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Tribute loaded with feeling



BANGARRA Dance Theatre performers are dwarfed by the steel bullets and shell casings that make up the new tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women unveiled last week in Sydney's Hyde Park. The \$500,000 public artwork, called *Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall*, is the work of multi-award-winning artist Tony Albert. It is part of the City of Sydney's Eora Journey program, which celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history in the public domain. Get the full story on page 5. AAP image

Funding shambles



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander organisations around the nation will be forced to close after not receiving the funds they need under the Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

Govt strategy roundly condemned

The Government said the strategy would streamline Indigenous affairs while not disadvantaging community organisations.

But dozens of people have contacted the *Koori Mail*, saying their programs have been seriously affected by changes under the IAS. The National Congress of

Australia's First Peoples has been encouraging Indigenous organisations to contact them about people's experiences with the IAS process – and Congress

co-chair Kirstie Parker said so far the feedback has not been positive. North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) chairman Peter Yu condemned the IAS process as shambolic, unashamedly assimilationist and ideologically driven. **● Full report, page 6**

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My FAMILY

Barbara Kidd – Tennant Creek, NT



HERE I am at our home in Tennant Creek, in the Northern Territory. I'm holding my daughter Ngaire, 3, and pictured are my children Deja, 10, Coen, 7, and Trevor Jnr, 6. I've got two others as well, Cameron, 18, and Keiarah, 15.

I'm a Warlmanpa woman, from country north of Tennant Creek. Tennant is my home, I have lots of family around, and I'm happy here although there are limited sports and education opportunities for the children.

I work in the local Central Land Council office, and previously I've worked with youth at risk.

I'm really keen to get into management, and I'm about to start a business course through the local Charles Darwin University centre. I really love working with

people and hope to one day move into a management role.

I also enjoy art, and I'm keen to see our local languages stay alive. I talk to the kids in language. It's really important.

We're pictured at our home, which we're buying through an IBA (Indigenous Business Australia) loan. IBA have been great with us, understanding when times are tight and very supportive. I'm really grateful for the opportunity they've given us.

Education is really important, and I'm making sure the kids get the best they can.

We're also into sport. Right now we're riding bikes to stay healthy.

And I'm a big football fan – the Broncos and North Queensland Cowboys in the rugby league and West Coast Eagles in the AFL.

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OUR CHILDREN



Koori Mail work experience student Tia Caldwell, from Trinity Catholic College in Lismore, with Hazron Roberts and Royce McAlpine at a Close the Gap event at the city's Jarjum Centre. Full report and more pictures, page 31.

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Jess Mauboy is right on Target



By KATE MUNRO



ACCLAIMED singer and actor Jessica Mauboy has added yet another notch to her belt with her catwalk debut at Melbourne Fashion Festival's Target Runway event. Understated and stunningly natural in a matching flowy floral two-piece number, Mauboy wowed the crowd, strutting like a seasoned professional, her black-strapped stilettoes never missing a beat.

Opening the show in this new season Target womenswear piece, Mauboy's wavy caramel-hued hair bounced below her shoulders and her smile showed excitement and happiness.

Target Runway featured a melting pot of models from differing backgrounds, making the show appropriate, beautiful and reflective of Australia's culturally mixed society. Wiradjuri model Keyarny Lamb, who regularly features in Target catalogues, also took to the runway.

Target national Indigenous affairs manager Kim Kruger and Aboriginal and ethnic women's lifestyle magazine *Ascension* founder Sasha Sarago were both there and excited about opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the fashion industry.

"It was important to see beautiful black models on Target's runway, and for Jessica Mauboy as an Indigenous Australian to open the show. We need to keep inspiring them (the Australian fashion industry)," Ms Sarago said.

A group of young Indigenous girls from Worawa Aboriginal college had a backstage meet-and-greet with Mauboy before the event began.

The two-time ARIA Award winner performed two of her hit singles, *Can I Get a Moment* and *Pop a Bottle*, from her album *Beautiful* that went platinum last year.

● Pictured: Jessica Mauboy on the catwalk for Target. Picture: Lucas Dawson

MP ponders his future



QUEENSLAND Aboriginal MP Billy Gordon has resigned from the Labor Party after his criminal history and allegations of domestic violence were made public. Mr Gordon has categorically denied the claims of domestic violence and told the *Western Cape Bulletin* that he won't give in to "an unethical campaign" to oust him from Parliament.

New Labor Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg both said Mr Gordon should step aside to allow a by-election in the far northern seat of Cook.

If Labor were to lose that contest to the Liberal National Party (LNP), both parties would be left with 43 seats.

Mr Gordon accused both leaders and independent Speaker Peter Wellington of leading an unprincipled campaign to force him out of Parliament, but he vowed to take his time in deciding what to do.

Mr Gordon said he would cooperate with a police investigation into his former partner's claims of violence, but added, "I categorically deny any allegations of violence."



Cook MP Billy Gordon

He said other allegations made by his former partner relating to tax avoidance and failure to pay child support were not "black and white".

"I'm not some kind of deadbeat dad," he said.

Mr Gordon has apologised to the Premier and the Labor Party for failing to disclose parts of his criminal history, but is now also pointing the finger at Labor's selection processes.

"I should have been more open, but I went through all the procedures they asked of me," he said.

Three LNP figures – David Kempton, who lost Cook to Mr Gordon, Gavin King, who lost Cairns to Labor, and north Queensland Federal MP Warren Entsch – have been advising Mr

Gordon's former partner and sharing information about Mr Gordon with the media.

In a statement, Mr Gordon said he'd overcome many challenges in his early life, including family struggles as a young boy whose parents battled to provide the basics of life.

"I recognise that my own personal circumstances are no excuse for my non-disclosure, however, from this troubled and fractured past I've managed to piece together a positive and constructive life," he said.

Queensland University law professor Graeme Orr says Mr Gordon could only be forced to resign from Parliament if he had served more than a year in jail for his offences, which include stealing, break and enter, and charges dating back 25 years.

Mr Gordon was also subject to an apprehended violence order taken out by his mother in 2008.

Kowanyama Mayor Robert Holness said Mr Gordon deserved the benefit of the doubt.

"All the Indigenous communities voted for him so we better get behind him and support him until we find out which way this is going to go with the police," he said.

However, Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said Mr Gordon should resign. – AAP



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WA Constitution change nearer



CHANGING the Western Australian Constitution to recognise Aboriginal people as the first peoples of the state will address a “blind spot” in society, Kimberley Labor MP Josie Farrer says. Ms Farrer said the amendment, which would not require a referendum, would give Aboriginal people equal footing with the Government and non-Indigenous people.

“Western Australian people have traditionally had a blind spot about the nature of Aboriginal culture, about Aboriginal languages and traditions, our laws, our kinship and our heritage,” Ms Farrer told Parliament.

“That blind spot connects directly with our high suicide rates, our high rate of imprisonment, our lower life expectancy and the poverty and desolation in which far too many Aboriginal people live today.

“This is literally a matter of life and death. I want to change this and I want to change it right now.”

Labor’s Shadow Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt said the Constitution currently recognised Indigenous

people in a demeaning, derogatory and mean-spirited way that reflected the past, and the amendment needed to be brought before Parliament as soon as possible.

“There’s no need for hesitation, there’s no need for any form of fear or worry for what it might do,” he said. The amendment will not have any substantive legal effect on native title law or pastoral leases in WA, according to a report tabled in Parliament.

A cross-party committee was charged with delivering the report after Ms Farrer



WA MPs Josie Farrer and Ben Wyatt.

introduced a Private Member’s Bill to acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the land.

WA is the only mainland state not to have amended its Constitution to recognise Aboriginal people.

Premier Colin Barnett said the rightful recognition of Aboriginal people

was long overdue and commended Ms Farrer for introducing the Bill.

“I said to a couple of people ‘Why didn’t we think of that?’” he said.

“We are all Australians and all Australians should be treated equally.”

Mr Barnett said he hoped the Bill would be passed before WA Day on June 1. – AAP

Deadly at skipping



Carmen-Lee Ingrey, left, and Kiani Duckett are two of the Deadly La Pa Skipping Crew, a group of students from La Perouse Public School in Sydney’s south who will soon visit regional centres in NSW to highlight to other children the fun and importance of an active and healthy lifestyle. See page 18 for a full report and more pictures.

How \$8.25 motivates a minister



AN \$8.25 campaign donation has become Quandamooka woman Leeanne Enoch’s

motivation. In her first major speech to Parliament, Ms Enoch – Queensland’s first female Aboriginal MP – spoke about a donation she received in a ziplock bag on election day.

She said inside was \$8.25, a gift from an Indigenous Elder she met while working on the stolen wages campaign for the Queensland Council of Unions.

“She had scraped together all that she could spare because she wanted to contribute to my campaign,” Ms Enoch told Parliament.

“I’ve thought a great deal about that \$8.25 since the



Minister Leeanne Enoch

highs of election day.

“It represents a great deal of hope to that Elder; hope that things could be different, that the generations after her could be saved from the terrible discrimination she experienced

and the pain of being treated as less.”

Ms Enoch, who is now the Housing, Public Works, Science and Innovation Minister, also spoke about her family history, including the different lives her Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal grandfathers experienced, despite both fighting for their country.

She said there were people in her Brisbane electorate of Algeria today who would see \$8.25 as the difference between putting food on the table for their families or going hungry.

“My presence here today represents many firsts in this House,” Ms Enoch said.

“But it won’t be the last time I stand to represent those in our community without a voice.” – AAP

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Tribute to Diggers unveiled



ABORIGINAL artist Tony Albert's dramatic sculpture featuring marble and steel bullets

and shell casings has been unveiled in Sydney's Hyde Park as a tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women.

Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall features four seven-metre tall, 1.5-tonne bullets and three fallen shells to represent the Diggers who returned to Australia and those who lost their lives.

The \$500,000 public artwork was commissioned by the City of Sydney, as part of its Eora Journey program celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history in the public domain, and curated by Hetti Perkins.

The sculpture was the request of Redfern's Babana Aboriginal Men's Group, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association and the Coloured Diggers Committee that jointly organise the annual Coloured Digger Anzac March in Redfern.

Mr Albert, winner of last year's Basil Sellers Art Prize and the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, said bringing the artwork to fruition had been an incredible two-year journey.

"It has been an honour and a privilege to work with the Indigenous community on this incredibly important monument," he said. "*Yininmadyemi* is for all



At the unveiling, from left, national president of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association of Australia Gary Oakley, artist Tony Albert, Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore, Pastor Ray Minniecon from the Coloured Diggers Committee and Air Force Indigenous Elder and NSW Centenary of Anzac Advisory Council member Harry Allie. Picture: City of Sydney

our brave service men and women, who fought for this country before even being recognised as citizens.

"It's my hope that this monument plays a broader role in recognising the efforts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women and is embraced by the

community as a powerful place for contemplation and remembrance."

Prisoners of war

Sydney-based Mr Albert's family are Girmay, Yidinji and Kuku Yalandji people, from far north Queensland. His grandfather Eddie served in the Australian Army during World War

II. Eddie and six fellow soldiers escaped from a prisoner of war camp in Germany, only to be caught by Italian soldiers, who lined them up side-by-side to be executed. Three men were shot before the Italian soldiers realised their mistake – the men were POWs and should have been returned to Germany.

Eddie and three other men survived. The story was recorded by Eddie's daughter, family historian Trisha Albert.

Mr Albert named the artwork *Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall*, as a reminder of how his grandfather and fellow service people were treated differently to their white comrades after the war. The four standing bullets represent Eddie and the three other men who escaped execution by the Italian soldiers, and the three fallen shells represent the three men who were executed and made the ultimate sacrifice.

"I feel that the most powerful artworks relating to war are those that use bold and evocative images to stir strong emotions in visitors," Mr Albert said.

"In a similar vein, I feel that the scale of the bullets, at 100 times their original size, also lends the power of abstraction to this artwork. I have chosen the very confronting image of the bullet as it is a universal signifier for conflict, and I have chosen to arrange the bullets with some standing and some fallen over, to tell a story."

The artwork is the third to be commissioned under the city's Eora Journey program.

The previous two works are Reko Rennie's *Welcome to Redfern*, which he created with the help of local young people, and Nicole Foreshew's *belong to all yet to none 3*, which was projected on to the Australian Museum in 2013.

Traditional owners reject mine deal



THE Wangan and Jagalingou people, the traditional owners of Queensland's Galilee Basin, have refused to sign an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with Indian conglomerate Adani and the

Queensland Government for the huge Carmichael coal mine.

The traditional owners have also called on the Queensland Government to rule out compulsory acquisition of their land.

The \$16.5 billion mine is slated to be the largest thermal coal mine in Australia and linked to the Abbot Point coal terminal, north of Bowen, by a 300km rail line approved by the State Government last year.

Some 100 million tonnes of coal will pass along the railway every year if it goes ahead.

But the project faces a legal challenge in Queensland's Land and Environment Court this week, which will hear from traditional owners, environmentalists, ground and water experts, and economists.

Adani has taken legal action that could allow the Government to compulsorily acquire the land and issue a mining lease.

The Labor Government had an opportunity to step up, Wangan and Jagalingou spokesman Adrian Burragubba said, calling on Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and State Mines Minister Anthony Lynham to completely rule out compulsorily acquiring Aboriginal land.



Adrian Burragubba, centre, with supporters at an Adani mine protest in Brisbane.

"If they approve Carmichael, they will be responsible for the death of our land, and our connection to it going back to time immemorial," he said.

The Wangan and Jagalingou are seeking talks with the Government, which had at the time of going to press refused to meet.

Mr Burragubba said his people have never given consent to Adani's mine and never will.

The multi-billion-dollar company was

acting as a bully with support from the Australian and Indian governments, he said.

"Ruthlessly trample"

"It has used its power to ruthlessly trample traditional communities in India," Mr Burragubba said.

"The worst part of it is that the Federal and Queensland governments have sided with Adani."

Adani claimed it had ongoing

comprehensive negotiations with Wangan and Jagalingou's authorised representatives and attempted to discredit Mr Burragubba, saying he was not an authorised negotiator.

"Adani does not believe that the W&J don't want this mine as the W&J have been and continue to be actively involved in negotiations around delivery of the mine on terms acceptable to the W&J," a company spokesman said.

However, Mr Burragubba accused Adani of dishonesty.

"Let's get this straight. I am the authorised spokesperson of the Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Family Representative Council," he said. "I am a member of the native title applicant group. Our group rejected a land use agreement with Adani on 4 October 2014."

"We said no to Adani. Adani knows this because they had their lawyers present. To claim otherwise is all spin and lies."

"The Wangan and Jagalingou Council have now authorised me to speak on their behalf about our opposition to the mine. We have never consented to a mining lease or the surrender of our native title to Adani."

"We never will."

Traditional owners presented a 'declaration of defence of country' to Parliament Speaker Peter Wellington, who received the document and undertook to convey it to his parliamentary colleagues. – with AAP



New minister Leslie Williams.

Burney re-elected, new minister after NSW poll



WIRADJURI woman Linda Burney was re-elected to the south-western Sydney electorate of Canterbury in last month's NSW election. Ms Burney won the seat for Labor in 2003 and held it in the 2007 and 2011 polls.

"Campaigning never gets easier," she said.

"This is the first election I've

campaigning in from Opposition, which was extra intense and a lot of hard work.

"What was very good and gratifying is that after 2011, when I had a swing against me of 16%, this time it swung back by around 10.3%, which I hope is an indication that people are happy with the job I'm doing."

The NSW Opposition was due to determine shadow portfolios

today, April 8, and Ms Burney said she was hopeful she would again be deputy leader.

Meanwhile, Port Macquarie Nationals MP Leslie Williams was sworn in as the state's new Aboriginal Affairs Minister in the Coalition Government, led by Premier Mike Baird, last week. She replaces Victor Dominello, who was appointed to another ministry.



Re-elected MP Linda Burney.

Anger, concern at IAS funding chaos



DOZENS of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are concerned they will

have to close their doors after not receiving the funds they need under the Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS). Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion found out firsthand what many Aboriginal people think of the IAS after a fiery exchange with a group of protesters in Alice Springs last week.

The ABC reported that head of local outstation provider Ingerkerke, Scott McConnell, took Senator Scullion to task.

"We got pissed around, we didn't get talked to, and even your departmental staff are calling it chaotic," Mr McConnell said.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (the Congress) has been encouraging Indigenous community organisations to contact them about people's experiences with the IAS process – and Congress co-chair Kirstie Parker said so far the feedback has not been positive.

"I have to say there were very few responses where people felt the strategy was sound, that it had been managed well or that it had valued our community organisations," she said.

"Of course there are always going to be organisations that don't get all that they ask for, but it's particularly awful when people are told you have been 'successful' and then learn that they have been granted just a fraction of what they need to do their good work.

"It's actually insulting to couch that as 'successful'. In a lot of cases people said they would have difficulty even taking up the grant in order to do what they need to in their communities."

North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) chairman Peter Yu condemned the IAS process as shambolic and unashamedly assimilationist under the guise of providing jobs and getting kids to schools.

"This is an ideological-driven



Jarjum Centre director Maurita Cavanough with Zarley Pritchard, 4.

agenda that aims to shift people from their traditional lands and their cultural base," he said. "How else could you describe 70% of the successful applications going to non-Indigenous organisations and agencies?"

"For Indigenous people it has all the historical resonance of being adopted out to white families."

Ms Parker said it was encouraging that there would be a

Senate inquiry into the IAS and she urged people to make submissions.

"We also know now that the bulk of the IAS will be supporting non-Aboriginal organisations and this runs completely counter to the minister's assurance that he would value our organisations and their expertise in the process," she said.

"We know that, based on these outcomes, our community landscape is going to look vastly

different. Some of our organisations, for example the Institute of Aboriginal Development in Alice Springs, that have histories decades long of building communities, will struggle.

"When the minister says very few people and organisations are unhappy and distressed as a consequence of the handling of IAS, it just makes me think he's deaf to our communities.

Cash slashed in 'successful' application

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN Jarjum Centre director Maurita Cavanough finally received

advice about its funding application under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), she was completely dismayed.

The Aboriginal preschool in Lismore, northern NSW, had previously received \$122,000 a year of Federal Government money.

Jarjum's 'successful' funding application received \$50,000, less than half of what is needed.

"We don't charge our children fees, we run a nutritional program, we offer a bus – all sorts of programs because we believe in universal access to early childhood education," Ms Cavanough said.

"Current research shows that many Indigenous children are already behind when they start kindergarten, so we start kids here at

two-and-a-half, which makes a huge difference for early intervention.

"The Federal Government talks about Closing the Gap, but it's just tokenistic when they make these sorts of funding cuts."

Ms Cavanough said Jarjum offers specialised services for students.

"Nearly 90% of our children have additional needs," she said. "These cuts mean we'll have to lay off qualified staff and be unable to implement some of the programs we run now."

"It will essentially turn us into babysitters rather than educators."

"We were barely coping with the funds we had before. Our buildings are run down, we have to change nappies over a kitchen sink."

"Our kids are part of our community and it breaks our hearts to know what we could be doing for them if we only had the funds."

"We've worked so hard to come up with programs that work. It's so disappointing."

"If it were feasible I'd ask them to start again, but unfortunately we have large swathes of our community that have been on tenterhooks for more than a year, that are already crumbling because of the uncertainty."

"All we can hope for now is that the Government fixes what it can in response to what they hear from our communities."

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RAP sets the stage for change



WESLEY Enoch, a Noonuccal/Ngugi man, launched the Queensland Theatre Company's (QTC) Reconciliation

Action Plan (RAP) last week, with a vision that goes beyond words in the hope of creating lasting change. The development of the RAP, which began in 2012, included consultations with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people including QTC's Indigenous Reference Group, which is chaired by Nathan Jarro and includes Michael Tuahine, Paula Nazarski and Adam James.

Mr Enoch, who is the QTC artistic director, said the RAP was about creating change in the organisation, the community, the sector, and Queensland and Australia more broadly.

"Key objectives"

"With the key objectives of relationships, respect and opportunities, it sets out a range of strategies around our artistic programs, audience development, employment pathways, partnerships and cultural awareness," he said.

"We aim to be a national leader in reconciliation, demonstrating this through the creation and presentation of theatre as well as meaningful action, how true reconciliation can be achieved between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader community."

