Generations in his role as co-patron of the Stolen Generations Alliance, and was also a co-chair of the Sorry Day committee with Lowitja O'Donoghue.



Former prime minister the late Malcolm Fraser at the national apology to the Stolen Generations in 2008.

Tense times in Redfern

By NATALIE CROMB



TENSIONS remain high between the Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC) and the Redfern

Aboriginal Tent Embassy (RATE) following a meeting on March 9 where negotiations for the future of The Block reached an impasse.

The meeting was an attempt to negotiate the dispute between AHC and RATE. The RATE community has strong objections to the Pemulwuy Project, the AHC's proposal to redevelop The Block that includes a commercial precinct, affordable housing for Aboriginal people and a new gym.

The embassy was set up almost a year ago by people who believe that The Block ought to be Aboriginal land for Aboriginal people, while the AHC maintains that the land is AHC property and it needs access to the site in order to start construction of the Pemulwuy project.

AHC general manager Lani Tuitavake said the AHC is not evicting the tent embassy. "This is not about eviction; this is about getting access to the land that is owned by the company so that construction can commence," she said.

AHC has indicated that it is committed to providing affordable housing to Indigenous families in



The Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy, pictured, and the Aboriginal Housing Company are at odds over the future of The Block, on the southern fringe of central Sydney.

the new developments, having earmarked 62 properties for Indigenous people.

Ms Tuitavake said applicants wanting to live in the new properties would need to meet specific criteria.

"There will be no drugs, so anyone with a known history of drugs or drug convictions would not qualify for housing," she said.

Fuel was poured on the fire at

the end of last year when AHC's partner in the Pemulwuy Project, developer DeiCorp, came under fire for marketing material on Great Fortune Investment's website spruiking another Redfern development that read "The aboriginals (sic) have already moved out, now Redfern as (sic) the last virgin suburb close to city, it will have great potential for the capital growth in the near future."

The advertisement raised questions over the project's level of commitment for the Indigenous community of Redfern.

DeiCorp also sponsored a chamber of commerce event at Redfern Park last Saturday, March 21, where Redfern was declared "open for business" and, presumably, property development.

Indigenous Social Justice

Association president Ray Jackson, says RATE is a "symbol for what is currently going wrong in Redfern".

"The purchase of property in The Block following a Whitlam Government grant was intended to create low-cost housing for Elders and families which addressed the social issue of Aboriginal people being declined housing in the private property market," he said.

Mr Jackson recalls a time when The Block was a thriving community and there was so much pride among the people, and the terrible sadness that surrounded the last of The Block Elders, Aunt Joycie Ingram, leaving amidst a backdrop of bulldozers and demolition.

The RATE community and supporters are increasingly concerned about affordable housing for Indigenous families, especially Elders, given that AHC has earmarked only 62 properties and there are also worries about the decision-making process with respect to who will be granted homes.

RATE spokespeople have pressed AHC for clarity regarding its intentions for The Block, and the embassy and AHC have indicated that they are "looking at the options available to them" in order to gain access to the land. The options on the table have not been provided to the community.

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Actors Deborah Mailman, Anthony Hayes and Rarriwuy Hick star in *Redfern Now*, the telemovie, which will screen on the ABC on Thursday, April 9, at 8.30pm.

Redfern Now returns soon as telemovie



AWARD-WINNING ABC TV drama Redfern Now returns next month with a telemovie.

Exploring the impact of a violent crime on two women and the fight for justice that ensues, Anthony Hayes, Genevieve Lemon and Daniella Farinacci join the cast with Deborah Mailman, Wayne Blair, Lisa Flanagan, Rarriwuy Hick, Kelton Pell and Kirk Page

reprising their established characters from the television series.

The telemovie was written by Steven McGregor and directed by Rachel Perkins.

After a night out on the town, three Aboriginal girls cannot hail down a taxi and are forced to walk home. After parting from her friends, Robyn Davis (Rarriwuy Hick) decides to take a shortcut and is attacked and sexually assaulted.

Initially she tries to hide it from her father Aaron Davis (Wayne Blair), but reluctantly tells him after swearing him to secrecy. A father first and a policeman second, Davis goes against his better judgment and agrees to keep her secret, not knowing his decision will jeopardise his relationship with girlfriend Allie (Lisa Flanagan).

Redfern Now, the telemovie, will screen on ABC1 on Thursday, April 9, at 8.30pm.

Free flu vaccine for kids



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander children can receive seasonal influenza vaccines this winter for free, Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley announced last week.

Ms Ley said as part of the Government's commitment to closing the gap, removing the cost of the vaccination would improve access for Indigenous children aged between six months and five years.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are five times more likely to die from the flu than non-Indigenous children," she said.

"Free access to the flu vaccine will mean this essential preventative health measure is now within the reach of the most at-risk Indigenous children."

On average, about five Indigenous children aged under five die from the flu or pneumonia every year.

Ms Ley said the Government would spend \$1.3 million this year and \$4.5 million over the next five years to expand the flu vaccination program to include Indigenous children.

"Health complications"

"Those who survive a severe flu can suffer lasting health complications including pneumonia, heart, blood system and liver problems," she said.

"Providing free flu vaccines to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in their formative years will help them to grow up healthy, happy and ready for school and be a positive step towards closing the gap in health outcomes."

Under the National Immunisation Program (NIP), essential vaccines, including seasonal influenza vaccinations, are provided free to at-risk groups.

When the 2015 influenza vaccine is available next month, parents of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged between six months and five years will be able to get their children vaccinated for free through general practitioners, community-controlled Aboriginal medical services and immunisation clinics.

Free influenza vaccines are also available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 and over, people 65 and over, pregnant women and people over six months who have specific medical conditions that increase susceptibility to influenza.

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An-burra actress and singer Ursula Yovich is joining the Black Arm Band for *dirtsong*.

dirtsong to hit stages

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Black Arm Band returns to the stage in Melbourne, Launceston and Hobart

this week, before heading to Asia, with *dirtsong*, a musical journey featuring songs in 11 Aboriginal languages and moving imagery and text.

Acclaimed An-burra actress and singer Ursula Yovich, from Maningrida in Arnhem Land, is looking forward to joining the "goddesses" in a show she describes, from her experience of being in the audience, as intoxicating.

While Yovich has performed in the Black Arm Band's *Hidden Republic* and *murundak*, it will be her first time in *dirtsong*.

Promoted as "an unforgettable show to move the heart and lift the spirit" and a "powerful musical journey through Australia's cultural heartland", *dirtsong* – inspired by the words of Waanyi author, activist and Miles Franklin Award winner from the Gulf of Carpentaria Alexis Wright – was first performed to sold-out houses at the 2009 Melbourne Festival.

Yovich says there is something quite beautiful and

theatrical about *dirtsong*, and she feels privileged to be singing in other languages.

"And it's a really pleasure to be sharing the stage with all of those amazing, talented performers, having a wonderful time doing something you really love," she said.

"I've been in the audience, and when I first saw it I couldn't take my eyes of the girls. I likened them to goddesses.

"The women are very much like a wonderful backing, but they have moments where they

speaks their language any more, it's a real privilege to sing in language, whether it's your own or someone else's. It's a continuation of something very, very ancient," she said.

"I've always loved the sound of language. English is my second language. Burarra is my first language, my mother's language.

"As a teenager I was quite obsessed with songs in different languages. I listened to my father's Serbian music and Spanish music. There's something fantastic to surrender your soul over to the music."

Others performers in the line-up for this instalment of *dirtsong* are Deline Briscoe, Emma Donovan, Mark Atkins, Trevor Jamieson, Yirmaland guest artist Paul Dempsey from Something for Kate, with Andrea Keller (piano), Genevieve Lacey (recorder), Greg Sheehan (percussion), Julien Wilson (saxophone), Michael Meagher (double bass/bass guitar) and Nigel Maclean (violin).

Tomorrow night's performance (Thursday, March 26) is at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre in Preston.

For tickets to the Launceston and Hobart shows, on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, visit www.tendays.org.au

"I've always loved the sound of language. English is my second language. Burarra is my first language, my mother's language.

– *dirtsong* performer Ursula Yovich

sing their own songs.

"What's special for me is that's it really focussed on language."

Although Yovich grew up in Darwin, with a mother from Maningrida, knowing and hearing her own language constantly, she does not take it for granted.

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Hearing told of violence



NORTHERN Territory politician Bess Price grew up in Lajamanu, an Aboriginal community where family violence was a part of daily life.

"I have personally experienced the horrors of domestic violence and have lived the tragedy this crime brings," she told a Senate committee hearing about domestic violence in Darwin this month.

Domestic and family violence had reached epidemic proportions in the NT and the statistics were "breathtaking", Ms Price said.

In 2013, the NT had a homicide rate five times the rest of Australia.

Aboriginal women were hospitalised in the NT at 50 times the rate of all other Australian women, Ms Price said.

Three out of every four women suffering domestic violence in the Northern Territory are Indigenous, which is 23 times the rate of the general population.

Ms Price said it was crucial to understand the complex emotional connections and familial and cultural expectations that held women in relationships with abusive men, the hearing heard.

Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT head John Paterson said Indigenous people were traumatised by the threat of their children being taken away.

"Aboriginal people will not report family violence if it will result in

family members being removed from the community or incarcerated," he said.

NT Labor senator Nova Peris said federal cuts to drug and alcohol programs would have an enormous impact.

"You're not tackling family and domestic violence if you're not tackling alcohol," she said.

A number of witnesses said the NT Government's contentious alcohol-management policies were problematic, such as running forced alcohol rehabilitation on the former Berrimah prison site.

Ethical minefield

NT Law Society chief executive Megan Lawton said using the opportunity of a captive patient to treat other health issues was an ethical minefield.

"If someone says, 'I want to lock you up in prison and treat your scabies and chronic kidney disease,' would you think that was fair?" she asked.

Ms Price, a Country Liberal Party MLA, said the Federal Government should reverse its funding cuts to Aboriginal legal services.

The North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency is facing a cut of about 10% of its budget, which means 10 to 15 lawyers will be let go, including the agency's only dedicated family violence lawyer.

The committee will report back to Parliament in June. — AAP

Winds of Woerr is choreographed by Performing Lines NSW artist Ghenoa Gela. Picture: Gregory Lorenzutti



Partnership sets the stage for more tours



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander choreographers and dancers are set to

benefit from the new Dana Waranara partnership, which is planning more show tours.

Formed between BlakDance, the national industry body for contemporary Indigenous dance, and tour management company Performing Lines, Dana Waranara aims to support contemporary Indigenous choreographers and promote their work.

The Dana Waranara project, supported financially by the Australia Council for the Arts, will be launched in mid-2015.

BlakDance chair Monica Stevens welcomed it.

"Emerging and established practitioners are producing full-length works, but we are not seeing the logical follow through in presentation and touring, nationally or internationally. This project directly addresses this," she said.

Development

Selected works will be taken through the stages of creative development, presentation and touring, together with a number of regional and metropolitan presenters, many of whom have already indicated their support for the project.

Dana Waranara — meaning 'Come over here! Bring your

(dancing) feet' in the Dharug (NSW) language — will also focus on finding ways to connect Indigenous and other audiences.

The project will also be linked to BlakDance's long-term international strategy, currently being developed by executive producer Merindah Donnelly.

"What's really important about this project is its focus on redefining producing and touring models," she said.

"No longer is it solely a presenter-driven structure. BlakDance is deliberately undergoing a process that will see presenters collaborating with artists from the beginning of a process, ensuring that protocols and ethics are Indigenous-led from day one."

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Lifeline



The sashing ceremony is attended by, from left, Florence Onus, James Cook University vice-chancellor Sandra Harding, graduates Sonyah Stewart, Anja Bremermann and Gail Barry, JCU chancellor Lt-General John Grey and Professor Gracelyn Smallwood.

Graduates show pride

By ALF WILSON



EACH year James Cook University (JCU) hosts a cultural sashing ceremony for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates. Students receive a sash that reflects their cultural identity, depicted by cultural motifs and symbols.

The sashing ceremonies recognise the commitment and achievements of the students and provide an opportunity for families to celebrate.

JCU graduation ceremonies were held at the Townsville Entertainment Centre this month, with Indigenous students being awarded degrees in marine and environmental sciences, science technology and engineering, tropical health and medicine, business, law and governance, and arts, society and education.

The *Koori Mail* was invited to College of Business Law and Governance ceremony, where Anja Bremermann, Gail Barry and Sonyah Stewart received their sashes from JCU chancellor Lt-General John Grey.

Ms Barry is a 61-year-old Bwgcolman mother from Palm Island, while Ms Bremermann is a descendant from Yorke Island in the Torres Strait. Both received Bachelor of Business degrees.

Ms Stewart, a Birrigubba woman from the Burdekin, graduated with a Bachelor of Law.

"Recognition"

"The sashes provide Indigenous graduates with recognition by the public that they are a role model to others following in the footsteps of their success," Lt-Gen Grey said.

Professor Gracelyn Smallwood officiated at the

ceremony alongside JCU's Indigenous Student Support staff.

The *Koori Mail* also attended the sashing ceremony for the College of Arts, Society and Education.

Graduates were Martin Adams, Nilisa Allen, Adrian Cox, Tia Gordon, Ben Green, Birrin Hooper, Megan Sarmardin, Jema Williams and Felise Goldfinch. Indigenous lecturer Sharon Moore officiated.

"JCU is committed to honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to the university and society," Ms Moore said.

"Envisioning a dream is not easy and seeing it through is not either. On this special occasion we are all proud of your accomplishments and each and every one of you has truly earned this success."



JCU College of Arts Society and Education graduates with Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, right.

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Rangers break up Perth tent camps

Mental health plan call



RANGERS broke up the Nyoongar Tent Embassy on Perth's Heirisson Island twice last week. The campers pitched tents on the Swan River island earlier this month, declaring it a refuge for homeless Nyoongar people and part of the national sovereignty movement.

Last week, dozens of mounted, dog squad and air wing police stood watch as council workers removed the protesters' tent camps after they refused to leave.

But the action failed to deter the group, who set up camp again soon after.

On Friday, police accompanied City of Perth rangers to the island again to remove more tents and extinguish campfires.

A City spokeswoman said protesters were noisy but did not interfere. No arrests were made and no move-on notices were issued.

The protesters have since set up more tent camps.

Weeks of protests were held on Heirisson Island in 2012 after a group of activists objected to the WA Government's \$1.3 billion native title offer to the Nyoongar people.

There were more protests about the offer on the steps of the Western Australian Parliament.

The offer was finalised in November last year after five years of negotiations between the state and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC).



Standing together: Activists protest at the Nyoongar Tent Embassy on Perth's Heirisson Island.

It offers the Nyoongar people land, finance and benefits in exchange for the surrender of native title rights in the region.

The Nyoongar community is currently considering the deal, but some Nyoongar people have accused those who support it of being sellouts.

Speaker Avril Dean told the

crowd that SWALSC has "dangled a bit of money" above the Nyoongar people's heads.

"This land is so much about us and what's in our hearts, and we come here to protest the giving away of our land," she said.

"The Government wants to take away ... everything that's so special to us."

The SWALSC has negotiated six Indigenous land use agreements, one for each of the claim areas within the Noongar region.

Meetings to consider the offer have been held in five of the regions, with the final meeting scheduled for Cannington this Saturday, March 28. — *With AAP*



AS part of the National Close the Gap Day on March 19, mental health leaders called on the Federal

Government to ensure Indigenous Australia has a dedicated mental health plan.

"Mental health conditions, self-harm and suicide are reported among Indigenous Australians at over double the rate of other Australians," National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership in Mental Health (NATSILMH) chair Professor Pat Dudgeon said.

"The completion and implementation of the National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing will go some way to closing this gap in Indigenous health planning, and help close the mental health gap itself."

Prof Dudgeon said the development of the framework provides an opportunity to create a dedicated action plan focussed on mental health conditions and the health system's response.

NATSILMH member Tom Calma also called on all Australian governments to develop an Indigenous mental health plan as a priority.

"Better Indigenous mental health will support the Australian Government's Indigenous Affairs priority goals of reducing unemployment and truancy and increasing community safety, and the COAG target to close the life expectancy gap," he said.



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Loans spark action



THE Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has placed the Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation under special administration after an audit raised concerns about senior staff borrowing large sums of money. Based in Geraldton, Western Australia, the corporation owns and manages 121 residential properties primarily in Geraldton, Carnarvon, Meekatharra, Mullewa and Mount Magnet.

The registrar's office conducted an examination in November 2014 after the corporation's former auditor, Forefront Audit, raised the concerns. This revealed that a director, some senior staff and members had outstanding loans of more than \$391,000 owed to the corporation. It also revealed serious concerns about the standards of corporate governance and financial management at the corporation.

Mr Beven said appointing special administrators would allow the corporation to continue its services to the community while addressing the issues identified in the examination. "Auditors such as Forefront Audit play an important role in protecting the members' interest," he said.

Andrew West and Kahsai Tesfa from the South Australian-based firm of Andrew H West and Associates have been appointed as the special administrators of the corporation until August 26.



Left: Warraberalgahl Ranger Mark Pearson with John Bowie (centre) and Dennis Harry from My Pathway untangle a little flatback turtle. Right: The men have successfully removed the ghost netting from the turtle. Pictures: TSRA

Turtle saved from net



A SMALL flatback turtle was saved from drowning last month after it was seen tangled in a fishing net and a plastic bag off Warraber Island in the Torres Strait.

Warraber community members contacted the Warraberalgahl Rangers, who rescued the turtle, with help from participants in My Pathway, a registered training organisation.

The rangers and members of the community, including My Pathways participants, helped to untangle the turtle, which had four bruised flippers. It was nursed back to health by rangers and released.

Protect resources

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairperson Joseph Elu said the rescue of the turtle highlighted how the community, TSRA and other organisations were working to help protect important natural resources.

"It's sad to think that every year, many turtles are caught in ghost nets from outside the Torres Strait," he said.

"It just goes to show that we must remain vigilant in our waters.

"Fortunately, rangers are caring for their land and sea country across all of the Torres Strait, in order to preserve it for the next generations to come."

Ghost nets are just one of the many types of marine debris that are a danger to turtles.

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- You can vote for as many people as you like – 2, 3, 4 and so on.

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- You can vote for as many groups as you like – 2, 3, 4 and so on.

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The Tjintu Desert Band plays desert reggae for the WOMAD audience.
Picture: Doug Clarke



A performer from Bärra dances, Arnhem Land-style.
Picture: Paul Heck

Aboriginal acts wow at WOMAD



ABORIGINAL acts wowed audiences with their innovative performances at this year's WOMAD in Adelaide. Renowned Yolngu musician and yirdaki craftsman Djalu Gurruwiwi and fellow Arnhem Land musicians Bärra teamed up with popular musician Gotye for

a special performance at the festival. The musicians also feature in an upcoming documentary *Baywara*.

Soul singer Emma Donovan kicked off her shoes for a moving and grooving performance. Tjintu Desert Band, from central Australia, impressed the crowd with their brand of desert reggae.

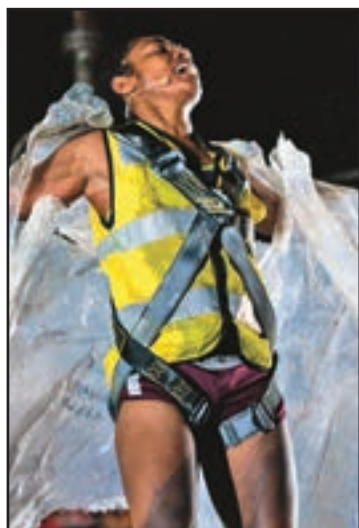
Marrugeku, a Broome-based physical

theatre company, presented their new production *Cut the Sky*, which is based on the land rights protest at Noonkanbah Cattle Station in Western Australia and features poems by Edwin Lee Mulligan.

WOMAD, staged on Kaurna country in Adelaide, is the biggest world music festival in Australia and had a record crowd of 95,000 this year.



Emma Donovan sings soul. Picture: Doug Clarke



Cut the Sky, by Broome-based physical theatre company Marrugeku, told an important story. Picture: Paul Heck



Djalu Gurruwiwi and Gotye join Bärra on stage. Picture: Jack Grieve



Kaurna dancers welcome the crowd to country. Picture: Jack Grieve



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APG seeks passport artists



THE Aboriginal Provisional Government (APG) is looking for Aboriginal artists to help design a revamped Aboriginal passport.

In January, members of the APG executive council, including Callum Clayton-Dixon, began talks with an international passport company.

They are planning to launch the revamped Aboriginal passport in July as a document that will comply with security standards set down by the United Nations.

"This follows a decision by the APG on the need to adopt international

standards for our passports if we truly believe the Aboriginal nation is part of the international community," Mr Clayton-Dixon said.

"Foreign countries will have no choice but to reject our passports for political reasons as opposed to security reasons.

"The Aboriginal passport, issued by the APG since 1990, is a demonstration of our inherent right to remain a distinct sovereign people. It is part of the APG's policy on 'acting sovereignty'."

In the past, a number of foreign states including Libya and Norway have accepted APG-issued travel documents.

Last year a delegation, including Mr Clayton-Dixon, attempted to travel to

Canada on their Aboriginal passports. They were detained for 45 minutes in Canada, then sent home. When they arrived in Australia, after refusing to provide other documents, Customs and Immigration eventually passed the delegation through, which Mr Clayton-Dixon said was a triumph.

The APG has also been in talks with the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (an alliance of six Native tribes in North America) who issue their own passports.

The APG is seeking a range of Aboriginal art to fill more than 30 pages of the revamped Aboriginal passport.

Interested artists can contact the APG by email on chair@apg.org.au

New members on AIATSIS council



THE council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has five new members.

They are Donisha Duff, the national manager of Indigenous Affairs at Kidney Health Australia and 2014 NAIDOC Scholar of the Year, filmmaker Rachel Perkins, Indigenous education leader Professor Cindy Shannon, business woman Jodie Sizer and lawyer Geoffrey Winters.

They replace outgoing council members Neva Collings, Dana Ober, June Oscar, Robynne Quiggan and Mark Wenitong.

Professor Mick Dodson continues as chair of the AIATSIS council.

Ethos community grants on offer



A NEW grants scheme designed to promote sustainable development and encourage social and economic improvements for disadvantaged communities has been launched.

The Ethos Global Foundation Community Project Grants scheme will provide initial funding for community-orientated organisations and groups that, through ethical practices, are committed to supporting and strengthening capacity and resilience.

It is an initiative of Darwin-based charity Ethos Global Foundation, which works to help communities.

Applications for grants, which range from \$500 to \$5000, close on May 15. To apply, visit www.ethosglobal.com

Health centres for NT communities



THE remote communities of Elliott and Canteen Creek will soon have new health centres as part of a \$50 million bush infrastructure package in the Northern Territory. NT Health Minister John Elferink said more than \$10 million have been

allocated to build the two new centres in a bid to improve health services in the bush communities.

"The new centres will replace existing aged infrastructure and allow for better healthcare delivery in the communities," he said.

The soon-to-be built \$5.62 million health centre in Elliott will be the major primary health care centre for the Barkly region and provide a culturally appropriate facility.

Works will also soon begin on the \$5.1 million health centre at Canteen Creek.

Mr Elferink said both facilities will feature an acute/emergency room and integrated primary and community care service.

Other health centres to be upgraded under the program are Maningrida, Papunya, Docker River (Kaltukatjara) and Maryvale (Tijikala). New health clinics will also be built at Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Galiwinku and Robinson River.

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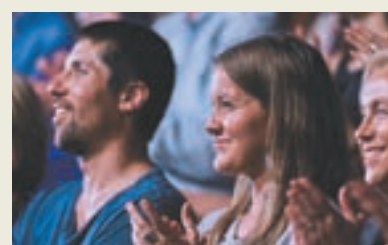
First, by 2055 the number of people aged 65 and over will double. At the same time, the ratio of potential workers to every older person is projected to nearly halve.

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Murri School approach heads south



THE Murri School in Brisbane has been so successful at Closing the Gap when it comes to education that its approach is now being adopted in the NSW state school system.

Developed jointly by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation and Brisbane's Murri School four years ago, the program brings together family support workers, psychologists, medical and allied health professionals and trauma-informed teachers to create a culturally appropriate, supportive environment.

Backed by a whole-of-school approach to trauma, the program is designed for Indigenous children and young people who have faced issues such as trauma, grief and loss, cultural dislocation, family strain, disrupted parenting and social disadvantage, including those who have had contact with the Department of Child Safety and the youth justice system.

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said the success of the program underlines the importance of healing to closing the gap.

"It addresses the intergenerational trauma experienced by so many Indigenous children and young people by creating a safe environment where students feel comfortable seeking support, and adopting a trauma-informed, holistic approach," he said.

Throughout the project, 70% of



Brisbane's Murri School dance group members perform during a Close the Gap Day event in Queensland.

participating students have reported improvements in their ability to manage difficult situations at home and at school, 80% have reported increased help-seeking behaviours at home and at school, and 90% say they have a stronger connection with their families.

"The program has also been building strong relationships with students' families, including through family camps," Mr Weston said.

"This has resulted in more parents referring their children for support, and more families engaging with the

school due to positive word of mouth."

These elements of the program are now being implemented in the NSW state school system, at Bourke High School and Brewarrina Central School.

More information is available at www.healingfoundation.org.au

Business, jobs goal



THE Federal Government says two new reforms will increase the development and growth of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and employment.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says that the Commonwealth will have clear and accountable targets to increase Indigenous employee numbers in the public sector and use the Commonwealth's \$39 billion in annual spending to help Indigenous businesses and boost Indigenous employment.

"These are two significant reforms which form part of the Government's response to the Forrest Review – Creating Parity, and will, over the long-term, lead

to significant growth in Indigenous employment," he said. "Indigenous businesses currently only secure a very, very small amount of Government business – far less than 1%, or about \$6.2 million. This is despite existing exemption policies which make it easier for public sector agencies to purchase from Indigenous businesses."

Finance Minister Mathias Cormann said the target was for the Commonwealth to have 3% of its procurement contracts with Indigenous suppliers by 2020.

"This equates to about 1500 contracts each year by 2020. In dollar terms, this will be around

\$135 million each year, based on an average contract value of \$90,000," he said.

"This is a massive increase from the Commonwealth's current Indigenous procurement spend. There are many Indigenous-

"Supply Nation is really excited about the potential of this policy, and we're looking to work closely with the Federal Government and Indigenous suppliers."

owned companies capable of supplying services to the Commonwealth and winning a much greater share of Commonwealth work."

Supply Nation, the organisation that represents Indigenous businesses, will work with the Government to expand and strengthen its register.

Supply Nation chief executive Leah Armstrong told the *Koori Mail* that the Government's new policy would help grow Indigenous businesses and, hopefully, see new Indigenous-owned enterprises.

"There are definitely opportunities that can be looked at. Construction and infrastructure are two areas that in particular that could offer opportunities for Indigenous businesses," she said.

"Supply Nation is really excited about the potential of this policy, and we're looking to work closely with the Federal Government and Indigenous suppliers."

"Our certification process is well recognised." Ms Armstrong said one of the other effects of the new policy would be to open up Supply Nation's register and make the public more aware of what Indigenous businesses are in the market.

"We encourage Indigenous businesses to register and contact Supply Nation to come on to the database for the public directory. We want to get as many Indigenous businesses as possible registered on our public directory," she said.

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Applications close Friday 17 April 2015.

Launch for Maningrida doco



LAST year, Melbourne-based hip hop and roots outfit New Dub City (pictured) visited the Arnhem Land centre of Maningrida where they held drumming workshops and gave a live show.

A documentary from that visit will be launched this Saturday (March 28) at Bar 303 in Northcote, Melbourne.

Called *Mane Djang Karirra* – meaning ‘the place where the Dreaming changed shape’ in Kunibidji language – the documentary follows the band members as they experience the life and culture of the area.

Proceeds from the launch of the documentary and accompanying show will go to the youth services in the Maningrida region.

Groups oppose WA law move



WESTERN Australia has the highest rate of incarceration of Aboriginal people in the country, and now 12 prominent organisations have warned the Government that a planned new law will see that statistic blow out even further.

The organisations, including Amnesty International, have united in their opposition to Western Australia's controversial *Criminal Law Amendment (Home Burglary and Other Offences) Bill 2014* in its current form.

In an open letter, the organisations, including Aboriginal and legal bodies, called on WA Premier Colin Barnett, Attorney-General Michael Mischin and Police Minister Liza Harvey to withdraw the bill, or at least amend it so as not to apply to children.

The letter objects to the bill's breach of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that the arrest or imprisonment of a child “shall be used only as a measure of last resort and for

the shortest appropriate period of time”.

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has said that WA's mandatory sentencing laws are contrary to international law.

The 12 national and WA organisations outlined how the bill, which expands the current mandatory sentencing regime to include 16 and 17 year olds, would mean more young Aboriginal

this Bill on the grounds that it will increase community safety, but that evidence shows mandatory sentencing does not reduce offending rates.

There are also growing concerns about estimates by the WA Department of Corrective Services that the bill will lead to an additional 350 to 400 prisoners and the letter claims that the estimated costs to WA taxpayers will be extensive, including \$93 million for a new detention facility and \$43 million in costs for detaining people caught up by the stricter bill.

The letter is signed by the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA, Amnesty International Australia, Australian Lawyers Alliance (WA), Australian

Lawyers for Human Rights, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), Civil Liberties Australia, Deaths in Custody Watch Committee of Western Australia, Just Reinvest NSW, Men's Outreach Service, Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies.

“In 2013-2014 Indigenous young people made up 78.3% of all young people in detention in Western Australia.”

people in the justice system.

Amnesty Indigenous campaigner Julian Cleary said that in WA, Aboriginal young people are 53 times more likely to be in detention than other young people.

“In 2013-2014 Indigenous young people made up 78.3% of all young people in detention in WA,” he said.

In the open letter, the organisations also claim the Government has justified

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The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of the following item on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Further details on all the nominated places below can be viewed at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx

Glen Innes Showground, Bourke Street, Glen Innes

Written submissions on the abovementioned listing is invited in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place by 14 April 2015.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann Hamilton on (02) 9873 8565 or maryann.hamilton@environment.nsw.gov.au

Bathurst Showground, Kendall Avenue (Great Western Highway), Bathurst

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Brewarrina Aboriginal Fish Traps / Baiame's Ngunnhu, Brewarrina

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Peter Franey

**Arrernte man from Alice Springs
Crane operator Adelaide, SA**

Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo, sand goanna, lungwa bush banana.

Favourite drink?
Wild Turkey (whiskey).

Favourite music?
All sorts.

Favourite sport?
Footy, cricket and eight-ball (pool).

What are you reading?
Sport Fishing magazine.

What are you watching?
Documentaries on wildlife, plants and sea creatures.

What do you like in life?
My family and friends, sport, telling jokes, fishing, boating and I love a good challenge, especially in the field of work that I do.

What don't you like?
I don't like the way that the Alice Springs cricket carnival, the Imparja Cup, doesn't get any TV coverage for the major centres and or the community games. A lot of gifted youngsters don't get a mention.

Who would you most like to meet?
West Indies cricketing great Viv Richards.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
(Martial arts actor) Jet Li, and I'd ask him if there is any chance that an Aboriginal lad like myself would have any luck in action movies.

If you could, what would you do to benefit Indigenous Australians?
I would like to train remote community people in crane operating, working at heights, rigging and heavy vehicle operations, fencing and pastoral land management to make them more self-sufficient.

Quote



"It is not the job of the taxpayer to subsidise lifestyle choices"

– Prime Minister Tony Abbott on Aboriginal people in remote communities

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Unquote

PM's comment just ridiculous

TONY Abbott seems to approach his aim of being the "Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs" from the perspective that everyone should aspire to be a white, Christian man.

Mr Abbott's comment that governments shouldn't have to subsidise the "lifestyle choices" of Aboriginal people in remote WA communities is ridiculous to the point of farce – or would be if the issue wasn't so serious.

Governments redistribute funds – that's why we pay taxes. They determine policy and work out how to fund it (or should; the Abbott-Hockey Government has proved so inept that they're only a few weeks away from the Budget but haven't yet passed all the measures from last year). So governments of all persuasions 'subsidise' all sorts of different measures, from farming to mining.

For Mr Abbott to use the language he did – which recalls the nasty rhetoric of times past about gay and lesbian people – is either a sign that he simply does not understand some fundamental values held dear by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people or that he's dog-whistling to racists in a desperate attempt to gain some political traction.

Either way it is, as Noel Pearson – whose name Mr Abbott likes to reference when he feels the need to shore up his credentials speaking to white people about Aboriginal affairs –



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said, deranged and substandard.

It is sad that even after spending time in remote communities (which again, Mr Abbott likes to mention), our Prime Minister appears to lack the understanding that Aboriginal people have a real and deep connection to country.

Every single program that aims to help young Aboriginal people overcome disadvantage, or address mental health issues or early intervention, talks in some way about reconnecting to country and learning from the wisdom of the Elders.

To dismiss that as a "lifestyle choice" is almost beyond comprehension – and to refuse to apologise or back down compounds the insult.

But it is heartening to see the responses to the call for a national day of action against the closures of remote communities. So many people from so many different walks of life and places across the globe raised their placards and voices to disagree with oppressive government policy – that's a chorus that can't be dismissed.

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When it comes to volleyball he shines



Steve Tutton is now senior coach of the Australian women's beach volleyball team the Volleeyroos.



Steve Tutton coaches beach volleyballers Louise Bawden, left, and her playing partner, Indigenous star Taliqua Clancy. Pictures: Peter Argent

By PETER ARGENT

HE'S not as well known as Cathy Freeman, Evonne Goolagong or Lionel Rose, but in his chosen sport of volleyball, Aboriginal man Steve Tutton is a star – first as a player and now as a coach.

Coming south to Adelaide in his early teens, Tutton was a natural sporting talent who became a champion player and then inspirational coach. Originally from Darwin, the Tutton family headed south after their house was blown down by Cyclone Tracey at Christmas 1974.

Tutton was already a representative junior at sports including Australian football, rugby, hockey, golf and basketball, to name just some.

After a stint in Alice Springs, the family moved into a home at Ingle Farm, Adelaide, and the young Steve attended the local high school.

"At Ingle Farm High School we had an awesome PE teacher, Harley Simpson, who introduced us to volleyball," Tutton said. "Within a year I was playing club volleyball for the Tigershrikes and in junior state teams. "Harley and John Dunstan were the keys to me and my brothers progressing in the game. "During that period, it was nothing for us to drive interstate to play in a tournament over a long weekend."

By 1978 and still in his teens, Steve Tutton was playing in an Australian under-20 side in a Pacific Rim titles against a United States side that became the nucleus of the Olympic-winning side of 1984, along with teams from leading volleyball nations such as Korea, Japan and Canada.

In 1981, with younger brothers Mark and Reggie now entrenched in the game, the Tutton clan made up half of the Northern Aurora team in the National Volleyball League (NVL).

Steve Tutton was the star of the competition, winning three most valuable player awards from 1981.

"The NVL had two teams from Adelaide, one from Queensland and Perth, three in Melbourne and a pair in Sydney," Tutton said.

"Over those first years, we won successive titles from 1981 and 1983 and became the core of the national team.

"In those early years of the NVL, we were getting between 2500 and 3000 patrons to our games at Apollo Stadium.

"We ended Victoria's dominance of the national titles as well, but travelling to nationals was self-funded and between our regular work commitments."

Touch of the rebel

There is a touch of the rebel in Steve Tutton. "We decided to go on a tour of Europe instead of playing at the nationals in 1984," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"So the governing body decided to ban us for 12 months. The next year (1985), Chinese Taipei came to Australia and beat our national side 3-0.

"Their coach couldn't believe it when they came to Adelaide to play a SA state side that

included Michael, Reggie and me, as we beat them 3-2.

"Our success was because we were a committed bunch of young guys.

"When I was living at Hallett Cove (a southern suburb), I remember running along the railway tracks to Brighton to catch a ride to the Magill (an upper north-east suburb of Adelaide) campus for our training.

"In the late 1980s, the Sport Australian Sport Institute (SASI) started getting involved in volleyball."

In 1990, Tutton made a decision that changed his work career, taking up a full-time coaching role in volleyball at SASI, with his initial role looking after the men's state indoor and beach volleyball teams.

"It was a melting pot of sporting and coaching knowledge," Tutton said.

"There were people like Jenny Williams (lacrosse), Michael Nunan (AFL) and Michael Flynn among the personnel at SASI.

"In 1995, I went to Brazil to see beach volleyball, and knowing we didn't have the depth of team talent of the high-profile indoor volleyball nations through Europe, Asia and the Americas, it opened my eyes to the opportunities we (Australia) may have in beach volleyball.

"Team leader"

"I was given a role as a team leader in 1996 at the Atlanta Olympics and after submissions to the Australian Sports Commission, through the drive of (politician) Christopher Schacht, we were given a \$500,000 grant to start a national program in Adelaide, which I'd head up," he said.

"With 1200 tonnes of sand at a cost \$7000, we built our own facility.

"The performance of the men's team in 2000 Sydney Olympics was under-standard.

"With the help of Craig 'Frog' Marshall, we ramped up the success of the men's beach volleyball team in the following years.

"I'm now senior coach of the Australian women's beach volleyball team – the Volleeyroos.

"At our base in Adelaide, we have a cohort of athletes who are aspiring to win medals at the 2016 Olympics.

"We still seek to learn. In 2013 we went to Brazil, and in 2014 we learned from the highly regarded German program, having a training camp with them."

Tutton has fellow Indigenous talent Taliqua Darcy among his AIS scholarship holders.

For all his personal highlights, Tutton's most satisfying moment in 40 years in the sport has been seeing his oldest son Aden (who is now coaching a volleyball program in Bournemouth, England) playing in the 2012 London Olympics.

Both his boys, Aden and younger sibling Brad, were AIS scholarship holders, and each went on to represent their country at Australian under-18 and under-21 levels.

They follow a long list of Tutton sporting talent.

Steve's dad, Joe, a fireman at the Adelaide airport, was an excellent footballer, while his mum Joan (where the family's Aboriginal heritage comes from) was an elite hockey player and basketball.

2015 Indigenous Conference Services

REGISTRATION ARE NOW OPEN

Say No to Domestic Violence Conference:
The Gold Coast, QLD, on 7th- 9th October 2015.

1st National Indigenous Board of Directors Conference
The Gold Coast, QLD, on 19th-21st October, 2015.

The 2015 National Indigenous Women's Conference
Darwin, NT, on 28th-30th September, 2015.

The 2015 National Indigenous Men's Conference
Darwin, NT, on 28th-30th September, 2015.

The 2015 International Indigenous Health Conference
Cairns scheduled for the 1st - 3rd December, 2015.

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Indigenous Conference Services (Australia)



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Education & Communities
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NAIDOC 2015

Applications to apply for funding are now open for eligible organisations to support NAIDOC activities across NSW.

Applications will be accepted until 17 April 2015.

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Elder led health service



NGUNNAWAL Elder Judy Harris, the former long-serving chair of Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service in Canberra, passed away in Canberra this month. Winnunga chairperson Associate Professor Craig Ritchie and chief executive Julie Tongs said Ms Harris was a lifelong fighter for Aboriginal advancement.

"Aboriginal people have lost a great champion and advocate for Aboriginal health," Ms Tongs said.

"Over a quarter of a century she helped guide Winnunga's progress and growth. In that time she saw Winnunga move from a relatively small service to one that currently has a yearly budget of more than \$8 million and employs over 60 staff.

"To achieve that level of progress and success is a major tribute to Auntie Jude's total commitment and dedication to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal Australians in this region. It also reflects her equal commitment to ensuring the ACT had one of the

very best community-controlled Aboriginal health services in Australia."

Auntie Jude, despite failing health in recent years, only stepped down as chair in December last year.

"Auntie Jude was respected by Aboriginal people throughout the ACT and surrounding region," Ms Tongs said.

"Even those who may not have agreed with her recognised the tremendous contribution she has made to ensure the ACT has an effective and professional Aboriginal health service."

Alf Bamblett leaves behind proud legacy



YORTA Yorta, Bangerang and Wiradjuri Elder and

anti-discrimination pioneer Dr Alf Bamblett has died, aged 71. Uncle Alf grew up on an Aboriginal reserve near Leeton, NSW, and worked as a fruit picker, plasterer and a touring boxer before finding his home in Melbourne's Fitzroy.

He was Victorian Aboriginal of the Year in 1994, and inducted to the Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll in 2011.

Premier Daniel Andrews paid tribute to Uncle Alf, who was Victorian commissioner of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission from 1991 to 1995.

"Angered by the prejudice and poverty he saw there, Uncle Alf's determination to end the divide between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people was galvanised," Mr Andrews said.

"His legacy in fighting injustice will endure and his dedication to achieving equality will not be forgotten."

Dr Bamblett was also instrumental in establishing the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service.

He was a valued member of the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd.

Uncle Alf was also a keen musician, and recognising that there were few social venues accepting of Aboriginal people, he began the fortnightly social nights at the John Curtin Hotel.

Dr Bamblett was a long-time president of the Aborigines Advancement League, chair of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee and president of



The late Dr Alf Bamblett at a recent NAIDOC Week celebration in Melbourne.

the Fitzroy Stars Football and Netball Club.

He was also instrumental in establishing the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

SNAICC chairperson Sharron Williams said Dr Bamblett leaves behind a monumental legacy.

"Dr Bamblett was an articulate and, when the need arose, feisty advocate, advising the highest levels of government on issues such as Indigenous education, disadvantage, land rights,

economic development and justice," she said.

"As well as fighting for the rights of Aboriginal people, Dr Bamblett's other great passions in life were his family and music. No social or cultural event in Melbourne was complete without Dr Bamblett's Stray Blacks band.

"And he was at his vibrant, energetic best when it came to karaoke sessions, or as he called it, Koorioke.

"Dr Bamblett's passion, drive and vision will be greatly missed."

Dr Bamblett worked to

establish Aboriginal education units at TAFEs and universities across Victoria, including the Institute of Koorie Education at Deakin University. He received an honorary doctorate from Deakin in 2004.

Uncle Alf was the first ATSIC commissioner elected for Victoria, in 1992. While commissioner, he helped prepare a response to the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. He played an integral role in negotiating the funding for programs to address the commission's 339 recommendations. In doing so, he became the first Aboriginal man from Victoria to present to the Federal Cabinet.

In 2007, he received the Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award from the Victorian Law Foundation for outstanding contributions to Indigenous rights.

Dr Bamblett leaves behind his wife Professor Muriel Bamblett and his devoted extended family.

Dr Bamblett's son Alf Jnr told the ABC that his father had dedicated his life to improving living conditions and education for Aboriginal people.

"The sky was the limit. He passed that on to everyone. Anything was possible. It was just a matter of having a go," Alf Jnr said.

"You see the reflection of him in all of his children and grand children.

"His legacy will live on through his family and the lessons he taught them.

"He wasn't in it for the popularity but to get things done for his people."

A state funeral will be held at Dungula Function Centre, Edward Street, Moama, tomorrow (March 26), at 11am. – *With AAP*



Kurranulla raises concerns

WE at Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation (in southern Sydney) started from humble beginnings over 20 years ago.

The organisation has grown from meetings in the park to the premises we currently have at Jannali in the Sutherland Shire.

But now we are worried that funding changes will see our mob slip through the cracks.

The dedicated staff here are determined to ensure that the hard work of the Elders that strived for a safe space for local Aboriginal people to meet and connect to services remains as strong as ever, despite impending funding cuts to Home and Community Care case management programs.



Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation workers, from left, Debbie Szafrank, Denise Beaufrils, Deanna Schreiber, Jo Love and Sharyn Hepburn are worried that many Aboriginal people who need help will miss out.

Our biggest concerns are that as the new aged-care and disability

reforms phase in, many of our people who need the most help will miss out.

Our services are known throughout the community and we do our

best to help every person who knocks on our door, but with impending funding cuts to case management we may lose qualified Aboriginal staff.

We are still waiting to hear how the Government will ensure that our people will not fall through the gaps.

We all know that Aboriginal services do a whole lot more than they are funded for, and we are concerned how all community members who need assistance will have access to services with any funding cuts.

DEANNA SCHREIBER
Chairperson
Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation
Sydney, NSW

POETRY

Just Waiting for a Change

When Ya think Ya can't wait for the end
When Ya think the end will bring Change
When ya think the end will bring that second chance
When ya waiting for the end
When ya thinking of the past
When ya think there's nothing more
When ya waiting for a new door
When ya sitting and crying 'cos ya down
Ya just gotta wait some more
'Cos a new door will come around I Promise
'Cos we know how to wait
Just wait some more
Wait for that door
Wait some more.

SHANE T HENDRY

Black fella

Black fella
White fella
White fella black fella
And everyone in between
All have one thing in common
Red blood coursing through their veins
A reminder humanity is one people
Together.

BRUCE DOCKER
Logan City, Qld

Hearts Of Stone

You Stole Our Land
You Stole Our Dreams
If You Ask Me
You Were Very Mean.
Shut Your Mouth
Is What You Say
And Are You Still Whinging Until This Day.
If It Was You
That Lost Your Family
It Would Be You
That Would Always Down Me.
But Because It's Not
You Feel No Pain
And You Think That
We're All Insane.

You Say Move On
Get Over Your Hurt
And Heal Your Wounds
Where You've Been Burnt.
But I Am Scarred
For The Rest Of My Life
Thanks To You
And All Your Kind.
I Cannot Help Feeling Bitter
When I Think About My Baby Sitter
I Wanted My Mum
And Not A Stranger.
But When You Came
I Saw The Danger
You Took Everything
That I Ever Owned
Because Your Heart
Was Just Like Stone.

Abi DRabi

Stop this madness

FOLLOWING the comments by Prime Minister Tony Abbott and WA Premier (Colin) Barnett, it must be said that the continuing gap between the poorest and most vulnerable – the dispossessed Aboriginal people of Australia – has been further widened.

The comments showed how out of touch is the leader of the country. He showed a complete lack of understanding of the culture of the First People.

Abbott's comments failed to inform everyone of the long continued attacks on Aboriginal people by the WA and Federal governments.

History does have a habit of repeating if issues are not properly addressed in the first instance.

For some time now the Barnett Government has undermined both the *WA Aboriginal Heritage Act* and the *Native Title Act* to the detriment of WA Aboriginal people.

The 'deal' with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council

and the WA Government is appalling government strategy to say the least. It is yet another divide-and-conquer colonists' approach from the Dark Ages. All appeals for common decency have been ignored.

The WA Department of Aboriginal Affairs' administration of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* without any lawful amendments is yet another breach of the laws of WA. But Aboriginal people have no money and the WA Government knows that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs will not be tested in the courts.

Aboriginal sacred sites are being desecrated by mining developers and the WA Government itself. The Aboriginal site records that were put in place to protect and preserve them are being systematically dismantled. Sacred sites are being reclassified declassified and, in most cases, deregistered altogether. If nothing is done soon, Aboriginal people in

WA will have no sacred sites at all. What a tragedy!

The truth is that Aboriginal people in WA are on the brink of genocide. The sacred connection to our sacred lands and waterways is being torn from us. This is a tragedy for humanity.

Colonisation has been destroying us at a horrific rate. What is happening is evil and it is continuing to dismantle the oldest continuing culture on the planet.

We, the Aboriginal people, are duty bound to protect and preserve the sacred Dreaming that is all the lands and waterways that we need to survive into the future.

There has been no recognition of our need for self-determination.

The truth is that the Barnett and Abbott governments have for a long time made plans to rid WA Aboriginal peoples from our sacred lands and waterways.

When will the time come that we, the First People, will be allowed our basic human right to

express ourselves together with the basic human right to be heard? No one truly consults with us. No one understands our connections to country.

What is needed is assistance to continue to live in harmony with the environment. A small amount of money from the mining industry alone would ensure that all current Aboriginal communities can live a continued existence on the sacred lands and waterways of our ancestors.

Firstly, and most importantly, is the need to understand that being custodians and caring for country is viable work. This must be acknowledged and honoured by governments.

Start by thinking inside 'Our Circle of Togetherness' for the benefit of all of us.

When will this madness stop?

IVA HAYWARD-JACKSON
Nyungah Land and Culture
Protector, Perth, WA

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Serious look at our comedy



Angelina Hurley

Opinion is rife on what Aboriginal and Torres Islander humour is, and how it is expressed – even though Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have delivered humour on a platter for centuries.

It has flourished via various media from humorous visual arts imagery, slapstick in dance (such as Djuki Mala – The Chooky Dancers), satire in sketch (such as *Basically Black*), parody in life (see *Babakeueria*), the black comedy of history (*Bindjareb Pinjarra*), cabaret in performance (*The Mary G Show*) and, most commonly, the tradition of oral storytelling with funny, true, made-up, exaggerated, dry, corny, obviously analytical jokes and yarns of the mob (such as *Deadly Funny*).

The diversity of our humour is prevalent and exists embedded within the diversity of our culture. Amusingly enough there has been a lack of awareness among non-Indigenous peoples about our humour, as discovered by Professor Lillian Holt on researching Aboriginal humour for a doctorate, during which a documentary filmmaker

stated that: “As a whitefella, I’ve never equated Aboriginal people and humour. It seems to me so incongruous.”

Our communities – like all – are a mix of genders, ages, languages, religions, and beliefs. Humour can be situational, regional, age and gender relative. Unless you’ve been privy to it by making an effort to coexist and communicate with our people and culture, it has remained mostly covert within Indigenous communities themselves.

Continued ignorance about us as “people” and the human quality of humour and comedy that we have can be annoying. Anthropological and ethnographic views and analysis continue even about the existence of our sense of humour.

Across the board we as humans know that “if you don’t laugh, you cry”. Shared values among indigenous peoples worldwide note humour existing as a resistance to oppression, an expression of identity, a means of survival and a tool for healing. Many areas of Australian Indigenous life and culture continue to be

misunderstood, unheard, misinterpreted, appropriated and even stolen.

Considering the impact of colonisation, racism, conflict and oppression, the health and wellbeing of Indigenous peoples prevails through humour.

So yeah, we have a sense of humour! The question is what should be the principles of Blak comedy for mainstream audiences?

Laughing ‘with’ or ‘at’

Are we giving permission for non-Indigenous viewers to laugh at us or with us? The challenge for Blak writers is this: How do we defuse and resist commonly held stereotypes and misconceptions?

Comedy is an opportunity to bridge the gap. For it to be successful there has to be universality, something audiences can relate to. It should provide moments that continue to challenge ideas of privilege and identity in Australian society without becoming assimilated for the viewing palette of mass audience appeal.

What’s allowed to be said and what’s allowed to be laughed at?

Some may argue that we can take power back via the use and ownership of words and stereotypes – such as the word ‘gin’. For others, this word is still entrenched in trauma and the sexualising of Aboriginal women. By using derogatory terminology back on ourselves can we really empower and remove the historical damage?

Such debates are still needed generally in Australian society. Comedy does have its place in this debate, but the wider ‘race’ debate also has its place in Australian comedy.

A significant challenge for Blak humour in breaking the mainstream is: Who really owns the humour?

Obvious analogy, exaggeration and repetitive storytelling is commonplace. What blackfulla hasn’t engaged in one of the many common jokes about ‘Closing The Gap’.

If we accept that Blak humour is unique to the Blak community, intellectual

property and copyright present real challenges for Indigenous writers and performers to not only manage the storytelling responsibilities from and to their communities, but also to protect theirs and their communities’ IP.

Of course, comedy is hard to write and perform. It’s said that good comedy offends as much as it amuses. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander humour does both, and does it well. We just need to see more of it.

The journey of moving away from modern-day minstrels is happening.

Indigenous Australians as a group need to continually reflect and participate in the process.

Angelina Hurley, a writer from Brisbane, is of Gooreng Gooreng, Jagera and Mununjali descent. She is the daughter of renowned visual artist Ron Hurley and has worked in Indigenous arts and community cultural development for more than 20 years. This piece was originally published on The Conversation website and is reproduced with the permission of the author.

Our children’s rights must be protected



Cheryl Orr

As Australia’s Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year 2014, I am compelled to use my privileged position to enlighten the public of the desperate consequences that Aboriginal children face when they and their families have no legal representation in the criminal courts or in care and protection matters.

According to the Productivity Commission Report 2014, imprisonment rates for Aboriginal adults have risen by 57.4%. For Aboriginal women, the rate of imprisonment has increased by 73.7% since 2000 (compared with 38.6% increase for men). In most of these cases, those imprisoned have their children removed and placed into ‘out-of-home’ care protection. The next step in NSW is forced adoption with no allowances for continued family contact.

I believe our children should be our highest

priority and should be at the forefront of every decision we make. Cost-cutting should not be to the detriment of children’s security and wellbeing.

It is yet another sad day in Indigenous history when politicians decide the way to get ahead financially is to take away from the most disadvantaged and impoverished peoples in this country, and I implore them to stop and think about the negative impact defunding will cause.

Federal politicians from both sides know Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services have been found to be more effective than mainstream legal services, which are often avoided by Indigenous people.

The case for increasing funding to Aboriginal and islander legal services was made abundantly clear to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Affairs in 2011.

The committee was of the opinion that Indigenous Australians have the right to enjoy the same legal representation as non-Indigenous Australians and that the Commonwealth Government must demonstrate its commitment to this principle through the provision of adequate and equitable funding for legal aid services, including those dedicated to Indigenous Australians.

The Committee supported the view of many ATSILS that Indigenous-specific legal services are essential for the provision of equitable legal access to Indigenous people.

Furthermore the Standing Committee’s Recommendation 26 on Legal Services Funding states: “The Committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government increase

funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services to achieve parity per case load with Legal Aid Commission funding in the 2012-13 Federal Budget, with appropriate loadings to cover additional costs in service delivery to regional and remote areas.”

Unfortunately this recommendation is yet to be adopted or implemented.

Aboriginal legal service funding cuts have prompted the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service to announce the strong possibility of a reduction to its service provision around family law, care and protection matters.

The unintended consequences for innocent children are that they could lose their family, their heritage and their place in Aboriginal society.

I unequivocally call on the Commonwealth Government to reverse its decision to cut funding to Aboriginal legal services, and urge the Government to

increase funding arrangements in line with the Productivity Commission’s recommendation of a \$200 million boost and in accordance with the principal recommendations by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, 2011 that funding to culturally appropriate services be continued.

I urge the Government to take urgent action to ensure the moral rights of Aboriginal children to remain with their families are protected, otherwise I only see diminished opportunities for Aboriginal adults in the future.

Cheryl Orr is an Aboriginal woman from the Gurang Gurang nation, from Bundaberg, Queensland, who lives and practises law in Sydney and Mt Druitt as a specialist in child and protection matters.



Award recipients Mikaela Jade, Ruth Mirams, Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre chief executive Rachelle Towart and Antoinette Braybrook were acknowledged for their contributions at the Sustaining Women's Empowerment in Communities and Organisations Awards.

Awards to AILC and Braybrook



THE Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) and Family Violence Prevention Legal Services

Victoria chief executive Antoinette Braybrook have been recognised in the Sustaining Women's Empowerment in Communities and Organisations Awards.

The centre and Ms Braybrook won awards in the Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in a community or organisation in Australia section.

The AILC entered its Governing Girls Master Class series program, a partnership with multinational business organisation Ernst and Young (EY).

AILC chief executive Rachelle Towart was delighted with the success.

"Sharing this honour with our partners in this program, EY, is also a privilege and I hope that we can work together again in the near future to assist people who want to be part of the leadership space with Indigenous people," she said.

The master class is Australia's first professional development series tailored for Indigenous women who have completed leadership or governance qualifications. It provides advanced, practical development opportunities for Indigenous women who have completed a leadership or governance qualification, but want further knowledge, skills and networks.

Ms Braybrook's award from the Australian Centre for Leadership for Women is in recognition of her 12 years of work helping deliver frontline legal services to Indigenous survivors of family violence.

"It is important to remember that this is not about me as an individual," Ms Braybrook said.

"This is about the fact that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are too often invisible in public debate.

"It is about the devastating and disproportionate impacts of family violence in our lives. It is about our strength and resilience. It is essential that our women's voices are heard and that they are heard on their own terms."

Ms Braybrook, who represents 13 Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLS) nationally, has been calling for the reinstatement of the national program since it was defunded last year, and for recognition of the rights and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

"We have worked very hard to ensure that policy makers can harness our expertise to better inform their decisions and to ensure the safety of our women and children," she said. "They have listened; I'm not 110% sure they've heard. But I am hopeful.

"I am especially encouraged by the news that every single one of our Family Violence Prevention Legal Services have successfully secured their current funding for at least one more year through a competitive process under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy."

FVPLSs provides frontline legal and other support to Indigenous victims/survivors of family violence, in areas including intervention orders, victims of crime assistance, child protection and family law. FVPLSs also undertake early intervention and prevention activities.

"This is about the fact that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are too often invisible in public debate."



Rural Assistance Authority

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This program is funded by the Australian Government, and delivered by New South Wales Rural Assistance Authority.

Invitation for Community Consultation Blacktown Native Institution Site



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In 2004, a draft Conservation Management Plan (CMP) was prepared for the Blacktown Native Institution located at the corner of Richmond Road and Rooty Hill Road North. A CMP is a document that guides the heritage management, future care and use of a place.

GML Heritage Pty Ltd (GML) has been engaged by UrbanGrowth NSW to update the draft CMP and seeks community input into the plan.

As part of the CMP update process, interested parties are invited to contribute information about the history, heritage significance, their historical associations, and any continuing cultural connection with the site.

Community input will inform the updated CMP, and be incorporated into the Plan of Management for the site. It is envisaged that this Plan of Management will assist with future use of the Blacktown Native Institution site.

The 2004 CMP can be downloaded from (<www.gml.com.au/blacktown-native-institution/>).

Interested parties are encouraged to participate via:

Website: <www.gml.com.au/blacktown-native-institution/>

Email: <consultation@gml.com.au>

Post: Blacktown Native Institution Site Community Consultation
c/o GML Heritage Pty Ltd, 78 George Street, REDFERN NSW 2016

Submissions must be received no later than 5:30pm AEST on Thursday 30 April 2015. Comments received after this time may not be accepted.

If you require assistance in accessing the documentation, completing the survey or would like further information please contact our office on (02) 9319 4811.

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Have you left school, want to go back to work or thinking of a new career opportunity? This is your chance! We're looking for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to join the Australian Public Service.

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The programme will start in late July and runs for 12 months. After successful completion of the programme you will have a nationally recognised certificate or diploma qualification.

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Need help with your application? Call us on **1300 193 530**.

For more information check out the Indigenous Apprenticeships Programme at humanservices.gov.au/indigenousapprenticeships

Special Measures: This employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* and is restricted to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.



Local man's the new cop on the block at Aurukun



BILLY Koo'oil is Aurukun's new police liaison officer, having worked his way up from Queensland Police Service's community policing program.

Mr Koo'oil first joined Aurukun Shire Council as a community police officer when the program started in the Cape York community in 2013. The scheme, developed with the

Queensland Police Service (QPS), was created as a capacity-building program to provide a way to law-enforcement careers for Aurukun residents.

Through mentoring by the QPS and contracted security guard Rex Creed, Mr Koo'oil qualified as a community police officer and was later promoted to senior community police officer.

Aurukun mayor Dereck Walpo said Mr Koo'oil emerged as one of the leading officers and was a "stable and

constant force" in the team.

"Through these efforts another prime opportunity emerged, and Billy's value and positive impact in our community in relation to law enforcement was too much for the Queensland police to ignore," he said. "We are all so proud of him, forging a pathway for his fellow community police officers and community members."

● **Pictured: Aurukun's Billy Koo'oil and his family.**



Awards for brave lads

By ALF WILSON



THREE Palm Island youngsters who rescued a girl from a rapist have received their second bravery award. In May 2011,

Ralph Hughes, then aged 11, Harry Friday, 12, and Carey Nugent, 15, pulled an 11-year-old girl from a room where she was being held by a man who had been released from prison after serving a long term for rape.

This month the boys received Royal Humane Society of Australia bravery awards, which were presented on the north Queensland Aboriginal community.

Harry received a Bronze Medal and the 2013 Rupert Wilks Trophy. Ralph Hughes and Carey Nugent both received Certificates of Merit.

The boys were away so Ellen Friday received the awards on behalf of Harry and Ralph, while Alana Nugent received the award on behalf of Carey.

The awards were presented by Palm deputy mayor Edward Walsh, Cr Roy Prior and Cr Frank Conway as well as Sgt Dave Rutherford, of the Palm Island police.

Detective Sergeant Paul Enders said the boys were genuine heroes.

"All of their families are rightly



At the awards presentation, from left, Palm Island councillor Roy Prior, deputy mayor Edward Walsh, Alana Nugent and Ellen Friday with the boys' awards, Palm Island police officer Sgt Dave Rutherford and Cr Frank Conway.

proud of Harry, Carey and Ralph," he said.

"They were only young boys at the time, and the offender was quite large. It would have been easy to run for help and leave her behind, but those boys stayed and

held on to her arm, and would not let him drag her away.

"It was the bravery of those boys that saved her from being hurt."

The girl and boys had been approached by the man as they

played marbles on a Palm Island beach.

He went into laundry room of a house and locked the boys outside.

The boys heard the girl crying for help and managed to help her

escape from the room.

In 2012, the boys were awarded a Group Bravery Citation as part of the Australian Decorations Bravery List approved by the Governor General.



The Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation (SA) is holding **information sessions** about the **ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**.
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at 11am

ABOUT THE ROYAL COMMISSION

The Royal Commission is hearing stories from lots of different people about the things that happened to them when they were children.

The institutions the Royal Commission is looking into include schools, churches, foster care arrangements or homes for kids, missions, sporting clubs and scout groups. These are all places where kids should feel safe and happy.

The Royal Commission is looking into bad things that happened to kids at these places and how institutions responded.

The Royal Commission will make recommendations about what should be done differently, to ensure this does not happen to our kids in the future.

'Bowraville' Bill comment sought



A NSW Parliamentary Committee is continuing its battle to have the law

changed to remove the legal barriers that prevent a new murder trial for the three Aboriginal children killed almost 25 years ago on at Bowraville on the NSW north coast.

While a memorial is soon to be erected in Bowraville Memorial Park to remember Colleen Walker-Craig and Clinton Speedy-Duroux, both 16, and Evelyn Greenup, 4, the community remains as determined as ever that justice be served.

The parliamentary committee has released the draft the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Amendment*

(*Double Jeopardy*) Bill 2015 for consultation to implement recommendation eight of the Bowraville Inquiry Report.

The committee claims the circumstances surrounding the three children's murders have clear similarities, but the legal system at the time prevented all the murders being tried together, which meant crucial evidence was missing from each trial and there was no conviction.

The draft bill requires a change to the way the principle of double jeopardy operates where the rules of evidence have changed over time.

The bill is open for consultation, and public submissions will be accepted until April 10.

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Youth saddle up for cattle station work



FOURTEEN young Indigenous Australians have taken the first steps towards becoming jillaroos and jackaroos, after they started cattle station traineeships on Virginia Park Station, near Charters Towers in north Queensland, through MEGT's Indigenous apprenticeship and traineeship network.

MEGT is a training and employment service provider.

Spokesperson Terry Ball said the trainees were selected from more than 150 applicants.

"We've chosen a really diverse group this year," he said.

"Great start"

"It's been a great start. Spirits are very high. Laughter and chatter from the training camp dormitory was keeping me awake long after lights out!

"They will work hard and learn a range of life skills to be station hands, all while participating in a full-time traineeship designed to prepare them for life and a career in the cattle industry on country.



MEGT cattle station trainees are all smiles on their first day at Virginia Park Station, near Charters Towers in north Queensland.

"Australia loves to romanticise the outback and the rural lifestyle, but few city people ever get to see a cattle station, let alone work on a muster or load 12 decks of cattle on three road

trains as the sun rises."

The traineeships have been created through a partnership between National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises, a subsidiary of the Indigenous Land

Corporation, and Rural Industry Training and Extension Ltd (RITE). Training services for the Certificate II in Agriculture are being provided by RITE. A range of Job Services Australia and

Regional Jobs and Community Program providers is also contributing to the project.

Participating stations are Bulimba, Crocodile/Welcome and Merepah.

Legal service concern



DESPITE the fact that one in 15 Aboriginal men will spend tonight in a Western Australian jail, the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) currently receives no state funding. The ALSWA, funded

solely through the Federal Attorney-General's Department, carries on with business as usual while anxiously awaiting the Federal Budget in May.