After the appointment of Mr Enoch in 2010, the QTC



Annie Byron and Paula Nazarski in *Head Full of Love* by the Queensland Theatre Company. Picture: Rob Maccoll

launched its Indigenous program with the aim of producing, promoting and building audiences for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander work. The program includes the commissioning, creative development, production and presentation of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander works (*Stradbroke Dreamtime*, *Bloodland*, *Mother Courage and Her Children*, *Black Diggers*) as well as research, scholarships, secondments and apprenticeships for Indigenous people.

"QTC has already initiated important changes in our

programming operations and the way staff and community connect and intersect, and for this reason we have undertaken this RAP with specific targets, which will be a living document and a plan for our day-to-day work," Mr Enoch said.

"Building strong networks for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and arts workers is a key focus of our Indigenous program as is our role of a 'stepping stone' for their professional careers.

"We aim to leave a long-lasting cultural legacy for future generations."

WA title deal backed despite opposition



THE biggest native title settlement in the nation's history has been backed by claimant groups in Western Australia's south-west.

Traditional owners in six claim areas have voted in favour of the \$1.3 billion native title agreement after considering the State Government's offer for three months.

Under the deal, Noongar people will surrender native title rights in a 200,000 square kilometre area spanning north of Perth to the Goldfields-Esperance region in exchange for \$1.3 billion worth of land, finance and benefits over 12 years.

Annual funding instalments of \$50 million and up to 320,000 hectares of Crown land will be transferred into a trust and used to support Noongar economic and cultural development.

The State Government finalised the deal with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC), which has represented the claimant groups, in November after five years of negotiations.

Premier Colin Barnett described it as "a breakthrough agreement, a historic

"You are the peoples that must be held accountable in the future when this land deal fails our peoples and our Nyoongar nations."

– Noongar man Mervyn Eades, who opposed the native title settlement

achievement in reconciliation".

But there are more than a few Noongar people who oppose the deal.

Mervyn Eades said those who voted for the deal had facilitated the dispossession of their people.

"You are the peoples that must be held accountable in the future when this land deal fails our peoples and our Nyoongar

"I acknowledge there are Noongar people who have not accepted the agreement but I want to assure them this settlement will not affect their status as the traditional owners of the south-west."

– WA Premier Colin Barnett

nations," he said. "You, our Elders, should have been the peoples that stood up and led our Nyoongar nation out of this land deal."

Protesters gathered on the steps of State Parliament last month, accusing those who supported the deal of being sell-outs.

The six separate Indigenous land-use

agreements will be executed by the State Government in June and filed with the National Native Title Tribunal, triggering a notification period during which objections can be lodged.

Mr Barnett said he hoped the full agreement could start to be implemented by mid-2016.

"I acknowledge there are Noongar people who have not accepted the agreement but I want to assure them this settlement will not affect their status as the traditional owners of the south-west," he said.

"It simply means they exchange their native title claims for new and certain rights over land and a big investment in their future."

The claimant groups are Whadjuk (Perth Metropolitan), South West Boorah (Busselton, Pemberton, Nannup) and Harris Family (Yallingup, Margaret River), Ballardong (York, Northam, Hyden, Kondinin), Wagyl Kaip (Katanning, Gnowangerup, Albany), Yued (Jurien, Moora, Lancelin, Gingin) and Gnaala Karla Boodja (Mandurah, Bunbury, Donnybrook). – *With AAP*

'New era' hope for South Australia

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Federal and South Australian Aboriginal affairs ministers have assured the Aboriginal Lands Trust that they will not close remote Aboriginal communities in that state. SA has been in a stand-off with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion since last year, when a dispute over funding essential services for remote Aboriginal communities reached a stalemate.

The Federal Government, which has historically funded the services, offered SA \$10 million to take over responsibility, but then-SA Indigenous Affairs Minister Ian Hunter said at the time that the State would not take responsibility for essential services without a better deal.

Aboriginal Lands Trust presiding member Haydyn Bromley told the *Koori Mail* that Senator Scullion and SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher had guaranteed no funding changes would result in closing remote communities.

The ministers advised Mr Bromley that they have been working closely together over the past couple of weeks on the municipal and essential services arrangements, and are close to an agreement.

Mr Bromley said both ministers indicated that they are positive about the future of the SA Aboriginal communities and are keen to continue talks with the Aboriginal Lands Trust.

"This time last week we were in a fairly desperate situation, contemplating the future of Aboriginal people in South Australia," he said.

"Now there is a commitment to progress Aboriginal matters, look at sustainable communities and

Assurance given on communities, says Bromley

look at ways to do things differently.

"We are in a better position to look at the future in a positive light. Fingers crossed, we are looking at moving into a new era."

Mr Bromley said the Aboriginal Lands Trust, which holds lands in trust for all Aboriginal people of SA, welcomed the opportunity for further discussion with both ministers on the way in which services to remote communities are designed and delivered.

"Major concern"

"Our major concern was allaying fears that communities would close," he said. "We said there are other funding models possible that we need to explore."

Mr Bromley said the recent protests about closing remote communities in Western Australia had heightened people's awareness of the issue.

"There are totally different circumstances legislatively between WA and SA," he said.

"Here in SA, the Aboriginal Lands Trust is charged with the responsibility of looking after land and we have the capacity to deliver a new way of funding communities into the future.

"We want the ministers to engage with us, because we want to be able to provide that leadership."



20 years of *Stylin' Up*



IN 1995 Mushroom Music released an album, *Stylin' Up*, which was to become one of the most influential albums ever to be released by an Indigenous artist. The album went platinum and launched the career of Torres Strait Islander Christine Anu.

Two decades on, Anu is celebrating her musical journey with a tour featuring songs from the album including *My Island Home*, *Party*, *Monkey*, *Turtle* and *Wanem time*.

"I can't believe it's been 20 years since I released *Stylin' Up*," she said.

"In many ways it seems like a long time ago, but also the blink of an eye. So many wonderful things happened because of the success of that album and the wonderful songs that appear on it.

"Enormously proud"

"I am enormously proud of *My Island Home* and the special place it holds in the Australian songbook."

My Island Home was originally recorded by The Rainmakers, a band in which

Anu sang backing vocals, and included the song's writer, Neil Murray from the Warumpi Band. Her reworking of the song saw it win Song of the Year at the 1995 APRA Awards and it was also listed in the APRA Top 30 Australian Songs of all Time in 2001.

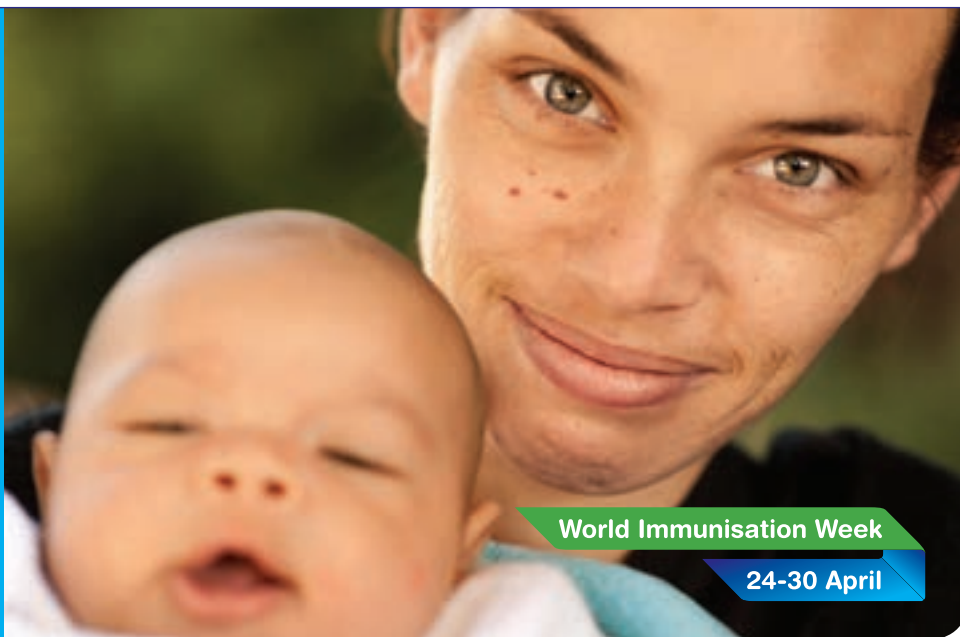
Stylin' Up also saw Anu win an ARIA Award for Best Female Recording Artist as well as one of the first Deadlys for Best Female Artist at the then Deadly Sounds National Aboriginal and Islander Music Awards.

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Play a beauty, says Maza



RACHAEL Maza counts *Beautiful One Day*, a play about events surrounding the

death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island, as one of the most powerful works she's been involved with.

"It's really exciting, this is one of the works that, in terms of making black theatre, is relevant, poignant, and changes the way audiences think," she said. "It is great art. It's really important theatre and powerful in terms of what it has to say, and the urgency and integrity with which it's been made."

The play was created after a long collaboration between the Ilbjerri and Belvoir theatre companies and the Palm Island community to tell the story the mainstream media – and most of Australia – ignored.

Ilbjerri is taking the production, which stars Ms Maza and three actors from Palm Island – Magdalena Blackley, Kylie Doomadgee and Harry Ruben – on the road to country Victoria and then to London, England.

And for the first time in the company's history, a fully staged professional theatre production will be presented on Palm Island, in September.

After Mulrunji's death in custody in 2004, members of the Palm Island community were frustrated by the lack of an appropriate



Rachael Maza in a scene from *Beautiful One Day*.

investigation, and when tempers boiled over the police station was set alight.

Eleven years later, the community continues to demand real justice and their participation in the production of *Beautiful One Day* has allowed many to turn anger into

real understanding and new possibilities.

Through a determined struggle to understand the persistent heavy-handedness of white Australia, *Beautiful One Day* charts the course of repression, racism and the resilience of the people

who call Palm Island home.

"Riots is such a convenient term, so loaded and derogatory," Ms Maza said. "What happened on that day was the community was outraged when the autopsy report was read out and was already using language about how it must have

been a fall, an accident, and implied there was no other cause of harm, so it was really obvious to the community that there was going to be another cover-up.

"I know for a fact that if I'd been there on that day I would have been marching to the police station too."

Ms Maza said it was an incredible opportunity to take the story to regional centres and then to London.

"Australia is a deeply racist country, it's so much just part of who we are, and it's multi-layered," she said. "It's interesting how little it takes to rear its ugly head; sometimes even from the people closest to you, it's lurking under the surface."

"I swear black and blue that racism in Australia comes because of the nature in which we were colonised; our shameful and toxic history that we have never healed from."

"This story about what happened on Palm Island relates to the way the mission was managed as a hard penal colony. It's a story that has similarities for reserves and missions all over Australia and that's why it resonates."

"All our mob are able to relate, because we all have stories like this. It's like looking in the mirror."

Beautiful One Day will be performed in Bairnsdale, Ballarat, Dandenong, Footscray, Frankston and Nunawading. For tickets, dates and times go to www.ilbjerri.com.au

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Mum's dream on right path



A STAY-AT-HOME mum is now on track to fulfilling her dream of becoming a nurse after completing the Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP) at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) in Toowoomba.

The program is a six-month course that enables students to study subjects with an Indigenous focus while developing their writing, maths, general study and computer skills. It acts as a stepping stone into university.

Amanda Ott, a mother of two boys, said the skills she had learned in the IHEPP program have been helpful.

"It has set me up, so I know exactly how to work my way around all the subjects," she said.

"My turn"

"My youngest started Prep last year so it was my turn to try to do something for myself."

Ms Ott is now enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing. Other members of her graduating class are also now enrolled in Bachelor degrees. They include Donnella Harradine (Bachelor of Human Services), Shelley Horder (Bachelor of Science, majoring in Psychology), Paul Kitchen (Bachelor of Creative Arts), Trent Squires (Bachelor of General Studies), Ashley Ward (Bachelor of General Studies)



Melanie Waters, Amanda Ott, Tarriaka Duncan, Paul Kitchen, Trent Squires and Ashley Ward at the USQ Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP) at USQ Toowoomba.

and Melanie Waters (Bachelor of Business).

Ms Ott said her sister's academic career inspired her.

"I have an older sister who is just about to finish her doctorate, so she has been a real inspiration for

me," Ms Ott said. "I've always been interested in nursing and helping people. I know at times it's going to be

absolutely hectic, but very rewarding."

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Court quashes Port Hedland site decision



A DECISION to strip a Port Hedland Aboriginal sacred site of protection has been quashed by the Western Australian Supreme Court.

The Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC) made a finding in December 2013 that an area around Port Hedland port should not be considered an Aboriginal sacred site because it was not used for religious purposes.

Marapikurrinya siblings Kerry and Diana Robinson challenged the finding last year, and last week Justice John Chaney agreed.

"The ACMC asked itself the wrong questions and identified the wrong issues, thereby falling into jurisdictional error," he said.

Justice Chaney said the ACMC decision should be set aside and the matter should go back to the committee to reconsider its recommendations to the minister.

Mr Robinson said after the judgement was handed down that the Marapikurrinya clan had been waiting a long time for some good news.

"We have been fighting so hard for our lore and land not to be destroyed," he said.

"From the beginning when the Mt Newman mining company came to Port Hedland in the 1960s we have had too many problems from the government side of it."

Mr Robinson said his clan's heritage was "getting destroyed every time a mining company comes here hammering and dredging". "It is about time we won something," he said. — AAP

Action call on sandmining



A SENATE committee has recommended referring the former Queensland Newman Government to the state's Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) in relation to its actions regarding sandmining on North Stradbroke Island.

The traditional owners of North Stradbroke Island, the Quandamooka people, have backed the call, saying the matter needs thorough investigation.

The Newman Government introduced its controversial *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Act* in 2013. The Act allows for the extension of sandmining on North Stradbroke Island until 2035, instead of being phased out by 2019, and expands the area of the island available to be mined, without the consent of the native title holders.

The Senate Select Committee on Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs handed down its report last week, making 20 recommendations. They included

referring the former Newman Government's conduct to the CCC and/or the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Commission on the issue of the extension of the sandmining lease on Stradbroke Island and any issues relating to political donations and election spending by mining company Sibelco.

When in Opposition, the Labor Party referred the matter to the CCC.

The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) also raised the issue with the CCC.

"Assessment"

However, in October last year the CCC told QYAC that: "Our assessment is that while the allegation you have raised may, if proved, amount to suspected corrupt conduct, the assertion of favourable treatment for Sibelco and a connection between the donations by Sibelco and the recent (law) amendments is speculative. Accordingly, the CCC is not able to take any further action."

QYAC chief executive Cameron Costello said the earlier response from the CCC left the issue unresolved.

"A campaign was run in the former

premier's (Campbell Newman) electorate of Ashgrove during the 2012 election campaign, in support of the former premier," he said.

"After the 2012 election the mining company that ran the campaign gets almost exclusive access to the LNP Government to negotiate changes to North Stradbroke Island mining laws and, according to the company's campaign consultants, actually achieves more in those negotiations than was originally sought.

"The traditional owners of North Stradbroke Island, the Quandamooka people, are effectively frozen out of the negotiations.

"Given the way the whole issue played out, any reasonable person would question if there was a link between the Sibelco campaign and the subsequent behaviour of the LNP Government. That is why the issue should be fully investigated by the CCC and the matter cleared up one way or the other."

The Palaszczuk Government has promised to repeal the Newman Government legislation and restore Quandamooka rights.



Kirstie Parker: "I do what I do because I cherish my people. I am inspired by us. We are worthy. We are more than enough."
Picture: Joseph Mayers

Parker's work recognised with honour



YUWALLARAI woman Kirstie Parker will be recognised in May with an inaugural

Australian Peacewomen Award.

Ms Parker is co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and the Close the Gap campaign, and a former editor of the *Koori Mail*.

She was chosen for the award by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) for her dedication to achieving health and life expectancy equality for Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"I was really humbled and I had to interrogate them a little on what it was that saw them single me out," she said.

"When they explained that these awards are about honouring women who have worked hard to achieve a more just and equal world, to ensure everyone has the benefit of human rights and done in a way that is free of violence, I was honoured, particularly because I'm blessed and privileged to be able to do what I do.

"I also came to a realisation that the award belongs to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, those of us today, before and those who are yet to come.

"Within our communities,

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are often referred to as the backbone and we are. Against incredible odds, we are child-bearers, carers, nurturers, builders and leaders."

Australian Peacewomen Awards will also be given to legal advisor to the United Nations Dr Anne Gallagher, Red Cross International director Dr Helen Durham and anti-nuclear campaigner Dr Helen Caldicott.

"I am truly humbled to be recognised alongside incredible campaigners," Ms Parker said.

"Life's work"

"I consider it my life's work to help ensure a voice for our peoples and build our capacity to realise our rights... to flex our muscle in this regard.

"I do what I do because I cherish my people. I am inspired by us. We are worthy. We are more than enough.

"This award also recognises the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (Congress), and its pursuit of our people's political, economic, social and cultural rights, and the way we have enshrined leadership of women – through equal representation of women in all of its leadership structures. It is absolutely essential that Congress – a collective national voice, chosen by our people – continues to be supported, and I urge all of our mob aged

18 and above to join."

The awards are being presented by WILPF as part of its centenary celebration.

Ms Parker has more than 25 years' experience in mainstream and Indigenous journalism, communications and management of Indigenous organisations, including working for the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and managing the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre.

"Our people still face immense barriers around land, language, culture, health, housing, education, justice, keeping our families together, and much more," she said.

"We're not emotionally or culturally safe; and we're not seen as capable or properly supported to determine our priorities or manage our affairs.

"But that can't be the end of our story. We come from remarkable stock, and are spiritually rich. We have to remember the warriors we come from, and do something real and lasting with the strength, the courage and the humanity they instilled in us. It's in our DNA."

The inaugural Australian Peacewomen Awards will be presented in Canberra on May 28. For tickets, go to www.wilpf.org.au/centenary/awards

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Entries sought for Landcare Awards



Last year's Indigenous Landcare winners from the Yurung Dhaura Aboriginal Land Management Team with a Ngunnawal scar tree.



STATE and Territory Landcare Awards organisers are seeking nominations as they celebrate 25 years of Landcare across the

country. Landcare Australia chief executive Tessa Jakszewicz is encouraging people who are involved in Landcare or know a worthy land-carer to submit nominations now.

"The Landcare Awards have been recognising and celebrating Landcare's strength and diversity for 25 years, and are a fantastic way of letting people know the positive impact Landcare is having in communities across the country," she said.

"Whether it's a passionate educator teaching our kids where their food comes from or a primary producer illustrating the link between sustainable land management and an improved bottom line, land-carers are having a positive impact in all sectors of our community."

Winners at a state and territory level will proceed as finalists to next year's National Landcare Awards. Last year's ACT winner of Indigenous Land Management was the Yurung Dhaura Aboriginal Land Management Team (pictured), which won its category for efforts in training Indigenous people in environmental regeneration and traditional land management to improve environmental and social outcomes.

To nominate for the awards visit landcareonline.com.au

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Oysters offer opportunities



THE gourmet food market appetite for oysters could provide business opportunities, employment and a nutritious food

source to communities in the Northern Territory.

NT Primary Industry and Fisheries Minister Willem Westra van Holthe said the Tropical Oyster Program at the Darwin Aquaculture Centre (DAC) was showing great promise and could prove to be a major breakthrough in the production and commercial sale of NT-grown oysters.

"Tropical oysters have never been cultivated in the Northern Territory before," he said.

"My Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries has been working closely with

communities on Goulburn and Melville Islands to look at suitable sea-based farming methods.

"Juvenile oyster spat are flown from the DAC to remote Indigenous communities. They are then grown close to shore in floating or fixed baskets.

"The fixed-farm design

current trials are developing methods to improve growth rates and economic viability.

"The NT Government is promoting the Territory as a gourmet food producer," Mr Westra van Holthe said.

"This initiative has the potential to provide a nutritious food source to our Indigenous

communities while also potentially opening up the opportunity for commercial sales.

"Oyster farming could provide business opportunities for Indigenous people across the Top End, giving them culturally suitable employment within their community.

"In addition to the work on oysters, research and development is also being conducted into giant clam and sea cucumber farming, with the intention of exporting to markets including the United States."

"Oyster farming could provide business opportunities for Indigenous people across the Top End, giving them culturally suitable employment within their community."

trialled on Melville Island has shown good results for growth and survival, encouraging further trials in the region."