ALSWA chief executive Dennis

Eggington said concerns were raised in 2013 when the Federal Government announced cuts of more than \$13 million to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services around the country.

"Drastic prospect"

"What we're dealing with is the drastic prospect that vital services could be denied to our society's most disadvantaged and vulnerable people," he said.

"Make no mistake, any cuts to our

funding, whether large or small, will have a disastrous effect not only on those who depend upon our services, but also on WA's justice system as a whole."

To further compound matters, in WA there is no statewide interpreter service for Aboriginal people whose first language isn't English, many of whom wind up in court or prison without having any language assistance.

"Any one of our lawyers could be required to take instructions from over 100

clients in one day in regional WA," Mr Eggington said.

"That workload, coupled with the fact that the court system would grind to a halt if our lawyers and court officers were not in court for a day, should ring loud warning bells to Government about how essential our work is and that we are already doing more with less.

"There is no legal service in WA that could come close to the diverse, complex and challenging work that we do daily."

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Cementa15 ready, boot and all



The Left Field, by Aleshia Lonsdale (2014), explores the complexity of modern Aboriginal identity through the metaphor of a car boot full of different and often competing documentary evidence used at different times to prove Aboriginal identity.



CEMENTA15, a contemporary arts festival in Kandos, western NSW, will feature urban and regional Aboriginal contemporary artists during this year's four-day celebration of the arts.

Aleshia Lonsdale, from Mudgee, will make a work of concentric circles using earth and different materials to represent the different stages of encounter and transformation since white settlement, while Jason Wing will be using native birdsong to evoke relationship to country.

The festival, from April 9-12, aims to celebrate the state of contemporary art in Australia and the way artists have of looking at and thinking about the world.

Artists will exhibit and perform in shop windows and garages, pubs and churches, in community and scout halls and vacant blocks across the town.

Organisers say there will be robots and sound art, mushrooms, poetry and music. Artists will perform with shadows and drums, as well as the concentric circles and the recalling of the past through the sounds of birds.

The festival will also include artist tours, workshops, a sound night, poetry and cabaret night, and a film night.

For more information, visit www.cementa.com.au

Four years on, Mirrar hold nuclear fears



THE Mirrar traditional owners of the parts of Kakadu National Park that include the Ranger and Jabiluka uranium deposits have expressed their ongoing

concern about the nuclear industry on the fourth anniversary of the Fukushima disaster.

In October 2011 the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office (ASNO) confirmed the Fukushima nuclear crisis, when a tsunami caused the nuclear reactor meltdown, was directly fuelled by uranium from Australia. At the time, Mirrar senior traditional owner Yvonne Margarula wrote to United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon expressing her concern and sadness at the devastation that uranium from her lands was causing in Japan.

"This is an industry we never

supported in the past and want no part of in the future. We are all diminished by the events unfolding at Fukushima," Ms Margarula wrote.

Since then, contamination from the failed reactors has forced more than 150,000 people to permanently

site detected just last month.

In August last year, the Mirrar hosted an Australian tour of Naoto Kan, who was prime minister of Japan when the Fukushima reactors failed and, although Mr Kan was previously a supporter of nuclear

power, he is now a passionate advocate for safe renewable energy sources.

Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Justin O'Brien said Mirrar country and Japan have been linked by nuclear issues for many years.

"The impacts of the nuclear industry will be felt for generations in every place and amongst all peoples it touches," he said.

"Here in Kakadu, the legacy of uranium mining is all too evident and we

are deeply saddened to learn of the ongoing and increasing impacts of the failed reactors on the people and country of Japan."



Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation chairwoman Annie Ngalmirama and former Japanese leader Naoto Kan.

leave their homes, and details of the ongoing human and environmental damage continue to emerge with new leaks of radioactive water from the

App bridging language gap



A NEW mobile phone and tablet app has been developed to help bridge the language gap for doctors consulting in remote Northern Territory communities.

Currently available in 16 Aboriginal languages, the tool was developed to culturally enhance medical interactions with Indigenous patients.

"The tool provides audio translations of common terms in medical consultation in different Indigenous languages

spoken in the Territory," NT General Practice Education (NTGPE) chief executive Dr Brett Dale said.

The tool was developed by NTGPE in consultation with communities, general practitioners, cultural educators and clinics, and includes terms and phrases useful for doctors during a consultation.

NTGPE hopes to continue to increase the number of languages and terms and phrases available on the app over time.

The app is available to download via Apple and Google Play and also via www.ntgpe.org/commddoc/

● Pictured: The new app provides translations of medical terms into 16 Aboriginal languages to help patients in remote regions of the Northern Territory.



TVGUIDE

25TH MARCH TO 7TH APRIL



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WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

1:00 NITV News NC (News)
1:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
2:00 Precious MA (Movie)
4:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Dark Science PG (Documentary)
12:00 Fox Memorial Shield 2014 NC (Sport)
2:00 Talking Language G (Documentary Series)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Protected PG (Documentary)
9:00 Kill The Matador M (Documentary)
9:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
10:45 A First Step G (Documentary)
11:15 NITV News NC (News)
11:45 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 A First Step G (Documentary)
12:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
1:00 Protected PG (Documentary)
2:00 Kids To Coast G (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Entertainment)
9:00 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
10:30 Mataka M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

12:00 AFL: NEAFL 2014 NC (Sport)
2:10 Custodians G (Documentary)
2:30 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
3:00 Koori Knockout G (Documentary)
4:00 Tag 20: The Documentary G (Documentary)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Entertainment)
12:30 Sisters Inside PG (Documentary)
1:00 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
2:00 Mataka M (Documentary Series)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 The Medicine Line G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Quest Of Jimmy Pike G (Documentary)
8:30 Our Songs G (Entertainment)
9:00 Go Girls M (Documentary Series)
10:00 The Will & The Skill G (Documentary)
10:30 The Boondocks M (Comedy)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Medicine Line PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

12:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
1:00 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
5:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Bizou G (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
11:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Entertainment)
2:00 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
2:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Uneearthed G (Documentary Series)
5:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs 2015 NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Uneearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
8:30 Poetic Justice MA (Movie)
10:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
11:30 Uneearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Bizou G (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
10:00 A-League 2014-2015: MELB V C COAST NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:00 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 30th Anniversary Commonwealth Games PG (Documentary)
4:30 Eat Like An AFL Star! PG (Documentary)
5:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:15 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
8:00 Custodians G (Documentary)
8:30 From The Western Frontier PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Toonoba Voices G (Documentary)
9:30 Manganinnie PG (Movie)
11:00 Yudum M (Documentary)

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
10:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 From The Western Frontier PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Manganinnie PG (Movie)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Trudell PG (Documentary)
8:30 Blackstone M (Drama)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Documentary Series)
10:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Trudell PG (Documentary)
12:00 Toonoba Voices G (Documentary)
12:30 Our Spirit To C-Gen G (Documentary)
1:00 Beyond The Dreamtime G (Documentary)
2:00 The Brush Sings G (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Yarning Up PG (Documentary)
8:00 Talking Language G (Documentary)
8:30 Protected PG (Documentary)
9:30 Good Tucker G (Documentary)
10:00 Fox Memorial Shield 2014 NC (Sport)

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WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

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WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

12:00 NITV News NC (News)
12:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
2:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
3:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
4:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
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9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Protected PG (Documentary)
12:00 Fox Memorial Shield 2014 NC (Sport)
2:00 Talking Language G (Documentary Series)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
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3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show (Entertainment)
9:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
9:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 The Whole World Is Watching M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 The Whole World Is Watching M (Documentary)
12:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
1:00 The Marngrook Footy Show (Entertainment)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Fusion Feasts PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 AFL: NEAFL 2014 NC (Sport)
9:40 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
10:30 Mataka PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Fusion Feasts PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 AFL: NEAFL 2014 NC (Sport)
1:10 Destiny In The Dirt G (Documentary)
1:20 12 Canoes PG (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 The Medicine Line PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Waru, Kuka And Everything! G (Documentary)
8:30 Our Songs G (Entertainment)
9:00 Go Girls M (Documentary Series)
10:00 Colour Change M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Medicine Line PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

12:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
5:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)
11:00 Fusion PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The Marngrook Footy Show (Entertainment)
2:00 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
2:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
4:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Uneearthed PG (Documentary Series)
5:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs 2015 (Current Affairs)
7:00 Uneearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
8:30 Ningla A-Na M (Movie)
9:50 Custodians G (Documentary)
10:00 Yothu Yindi Tribute Concert G (Entertainment)
11:30 Uneearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
2:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Bizou G (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Sport)
10:00 A-League 2014-2015: W SYD V MELB H (News)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (Entertainment)
12:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Documentary)
1:30 Our Spirit To C-Gen G (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
2:50 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2014 NC (Documentary)
4:00 Toonoba Voices G (Documentary)
4:30 Yarrabah The Musical G (News)
5:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (Current Affairs)
6:00 Awaken NC (Documentary Series)
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Fit First PG (Entertainment)
8:00 The Blues PG (Series)
9:30 The Strength Of Water M (Movie)
11:00 Good Tucker G (Documentary)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 6TH APRIL

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
11:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 The Blues PG (Series)
2:00 Our Spirit To C-Gen G (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 My Louisiana Love PG (Documentary)
8:40 Blackstone MA (Drama)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Documentary Series)
10:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
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9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 My Louisiana Love PG (Documentary)
12:10 Let's Talk Sovereignty PG (Documentary)
1:10 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Kids To Coast G (Documentary)
2:00 Good Tucker G (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
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6:00 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Toonoba Voices G (Documentary)
8:00 Talking Language G (Documentary)
8:30 When The Natives Get Restless M (Documentary)
9:00 Living Black Special: Eye Of The Storm (Current Affairs)
10:00 Fox Memorial Shield 2014 NC (Sport)

Stop the Community Closures rallies



At Yarrabah in north Queensland organiser Elverina Johnson gets the crowd going during the local Stop the Community Closures rally. *Picture: Christine Howes*



This protester in Perth made her message clear. *Picture: Tash Nannup*

Thousands speak out



ABORIGINAL people and supporters rallied around the country last week to show solidarity with remote communities.

Thousands turned out for marches in Brisbane, Townsville, Yarrabah, Adelaide, Perth, Broome, Alice Springs, Melbourne, Lismore, Bellingen, Canberra, Sydney and other centres.

And thousands more joined an online protest using #sosblakaustralia to promote the cause.

Last year, Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett said his state had no option but to review the viability of 274 small Aboriginal communities, which have an estimated total population of 12,000, because the Federal Government had cut off essential services funding with a 'parting gift' of \$90 million that would last two years.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott contributed to the popularity of the planned protests, when he commented on the proposed closures that "it is not the job of the taxpayer to subsidise lifestyle choices".

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Torres Strait Islander singer Seaman Dan showed his support for the campaign online. *Picture: Tash Nannup*



Aggie Pigram, a descendant of the Yawuru Bardi people of the Kimberley, speaks at the Broome rally. *Picture: Jalaru Photography*

More Stop the Community Closures rally pictures on the next two pages

Stop the Community Closures rallies



Kay Nelson at the Perth rally. Picture: Tash Nannup



At the protest in Townsville, from left, Chris Congoo, Muriel Bindol and Janine Gertz. Picture: Alf Wilson



Uncle Ben Taylor in Perth. Picture: Tash Nannup



Amnesty's Tammy Solonec addresses the Perth protest. Picture: Tash Nannup



In Broome, Amanda Lee, right, makes it clear what she thinks should be closed. Picture: Jalaru Photography



Moonie Djaagween, right, with Elders at the Broome rally in the Kimberley.



Aboriginal health researchers from the University of Western Australia (WA Centre for Health & Ageing) joined the protest. Picture: Tash Nannup

Stop the Community Closures rallies



The start of the Perth rally. Picture: Tash Nannup



In Sydney, protestors camped outside Kirribilli House, the Prime Minister's official NSW residence. Picture: Sabine Kacha



AFL figures Jeffrey Garlett and Nathan Lovett-Murray shared these messages for government. Picture: Tash Nannup



Barbara Moore on the march at the Perth rally. Picture: Tash Nannup



Marianne McKay makes a point in Perth. Picture: Tash Nannup



Rikki McAdam and her son Jurrab Bailey, 3, attended the Yarrabah protest in far north Queensland. Picture: Christine Howes



Hasluck MP Ken Wyatt, Warren Mundine, Romlie Mokak, Group Captain Lisa Jackson-Pulver, Rod Jackson, Janine Mohamed and Justin Mohamed at the breakfast.



Federal Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash and Lowitja Institute chief executive Romlie Mokak.

NACCHO hosts gap breakfast



NACCHO chair Matthew Cooke, Health Minister Sussan Ley and NACCHO chief executive Lisa Briggs.



THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) hosted a Close the Gap breakfast at Parliament House in Canberra this month.

NACCHO chair Matthew Cooke said the release of the Close the Gap report last month reinforced why continued investment was needed in programs that are improving outcomes for Aboriginal people.

"It's a tricky time for many of our mob working in Aboriginal affairs," he said.

"Our health services have been fortunate to win government funding for another three years and we thank Health Minister Sussan Ley and Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash for ensuring that our member services can provide that continuity of care to the many thousands who rely on them for primary health care.

"However, it's still unclear if many of the specific health programs our services run have been approved under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy now managed under the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

"I refer to preventative health programs which reduce smoking, that improve maternal health, that address chronic disease and promote social and emotional wellbeing. Programs that save lives.

"I am hoping we will get some clarity on the fate of these in the near future."

The event was attended by Aboriginal health workers from around the country, politicians and Royal Australian Air Force representatives.



RAAF Elder Harry Allie, Rebecca Halliday and Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues Rachel Siewert.



Close the Gap architect, doctor and former politician Brendon Nelson with Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council deputy chair Ngiare Brown.



NACCHO's Colin Cowell with Canberra University chancellor and long-time Indigenous health and rights campaigner Tom Calma.



Goondir Health Service chief executive Floyd Leedie and Aboriginal Health Council of WA chairperson Michelle Nelson-Cox.



Phil Peterson, Barry Smith and Roy Ah-See, representing Yerin Aboriginal Health Service, with John Singer, from Nganampa Health Council.

Gran's plea: 'Don't make me move'



KAMILAROI grandmother Carol Carter has a simple request to Housing NSW: Please don't make me move.

Ms Carter, who is 66 and in a wheelchair, has been told by Housing NSW that her house and that of her elderly neighbour have been slated for redevelopment.

"I have lived in my home and been part of this community for 14 years now," she said.

"I am a disabled woman and my community here has become like family to me.

"My home is adapted to my disability and because of this I am able to exert some independence on a daily basis.

"Due to me living on my own with a disability the people who live around me have become like family to me, supporting me regularly emotionally and physically. Everyone here knows me and I feel safe and secure here.

"Even the local businesses support me by bringing food/supplies when needed.

"I have recently lost my companion animal to

sickness and I am still grieving this loss. Now Housing NSW is asking me to leave all I have and know and move to a strange place.

"The worry of all this is making me sick and my body is suffering as a result. I can barely sleep and eat."

Ms Carter staged a protest recently, which was attended by her neighbours, Labor candidate for East Hills Cameron Murphy and UTS lecturer Paddy Gibson.

"Difficult"

"Just having to adapt my body to a new location would be very difficult," Ms Carter said.

"My brother fixed the pathway through the front garden so I could plant some veggies, there have been modifications to the house so I can reach the oven from my wheelchair, there are deep drawers so I can get out pots and plates.

"To be disconnected from this property would traumatise me. I've only got a few years left and I want to live my life out here, where everything is near."

The Aboriginal Tenancy Service is negotiating on Ms Carter's behalf.



Grandmother Carol Carter gathers support at her home which Housing NSW says she must leave.

150,000 back campaign to close the gap



MORE than 150,000 people joined Close the Gap day events across Australia on Thursday,

March 19. Close the Gap campaign co-chair Mick Gooda told the *Koori Mail* that while there was still a long way to go to health equality for Indigenous people, it was important to keep the pressure on governments and decision makers.

"What we do in the Close the Gap campaign is have a day for any ordinary Australian who wants to send a message to government that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life expectancy, health and wellbeing is an important issue for them," he said.

"The campaign has been going for seven or eight years, and Close the Gap day is a way of making sure governments don't forget.

"Politicians react to numbers, and after seven years the campaign is still increasing, with over 1500 events and well in excess of 150,000 people joining us this year in cafes, schools,



Close the Gap co-chairs Kirstie Parker and Mick Gooda visit Redfern Park on Close the Gap Day.

government and business offices. It's a low-key way of showing support for this, but it's a number that makes politicians sit up and take notice

and it's also important to people. "It makes it real and meaningful. People see something on TV, and realise they are actually part of it."



Jan Barham and supporters launch the Greens' Indigenous initiatives.

Greens spell out NSW initiatives



ON National Close the Gap Day, NSW Greens MP and Aboriginal Affairs spokesperson Jan Barham announced the Greens' initiatives to improve outcomes for Indigenous people in NSW.

The initiatives include a plan and protocols to clear the backlog of 26,000 Aboriginal land claims and a NSW Parliamentary inquiry into reparations for the Stolen Generations.

"NSW can take the lead and prepare a state-based annual report on a broader set of Closing the Gap indicators to ensure the funding and policies now in place are delivering outcomes," Ms Barham said.

Last year, Ms Barham presented a motion to the Parliament for the establishment of an inquiry into Stolen Generations reparations. In Tasmania, legislation has been enacted to provide for compensation, and there is a similar

bill before the South Australian Parliament.

"The history of removal of Aboriginal people from their families and country in NSW still affects the lives of many, and an inquiry to report and consider appropriate reparations could deliver a framework for genuine redress," Ms Barham said.

"The health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is of major concern, with life expectancy between 10 and 17 years less than the general population.

"The Greens have called for eligibility to the NSW Seniors Card to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from the age of 45, to enable earlier opportunities for access to health and transport services.

"The health and wellbeing of people is determined strongly by their ability to access safe and stable housing ... There needs to be a major injection of funding to facilitate more housing."

Record numbers at Cherbourg



A RECORD number of students from Cherbourg in south-east Queensland is finishing Year 12

and going on to further study, university, apprenticeships and jobs. Academic audits show great improvement by students, and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council believes its residents' attitudes towards education have changed since it supported efforts to have children in class every day.

Council chief executive Warren Collins said much had happened since the council introduced its Parental and Community Engagement (PaCE) program.

"We're getting great reports from school principals in regards to the progress of Indigenous students within the area," he said.

"From what we're told, parents are engaging positively with their children's education and we have more children than ever attending private and boarding schools."

The latest Census showed Cherbourg had 1300 people, of which half were under the age of 19.

"There are many people and services doing their best to have families overcome the obstacles they face to get their children into school," Mr Collins said.

"As a council we can communicate with these, but we have total control over the PaCE program and it seems to be providing the desired results."

"We only hope we can continue to provide it for many years to come because, ultimately, the only way we're going to close the gap is by sending of our children to school every day on time."



Students in class at Cherbourg State School learn with their teacher Eileen Renouf. The students are, from left, Dameka Jacobs, Charles Alberts, Jakada Gadd (who didn't miss a day of school last year), Izayha Kelly West and Claton Saltner-Weazel, and at rear, Charles Watson and Jerome Chambers.

Joel is at convention



INDIGENOUS Year 12 student Joel Johnson (pictured in

barrister's garb), from Townsville, has been selected as a delegate to attend this week's National School Constitutional Convention (NSCC) in Canberra. Joel was one of 18 students who delivered a prepared speech at the North Queensland Schools Constitutional Convention for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students addressing the topic 'An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspective on a Bill of Rights for Australia: constitutional, statutory or not at all?'

The north Queensland convention, held last month, involved almost 80 Indigenous senior students from high schools in Mackay, Bowen, Home Hill, Ayr, Charters Towers and Townsville. All attending the convention listened to a five-minute speech from each school and then cast their votes to select delegates to the NSCC. The Australian Electoral Commission supervised the voting process.

The topic of the national convention is



'Checks and balances: do we need an Australian Bill of Rights?'

"I'm really looking forward to attending the convention but I'm also very nervous as there will be a lot of high-profile people in attendance such as the prime minister, ministers and high commissioners," Joel said.

The 18-year-old is interested in studying law in Brisbane when he finishes school at the end of this year.

"Last year I was lucky enough to do a week of work experience in Brisbane with Nathan Jarro (an Indigenous Queensland barrister). It was really inspiring and this convention is another great opportunity for me to learn more about the industry and to get a better understanding."



FIFTEEN years ago the late Freddy Fricke bequeathed his home to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council

(NSWALC) in the hope that the funds would be used to improve the lives of Aboriginal people.

Since then, the NSWALC has set up the Freddy Fricke Scholarship Program to help Aboriginal students reach their academic potential.

NSWALC chair Craig Cromelin said this year's scholarships would enable three Aboriginal students to study in law, medicine and environmental science.

"Freddy Fricke asked that the money from his home be used to create better opportunities for the Aboriginal people of NSW. NSWALC decided that this would best be achieved by actively promoting and supporting Aboriginal education," he said.

This year's scholarship recipients are Dunghutti and Gamilaraay man Jonathon Captain-Webb, from Mordale in Sydney, Worimi woman India Latimore, from Newcastle, and Barkantji man Leroy Bates, from Wilcannia.

Mr Captain-Webb, who is studying a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law at the University of NSW, said being the first in his family to attend university inspired him to use his skills to guide young Aboriginal people in his community.

"I have seen first-hand the barriers our mob face with education. I had many friends drop out of school and begin the cycle of criminality," he said.

"That was the moment when I discovered I would study law. My aim



"Freddy Fricke asked that the money from his home be used to create better opportunities for the Aboriginal people of NSW. NSWALC decided that this would best be achieved by actively promoting and supporting Aboriginal education."

— NSWALC chair Craig Cromelin

is to work with the Aboriginal legal service, particularly with at-risk youth.

"If I can change the life of a young Aboriginal man or woman, they can go on and achieve their dreams."

Ms Latimore, who is studying a Bachelor of Medicine at the University of Newcastle, became passionate about her career choice after volunteering at an Aboriginal medical service.

"Difficulties"

"I witnessed first-hand the difficulties faced by Aboriginal patients in accessing culturally appropriate medical treatment. This often resulted in patients not returning for treatment," she said.

"While studying, I elected to undertake my placements in rural and remote areas or at an Aboriginal medical service where possible. I want to be a doctor who provides culturally sensitive and respectful care and to be an educator and

mentor for my people."

Mutawinji traditional owner Leroy Bates will study a Bachelor of Environmental Science in Parks, Recreation and Heritage degree at Charles Sturt University in Albury.

"As a traditional owner of Mutawinji National Park, I want to become more involved in preserving my culture and protecting the environment," he said.

"I hope to establish a career with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and move out west to do more work on country before moving to other areas."

Since 2002, 41 Aboriginal students have been awarded Freddy Fricke Scholarships. The scholarship is available for a range of subjects including finance and commerce, architecture, business management, community welfare services, community management, engineering, health/medicine, human resources, information technology, law-legal studies, science and tourism.

On course for success



Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education Preparation for Tertiary Success students will explore higher education options with their lecturers at Batchelor Institute's Desert Peoples Centre Campus in Alice Springs.



STUDENTS from the Northern Territory, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia are on a course in Alice Springs designed to set them up to succeed at university.

The course, at the Desert Peoples Centre (DPC) campus of the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education, aims to provide a range of higher education and postgraduate study options designed to better meet the needs of Indigenous students.

A joint initiative between Batchelor Institute and Charles Darwin University, the Preparation for Tertiary Success (PTS) orientation program is a free, specialised program that offers a flexible way to university, with students able to study part-time or full-time and attend workshops in either Darwin or Alice Springs.

PTS acting course coordinator and lecturer Lisa Hall said it was important to offer a culturally sensitive learning environment in order for more students to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence they needed to succeed in the tertiary environment.

"These inspirational students will have access to a 'both-ways' approach to learning that values both Indigenous and Western knowledges and ways of learning," she said.

"They will get to spend time learning in a culturally aware environment with other Indigenous students."

To find out more about the PTS course, freecall 1800 061 963 or visit the website www.acike.edu.au/studyPTS



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Yalukit Willam history in new book



THE history of the Port Phillip (Melbourne) region's first people, the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung, is being presented in the new book, *Yalukit Willam: The River People of Port Phillip*.

Written by historian Meyer Eidelson with local Aboriginal Elders, the book has a suburb-by-suburb account of major historical events of the Yalukit Willam clan.

Mr Eidelson, a former president of the St Kilda Historical Society, said the book is only scratching the surface of the history of the area and he hopes it inspires other researchers to continue to explore and document the area's cultural heritage.

"It's a starting point for schools, conciliation, residents and researchers. Books are the foundation stones of history and we hope this book helps uncover 5000 times more information. This is just the start, the building blocks," he said.

Mr Eidelson said it was challenging to

present a written history of a people with a strongly oral tradition. Part of the challenge was met by incorporating many images and artworks from the State Library of Victoria.

"We were literally trying to remember a forgotten people and a forgotten history, a history that people have ignored. And you have to dig very deep to find it, but everything you do find is a diamond," he said.

Coinciding with National Close the Gap Day, the book was launched at Inner South Community Health Service in St Kilda. A book reading will be held tomorrow (March 26) at the St Kilda Library followed by a question-and-answer segment with the author.

Three thousand copies of the book have been printed for distribution through the City of Port Phillip Council's libraries. Copies will also be available free from the council's Indigenous policy officer.



This image is from the new book *Yalukit Willam: The River People of Port Phillip*.

Yirra Yaakin looks ahead



Yirra Yaakin trainees Ian Wilkes and Shakara Walley. Picture: Simmon Pynt



PERTH-BASED Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company's All Our Futures campaign is a one-off initiative that aims to raise \$25,000 to help support Indigenous cultural leaders in the arts. The company has been selected for Creative Partnerships Australia support where its fundraising efforts will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

"We are seeking funds to support trainees Ian Wilkes and Shakara Walley in a 12-month

program of professional development with us at Yirra Yaakin," artistic director Kyle Morrison said.

The theatre company will be doing its first Pozible crowd-funding campaign to try to support and nurture Aboriginal creative leaders in the performing arts.

Challenging

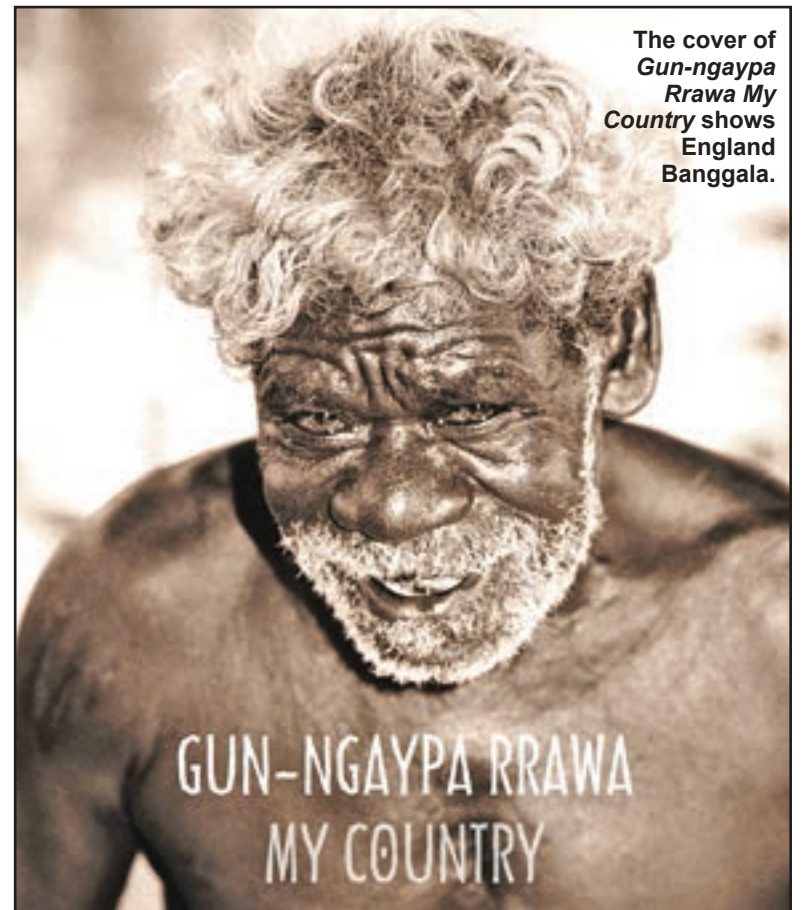
Mr Morrison said there are very few Indigenous arts leaders in production, directing, technical, and other areas, and that entry into the arts industry for any

emerging artist is challenging.

"We believe theatre can play a major role in promoting the culture and language of Indigenous Australia," he said.

"By investing in our future artists and producers, we are ensuring that Aboriginal theatre is culturally significant, inspiring, motivating and self-determined for generations to come."

The Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company's Pozible campaign ends on May 28. One-off tax-deductible donations can also be made online at www.yirrayaakin.com.au



The cover of *Gun-ngaypa Rrawa My Country* shows England Banggala.

Arnhem people's stories in print



STORIES from the Gun-nartpa people of Arnhem Land are told in a new book to be launched today (March 25). Called *Gun-ngaypa Rrawa My Country*, the book features new 'sound printing' technology, allowing readers to listen to songs using a 'speaking pen'.

It will be launched at Maningrida in a ceremony organised by the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and Batchelor Press.

In the book, An-nguliny clan leader and artist England Banggala tells of ancestral spirits who created the country around Gochan Jiny-jirra on the Cadell River, and who are celebrated in ceremonies and visual arts.

Banggala and other Elders also tell stories from the old days, when hunting, bush foods, warfare and sorcery were part of everyday life. They describe World War II, the coming of the 'Welfare Time' and the settlement of Maningrida and outstations.

The book celebrates the diversity of languages in the region by presenting the stories in Gun-nartpa and English.

To order a copy of the book, contact Batchelor Press at www.batchelorpress.com, phone (08) 8939 7352 or email: orders@batchelorpress.com

For more information about sound printing and for access to pens and sound files, visit soundprinting.batchelor.edu.au

Reading will celebrate our fighters



THE overlooked history of Aboriginal fighters in the frontier wars will be

highlighted in a reading of a work by celebrated Indigenous playwright John Harding.

Sisterly Love, narrated by Dr Gary Foley, examines the true story of the first two Aboriginal resistance fighters hanged in Victoria and raises the question of what status Aboriginal warriors should have in Australian history books.

Tunmerinnerwait and Maulboyheenner were among 16 Tasmanian Aboriginal people brought to Melbourne from Hobart by the Chief Protector of Aborigines, George Augustus Robinson, in 1839. In 1841, along with Truganinni they escaped and conducted a series of raids in Victoria.

Tunmerinnerwait and Maulboyheenner were eventually captured and subsequently hanged at Old Melbourne Jail after being convicted as criminals and murderers.

In April last year, the City of Melbourne Council approved funding for a monument to the warriors on the corner of Victoria Parade and Franklin Street in Melbourne's city centre, within metres of where the two men were executed on January 20, 1842.

The script for *Sisterly Love* is being developed into a theatre production with the aim of raising awareness, in Australia and internationally, of the history of the early freedom fighters.

Sisterly Love is John Harding's



Playwright John Harding, who wrote *Sisterly Love*.

13th production. The writer, who won the 1997 Australian Human Rights Award for his work *Up The Road*, also wrote and directed *No Parking* (Theatreworks), *Enuff* (Malthouse) *Second Helping* (Arthouse), and authored *The Dirty Mile*.

Sisterly Love will be performed this Saturday (March 28) from 2pm at La Mama Courthouse, 349 Drummond Street, Carlton. Tickets are \$5.

For bookings visit www.lamama.com.au or phone the La Mama Booking Line on (03) 9347 6142.

Reconciliation is Challenge goal



THE Schools Reconciliation Challenge, an annual art competition designed to engage

young people in reconciliation through art, is on again.

This year's theme is 'Homegrown Heroes', and young people from Years 5-9 (or equivalent age) are invited to participate.

Schools Reconciliation Challenge organisers believe art is a powerful medium to explore reconciliation because Indigenous people have used it to explore and express ideas, tell stories, and pass on information.

A teaching kit has been designed as part of the challenge to help teachers develop lesson plans around the theme of reconciliation and enable students to investigate complex themes and issues while

expressing their ideas creatively. The kit includes art workshop ideas to enable students to better understand the reconciliation process in Australia.

This year, the challenge also has 10 grants of \$250 available for art supplies and resources.

Winning artworks will be framed and exhibited at The Rocks Discovery Museum in Sydney from NAIDOC Week (July 5-12) until September, with sponsored travel for winners to attend the exhibition launch.

The 2015 kit is available in e-copy through <http://nswreconciliation.org.au/NSWRC-SRC-Kit.pdf>. The competition runs until May 22.

To register, receive a hard copy of the kit, apply for grants, and/or for more information, email schools@nswreconciliation.org.au



Uncle Billy Lou, one of the images from the *Survivors* exhibition by Asher Milgate.

Survivors tell stories



THE stories of 18 Elders and senior people from the Nanima Mission

at Wellington, central-western NSW, are highlighted in a new exhibition at the Western Plains Cultural Centre in Dubbo. Called *Survivors*, the exhibition shares stories of family life, love, regrets and hardship.

Artist/curator Asher Milgate returned to Wellington, where he grew up, to make *Survivors*. In 1832, the first inland

Aboriginal mission was established in Wellington. It became the Nanima mission in 1910. Nanima is the longest continually operating Aboriginal reserve in Australia.

Desire

The *Survivors* Project grew out of Milgate's desire to document the life of the traditional owners, the Binjang people of the Wiradjuri nation, and record their histories to share.

"Being a local non-Indigenous person and being

granted the permission and acceptance to work so closely with the community to produce a work of this kind is, I believe, the start of reconciliation in our community," he said.

"It's a grassroots development that I hope will bring together our whole community by creating understanding, respect and acceptance."

Survivors continues at the Western Plains Cultural Centre until May 10. Details at www.westernplainsculturalcentre.org/

Kidney disease taking a toll



KIDNEY disease in Indigenous Australians is the theme for this year's World Kidney Day, tomorrow (March 26). Tackling the disease is a major focus for Medicare Local-funded health programs.

Almost one in five (18%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults have signs of chronic kidney disease (CKD), according to Kidney Health Australia. This compares with one in 10 in the wider population.

CKD symptoms may include changes in the amount and appearance of urine and the frequency when it is passed, blood in the urine, puffiness in the legs and ankles, pain in the area of the kidneys, tiredness, loss of appetite, and difficulty sleeping, among others.

Metro North Brisbane Medicare Local chief executive Abbe Anderson said screening is vital for people at high risk of CKD, because symptoms may not present until 90% of kidney function is lost.

"Medicare Local funds a range of health initiatives designed to identify patients at risk of chronic disease early and to support those with chronic conditions to remain living independently in their homes," she said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with chronic disease can access coordinated,



Warriburra (north Queensland) man Kevin Maund says his message for Indigenous men is that going to see a doctor "is not that scary".

multidisciplinary care through the Care Coordination and Supplementary Services (CCSS) program.

"We have partnered with

the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health to deliver CCSS services at four clinics across our region, as part of the Federal Government's

Closing the Gap program."

Kevin Maund, a Warriburra man of the Mamu Aboriginal nation (north Queensland), attends the institute's Deception

Bay clinic and receives services funded through the CCSS program.

In a video recorded for the Medicare Local, Mr Maund said he needed to use a special machine and that he also saw his care coordinator, his doctor, a podiatrist, dietician, optometrist, and could even access dental care, at the clinic.

"So it's a one-stop shop, right here on my doorstep. I mean, once upon a time I'd have to go through six or seven different places for all of these services," Mr Maund said.

"I can come in the morning, see my doctor, get a blood test, see the podiatrist and go."

Mr Maund is a senior program coordinator with Kurbingui Youth Development Association and has become an advocate for Indigenous health.

He recently spoke about his experiences with the CCSS program at the Closing the Gap in Primary Health Care forum.

Mr Maund said his message for Indigenous men was that going to see a doctor "was not that scary" and he encouraged them to access the free, Medicare-funded 715 health check.

For more information about the institute's work and its clinics around Brisbane and the Moreton Bay region, visit: www.iuih.org.au. To find out more about World Kidney Day, visit: www.kidney.org.au

More action on cancer urged



THE Cancer Council Queensland is urging more action to target high cancer rates among Indigenous people. A new study shows cancer survival is lower for Indigenous than other

Australians for all cancers combined, and for many specific types of the disease.

The study, by the Menzies School of Health Research, Charles Darwin University and Cancer Council Qld, is one of the first to examine national cancer survival statistics for Indigenous Australians.

The findings show the disparity in survival rates is greatest immediately after diagnosis; greater for remote residents compared with metropolitan; and greater for younger than older people.

Cancer Council Qld's Katie Clift said cancer care for Indigenous Australians needed significant improvement.

"This report shows a need for cancer diagnosis, treatment and support services to become more readily accessible and relevant to Indigenous communities," she said. "There is a range of potential reasons for lower survival among Indigenous Australians, including social, educational, economic and environmental circumstances.



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"Indigenous people are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced cancer, with poorer prospects for effective treatment and survival, and are less likely to complete treatment.

"Our research also found remoteness was associated with lower survival – death rates for Indigenous Australians were 65% higher in very remote areas compared to major cities.

"Cancer survival for all Australians was lower for residents of rural and remote areas

compared to urban areas, and this disparity was much greater for Indigenous people."

The research also highlighted improvements in cancer survival over time, although survival gains for Indigenous Australians have not matched the rate of improvement for other Australians.

"There was an 11% improvement in cancer survival between 1991 and 2005 for Indigenous Australians, compared to a 28% improvement for non-Indigenous Australians," Ms Clift said.

"Among Indigenous cancer patients, survival has only improved for those living in remote areas – cancer survival did not improve for urban Indigenous residents in the time period surveyed.

"More research is needed into the Indigenous cancer survival gap, so that we can identify contributing factors and identify ways of addressing them.

"All levels of government, health services, non-government organisations and the community must work together to help improve Indigenous cancer control in Australia."

The details of about 1.2 million Australians diagnosed with invasive cancer between 1991 and 2005 were included in the study. About 7000 were identified as Indigenous.

Health jobs on track in Territory



THE Northern Territory Government has signed a memorandum of understanding with Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) to extend

the Back on Track project and lift the number of Indigenous Territorians working in health. "The expanded Back on Track project offers students an opportunity to combine both workshop and workplace-based learning," NT Health Minister John Elferink said.

"Students will come out of the program with qualifications which can lead to jobs in their communities. With more local workers trained in the field of health, we can increase the delivery of health services for more Territorians."

Back on Track also contributes to the Government's new five-year target for Aboriginal public service jobs.

"We are investing in accredited training to provide practical skills which can be used in local communities," Mr Elferink said. "The project is proving popular with 40 people already enrolled to complete a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice for semester one 2015.

"Twenty-three students have already graduated with a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice since the project began.



South Western Sydney Local Health District director of Aboriginal health Nathan Jones shows off the Deadly Tots app.

Deadly Tots gives vital info



BOWRAL and District Hospital in southern NSW has launched a new phone app which provides health and wellbeing information and advice to Aboriginal people with young children. South Western Sydney Local Health District (SVSLHD) director of Aboriginal health Nathan Jones said the free Deadly Tots app was a convenient way to help Aboriginal families access help and support.

"Deadly Tots app aims to teach families how to help their baby get an excellent start in life," he said. "The app is based on the Love, Yarn, Sing, Read, Play project which is all about ways you can interact with your children to help them learn and grow."

"The app takes this a step further by providing age-specific information, advice and support to parents, reminding them about immunisations and health checks and letting them know about the developmental milestones their bub should be reaching at

each age. Parents can use the app to contact local services and can even create a memory book for their bub."

SVSLHD has also launched the *Didja Know* booklet to help staff improve their knowledge and understanding of the culture, customs, heritage and health needs of Aboriginal communities. The booklet answers commonly asked questions and helps staff provide more respectful, responsive and culturally sensitive services to Aboriginal patients and communities.

Kalan takes a healthy approach



KALAN Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation, a company dedicated to land and sea management in Coen, Cape York, has taken its commitment to country

one step further, by making sure they also take care of their employees health. Kalan will offer health checks to its employees at Apunipima Cape York Health Council as part of a commitment towards the health and wellbeing of staff members.

"Our fellas have a strong connection to their country and are committed. That's at the heart of what we are all about," operations manager Shane Forester said.

Kalan manager Lucretia Creek said: "Like we care for country, we need to care for ourselves, keep ourselves healthy and make healthy choices. A health check will help us do that."

"It's important that we keep our workers fit and healthy. Healthy people equals healthy country."

Dr Mark Wenitong, who will head up the health check team, said Kalan have taken a positive step towards maintaining the health of its employees.

"An annual health check is essential to make sure that if you feel healthy you can stay healthy, with any issues identified early leading to the prevention of potential chronic conditions," he said.

"We recognise the difficulty some people have fitting in a health check when they are working and we welcome Kalan's invitation and would encourage other businesses on the Cape to get on board."

Illnesses are not so rare



RARE diseases are defined as affecting one in 10,000 people or fewer, but about 6-8% of Aboriginal people have these unusual illnesses.

With 80% of these conditions affecting children, World Rare Disease Day on 28 February was held to raise awareness of these sicknesses and how they affect sufferers and families.

One of the rare diseases hitting the Aboriginal community is phenylketonuria (PKU), with more than 500 Indigenous people having it.

Most people will have first heard of this disease when they went to hospital and their newborn baby was given the 'heel prick test'. Newborn screening services started in NSW in 1964 for phenylketonuria, and by 1973

all babies born in NSW hospitals were being screened.

"As long as babies, children, youth and adults with PKU are given the right treatment, a low phenylalanine diet, and their blood phenylalanine levels are maintained within the target range, there is every expectation that the person should be able to lead a normal life," director of the Western Sydney Genetics Program Professor John Christodoulou said.

"Dietary needs"

"People with PKU are connected with a clinical screening service which runs routine blood tests to help manage their dietary needs."

An inherited disease, PKU prevents the body from metabolising an amino acid known as phenylalanine, which then builds up in the

blood and tissues. It can cause the brain to not develop properly and can lead to intellectual disability from infancy, which, if allowed to continue, can cause significant impairment and disability.

"Women with PKU who are considering having babies do need to be especially observant of their PKU monitoring and diet. In the event PKU levels in women are excessive at the time they become pregnant, there is a high risk of harm to the developing infant," Prof Christodoulou said.

For more information about the phenylketonuria (PKU) clinic, call the Metabolic Clinic on (02) 9845 3452 or visit the <http://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/>

For more information about rare diseases, visit rarediseasedayaustralia.com.au/australia/



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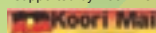
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Fortescue infrastructure services operator Janice Roebourne with Fortescue Aboriginal health specialist Monique Roberts and Wirraka Maya Aboriginal health practitioner Helen Edwards.

Fortescue and health service unite to help Pilbara people



SOUTH Hedland-based Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation and Fortescue Metals Group have teamed up to improve the health of

Aboriginal people. Under a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed last year, Fortescue and Wirraka Maya have improved the health of more than 100 Aboriginal people from Western Australia's Pilbara referred to Wirraka Maya through Fortescue's Aboriginal Health and Wellness Program.

The program provides a link to health services for Aboriginal people

involved in the Fortescue Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC) program and working in its Pilbara operations.

"By providing a dedicated Aboriginal health and wellness program, training and education, employment, and housing, Fortescue is looking at the bigger picture," Fortescue Aboriginal health specialist Monique Roberts said.

"The partnership we've developed with Wirraka Maya has been instrumental in helping local Aboriginal people overcome health barriers to employment and to opening up life-changing opportunities, with benefits flowing on

to the whole community."

Wirraka Maya Aboriginal health practitioner Helen Edwards said it is always rewarding to see patients overcome health issues and go on to reach their goals.

"Many success stories have come out of the memorandum between Wirraka Maya and Fortescue," she said. "Helping patients improve their health and secure their future is what motivates our team and keeps us focussed on closing the gap."

"At Wirraka Maya our mission is to improve the status of Aboriginal people through access to dedicated healthcare services while meeting their social and cultural needs."

Lung cancer a big killer



LUNG cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among Indigenous Australians, according to Cancer Australia.

The national body says Indigenous people are 70% more likely to die from lung cancer than other Australians.

With that in mind, Cancer Australia has released *Lung Cancer in Our Mob*, a handbook developed for health professionals to help support Indigenous people with lung cancer.

Cancer Australia chief executive Helen Zorbas said lung cancer accounts for one in six of all cancers diagnosed in Indigenous Australians, with the incidence higher in men and in people living in more remote areas.

"Importantly, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people also have a lower chance of survival following diagnosis," she said. "It is important that we address this disparity in outcomes by working with the community and health profess."

Benefits highlighted

Prof Zorbas said *Lung Cancer in Our Mob* highlights the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, explains medical information in plain language and encourages culturally appropriate patient care and sources of support to the patients, their family and the community.

It also addresses the biggest risk factor associated with lung cancer – smoking. About 42% of Indigenous Australians smoke daily, compared with 16% of other Australians. While that rate has improved from 49% in 2002, current smokers are about nine times more likely to develop lung cancer than people who haven't smoked.

The *Lung Cancer in Our Mob* handbook is available online, and pre-orders are currently being accepted for printed copies at canceraustralia.gov.au

Parkes centre opened



THE New Currajong Aboriginal Health Centre at Parkes in the central-western NSW, has been officially opened.

The centre, on Wiradjuri country, is the result of a partnership between the Currajong Medical Centre, Parkes Aboriginal Community Working Party, Orange Aboriginal Medical Service and Parkes Shire's Aboriginal project officer.

Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley came to Parkes for the opening, saying the centre has the potential to improve the lives of thousands of Indigenous people in the Parkes region.

● Pictured: At the opening of the Currajong Medical Centre are, from left, deputy chair of the Parkes Aboriginal Working Party Kevin Bloomfield, Parkes Shire Aboriginal project officer Amanda Corcoran and Orange Aboriginal Medical Service chief executive Jamie Newman.



Online portal to aid pregnant smokers



AN online portal to target Aboriginal maternal smoking issues in Western Australia is being developed by Curtin University's Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health (CERIPH). CERIPH's Alexa Wilkins says that in 2011, almost half of all Aboriginal

women and 10% of non-Aboriginal women in WA reported smoking tobacco during pregnancy.

"Smoking during pregnancy increases the risk of preterm birth, miscarriage, perinatal death, low birth weight babies and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and can create serious growth and development issues for a child throughout their life," she said.

"Reducing smoking among pregnant women and promoting smoke-free environments is critical to improve health outcomes."

"The online portal will provide coordinated access to information, resources and training on preventing maternal smoking, for maternal and child health service providers and other health professionals."

The site will also feature a free online yarning place to encourage an exchange of knowledge and information between health professionals who work in the field. The portal and yarning place will be free to access via the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet website. They are expected to be available by mid-2015.

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please keep them short and to the point, and send them to any of the addresses listed in the panel on page 23.

Ongoing: Lifeline. Saving lives. Crisis support. Suicide prevention. For assistance call 13 11 14.

Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services for carers. Call 1800 242 636, Monday to Friday.

The Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative. Children who are eligible for the program can access funding of up to \$12,000 each financial year for a range of early intervention services. Children must be registered before age six. For more information, call the Registration and Information Service on 1800 242 636 or visit www.carersnsw.org.au

National

Until May 1: Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples public hearings. The committee welcomes submissions on steps that can be taken to move towards a successful referendum on Indigenous constitutional recognition. To be held in Ipswich on March 27, Alice Springs on March 30, Dubbo on April 10, and Canberra on May 1. Details: (02) 6277 3544 or 1800 728 963 or email iscatsi@aph.gov.au

Until March 29: Call for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Visual Artists. Performance Space in partnership with Sydney Harbour Federation Trust is calling for proposals for the Nula Nula Indigenous Arts Lab which will take place on Cockatoo Island (Sydney Harbour) from May 22-31. Details: Sonny Dallas Law on (02) 8571 9101 or email nulanura@performancespace.com.au or visit www.performancespace.com.au

Until March 30: Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) national tour – a bid to identify the next group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander marathon runners. Held at venues around Australia including Adelaide, Broome, Darwin, Brisbane, Sydney, Dubbo, Coffs Harbour and Melbourne. Details: Mick Rees on (02) 6261 4720 or 0427 308 500 or visit www.imp.org.au

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal Driver Training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details (02) 221 903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: National Museum of Australia 'Go on a Gallery' tour. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, daily at 3pm. Costs apply. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Christine Anu will perform with Archie Roach this Saturday at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith, Sydney.



Roach, Anu performing together for first time



AS part of its 25th anniversary community celebrations, the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith will feature respected artists performing together for the first time. Singer-songwriter Archie Roach will take to the stage with soul diva Christine Anu on Saturday, March 28.

With a career spanning three decades,

Roach has released 10 albums and shared the stage with artists including Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan, Tracy Chapman, Patti Smith and Paul Simon. Despite the loss of his longtime partner Ruby Hunter in 2010, as well as suffering a stroke and lung cancer in recent years, Roach continues to draw strength from his music.

Anu's career spans two decades, dating back to the release of her debut

single *Lost Train* in 1993. She has performed in music, theatre, dance, film and television, with her credits including *Moulin Rouge*, *The Matrix Reloaded*, *Play School*, *Rent* and *The Sapphires* as well as ARIA Awards for her hit single *My Island Home* and her album *Stylin' Up*.

Tickets are \$55/\$50 or can be bought as part of a 2015 season subscription. For bookings call (02) 4723 7600 or visit www.thejoan.com.au

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Until March 26: NSW Fair Trading Funeral and Wills Information sessions. Information about funerals, wills and rights about discrimination. Held at La Perouse, Ambarvale, Tharawal LALC and Tharawal corporation from 10am-2pm. Free. Details: Aysha Kanuric on (02) 9895 0208 or 0466 325 958.

Until March 26: KidzFlicks. The Sydney International Festival of Films by children brings the voices of more than 2000 children to Sydney cinema screens, and four Sydney libraries. Held at Event Cinemas Bondi Junction, Parramatta, Macquarie Centre and Liverpool daily at 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am. Cost \$1. Bookings: Bardic Studio on (02) 9328 4950.

Until April 27: Expression of Interest for Left Field Project 2. Orana Arts Inc is seeking expressions of interest from emerging artists from the Orana area to be paired with an established contemporary artist. Details: Melissa Ryan on 0409 245 020 or email aado@oranaarts.com

Until April 30: Indigenous Fire and Rescue Employment Strategy (IFARES) Program. Designed to identify intelligent, fit, healthy and community-minded Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to join its permanent firefighter ranks. Details: Aboriginal Learning Circle TAFE SWSI on (02) 9825 7333.

Until May 10: *Survivors*. Photographs and recorded oral histories from Wellington's Elders and 'Elders-in-waiting' about their lives growing up at Nanima Mission, Wellington, the oldest continually run mission in Australia. Held at Western

Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingewarra St, Dubbo from 2pm. Free. Details: Telephone (02) 6801 4444 or visit www.westernplainsculturecentre.org

March 30: *The Redfern Story* screening. This film covers an important part of modern Aboriginal history, which until now has been little documented. Held at Burwood Westfield Events Cinema from 6.30pm. Free. Bookings essential. Details: Margaret Brennan on (02) 9719 8773 or email brennan@pip.com.au

March 25-May 10: *Aboriginal Prints from Near and Far* exhibition. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton from Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

April 7: Story-time program. Includes storytelling, songs and craft for Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander families with children up to age five. Held at Goonellabah Library, Oliver Ave, Goonellabah from 1.30-2.30pm. Free. Details: Zoe Dodd on (02) 6625 5809 or 0425 366 979.

April 8: 'Connecting Culture and Community – It Starts With Us' youth forum. Focussing on strategies to address and overcome barriers to community engagement and participation for NSW young people aged 15-25. Held at NSW Parliament, Macquarie St, Sydney from 9.45am-3.30pm. Details: (02) 9561 8443.

April 11-14: 'Cementa 15' arts festival. More than 60 contemporary artists from Sydney and regional NSW will participate. Held at various venues around the town of Kandos, NSW. Details: Alex Wisser on 0413 555 860 or email info@cementa.com.au

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April 10: Kari second annual charity golf day. All tickets include lunch, a team golf buggy, on-course refreshments, silent auction, raffle, prizes and more. Held at Cabramatta Golf Club, Cabramatta, from 8.30am. Cost: Individual tickets \$125 a person, four-man ambrose \$500. Details: Nikolina on (02) 8782 0300 or email nikolina.petikosa@kari.org.au or visit www.kari.org.au

April 13-15: Women's Cultural Gathering and Health Retreat 2015. Hosted by Pius X Aboriginal Corporation with a lineup of local speakers and workshops. Held at Echidna Gully, Armidale. Registrations close March 13. Details: (02) 6752 1099 or Stephanie Duke on 0476 404 929 or email admin@piusx.com.au

April 15: KARI Community Unity Day. A free family event includes live entertainment, information stalls, rides, arts and craft and more. Held at The Whitlam Centre, 90a Memorial Ave, Liverpool. Details: Nikolina on (02) 8782 0300 or visit www.kari.org.au

Victoria

Until April 26: *Empty Coolamons* exhibition. Indigenous artist Robyne Latham brings recognition to the Stolen Generations in this art show. Held at Bunjilaka Gallery, Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton, daily 10am-5pm. Cost: \$12 entry. Details: 1300 130 152.

Until May 23: *Moving On Up* exhibition, celebrating the King Street building that the Koorie Heritage Trust has called home for the past 12 years. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King Street, Melbourne, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com

Until June 28: *Wadawurrung: Past, Present, Future*. A new exhibition by mother and daughter Koori artists Marlene and Deanne Gilson, exploring the early settlement of Ballarat. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton, daily from 10am-5pm. Cost: \$12 entry. Details: 1300 130 152.

March 28: *New Dub City in Maningrida* short documentary, following the band New Dub City as they experience the life and culture of Maningrida in the Top End. Held at Bar 303, (303 High Street, Northcote) from 8pm. Proceeds will go to Maningrida youth services. Details: 0410 386 944 or visit www.newdubcity.com

March 28: *Sisterly Love* play reading. This work by Indigenous playwright John Harding examines the story of the first two Aboriginal resistance fighters hanged in Victoria. Held at La Mama Courthouse, 349 Drummond St, Carlton from 2pm. Cost: \$5 a ticket. Details: (03) 9347 6142 or www.lamama.com.au

March 28-June 8: *Earth and Sky* exhibition. The works of John Mawurndjul and Gulumbu Yunupingu will feature in this

Desert Mob art in the spotlight



Ngipi Ward's painting *Wati Kutjarra*, acquired from Desert Mob 2005, is part of this year's exhibition.



TWENTY-FIVE years ago, Indigenous desert art was launched on the national and international stage by what is now an annual exhibition of artworks from Aboriginal art centres in central Australia.

Desert Mob is now a leading national arts event, which is marking its 25th anniversary with a symposium led by artists from the region.

To celebrate, the Araluen Arts Centre is presenting *Desert Mob: Capturing the history of a movement*, an exhibition of works from Araluen's permanent collection of Aboriginal artworks. The works, acquired from the Desert Mob exhibitions between 1992 and 2014, offer a snapshot of contemporary art from Aboriginal-owned art centres.

"The annual exhibition now comprises some 300 artworks from 30 to 35 Desert member art centres, presented across three galleries at the Araluen Arts Centre," Northern Territory Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said.

"It has thrived and continues to provide a unique opportunity to see current trends in Aboriginal art from Central Australia in the one venue."

"Not only will it be a timely look at the evolution of Desert Mob and participating art centres but also the Aboriginal art movement in central Australia over the past 25 years," Mr Higgins said.

The exhibition focusses heavily on paintings, which is the predominant medium for central desert art centres, but also includes works on paper, photography, ceramics and sculpture.

The exhibition continues at the Araluen Centre until October 18.

exhibition by Hetti Perkins. Held at Tarrawarra Museum of Art, 311 Healesville-Yarra Glen Road, Tarrawarra on Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm. Details: (03) 5957 3100 or visit www.twma.com.au

April 2-5: Marxism conference 2015. Indigenous activists will reflect, inform and educate supporters about continuing struggles and victories after one year of the Abbott Government. Held at Victorian College of the Arts, 234 St Kilda Rd, Southbank. Cost: \$35-\$120. Details: Vashti on 0410 513 302 or visit www.marxismconference.org

April 12-16: Mibbinbah National Men's Camp. A place where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men can meet, learn and talk about topics of concern to them. Held at Halls Gap,

Victoria. Details: 0416 173 975 or 0409 036 713 or visit www.mibbinbah.org

Queensland

Ongoing: Walk along the Brisbane River and discover the history that lies beneath the concrete. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library, Stanley Pl, South Brisbane from 10.30-11.30am on the first Wed of each month. Free. Bookings: www.slq.eventbrite.com Details: (02) 3842 9061.

Until March 25: *UMI Arts Members' exhibition*. Celebrating 10 years, featuring 16 Indigenous artists. Held at UMI Arts Gallery, 335 Sheridan St, North Cairns, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

Until April 12: *I Love A Son Burnt Country* exhibition. It aims to engage and provoke the viewer to explore realities, while addressing issues of validity and respect. Held at Cairns Regional Gallery, cnr of Abbott and Shields streets, Cairns, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-2pm. Admission charges apply. Details: (07) 4046 4800 or visit cairnsregionalgallery.com.au

Until May 10: *String Theory* exhibition, looking at the ways in which fibre and art come together in a contemporary context across a range of media.

Held at Cairns Regional Gallery, cnr Abbott and Shields streets, Cairns, from Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, and Sun 10am-2pm.

Details: (07) 4046 4800 or visit cairnsregionalgallery.com.au

Until May 17: *A Thousand Words* exhibition. Showcasing portraits by artists Cheryl Creed and Nickeema Williams. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, Queensland State Library, Stanley Pl, South Bank, daily from 10am-5pm. Free entry. (07) 3842 9084.

Until May 28: 'Ready, Read and Run' with Scott Prince. This free early literacy program is held over eight sessions in terms one and two for ages three and four. Participants get a free book pack and hat. Held at Woodridge North State School Community Hub, 3/11 Arthur St, Woodridge from 8.30am. Free. Bookings: (07) 3380 6337.

April 11: 'A Tribute to Harold Blair' concert. A tribute to Ipswich's own Harold Blair, the first internationally recognised Indigenous star of opera and musical theatre. Held at Ipswich Civic Centre, cnr Limestone and Nicholas Streets, Ipswich from 7.30pm. Cost: \$75-\$95. Details: (07) 3810 6100 or visit www.ipswichciviccentre

April 11: Jewellery workshop with Delvene Cockatoo-Collins. Create a piece of jewellery using 'upcycled' and found natural materials from the beach and bush.

Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library, Stanley Pl, South Brisbane from 3-5pm. Cost: \$22.50 a person. Bookings: www.slq.eventbrite.com Details: (07) 3842 9061.

Western Australia

Ongoing: Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company Writers Group meeting for new and emerging playwrights. Held on the second Monday of the month at Yirra Yaakin, 65 Murray Street, Perth, from 6.30-8.30pm. Details: Irma on (08) 9202 1966 or www.yirrayaakin.com.au

Until April 11: *Yirrkala Drawings* exhibition. A visual articulation of Yolngu stories, history, culture and knowledge told through hundreds of crayon drawings on brown paper. Held at Berndt Museum and Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, The University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley, Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 6488 3707 or visit www.lwgalleries.uwa.edu.au

March 29: Family Friendly Festival, featuring music, song, dance and entertainment from the Central Wheatbelt. It includes live entertainment, workshops and hip hop classes.

Held at the Kadjinny Kep Amphitheatre, Tammin from 4-8pm. Free event. Details: (08) 9226 2422 or 0410 845 885.

South Australia

March 26: Close the Gap day event, run by Oxfam Australia and Reconciliation SA. Held at The Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia, 9 King William Road, Unley from 11am-2.30pm.

Free event. RSVP to alison.hambour@ahcsa.org.au. Details: Michele Robinson on (08) 8273 7200.

PJ is on the job



Yupungathi man receives Ely Apprenticeship



FOUR of the 15 new apprentices at Rio Tinto's Weipa bauxite operation in far north

Queensland are Indigenous.

Among them is the recipient of this year's Ely Apprenticeship, Yupungathi man PJ Ahmat.

The Ely Apprenticeship is awarded each year to a local Aboriginal person who has a connection to one of the six Traditional Owner groups represented in Weipa's Ely Bauxite Mining Project Agreement – the Yupungathi people are one of these – or to someone who has a historical connection with the communities of Mapoon, Napranum or New Mapoon.

"I feel there's a lot of support from my family and Rio Tinto to pursue this apprenticeship, which is great because continuing to work locally in the Western Cape region is important for me," PJ said.

"By completing my apprenticeship, I hope I can be a role model for other Indigenous people in the region, encouraging people to grab the opportunities on offer with two hands.

"I am really excited about getting my career in diesel fitting under way.

"This apprenticeship will provide me with lifelong skills and a trade, with the

opportunity to secure full-time employment after completion.

The new apprentices will develop skills in fields such as diesel fitting, fitting and turning, electrical and boiler making over the next three to four years, to gain a nationally recognised trade certificate.

Rio Tinto Alcan Weipa general manager operations Gareth Manderson said he was pleased to welcome such a diverse group to Weipa mine.

"Local employment remains a key focus for our operation.

"Work-ready"

"Having a consistent pipeline of work-ready apprentices and students is an important part of delivering sustainable economic prosperity for communities across the broader Cape York region," he said.

"We also have four new school-based trainees joining our site one day a week as part of our partnership with the Western Cape College.

"We are proud to offer both of these opportunities to help provide strong school-to-work pathways and build capacity in young people in the region."

The 15 new recruits will bring the total number of apprentices at the bauxite mine to 48.

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Government of South Australia
Department of Environment,
Water and Natural Resources

Executive Assistant Co-Management

**NATURAL RESOURCES ALINYTJARA WILURARA
CEDUNA**

Term Contract until 5/02/2018

\$56,330 – \$60,314 p.a. (ASO3)

Vacancy No: 2015-2197

The Executive Assistant Co-Management is responsible for confidential secretarial and administrative support to the Co-Management Boards and Advisory Committees in the Alinytjara Wilurara Region. The role will work closely with the Governance and Administration team to effectively support the operation of the Alinytjara Wilurara Region. The role will also be responsible for coordinating travel, accommodation, sitting fee payments and venue arrangements for Board Members within required timeframes.

Enquiries to: Ms Samantha Doudle,
Manager, Co-Management and Public Lands,
samantha.doudle@sa.gov.au, 0439 447 921.

**To apply and for more information visit the Jobs
SA website:** www.jobs.sa.gov.au and search by
vacancy number.

Applications Close: 5pm 27 March 2015

**Persons from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
background are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Safety is a core value of the South Australian
Public Sector.

The South Australian Government is an Equal
opportunity employer.

www.environment.sa.gov.au

Shoalhaven Women's Resource Group

MANAGER

up to 38 hours week, SCHCADS Award Level 7

Shoalhaven Women's Resource Group is seeking expressions of interest from women who have the qualifications and skills to establish and manage the Rosa Coordinated Care (RoCC) Project providing transitional support and accommodation to Shoalhaven women exiting prison and D&A Rehab services as well as women at risk of entering prison.

The successful applicant will need to have qualifications in social sciences, a strong clinical background in working with disadvantaged women and management experience.

Duties will include: Service and Financial Management, Staff Supervision, Developing and Maintaining Partner Relationships, Establishing a Research and Evaluation Framework, Data Collection and Reporting to Board and Funding Body.

For further information and selection criteria contact Faye Worner at Waminda on 4421 7400. Applications, including a current Resume and the names of two Referees, are to be forwarded to Kerry Wright at kerry@shoalcoast.org.au by **5pm Tuesday 7 April 2015**.



**NSW FEDERATION
OF HOUSING
ASSOCIATIONS INC.**

Service Delivery Co-ordinator

Full time, permanent position

Up to \$85,813 plus super and leave entitlements

The Federation is recruiting a Service Delivery Co-ordinator to develop and deliver new products and services to support industry growth and manage the delivery of selected projects. You will lead the Federation's Survey and Analysis Service by managing multiple projects and report writing. You will also develop industry information, coordinate discussions and decision making events amongst Federation members and provide analysis and research across a range of housing policy and operational matters.