Blacklip oysters take about 18 months to grow from thumbnail to market size, and



THE University of Melbourne has released its 2015 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which features a strong emphasis on population parity.

In order to achieve this, the university says it will look towards attracting and retaining Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander students as well as increasing the number of Indigenous Australian academic and professional staff.

Pro vice-chancellor (engagement) Professor Ian Anderson said that while the University of Melbourne's Indigenous students currently have one of the highest success rates in Australia, there is still more work to be done.

"We have set ourselves some long-term goals and targets. For Indigenous staff we aim for parity by 2020. For Indigenous students we are looking towards 2050," he said.

The university says it works with schools to raise the aspirations and capability of Indigenous students to take on university studies.

A TSRA ranger, staff member and a local traditional owner tagging and measuring a nesting green turtle. Picture: Tristan Simpson, TSRA



TSRA unit involved in turtle research



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Land and Sea Management Unit team

recently returned from field trips to Dauar and Maizab Kaur (Bramble Cay), where they completed a monitoring survey of marine turtle hatchlings.

The field trip completed research for the annual survey of green turtle nesting and hatchlings for the 2014-15 breeding season.

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said this was the first year the TSRA has used the same

monitoring methods employed on Raine Island, the largest rookery in the northern Great Barrier Reef.

"The 80% to 90% hatching success coupled with the high numbers of hatchlings indicated that the rookery at Dauar is healthy for green turtles," he said.

Mr Elu said hatchling numbers on Maizab Kaur, however, were not as healthy as that of Dauar.

"Nesting success at Maizab Kaur did not improve over the nesting season, averaging only 30% throughout the season," he said.

"These outcomes were

due to the island being very dynamic, in the sense that the shape of the cay changes during the monsoonal winds.

"It was very apparent that the sand was still dry in February, which didn't help nesting turtles to successfully dig chambers and lay eggs."

The outcomes of the Maizab Kaur and Dauar green turtle nesting season will be compared with the outcomes of other Queensland rookeries before the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection produces a final nesting season report.

The full report will be available at www.tsra.gov.au

NT healing centre call



THE Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (NTSGAC) is continuing its call

for a healing centre for its members and their descendants.

NTSGAC chairperson Associate Professor Eileen Cummings and deputy chairperson Maurie Ryan said a place was desperately needed where Aboriginal people could work together with health, education and employment services to address the trauma caused by colonisation.

NTSGAC outlined the need for a healing centre at the latest

Indigenous Male Advisory Council Forum at Parliament House in Darwin.

The organisation called for a culturally appropriate centre with qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff.

The forum also looked at the outcomes of the recent submission by the NTSGAC and Retta Dixon survivors to the royal commission into child abuse.

Redress fund

Forum participants welcomed the discussion resulting from the commission around the need for a national redress fund to address consequences of the harm caused by the emotional and physical abuse in government-

sanctioned institutions.

Prof Cummings and Mr Ryan called for a non-political conversation between all parties to reverse the effects that the policies of forced removals continue to have on Aboriginal youth.

The NTSGAC also used the forum to highlight the contribution Stolen Generations people and their descendants have made to the NT, including being members of Parliament, doctors, lawyers, teachers, university lecturers, Olympic and national sportspeople, and public servants.

They also highlighted that Aboriginal Territorians have served in every Australian military campaign from the Boer War to Afghanistan.

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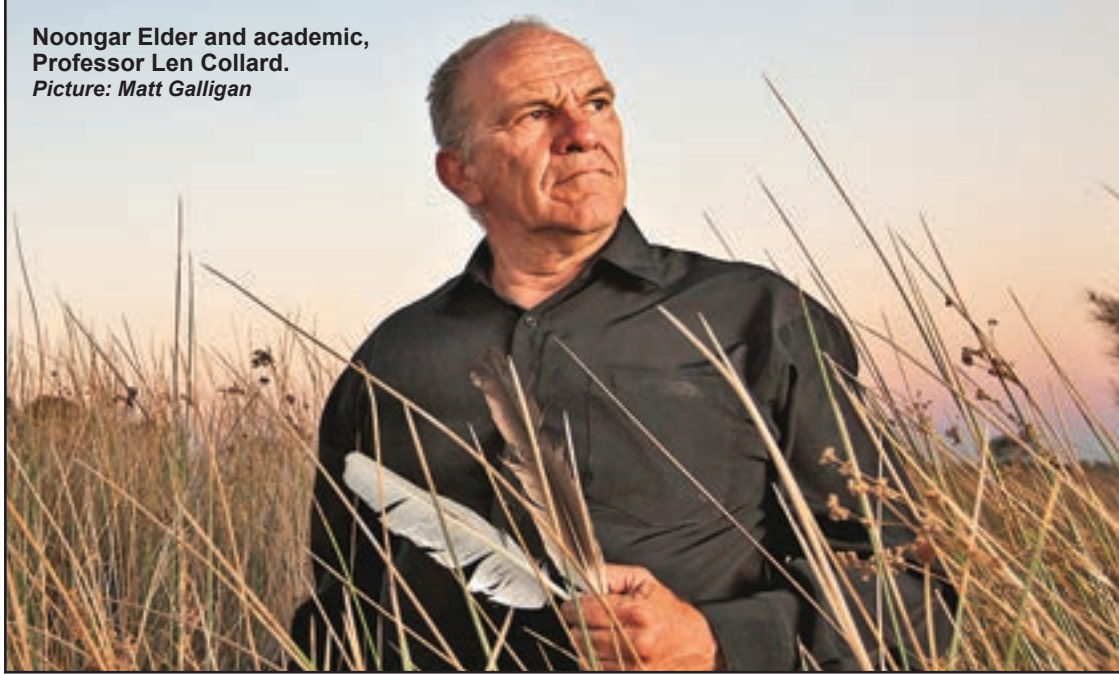
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Website details Noongar name origins

Noongar Elder and academic,
Professor Len Collard.
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The website, titled 'Boodjar', meaning 'Country', is part of a project led by Noongar Elder, scholar and Australian Research Council chief investigator Professor Len Collard.

The website has an interactive map of the south-west of WA, where many names remain in the Noongar language today. The map is divided into the ancient Noongar regions and users can click on areas to find the meanings of place names.

For example, Cowaramup

means 'laughing on the way to the district of the clear plains'; Karrinyup is 'the place of spiders'; Kojonup is 'the location of the axe'; Munghlinup is 'where young people met their in-laws'; Nannup is where 'I stayed to take a breath' and Narembeen is 'where the mallee hen dug a hole to find food'.

Prof Collard said Noongar was one of Australia's biggest Aboriginal language groups and he hoped the project would help its resurgence.

"The website enables everyone who lives in the (WA) south-west to relate more intensely to the place's long-term history," he said.

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NT lock-up laws to be challenged



THE North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) has launched a challenge in the High Court to new

laws that allow Northern Territory police to lock people up on suspicion of committing minor offences.

Paperless arrests introduced late last year allow police to hold someone for

four hours if they suspect they have committed or are about to commit some offences before charging or releasing them, or issuing an infringement notice.

Ruth Barson, a senior lawyer at the Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC), which is part of the legal team running the case, said that the case is about ensuring people cannot be detained in circumstances which breach well-established legal principles.

"These laws allow police to lock someone up for minor offences like swearing, which would usually only attract a small fine," she said.

"The laws allow police to effectively act as prosecutor

and judge. The right to liberty is a fundamental human right and should only be restricted by the courts, save for well-established exceptions."

Ms Barson said the powers were "unprecedented".

"They lack transparency, they're opaque," she said.

"They don't require the involvement of the courts, they don't require police to give someone the opportunity to

escalating situations.

If a person is drunk when locked up, police can hold them until they believe they are no longer intoxicated.

The NT already has an imprisonment and detention crisis, with Aboriginal people making up more than 85% of the jail population.

Ms Barson said the Government should be addressing Indigenous disadvantage through remote

community employment programs and boosting school attendance rather than applying laws that compound the problem.

"These laws are likely to disproportionately impact Aboriginal people and that's certainly a cause for concern," she said.

The High Court will now consider the challenge and determine when the case will be heard –

hopefully this year, Ms Barson said.

"It's important the High Court be given an opportunity to assess the legality of such laws that allow police to act as both prosecutor and judge and to sideline and exclude the courts from these police powers," she said. – *With AAP*

"The laws allow police to effectively act as prosecutor and judge. The right to liberty is a fundamental human right and should only be restricted by the courts, save for well-established exceptions."

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Living Black is back

By TIA CALDWELL*



ACCOMPLISHED journalist Karla Grant names her proudest moments as the birth of her three children.

"I am grateful to have them in my life," Ms Grant told the *Koori Mail*. "I am also proud to do what I do at NITV and SBS to front this program (*Living Black*) and tell our people's stories."

Award-winning and long-running Indigenous current affairs show *Living Black* began its 22nd season this week, with a special one-hour episode *Eye of the Storm*, about the Top End and central Queensland communities affected by tropical cyclones Lam and Marcia.

"There wasn't much coverage of Lam and Marcia and how they affected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Ms Grant said. "No-one covered our side of the story and how Aboriginal people were faring. Our communities were hit hard so we felt we had to go in and investigate how they were getting through it. We are highlighting the fact they didn't get much support."

In coming weeks, *Living Black* will focus on important issues affecting Indigenous Australians, including the Freedom Rides, health, transgender Indigenous people and a tribute to the Black Diggers.

"Many of these issues you wouldn't hear about anywhere else and that is why it is important to use this much-needed platform to talk about what really matters," Ms Grant said.



Karla Grant, front, with *Living Black* team members, from left, Ella Archibald-Binge, Hannah Hollis, Ryan Liddle, Rachael Hocking and Laura Murphy-Oates.

"There have been a lot of stories on sista girls but not a lot said about Indigenous females who want to become males.

"For many Aboriginal people this subject

is taboo; there's a lot of shame. We felt it was important to give these people a voice.

"It is a subject no-one wants to talk about. Will I be accepted? It's a fascinating subject."

Ms Grant counts interviews with journalist Ray Martin, about his Aboriginal heritage, and the Dalai Lama as among her most interesting.

"I get to meet a lot of fascinating people and I feel very privileged to have this job," she said.

"The Dalai Lama and the experiences of Tibetan people are similar to experiences of Aboriginal people. They face the same things that we do. We are miles and miles apart but are more similar than what we think."

While Ms Grant is at the top of her career, she had to deal with racism when she was young.

"I grew up in Adelaide and I did face a lot of racism going to high school. I wanted to leave so many times," she said.

"My grandfather was one of the biggest role models in my life and he and an aunty of mine encouraged me to keep going with my education.

"I was called every name under the sun, but despite the racism I kept going."

Living Black has been running since 2003 and Ms Grant still feels great enthusiasm about hosting the show.

"*Living Black* isn't aimed at just Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, it is a show for everyone, and everyone can benefit by watching it," she said.

Living Black is on SBS ONE on Mondays at 5pm and NITV on Tuesdays at 9pm.

* Tia Caldwell is a Year 10 Aboriginal student who completed a week of work experience at the *Koori Mail*.



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Hannah, Pathway graduate

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Kathryn, Pathway graduate

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Mornington women get in touch



MORE than 70 women from Mornington Island recently got together for a touch football day. Mornington Shire Council worked with the community to bring together the first Remote Australia Women Touch Footy session (RAW Touch Footy) in the region.

Organiser Lucy Rogers said they'd only expected a handful of participants and were thrilled to have so many women turn up.

"The girls are deadly, clearly wanting the opportunity to have fun, laugh and participate in a healthy

lifestyle through sport, just as the men and children do," she said.

"We hope this will ultimately grow with strength and support, allowing these fiercely skilled ladies to take part regionally within the Australian touch football competitions like many other communities do."

The Queensland Touch Football Association is hoping to assist the Mornington Island team participate in the regional championships.

● **Pictured left: Participants at the Remote Australia Women Touch Footy session held recently on Mornington Island.**

Prince Harry will train with Norforce



PRINCE Harry will train with special forces and patrol the north with Aboriginal soldiers during his month-long secondment to the Australian Army beginning this week. Prince Harry, 30, who will be known as Captain Harry Wales, will be attached to units in Darwin, Perth and Sydney.

In Darwin, he'll head out with members of Norforce, the mostly Indigenous unit that patrols northern Australia.

In Sydney, the prince will join the Holsworthy-based 6th Aviation Regiment and will train on helicopter simulators and possibly take part in flying operations. – AAP

TSRA grant round closes on April 14



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) grant funding round for the 2015-16 financial year is due to close on April 14.

The TSRA is calling for applications from Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal organisations and individuals within the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area for grants for activities to be completed by July 31 next year.

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said the 2014-15 grants round attracted more than 40 applications of which 20 were successful.

For more information about TSRA grants, visit www.tsra.gov.au or phone (07) 4069 0700.

Program includes nine more agencies



THE Department of Human Services (DHS) is expanding its Indigenous Apprenticeships Program to a further nine federal public sector agencies.

The entry-level employment and development program will give permanent, full-time work and on-the-job training to more than 200 successful candidates.

It is being expanded to include the departments and offices of Defence, Immigration, Infrastructure and Regional Development, Social Services, Veterans' Affairs, Health, Environment, Austrade and Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Applications for apprenticeships, which close on April 22, may be lodged online at humanservices.gov.au/indigenousapprenticeships or call 1300 193 530.

NLC call for respect



THE Northern Land Council (NLC) says anti-fracking advocates should respect the right of Aboriginal people to decide their own destinies and how their land can be used.

NLC chief executive Joe Morrison was speaking after the Northern Territory Government approved petroleum exploration permits. He said Aboriginal people had been consulted about the permits and "had made up their own minds about them".

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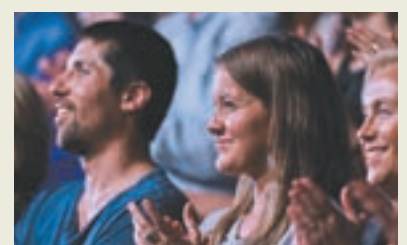
First, by 2055 the number of people aged 65 and over will double. At the same time, the ratio of potential workers to every older person is projected to nearly halve.

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To see Dr Karl's talk, and to form your own view, search **Challenge of Change**.



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Draft Soldiers Point Aboriginal Place Plan of Management



At its meeting of 24 March 2015, Council resolved to place on public exhibition for 42 days the draft Soldiers Point Aboriginal Place Plan of Management.

The draft Soldiers Point Aboriginal Place Plan of Management will be on exhibition from Wednesday 1 April to Friday 15 May 2015 at:

- Council's Administration Building, 116 Adelaide St Raymond Terrace (during normal business hours)
- Tomaree Library, Town Centre Circuit, Salamander Bay
- Council's website at www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au under "What's on Exhibition"

Submissions can be made to:

The General Manager, Port Stephens Council, PO Box 42 Raymond Terrace 2324 or via email at council@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Please quote PSC2012-02935.

Please note that a redacted version of your submission may be made public.

Your submission will be acknowledged within 7 days of receipt by Council. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact Sarah Eggers, Facilities and Services Projects Officer, on (02) 4980 0252 for further information.



Leading the way for better health: The Deadly La Pa Skipping Crew, back from left, Maui Mongta, Cruz Gurleyen, Christine Withers, Iesha Duckett, Kiani Duckett, Lakeisha Jarrett and Shauntai Jarrett. Front from left, Coolalia Holten, Jermane Cheung, Carmen-Lee Ingrey, Lateia Duckett and Tori Wood-Ella.

La Pa crew are deadly skippers



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THIRTEEN students from La Perouse Public School in southern Sydney have formed the Deadly La Pa Skipping Crew to show the value of exercise to other children, with help from the Heart Foundation.

The first Jump Rope for Heart outreach skipping demonstration team, the Deadly La Pa Skipping Crew was trained by the Heart Foundation in skipping drills and how to take care of their health with regular physical activity and a healthy diet.

Next month, the Heart Foundation will take the team travelling to schools in regional NSW. The goal is to help educate children about physical activity, healthy eating and heart health.

During the tour, the Deadly La Pa Skipping Crew will display their skipping routine and run skipping workshops with other students.

Launched last year in NSW, the outreach program builds on the 30-year history of the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart, taking the initiative to schools that have not been able to participate, including in regional areas and schools with high Indigenous populations.

Close the gap

Heart Foundation NSW chief executive Kerry Doyle said the outreach program and skipping demonstration team are part of the heart health charity's efforts to increase physical activity levels in children and close the gap in Aboriginal child health in NSW.

"Australian guidelines recommend children get a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity a day, but 70% of children do not meet these," she said.

"Some communities, including those with high Aboriginal populations, have

even poorer health outcomes than the general community.

"By teaming up with La Perouse Public School to form this skipping team, we have a new way of getting the physical activity message out there to kids who need to hear it most.

"We hope the outreach skipping team inspires other children and shows them that being healthy is achievable and, most of all, fun."

La Perouse Public School principal Dace Elletson said poor health and lack of physical activity were major issues for students.

"Being part of the outreach skipping team is an opportunity to boost our students' health and also their confidence," he said.

"They will be leaders in spreading healthy lifestyle messages to the La Perouse community and their peers in other parts of NSW."

The deadly La Pa skippers shows their moves.



Campaign to end violence



A depiction of Bidjigal warrior Pemulwuy. From the State Library of NSW Q80/18.

Museum honours resistance leader



AUSTRALIA'S first Aboriginal resistance leader, Bidjigal warrior Pemulwuy, is being honoured at the National Museum of Australia as part of its Defining Moments project, which explores key dates in the country's history over more than 50,000 years.

Pemulwuy fought the British at Sydney from 1792 by leading attacks on farms, burning crops and dispersing stock in an attempt to starve out the settlers. After surviving a number of battles, he was finally killed by settlers in June 1802, at the age of about 52.

The National Museum is working with the Ministry of the Arts Museums and Repatriation unit to research the whereabouts of Pemulwuy's remains. His body was dishonoured with the removal of his head, which was sent to the naturalist Joseph Banks in

England and never recovered. National Museum director Mathew Trinca said Pemulwuy was a hero to Aboriginal people.

"His daring leadership impressed enemies and comrades alike and the story of his concerted campaign of resistance against British colonists should be more widely known," he said.

Bidjigal Elder Vic Simms said, "What the museum is doing is so important for getting the history right about Pemulwuy as a Bidjigal man who resisted and rebelled against the settlers and stood up against them when they were giving blackfellas such a hard time."

Under the project, the National Museum is releasing online content for an initial list of 100 'Defining Moments' and is encouraging people to contribute their own ideas on historical dates of importance.

To participate, visit nma.gov.au/definingmoments



AN initiative by a Perth-based Aboriginal organisation is aiming to shine a light on the continuing impact of family violence on Aboriginal families and communities.

The Aboriginal Family Law Services (AFLS) of Western Australia recently launched the Ochre Ribbon Day campaign, a national awareness-raising initiative aimed at reducing family violence and its effects on Aboriginal people.

The AFLS is a legal and community education service for victims/survivors of family and domestic violence. Its legal team offers help with restraining orders, criminal injuries compensation, family law and child protection.

Chief executive Mary Cowley said AFLS decided to develop the campaign as part of ongoing efforts to prevent family violence.

"Last year a young woman died at the hands of her violent partner in one of our communities, and her family asked for our assistance. What stymied me was the lack of awareness at a national level for the loss felt by this family and so many others," Ms Cowley said.

"Change can only happen if we acknowledge what is happening out here in the communities."



Aboriginal Family Law Services (WA) chief executive Mary Cowley, National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services convenor Antoinette Braybrook and Legal Aid of WA director George Turnbull at the launch of Ochre Ribbon Day.

According to the WA Family and Domestic Fatality Review 2012-14, Aboriginal people are at a much greater risk of domestic violence-related deaths. It found:

- 46% of people who died in this period were Aboriginal despite being only 3% of the population; and

- 46% of fatal incidents occurred in regional or remote locations, while only 27% of WA's population is in these areas.

"The vision of this initiative is safety and wellbeing for everyone, an investment in the future of our children and our culture," Ms

Cowley said. "We need to keep our mothers safe and our fathers out of prison."

"And we need to prevent our women from being perpetrators too, perhaps out of retaliation."

February 12 has been identified as Ochre Ribbon Day and will be marked from 2016.

AFLS services are available in regional WA at Broome, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Kununurra, Port Hedland and Carnarvon. From these centres, legal and other staff provide outreach services to people in remote communities. For more information, call 1800 459 246.