Applications close Wednesday 1st April 2015.

For further information contact Adam West on (02) 9281 7144 or adamw@communityhousing.org.au

**The Federation is an equal opportunity employer.
Aboriginal candidates are encouraged to apply.**



Australian Government
Department of Employment

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DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
2016 GRADUATE PROGRAMME

**Applications for the 2016 Graduate Programme
are now open and close Tuesday 7 April 2015.**

For more information and to apply, please visit our website
www.employment.gov.au/graduate

EM15-0046



**Education &
Communities**

Aboriginal Training Coordinator

Clerk Grade 7/8

Full-time ongoing

Position number and location: Bankstown (179495)

**Total remuneration package valued to: \$105,363 p.a. (salary \$85,868 to \$95,050 p.a.)
including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

We are seeking an experienced candidate to administer regional Aboriginal programs, support the delivery of an integrated support service for apprentices, trainees and their employers and promote and market vocational education training in a regional area.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

How to apply

If you are interested in this ongoing role please apply online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and include, in a **maximum of 5 pages**, your resume and a covering letter which clearly details how your capabilities and experience can contribute to the success of the Regional team. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Applicants must address their suitability to the following pre-screening questions.

1. Aboriginality
2. Describe a recent project you have been involved in and the key steps you have taken to ensure it has operated successfully. **300 word maximum.**
3. Outline your experience in monitoring regulatory and contractual compliance. **300 word maximum.**

Inquiries: Robert MacMaster (02) 8707 9607

To **apply online** please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for position number 179495.

Closing Date: 8 April 2015

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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LINK-UP (NSW) ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Standing in the Present, Acknowledging the Past and Looking Forward

ABN 99 731 805 429
ICN 260

Link-Up (NSW) Aboriginal Corporation was founded in 1980 to assist Aboriginal people of the Stolen Generations; those who have been fostered, adopted or raised in institutions under Government policies of their time.

Link-Up NSW is a research, referral and counselling service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who meet our criteria.

Link-Up (NSW) is located in new premises in Ropes Crossing and has the need to fill positions in the following areas:

- Link -Up (finding family and reunifying)
- Family Link (finding family for children affected by Family And Community Services and OOHC)
- Community Builders (assisting non-Aboriginal families connect Aboriginal children in OOHC with their culture)
- Hidden Carers (referral service for Aboriginal carers not recognised for caring for family who meet the ADHC criteria)

Vacancies in the Reunion Team include:

1 x Team Leader - With a salary range of \$60,000 to \$63,000.

1 x Full Time Counsellor & 1 x Part Time Counsellor
With a salary range of \$46,600 to \$62,000 (pro rata for the part time position).

1 x Full Time Case Worker Reunions
With a salary range of \$46,600 to \$60,000.

1 x Full Time Family History Researcher
With a salary range of \$46,600 to \$60,000.

OTHER ROLES ARE:

1 x Full Time Case Worker Family Link

1 x Part Time Case Worker Hidden Carers

These positions have a salary range of \$46,600 to \$60,000 (pro rata for the part time position).

1 x Executive Assistant - With a salary range of \$45,000 to \$55,000.

All positions are covered by the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award.

The salaries offered to the successful candidates will reflect the experience and qualifications of those applicants.

If you are looking to work within an environment that supports Aboriginal communities, offers ongoing professional development, access to tax effective salary packaging, a friendly team and a supportive environment then apply today.

To request an information package email employment@nsw.link-up.org.au

For more information regarding our organisation please visit our website www.linkupnsw.org.au

If you would like further information about the current vacancies after receiving the information package please contact Des Brooker on 02 9421 4700, or Free call: 1800 624 332.

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement for these positions; however, we encourage qualified non-Aboriginal people to provide an expression of interest with their CV if they are seeking to join part of a dedicated team.

Should there be any position not filled by Aboriginal people those submitting an Expression of Interest will be contacted.

Applications must address the relevant selection criteria contained in the information package, and include a cover letter along with your resume.

All applications for the above positions must be sent to employment@nsw.link-up.org.au



On Track Community Programs™
connecting people to their communities

HOMELESSNESS CASE WORKER

(Aboriginal Homelessness and Prevention Service)

Fixed Term to June 2016 | Full Time | Tweed Heads

Tweed Aboriginal Co-operative Society in conjunction with On Track Community Programs are seeking an experienced Homelessness Case Worker to take on a key role in our homelessness service under the NSW Government's Going Home Staying Home initiative providing case management and support specialising in Aboriginal Homelessness and Prevention Service.

Please note: Aboriginality is considered a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

We can offer you:

- NSW SCHADS Level 4 + Superannuation
- A friendly place to work, with the support of colleagues
- A rewarding role that is all about helping others

The successful person will be providing the following services:

- Support to Aboriginal young people, men, women and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- A focus on prevention and early intervention and rapid rehousing
- Partnering with 'first to know' organisations to help early identification and referral of Aboriginal people at imminent risk of becoming homeless
- Assisting clients to sustain their tenancies and prevent evictions from all types of tenures (public and private)
- Helping clients to access private rental or social housing with support as needed
- Provide follow-up support after clients have been housed to ensure they do not become homeless again

This challenging role will suit a person with:

- Qualifications in a social science or related field and/or relevant equivalent experience
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the private rental market and relate to real estate agents and landlords
- Demonstrated experience in case

coordination of people with complex support needs

- Understanding of the rights and responsibilities of clients as tenants
- Understanding of, and demonstrated ability to work with human service agencies
- Demonstrated experience and or understanding of Trauma Informed Care
- Demonstrated experience and or understanding of working in a culturally safe environment
- Ability to advocate on behalf of clients to facilitate access to housing and support services
- Ability to initiate and sustain networks and relationships
- Excellent communication skills, particularly in the areas of negotiation, facilitation, mediation and problem solving
- Ability to use initiative and work independently and also able to work as part of a team
- Current drivers licence

To Apply

Please visit our website, www.otcp.com.au to view the job description and to complete the online application form and selection criteria.

- Appointment to this position will require a satisfactory police check clearance

For Enquiries: please call Cheryl Coppin,
0488 062 243

Applications close: Monday, 6th April 2015



Customer Service Representative

PoliceLink, Tuggerah

Clerk Grade 1/2

(Aboriginal targeted position)

Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003IUL – Permanent Full-Time

Salary Package: \$68,687. **Salary:** \$57,256 – \$62,245. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Customer Service Representatives provide customer service by answering emergency Triple Zero (000) and non-emergency (131444, Crime Stoppers, Customer Assistance Unit, Special Operation) calls and providing accurate, timely information to police as well as providing information and advice to customers on a range of police issues.

Job Notes:

- Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- Applicants **must** obtain an information package via the following link – www.randstad.com.au/jobseekers/resource-centre/polcelink-information-package
- If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package, please contact the Enquiries Officer – Belinda McBrearty on (02) 4032 7354 or via email: nswpolice@randstad.com.au
- Applicants **must** then undertake an initial call centre simulation test.
- Suitable applicants will then participate in a preliminary interview.
- Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an Assessment Centre.
- Successful applicants will need to be committed to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - o Give written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application; or
 - o Attach a document addressing each of the selection criteria to your application; and
 - o Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- To be eligible to apply for this position, you must identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Enquiries: Belinda McBrearty, on (02) 4032 7356 or email nswpolice@randstad.com.au

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00003IUL

Closing date: Wednesday 1 April 2015

202644

MINIMBAH PRESCHOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

OFFICE MANAGER

Reporting to the Principal this full time position (38 hours) requires the applicant to organise and coordinate office operations and procedures in order to ensure organisational effectiveness and efficiency and to contribute to the achievement and objectives of Minimbah Pre School, Primary School Aboriginal Corporation.

The successful applicant should possess a good practical financial and business knowledge and whilst working as part of a small team, be professional and efficient representative for the School. The successful applicant should also be willing to perform a range of business administration duties. Aboriginality and experience working in an Aboriginal community is preferred for this position.

Commencement salary for this position will be in accordance with the Independent School NSW (Support and Operational Staff) Multi-Enterprise Agreement is Level 3 – Senior Clerical Officer – Step 1.

Applications for this position close **Thursday 2 April 2015** and should be directed to the Principal, Minimbah Primary School, jenny@minimbah.net Employment package is available by contacting admin@minimbah.net

Please note that only short listed candidates will be contacted.



Health

Mid North Coast
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Coordinator – Hastings Macleay

Location: Kempsey

Enquiries: Amanda Ryan, 0419 970 979

Ref ID: 238300

Closing Date: 30 March 2015

Purpose of Position: To increase access to culturally appropriate services for the Aboriginal population and working in partnership with a range of internal and external stakeholders to address closing the Gap in health outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Apply online at:
[nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/
ViewPosition.aspx?Id=238300](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=238300)

202559

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health

Western NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Strategy (AMIHS) Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Officer
Non Graduate

Location: Dubbo

Employment Status: Temporary Part-Time
(32 hpw up to 22/08/2015)

Salary: \$24.17 – \$35.60 ph

Enquiries: Leonie Beashel, (02) 6885 8923

Email: leonie.beashel@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference No: 235420

Closing date: 3 April 2015

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

202587

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Trade & Investment Arts NSW

Administrative Officer Indigenous Cultural Development

- Sydney CBD location
- Ongoing full-time position
- Clerk Grade 3/4: \$77,341 pa. Package includes salary (\$64,008 – \$70,087 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The primary purpose of the role is to provide and co-ordinate administrative support for the Strategic Initiatives team and the Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy, to support the delivery of Arts NSW outcomes, projects and initiatives.

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy.

For further information, the role description and to apply on-line, applicants should go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for Job Reference No: 00003HZO

Enquiries: Sharni Jones (02) 9995 0667

Closing Date: Monday 30 March 2015

202554

Hunter TAFE

currently has the following Institute Wide opportunities. Candidates must apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

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NSW

The Aboriginal Learning Circle is an alliance of five TAFE NSW Institutes who have agreed to collaborate in the achievement of culturally appropriate solutions for Aboriginal people, communities, organisations and employers.



Aboriginal
Learning
Circle

Our leadership team is five Aboriginal educators with extensive experience in vocational education and training, community engagement, workforce development and Aboriginal cultural capability services.

Our staff community includes over 50 Aboriginal staff whose roles include community engagement, learning design and student support; and an extensive network of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal teaching, support and administrative staff who collaboratively deliver our services.

We are looking for Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander people who are passionate about education and culture with the ability to work alongside students, staff and organisations to provide meaningful advice, support and promote understanding with cultural integrity.

ABORIGINAL &/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURAL FACILITATORS

- Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander Culture, communities and engagement
- Preparation and delivery of lesson plans
- Assessment and marking

Salary: From \$59.26 to \$75.05 per hour

• **Job Ref No: 00003HFY**

CASUAL ABORIGINAL MENTORS

- Provide advice and support to students
- Establish pathways to employment and/or further study

Salary: \$40.31 per hour

• **Job Ref No: 00003HFE**

These roles are targeted to the employment of Aboriginal people and is authorised by the Department's EEO management plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Suitability lists are created to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of qualified & available staff to meet current & anticipated workplace needs. Equality of Employment Opportunity & appointment on merit are TAFE NSW Policy.

Applications Close:
5pm Friday 10 April 2015

NB: This is a child related position. Candidates need to have a valid and current Working With Children Check (WWCC) clearance as a condition of employment.

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arup.com/ausgrads

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we must have people
of quality.”

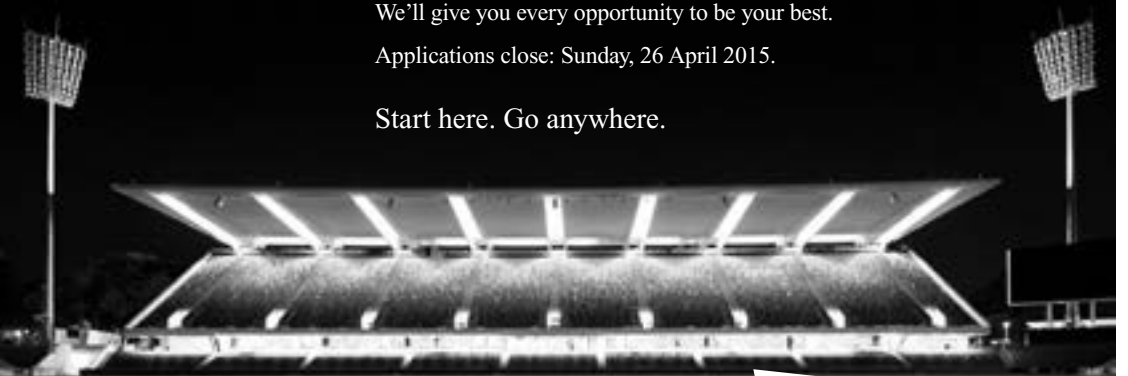
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Graduate Development Program 2016

At Arup, we've never believed that greatness can be achieved through sameness. So we judge our people by the quality of their thinking and their attitude to teamwork, not their nationality, religion, sex or any other criteria. The success of this philosophy can be seen in a portfolio of work that extends from Perth's Rectangular Stadium and China's National Aquatic Centre to Brisbane's massive Airport Link. So if you're ready to start your graduate career in design engineering, get in touch. We'll give you every opportunity to be your best.

Applications close: Sunday, 26 April 2015.

Start here. Go anywhere.



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Aboriginal Parole Officer



- **Newly created position**
- **Pivotal case management position in Community Correctional Services**
- **Position located at Swan Hill**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are invited to apply for a full time ongoing Aboriginal Parole Officer role, located at the Swan Hill Justice Service Centre.

Our ideal candidate will have:

- strong engagement and case management skills and experience
- demonstrated ability in achieving positive client outcomes
- sound interpersonal and interviewing skills
- proven knowledge of the Victorian Koori Community and issues impacting the Community
- demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori Community

For further information on this position, and to submit your application, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au before Sunday 26 April 2015.

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JOB ADVERTISEMENT – AFP GRADUATE PROGRAM

Have you completed a Bachelor degree, or will you have graduated prior to February 2016? Are you an Australian citizen? Are you prepared to relocate to Canberra? If you can answer 'yes' to these questions why not apply for the 2016 AFP Graduate Program?

As a graduate in the AFP you will work in a truly global policing agency, committed to staying one step ahead in an environment where crime is rapidly evolving.

Over the 12 months you will build your knowledge, skills and networks by working in a number of teams — gaining an understanding of the AFP and the responsibilities of each area.

We also offer attractive pay and leave provisions, as well as other benefits to help promote work-life balance.

To apply visit www.afp.gov.au.

This position requires a NV1/Secret security clearance or the ability to obtain one.

For any queries email us at graduate@afp.gov.au.

Contact officer: Kristi Boehme (02) 6131 2290

Closing date: 5:00pm (AEDT) Thursday 23 April 2015

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www.afp.gov.au

TRAINEESHIPS AVAILABLE



TAFE Western is currently looking for energetic and committed identified people to undertake a traineeship commencing 2015.

The following opportunities are currently available.

Position Title	Position Number	Location	Period
Traineeships (Aboriginal) Business Administration	W 15-35	Orange	12 Months
Traineeship (Aboriginal) Community Services Work	W 15-37	Orange	12 Months
Traineeship (Disability) Business Administration	W 15-38	Orange	12 Months
Traineeship (Aboriginal) Information Technology	W 15-39	Dubbo	2 Years

The successful applicants will be enrolled and expected to successfully complete the relevant Certificate III course.

Closing Date: 2 April 2015

Proof of your Aboriginality or Disability must be included as part of your application.

For an information package and details on how to apply, TALK TO US

☎ 02 6393 5973

✉ william.foran8@tafensw.edu.au

🌐 www.wit.tafensw.edu.au



90009 TAFE NSW – Western Institute.



ABORIGINAL CASE MANAGER

For over 50 years Outcare has been the leading specialist provider in Western Australia for people who come in contact with the justice system. Based in East Perth, our key role has been to support people to live meaningful lives without crime.

The Aboriginal Throughcare Program provides short and medium term specialist intervention services for Aboriginal offenders involved in the justice system. The programs primary aim is to help people reconnect to culture, family and community where possible by dealing with social, educational, employment and personal issues.

The role will require you to:

- Provide one on one assessments of clients
- Effectively manage an on-going case management plan
- Identify appropriate intervention models and strategies to meet individual client needs
- Negotiate individual mutually agreed Action Plans with clients

Success in this role will require:

- Demonstrated track record and experience in case management or similar role engaging with Aboriginal people
- Sound knowledge and awareness of Aboriginal culture and customs.
- Ability to communicate with influence and to achieve quality outcomes whilst maintaining healthy professional boundaries.
- Demonstrated knowledge of individual and family development, including special issues for Aboriginal, other cultural and linguistically diverse groups.
- Current C class WA Drivers Licence

Further details about us and the position can be obtained from Mark Champion on (08) 6263 8622

To be considered, applicants must submit a detailed Resume and address selection criteria. All applications must be sent to hr@outcare.com.au by close of business on **Friday 10th April 2015**.



Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Population Health Trainee (Aboriginal Identified)

Malabar

Temporary Full Time, up to 29/07/17

JH No: 240474

Salary: \$1,260.40–\$1,695.40 pw.

Enquiries: Denise Monkley on 0408 273 465 or denise.monkley@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Sunday 29 March 2015.

- *This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.*

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



Registered Nurse

This is an exciting opportunity that offers new challenges and the chance to be a part of primary health care excellence in remote Australia.

Gidgee Healing is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service based in Mount Isa, currently providing GP and primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Mt Isa. We are currently expanding our range of services and as part of this growth we are looking for an experienced Registered Nurse to work across our range of services focussing on the health needs of the Aboriginal people residing Mt Isa, as well as the North West and Lower Gulf regions of Queensland.

The successful applicant will have the ability to undertake a wide range of high quality clinical duties with minimal supervision. Working within a clinical team environment, the aim is to improve the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, through the provision of comprehensive and culturally appropriate primary health care services.

You will have current unconditional nursing registration through AHPRA, with a minimum of five years experience. Any additional endorsements you have relevant to the primary health care setting would be considered an advantage.

If you are a local Aboriginal or Islander person with established connections to the region, or a non-Indigenous person with a commitment to the philosophy and practice of Aboriginal Community Control, we look forward to hearing from you.

Applicants are required to obtain a copy of the application information, including the position description, prior to submitting an application. Please contact Diana Terry via phone on 0488 130068 or email jobs@gidgeehealing.com

Competitive salary packaging will be negotiated.

Applications close 5pm on Monday 20 April 2015.



**Gidgee
Healing**



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Batchelor Institute
of Indigenous Tertiary Education

We have an exceptional opportunity for a dynamic and strategic leader with vision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, in the position of:

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

This is an Identified position, offering an attractive remuneration package of Competitive negotiable salary, superannuation, vehicle, salary sacrifice + other benefits.

Three year fixed term appointment, commencing in May 2015.

Applications close Monday 6th April 2015.

For further information, contact Ken Cunningham on (08) 8939 7424 or 0407 995 304 and log on to our website to download the Position Description at

www.batchelor.edu.au/people/current-vacancies

All applicants must address the selection criteria and provide a current resume and cover letter.

Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are eligible to apply.



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and work, **go east**

Aboriginal Youth Community Development Worker

High profile health provider
Continued professional development

We are looking for an Aboriginal Youth Community Development Worker to work within our Eastern Health Aboriginal Health Team in Healesville on a full time basis.

Enquiries: ANDREW KAIAS, 0418 719 460

Applications to be made online:
www.easternehealth.org.au/careers, Ref: 16667

Close Date: 29 March 2015

For more information and to apply online visit:
www.easternehealth.org.au
Applicants may be required to undergo a
Police Records/Working with Children Check.



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MERIT Aboriginal Clinician (Allied Health Level 1/2, Psychologist, AHEO Grad)

Ref ID: 228258
F/T at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Enquiries: Elizabeth Haines, (02) 9515 7611
Closing Date: 3 April 2015

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*

Female Aboriginal Immunisation Liaison Officer (RN, AHEO Grad/Non Grad)

Ref ID: 241274
Temp F/T or P/T up to June 2018 at
Population Health, Camperdown
Enquiries: Fiona Steele, (02) 9515 9420
Closing Date: 10 April 2015

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander and being female are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under section 14(d) and section 31(2h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at
[liveandworknhehealth.com.au/work/
opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/](http://liveandworknhehealth.com.au/work/opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/)
Application Information Packages are
available at this web address or by contacting
Aboriginal Employment – Workforce on (02) 4985 3286.

CAMHS Community Clinical Support Officer

Newcastle Mental Health
Enquiries: Megan Power (02) 4925 7920
Reference ID: 240708
Closing Date: 6 April 2015

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

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

202772

Dhumba Program Coordinator

- Manage TEAR's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander development program
- Combine your community development and community education experience.
- Full time, flexible hours, based in Blackburn - VIC

Your job

The Dhumba Program Coordinator manages TEAR's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support program, called Dhumba. Your job would be to bring TEAR Australia's community development experience and resources into partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian initiatives. Alongside this, you will bring the wider Australian Christian public along a journey of greater understanding of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and heritage.

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You are driven by a deep passion for reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and non-Indigenous communities. Experienced in both community development with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and community education with the Australian Church, you are well placed to help facilitate a national conversation around reconciliation in Australia. Your demonstrated leadership, strategic thinking and communication skills undergird your ability to lead a national program and strategy.

Find out more

We are considering applications immediately. Please visit <http://www.tear.org.au/about/positions-vacant/dhumba-program-coordinator/> to apply. Enquiries by email to Barbara Deutschmann at Barbara@tear.org.au.



Australian Government
Department of Education and Training

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING 2016 GRADUATE PROGRAMME

CANBERRA, ACT

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CLOSING DATE: 27 APRIL 2015 17:00 (AEST)

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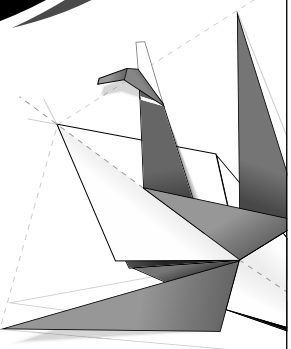
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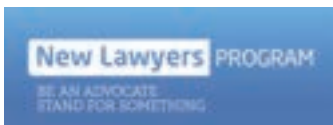
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MIWATJ HEALTH
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Miwatj Health is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation delivery primary health care service in the East Arnhem Region in the Northern Territory. We are currently looking for an experienced, enthusiastic and reliable person to fill a position to complement much needed services aimed at improving the health of local people in Aboriginal communities.

Aboriginal Health Practitioner Men's Health Program | Nhulunbuy

In this position you will be assisting with the development, implementation and evaluation of culturally appropriate activities as part of the Men's Health program. The program has an outreach focus, and provides primary health care services, including clinical care to clients of Miwatj Health across the Gove Peninsula. Current AHPRA Registration, Ochre Card and Drivers Licence are all essential to be considered for this position, as well as excellent communication skills.

*Subsidised housing available with this position.
A Job Description and Selection Criteria can be obtained from

our website www.miwatj.com.au

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST ADDRESS THE SELECTION CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ROLE.

Written applications to: HR Unit, Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 519, Nhulunbuy NT 0881
or by email to hr@miwatj.com.au

Applications close: 7 April 2015

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.



Calling all Aboriginal graduates
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Are you an Aboriginal tertiary graduate or final year university student who is keen to make a difference in the community? If so and you're interested in an ongoing career in government, it's a great time to consider the **Aboriginal Pathway to the Victorian Public Service (VPS) Graduate Recruitment and Development Scheme (GRADS)**.

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For information about the Aboriginal Pathway, visit www.graduates.vic.gov.au and follow the link to the Aboriginal Pathway or contact **Lynne Witynski**, the manager of the Pathway, on (03) 9651 2618 or via email at: lynne.witynski@vpssc.vic.gov.au





Family & Community Services

Community Program Officer (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 7/8
Department of Family & Community Services
Community Services

- **Division** – Operations
- **Location** – Blacktown
- **Salary range** – \$85,868 pa – \$95,050 pa PLUS employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The primary purpose of this role is to implement the Agency's funding and performance management policies and procedures with funded services; undertake service planning and development, ongoing monitoring and review of services and oversight service improvement processes; and develop and maintain relationships within the community.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality as noted under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*
- A current NSW driver's licence and a willingness to travel

Closing date: Wednesday, 1 April 2015 at 11:59 pm

For enquiries: Cathy Newman (02) 9852 3308

To apply: Please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for reference no. 00003G09 and answer the two (2) targeted questions in your cover letter, plus attach an up-to-date resume.

Thank you for your interest in this role

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Family Support Newcastle
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Aboriginal Family Worker

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of vulnerable families and children?

Are you skilled at working with groups of parents and children?

FSN is seeking an experienced person to work with parents and their children in group and individual family settings. Part time permanent - 20 hrs pw Grade 4 SCHADS award (with over-award conditions)

Full details including selection criteria are provided in an information pack at www.nfss.org.au or call 4926 3577

The employment of an Aboriginal person in this position is authorised in accordance with part 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act(1977). FSN is an EEO employer

Closing Date: 10th April, 2015, 5 pm.

MJSP Management Consulting

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To learn more, please email Mark or Jon at admin@mjsp.com.au

Aboriginal Liaison Officer Parramatta Ref 1530

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer is an important role at Northcott, responsible for leading organisational change to improve access and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disabilities and their families.

- Manage Northcott's Reconciliation Action Plan
- Create positive partnerships with Aboriginal people, organisations and communities
- Promote a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal people with disabilities, their families, community members and staff

For a full position description and to apply please visit www.northcott.com.au

For a confidential discussion call Rebecca Rodwell on 02 9890 0153

The closing date is 10 April 2015



Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted.

SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION - NOWRA, NSW

South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation is a "not-for-profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation" providing Health and Wellbeing and relevant services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Shoalhaven area.

1 x Fulltime Fixed Term Nominated Supervisor (Identified Position - Aboriginal Preferred but not Essential) – Boori Preschool

The Nominated Supervisor is expected to oversee the operations of the service, lead, guide, and support a team which provides high quality early childhood education and care to the children, families and community.

Applicants should possess the following:

- Degree in Early Childhood Education.
- Current Senior First Aid certificate.
- Completed an approved child protection course by NSW DEC.
- Current approved Emergency management of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Certificate.
- Acceptance of role of the Nominated Supervisor under the Children (Education and Care services national Law application) Bill 2010 and education and Care Services National Regulations.
- Demonstrated ability and experience to undertake the Role of Nominated supervisor.
- Excellent Team work and communication skills.

- Knowledge of current early childhood theories and practice and children's service legislation.
- Demonstrated Ability and experience as an Educational Leader.

Preferred applicants will also be required to undergo a National Police Check and obtain a new paid employee Working with Children Check (as required by the Act) prior to appointment with South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation.

Salary will be in accordance with the Educational Services (Teachers) Award 2010 and the policies and procedures of South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation.

Applications Must Address the Selection Criteria: For an Information Package containing position description, selection criteria and an employment application, please contact the CEO Office on ceo@southcoastams.org.au or 02 4448 0201.

Applications close: Tuesday 7th April 2015



General Administrative Support Officer

Aboriginal Targeted Position
Central Hunter Local Area Command, Maitland & Cessnock
Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Full-time
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003JOF

Salary Package: \$68,687. **Salary:** \$57,256 – \$62,245. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Central Hunter Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.

The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations, including within the Court Process Office.

Job Notes:

- This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy. Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- Applicants **must** hold a current driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - Give written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application; **or**
 - Attach a document addressing each of the selection criteria to your application.
 - Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Donna Buchmasser on (02) 4934 0301

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00003JOF.

Closing Date: Monday 6 April 2015

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ABORIGINAL HACC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (South East & Inner Sydney)

Do you want to work with Commonwealth Home & Community Care (HACC) Program organisations to improve services for Aboriginal people?



Position: Aboriginal HACC Development Officer Position

Hours: Full time until at least December 2015 (dependent on funding) - 38 hours per week

Salary: Grade 5, Year 2 (SACS Award) - \$65,386 per annum (package includes superannuation)

Location: The position covers the South East & Inner Sydney community and is based at Rhodes and in the local community.

The Aged & Community Services NSW & ACT (ACS) invites applications from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to fill a vacant position of Aboriginal HACC Development Officer for the South East & Inner Sydney area. Please note that as part of the induction and orientation, the position will initially be working out of our Rhodes Head Office.

ACS is a peak aged care organisation providing leadership to the aged and community service sector. ACS has been funded by the Australian Government through Department of Social Service and the NSW Government through Department of Family & Community Services, Ageing, Disability & Home Care (ADHC), for three positions, this position is for the Sydney East & Inner Sydney. The aged care reforms will determine the future of the HACC funding and this position, however, ACS is able to support the position for approx. December 2015.

The Aboriginal HACC Development Officer position provides a great opportunity to work with Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations to help build relationships that will be strong, ongoing and resilient to enable the delivery of culturally appropriate, flexible and responsive services to Aboriginal people and communities in the South East & Inner Sydney region.

The Aboriginal HACC Development Officer position is funded through the Commonwealth HACC program to work with the service provider network (both Aboriginal specific and mainstream) and with local Aboriginal communities to identify gaps in services for Aboriginal people in the Inner West to:

- Develop initiatives to enable the Aboriginal community to acquire knowledge and access to the Commonwealth HACC Program service system.
- Research and remain up-to-date with the needs of the local Commonwealth HACC Program Aboriginal population.
- Facilitate service development activities in the provision of
- Commonwealth HACC Program services to the Aboriginal community.
- Establish, maintain and participate in networks, partnerships and links within and across relevant sectors.
- Participate in relevant policy development processes where appropriate.

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Worked successfully with Aboriginal people/communities and/or service providers.
- Know about the Home & Community Care (HACC) Program, including the Home Care Standards.
- Demonstrated experience of having worked successfully with many different people, organisations and groups (including government departments) to achieve better partnerships and results for Aboriginal people.
- Ability to develop and maintain networks.
- High level verbal and written communication skills, including report writing.
- Skills using computers and related software.
- A commitment to reconciliation and building cultural competency and awareness of all HACC services.
- Understanding and commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity, Access & Equity, Work Health & Safety, and Ethical Working Practices.

Desirable Criteria:

- Certificate IV in Workplace Training & Assessment (or willing to undertake).
- Relevant social welfare or related qualifications and/or relevant industry experience.
- Current Drivers licence.

Information Package:

For an information package and further information, please contact Janice Poynton, Senior Project Officer on 8754 0435 / 0438 218 003 or email janicep@acs.asn.au

Written applications addressing both the Essential and Desirable selection criteria, and the contact details of 2 referees, must be sent to:

Attention: Janice Poynton, Senior Project Officer - Email: janicep@acs.asn.au

Applications Close: Friday 10 April, 2015.



General Administrative Support Officer

Aboriginal Targeted Position
Rosehill Local Area Command, Granville
Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Full-time
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003JOA

Salary Package: \$68,687. **Salary:** \$57,256 – \$62,245. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Rosehill Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.

The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations.

Job Notes:

- This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy. Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
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- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Michael Banning on (02) 9897 4002

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00003JOA

Closing Date: Monday 6 April 2015

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NURSING CADETSHIP PROGRAM

ST VINCENT'S HEALTH NETWORK SYDNEY

St Vincent's is a world-class public hospital offering best-in-class services, facilities, and expertise, along with educational opportunities located close to the City of Sydney, the beaches and parks. We have an international reputation for innovation and are regarded as a centre of excellence for clinical care, research, teaching and nursing leadership.

We are a tertiary teaching hospital which provides acute care services to inpatients and outpatients from the local community, throughout the state and nationally. As one of Australia's leading public hospitals, we are recognised as a centre for excellence in clinical care, research and training.

Specialty areas include:

- Heart and lung transplantation
- Bone marrow transplantation
- Cardiology
- Cancer
- HIV/AIDs care
- Respiratory medicine
- Mental health
- Alcohol and drug service
- Sub-acute services

We are commencing our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nursing Cadetship Program for Bachelor of Nursing students at St Vincent's Public Hospital and the Cadets receive valuable experience and support whilst they work as an Assistant in Nursing over the normal period of their university studies.

Conducted in partnership with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet cadets will also receive the following benefits during the program:

- A study allowance during university semesters of approximately \$600 each fortnight (based on a 20 week student semester)
- A book and equipment allowance of \$500 each semester
- Minimum of 60 days employment each year.
- A campus Aboriginal health manager who can support staff. Cadets will also be allocated a Hospital mentor.
- The experience of working at a leading public hospital.
- We are currently involved in the Reconciliation Action Plan.
- We encourage you to join the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses or Indigenous Allied Health Australia as student members.
- We have a competency based new graduate nursing program. On completion of your degree we will encourage you to apply for a nursing position at our hospitals or other hospitals.

In order to be eligible for the cadetship you need to:

- Be enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing by full time studies (as your first undergraduate degree).
- Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and be accepted as such by the community in which you live, or have lived. You must provide evidence from an Aboriginal Organisation with a common seal (eg Land Council).
- Have good personal communication skills and be able to work in a team environment.

For further information please contact:

St Vincent's Public Nursing Cadetship
Peter Jones- Nurse Educator: peter.jones@svha.org.au or 8382 2709

Application Instructions: Applicants are requested to apply addressing the selection criteria and should include two referees in their application. Please address your application to: Peter Jones and forward your application to peter.jones@svha.org.au



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Dietitian Assistant (Technical Assistant Grade 1)

Ref: 239480 – Perm P/T 21hpw at Liverpool Hospital
Salary: \$23.44 – \$24.45 ph
Enq: Natalie Wilson
Ph: (02) 8738 6757

Closing Date: 31 March 2015

Secretary to Intensive Care Unit (Administrative Officer Level 2)

Ref: 241489 – Perm P/T 20hpw at Liverpool
Salary: \$24.79 – \$25.67 ph
Enq: Linda Williams
Ph: (02) 8738 3628

Closing Date: 7 April 2015

These are targeted position in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and greater consideration will be given to suitable Aboriginal applicants, in order to improve access to employment and career opportunities. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice

I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

Senior Project Officer
SACS Aboriginal
Cancer Control
Central Adelaide Local Health Network
SA Cancer Service
Adelaide CBD
Job Ref: 557891

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Southern NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Education Officer – Graduate / Non Graduate

Queanbeyan
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Enquiries: Rebecca Smith 0477 727 620
Position No: 226720
Closing Date: 6 April 2015

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Justice

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Aboriginal Witness Assistance Officer, Statewide

Prosecution Officer (Administrative) Level 4

We are looking for an enthusiastic and qualified Aboriginal Witness Assistance Services (WAS) Officer with excellent communication and interpersonal skills to join the ODP.

Salary of up to \$92,410 p.a. plus annual leave loading and superannuation.

This is an identified position for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

For further information and to apply visit
www.jobs.nsw.gov.au (Job Reference 00003I93).

Closing date: 7 April 2015 (midnight)

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Support Services Relations Specialist

As the Support Services Relations Specialist you will be responsible for retaining Red Cross supporters via both inbound and outbound channels. You will achieve this by proactively calling and taking inbound calls, providing solutions, identifying sales opportunities and ensuring service satisfaction.

You will interact with our supporters, connect with the community and build and develop relationships.

Your application will demonstrate an ability to engage with people from diverse backgrounds. You will also have highly developed organisational and time management skills coupled with interpersonal skills

Key to your success in the role will be your ability to meet sales targets, including KPI's and SLA's.

For further information contact
Michael Moyzes, 03 8346 8337.

To apply please visit
<http://www.redcross.org.au/careers.aspx>



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

Relationships Australia
CANBERRA & REGION

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region (RACR) is seeking applicants for the following position:

Relationships Australia Indigenous Network (RAIN) Project Officer

This is a fixed term position for 12 months
located in Deakin, Canberra.

This position is an identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position.

RAIN is a national network of Relationships Australia staff working together to support Aboriginal staff and to foster the understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in RA services.

The role of this position is to provide assistance (in the form of administrative and secretariat support as well as via the coordination of activities and processes) to the Relationships Australia Indigenous Network (RAIN) Senior Executive and to the RAIN CEO Sponsor.

Applicants need to submit a written application addressing the selection criteria and a current resume.

The position description and selection criteria are available at: www.racr.relationships.org.au/about-us/employment

Enquiries to Mary Pekin (02) 61227123 or
mary.pekin@racr.relationships.org.au

Applications to CEO, RACR, PO Box 320, Curtin ACT
2605 or e-mail enquiries@racr.relationships.org.au by
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Business Administration Traineeship, Aboriginal

Want to earn while you learn?

Transport for NSW is now recruiting for a Business Administration Traineeship, Aboriginal.

As a trainee at Transport for NSW, you will be involved in a program that will incorporate a mix of on-the-job training and study. You will learn from your supervisor, work team and will also attend formal training.

Location: Parramatta, NSW

Please apply online through jobs.nsw.gov.au

For enquiries please contact

Vicki Grozdanovski on (02) 8574 3739

Applications close 12 April 2015.

This position is identified for Aboriginal applicants.

Transport for NSW is driving the creation of a coordinated and efficient transport system, focused on meeting the needs of customers and supporting the development of the State.

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To be considered you will be highly experienced with a focus on Criminal Law and Family Law, and have worked with or for the Indigenous community in the past. You will hold an Unrestricted NSW Practising Certificate and have previous experience in managing and supporting a team that operates across urban, regional and remote areas. You will have outstanding legal and managerial skills and will comfortably assume this permanent full-time role.

Send your application, which is available at www.alsnswact.org.au/getinvolved/jobs, to Jennifer.ledingham@alsnswact.org.au. Alternatively, you can contact Jennifer on (02) 8303 6699 for a confidential discussion.

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GUMBAYNGGIRR PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING AND INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT AUTHORISATION MEETING

Proposed authorisation of claim group description, and authorisation of Indigenous Land Use Agreement

Date and Time: Wednesday 15 April 2015 – 9:30am – 4:00pm
 Thursday 16 April 2-015 – 9:30am – 4:00pm

Place: Valla Beach Tourist Park
 1 Regatta Drive, Valla Beach NSW

NTSCORP Limited ('NTSCORP') provides assistance to the Gumbaynggirr People in their native title application (NSD6014 of 1998) and is convening a meeting for all members of the Gumbaynggirr native title claim group.

Who should attend?

Members of the native title claim group as described in the registered application, being all descendants of *Maggie Buchanan, Frank Whaddy and Vina Duncan*+, *Elsie Taylor*+, and *Jack Flanders*+, *Topsy Taylor* and *Sam Dotti*+, *Henry Duckett* and *Emily Walker*+, *David Ballangarry* and *Florence Randall*, *Wabro Kelly*+, and *Ben Bennelong* and *Dollie 'Tickie' Kelly*

AND members of the native title claim group as defined by the revised definition which was adopted by the Gumbaynggirr People in 2009, being Aboriginal people who are:

(a) the biological descendants of:

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| • King Ben Bennelong; | • Robert Walker and Louise Linwood*; | • Elizabeth 'Kitty' Campbell/Cameron*(known as Elizabeth Blakeney); |
| • Maggie Buchanan and Davy Cowling*; | • John 'Jack' Long*; | • Emily Sutton*; |
| • Biddy, the mother of Lavina Duncan (Bina Whaddy); | • Bridget 'Biddy' Briggs Needam*; | • Fred Hookey*; |
| • Fanny Purrapine*, the mother of Lily Kelly and Hilda Kelly Robinson; | • Mary Briggs* and Fred Briggs*; | • Nobby Neville*; |
| • Darby Kelly*; | • Susan*, mother of Charles Jarrett Snr; | • Mary Jane Ferguson*; |
| • The father of Maggie Kelly's mother Biddy*; | • Rose Taylor; | • Billy Lardner Jnr*; |
| • William 'Old Bill' Dotti; | • Charles Layton*; | • King Bobby of Oban*; |
| • John 'Jack' Dotti*; | • Mick McDougall*; | • The parent of Charlie Whitton and Lucy Larrigo (nee Whitton)*; |
| • Lucy Flanders; | • Clara Skinner*; | • Walter Smith* and Stella Jane Davis*; |
| • Dave Ballangarry, | • Sylvie Craig*; | • Jane Gard/Maskey*; |

or (b) persons who have been adopted into the families of those persons (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons);

or (c) persons who have been otherwise incorporated, or who are direct descendants of a person who has been otherwise incorporated, as a member of the Gumbaynggirr People and who identify as and are accepted as a Gumbaynggirr person, in accordance with Gumbaynggirr laws and customs,

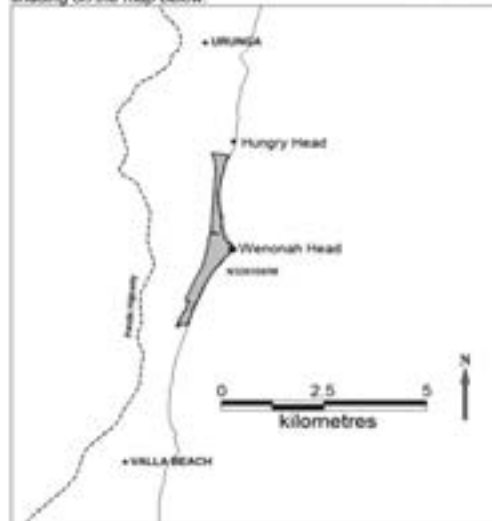
AND any other persons who assert native title in the claim area.

Location of the claim and ILUA area:

The lands and waters are located near Urunga at Wenonah Head on the mid-north coast of New South Wales.

The northern boundary of the claim is near the Hungry Head Surf Life Saving Club. The southern boundary is located near the point at which Oyster Creek, McGraths Creek and another unnamed creek join. The western boundary is located near the North Coast Railway line. The eastern boundary is the coastal Mean High Water Mark.

The claim area and ILUA agreement area is identified by grey shading on the map below.




The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. To provide an update in relation to the native title application;
2. To provide an update about the ILUA negotiations;
3. To provide an update on the prescribed body corporate that will hold Gumbaynggirr People's interests in land on trust for the Applicant, the Boney Family and the Gumbaynggirr People;
4. To confirm the decision making process for this meeting;
5. To consider and authorise changes to the claim group description to be included in the ILUA - in particular, to ask the meeting to confirm the Gumbaynggirr People's 2009 acceptance of the revised definition (set out above). Note that the changes will result in:
 - a. changes to how some ancestors are identified by reference to a higher generation in the revised description. This applies to those marked with an (+) above;
 - b. the removal of the names of five ancestors: (i) Frank Whaddy; (ii) Topsy Taylor; (iii) Henry Duckett; (iv) Florence Randall; and (v) Dollie 'Tickie' Kelly, noting that they remain included in the revised definition if they were 'adopted or incorporated' as Gumbaynggirr People. It is also noted that all have spouses, or their spouse's parent, named in the revised definition; and
 - c. additional ancestors being named, some of who may have been captured by the original description, as noted with an (*) above.
6. To consider and make decisions about authorising the Indigenous Land Use Agreement;
7. To consider and make decisions about authorising NTSCORP to seek leave from the Court to discontinue the native title application;
8. To discuss the negotiation of the implementation of the proposed Wenonah Head Reserve Trust;
9. To discuss the next steps of the ILUA process; and
10. Any other business.

Please contact NTSCORP to confirm your attendance by **Wednesday 8 April 2015**. Limited assistance for travel & accommodation may be available but you will need to complete a registration & mileage form and return it to NTSCORP by **8 April 2015**.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NATALIE ROTUMAH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ON TOLLFREE PHONE 1800 111 844 OR (02) 9310 3188 OR FAX (02) 9310 4177.



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
Mining Lease	16/539	HARRING, Dalene June	112.58HA	46km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	25/357	ROWE, John Henry	115.65HA	29km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	45/1223	DUMPNA PTY LTD	591.07HA	25km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 31' S Long: 118° 30' 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.

Notification day: 25 March 2015

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 **25 June 2015**. 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. 25 July 2015**), 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 3518.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
45/2201-I	PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	462134	252.26HA	96km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 17' S Long: 120° 44' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
45/2201-I	PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	462135	22.74HA	96km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 14' S Long: 120° 46' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
45/2640-I	PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	462552	26.60HA	89km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 21° 11' S Long: 120° 46' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
45/2641-I	PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	462553	50.95HA	101km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 120° 46' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
15/982	ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	462699	166.76HA	32km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 121° 52' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
77/2239-I	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	462969	104.79HA	77km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 13' S Long: 119° 39' E	KONDININ SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
24/167	ST BARBARA LIMITED	463116	126.59HA	66km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 120° 49' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 25 March 2015

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 **25 June 2015**. 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. 25 July 2015**), 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 3518.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 8 April 2015


This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.


A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 1806, Darwin, NT, 0801 **on or before 7 July 2015**. After 7 July 2015, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



National Native Title Tribunal





Application name: Phillip Creek Pastoral Lease

Federal Court File No: NTD50/2014

Date filed: 28 November 2014

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 3,690 sq km and is located approximately 5 km north of Tennant Creek, NT.

Relevant LGA: Barkly Shire

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the NT Department of Lands Planning & the Environment and Department of Mines and Energy.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Lisa Jowett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport



Cowboys can't find formula



ONE word summed up North Queensland's mood after the National Rugby League (NRL) pre-season title favourites slumped to their third straight loss, according to Johnathan Thurston – embarrassed.

And this time the Cowboys playmaker could not be accused of being a 'drama queen'.

Thurston ran out against Brisbane on Friday night still sporting a shiner from the previous round's bruising encounter with Newcastle, a game the Cowboys copped the "drama queen" tag for complaining about their No 7 being illegally targeted.

There were plenty of complaints again from North Queensland following their 44-22 loss to the Broncos at Suncorp Stadium on Friday night.

But this time the out of sorts Cowboys admitted they only had themselves to blame after slumping to a 0-3 season start.

Asked to sum up the mood, Thurston said: "Pretty embarrassed.

"I would say our confidence is shot at the moment.

"Last year we based our game on defence and we have been like

turnstiles the first three rounds. We have a lot of work to do."

Cowboys coach Paul Green took exception to Wayne Bennett's "drama queen" stance ahead of the match.

But the North Queensland mentor agreed with the master mentor's post-match assessment that the Cowboys "didn't turn up" in the eight-tries-to-four thrashing.

"That's a fair assessment," he said.

The Cowboys had vowed to turn their traditional slow starts around in 2015 and live up to their early title favouritism in their 20th anniversary year.

Unfortunately, it has been more of the same – and history already indicates there will be no fairytale ending to their milestone season.

In the modern era no team has turned around a 0-3 season start and gone on to win the premiership.

Overall, only two teams have been able to do it – the last being South Sydney in 1953.

But Green could not look any further than the coming weeks after Brisbane notched their biggest derby win since their 36-2 Suncorp Stadium triumph in 2008.

And even that did not look pretty. North Queensland host Melbourne his week, followed by Penrith and South Sydney away.

– AAP

Roberts 'NRL's fastest'



PENRITH young gun Dallin Watene-Zelezniak has declared his former teammate, Gold Coast flyer James Roberts the fastest player in the National Rugby League (NRL).

Roberts has had his fair share of dramas away from football and after stints with South Sydney and the Panthers has finally found a home on the Gold Coast.

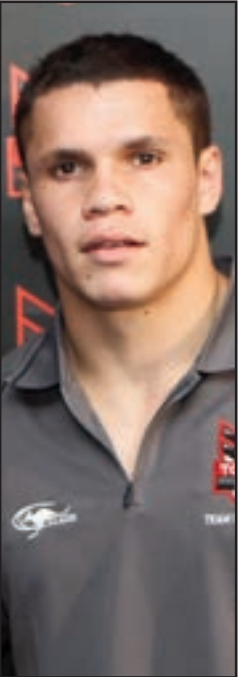
"He is a good mate of mine. He taught me a lot about what to expect of first grade when I was coming through," Watene-Zelezniak said of Roberts.

"He just said do what you know you can do; stay confident. Don't think that just because it is your first game in first grade, you can't do it. You have done it before. Be confident.

"He is the fastest man in the NRL, for sure. He is a bullet

"He's going well up at the Titans. I am happy for him."

With the likes of Roberts, William Zillman, Kevin Gordon, Josh Hoffman and David Mead, the Titans have one of the paciest backlines in the NRL. – AAP



James Roberts

'Chirpy' Blake Ferguson returns to rugby league



BLAKE Ferguson is back playing in the National Rugby League (NRL) and the new Rooster can't stop crowing about it – at least on the field.

Sacked in 2013 by the Canberra Raiders after being charged with indecent assault and going AWOL, deregistered by

the NRL and only readmitted with conditional clauses, it was a long 20-month absence for the gifted back.

Ferguson made his NRL return in the Sydney Roosters' thumping 28-4 win over North Queensland in Townsville on Saturday, March 7.

After the game, he politely declined to talk to waiting media. But on the field, his

excitement meant he never stopped chirping.

"He wouldn't stop yelling at me the whole game," new Roosters captain Mitchell Pearce said with a laugh.

"I think I told him to shut up.

"We love Fergo. He's a great guy and it's good to see him back in the NRL.

"The boys love being around him. He's

an infectious sort of personality."

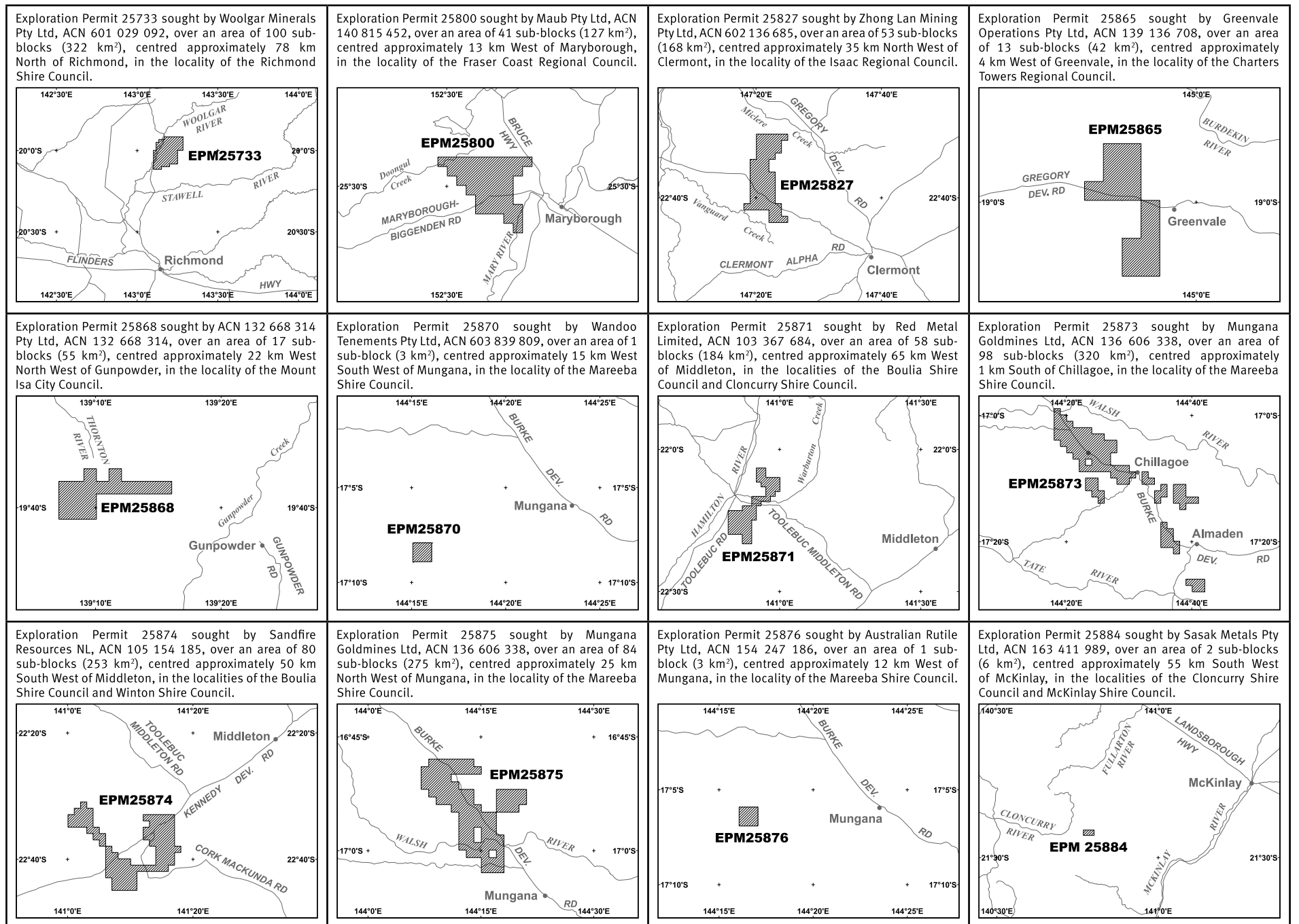
Coach Trent Robinson admitted keeping an eye on his star recruit in the week leading up the round one clash, looking for any doubt, any nerves, any sign that the occasion could be getting to him. He found none.

"You watch and you look for a change, but he was the same," he said. – AAP

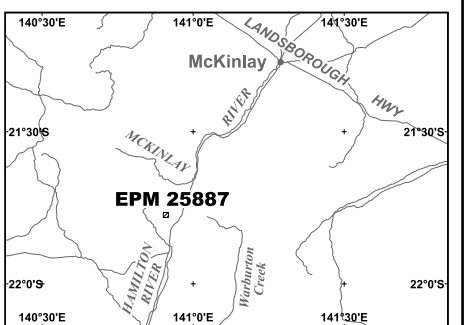
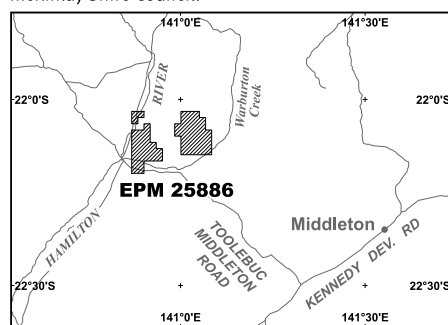
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

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 in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).



Exploration Permit 25886 sought by Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 108 925 284, over an area of 61 sub-blocks (194 km²), centred approximately 65 km North West of Middleton, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council, Boulia Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council.



Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 8 April 2015

Earlier surgery could have saved Soward



JAMIE Soward concedes he erred in not having off-season back surgery as he now faces about six

weeks on the sidelines just a fortnight into the 2015 NRL season.

Last week, Soward underwent surgery for a recurring back problem.

The Penrith playmaker missed last Monday's round-three clash with Sydney Roosters and is unlikely to return to the field until May.

"It's just at the stage now where I can't keep playing so I will be out around six weeks depending on how I go with recovery time," Soward told Triple M.

"I have been playing a long time and getting hits and stuff like that, and my disc has just worn down ... I can't keep ignoring it and I have to get on top of it as best I can.

"Not just to play the rest of this

season, but going forward, I have two more years with the Panthers and who knows after that."

Panthers three-quarter Jamal Idris successfully underwent similar surgery during the off-season and was fit for the season proper.

"It is very similar to what Jamal got done earlier in the year and he got back in about three-and-a-half or four weeks," Soward said.

"But, fingers crossed, we will just have to wait and see."

Soward said off-season surgery had been an option, but he had hoped a new training program would help manage the problem.

"You see yourself getting stronger in that area and think you won't have to undergo surgery, but I just can't go on with it any more," he said.

"As far as we are concerned, it is just a minor procedure and I will be back out there as soon as possible."

—AAP

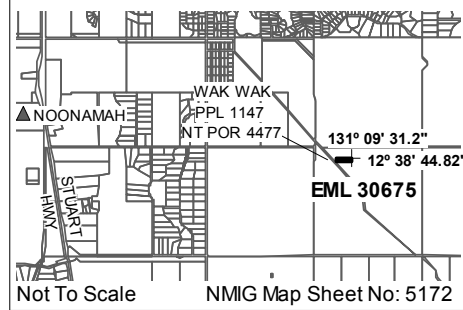
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease application.

The application to which this notice applies:

Extractive Mineral Lease 30675 sought by OSTOJIC GROUP PTY LTD, ACN 009 629 805 over an area of 16 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notification Day: 25 March 2015

Nature of act(s): The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral(s) for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550, Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5213.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native

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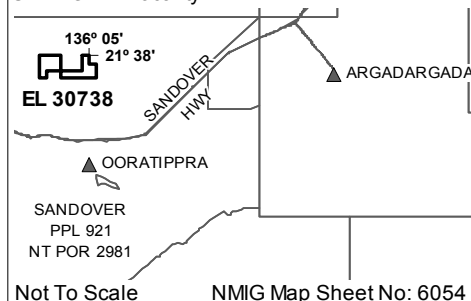
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

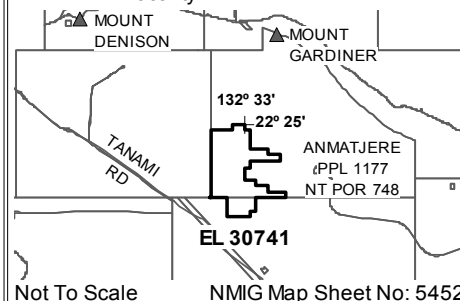
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Applications to which this notice applies:

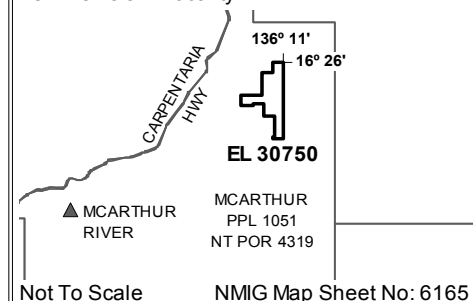
Exploration Licence 30738 sought by CKA RESOURCES PTY LIMITED, ACN 152 797 503 over an area of 15 Blocks (48 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SANDOVER locality.



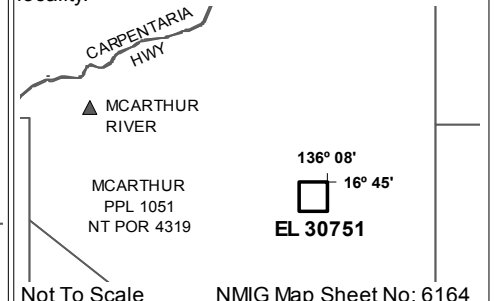
Exploration Licence 30741 sought by OZ URANIUM (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 161 904 847 over an area of 109 Blocks (340 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NAPPERBY locality.



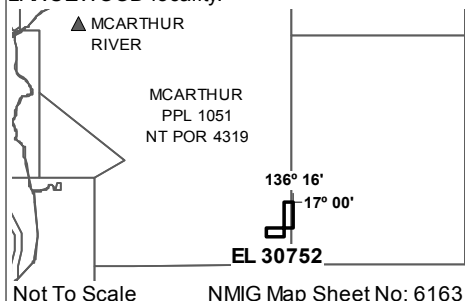
Exploration Licence 30750 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 13 Blocks (42 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



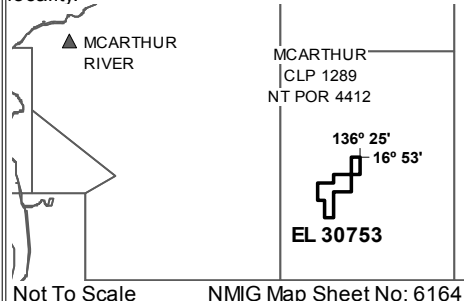
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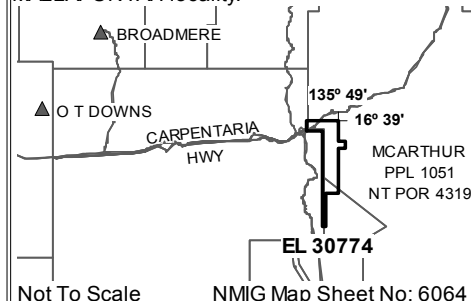
Exploration Licence 30752 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 5 Blocks (17 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LANCEWOOD locality.



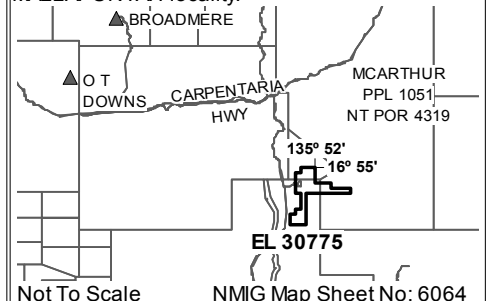
Exploration Licence 30753 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 12 Blocks (40 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



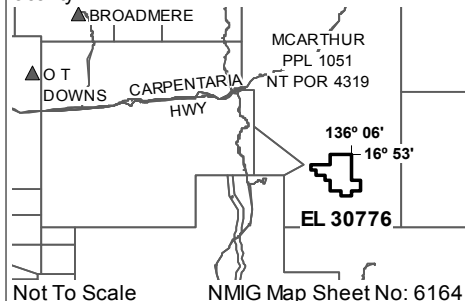
Exploration Licence 30774 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 43 Blocks (109 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MALLAPUNYAH locality.



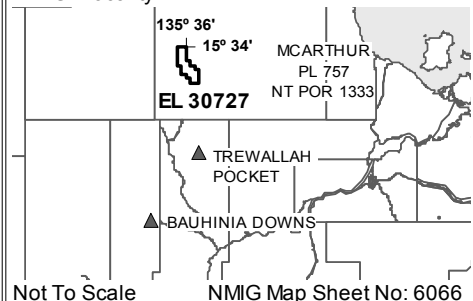
Exploration Licence 30775 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 40 Blocks (132 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MALLAPUNYAH locality.



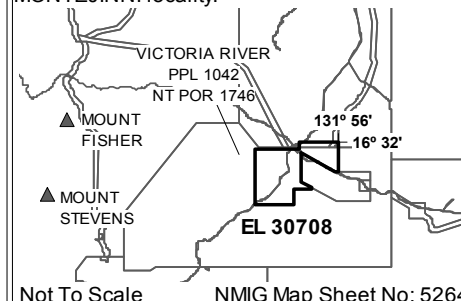
Exploration Licence 30776 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 42 Blocks (138 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



Exploration Licence 30727 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 21 Blocks (70 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TAWALLAH RANGE locality.



Exploration Licence 30708 sought by ZERO GROUP MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 603 115 000 over an area of 113 Blocks (339 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MONTEJINNI locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

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3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 25 March 2015

Ricky Segura helps South Australia win all abilities cricket championship



SOUTH Australian Indigenous blind cricketer Ricky Segura last week helped his state win the 2015 All Abilities Cricket Championships in Melbourne. Segura has become one of Australia's best blind cricketers. He has represented his state and,

late last year, he represented Australia at the International World Cup for blind cricketers in South Africa.

South Australia had the bye in round one at last week's Melbourne tournament and Segura did not bat in round two.

He scored six for South Australia against Queensland in round three – their only loss of the tournament.

He did not bat in round four against Victoria, but came to life in round five with 71 not out against the ACT and followed this up in the final with an innings of 30 against Queensland.

Queensland batted first in the final and scored 8-188 from their allotted 23 overs. South Australia replied with 4-190.

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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2685	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	16BL	66km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 47' S Long: 117° 33' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2692	SLATER, Anthony Warren	2BL	22km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 46' S Long: 115° 16' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2121	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	157BL	158km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 11' S Long: 116° 26' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2130	BADGERADDA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	21BL	132km E'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 15' S Long: 115° 24' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1455	BULLABULLING OPERATIONS PTY LTD	3BL	24km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 121° 0' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1457	ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	13BL	16km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 16' S Long: 121° 31' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/520	CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	6BL	34km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/183	SAUNDERS, Frederick Charles	20BL	27km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 121° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/184	SAUNDERS, Fredrick Charles	59BL	22km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 10' S Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2513	LODED DOG PROSPECTING PTY LTD	21BL	104km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 31' S Long: 123° 48' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3039	GOLDPHYRE RESOURCES LIMITED	30BL	98km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 12' S Long: 123° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
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		LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert				
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Exploration Licence	77/2280	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	22BL	66km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 118° 53' E	YILGARN SHIRE
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		HALLIGAN, Robert William				
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		WARNER, James Malcolm				
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Prospecting Licence	45/2966	HAOMA MINING NL	23.99HA	25km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 23' S Long: 119° 42' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	57/1363	BENNETT, John Paul	9.01HA	56km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 119° 33' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1659	MCNAB, Ralph Alexander	124.04HA	13km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
		JONELLEN PTY LTD				
		VERSTEEG, Johannes				
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Prospecting Licence	77/4282	PIMLOTT, Graham David	179.68HA	42km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 27' S Long: 119° 40' E	YILGARN SHIRE
		CRAWFORD, Christopher Ernest				
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Prospecting Licence	77/4287	O'DOHERTY, Dermott	110.04HA	52km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 119° 35' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 25 March 2015

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 **25 June 2015**. 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. 25 July 2015**), 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 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Don't write off Barba, says Broncos captain



DON'T be fooled by an unfazed Ben Barba.