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"It was an excellent supplement to my studies and granted me a much greater understanding of real world engineering."

Luke applied for the 2011 Woodside Graduate Program intake, and moved across country with his wife, to be a graduate engineer. Since completing the graduate program, Luke continues to work as a Woodside Project Engineer, delivering control systems, instrumentation and electrical projects.

Ebony Taylor

Ebony applied for the 2013 Woodside Graduate Program intake. Growing up in the southwest town of Busselton, Ebony moved to Perth and studied geology. Since accepting her offer Ebony has enjoyed working in different areas of the company as a Woodside graduate geologist.

Ebony's Woodside journey has taken her offshore on a drill ship and travelling around Australia and internationally for training and business. "I particularly enjoy being able to work on lots of different projects with locations all over the world."

Sharing her experiences with university and school students is highly rewarding. "I hope I can inspire students to consider geology, the oil and gas industry, and Woodside in their career aspirations so that they can experience the same fantastic opportunities that I have."

Geoff Drage

Geoff applied for the 2012 Woodside Graduate Program intake. Born in Geraldton, he moved to Perth at an early age and returned for his final year of high school. Geoff enrolled in Engineering at Curtin University of Technology and joined the Cadetship Program. This allowed him to "get his foot in the door" and start gaining valuable industry experience.

After graduating with a Degree in Mechanical Engineering, Geoff worked on a number of construction and commissioning projects throughout Australia before joining the Woodside Graduate Program. Geoff has worked in oil and gas production and project developments and continues to encourage others to go to university.

"I hope my experiences will inspire those who wish to take the extra step and gain a tertiary education because the opportunities out there are endless and it is only limited by how much effort you put in."

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Dialysis research papers.

What are you watching?
Home and Away and AFL games with Port Power.

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A lack of dialysis services in Aboriginal communities.

Who would you most like to meet?
Manu Feildel from the TV show *My Kitchen Rules*.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
(Former prime minister) Kevin Rudd, my family and friends.

If you could, what would you do to benefit Indigenous Australians?
I'd like to train Indigenous people in dialysis (dialysis), and support our mob in their own communities.

Quote



"My presence here today represents many firsts in this House... But it won't be the last time I stand to represent those in our community without a voice."

– Queensland Govt Minister Leeanne Enoch, who is a Quandamooka woman

● See Page 4

Unquote

Dishonesty and broken promises

THE Abbott Government is certainly proving adept at one thing: promising big and then not following through.

The results of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) funding process are a perfect example.

The Government promised Aboriginal community organisations would be looked after.

Not so.

The Government promised the bulk of the IAS funding would go to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.

Not what we're hearing.

And the Government promised it would listen properly to Indigenous people's concerns and work together.

Not a chance.

North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance chair Peter Yu has called the IAS process shambolic and unashamedly assimilationist.

"This is an ideological driven agenda that aims to shift people from their traditional lands and their cultural base. How else could you describe 70% of the successful applications going to non-Indigenous organisations and agencies?" he said.

It's a spot-on assessment and a really good question.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and 'Prime Minister for Indigenous Australians' Tony Abbott can repeat until they're blue in the face their same practised lines about how



the process is fair, transparent and aims to help – but repeating something false multiple times doesn't make it true. It's just childish and dishonest. A bit like making promises you never intend to keep.

How deadly are our female politicians? We've got stories this week about three Aboriginal female politicians in three different states standing up for their people.

In WA, a Bill introduced by Josie Farrer, a Gidja woman from the Kimberley, will see Aboriginal people recognised respectfully in that state (see story page 4).

In NSW, Wiradjuri woman and Labor MP Linda Burney has just been returned to her seat of Canterbury, which she's held for more than a decade (see story page 6).

And in Queensland, Quandamooka woman Leeanne Enoch has been made a minister and told Parliament about how she was inspired by an Elder she met while campaigning for stolen wages (see story page 4).

What great role models! Thank you sisters, for everything you do.

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A man with lots of reasons to smile



WA Elder Thomas Cameron:
"I can live in two worlds."

By MARK TAYLOR

THOMAS Cameron has plenty to smile about. He is the driving force behind the Littlewell Working Group, which has just reached a landmark Memorandum of Understanding with the Mingenew Shire Council in mid Western Australia over the creation of a heritage trail and oral history project.

The project will document and honour the lives of the Aboriginal people past and present who lived in the now-abandoned Littlewell Aboriginal Reserve, including Mr Cameron and his extended family.

The lives of the people who grew up on the reserve were a mix of hardship and happiness.

Born in Three Springs, about an hour south by car from the township Mingenew, Mr Cameron is a Wattandee, Badimia and Nhanagardi Elder. As a child, he experienced the harsh reality of growing up in makeshift community housing built by his jarmu (grandfather) Joe Cameron.

"We lived in humpies and we drank water out of a well, which was our water supply for 150 people," he said.

Mr Cameron never had air-conditioners or fridges and recalls making jelly and placing it on the roof overnight to set. There were no electric lights; the only light came from animal fat and a wick.

"As time progressed we graduated from humpies to a two-bedroom home which had one tap and running water for each of the 10 households. We had one toilet

and one wash house to share for 10 homes on our reserve," he said.

Life in the community may have been humble, but Mr Cameron looks back on that time as an important foundation for the survival and life skills he has today.

Mr Cameron has worked across many positions for the welfare of his countrymen, most recently for the Department of Housing and Centrelink in the remote township of Burringurrah. During his time there he often reported on the need for more housing by highlighting the issue of overcrowding.

"We had the land but we needed housing because the community was growing; people like coming to Burringurrah because of the lifestyle, because of the quiet bush setting of the environment," Mr Cameron said.

He also worked in child protection for 15 years across many town camps and has witnessed losses in his generation only to be repeated by the following generation. He is deeply concerned about what will become of the next generation if current needs are not met.

Right support

Mr Cameron believes that Aboriginal people in smaller communities like Burringurrah have a greater chance to survive and thrive if given the right support. He firmly believes that good housing is vital and he asserts that being remote shouldn't affect access to services provided in townships.

Born in the 1950s during the high summer, Thomas Cameron

grew up to be known as Thomas Bynder, until the death of his mum, who was his inspiration and aspiration. He then reverted to his birth name Thomas Cameron. Mr Cameron also carries his Aboriginal name Wyinga and his skin group Garrimarra and is the eldest of his eight brothers and six sisters.

"My father and all my uncles were shearers," he said.

"Farmhands, including me, began working at the age of 13."

During that time in Arrino in the WA mid-west, Mr Cameron had to eat his meals outside the farmer's home.

"There were so many jobs to do, we could be stump/stone-picking, wheat grading, shearing, sheep mustering, hay carting, ploughing, seeding," he said.

Mr Cameron recalls how all the young men would stick together through their early years, growing up and exploring the bush.

"We were never laying around at home. After school on our way home we would sit under a fig tree and have a feed," he said.

Weekends were full of adventures, often resulting in cowboy-and-indian-style fights, with the use of traditional hunting weaponry, loaded with tree nuts.

"We would go hunting for bush tucker, carnoos and bird shooting, also bimba (gums), quandongs, figs," Mr Cameron said.

"We would see how many times we could walk around Mingenew hill in a day. We would also go swimming in cement tanks at the footy ground and on our way home

from the drive-in we would go for a swim in a tank at the Mingenew bowling green.

"At night everyone sat around campfires telling yarns.

"Mum was always my biggest inspiration. She had always been there for my siblings and I. Mum made sure that we respected our Elders and made sure that we went to school. Mum also taught all of us about our culture and about bush tucker."

Mr Cameron's mum, just like her mum before, had been placed into state care and missions.

Two hats

From an early age, Mr Cameron was groomed to wear two hats, that of his traditional culture and the other, more institutional structures.

"We were taught about the Union Jack, Latin, French and about prayers and a God," he said.

Mr Cameron has carved an extraordinary life as a leader in community development.

"I can live in two worlds," he said. "I have that luxury, but I have had to because I have been kicked in the guts too many times, whether it has been with government policy or non-Indigenous people or even with Aboriginal people and, yes, our own people kick us in the guts sometimes.

"Being kicked in the guts and knocked to the ground can make you a hero, especially when you get up off the ground and have another crack at life."

It was the time that Mr Cameron spent on the land of his

countrymen to the north that helped him realise the value in protecting the heritage of his own land.

It was then that he, along with his countrymen Buddy Alone and Reg Brockman, decided to embark on the journey to create a heritage trail on the land where his family grew up.

Mr Cameron began investing real hours and kilometres, travelling across WA to meet with his countrymen and the local council.

Throughout the journey there has been the loss of many of his Elders.

Mr Cameron has proven himself a man among men, capturing the hearts of local councillors and volunteers with his vision for the Littlewell project.

The road to this point has been all but easy, and the next leg of the journey for Mr Cameron will be to secure financial support. He hopes that a funding application to Lotterywest will provide essential funding to get the development of the heritage trail and oral history project underway.

Mr Cameron would like to acknowledge Mingenew Shire Council and all the Littlewell mob for their positive input and for the opportunity to work together for common goals.

"At the end of the day it's always not about how much money we get for land, it's much more about the preservation of heritage, country, identity, culture past and present, stories and place of belonging. Money will never replace our Aboriginal Littlewell heritage," he said.

Outspoken and proud

By CATHY EATOCK

PAT Eatock passed away quietly on March 17 and though still reeling, I have agreed to write a vale because Pat had asked me to write about issues that, over recent months, had held her; to the end she had an opinion.

But before that, I first have to outline a brief background on what influenced her to be so outspoken.

Pat, as she preferred we call her, was keenly aware of our family history. Her grandmother Lucy is recorded in newspaper reports as the Aboriginal woman beaten down Glebe Point Road by police in the early 1930s, after she spoke on a box in The Domain surrounded by her seven sons, who all boxed in Jimmy Sharman's tents.

Two of those sons were jailed for political actions, noting their Aboriginality in the court proceedings, and three died or disappeared in suspicious circumstances, so Pat was raised in Brisbane with feelings of persecution, common for Murri families.

Pat took on the sense of community that had seen her father and his brothers sent to catch rabbits and collect blackberries for pies their mother handed out during the Depression. Pat, too, saw political activism as an extension of that communal responsibility.

Pat was the product of a difficult childhood, marred by intergenerational trauma and structural violence. Her father's mother was Kairi from central Queensland and his father was Gubbi Gubbi/Batchulla. Her mother, Elizabeth, was a Scottish immigrant who arrived in Australia aged 18, whose family disowned her when she married.

Pat, one of six children, recalled her father Dicky's bush skills, finding food when stranded for 10 days on Bribie Island after a family picnic when a cyclone prevented the ferry returning.

Pat also recalled being forced to sit at the front of the cinema and remembered her father arguing for their right to sit elsewhere and when the girls were called picaninnies. When Pat was five she was removed from school following a complaint of her Aboriginality. She was sent to the segregated



Proud moment: The late Pat Eatock celebrates outside the Federal Court in Melbourne in 2011 after winning the racial vilification case against News Ltd columnist Andrew Bolt. With her are her daughter Cathy (who wrote this tribute), and witnesses for the case Graham Atkinson, Wayne Atkinson and Geoff Clark.

Aboriginal playground, only to have passersby complain that a white child had climbed the fence and was playing with the Aboriginal kids.

By the time she was 26, Pat had five children under seven, with the youngest profoundly mentally disabled. As children, we could not enter the front yards of many of our neighbours. It was not until I was older that my mother explained that it was due to our Aboriginality.

One instance stands out in my memory, when my mother went house to house and rallied another two women in response to cries for help from the woman across the road, as her drunken husband again laid into her.

With brooms in hand, the three threatened to beat the crap out of him if they ever heard another sound – and they never did.

Pat travelled to Canberra to join the Aboriginal Embassy in early 1972 and kept

the baby, Amanda, warm in the winter cold by laying a puppy over the sleeping infant.

After getting a Government trainee position on the switch, Pat heard the plans for the police raid on the Embassy, so, risking a lengthy jail term, went to a phone booth to warn the Embassy. Pat locked arms with others as the police brutally dismantled the Embassy. Triumphantly they refused to let the tent or Aboriginal Embassy sign fall. Pat recalled how she'd been trampled by police but had drawn blood by biting police legs.

In August 1972, Pat stood as an independent Black Liberation candidate in the Federal elections in the ACT before becoming the first non-matriculated mature-age student at the Australian National University, graduating in 1977 at age 40.

In her later life she was proud to have brought (News Ltd columnist) Andrew Bolt to account through the *Racial Discrimination Act*

for his inaccurate and defamatory articles that vilified fair Kooris, inciting racial hatred. She pursued the case although doctors advised her not to travel. The successful legal action remained an immense source of pride for her.

In Pat's final months she spoke to me at length about proposed constitutional recognition, and although she didn't believe it would undermine rights to sovereignty, which are inalienable, it was impossible to consider recognition when the Government was ferociously attacking Aboriginal communities, first through the NT Intervention and then through the planned closure of some 150-200 Aboriginal communities.

Pat agreed on the need to assert our sovereignty. She believed we needed to discard the generic and imposed term 'Aboriginal', and rather than the term 'Terra Nullius' Pat argued for 'Terra Biami', and its original peoples as 'Biami', as in 'the peoples from the lands of Biami'.

Pat was passionate about distributing the Tindale map to every school and newspaper so the broader community was more aware of the diversity and number of nations that share these vast lands.

Her children drew overriding values from Pat. We learnt to judge things by the impact they had on the most vulnerable and on the impact on those yet born; that we are guardians for our future generations. She showed that a few people working together can make a difference!

We also learnt that we need to consciously work to overcome the intergenerational trauma that's resulted from the brutality of dispossession, which required de-colonising our minds and countering lateral violence.

While many knew Pat as a political figure, not everyone knew she also had a great sense of humour, leaving doctors smiling at one of her funnies, even after bad news. She was also merciless with young children in shopping centres, drawing the toddler/child and their hapless parents into long conversations.

While the loss of our family matriarch has left an irrevocable chasm in our lives, our memories of Pat will go on, stay on with us and guide us!

Fighter for her people

YORTA Yorta and Wemba Wemba Elder Aunty Walda Blow passed away peacefully on March 29.

Aunty Walda worked to deliver services supporting Aboriginal people for more than four decades. Born in Echuca in 1941, Walda grew up on Cummeragunja Mission. Her mother Hilda (née Day) passed away when Walda was only a few months old. Walda and her three brothers were cared for by their father Fred Walker and paternal grandparents Herbert Walker and Florence (née Hamilton).

Walda had many positive role models as a child, none more so than her beloved grandmother Florence – a woman not afraid to stand up for what was right, who once turned a hose on government officials threatening to take her grandchildren away.

Music was also a big part of Walda's childhood; her father played the piano and there was no shortage of singers in the family to accompany him. Walda attended schools at Cummeragunja and across the Murray River in Barmah. As a teenager, Walda moved to

Melbourne, taking jobs in factories and also working as a nurse. She later spent time with friends in Brisbane where, in 1962, she met Reg Blow, a Kombumerri and Gureng Gureng man from Rockhampton. The two married the following year, thus forming an enduring team that would go on to make a significant contribution to Aboriginal affairs in Victoria. After a period in Echuca, the couple eventually settled in Melbourne to raise their four children.

While living in Dandenong in 1970, Walda and Reg formed an association with others in the community to deliver housing, welfare and employment services to struggling Aboriginal families. It was incorporated as the Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative Society Ltd in 1975. When, in 1972, Reg secured government funding to set up a hostel for Aboriginal boys, the director of the Victorian Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs asked Walda to manage it. She managed Gunai Lodge, as it was named, for five successful years.

Walda followed her time at the hostel with an administrative role at Monash University's Aboriginal



The late Aunty Walda Blow

Research Centre. She went on to work as an Aboriginal liaison officer with the Uniting Church Synod for nine years, facilitating the handover of church properties to Aboriginal communities around Victoria. Seven properties were donated in this time, including the site of Berrimba Childcare Centre in Echuca. Walda was also involved with the church's

Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

In 1991, Walda was appointed manager of the Margaret Tucker Hostel in Fairfield, a role she remained in for the next 21 years. The hostel cares for vulnerable Aboriginal girls, providing them with a safe, nurturing and culturally respectful environment in which to heal and develop.

Walda was a mother figure and a mentor to the girls at the hostel, forging close relationships and teaching them about self-respect and resilience. To many in the community, she will always be synonymous with the Margaret Tucker Hostel.

Descended from a long line of women with great fortitude, Walda dedicated much of her life to empowering other women. In this spirit, she founded the Women's Interfaith Network Foundation. This organisation brings together women of different faiths and diverse backgrounds in an exchange of ideas, cultures and traditions.

Walda was an accomplished public speaker and delivered moving talks about the history of her people at forums in Australia,

America, Europe and Indonesia.

She contributed to the work of many organisations and committees, including the Aboriginal Advancement League, Elizabeth Hoffman House, NAIDOC and the Victorian and National Councils of Churches. She sat on the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation Council of Elders, representing the rights of the Yorta Yorta people over the waterways that run through their land.

Walda also participated in state and national campaigns to end homelessness. She did not shy away from fighting injustice, believing it to be the key to achieving equality.

In 2007, Aunty Walda was highly commended at the Robin Clark Memorial Awards and in 2012 she was inducted to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

She never sought recognition for her work, only the best outcomes for her people.

Her children and grandchildren were her real source of pride. Free of rancour, Aunty Walda promoted forgiveness and built partnerships in an effort to ensure that history never repeats itself.

Shame on Govt

SHAME on (Prime Minister) Tony Abbott's ultra-right, neo-conservative government for cutting legal services to any Australians who are at the bottom of the ladder in Australia – including the unemployed, the

battlers and Indigenous communities. These cuts will destroy valuable social justice infrastructure that has taken years to evolve, based on the sweat, equity and time

of many volunteers. What is the Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC) saying about these cuts, as the Government's peak advisory body on Indigenous affairs? What are the individual

members of the IAC saying publicly or doing to demonstrate their opposition to Tony Abbott's slashing of legal services to First Australians?

JOHN YOUNG
Sydney, NSW



Nuclear commitment welcome

AFTER more than 20 years of flawed and failed federal attempts to force a national nuclear waste dump on regional South Australia or the Northern Territory, the Federal Government's recent commitment not to impose radioactive waste storage on unwilling communities is both overdue and welcome.

The revised site nomination process announced by Industry Minister Ian Macfarlane

includes federal commitments to improve transparency and consider a number of alternative siting models. It is a significant improvement, but still a long way short of what is needed for a credible and lasting solution.

The fact that the Government is making any changes at all is a tribute to decades of sustained and successful Aboriginal efforts, most

recently at Muckaty in the NT, to protect communities and country from the threat of radioactive waste dumps.

Environment, public health, Indigenous and trade union groups have long called for an expert and independent inquiry into the full range of waste management options. To date this approach has been ignored in favour of a more limited, fast-tracked process.

This rush is neither necessary nor helpful. Most of Australia's existing radioactive waste is securely stored at two dedicated federal sites. Waste set to return to Australia from Europe later this year will be sent to the Lucas Heights facility for interim storage.

After so many years of getting this issue wrong, we now have the time to get it right. There are no compelling social or

technical reasons to rush a decision on an issue that demands the highest quality decision making.

Aboriginal and regional communities would do well to scrutinise the fine print and consider carefully as radioactive waste lasts a lot longer than any politician's promise.

DAVE SWEENEY
Australian
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POETRY

Ride to freedom

On February 15th 1965
A busload of students did arrive
Into Moree with placards, noise and
ugly scenes
The gungies, council officials and
loud screams.

The kids were excited going to the
pool
Treated like second-class citizens,
lazy fools
The Freedom Riders knew the
treatment of our race
They saw our sadness, poverty and
knew the disgrace.

Pelted with eggs their stamina was
put to the test
His drive to see change will be
among the best
The students showed courage,
staunch side by side
The locals were ready to recover
their Black pride.

Standing tall arm-in-arm, almost
proud
We had an audience, the noisy
crowd
Stompin at Maroubra was the song
of the day
Sung on the bus to the Mission all
the way.

The local mayor was not amused
Seeing the Big M in the world news
'The winds of change' were blowing
through
Fighting for rights for me and you.

The time for change was
abundantly clear
We could not wait another year
The young people are now pops
and grans
Remembering 50 years will be
grand.

The Arrernte Man will forever be
The man who bought The Freedom
Riders to Moree.