Good friend Justin Hodges has revealed the ex-Dally M Medallist reads every tweet, story and blog about his sorry National Rugby League (NRL) form decline.

However, Broncos skipper Hodges reckons it is just a matter of time before Barba makes headlines for all the right reasons.

Barba it seems has been forever chasing the form that captured his well deserved 2012 Dally M Medal – a pursuit that looks no closer to being completed judging by his underwhelming Cronulla debut.

Barba put in an error-riddled display at five-eighth in the Sharks' 24-20 first-round home loss to Canberra.

Hodges admitted the headlines bagging his mate hurt because he knew the former star Bulldogs fullback would be trawling through each and every one of them despite his stoic public image.

"It's hard when people are riding him,"

Hodges said.

"He is a player who listens to everyone's opinion.

"We tried to get him off social media and everything just to concentrate on football (last season).

"It would be good to see him happy on the field again – hopefully not against us.

"He's a confidence player; that's what we tried to give him here.

"But he's a quality player and one of the best in the game.

"He is only a try away from getting back to form."

Hodges admitted Barba was "shot for confidence", but hoped critics would not write off the classy pivot too early.

"People are probably asking too much too early," he said.

"It will take him a while to fit in but when he does he will be the Ben Barba of old." – AAP

● **RIGHT:** Indigenous All Star Ben Barba during the game against the NRL All Stars at Cbus Stadium, Gold Coast, last February 13. *Picture: nrlphotos.com*

OUR regular Preston Campbell and Michael O'Loughlin columns are not in this edition because of technical problems.

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Rohanee seeks elusive trophy

By **CHRIS PIKE**



DESPITE contemplating retirement on several occasions, Australian basketball great Rohanee Cox continues to be one of the best players in the

Women's National Basketball League (WNBL), but it is the pull of trying to win that first championship that keeps her going.

The 33-year-old won a silver medal with the Australian Opals at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and has compiled a remarkable almost 300-game WNBL career, earning the Most Valuable Player award in 2009, but the one thing missing is that elusive championship.

Cox recently completed another strong season with the Sydney Uni Flames in the WNBL, where she teamed up with fellow Indigenous star Leilani Mitchell to help lead the club into the playoffs and into the preliminary final before they came up just short against the Bendigo Spirit.

That capped off another strong season for Cox, where she averaged 9.8 points and 5.7 rebounds a game and that included a stunning semifinal performance where she had a season-high 24 points and five rebounds in the Flames' win over the Dandenong Rangers.

She continues to show that despite several points in her career where she has considered retirement for a variety of reasons, including having her two children, pursuing other ventures or injury, she remains one of Australia's finest basketballers.

Cox began her WNBL career with the Australian Institute of Sport as a 16-year-old in 1996 and since has split her time in the



Rhoanee Cox, left, is still playing at the top level at 33. She is pictured here with another top Indigenous basketballer, Leilani Mitchell. *Picture: Peter Argent*

league playing with the Perth Lynx, Townsville Fire, the West Coast Waves and now most recently the Sydney Uni Flames.

Her first stop-start moment happened between 2000 and 2002. She returned to play with the Lynx for the 2002-03 season, but then a knee injury saw her again take some time away from the court.

She returned to the WNBL, this time with the Townsville Fire, and that led into the most rewarding period of her career where she not only was named MVP of the league, but also played with the Opals at the 2008 Olympic Games helping them to claim

the silver medal.

Cox again considered retirement following the 2011-12 season, where she had returned to Perth to play with her hometown Waves. However, she was talked into making sure she didn't leave basketball with any regrets and has now had three strong seasons with the Flames.

Cox has now compiled 284 games in the WNBL on top of her time representing Australia at a variety of international competitions, and while at 33, her time in the game might not be long, she is still proving to have plenty to look up to.

She might not have played the significant minutes for the Flames this season just gone as she has previously, but when on the court she continued to deliver and with the potential of returning with Sydney Uni next season, that WNBL championship might still be a possibility.

As seriously as Cox takes her basketball career on the court, she understands her place as a role model, particularly for the young Indigenous females looking for someone to look up to.

Being able to be that role model is something that is more important to her than anything that has helped on the basketball floor.

"I always have enjoyed the opportunity to be a role model for the young kids and I guess the longer I keep playing and the older I get, the more I take that responsibility on board as a role model to help the young kids as much as I can," Cox said.

"I'm always keen to get out in the community and do what I can to help the kids, and be a good role model. Especially for a young girl because there's only a handful of us female Indigenous role models out there. I try to just help out."

World Sevens coming to Sydney



SYDNEY is to take over from the Gold Coast as host city to the Australian leg of rugby union's Sevens World Series for the next four years.

The Australian Rugby Union announced the change of venue.

The Sydney Sevens will take place at Allianz Stadium, in Moore Park, with dates of the event to be confirmed by World Rugby at the end of the month.

Mow in its 16th season, the Sevens World Series consists of nine

tournaments held around the world, in which national Sevens teams compete for World Series points at each round.

Kyogle Indigenous product Shannon Walker is an integral part of

the Australian men's sevens team.

The inaugural Sydney Sevens will take place just a matter of months before Rugby Sevens makes its debut at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Back to one zone?

By ALF WILSON



THE Cape Cluster Rugby League competition in Far North Queensland may be reduced to just one zone in season 2015.

Last year for the first time, Northern and Southern zones were contested, with the top sides from each meeting in the grand final at Coen.

The Southern Zone consisted of a combined Cooktown-Wujal-Laura side, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, premiers Coen Colts and Hope Vale.

Northern Cape Zone was Napranum Natives, Napranum Twal, Weipa Raiders, Goodline, NPA Bulls, Lockhart River and Aurukun.

But when the Cape York Rugby League, which administers the Northern Zone, held its annual meeting last month, not enough people turned up to form a committee.

The same occurred at a rescheduled annual meeting two weeks later, forcing the QRL Northern Division to take over the running of the 2015 Cape Cluster.

"We will have to see, but it could be that we have to go back to the sides competing in a single zone like it was before last year," Northern Division official David Maiden said.

"A decision will be made after I get feedback from participating sides."

If the competition was one pool, sides would meet at Weipa, Bamaga, Hope Vale, and Coen in fixtures and a two-day finals

series would be held after that.

"We would have enough sides for a top-eight final series," Maiden said.

Maiden said people in Cape York went to great lengths to play rugby league, involving travelling hundreds of kilometres.

"We understand there are challenges, but we need more people to step up and volunteer," he said.

"That means getting a committee together."

Maiden said that after last year's competition, most of the feedback he received was that people were happy with the Northern and Southern Zone formats and wanted to continue that in 2015.

"As such, I have proposed a draw and would welcome advice as to whether officials are happy to continue or would

like another format adopted," he said.

"Each zone will play a round robin format and will generally play games at each venue," Maiden said.

The top two teams in each zone would then play the semifinals and final on the weekend of August 15 at Coen.

It is also proposed that the first two rounds in the Northern Cape and South Cape be used to pick a representative side from each area to attend the FNQ Challenge at Cairns on June 20-21.

Other sides competing will be last year's champion side Torres Stingers, Palm Island and Bowen.

After the 2015 carnival, a Northern United representative side will be selected to play Queensland Outback at Thursday Island on July 4.



Karl Adams (in green shirt at rear) with juniors and Cowboys development officers on Thursday Island. The boys, from Torres Strait outer islands, were taking part in a skills session with North Queensland Cowboys staff.

QRL official covers big territory

By ALF WILSON



FROM Saibai Island to the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), Cape York, Kowanyama, and many places in between, the Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Northern Division game development officer (GDO) Karl Adams covers an area bigger than Victoria.

Weipa-based Adams, 29, was previously the GDO for Cape York, but now also covers the Torres Strait and NPA.

"I cover all the territory from Saibai to Kowanyama and it is a big area, but I enjoy it," he said. One major aim of Adams is to visit Torres Strait outer islands.

Lost potential

Talented young footballers are on these isolated islands, but many of them never get the opportunity to reach their potential.

"So far I have only been to Badu and it comes down to the budget, but hopefully I will get to the other outer

islands," Adams said.

Adams is dedicated to ensuring rugby league continues as the main sport in the TSI.

He is often called upon to referee games, fill in as a player at Cape Cluster matches, and even as a water boy.

Then there are all of the administration duties that come with his big territory.

The TSI and NPA are amongst the biggest breeding grounds for skilful young players.

Adams has plenty of talented youngsters coming through.

Meanwhile, premiers Roosters, Suburbs, Mulga Tigers and Torres Eels will contest the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) season that starts on April 18 at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island.

The KRL held its annual meeting on Thursday Island last month and Tali Frank was elected president, Terry Abednego vice-president, Maleta Nona secretary and Tony Bani treasurer.

Glory after 18 years

By PETER ARGENT



WALAMA Bulldogs are the Tiwi Island Football League premiers for 2014-15 after the biggest day of the year for the locals culminated in a two-point victory over Pumarali Thunder and Lightning on Sunday, March 15.

At Tiwi Oval in Wurrumiyanga, on Bathurst Island, the scoreboard read Walama 7.12 (54), Pumarali 7.10 (52).

Although the Bulldogs had all the play and dominated the first half, their inaccuracy, where they kicked 2.10 to this point, meant a late goal before half-time to the Thunder and Lightning gave Pumarali a one-point lead at the main break.

While torrential rain and lightning earlier in the day made the ground slippery, the run and the skill of players belied the conditions.

With three goals to one in the third quarter, the Bulldogs took their lead to 10 points before a thrilling last term.

Marking forward John Benson threatened to spoil the Bulldogs' party with an important last-quarter goal, kicking toward the Tiwi Regional Council end of the oval.

The ball was in the Pumarali forward line for extended periods during the last term, but the Bulldogs held on to lift the Maurice Rioli Cup for the first time since 1997 – a hiatus of 18 years.

With three goals in a best-on-ground display, Bulldog young gun Gary Tipungwuti was a deserved winner of the Brother Pye medal.

Earlier in the day, his teammate Juan Orstor was presented with the Ted Whitten best and fairest medal by Whitten's son Ted Jnr.

In the curtain-raiser to the TIFL grand final, in a game between a Tiwi Island under 18 side and the Lilydale juniors from Victoria, the visiting side won 7.6 (48) to 3.9 (27), in tough and rain-soaked conditions.

Prior to this, there were kids' football activities with the Red Cross and a women's game.

Walama Bulldogs lift the Maurice Rioli Cup. Pictures: Peter Argent



Pye medallist Gary Tipungwuti.



● ABOVE: A bulldog for a day.

● ABOVE RIGHT: Adam Tipungwuti has possession for the Tiwi under 18s in the game against Lilydale juniors from Victoria.

● LEFT: Brother Pye medallist (best on ground) Gary Tipungwuti celebrates one of his three goals.

● RIGHT: Opponents embrace after the game.



in Tiwi wilderness



John Patrick gets a handball away for Pumarali.



"It's my cup and you're not taking it away!" Bulldogs players and supporters guard the winner's trophy.



The moment of triumph: The siren sounds and the Walama Bulldogs are the victors.



Bodies on the line: Franko Tipiloura wins a contested ball against John Patrick.



● ABOVE: Pumarali player John Patrick gets away a handball.

● LEFT: Tiwi Bulldog Mickalis Tupugwuti wins the race for possession.

● RIGHT: Bulldog Gary Tipungwuti celebrates a third-quarter goal.



John Benson celebrates a last-quarter goal for Pumarali.



Ted Whitten Jnr presents the Ted Whitten Medal to Bulldog Juan Orstor for his performances throughout the season.

Eagles' master class

By PETER ARGENT



IT was the stuff that dreams are made of... Needing to beat Palmerston in round 18 just to snatch a place in the major round, the Wanderers claimed five elimination style wins to snatch the 2014-15

Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) crown.

In front of 11,000 patrons at Darwin's TIO Stadium, Wanderers beat St Mary's 11.17 (83) to 7.7 (49).

"Our theme since pre-season has been about no time and space for the opposition," senior coach Andrew Hodges said.

"First, we had to be ruthless and make the tough decision at the selection table.

"Against St Mary's we had to lift our intensity from fourth gear to sixth.

"In the grand final, the boys delivered a

four-quarter performance."

In control of the contest from the first bounce and delivering when it counted most, the Wanderers were simply too good.

Three goals – to Davin Ferreira, Shannon and Aaron Motlop – in an exhilarating eight-minute period during the third quarter set up a match-winning lead at the final break.

The Eagles' Indigenous players had a huge influence on the result.

Best on ground

Wanderers coach Andrew Hodges assigned Thomas Motlop to mark former St Kilda champion Stephen Milne. His effort was superb and earned him the Chaney Medal for best on ground – not bad for a player who spent most of the season as a midfielder/forward.

"I was switched down back through the finals series," Thomas Motlop told the

Koori Mail.

"Our focus was on effort and attitude because we knew we had the ability.

"We found belief during the second half of the year and that had a snowballing effect.

"We have a lot of respect for St Mary's – they are a professional outfit.

"There is a strong and healthy modern-day rivalry between us."

Neil Vea Vea was superb as well, with his ferocious tackling and attack on the ball standing out, while Daniel Motlop, in a creative role at centre half back directed traffic, led by example and rebounded strongly.

The 'Lajamanu Lightning Bolt' Liam Patrick was the most damaging forward in the game, kicking two of his three goals in the opening quarter.

Big man Mitchell Taylor, along with the experienced Eddie Sansbury, Marlon Motlop and Joel Cullibo, all had claims to

being in the best player lists.

"There was definitely a key directive to put defensive pressure on them (St Mary's) and close down their time and space," said Sansbury, who has played in six state league premierships across four competitions – the SANFL, the VFL, NEAFL and now the NTFL.

Under pressure

"We achieved this early in the game, and that helped the perceived pressure they were under."

Best for the Saints were on-baller Shannon Rioli, whose goals either side of the three-quarter-time break gave St Mary's a sniff of a belated comeback.

Helmeted defender Ben Rioli ran hard all day from defence and Raphael Clarke never stopped trying.

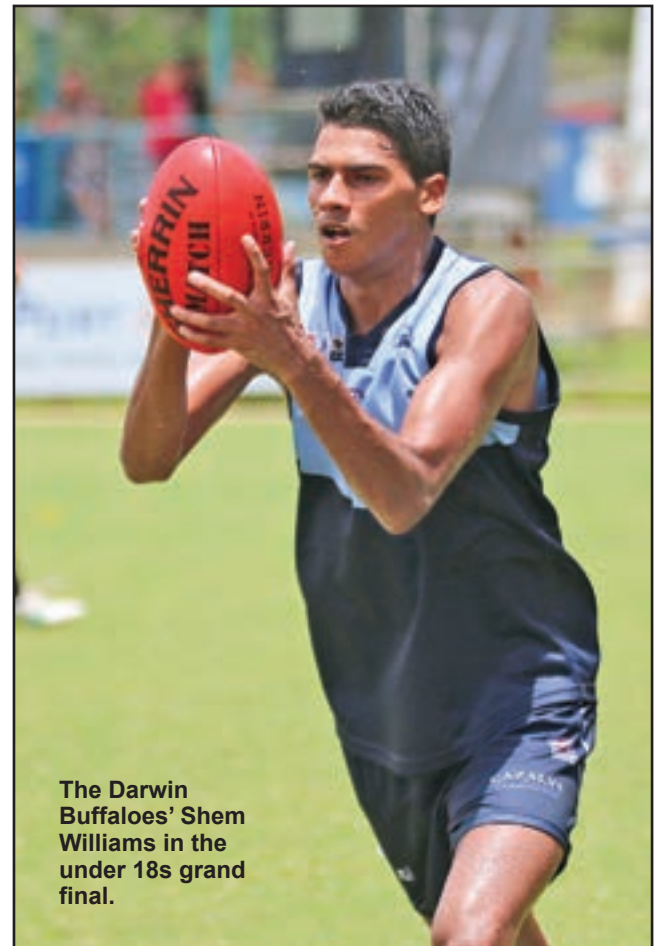
Key forward Darren Ewing kicked three goals for the Green Machine, despite being well held on the night.



2015 Chaney medallist Thomas Motlop.



Under 18s medallist Bryson Nabegeyo with Russell Jeffery.



The Darwin Buffaloes' Shem Williams in the under 18s grand final.

A night to remember for mighty Motlops

By PETER ARGENT

THE Motlop name is firmly entrenched within Top End football.

The first generation players are intrinsically linked to the game in the Northern Territory, with bothers Mark, Paul, Maurice (known as Mo) and Eddie being long-term stars and stalwarts of the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL).

On March 14, in the Wanderers' 2014-15 NTFL Premier League flag, six members of the second generation played together in an Eagles triumph.

Mo's sons Thomas (the Chaney medallist and released from his SANFL commitments) and Marlon, Eddie's sons Daniel and Shannon, and Mark's lad Aaron, along with Paul's boy Jerome (called 'JJ') all played in this season's flag.

More importantly. They each had a significant impact on the result.

"It was an amazing feeling having six of us in the same team," Thomas Motlop said.

"Football is just a part of our family culture.

"It's a great vehicle for friendships and being connected to our community."

After enduring a knee reconstruction and then hamstring injury just before finals, a seventh member of the mob – Brendan – couldn't be considered for selection.

Current AFL player with the Geelong Cats Steven Motlop was also at TIO Stadium for the decider to watch his brothers and cousins produce a special piece of Muk Muk magic, which will further add to the Motlops' rich football history.



The Northern Territory's Motlop dynasty after the Wanderers' 2014-15 NTFL grand final win over St Mary's: (from left) Thomas, Daniel, Aaron, Jerome, Marlon and Shannon. Picture: Peter Argent



The 2014-15 under 16s Hickman premiers Nightcliff.

Nightcliff dominates

By PETER ARGENT

WITH titles in the under 18s, under 16s Hickman, under 14s Gundersen and under 12 Deslandes, as well as a grand final appearance in the under 14 Lewfatti grade, the Nightcliff Tigers had an outstanding Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) season in the junior ranks.

Perhaps the best win of the lot was the under 16s Hickman premiership, where they downed the previously undefeated South Districts Crocs by two points in a spine-tingling finish.

The contest was always close, but eight minutes in the final quarter, the Tigers edged out to an eight-point lead courtesy of a goal from Declan Singh-Lippo.

Then, with four minutes remaining, a major from Hickman medallist Michael Mummery put the outcome back in doubt.

In the tense final minutes, neither side scored with the final result being the Tigers 6.5 (41) to Southern Districts 6.3 (39).

Declan Singh-Lippo was the only

multiple goal-kicker in the match while midfielder Bryson Nabegeyo claimed the Russell Jeffery Medal for best on ground.

Dominic Hale was another strong performer in the win for the Tigers.

Conversely, in the under 18s, the match was a one-sided affair, with Nightcliff keeping the Darwin Buffaloes scoreless in the first half and winning by a massive 11 goals.

They won 13.6 (84) to Buffaloes 3.4 (22).

The Tigers had many contributors, while the best for the Buffaloes were Darcy Peckham-Pollard, Micheal Hagan in defence, and Jalen Clarke, although he was undisciplined on occasions.

Results in other grades

Under 16s Leverence: Tracey Village 7.7 (49) d Waratah 3.7 (25).

Under 14s Lewfatti: Buffaloes 6.3 (39) d Nightcliff 3.4 (22).

Under 14s Gundersen: Nightcliff 11.19 (85) d Wanderers 7.8 (50).

Under 12s Atkinson: Tigers Black 15.9 (99) d Eagles Yellow 7.10 (52).

Under 12s Deslandes: Tahs Red 7.10 (52) d Saints Green 4.9 (33).

Tiwi girls take title

By PETER ARGENT

THE Tiwi Bombers charged home to steal the 2014-15 Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) grand final Youth Girls title by three points in a classy and skilful affair.

The Tiwi girls came from behind to beat minor premiers St Mary's 12.8 (80) to 11.11 (77).

Playing in their debut season in the NTFL, The Tiwi Bombers were trailing by 13 points at the main break and were still down by eight points at three-quarter time.

While the Saints were minor premiers, the Tiwi Bombers beat them by a significant margin in the semifinals.

"This was the Tiwi girls first season in the NTFL competition and St Mary's have been the benchmark in girls' football for a

number of seasons," Bombers coach Karina Gray said.

"All these girls in the premiership side hadn't played in a full season of organised sport for a team.

"There were three separate training groups – one on Bathurst Island, another on Melville Island and a main squad in Darwin.

"Throughout the season, they would only get together on game day.

"The Bombers team was run as a leadership program for the girls, focussing on healthy living and strong choices, along with attending school.

"These girls are from 13 communities across the Top End and come together under the sisterhood of the Tiwi Bombers.

"In the grand final, we didn't take the lead until the middle of the final quarter.

"There is an abundance of talent on display.

"The win was just reward for the group and you could tell in the celebrations the love they had for the game and for each other."

Despite being in a losing side, Danielle Ponter, produced a brilliant four-goal best-on-ground performance for Saints, which won her the Sharon Smith Medal.

Among the multiple goalkickers for the victors were Martha De Santis (3) Melanie Cook, Demascenca Kerinaiaua and Arthurina Moreen, while captains Courtney Whitehead and Jerrica Heenan led from the front.

Ruckman Kyanne Warapinni, a daughter of an inaugural Tiwi Bomber Stuart, was the Bombers' best, followed by Mooren and Whitehead.

There's no hiding the jubilation of the youth girls grand final winners, the Tiwi Bombers, who came from behind to beat St Mary's 12.8 (80) to 11.11 (77). Pictures: Peter Argent



Eagles Aaron and Shannon Motlop celebrate a goal.



Mitchell Taylor takes a mark.



Former AFL footballer Eddie Sansbury and Liam Patrick enjoy a NTFL flag.



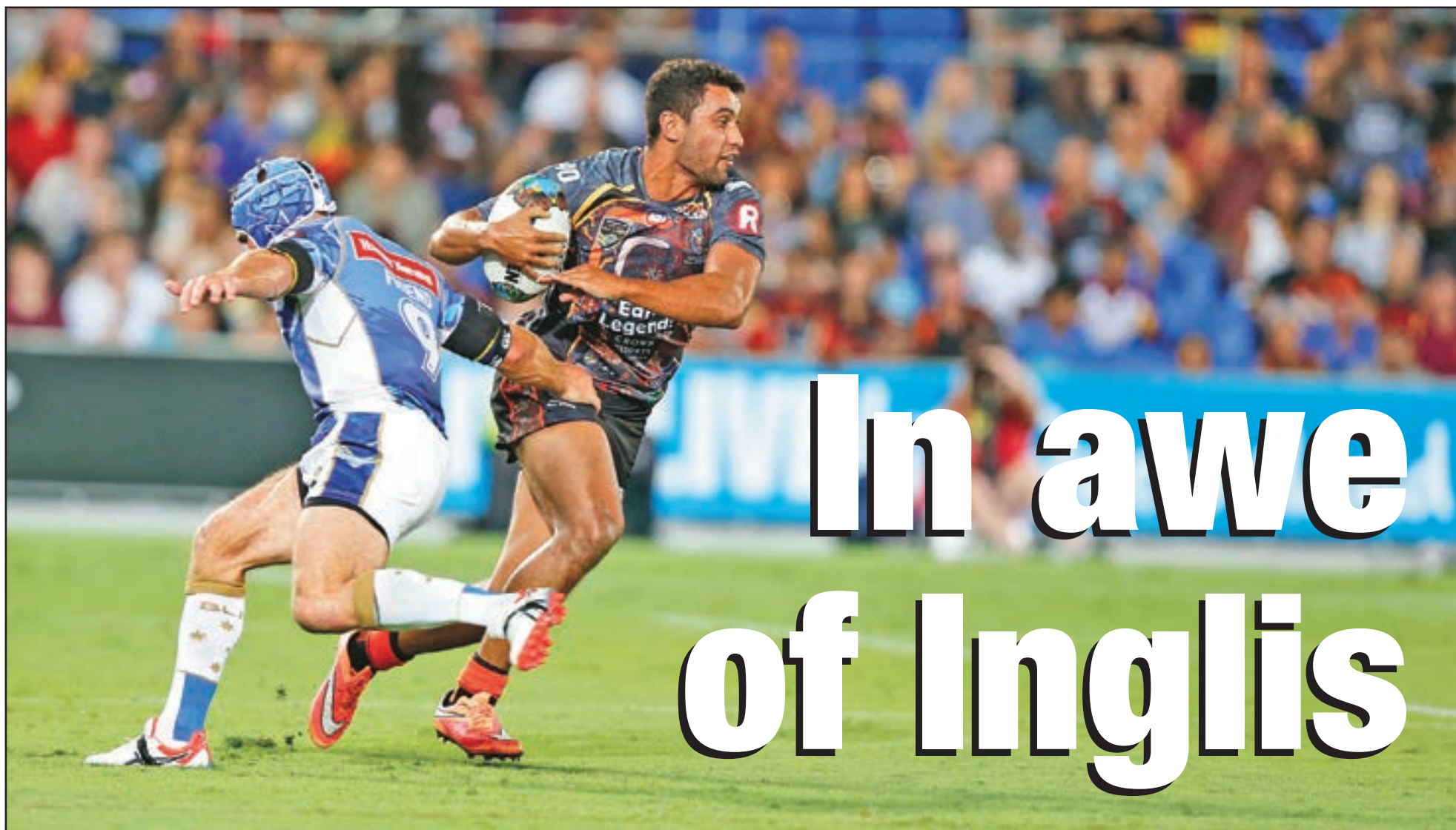
Shannon Rioli celebrates a goal for St Mary's.



Shannon Motlop scores a pivotal goal for Wanderers.



St Mary's player John Anstess gets away a handball.



In awe of Inglis

Alex Johnston attacks the line in the 2015 All Stars game at Cbus Stadium, Gold Coast, last February 13. Picture: nrlphotos.com

Alex Johnston can't believe his lucky stars



HE may be the hottest young talent in the National Rugby League (NRL), but South Sydney winger Alex Johnston believes he's lucked out playing alongside Greg Inglis for the first two seasons of his career.

The lightning-fast 20-year-old has more tries to his name than appearances following a blistering debut season that saw

him oust club great Nathan Merritt from the team and into retirement, win a premiership, then earn selection for the Kangaroos Four Nations squad.

His length-of-the-field try in the Bunnies' March 15 34-26 win over the Sydney Roosters was his 23rd four-pointer in 20 games and he's firming as a chance for the NSW State of Origin team that'll be named on May 19.

Only Jarryd Hayne made more line-breaks than Johnston in 2014, but he believes his progression has benefited from Inglis' presence at fullback – particularly during the win over the Sydney Roosters.

"When you have that bloke there working his magic, it comes easy," Johnston said.

"I just pin the ears back and run. But you have to be on your game when he's in your side.

"Not many players would have broken out of the end-goal area like he did against the Roosters. You just make sure you follow him because he can make something happen out of nothing and you have to just follow him. It's a pleasure to be in the same team as him."

Talks between Johnston's management and the Rabbitohs are still ongoing about a new contract, with his current agreement expiring at the end of the season.

Confident of deal

He's confident a deal will be thrashed out soon and said there's no better club for him to be at, with the Rabbitohs on the cusp of an era of dominance not seen since the late 1960s and 1970s when they won four premierships between 1967-1971.

"I am truly blessed to be in this team at such an early part of my career," he said.

"The players and the coaches we have

around here... you just find yourself counting your lucky stars."

Johnston didn't get to play for Tim Sheens' Kangaroos in the Four Nations, but he may get to wear a first representative jersey when NSW open their State of Origin defence on May 27 in Sydney.

He was part of Laurie Daley's emerging Blues camp during the summer and said he took a lot from the experience of being around some of the biggest names in the game.

"Everyone's dream is to play Origin... It was good to get among the emerging players and speak to Laurie Daley and Paul Gallen," he said.

"They told us what they went through in camp and what to experience to look forward to.

"I still have a long way to go before I'm good enough for Origin, but hopefully one day it can happen." – AAP

Youngsters in line for selection



Amber Pilley, from Tugun, on Queensland's Gold Coast, is one of four Indigenous girls in the Australian Rugby Union extended training squad preparing for the Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa.



FOUR girls and two boys are in the Australian Rugby Union extended training squads preparing for next September's Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa.

Both squads were selected on the strength of performances at the recent National Youth Sevens Championships at Australian Rugby Sevens headquarters in Sydney, while the process was supported by the head coaches of the national men's and women's programs, Geraint John and Tim Walsh.

The Indigenous players in the boys' squad are Harrison Goddard, 16, from Kenthurst, NSW, and Dylan Pietsch, 16,

from Lake Albert, NSW.

The Indigenous girls are Brittany Constable, 17 (Warrawong, NSW) Tahlia Fuimaono, 15 (St Clair NSW), Samantha Maxwell, 17 (Cootamundra, NSW) and Amber Pilley, 17 (Tugun, Qld).

Training camps

The Australian Rugby Union (ARU) will host three training camps at the Sydney Academy of Sport in April, June and July before a final pre-tournament assembly camp in Brisbane between September 3-5.

Each squad will be trimmed to 12 to compete in the Games.

In the 25-man boys' squad, there are 11 players from NSW, six from Queensland, four from

Victoria, two from ACT and one player apiece from Western Australia and Northern Territory.

The boys' competition at the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games will feature eight teams: England, Fiji, Kenya, Samoa, South Africa, Singapore, the Cayman Islands as well as Australia.

Meanwhile, a 29-strong extended girls' squad has been selected. Fifteen of the players are from NSW, eight from Queensland, three from Western Australia and one player apiece from Victoria, South Australia and ACT.

Six teams will compete in the girls' sevens competition at the Commonwealth Youth Games: Australia, hosts Samoa, Canada, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and the Cook Islands.

West Perth now leading the way

Falcons break WAFL ground with Djinda Falcons program

By CHRIS PIKE



IT was only 18 months ago that West Australian Football League (WAFL) club West Perth did not have an Indigenous player in its senior football ranks and had no Aboriginal

program in place.

That has dramatically changed since through a combination of Sharon and Brad Kenney putting together a master plan that has become the Djinda Falcons program, and then the addition of Andrew Krakouer into the club.

West Perth likely now has the strongest Indigenous programs of all clubs in the league and also has at least four players pushing for selection in the senior team early in the campaign.

The Djinda Falcons is a unique program that is free to Aboriginal youth aged between 11 and 15 years who live in the West Perth Football Club's district.

It has proven tremendously successful over the past 12 months and it involves not only helping kids with their football, but also providing guidance on healthy lifestyle choices, teaching them life skills and helping with leadership, respect and commitment.

However, any program needs to offer a long-term goal for those attending to be successful and that's where the involvement of Krakouer was important.

The former AFL and WAFL star is involved in the Djinda Falcons program providing mentoring and also to show them just how successful they can become with guidance,

commitment and support.

On top of that, the aim of becoming WAFL footballers with West Perth one day can only help the cause of the program and that's where the Falcons have vastly improved in the past 12 months.

Before retiring midway through last season, Krakouer was the only Aboriginal player on West Perth's list, but now Hayden Yarran, Chris Yarran, Callum Papertalk and Chris Franklin are all part of the team coming into the 2015 season.

West Perth senior coach Bill Monaghan is delighted to have seen just how well it has developed over the past year.

"One of the motivating factors on Andrew coming here was to increase our presence within the Aboriginal community in this area," Monaghan said.

Engage young people

"We wanted to engage young people by offering them a pathway. Like everyone, I think the Indigenous population needs to see a pathway and at West Perth we haven't always provided that pathway.

"But through Andrew's work and the formation of the Djinda Falcons, who recently participated in the Nicky Winmar Cup, the number of young people coming through that program and being exposed to the West Perth Football Club is great to see."

After being originally rookie-listed by the West Coast Eagles from East Fremantle in 2012, Papertalk is now back in the WAFL system after some time away and ready to have a strong second crack at it.

Former Perth player Chris Yarran was a prodigious young talent playing in the State 16s team in 2010 and then with the State 18s in 2011 and 2012. He was a draft prospect, but when he didn't end up

in the AFL, he ended up leaving the Demons as well at the end of 2012.

However, after two years out of the WAFL, he is ready to make his mark again and has time on his aged just 20.

Hayden Yarran is a 22-year-old who previously played in the State 18s in 2010 and then played three reserves games with Swan Districts in 2011, and four with Claremont in 2013, and is giving WAFL football another try with West Perth.

Chris Franklin, an elusive, clever and creative small forward, is making a return to WAFL football after playing just the two reserves games with East Perth in 2014.

He played four league matches with East Perth in 2011 and in eight reserves games in 2012, kicking 12 goals in eight appearances.

The recruitment of those players was never part of the long-term strategy of implanting the Djinda Falcons program, but it is certainly a pleasing offshoot of it and of the presence of Krakouer.

Monaghan is excited mostly to have those players in his senior group to show the youngsters in the Djinda Falcons that there is a clear pathway for them to follow to play league WAFL football.

"The offshoot of that now is that having Andrew coming here as a player, we have been able to attract five or six young men from around the traps who are having a crack at playing league footy here," Monaghan said.

"They are the guys who are most likely to play league footy for us in the short term and while that is a real positive for us, the model with our programs isn't necessarily to bring people out of our area to bolster our numbers of Aboriginal players.

"It's in the short term about giving direction and an end point to those guys in the Djinda Falcons program for them to strive for."



Tallisha Harden

Tallisha now rugby league ambassador



FOUR female representative players, including Indigenous All Stars player Tallisha Harden, have been appointed as National Rugby League (NRL) community

ambassadors, making them the first females to hold such roles.

Ruan Sims, Renae Kunst, Karyn Murphy and Tallisha will join legends of the game, including Anthony Minichiello and Nathan Hindmarsh, in the NRL's groundbreaking community program.

"Ruan, Renae, Karyn and Tallisha represent the more than 180,000 girls and women who play rugby league throughout Australia and New Zealand," said NRL head of football Todd Greenberg.

"Female participation rates have increased by nearly one-third in the past 12 months alone, and we believe these appointments will further raise the profile of women within our great game."

Tallisha Harden is the youngest of the new ambassadors, having played her first women's Indigenous All Stars game in 2014.

Born and raised in Brisbane, Tallisha is also the general manager of the Classic Wallabies Exchange Program, assisting Indigenous Australians to volunteer in Africa and study abroad.

The appointment of the four women follows the recent additions to the NRL ambassador team, including Jerome Ropati, the first ever New Zealand ambassador, and Brent Tate, Luke Bailey, Bryan Norrie, Anthony Minichiello and Nathan Merritt.



West Perth players Hayden Yarran, left, and Chris Yarran, right, with Fremantle Dockers AFL star Stephen Hill.

Our 9% – how will

AS the Australian Football League (AFL) season starts next Thursday, the *Koori Mail's* Peter Argent runs his eye over the 73 Indigenous players on lists for the upcoming campaign. For the first time in a decade, one club – St Kilda – does not have an Aboriginal player on their list. Indigenous players represent 9% of the AFL player list.

Adelaide Crows

Anthony Wilson (0 games, 0 goals), Charlie Cameron (7, 9), Cameron Ellis-Yolmen (1, 0), Eddie Betts (206, 341)

Going into 2015 with a new coach and a new leader, the Crows are expected to surge again this year.

Having played his 200th senior AFL game last season, Eddie Betts is expected to play a key role in attack, with the support of the hard-tackling Charlie Cameron, who made his presence felt during his seven appearances in his rookie season.

The Crows coaching staff will be looking for another 50-goal plus performance this season from Betts.

They also have an electrifying third small forward option, Anthony Wilson, waiting in the wings. He is on the rookie list and will start in the Crows SANFL side.

First drafted in 2011 and having played just the one senior game with Adelaide last year, Cameron Ellis-Yolmen has an important winter in front of him.



Eddie Betts

Brisbane Lions

Josh McGuinness (0, 0), Allen Christensen (65, 56)

Brisbane made strong steps from a modest base at the start of 2014 under new coach Justin Leppitsch and now after one of the Aboriginal greats of the club, Ashley McGrath, has retired, Leppitsch has brought in two Indigenous talents: Josh

McGuinness (Tasmania) and Allen Christensen (Geelong).

McGuinness should get opportunities this season, while Christensen, who is just 23, brings finals experience to the Lions and the ability to play forward and through the midfield.

Carlton

Clem Smith (0, 0), Andrew Walker (179, 118), Chris Yarran (105, 87), Liam Jones (66, 68)

Carlton could struggle this year, especially if they don't get off to a strong start.

A versatile, fit and firing Andrew Walker is a key. He has the ability to be a vital avenue to goal or give plenty of drive from half back.

Chris Yarran, one of the smoothest movers in the game, is on the verge of joining the very elite in the competition, but needs more consistency.

He was fourth in the Blues' best and fairest last year – his best effort so far – and is the type of player who brings patrons through the gate.

First-year player Clem Smith has impressed during the pre-season with his strong attack on the ball and ferocious tackling skills.

Expect him to make an impression.

Liam Jones, recruited to booster their marking strength in attack, now needs to deliver on his potential.



Andrew Walker

Collinwood

Travis Varcoe (138, 130), Tony Armstrong (34, 2)

In one of the big moves during the off season, after a pair of flags and seven seasons at Geelong, Travis Varcoe will don the back and white of the Magpies.

Expect Nathan Buckley to use Varcoe through the midfield rotations. A fresh start may just be the tonic to reinvigorate this young veteran.

Tony Armstrong has been in the AFL system since 2010, starting with Adelaide before returning to his home state and playing with Sydney.

A move to Collingwood saw him play five games, but he has returned to the rookie list this year and will start in the VFL.

It will be an intriguing year for the Magpie army.

Essendon

Courtney Dempsey (106, 26), Jake Long (0, 0), Shaun Edwards (12, 2)

A club with huge off-field dramas, Courtney Dempsey is one of the large number of Bombers who were at the club in 2012 and are dealing with ASADA issues.

Having a strong Northern Territory and family heritage, Jake Long will go through a season of development.

Shaun Edwards, another St Mary's lad from that famous Northern Territory club, arrives at the Bombers after a couple of seasons and limited opportunities with the GWS Giants.



Courtney Dempsey

Fremantle

Michael Johnson (190, 62), Stephen Hill (128, 83), Alex Pearce (0, 0), Danyle Pearce (203, 105), Michael Walters (50, 97), Brady Grey (0, 0), Jonathon Griffin (69, 18)

The Dockers, after playing a grand final in 2013, dipped a little last year and need to bounce back as their premiership window is closing.

Michael Johnson, now in the veteran class, has been a tower of strength in defence and should play his milestone 200th game this year.

Danyle Pearce, 29 next month, is another experienced campaigner and with Stephen Hill in the prime of his career, they are expected give the side plenty of drive through the middle and across half back.

Michael Waters only played eight games due to injury last year, but should be primed for a big year.

Jonathon Griffen – vying for the second ruck role behind Aaron Sandilands – has been in the AFL system since 2007, but only played one game last winter.

Alex Pearce and Tasmanian Brady Grey spent last season playing with Peel Thunder as a part of their first year on the list. They will be looking to break into the senior side at some stage this year.

Geelong

Mathew Stokes (175, 199), Zachary Bates (0, 0), Nakia Cockatoo (0, 0), Stephen Motlop (68, 89), Brad Hartman (5, 1)

Geelong has been one of the leading teams in the competition for a decade, but still has been able to rejuvenate their list to continue as a powerhouse.

Having played in two titles, Darwin lad Mathew Stokes is a key member of the senior group, while fellow Northern Territorian Stephen Motlop is among the rising superstars.

A third Top End talent, Nakia Cockatoo, has made every post a winner during the pre-season and he is expected to be among the exciting rookies exploding on to the AFL stage.

South Australian second-year rookie Zac Bates only played four VFL games in 2014, but has a strong reputation for taking the game on.

Murray Bridge export Brad Hartman, after five senior games last year, has been re-engaged with his family to sort through personal issues.



Steven Motlop

Gold Coast Suns

Jarrold Harbrow (148, 44), Jack Martin (11, 10), Brandon Matera (55, 60), Steven May (53, 15), Jarrod Garlett (0, 0), Sean Lemmens (18, 3), Timmy Sumner (17, 6), Harley Bennell (66, 81)

There is an expectation that his expansion team will play

finals football in their fifth season such is the abundance of talent.

They also have the largest contingent of Indigenous personnel, with eight players in the squad.

The trio of audacious and skilful footballers – small forward Brandon Matera, key defender Steven May and on-baller Harley Bennell – have all played upwards of 50 AFL games.

Jarrold Harbrow's speed and evasive skills are his strength. Now 26, he is one of the leaders at the club.

For Jack Martin – collected at 17 – the first half of the 2014 campaign was ruined with a shoulder injury, but during the second, he proved he will develop into a quality footballer.

Sean Lemmens had an impressive first year, mainly as a half back, exceeding expectations, while Jarrod Garlett, being a first-round draft selection, should play during his initial season.

Powerful forward Tim Sumner had a frustrating second year and needs to make the most of his opportunities this season.



Harley Bennell

Greater Western Sydney

Curtly Hampton (46, 10), Zac Williams (19, 4), Nathan Wilson (19, 7), Jeremy Finlayson (0, 0), Jarrod Pickett (0, 0), Paul Ahern (0, 0)

Now in a fourth season of top-flight football, the Giants need to start making their footprint in the competition.

Seen as a future star of the competition, Alice Springs lad Curtly Hampton made every post a winner until a collarbone injury sidelined him for seven weeks.

Adding a further eight games during the second half of last year, Zac Williams is vying with a number of outstanding talents for a role in the midfield.

West Australian small

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they go in the AFL?

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forward/defender Nathan Wilson needs to take his strong NEAFL form into the leading competition this year.

For first-year Giants, local lad Jeremy Finlayson, livewire Jarrod Pickett and the smooth-moving Victorian lad Paul Ahern, it is about adjusting quickly and taking opportunities when they arise.



Curtly Hampton

Hawthorn

Cyril Rioli (133, 179), Shaun Burgoyne (269, 235), Bradley Hill (51, 31), Jermaine Miller-Lewis (0, 0), Jed Anderson (6, 3)

The reigning premiers go in as one of the flag favourites again – looking for a three-peat. They are trying to achieve this first in the Hawks' rich history since their inaugural flag in 1961.

Among the very elite in the game, Shaun Burgoyne is now an elder statesman, having first donned an AFL jumper with Port Adelaide in 2002.

Darwin export Cyril Rioli, despite injury problems, is now a three-time premiership player and one of the most exciting footballers in the code.

Brad Hill, the younger of two siblings in the AFL, has two premiership medallions in his trophy cabinet and looks to have a long career ahead of home.

A season-ending shoulder injury put paid to Jed Anderson's 2014 winter, but he is an audacious talent and is expected to make an impact this year.

Development player Jermaine Miller-Lewis is expected to play the majority of the year with Box Hill in the VFL.

Melbourne

Jay Kennedy-Harris (14, 9), Neville Jetta (57, 20), Jeff Garlett (107, 183)

Expect this to be another year of development under former Sydney coach Paul Roos in his second year at the Demons.

Part-time actor Jay Kennedy-Harris displayed signs in his first year and needs to add to that solid base, while Melbourne have been patient with Neville Jetta. After making his debut in 2009, and now having a seventh season on the list, he needs to add to his consistency of 2014.

Small forward Jeff Garlett comes across to the Demons after six years at Carlton. At his best, he can be a damaging forward as he proved a couple of times at Carlton, including the 2013 season where he was the Blues' leading goal kicker.

North Melbourne

Lindsay Thomas (153, 249), Daniel Wells (222, 145)

On the threshold of being a real chance for the flag this year, the Kangaroos' two Aboriginal players are key members of their best XXII.

Mallee Park export Lindsay Thomas twice has been North Melbourne's leading goal kicker, including an impressive 53 in 2013. He continued his good form with 45 majors last season.

Wells' 2014 season was marred by injury, playing just 10 games. A fit and firing Wells this year will be a great fillip for the Kangas.



Lindsay Thomas

Richmond

Shane Edwards (152, 101), Nathan Drummond (0, 0)

The Tigers took a slight backward step last year, but are expected to be a finals contender this winter.

Now a senior player at the club, South Australian Shane Edwards is entering his prime.

He is able to play inside and outside midfielder roles and go forward and kick goals.

Nathan Drummond has proved detractors wrong and, drafted as a 19-year-old, is known for his work ethic and tackling skills.

Port Adelaide

Chad Wingard (67, 95), Jake Neade (24, 21), Patrick Ryder (170, 117), Brendon Ah Chee (0, 0), Nathan Krakouer (53, 15), Karl Amon (0, 0), Jarman Impey (18, 3)

The Power are seen as true contenders this year after being one step away last winter.

Mark of the year recipient Chad Wingard endured a form slump in the second half of last year, but showed his class by delivering in the finals.

If the ASADA issue can be sorted out, Patrick Ryder will become a valuable acquisition for the team from Alberton.

Elliott (NT) pocket rocket Jake Neade and Jarman Impey have developed well under Ken Hinkley and will be looking to consolidate.

WA lad Brendan AhChee and precise left-footer Karl Amon displayed signs during the NAB Challenge that they are capable at the top level.



Chad Wingard

Sydney Swans

Adam Goodes (351, 439), Lewis Jetta (103, 85), Abe Davis (0, 0), Lance Franklin (204, 659), Toby Nankervis (0, 0)

With two of the highest profile names in the game, veteran Adam Goodes and superstar Lance Franklin, along with a culture that the competition envies, Sydney will be contenders in 2015.

Goodes is in the twilight of a great career and maybe in his last season, but is one of the all-time greats who can still be a match winner on his day.

Franklin is able to break a game apart and at his best is unstoppable. He is at the forefront of every opposition coach's planning when they meet the Swans.

Lewis Jetta – one of the quickest players in the AFL – is

now a 100-game player and needs to be more consistent.

Second-year player Tony Nankervis played in the NEAFL grand final last year and was emergency for the senior team on eight occasions.

Abe Davis is a local New South Wales product who has come through their academy and is expected to develop in the seconds this year.



Abe Davis



Lewis Jetta

Western Bulldogs

Brett Goodes (15, 2), Koby Stevens (50, 25), Joel Hamling (0, 0)

With new coach Luke Beveridge, the Bulldogs have gone through another raft of changes and will be looking for stability this year.

Koby Stevens – a tough and uncompromising midfielder – had a solid finish to the 2014 campaign after being inconsistent in the first half of the season.

Quick and agile for his size, the 194cm Joel Hamling didn't play any senior football in three years at the Cats, but showed signs at times in the VFL. This is a critical year for the West Australian.

Winning Footscray's best and fairest in the VFL last year, 31-year-old Brett Goodes has again been drafted mainly for his experience and off-field leadership.

West Coast Eagles

Josh Hill (117, 146), Sharrod Wellingham (115, 68), Jamie Bennell (76, 24), Malcolm Karpany (0, 0), Murray Newman (4, 3), Rowen Powell (0, 0)

In the Eagles' second year under Adam Simpson, expect them to be one of the big improvers. Finals are expected after a ninth position final in 2014.

The West Australian trio of Jamie Bennell, Sharrod Wellingham and Josh Hill are back in their home state after starting their careers in Melbourne.

Bennell developed tremendously under Simpson as a running defender last year, but Hill had an inconsistent winter, bouncing between the Eagles and the WAFL.

Wellingham, a premiership player with the Magpies, struggled against his expectations and in his two years back in the West has just played 23 games.

Murray Newman hasn't played any senior footy since 2013 due to issues outside football, while Rowen Powell only played seven games in the WAFL reserves due to shoulder problems last year.

Having played a couple of NAB Challenge games this year, Malcolm Karpany needs to find form in the WAFL to press for senior selection.



Sharrod Wellingham

Footnote: Former Adelaide footballer Jared Petrenko has been collected by Essendon as a top-up player during the 2015 NAB Challenge matches and his status will be reviewed when the ASADA investigation is finished.

Goodes is ready for multiple AFL roles



A LEANER Adam Goodes isn't giving any clues about whether this will be his final Australian Football League

(AFL) season, but says he doesn't want to be pigeonholed as a forward.

Now enduring his 18th pre-season, 35-year-old Goodes says Sydney have had closure on their catastrophic grand final performance from last year.

Goodes, who played his first NAB Challenge game of the campaign against Fremantle at Sydney's Drummoyne Oval on March 15, is in the final year of his current contract.

He recognises people will again be wondering if it's the last year of his storied career.

"Last year I was asked the same sort of questions early in the year and my goal was just to get back and play one game, and that came in round six," Goodes said.

"To back it up with 20 in a row was a really nice reward for all the hard work and sacrifices I made, so I'll take every game as it comes.

"My contract is up in October, but I'm just really looking forward to what comes up in round one."

The dual Brownlow Medallist says he feels better than last year and has benefited from a second bout of stem cell treatment.

"Last year there were a few little issues with the knee, but I definitely feel a lot stronger and confident in it and there's no doubt that helps me move a little bit better across the ground," Goodes said.

"I'm three kilos lighter than what I was last year as well, so that definitely helps with the load on my knees."

Versatility

While he spent plenty of time up forward last year, Goodes was keen to dispel the impression that was the only role he could play.

"I don't want to just pigeonhole myself as a forward player," said Goodes, who won his Brownlow Medals as a ruckman and a midfielder.

"All our players this pre-season, we've been telling them to be open to the idea to play many different roles"

With the 63-point grand final mauling by Hawthorn finally behind him, Goodes was adamant the Swans don't need to change much to give themselves a shot at a third flag and fifth grand final in 11 seasons.

"Hawthorn are definitely the benchmark team and we've moved on," Goodes said.

"If you look at last year as a whole, we had a good team and we just played a very bad game in the grand final." – AAP



Adam Goodes takes a big mark over Richmond's Bachar Houli during a 2011 AFL game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Picture: AAP

Only All Australian players will tour Ireland this year



AUSTRALIA will again select only All Australian players for its International Rules team when

it travels to Ireland for the 2015 series in November.

After the success of the 2014 clash won by Australia in Perth, Ireland will host a return clash at Croke Park on November 21, re-establishing the series as an annual event.

AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan said the players who revitalised the concept last year would be given the opportunity to represent Australia again.

Coach Alastair Clarkson and assistants Ross Lyon and Chris Scott will also return.

"It is extremely important that the Australian team give the best

possible account of itself, as we did last year," McLachlan said.

"Those players who may not be able to join us post-season will only be replaced by someone who has earned All Australian selection through his AFL career as we remain determined to ensure the prestige and popularity of the International Rules series."

Australia last travelled to Ireland for the 2013 two-Test series won comprehensively by the hosts, who have welcomed Australia's decision to select exclusively All Australian players.

"The success of last year's one-test series has prompted us to continue with this format for 2015 with a view to re-igniting interest in the cross-code game in Ireland," GAA director-general Pádraic Duffy said. – AFL.com

'It's open season'

Johnathan Thurston after the NRL 2012 NRL semifinal against the Manly Sea Eagles at Allianz Stadium. Picture: Getty

Thurston fears more late hits



NORTH Queensland star Johnathan Thurston says it's "open slather" on National Rugby League (NRL) playmakers after the league failed to punish Newcastle enforcers Jeremy

Smith and Beau Scott.

Thurston was left with a swollen left eye and several other bumps and bruises after being targetted by Smith and Scott during the Cowboys' loss to the Knights in Townsville 11 days ago.

Scott was free to play for the Gold Coast last Sunday after taking an early guilty plea on a grade one dangerous contact to the head/neck charge for a lifting tackle on the Cowboys five-eighth.

Kiwi international Smith wasn't even placed on report for dropping a knee into Thurston earlier in the match, the moment when his eye was blackened.

Thurston said the lack of a response by the NRL would only encourage similar defensive targetting of key players in future games.

"I suppose it's game on now," Thurston told reporters.

"You can do that and get away with it. A lot of teams will bring that into their game plans now and I think it's open slather.

"They (NRL) didn't do anything about it, so we'll have to wait and see how we come up in the next few rounds."

Newcastle coach Rick Stone has denied his tactics were to deliberately target Thurston while NRL match review coordinator Michael Buettner says he was satisfied with Scott's sanction despite

conceding the Queensland State of Origin star was put at "an unacceptable risk of injury".

Thurston, who celebrated the arrival of his second child with fiancée Samantha Lynch earlier in the week, said regardless of what others say, he was expecting Brisbane to employ similar tactics against him when the two Queensland teams clashed last Friday.

NRL director of football Michael Hagan defended Newcastle's controversial tactics.

Speaking on 2KY's Sky Sports Radio, he said: "I think it is a physical sport and someone like JT who plays right in the line as a ball player, that is what has made him such a great player, (you want) to put pressure on him from the inside with no intent other than to make him play early so you know what is coming."

Happened in Origin series

"That was going on in Origin last year and Beau Scott was very menacing for JT in the Origin series," Hagan said.

"So there is no secret about how Beau plays and he plays very physical so I don't think that is going to change for the next game or two."

However Hagan called for better protection of players, including a five or 10-minute sin bin option for late tackles.

"As a game, we are doing a fair bit about that to protect our players," he said.

"Unless you want to introduce the sin bin for late tackles to really stamp that out.

"That wouldn't bother me. That is something you have to consider."

Rival State Of Origin captains Cameron

Smith and Paul Gallen are at odds over Thurston's targetting.

Gallen calls the fallout from the weekend's match something of an overreaction.

Smith said he believed that players are being hit increasingly late in tackles.

Speaking at the launch of the State of Origin series in Melbourne last Tuesday, Smith said he was worried about the targetting of players, including his Queensland halves combination Johnathan Thurston and Cooper Cronk.

"Ball players, and I'm not just saying JT or Cooper, ... when they take the ball to the line, they are being hit late," Smith said.

"I'm not saying all the time, but there are instances where guys are being hit off the ball two, three seconds after they've passed it.

"Unfortunately, it happened several times to Johnathan Thurston the other night and that's why there's been a fair spotlight put on that match."

North Queensland coach Paul Green was incensed over Newcastle's offensive on Thurston.

No need to change rules

But Gallen said there was no need to change the rules for players such as Thurston.

"You can't go around saying we need to protect Johnathan Thurston or all halfbacks – it's just not the way it is," he said.

"It's not rugby league.

"If you give guys like Johnathan Thurston and Cooper Cronk time on the

field, first of all they'll kick you to death or they'll pass you to death, one of the two.

"If you take them out illegally, then you're going to be penalised.

"We don't want to see players taken out illegally, but we certainly all of a sudden can't say you have to protect halfbacks."

Newcastle legend Andrew Johns said the 'bashing' of Thurston was one of the biggest problems facing the game.

"There's about 10 guys in the competition who do this continually every week," Johns said on the *Sunday Footy Show* on the Nine Network.

"The ball player goes to the line and passes and they wait for a second or two, probably a second... when they relax and they hit them in the kidneys and they hit them in the ribs when they're not expecting it."

Cheap shot

"It's a cheap shot as far as I'm concerned," Johns said.

North Queensland prop James Tamou says he and his Cowboys colleagues must do better when it comes to protecting Thurston.

As disappointed as they were in the lack of response by the authorities, Tamou says there's also an onus on the Cowboys to provide extra cover for their superstar.

"We can't let that happen. He's our guy," Tamou told reporters.

"After seeing that on the weekend, teams will be looking to do that more often I think.

"It's our job in the middle and as the big men to protect him a bit more." – AAP

Michael Long Centre opens



THE \$15 million Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre in Darwin has opened to give disadvantaged young Indigenous Northern Territorians educational and sporting opportunities.

Federal Infrastructure and Regional Development Assistant Minister Jamie Briggs said the opening reinforced the Australian Government's strong commitment to the Northern Territory.

"Michael Long is an Australian legend and it is an absolute privilege to officially open what is his vision," Mr Briggs said.

"The centre was designed to harness the power of AFL in the Territory to give disadvantaged young Indigenous Territorians great educational and sporting opportunities.

"It is a wonderful example of how footy can change lives for the better."

"The Australian Government is proud to have partnered with Michael Long and the AFL NT to deliver this facility that will provide residential accommodation and fitness training resources commensurate with those available at

high-profile football stadiums in other states."

The building includes dormitory accommodation for up to 70 students, a physio, gym, pool and lecture theatre.

"The centre is an extension of Australian Rules Football in the Northern Territory's nationally significant outcome-based remote football programs that focus on Indigenous health, education and employment," Northern Territory Education and Infrastructure Minister Peter Chandler said.

800 a year

"It is estimated that up to 800 children will stay annually, with stays ranging from one day to one week.

"Students will participate in a suite of specifically designed education and sporting models, delivered in-house by professional organisations and service providers."

The centre would be invaluable to Indigenous youth, Federal Member for Solomon Natasha Griggs said.

"We're already seeing that sport can be a fantastic way to keep young people engaged with education," she said.

"This centre is the natural extension of that, and I'm

confident that under Michael's leadership, it will deliver fantastic results for the Territory."

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said the centre at Marrara provided a new pathway for young Indigenous Territorians to learn through sport.

"Territorians, especially in our remote communities, love AFL and this is a fantastic facility that uses this passion to connect young people with education, training and employment opportunities," he said.

NT Sport and Recreation Minister Gary Higgins said the goal was to host up to 500 remote students in the centre's first year of operation with the first intake expected in May.

About 60 people were employed during construction of the centre and the facility will create 10 full-time and 18 part-time and casual jobs.

The project was jointly funded, with the Australian Government providing \$7.5 million, the Northern Territory Government \$2.5 million, Aboriginal Benefits Account \$3.5 million, and the Australian Football League and Australian Football League Northern Territory \$1.5 million.

Construction started in December 2013 and was completed in February 2015.



The \$15-million Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre in Darwin.



Singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and Michael Long at the opening of the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre.

Fainga'a on the charge



Queensland Reds centre Anthony Fainga'a charges into the defence during the Super Rugby clash against the ACT Brumbies at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on March 14. The Reds were beaten 29-0 in what has been a disappointing start to the Super Rugby competition. They were down 10-0 at half-time. The Reds had a bye last weekend. Picture: Sportography



Adrian Dodson-Shaw is all smiles after completing the 2014 New York Marathon.

On top of the world

Broome man to tackle North Pole Marathon



BROOME Aboriginal marathon runner Adrian Dodson-Shaw will create history when he becomes the first Indigenous Australian to land on the North Pole to take on one of the world's most gruelling challenges: the 42.2km North Pole Marathon.

He will depart Australia on April 3, with the marathon being held on April 9, returning home on April 15.

Dodson-Shaw was part of Robert de Castella's Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) squad in 2014, completing the New York City Marathon with just six months of training.

This next challenge will see him trudge his way through ice and snow – a far cry from the heat of Broome – to complete the 42km course alongside Canberra IMP supporter Jon Brand.

Dodson-Shaw was overwhelmed with excitement about being selected for this historic opportunity.

"My life has completely changed since being part of IMP. Last year I was unfit, had been a heavy drinker since the age of 15, was unhealthy and not the role model I wanted to be for my family," he said.

"Now, I'm a fit, healthy, non-drinker excited about the future and inspiring my children, family and community.

'Very special'

"I was the first IMP runner from Broome to complete the New York City Marathon and now I am extremely grateful to be chosen for the North Pole Marathon and to be the first Aboriginal man to be part of the event – it's very special."

De Castella said the North Pole Marathon offered a remarkable experience and was calling on the generosity of

businesses and the community to help raise \$100,000.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

The opportunity of standing at the geographical North Pole on top of the world will be an incredible moment. It's an extremely unique and delicate event," he said.

"The North Pole is situated in the Arctic Ocean, so there is no land. The participants are running on water covered by ice and snow.

"A bulldozer is loaded on to a jet and flown to the start line to plough the starting area. Once the area is safe for competitors, they are flown in from a short distance away and the race is started," de Castella said.

He said he would be using his observation skills more than his running prowess for this event, keeping a careful lookout for any large, white furry locals, with

sharp shooters positioned around the course watching for polar bears.

"I'll be more than happy to be on the sidelines watching out for the native wildlife that might want to join in the action," de Castella said.

Plea for support

"We are calling on the Australian public to show its support to Adrian and Jon."

People wanting to donate can visit <http://impnorthpolemarathon2015.gofundraise.com.au>

"All donations are tax deductible and will ensure the sustainability of the IMP," de Castella said.

The entries for Dodson-Shaw and Jon Brand have been donated by IMP supporters Trish and Don Griffin and event organiser Richard Donovan donated the entry allowing de Castella to travel as support for his charges

Tijuana's dedication inspires her coach



WHEN Tijuana Keed was born on December 6, 2003, in Sydney's Westmead Woman's Hospital, she was

taken straight to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) because she was born with a hole in her heart.

Not knowing she had spina bifida at the time, doctors told her family that she would not be able to walk or even sit up by herself.

At two years old, she had heart surgery where doctors repaired the hole in her heart.

She's had checkups and a few operations since then, attended many clinics at the Children's Hospital in

Randwick and still remains a very happy and outgoing 11-year-old.

Tijuana's family live in the small town of Peak Hill (population 1400), where she is in Year 6 at Peak Hill Central School.

She has a little sister, Taliyah, 5, and lives with her mum Renee and grandmother Pam.

To attend swimming lessons, the family travels 30 minutes every Saturday with Anne, Tijuana's swimming instructor.

Tijuana absolutely loves it. She also trains at Peak Hill pool on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and trains with the Peak Hill Swim Club every Friday evening, regularly beating her personal best.

Tijuana attended her first swimming carnival in Canowindra on February 2 and claimed three first place ribbons – in the 25m freestyle (49.32), 25m backstroke (103.07) and the 25m breaststroke (106.17).

This was a very proud moment for Tijuana and her family.

Tijuana had the chance to chat with Paralympian Annabelle Williams on Australia Day and it was a real highlight for her.

Ann, of Ann Adams Swimming in Parkes, said Tijuana was "an absolute pleasure to teach" and said she could not wait for the swimming season to return in October.

She said she had learned so much from Tijuana.



Tijuana Keed



Alex is in awe of Greg Inglis
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Top End football climax



Walama Bulldog Jano Tipungwuti leaps high against the Pumarali Thunder and Lightning in the Tiwi Islands grand final.



IT was the big weekend of the year in Northern Territory football – the weekend that climaxed months of Australian football in Darwin and the nearby Tiwi Islands.

The Koori Mail's Peter Argent reported that in the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) grand final in Darwin, it was the stuff that dreams were made of.

Needing to beat Palmerston in round 18 just to snatch a place in the major round, the Wanderers claimed five elimination wins to claim the 2014-15 NTFL crown in front of 11,000 patrons at TIO Stadium.

It was an amazing finals run by the Eagles, who triumphed 11.17 (83) to 7.7 (49) over St Mary's in the season-ending decider.

"Our theme since pre-season has been about no time and space for the opposition," senior coach Andrew Hodges said.

"Firstly we had to be ruthless and make the tough decision at the selection table.

"Against St Mary's, we had to lift our intensity from fourth gear to sixth.

"The boys delivered a four-quarter performance."

Tiwi thriller

The next day at Bathurst Island, the Walama Bulldogs emerged from 18 years in the Tiwi Island Football League (TIFL) wilderness to beat Pumarali Thunder and Lightning 7.12 (54) to 7.10 (52) in a thrilling grand final.

Torrential rain and lightning earlier in the afternoon made conditions slippery at Tiwi Oval, in Wurrumiyanga township.

Pumarali led by one point at half-time, but the Bulldogs kicked three goals to one in the third term.

It was a thrilling final term, with Pumarali in control for much of it. But the Bulldogs held on to lift the Maurice Rioli Cup for the first time since 1997.

● **INSIDE: Comprehensive coverage of the two grand finals**



Jubilant Wanderers players raise their NTFL trophy after winning the grand final in Darwin. Pictures: Peter Argent

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