ZONA MOORE
Moree, NSW

Time To Reconstruct

How Long Will You Hold The
Aboriginals Hostage
To The Prejudices Of Your Mind
When You Look At Them With
Hateful Eyes
Then You Have Put Them In A Bind.

All They Have Ever Done
Was Try To Defend Their People
Their Families That Were Beaten
Then Slaughtered By Animals So
Evil.

Very Nasty You Have Been
To Black Women And Their Children
You Took Them From Their Men
And Their Futures You Have
Ruined.

How Can They Ever Be
Constructive
When There Is Such A Mess
And You Just Sit There Criticising
As In Mockery You Do Jest.

I Say Excavate Yourselves
Out Of Their Way Today
So They Can Rebuild Once More
And Have A Home Where They
Can Stay.

ABI DRABI
Sydney, NSW

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Burri's artworks to get an airing at Boomalli



PLEIN air (open air) artist Burri Jerome's artworks

are featured in a new exhibition at Boomalli entitled *Sacred Paths, Sacred Sites*.

"I would like the landscape to be recognised as an entity, as a personality," he said.

"I work towards the humanising of the landscape, an old tradition here. Old people talk about figures or personalities; I paint portraits of these personalities in the landscape."

Boomalli curators said Mr Jerome's works capture the ancient pathways and cultural catchment of his people.

"Burri Jerome brings the country to life with light and colour," they said. "His landscapes are breathtaking and are a continual portrayal of his love for nature."

"Burri's love for nature is wonderfully expressed through these ancient landscapes."

"The exhibition will take you on a journey through the country from the mountains to the creeks and his amazing display of light and colour will be awe-inspiring."

There will also be four exhibiting artists in the foyer and front galleries of Boomalli: Oral Roberts, Jo-Anne Driessens, Deborah Taylor and Brittany Hegedus.

Sacred Paths, Sacred Sites opens on Saturday, April 18, and runs until Sunday, May 24, at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative in Leichardt, Sydney.

● Pictured right: Artist Burri Jerome is staging an exhibition, *Sacred Paths, Sacred Sites*, at Boomalli in Leichardt, Sydney.



Funding restored to legal services



NATIONAL Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) and their mainstream counterparts have

welcomed the announcement by the Federal Attorney-General's Department that some funding cuts to the legal assistance sector have been reversed.

The cuts, which were due to take effect on July 1, will not proceed and the Federal Government instead will provide \$1.327 billion to the legal assistance sector, \$11.5 million of which will go to Indigenous legal services over the next two years.

NATSILS chairperson Shane Duffy said that while the announcement was welcome, there is still more work to be done to ensure adequate funding.

"We are thrilled to have received the news that the Abbott Government has taken the responsible step of reversing the announced cuts to legal assistance services," he said. "The services provided by our members are absolutely critical to assisting the most vulnerable members of society and we are very pleased the Government has recognised the value of them."

"The announcement means that we can get on with what we do best, which is providing culturally competent

legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"However, the Government also needs to know that the funding provided is not enough to meet the legal needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The Productivity Commission's recent report said \$200 million more was required just to address urgent need and we call upon the Government to take heed of this recommendation."

Mr Duffy said that he had been overwhelmed by the support that NATSILS and the ATSILS had

received from so many organisations within the legal and community service sectors.

"We are absolutely delighted that we, and our partner organisations, will be able to continue to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with the family, civil and criminal services they need," he said.

"This is a great result for society's most

disadvantaged and the justice system as a whole."

Other beneficiaries of the Government's about-face were the Legal Aid Commissions and Community Legal Centres, except for the Environmental Defenders Office, which will not receive any funds.

In announcing its change of heart, the Government cited the issue of domestic violence as the key driver.

"This is a great result for society's most disadvantaged and the justice system as a whole."

VICTORIAN
INDIGENOUS
ART
AWARDS
2015
10TH ANNIVERSARY

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Creative Victoria and Art Gallery of Ballarat invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists (born or living in Victoria) to submit artworks for the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards 2015, which profile the diversity of current Indigenous practice in Victoria and focus on the uniqueness of south-east Australian Aboriginal art.

Award categories include the \$30,000 Deadly Art Award and the Creative Victoria Peoples' Choice Award, as well as two \$5,000 Acquisitive Awards.

Entries close Tuesday 9 June

For more information and to enter, go to indigenousartawards.com.au

Enquiries: Art Gallery of Ballarat
03 5320 5858
artgal@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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 the nominated place below can be viewed at: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx>

Avoca Station Complex, 1122A Low Darling Road, Wentworth

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 5 May 2015.

If you have any questions please contact Harvey Johnston on (03) 5021 8914 or harvey.johnston@environment.nsw.gov.au

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(02) 9873 8500

Tjallara awarded housing contract



THE Aboriginal-owned Tjallara Building Company is one of four Broome businesses to be awarded West Kimberley housing construction contracts worth \$17.2 million. WA Housing Minister Colin Holt said the West Kimberley

Transitional Housing Program is part of a \$33 million State Government Royalties for Regions project that aims to build at least 60 homes in Broome and Derby.

"Participants will be provided with a new, high-standard rental home with access to support services and in return they must be in ongoing employment or training and their children must attend school."

The project follows on from the success of other housing projects within the region and Mr Holt said the State Department of Housing would contribute up to \$13 million worth of land for the program.

The houses will be completed in stages from mid-2015 to mid-2017.



A selection of clothing from the Kakadu Tiny Tots range.

Shark Tank interest in bub clothes

By MEGAN ALBANY



DESPITE only being a year old, a start-up business that features traditional Ngombur and Murrumburr artwork on baby's clothes has already attracted the attention of Channel Ten's reality TV show *Shark Tank*.

The company, Kakadu Tiny Tots, is based in Adelaide but originated from the Kakadu region of the Northern Territory. Kakadu traditional owner Kylie-Lee Bradford started the business to help her balance motherhood and work as well as promote the culture of which she is so proud.

Ms Bradford said the business has kept her much busier than she expected and that she had no idea a start-up business would even be considered by *Shark Tank*, a pitching competition to attract investment.

"When we applied, I honestly thought that being such a new business we wouldn't even have a chance of being on the show, so when they rang it was pretty exciting," she said. "I guess the fact that nobody had ever produced Aboriginal art on baby clothing before piqued their interest."

As with most reality TV shows, Ms Bradford is sworn to secrecy as to the outcome of her episode.

Apart from providing a job for herself, Ms Bradford said she

also designed the company as a way of sharing her culture, and the artwork of her mother and other Kakadu artists, with the world.

"My mum is a traditional owner from Kakadu and we have some really amazing artists there, and I really wanted to find a way to keep our culture and heritage alive and to find a really unique way that the whole world

along with artist Jacqueline Cahill, who is a full-time park ranger at Kakadu National Park.

While the failure rate for start-up businesses is high in the first 12 months of operation, Ms Bradford said mentoring, passion and a bit of luck has helped her to have a great first year.

"I had a business consultant through Indigenous Business Australia, Robb Gibbs, and he taught me that you have to be organised in business, be really structured and have goals," she said.

Having survived her first year in the competitive waters of start-up enterprise and swum with the 'sharks' from *Shark Tank*, Ms Bradford said she is hoping her experiences – good and bad – will help others to follow their passion.

"The two sharks that inspired me the most were John McGrath and Steve Baxter, as they both came from no money and really hard backgrounds and still succeeded," she said.

"My initial thoughts when I launched this business was to be able to work with young Aboriginal girls and boys to show them they can do this.

"I grew up out bush with nothing and it's not easy. You've got to work really hard, but it doesn't matter how many times you get knocked down, you just have to remember it's not personal, it's just business, and move on."

can share our culture by seeing it on their little babies," she said.

While the business operations take place out of Adelaide, where Ms Bradford now lives, all of the artwork continues to be designed in Kakadu by her mother Sheril Cahill, who is the head designer



Kylie-Lee Bradford with bub wearing a onesie from Kakadu Tiny Tots.

Department of Justice & Regulation

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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Family & Community Services

Applications Sought for the Western Sydney Aboriginal Cultural Inclusion Committee

FACS are seeking applications from Aboriginal people either residing in or working for Aboriginal organisations in Western Sydney to become a member of the Western Sydney Aboriginal Cultural Inclusion Committee.

The Committee is a Family and Community Services (FACS) initiative designed to break the cycle of disadvantage and achieve better outcomes for Aboriginal people living in Western Sydney.

The Committee will advise and consult to ensure Aboriginal people and communities have a voice in determining what FACS services are relevant to them and to create better outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Further information:

If you would like to know more about this Committee, or obtain a copy of the Terms of Reference, please contact: Theresa Ellis on (02) 9891 8364 or Winsome Matthews on (02) 9407 1660.

To apply:

Please forward your interest in being appointed to this Committee and how you satisfy the requirements for membership as outlined in the Terms of Reference to:

Expression of Interest
Aboriginal Cultural Inclusion Committee
Family and Community Services
PO Box 3004
Parramatta 2124

Closing date for applications is 29 April 2015.

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Forthcoming vacancies on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, is calling for applications from Victorian Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council.

What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (the Council) was created under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* and is the only statutory decision-making authority in Australia whose members are all Traditional Owners. The Council's purpose is to work with all Victorians for the protection and enjoyment of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The Council's principal functions involve:

- advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in Victoria
- making decisions regarding the appointment of Registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs)
- promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage

Five positions will become vacant by August 2015.

To be eligible to be a Council member you must:

- be resident in Victoria;
- demonstrate traditional or familial links to an area in Victoria;
- have extensive knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues in Victoria;
- have demonstrated the ability to provide advice on issues affecting Aboriginal Victorians; and
- have adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council.

Council members are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines.

Please send your written expression of interest, addressing the above criteria to:

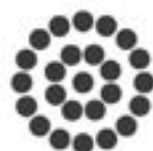
By post: The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria
Department of Premier and Cabinet
GPO Box 2392
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

By email: Aboriginalaffairs@dpc.vic.gov.au
By fax: (03) 9208 3292

Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm Monday 11 May 2015.

For further information, please telephone Maria Pizzi on (03) 9208 3280 or at maria.pizzi@dpc.vic.gov.au

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Call 13 11 14 for crisis support



Signing the Noongar Mia Mia grant certificate, from left, Kim Farmer, Noongar Mia Mia chairperson Daniel Morrison, Leeanne Caton, Gordon Cole, Terry Garlett and ILC chair Dr Dawn Casey.

Housing body right at home



PERTH Aboriginal public housing organisation Noongar Mia Mia recently celebrated being handed the title to its own home by the Indigenous Lands Corporation (ILC).

Noongar Mia Mia is an Aboriginal-owned and operated not-for-profit company which manages state housing properties for Indigenous people across Perth and, more recently, in Esperance.

It currently handles 74 properties housing more than 400 Indigenous people, with 450 more on its waiting list.

ILC chair Dr Dawn Casey said Noongar Mia Mia provides an essential service.

"The grant of the building, together with the launch of a new strategic plan, website and trading name, is the foundation for the next stage of Noongar Mia Mia's growth," she said. "This will lead to strategic partnerships to provide more housing, with greater opportunities for Indigenous people to own their own homes."

"Clients will be provided with training opportunities on topics such as achieving home ownership, financial literacy and basic home maintenance."

"As Noongar Mia Mia's housing stock expands, with a goal of managing 300 houses by 2018, it is also expected that an additional eight Indigenous people will be employed in full-time, part-time and trainee positions."

"This title handover is also a landmark for the ILC as 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of our creation, following the Mabo decision."

Noongar Mia Mia chairperson Daniel Morrison said taking the title deeds was a milestone.

"This goes a long way to assisting Noongar Mia Mia in achieving long-term and affordable accommodation and home ownership for our community," he said.

"I wish to acknowledge the determination of our board and staff in reaching their goal of owning their own office premises and I would like to thank



Langford Aboriginal Association manager Cassandra Ryder, chairperson Angela Ryder and Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Laurel Sellers.



Wayne Nannup, left, and Glen Kelly from the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council with Noongar Mia Mia director Kim Farmer.

the ILC for its continued commitment and support."

The ILC acquired the property on behalf of Noongar Mia Mia in 2011 for \$650,000 through the ILC's Land

Acquisition Program, with the ILC contributing an additional \$35,000 to building improvements in partnership with Noongar Mia Mia (\$150,000), and Lotterywest providing \$120,000 for fit out.



Noongar Elder Sealin Garlett and Noongar Mia Mia director Terry Garlett.



Noongar Mia Mia staff Julian Garlett, Jon Aytton and Kathryn Bowie.



Indigenous students from the Cyril Jackson High School hospitality course, from left, Che Cox, Harmony Cresdee and Kimberlee Aytton-Green.



Dennis Simmons and Marcio and Patrick Woodley provided entertainment.



Danny Ford was MC for the event.



Biripi (NSW) comedian Andy Saunders will host the Deadly Funny national final and showcase as part of the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Get set for some deadly comedy



DEADLY Funny, the only dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedy program in the country, is back with its biggest national final and showcase.

The competition unearths and recognises new talent from all over the country. This

year's Deadly Funny will be hosted by Andy Saunders (WhiteBLACKatcha) in Melbourne on April 18.

The showcase will include special guests Kevin Kropinyeri, Sean Choolburra, Shiralee Hood, Matt Ford, Mia Stanford and a special performance by Djuki Mala.

Supported by these guest

comedians, five heat winners selected from a series of workshops and heats in Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney and Brisbane will compete for a \$2000 cash prize and the title.

Some of Australia's most successful comedians including Dave O'Neil, Matt Okine and Sean Choolburra will offer up

tips and advice on how to develop performance techniques before the finalists take to the stage in front of a live audience.

Last year's Deadly Funny national final winner Stephanie Tisdell, who is in Britain testing the international comedy waters, said her experiences in the competition were fantastic.

"I had so much fun and got to interact with some amazing comedians," she said. "The competition affirmed to me my love for comedy and spurred me on to take things further."

Deadly Funny will be staged at the Famous Spiegeltent, Arts Centre, Melbourne, on Saturday, April 18, as part of the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

WA communities plan under attack



CUTTING off essential services in remote Aboriginal communities amounts to shutting them down, the Western Australian Opposition says. The Liberal-led WA Government insisted in Parliament last week that there would be no forced closures, but funding for some deemed very small and "unviable" would be cut, but residents could still choose to remain.

Opposition Aboriginal Affairs spokesman Ben Wyatt was unimpressed.

"You may not be shutting them down, but when you cut off the water, you cut off the power, you cut off the services which we all take for granted, you know what? You're closing them down," he said.

Mr Wyatt said clarity about the State Government's intent and criteria for reviewing the communities was urgently needed.

Respect was not being shown to Aboriginal leaders, and residents in the communities were fearful about their future, he said.

"I still don't know, and Aboriginal people in remote communities still don't know, the basis

on which those communities will be deemed a success or a failure," Mr Wyatt said.

He said Premier Colin Barnett had alienated himself from Aboriginal people with recent comments, at first blaming the review on federal funding cuts, then pointing to problems in the communities, including high rates of the sexually transmitted disease gonorrhoea.

"We're seeing different evidence presented on a daily basis," Mr Wyatt said.

"Nobody suggests that remote communities don't have their issues, whether it be overcrowding, whether it be health or education outcomes.

"Public slur campaign"

"What I'm critical of is what I view as the public slur campaign Mr Barnett's participated in ... clearly moving the goalposts upon which he's going to make decisions."

But Mr Barnett said the withdrawal of Commonwealth funding had triggered a wider debate about life in the communities, and that was not a bad thing.

"I didn't appreciate being called a racist," he

said. "I don't think that's fair or reasonable."

Mr Barnett, who was shouted down and shoved by a woman during a protest against the closures outside Parliament House last week, said he had warned the crowd that what he was about to tell them would be confronting.

"But it had to be said because the conditions in remote Aboriginal communities had improved little in decades," he said.

"I don't apologise for that – it's not going to win me any friends, it certainly won't win me any votes," Mr Barnett said.

"But it is my responsibility as Premier to make sure that children are safe, they go to school, have a good education and good health, and they have good prospects in life – that is what's driving me."

Mr Wyatt believes the Nationals could act as a circuit breaker in the debate.

"I hope that (WA National Leader) Terry Redman can exercise some of his leadership muscle within the Cabinet so that the Premier, to be frank, becomes a bit more sidelined," he said. – AAP

Cricketers score in WA raffle



THE Western Australian Aboriginal Cricket Council (WAACC) raised almost

\$3000 in the Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle. It was the first time the raffle had been held in WA and the team raised the seventh highest amount in the state.

All funds raised go into the clubs with the aim being to help grassroots cricket clubs.

The money WAACC raised will be used for new equipment, uniforms and assistance with fees as well as to start some new programs for Aboriginal players. Club members are also hoping to extend into regional areas and establish some female teams. WAACC now fields squads in several competitions, including the Imparja Cup.

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Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk at the Community Cabinet meeting with Palm Island councillors Eddie Walsh, mayor Alf Lacey and Frank Conway.

Community Cabinet told about issues

By ALF WILSON



SCORES of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were among hundreds who attended a Queensland Government Community Cabinet meeting in Townsville at Heatley High School's cyclone shelter building.

Earlier, Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk had fronted the media regarding the future of Cook MP Aboriginal man Billy Cook (see page 3).

North Queensland residents seen at the meeting by the *Koori Mail* included Agnes Tapim, Flo Salee, Angie Akee, Sandra Oui, Robert Oui and Donna Illin.

Forum

Their focus was on Indigenous issues, and during question time NAIDOC Person of the Year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood asked the Premier to sit down soon with Indigenous community leaders in a forum to discuss concerns.

Ms Palaszczuk said she would ask her Minister for North Queensland to organise such a meeting.

Two of the main issues generally at the community meeting were employment and health.

Palm Island mayor Alf Lacey and councillors Eddie Walsh and Frank Conway were there, along with about 30 other people from the North Queensland shire.

Cr Lacey spoke to Ms Palaszczuk and handed her a document about the economic future of Palm Island.



At the meeting, from left, are Angie Akee, Sandra Oui, Evelyn Haffner, Robert Oui and Donna Illin.



NAIDOC Person of the Year and north Queensland Aboriginal community leader Professor Gracelyn Smallwood with her brother Eddie Smallwood, who is the chairman of the Gudjuda Reference Group.

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Services 'key to health'



ACCORDING to the new Healthy Futures Report Card, Aboriginal community controlled health services continue to improve on key performance indicators in primary healthcare.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chairperson Matthew Cooke said Aboriginal-controlled services were key to closing the

gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous health outcomes.

"Aboriginal community controlled health services continue to be the best way to provide primary care to Aboriginal people and are making the biggest gains in closing the gap," he said.

"The recently released report card shows that Aboriginal community controlled health services continue to improve in all areas that measure good practice

in primary healthcare."

Mr Cooke said that culturally sensitive healthcare services were increasingly in demand in communities.

"Appropriate"

"Aboriginal people have shown time and time again that they prefer community controlled services because of the unique and culturally appropriate environment they provide," he said.

"Demand for these services is growing at an extremely high rate of 6% per year."

Mr Cooke said that preventative health programs as well as primary healthcare are needed to close the gap.

"Chronic disease is way out of proportion for Aboriginal people compared with other Australians," he said.

"We also need preventative programs which address risk factors for chronic disease, such

as programs that reduce smoking rates.

"Many of these core preventative programs fall under the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Indigenous Advancement Strategy and, unfortunately, it is not yet clear whether they will be approved.

"We're urging the Government to urgently provide funding certainty for these essential preventative programs."



The Wallaga Lake Mob sing their own rap song *No Shame*. They are, from left, Jason Bell, Kyle Foster, Harley Ladmore and Scott Parsons, with Warren Foster on drums.

Local talent takes to the stage at Wallaga

By LAURELLE PACEY



WALLAGA Lake Village community hall was packed to overflowing recently for a concert showcasing emerging local musical talent and what some remarkable people can achieve in four weeks.

The concert, on the NSW far south coast, was the culmination of a month-long project where more than 30 Indigenous kids from Wallaga and Bermagui, and a handful of adults, attended music and film workshops run by Grow the Music.

The project was funded by a grant from Arts NSW's Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund through South East Arts.

None of the participants had formal music training. They learned drums, bass, guitar, keyboard and singing with Grow the Music directors Lizzy Rutten and Emily White, who also worked with Little Yuin Preschool children.

Teenagers produced a short film celebrating their favourite places around Wallaga. Some were behind the camera.

The concert, in front of 300 people, was the first public performance for most, although some had a 'dress rehearsal' at Cobargo Folk Festival the previous weekend.

After a welcome to country and the Djaadjawan Dancers, the concert opened with some drumming by the kids, with a little acrobatics thrown in. Drummers were Shakira Parsons, Sierra Parsons, Beau Bell, Sinatra Leon-Naylor, Wandy Campbell, Jesse Thomas, Raymond Campbell, Marion Campbell, Jason Bell and Milo Campbell.

Several girls sang Alicia Keys' *This Girl is on Fire*, and others the Pink song *Just Give Me a Reason*.

Good turnout

MC and workshop participant Warren Foster Jnr (aka 'Foster the Kid') said it was great to see such a good turnout.

"It makes me proud. This is my home," he said. "There's so much talent."

Warren then demonstrated his new-found talent, singing *My Island Home*.

Four teenage boys sang their own

rap song *No Shame*, which guest musician Shellie Morris described as "awesome", before she performed a few songs with locals.

Grow the Music directors gave drum kits, guitars and a keyboard to the most committed participants.

South East Arts Aboriginal creative and cultural engagement officer Jasmin Williams hoped Grow the Music would return at three- to four-month intervals.

"Now these kids have instruments, we're also trying to organise ongoing music lessons for them using local musicians, and young Warren Foster and I will facilitate a weekly jam session," she said.

Grow the Music originated in the Kimberley region to provide creative programs for Aboriginal communities to develop self-expression, instil confidence and enrich lives. Similar programs are run across Australia.

Entertainment continued with experienced local musicians Warren Foster, CJ Leon as Black Elvis, Keene 'Bundy' Ballangarry and Natalie Bateman.

Literacy the goal of new WA book apps



TWO Western Australian Aboriginal picture books, *Mamang* and *Caterpillar and Butterfly*, have been transformed into computer apps by writingWA in a bid to develop better literacy.

The story of *Mamang* is available in Noongar and English, with options to either read along or read alone. An audio and written glossary also provides translations.

Mamang, written by Kim Scott, Iris Woods, Roma Winmar and the Wirlomin Noongar Language and Stories Project, captures the spiritual connection between the sea and the Wirlomin Noongar people. It was created to help preserve language and culture.

The book tells the story of a brave young man travelling the seas in the abdomen of a large mamang (whale). He squeezes the heart of the whale and sings an old song, which spurs the whale to take him on a special journey, transporting him far west of his home country, where his life is changed forever.

Caterpillar and Butterfly, written and illustrated by Ambelin Kwaymullina, from the Palyku people of WA's Pilbara region, is suitable for younger children. It is written in the tradition of Aboriginal teaching stories with simple, fable-like language. The app provides read-along and read-alone settings plus puzzles and games designed to aid memory, visual literacy and numeracy.

It tells the story of a caterpillar who lived alone and felt frightened by the huge world around her. Trapped and lonely in a prison of her own making, Caterpillar is crippled by her fears and unless she can find the strength to overcome them, she will never learn to truly live.

Ms Kwaymullina said the story was very close to her heart. "It tells of the power we all have to transform our realities, if only we are brave enough to do it," she said.

The apps are available for download from iTunes and Google Play for \$2.49 – search for 'Mamang' and 'Caterpillar and Butterfly'.



An image from the *Mamang* app, which tells the story in both Noongar and English.

TVGUIDE

8TH APRIL TO 21ST APRIL



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WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL

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12:30 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Burned Bridge M (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 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 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Living Black Special: Eye Of The Storm NC (Current Affairs)
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 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Contact PG (Documentary)
9:00 Kanyimipa Ngurrara G (Documentary)
9:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Inside Out: Indigenous Imprisonment PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 9TH 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 Inside Out: Indigenous Imprisonment PG (Documentary)
12:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
1:00 Contact PG (Documentary)
2:00 Kanyimipa Ngurrara 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 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Mangrook Footy Show NC (Entertainment)
9:00 Burned Bridge M (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 10TH 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 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 The Mangrook Footy Show NC (Entertainment)
12:30 Tribal Scent G (Documentary)
1:30 My Survival As An Aboriginal 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 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Fraser's Story G (Documentary)
8:30 Our Songs G (Entertainment)
9:00 Go Girls PG (Drama)
10:00 Seeking Salvation Part One PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Medicine Line PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

12:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
2:10 Queensland Murri Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's G (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: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)
11:00 Fusion PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The Mangrook Footy Show NC (Entertainment)
2:00 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
3:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
4:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Unearthed 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 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
8:30 Money Power Respect M (Documentary)
9:30 Get On The Bus M (Movie)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL

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 PG (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 Hyundai A-League: MELB v NEWC Live NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Living Black Special: Eye Of The Storm NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 Lurujari Dreaming G (Documentary)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:00 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Money Power Respect M (Documentary)
5:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 The Brush Sings G (Documentary)
7:30 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
8:00 Keeper G (Documentary)
8:30 Stockman's Strategy PG (Documentary)
9:30 Sunny And The Dark Horse PG (Movie)
11:00 The Dream Of Love Interview PG (Documentary)
11:50 Custodians G (Documentary)

MONDAY 13TH 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)
10:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Living Black Special: Eye Of The Storm NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Sunny And The Dark Horse 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 PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Sheltered G (Documentary)
8:00 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Blackstone M (Drama)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Documentary Series)
10:00 Arctic Air Series 3 M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 14TH 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 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Surviving PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Yarning Up PG (Documentary)
11:30 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
12:00 The Dream Of Love Interview PG (Documentary)
1:00 Constitutional Recognition PG (Documentary)
2:00 Sheltered 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 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Freedom Ride PG (Documentary)
8:30 The Dream of Love M (Documentary)
9:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 We Stop Here PG (Documentary)
10:00 Rugby League: Fox Memorial Shield 2014 NC (Sport)



WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

12:30 NITV News NC (News)
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)
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 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)
11:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Rugby League: Fox Memorial Shield 2014 NC (Sport)
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 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Will & The Skill G (Documentary)
8:00 Keeper G (Documentary)
8:30 Over The Edge M (Documentary)
9:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Toonoba Voices G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 16TH 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 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 The Will & The Skill G (Documentary)
12:30 Keeper G (Documentary)
1:00 Over The Edge (Documentary Series)
2:00 Toonoba Voices 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 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Mangrook Footy Show 2015 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 17TH 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 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Mangrook Footy Show 2015 (Entertainment)
12:30 My Survival As An Aboriginal PG (Documentary)
1:25 Alick Tipoti 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 The Medicine Line PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Mam Grook G (Documentary)
8:30 Our Songs PG (Entertainment)
9:00 Go Girls M (Drama)
10:00 Seeking Salvation Part Two PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Medicine Line PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

12:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
1:00 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Defining Moments PG (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)
9:00 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 Mangrook Footy Show 2015 (Entertainment)
2:00 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
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 Unearthed 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 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
8:30 Beauty G (Movie)
10:00 The New Black M (Documentary)
11:30 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

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 PG (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 Hyundai A-League: NEWC v SYD Live (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:00 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Mam Grook G (Documentary)
5:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Native Planet Series G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Colour Me PG (Documentary)
9:00 Deadly Thinking PG (Documentary)
9:30 Good Hair M (Movie)
11:15 Yorta Yorta Youth G (Documentary)

MONDAY 20TH 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 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 Te Kaea NC (News)
10:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 30th Anniversary Commonwealth Games PG (Documentary)
12:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Colour Me PG (Documentary)
2:00 Deadly Thinking 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 PG (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (Kids)
6:00 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
6:30 ANZACS: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Sheltered G (Documentary)
8:00 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Blackstone MA (Drama)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Documentary Series)
10:00 Black Music: An American (R)evolution PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 21ST 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 ANZACS: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Goin' Troppo In The Topo PG (Documentary)
11:30 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Eternity G (Documentary)
1:00 Postcards From Indigenous Taiwan G (Documentary)
2:00 Sheltered 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 ANZACS: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Northern Lights M (Documentary)
8:30 On The Edge PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black (Current Affairs)
9:30 A First Step G (Documentary)
10:00 Rugby League: Fox Memorial Shield 2014 NC (Sport)



Steven Davis has plenty of drive.



Royce McAlpine brushes up on good dental health.

Jarjums help to close gap



Nkai Smith and Hazron Roberts keeping busy at the Jarjum Centre Close the Gap event. Pictures: Tia Caldwell



LAST week Jarjum Centre Aboriginal preschool in Lismore, northern NSW, invited the Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre and local community to a Close the Gap event.

Jarjum Centre director Maurita Cavanough said that despite funding cuts to the preschool, it was important to celebrate.

"Despite the current political climate we still believe in closing the gap," she said.

"We have no choice as Aboriginal people and educators but to keep going and fighting for everything for our kids.

"It's a bit disheartening, but there's no other choice, except to try and raise awareness."

Kids and staff had a big day with face-painting, craft, music, brushing giant teeth and a healthy feed. Jarjums (which means children in Bundjalung languages) finished off the day with an Easter egg hunt.

"The kids loved it, we had a really good turn out, and it was really good to see lots of community support," Ms Cavanough said.

"Thanks to the rest of the community for making the day a success.

"The kids are resting now – it's the teachers who are tired!"



Kaliyah Cullinane.



Jada Keen and Lamarni Torrens.



Dakota Whipps enjoyed the day.



Mue-Ri Roberts enjoys playing in the Jarjum cars.



Lizzy Healy during the Close the Gap day in Lismore.



Jovan Williams.

Languages archive on show at major event



MORE than 450 minority language conservationists from around the world attended a four-day event in Hawaii to share theories and practices on preserving the world's endangered languages.

The Living Archive of Aboriginal Languages was showcased at the International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation. The archive is part of a major digital compilation

completed by researchers at the Northern Territory's Charles Darwin University (CDU).

CDU project manager Cathy Bow said the archive was unique in that it was publicly available online, allowing remote and urban communities as well as academics to access the resource.

"A big theme at the conference was considering ways to help people teach or learn languages," she said.

"We have the materials in the archive and will now look at ways to

give guidance to people who want to use the archive to help them learn the language or teach it."

Ms Bow said an offline app version of the archive has been developed to allow users to access the resource when the internet is not available.

The archive is part of a project aiming to preserve thousands of stories in more than 25 Indigenous languages as a resource for Indigenous communities, students, academics and the public to use and contribute to.



Project manager Cathy Bow demonstrated the Living Archive of Aboriginal Languages at the international event in Hawaii.



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Aboriginal Discovery rangers Shane Herrington and Talea Bulger give participants a hands-on cultural experience in the Blue Metal Travelling Stock Reserve, near Woomargama National Park.

A taste of culture during Parks Week



ABORIGINAL culture was front and centre when the NSW

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) recently celebrated Parks Week.

The week is a state-wide celebration which encourages people to participate in nature-based activities in their local national park and to learn about the importance of protecting landscape, native habitat and cultural sites.

As part of the Woomargama Parks celebrations in southern

NSW, NPWS Aboriginal Discovery rangers Shane Herrington and Talea Bulger offered a hands-on cultural experience.

Local residents, NPWS staff and Landcare groups gathered stringy bark to

learner took his partially-finished axe home and continued working on it all weekend we are told," Mr Herrington said.

"If they go on playing or working with those ideas after the event, like this

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The rangers also told participants of the many uses of the implements they had made.

"This is very

make strings and ropes as well as collecting rocks to fashion into stone tools such as axes.

"One keen young

rewarding because it means the activities capture young people's imaginations," Mr Herrington said.

NT leader upset at lack of outrage



THE lack of outrage by the community over the alleged rape of a seven-year-old Aboriginal girl reveals how normalised such abuse has become in central Australia, the

Northern Territory's Chief Minister says. The incident is said to have occurred on March 7 in a town camp outside Alice Springs, and a 29-year-old man, who was visiting the camp, was arrested and is being held without bail.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said the attack was the catalyst prompting him to call crisis talks for government agencies and service providers in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek to discuss the lack of safety and poor living conditions in the camps.

"If this happened to a blonde-haired blue-eyed little girl you would expect it to be more of a national issue than a young girl in Hidden Valley town camp," he said.

"Seeing the story come and gone in one day isn't a reflection on the media; to me it's a reflection on how normalised this is in the community and society, and I find that quite upsetting."

Mr Giles said he expected the Alice Springs community to be more outraged, but denied he was calling them racist for their perceived lack of interest.

Walter Shaw, the chief executive of Tangentyere Council, which oversees the Hidden Valley town camp, said it was excluded from the meeting.

"If he took the time to meet and talk with the Tangentyere Council executive, who are all town camp residents working to improve the lives of their fellow town campers, he



NT Chief Minister Adam Giles

would find we have been putting forward solutions around community safety for years, but they have fallen on deaf ears," Mr Shaw said.

Representatives of Hidden Valley town camp have been talking with Tangentyere about how to deal with unwanted visitors and increase the safety of residents in recent weeks, but Mr Shaw said government agencies such as housing, police and community services "decided at the last minute not to attend".

He said the meeting called by Mr Giles appeared to be motivated by politics rather than a real interest in improving the lives of town campers.

Town camps want the power to apply a whole-of-camp trespass order rather than for individual homes as a way of managing unwanted visitors, and to reduce the period visitors could stay in town camps from six weeks to two. — AAP

Lake Hyland hosts Apology gathering



Gunai Elder Colin Thomas speaks during the National Apology event at Lake Hyland.



STUDENTS from primary and secondary schools in the Morwell and Churchill region in northern Victoria joined with community

members and Elders for a special event organised by the Healing Foundation, Kurnai College and The Smith Family.

The event, at Lake Hyland, was to mark the anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations and to recognise its impact on the community.

Local Aboriginal woman Jean Morgan reflected on her experience and the

importance of commemorating and acknowledging former prime minister Kevin Rudd's apology as an important step in the healing process for people who have been directly affected.

The event also featured a range of cultural activities including a cultural walk and weaving lesson by Dr Doris Paton, and Gunai Dreamtime stories told by Hollie Johnson.

Participants were invited to leave a message to commemorate the day on a large canvas, which will be displayed on a rotational basis in local schools.

Warning on services for kids in care



THE head of one of Australia's best-known child welfare agencies says NSW urgently needs to provide better services for Aboriginal children in care. Louise Voight, who has been chief executive of Barnardos for 30 years, said that the lack of support for Aboriginal children and for their carers – usually overburdened grandmothers and aunts – was a matter of extreme concern.

"NSW needs to do better," she said, when finalising her evidence to a royal commission hearing examining out-of-home care (OOHC) for up to 50,000 children across Australia.

OOHC covers foster care, kinship care and small group residential care. It has replaced the large residential homes for children at risk.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is looking into how safe OOHC is for children. There have been 3639 reports of child abuse in OOHC in the past two years.

There are almost 20,000 children in care in NSW and 36% of them are Aboriginal, but only eight of 60 agencies providing OOHC in the state are Indigenous.

Ms Voight, who retires in July, said Aboriginal children in kinship care "have the very lowest of visitation (by caseworkers), the

very least opportunity for support and they have the greatest need for that".

She wants better services, not just for child sexual assault support but across all the standards – such as education and health – "because they are the most left-out group in NSW".

Ms Voight said Aboriginal carers, often in poor health themselves, "have very significant numbers of children that they are devotedly caring for because they want to keep them as part of the family".

Standards not being met

But the standards and support for kinship carers were not being met, she said. Care capacity for Aboriginal kids needed to be urgently built either in Indigenous or mainstream organisations.

Ms Voight also raised concerns that a carers register planned for NSW might have the effect of locking Aboriginal carers out of the system. The register, to start in July, is a centralised database of people who are authorised, or who apply for authorisation, to provide OOHC for children at risk.

One of the proposed checks for carers was that they had a clean driver's licence for 10 years, which Ms Voight said could turn away much-needed Aboriginal carers. – AAP



The Gumbi Gumbi Gardens at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba, on the Darling Downs.

Gumbi Gumbi Gardens win another award



THE University of Southern Queensland's (USQ) Gumbi Gumbi Gardens have been named overall champion at the Toowoomba Regional Council's Gold Leaf Awards for Excellence. The gardens took out top honours for most outstanding entry in urban design, heritage and environment.

The recipient of many awards since they were opened in October 2013, the gardens provide a story-like narration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions, customs, rituals and practices.

USQ vice-chancellor and president Professor Jan Thomas said the gardens help promote a greater understanding of First Australians and of the world's oldest continuing living cultures.

"The story of Australia begins many thousands of years before white settlement, and the symbolic plantings and architecture in the gardens are intended to promote greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions

through education and engagement," she said.

Located at USQ Toowoomba, the gardens were established through a partnership between local communities and the university as a place for reconciliation and healing, with the goal of promoting increased awareness, appreciation and understanding of Australia's Indigenous heritage.

Better understanding

Covering about 2ha, the gardens have plants traditionally used for food, implements and medicines, artwork by local Indigenous Australian artists, and features that help visitors to gain a better understanding of the First Peoples. There is also a fire pit, yarning circle and the end pool of the dry creek bed, seen as an important meeting place.

Named for a traditional medicinal plant used by Indigenous people, the Gumbi Gumbi Gardens have been designed based on the philosophy 'Let's look at where we've been, where we are going and through education make the journey together'.



USQ vice-chancellor and president Professor Jan Thomas, Elder Darby McCarthy and garden designers Mary and David Kearney with the latest award. Picture: Toowoomba Regional Council

New centre to target better health



IMPROVING the life expectancy of Indigenous Australians will be among the priorities for a new research centre in Brisbane.

A \$10 million donation from Sydney couple Greg Poche and Kay van Norton Poche has helped establish the Poche Indigenous Health Centre at the University of Queensland (UQ), which has just opened.

Similar centres have been established at

universities in Sydney, Melbourne, Western Australia, Adelaide and Alice Springs.

"Improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians is one of our nation's biggest challenges," Mr Poche said.

The 11-year health and life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians was unacceptable, he said. About 80% of the gap can be attributed to chronic disease.

The new centre is ideally placed, given

38% of the state's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population live in south-east Queensland, UQ's Professor Cindy Shannon says.

"The visibility of Indigenous peoples and understanding of their needs in urban settings is often very poor," she said.

Researchers will work with community organisations and health providers, UQ vice-chancellor Peter Hoj said.

"It will train and grow a stronger workforce in Indigenous health, increase

the number of Indigenous Australian health discipline graduates and translate research into improved health promotion and service delivery models," Prof Hoj said.

The centre will also work with Mater Health Services, the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Council and the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health.

Mr Poche is the founder and former owner of logistics company Star Track Express. — AAP

Forum told of dangers posed by the drug ice

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE biggest problem for health practitioners dealing with the drug ice is not knowing how many people are using it and where, nurse educator Jennifer Brazier says.

"And the even bigger thing is that people do not realise how addictive this substance is," she told the fourth annual Sex Essentials forum organised by the Cairns Sexual Health Service.

Nurses, doctors, youth workers, justice groups, school- and jail-based workers and people who work with young people at risk in far north Queensland came together for the one-day event, held in Cairns.

Clinical nurse consultant Simon Doyle-Adams said Sex Essentials was part of ongoing education for workers in the field from Cairns to Cape York.

"We have hard-hitting, very informative sessions in between fairly light-hearted material. We have a lot of humour, lots of creative space, so people can feel comfortable," he said.

"The whole idea is it's fun, lively, informative and hopefully getting people on board to be involved in aspects of sexual health."

Ms Brazier said far north Queensland had already had people as young as 20 with heart problems as a result of using ice.

"Damaging"

"They do not realise how dangerous this substance is and how damaging this substance is to them, in the short term and the long term," she said.

"Basically, if you use it twice a week you will become dependant on it — there's no ifs, no buts.

"And it can actually have long-term, damaging effects on your body — ones that take years to even try and get over, if you can get over them.

"If somebody takes it when they're pregnant, the damage to the baby is permanent.

"These are the kind of messages we really need to be getting out. To actually say how much is out there, I don't think anybody knows.

"All we know is what we've seen coming through the door with different services that are actually helping people that are at risk."

Ms Brazier said her role was to ensure workers were as informed as they could be.

"And so, my presentation to Sex Essentials was about the good, the bad and the ugly of ice," she said.

"Obviously the good is that people take it because they like taking it, and that's basically where it ends.

"But the bad and the ugly is all the harms that actually get done, physically and psychologically and within their families when they actually take it."

Spiking

Ms Brazier said she had a lot of feedback from her presentation, including that dealers were now spiking less harmful drugs, such as cannabis, with ice to get people hooked.

"There's lots of reported stuff, even up in the Cape at the moment, but the trouble is how do you actually find out this is the whole thing — unless you got a client that walks through the door and actually says to you 'I'm using', you don't really know exactly how much is actually out there, so that's a big problem," she said.

A graduation ceremony was held at the end of the forum for 10 health workers who had completed their Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice, making them eligible for Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority registration.

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital Health Service cluster coordinator Norma Lukies said as health practitioners, graduates now had more scope to work alone.

"As a health worker, we work alongside the nurses and support the nurses; as a health practitioner, we work alone," she said.

"And so, that's actually going to build our workforce and give a lot more opportunity for our community people coming in to our primary healthcare centres as well as some of the smaller community centres."

Members of the 'Around the Campfire' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker panel at the forum in Cairns.



Forum participants Aaron Selsby, Nicky Newley-Guivarra and Norma Lukies.

Truth be told, it's thought-provoking



WIRADJURI (NSW) artist Amala Groom has a reputation for telling it like it is. The social justice advocate, artist and

filmmaker, whose first production credit was NITV's *B is for Boong* in 2014, has participated in eight United Nations forums and used her art to air her views.

Now she is again using creativity to express her political stance.

Her installation *Ceremony* (2014), fuses Indigenous and Christian symbolism to comment on contemporary Australian politics and race relations and is part of a new exhibition titled *Tell Me My Truth*.

The exhibition features eight newly commissioned and existing works and brings together Australian and international artists from Indonesia, Germany and the United States.

Other exhibiting artists include Simon

Fujiwara (Berlin), Helen Grace (Sydney), FX Harsono (Jakarta), He Xiangyu (Beijing), James Newitt (Tasmania), Tony Schwensen (Boston) and John von Sturmer (Sydney).

Tell Me My Truth is the second exhibition installment of *Mass Group Incident*, a five-month multi-stage project at the 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art.

"We are proud to present these artists and significant works in Australia," 4A director Aaron Seeto said.

"4A continues to lead an expanded discussion of how artists reflect our social and cultural environments. *Tell Me My Truth* looks to the ways in which our immediate realities, and those things which we hold true, are mediated by tools of their representation."

The exhibition runs until May 16 at 181-187 Hay Street, Sydney. Visit www.4a.com.au for details.



Amala Groom's installation *Ceremony*, which features in *Tell Me My Truth*.



Thaylia, the NSW winner of the Alukura songwriting competition.

Winners are Alice-bound



EIGHT Aboriginal female singer-songwriters from around Australia will be flown to Alice Springs this month

after winning the Alukura songwriting competition.

Run by CAAMA Music, the awards are designed to recognise and promote Indigenous female singers and songwriters. The name Alukura means 'women' in the Arrernte language of central Australia.

This year's winners are Donna Velia Woods (Hobart, Tasmania), Kelsey Strasek-Barker (Gold Coast, Qld), Alice Anderson (Horsham, Victoria), Thalia Skopellos (Sydney, NSW), Rebecca Gollan (Northaven, SA), Kristal West (Brisbane, Qld), Mandy Garling (Darwin, NT) and Dora Smith (Broome, WA).

All will have 10 days of songwriting workshops, music industry mentoring and

recording at the CAAMA studios in Alice Springs.

"We were really impressed by the amazing musical talent out there. The world will be hearing all about these artists really soon," CAAMA Music manager Micheal 'Miko' Smith said.

The winners range in age and experience, with some at the early stages of their musical careers. One such is Alice Anderson, a

own culture," she said.

The NSW winner is Thalia Skopellos (artist name Thaylia), from Sydney, who is studying a Bachelor of Music and last year released her single *Hope*, which went to number one on the AMRAP music chart for three weeks.

"I am truly humbled and excited about this experience. Not only is it an important opportunity

musically, it will also be beautiful to finally visit Alice Springs for the first time and connect to land and culture," she said.

All winners will have workshops with Sydney duo The Stiff Gins, and each will

also record a song in CAAMA Music's new studio, to be included on a compilation album released later in the year.

The trip will also include a night sleeping under the stars in swags on the West MacDonnell Ranges, as well as a cultural and musical exchange with the community of Hermannsburg/Ntaria.

"The world will be hearing all about these artists really soon."

19-year-old Wergaia woman from Horsham in Victoria, who has only basic knowledge of the recording process.

"But when it comes to music I am always ready for a challenge and believe there is always something new to learn, and I am absolutely honoured to learn through talented people of my

Celebrating Tjampitjinpa



AN exhibition celebrating the 40-year career of leading Aboriginal artist

Ronnie Tjampitjinpa has opened at the Art Gallery of NSW.

Continuing until November 1, the exhibition features paintings and prints from the gallery's collection, including major acquisition *Tingari dreaming at Wilkinkarra 2008*, as well as works from private collections.

Tracing the development of Tjampitjinpa's practice, the

exhibition showcases the Western Desert man's contribution to Australian art. It features his early paintings that are marked by Tingari (songlines) iconography and subtle colouration, alongside his more recent vivid works.

Pintupi artist Tjampitjinpa was one of the youngest men to begin painting at Papunya in 1971, and one of the founders of the influential Papunya Tula Artists group. Under the tutelage of artist Uta Uta Tjangala, and with the encouragement of

school teacher Geoffrey Bardon, Tjampitjinpa shared stories of his distant homelands through his artworks.

Tjampitjinpa has received a number of awards, including the 1988 Alice Prize. His first solo exhibition was held at Gallery Gabriella Pizzi, Melbourne, in 1989, and his work was included in *Dreaming* at the Asia Society Gallery, New York, in 1988 and *Australian Perspecta* in 1993.

For more information visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/exhibitions/

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B2M are right at *Home*



FRESH from their WA country tour, B2M

(Bathurst to Melville) have just launch their debut album *Home*.

The band members (pictured) are Tiwi men who write, sing and perform music about the issues they face.

B2M played in front of more than 4000 people supporting Tina Arena at Darwin Festival earlier this year.

Band members said the WA tour was a great experience. Highlights included a 300-plus audience in Exmouth as well as holding workshops for schools along the way.

More details are at skinnyfishmusic.com.au



WA art will be revealed



WORKS by more than 200 emerging Western Australian Aboriginal artists will be on show at the Perth Cultural Centre starting next week.

WA Arts Minister John Day said the fourth *Revealed: Emerging Aboriginal Artists from Western Australia* exhibition will include works from 25 regional Aboriginal art centres.

"Works inspired by stories of culture and land will be on display in Perth from artists all across the state, some as far away as Bidjandanga, south of Broome, and the Gibson Desert," he said.

A market will be held in the Urban Orchard at the Perth Cultural Centre on April 18, as well as the exhibition at the Central Institute of Technology's gallery.

"The market is an opportunity for people to buy artworks directly from the artists and art centres in a friendly, informal atmosphere," Mr Day said.

"*Revealed* promotes and supports WA Aboriginal culture and artists while giving Perth audiences a chance to view vibrant original works."

Revealed coordinator Tim Acker said the initiative included a symposium, professional development activities and an arts worker program.

"Visiting artists and staff will



Some of the artworks to feature at this month's *Revealed: Emerging Aboriginal Artists from Western Australia* exhibition.

participate in professional development while they are in Perth to learn, share achievements and meet with industry specialists," he said.

Revealed is a five-part project comprising the exhibition, symposium, market place, professional development and arts

worker program.

The *Revealed* art market is from noon on April 18 at the Urban Orchard, Perth Cultural Centre, Northbridge. The exhibition, from April 18 to May 9, is at Gallery Central, Central Institute of Technology, 12 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge.

Kate Howarth memoir sequel's *Day* has come



FOR half a decade, many people have been waiting to find out what happened to the

woman who was left homeless at the end of Kate Howarth's first memoir *Ten Hail Marys*.

Now, five years on, they can finally read the rest of Howarth's autobiographical story. *Settling Day* is the sequel to the highly acclaimed *Age* Non-fiction 2010 Book of the Year, which focussed attention on the practice of forced adoption in the 1950s and 60s.

Settling Day tells the story of a teenage Howarth, who is forced to leave the son she fought so hard to keep, unaware that she will not see him again for 14 years.

Alone and broke, Howarth transforms herself, becoming the director of one of Australia's biggest recruitment firms.

She gives birth to a daughter and amasses a fortune but, always unlucky in love, loses it all in a legal battle. Determined to reunite her family, Howarth is once again forced to rebuild her life.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to the author about what it is like to write so honestly about such a painful past.

"Being Aboriginal, story-telling is part of our lives, but

after I finished *Ten Hail Marys* I didn't think I had another story left in me," she said.

"I felt I'd moved on and didn't think I needed to face those old ghosts."

"Then I kept getting reviews and letters all echoing the same sentiment that they hoped there'd be a sequel and in the end I felt I had a duty to give them the rest of the story."

"Part of my journey after I was left destitute and homeless was to also achieve my dream of becoming a

writer, so I guess it was fate."

Howarth said writing an "honest story" about your own life presents unique challenges. "It was painful certainly, but it was also cathartic and healing," she said.

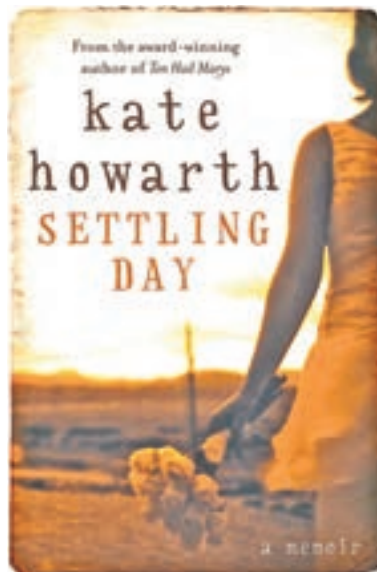
"When I was writing the sequel I came to understand a lot of the confusion I had about things that had

happened in my life and also to recognise why I made such poor decisions in my private life while I could clearly make sound decisions in business."

"I finally realised why I kept repeating the same mistake over and over again and how things that happened to me as a child had affected me."

Settling Day is published by University of Queensland Press.

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Author Kate Howarth and her memoir *Settling Day*, a sequel to the award-winning *Ten Hail Marys*.

Record year for Qld



STATE Education Minister Kate Jones says 2014 was the best year ever for Indigenous state school students in Queensland.

The recently released 2014 Year 12 Outcomes Report by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority showed

almost 91% of 2014 Year 12 students received a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Ms Jones said Indigenous students in state schools recorded a 20% rise in Year 12 completions, achieving an 82% QCE success rate, with 57% of eligible students receiving an Overall Position (OP) 1 to 15.

"Almost 1800 Indigenous

students completed Year 12 in Queensland state schools, up 300 from 2013," she said.

"Reducing gap"

"The proportion of Indigenous state school students achieving a QCE rose from 72.8% to 82.4%, significantly reducing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous QCE attainment from

14.3% in 2013 to 8.3% in 2014."

Students completing a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT) also rose from 5445 in 2013 (11.4%) to 6631 in 2014 (13.5%).

Ms Jones said the report showed that Indigenous and other students had made significant improvements across the board.

"Overall the number of

students receiving a QCE rose to 44,760, a 2.3% increase on the proportion of students who achieved the Certificate in 2013," she said.

"In addition, more than 20% of Queensland students received a vocational education and training certificate III or higher while completing their senior schooling. This represents 10,230 students."

Indigenous students get down to business



A NEW Bachelor of Business Administration course at UTS Business School has taken on its first class of Indigenous

students. The executive-style course is primarily for business administrators, managers, emerging leaders and aspiring executives from the private sector, the public sector and community-based organisations.

Students range in age from their 20s through to their 50s, with backgrounds as diverse as government and the mining industry.

The executive-style program is taught in residential mode, with students attending classes at UTS for three six-day blocks each semester, with the flexibility to study while continuing to work and balance other responsibilities.

Kumanjii Hill, from Busselton in the south of Western Australia, has years of experience on major infrastructure projects, and is seeking to step up into a more senior management position.

"I have the experience but I don't have that formal qualification, that piece of paper," he said.

Challenge

As part of their studies, the students work on projects designed to challenge, consolidate and deepen their understanding of how core business functions interrelate and are applied in workplace and business settings.

"Students learn how a multi-disciplinary perspective can be used to address economic, financial and social issues," says UTS Business School associate dean (teaching and learning), Associate Professor Chris Bajada.

The program, the equivalent of three years of full-time study, covers the core functions of management and business administration, giving students the opportunity to explore various divisions and responsibilities and how to operate effectively in a global business environment.

"This program has been deliberately set up so students take part in collaborative study with other Indigenous people who are business administrators, managers and leaders in their own right," Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning director Professor Michael McDaniel said.

For more information about the business course, visit www.uts.edu.au/future-students/



She's on track for a career in health



KASHAUNICA Stanley has big plans for a career in health care.

The 19-year-old Cherbourg woman has taken a major step towards that goal, becoming one of the first students to enrol in the Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care qualification program being run through TAFE Queensland South West in Cherbourg (Nurunderi).

"I think it's a good stepping stone to becoming a nurse and midwife, and also for understanding how to better the health and wellbeing of family, friends and my community, Cherbourg," Miss Stanley said.

Nurunderi TAFE is offering the course using block training throughout the year, with training fees and learning resources costs paid for by the Queensland Department of Education and Training.

Cherbourg Community Health manager Christine Stewart welcomed the new training opportunity.

"The course being offered in Cherbourg is a great advantage to the community. I encourage as many young people as possible to complete their studies in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care with TAFE in Nurunderi," she said.

Eligible students who live outside of Cherbourg are being encouraged to contact ABSTUDY, which may be able to assist with associated costs to complete the qualification, such as travel and accommodation.

For more information, contact TAFE in Nurunderi on (07) 4179 6899 or email southwest@tafe.qld.edu.au

● Pictured: Kashaunica Stanley is excited to begin her fully-funded Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care qualification.

Minister wants kids in kindy



IT'S not too late for Aboriginal parents to enrol their children for kindergarten. That's the message from Victoria's Minister for Families Jenny Mikalos, who was supporting a campaign to get more Victorian Aboriginal children into kindergarten.

The campaign is in response to statistics showing that Aboriginal children are under-represented in Victorian preschools, with 79.6% participating in kindergarten for

four-year-olds, compared with 96.4% of children statewide.

"With term one (over), parents may think it's too late to enrol their child in free kindergarten, but the fact is it's not," Ms Mikalos said.

Build abilities

The minister says kindergarten is a key step in a child's life and is proven to build learning abilities as well as communication, emotional and social skills.

Aboriginal parents are being encouraged

to talk with their child's kindergarten teacher about how culture and beliefs can be included in their child's learning. Aboriginal families can enrol their children in 15 hours a week of free kindergarten by contacting their local Aboriginal engagement support officer.

"There are kindergarten places available across the state for Aboriginal children at no cost, and I am committed to working with local councils and services to enrol as many children as soon as possible," Ms Mikalos said.



Trainee Sian Dooley addressing the audience at last year's graduation.

Degree delivers for medallist



FOR Aboriginal woman and inaugural Tom Calma medallist Karel

Williams, graduating with a Bachelor of Midwifery from the University of Canberra and working as a registered midwife is the realisation of a lifelong ambition.

After working in the public service for many years, the mother of four said she never stopped wondering what it would have been like to be a midwife. When the University of Canberra offered a Bachelor of Midwifery degree in 2009 she applied and was accepted into the first intake.

"I have always found the whole process of pregnancy and birth fascinating. I have wanted to be a midwife since I was at school, but there were life events that prevented me from pursuing this goal," she said.

Ms Williams, whose previous career included stints at the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre and the Australian Public Service in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy and program areas, said the degree offered the right combination of practice and theory.

"We worked with women right from the beginning of the course, attending their antenatal and postnatal visits as well as their births, and undertaking rostered practice in a range of hospital and community settings," she said.

"Supporting women and their families through this period was and continues to be a privilege."

The Tom Calma Medal is awarded in honour of the university's first Indigenous chancellor to a graduating Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who has achieved outstanding academic results while making a valuable contribution to the university or wider community.

In her second year, Ms



Canberra University chancellor Tom Calma with Karel Williams, who won the inaugural Tom Calma Medal for her efforts achieving a degree in midwifery.

Williams, whose mother is a Wybra woman from south-east Tasmania and her father an Arrernte/Warumungu man from central Australia, did a placement at the Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service in Narrabundah. There she worked with Aboriginal women offering antenatal and postnatal care and returned to the service in her third year where she provided supervised continuity of care to a number of women throughout their pregnancy, during labour and following birth.

"It was really important for me to be able to work with women in my community and they told me this made a great

deal of difference," she said.

"Having an Aboriginal midwife who they were familiar with helped them to feel safe and made their experiences better and special for them. It was really special for me, too."

Graduate

Ms Williams has started work as a graduate midwife at Canberra's Centenary Hospital for Women and Children, where she will spend the next several months working in the Canberra Midwifery Program at the birth centre.

Her long-term goal is to work with Indigenous women and their families, saying

there is a need for more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals.

"The challenges in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health are multiple and complex and need to be addressed in a holistic way, and increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals in the workforce is just one of the ways we can begin to address this," she said.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander midwifery workforce, for example, needs to be increased almost fivefold to achieve parity, according to the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives."

Trainee intakes in the west



WESTERN Australia's Public Sector Commission is preparing for new intakes under its Aboriginal traineeship program.

The traineeship program was established to employ up to 200 Indigenous youth across the WA public sector as part of the commission's Aboriginal employment strategy.

Since 2012, five metropolitan intakes have placed 116 young Aboriginal people in public sector positions to undertake a 12-month traineeship, with the possibility of ongoing employment at the completion of the qualification.

WA's Royalties for Regions scheme partly funds the inclusion of regional-based trainees, six of whom graduated in 2013 and eight last year.

At last year's graduation, 21 young Indigenous people received their Certificate II or III in Government qualification. That ceremony was attended by program facilitators, host agency supervisors and the trainees' family members.

WA Public Sector commissioner Mal Wauchope and Central Institute of Technology managing director Neil Fernandes presented the certificates.

Mr Wauchope congratulated the students for "embracing the challenges of the program", and thanked the Aboriginal employment team for "achieving long-term sustainable employment outcomes for most trainees".

Graduating trainee Sian Dooley spoke about her traineeship with Legal Aid WA and praised the support provided by her supervisor and the commission's traineeship program team.

"My amazing colleagues went above and beyond to ensure I got the most out of this opportunity," she said. "I am delighted Legal Aid WA has kept me on as a client services officer in their dispute resolutions team."

Better hearing is Ngarrama goal



Ngarrama Hearing coordinator Gemma Stevens checks the hearing of student Hayden Lacey.



THE number of schools involved in a new healthy hearing program in Brisbane has more than doubled in just a few months.

The Ngarrama program for Indigenous students in Queensland's Metro North Hospital and Health Service area

aims to ensure the young have healthy hearing as they grow.

Ngarrama Hearing coordinator Gemma Stevens said only four schools were originally involved in the program.

"I now have nine schools out of the 20 in Metro North with the highest population of Indigenous students," she said.

Ms Stevens recently visited Deception Bay North State School to conduct a hearing workshop for the students.

"The program involves visiting the schools and screening the students," she said.

"I also discuss with the students how to look after their ears, why they need to have them checked, to let their

parents/carers know if their ears are sore, and what they should do if they can't hear the teacher in class. The students are reviewed three months after the initial screening and a report is provided to the school for their parents."

Ms Stevens said she is passionate about closing the health gap between Indigenous

and other youth.

"The biggest health issues I see for Indigenous children are hearing, oral health, hygiene and mental health/behavioural issues," she said. "The hearing health program will play a large role in improving their hearing."

For further information, contact Ngarrama Child Health on (07) 3492 1829.

Sugary drink fears



DIABETES Queensland has called for urgent action after new data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics showed Indigenous teenagers are drinking more than a litre of sugary drinks a day.

The findings, which showed that teens are drinking 1.2 litres of soft drink each day, also revealed that up to 41% of Indigenous people's daily eating was discretionary or 'junk' food. It also found that only 8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were meeting the recommended daily intake of vegetables.

Diabetes Qld chief executive Michelle Trute said the new data underlined the need for urgent action to address type 2 diabetes in Indigenous communities.

"The new data shows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, like the rest of Australia, are consuming 'junk' foods and sugary drinks far too much, too often," she said.

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"This is helping drive the type 2 diabetes epidemic that is devastating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia.

"Sugary drinks have absolutely no nutritional value and are a major contributor to unhealthy weight gain leading to becoming overweight and obese."

Ms Trute said her organisation was also concerned about some of the other trends revealed by the data.

"Type 2 diabetes is a major factor in the 10-year difference in life expectancy

between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and, if we are serious about closing that gap, addressing diabetes in Indigenous communities has to be a priority."

Ms Trute acknowledged that poverty in Indigenous communities was a driver when it came to food choices.

"Currently, foods high in saturated fats and sugars are often the cheapest foods. We need to make healthy foods cheaper, while supporting people to better understand the nutritional value of the foods they eat," she said.

"We have previously called for all levels of government to support serious, community-wide interventions to increase the availability, affordability and consumption of fresh foods and clean water as well as reducing the availability of sugary drinks and discretionary foods."

Ms Trute said Diabetes Qld would also like to see a greater focus on preventing young people from developing the condition.

"We would like to see an increased focus on young people and teenagers to help break the intergenerational cycle of type 2 diabetes and inspire better community outcomes from the ground up," she said.

"We'd like to see all levels of government investing in evidence-based programs targeting 'at-risk' young people.

"We believe young people can be agents of change and spread the word about healthy living in their communities."



MDAS general manager of family services Cassie Atchison with MDAS manager of prevention and early intervention Andy Charles outside the MVAC Time Out Centre at Robinvale, northern Victoria, where the services will be based.

MDAS to run key services at Robinvale



MALLEE District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) is providing key family services programs

to the Indigenous community at Robinvale for the next year. MDAS has started recruiting for eight staff who will operate the family services from Murray Valley Aboriginal Cooperative's (MVAC) Time Out Centre (men's business) building.

"This is a partnership with the Robinvale community to fill the void in terms of services provided under contract from the Department of Human Services," MDAS general manager of family services Cassie Atchison said.

"These are critical services and our priority is to ensure that they continue at Robinvale. We have agreed to provide the services for the next 12 months while work continues around finding a long-

term solution for the community."

Services to be provided by MDAS at Robinvale include Time Out, integrated family services, advocacy and referral, youth justice, kinship care and Aboriginal family-led decision-making.

MVAC chief executive Steve Bowden said the community welcomed the assurance that the important services would be maintained at Robinvale.

"What I am hearing from community is good feedback – that they are happy MDAS is helping out and that the services are still here," he said.

"MVAC is focussing on resolving the accreditation issues in the next 12 months. Mildura is just down the road, so geographically I think it will work and I would like to thank MDAS for putting up its hand and ensuring the Robinvale community has the services it needs."

Far west gap 'is closing'



A NEW report by the Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation shows significant improvements in the

health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and young people in far western NSW.

Maari Ma chief executive Bob Davis said the report is an important indicator for all service providers in the region about the work being done to close the gap for Aboriginal children.

In 2009, Maari Ma started its Early Years Project, which aimed to improve aspects of early childhood development such as literacy, language, emotional wellbeing and social development.

"When we started the Early Years Project we published the first report in this series, bringing together all the data related to children, and in particular Aboriginal children and their families, so we could monitor whether our work was having an impact," Mr Davis said.

"Five years on, we are starting to see some positive movements. There is still a long way to go, but Maari Ma is in this for the long haul.

"I am pleased to see the rate of Aboriginal women smoking in pregnancy is dropping (down from 78% in the first report to 45% in the latest report).

"While this is still unacceptably high,



"Five years on, we are starting to see some positive movements. There is still a long way to go, but Maari Ma is in this for the long haul."

– Maari Ma chief executive Bob Davis

it is a significant shift in the right direction."

The report also showed improvements in other areas including child safety, with the number of Aboriginal children as victims of crime dropping from 72 per 1000 in the first report to 23 per 1000.

Children's dental health was also shown to have improved, with the number of decayed, missing or filled permanent teeth decreasing and the proportion of children with decay now matching state rates.

"I believe this report, and the series going forward, will be an invaluable legacy documenting the work that we are doing, in conjunction with other service providers and in partnership with our Aboriginal communities, to truly close the gap for our kids," Mr Davis said.

"Improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and young people is something we all want to see happen as soon as possible."

Copies of the latest report are available at www.maarima.com.au

Cape students are making good choices



STUDENTS from across Cape York have hit the books to get educated about how their choices can help them enjoy a healthy lifestyle and prevent chronic disease.

The students, from Weipa, Pormpuraaw, Kowanyama, Cooktown, Aurukun, Mapoon and the Torres Strait Islands, recently completed a six-week Deadly Choices Healthy Lifestyles after-school program run through Apunipima Cape York Health Council.

The program aims to inform Indigenous youth about making healthy choices for themselves and their families, including stopping smoking, eating good food and exercising daily.

Apunipima health promotion officer Andrew Packer said the Deadly Choices initiative played an important role in teaching young men about healthy choices.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men have the poorest health outcomes in the country," he said.

"Here at Apunipima, we're committed to empowering our Cape York communities to make healthy lifestyle choices and live longer."

Surveys covering the program showed an increase in the students' awareness around chronic disease, physical activity and smoking. Each participant also had a general health check.

"Knowledge will give these students the power to make healthy choices," Mr Packer said. "If we can instil positive health messages in these young adults now, their future will be much brighter. We hope to run a similar program with the female students later in the year."

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please keep them short and to the point, and include a contact telephone number for checking purposes. Items can be sent 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

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal Driver Training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 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

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 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



Members of Moogahlin Performing Arts on stage in their play *My Fella My Story*.

Workshops on offer for would-be actors



FREE weekend workshops are being offered to Aboriginal people interested in learning acting.

The workshops, in the NSW central-western city of Dubbo, are being run through the Orana Arts Aboriginal theatre project *Staging Stories*.

They will be conducted by Frederick

Copperwaite (*Gods of Wheat Street*) and Lily Shearer, who are Aboriginal actors from Moogahlin Performing Arts.

Staging Stories aims to help Aboriginal people share their stories through writing and performance. It is open to Aboriginal people aged over 16 interested in taking part in writing, acting and directing workshops and masterclasses.

While based in Dubbo, the project is open to anyone in regional NSW. Small travel subsidies are available for individuals outside the Orana Arts region.

The workshops will be held in the Yarradamarra Centre at the Dubbo TAFE campus on April 11-12, May 16-17 and June 13-14. More details at www.oranaarts.com.au/

Islander people to join the permanent firefighter ranks. Details: Aboriginal Learning Circle TAFE SWSI on (02) 9825 7333.

Until May 10: *Survivors* exhibition. It features photographs and recorded oral histories from Wellington's Elders and 'Elders-in-waiting' about their lives growing up at Naniima Mission, Wellington, the oldest continually run mission in Australia. Held at Western Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingewarra St, Dubbo, from 2pm. Free. Details: (02) 6801 4444 or visit www.westernplainsculturecentre.org

Until May 10: *Aboriginal Prints from Near and Far* exhibition. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton, Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

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 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 11-14: Cementa 15 arts festival. More than 60 contemporary artists from Sydney

and regional NSW will participate. Held at venues around the town of Kandos, NSW. Details: Alex Wisser on 0413 555 860 or email info@cementa.com.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

April 18-May 24: *Sacred Paths, Sacred Sites* exhibition opening. Featuring works by artist Burri Jerome, capturing the ancient pathways and culture of his people. Also includes four exhibiting artists in the foyer and front galleries – Oral Roberts, Jo-Anne Driessens, Deborah Taylor and Brittany Hegedus. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

April 19-26: Frontier Wars storytelling camp. Invitation to all with a Frontier War story to tell or who wants to listen to come, camp and share stories around a sacred fire. Includes the Anzac Day march from 11am. Held at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, Old Parliament House Lawns,

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Canberra. Details: Shane Mortimer on 0423 377 369 or Graeme Dunstan on 0407 951 688 or Ghillar Michael Anderson on 0427 292 492.

April 22: Centenary of Anzac Day event at Taree High School, 8 Albert St, Taree, from 10am. Details: Jaycent Davis on (02) 6552 1166 or 0455 063 374.

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 the Koorie Heritage Trust has called home for the past 12 years. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St, 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.

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

April 15-May 2: *Beautiful One Day* – 2015 Victorian tour. A theatrical documentary about Palm Island in north Queensland. Held at venues around Melbourne as well as Bairnsdale, Ballarat and Dandenong. Details: Ilbjerri Theatre Company on (03) 9329 9097 or email info@ilbjerri.com.au or visit www.ilbjerri.com.au

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 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

Darwin 'divas' to get their chance

By TIA CALDWELL



SALTWATER Divas, a three-day music program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, will be held at Darwin's LAUNCH Festival for National Youth Week this month.

Run by MUSICNT, the Saltwater Divas program is for Indigenous girls and women who have an interest in singing, songwriting and those who would like to build their skills and confidence in musical performance.

The program aims to showcase the talents of participants from the Darwin region and give them a taste of the music industry, with some of Australia's leading

Indigenous performers as their mentors.

Saltwater Divas starts with workshops this Friday and Saturday, April 10-11, at Brown's Mart Courtyard. They will focus on stage-craft, performance technique, song structure and vocal coaching.

The Divas showcase, open to all, will be held on Saturday, April 11, from 7pm at Happy Yess.

Confidence

Organiser Milyika Scales said Saltwater Divas, based on the successful Desert Divas, Barkly Divas and Sista Sounds programs, aims to give participants confidence and encourage them to be proud of their talents and have no shame.

"There were no opportunities for

Aboriginal women to learn or perform music, so we wanted to provide that opportunity for them," she said.

It is also hoped that the participants will make friends who share the same interests and dreams.

Saltwater Divas is free and open to Indigenous females over the age of 12.

Women and girls who have written or co-written songs are encouraged to apply.

Interested women who do not have a song are also encouraged to attend a preparation workshop with Mandy Garling. For more info on these workshops email mandy.garling@nt.catholic.edu.au

For more information on Saltwater Divas and to register, go to www.musicnt.com.au/saltwaterdivas

Shannen Cubis
performing at last
year's Saltwater Divas
Showcase in Darwin.

Until May 10: *String Theory* exhibition, looking at the ways in which fibre and art come together in a contemporary context. Held at Cairns Regional Gallery, cnr Abbott and Shields Streets, Cairns, 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 Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details on (07) 3842 9084.

Until May 28: 'Ready, Read and Run' with Scott Prince. This free early literacy program is held over eight sessions in school terms one and two for children aged 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 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.

April 18: Woorabinda Festival. Includes music, culture, dance, art gallery, touch football, kids activities and more. Held at Woorabinda Sports Complex, Woorabinda, from noon to midnight. Free entry. Details: Stephen Collins on (07) 4935 0613 or 0477 355 550.

April 21: 'Recognise? Raising awareness of the fight for recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution' night by the fire. Held at Talking Circle,

Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library, Stanley Pl, South Brisbane, from 6.30-7.30pm. Free, bookings required. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or email kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au

April 21 and 25: *The Boys from Barambah* exhibition and *Cherbourg Anzacs on Display*. Two events being held in celebration and commemoration of the role of Black Diggers from one small Queensland community.

Held at the Ration Shed Museum, Cherbourg. Free event. Details: Eric Law on 0422 167 545 or Sandra Morgan on (07) 4169 5753 or email rationshed@bigpond.com

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 St, 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 Hwy, Crawley, Tues-Sat 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 6488 3707 or visit www.lwgallery.uwa.edu.au

April 18-May 19: *Revealed* exhibition. Featuring works inspired by stories of culture and land by more than 200 emerging Western Australian Aboriginal artists.

Held at Gallery Central, Central Institute of Technology, 12 Aberdeen St, Northbridge, Mon-Fri 10am-4.45pm and Sat, noon-4pm. Free entry. Details: Nicolle Jenkins on 0409 667 892 or email nicolle@thehub.net.au

April 18: *Revealed* art market place. Part of the *Revealed* exhibition, the market is an opportunity to buy artworks directly from the artists and art centres in an informal atmosphere. Held at the Urban Orchard, Perth Cultural Centre, Northbridge, from noon to 7pm. Details: Nicolle Jenkins on 0409 667 892.

Employment

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The graduates with Jobfind and David Liddiard Group officials.

Reason to celebrate



ELEVEN young Indigenous jobseekers who graduated from a pre-employment program last year have passed the key milestone of six months' employment in hospitality roles at catering venues.

Government employment service provider Jobfind partnered with the David Liddiard Group last July to place Indigenous jobseekers into

employment. The partnership focusses on overcoming barriers associated with Indigenous employment as well as harnessing the strengths and goals of individuals.

The success was celebrated recently at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence in Sydney.

Jobfind recruited the participants for the program, with help from other employment service providers across Sydney

and the NSW Central Coast. Most jobseekers had been struggling to find work because of their limited job skills and work experience, coupled with issues including domestic violence, alcohol abuse and a lack of language and literacy skills.

"Issues"

"The myriad of issues that comprise the physical, financial and emotional barriers for many Aboriginal people seeking to

enter the workforce needs a structured and consistent approach from Aboriginal mentors who are there to give advice and implement practical solutions so that work can become the focus," David Liddiard, a former professional rugby league player, said.

"The real success of this program, in terms of retention, is definitely the result of the intensive pre-employment program and the 24/7 mentoring

that assists each recruit."

The David Liddiard Group specialises in tailoring Indigenous recruitment and employment programs across Australia. In partnership with organisations such as Pindarra and William Angliss Institute Sydney, these programs develop job skills and life skills training in conjunction with mentoring support that leads to sustainable employment outcomes.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Newly created Management Roles

- Hunter
- Central & Mid North Coast

The Benevolent Society provides a range of child, family and community programs for the local community. To better meet the needs of our clients we have created the following new positions:

- **Area Manager - Hunter - Upper and Lower Hunter and the Port Stephens area**
- **Area Manager - Central and Mid North Coast**

Reporting to the Regional Director, you will be responsible for the development and performance of these services to deliver outcomes focused, strengths based practice within a resilience framework. You will be actively involved in community engagement and developing networks with all relevant partners including the local Aboriginal Community.

- **Team Leader – Mid North Coast**
- **Team Leader – Central Coast Community Programs**
- **Child & Family Practitioner**

If you want to be part of a progressive organisation with a focus on continuous improvement in early intervention, child development and community development, then one of these roles is for you.

The Benevolent Society actively encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to apply. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural competence is a requirement of these roles.

To find out more about these positions please go to our website under job vacancies: www.benevolent.org.au Email applications and enquiries to CCHMNC@recruitment.org.au by 9am Monday 13th April 2015 clearly stating your preference for role or call Marnie Easson on 0402 097 399

www.benevolent.org.au

Department of Justice & Regulation

Senior Clinician (Identified) Social Worker / Psychologist



- **Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place**
- **Corrections Victoria, Gippsland Region**
- **Full time, ongoing, AH4: \$85,215 - \$103,103 plus superannuation**

Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place is a statewide residential diversionary program for Aboriginal men, located in the Gippsland region near the town of Yarram. The Senior Clinician is required to provide high-level advice on the implementation of culturally responsive clinical services and oversee the successful implementation of the Which Way Together Model - a holistic model supporting residents 'coming in', 'working it out' and 'going out'.

As our ideal candidate you will possess:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori Community

- Demonstrated knowledge of the reducing re-offending literature and previous experience in offending behaviour assessment and intervention.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information on this position and to submit your application please visit careers.vic.gov.au.

Applications close 19 April 2015.



Office of Environment & Heritage

Joint Management Coordinator (Aboriginal)

**Broken Hill
Clerk Grade 7/8**

**Temporary, Full-time (ASAP up to 12 months)
Vacancy Ref: OEH 155-15**

Annual Salary from \$85,868 p.a – \$95,050 p.a

The Aboriginal Heritage and Joint Management Co-ordinator (AHJMC) will provide essential liaison, advice and support across the state between Aboriginal communities and Parks and Wildlife Group (PWG).

To apply: For this position applicants must obtain the role description which is located on Jobs.nsw.gov.au website.

Inquiries: William Bates on 0427 666 071 or John Holcombe on (08) 8080 3206

Information Packages contact: John Holcombe on (08) 8080 3206 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications are to be lodged online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. If you experience difficulties applying online please contact (02) 9585 6635 during business hours for assistance.

Applications Close: Wednesday, 6 May 2015, (11.59pm)



Indigenous Family Support Worker 14 hours per week – SCHADS 4

Tweed Valley Women's Service is currently seeking an experienced Family Support Worker to join our creative and dynamic Indigenous team in Murwillumbah. The purpose of this role is to provide culturally informed support, advocacy, case management and education to families that seek to enhance resilience of families and safety of children. The support activities will be provided to families involved in the Kids Caring for Country activities based in Murwillumbah.

Applications close 12 noon Friday 17th April 2015. No late applications will be considered. All applications can be:

1. Faxed to 02 66725279 marked confidential
2. Posted to PO Box 407, Murwillumbah, 2484
3. Emailed to manager@tswomen.org.au

This is an Indigenous specified position, which requires proof of aboriginality. Please contact Carol Graham on info@tswomen.org.au or 02 66724188 for a position description and application package. All applications MUST address the selection criteria.

Tweed Valley Women's Service is a dynamic and creative service based in the Tweed Shire. We provide a range of resources, education and services that increase safety and wellbeing of women and their families.

For further information please contact Tracy Asby, Executive Officer on 02 66724188.

CAREERS AT CSU

Manager, Indigenous Student Centres Office for Students

- Full-time, Fixed Term (2 years)
- Level 8 - \$86,912 to \$98,498 pa. (plus 17% Superannuation)
- Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Orange or Wagga Wagga

The Office for Students are seeking a Manager to lead their Indigenous Student Centres, who facilitate Indigenous students' experiences of CSU. Practice excellence is the key to these Centres, facilitating positive Indigenous student experiences that enhance students' capacity to succeed. The Indigenous Student Centres work in close collaboration with Faculties to engage with all Indigenous students, irrespective of their mode of study (i.e. Distance, blended, on campus), in six locations: Albury Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Goulburn, Port Macquarie and Wagga Wagga.

As the successful applicant, you will be responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of services targeted at facilitating CSU's Indigenous students' successful participation and engagement with their higher education experience. You will lead a team that effectively engages with all Indigenous students, irrespective of their mode of study, and work collaboratively with Faculty and Divisions to enhance CSU practice with Indigenous students. You will also be responsible for working collectively (through events, activities and strategies) to facilitate the adoption on campus, and at distance, of practice that raises awareness of Indigenous students and their needs, and that supports culturally appropriate practice by all staff

This is an identified position and applications are sought from Indigenous Australians pursuant to Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Applicants are expected to apply online and address the selection criteria listed in the position description.

Applications close 19th April 2015.

www.csu.edu.au/jobs



**PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
KIAH PRESCHOOL, MOREE**

1x Practice Coordinator 1x Early Childhood Teacher

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation, are seeking to recruit a full time Practice Coordinator based in Clinic and a full time Early Childhood Teacher for Kiah Preschool.

For an information package: including selection criteria and position description please contact Mrs Kim Connors, Administration Officer on (02) 6752 1099 or email admin@piusx.com.au

Written applications including detailed resume, letter of application and names of referees should be marked **"Confidential"** and be addressed to the CEO, Pius X Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 363, MOREE NSW 2400.

Applications will be received by Friday 17th April 2015.

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke free work environment. Relevant Criminal and Working with Children Checks will be conducted.

NOWRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Aboriginal Identified
(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)**

The Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the NLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson Christine Gallagher, 4423 3163 or 0432 114 123.

Applications can be forwarded to nowralalc@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

**The Chairperson
Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 528
Nowra NSW 2541**

Applications close Friday 8th May 2015.

Australian General Practice Training

Applications for the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program open on Monday 13 April 10.00am (AEST*) for medical doctors who wish to specialise in a career in general practice and/or rural and remote medicine in Australia.

What is AGPT?

The AGPT program delivers the vocational training program of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP). Training commences in early 2016.

What do we offer?

- Regionally-based flexible training
- Dynamic, team-based medicine
- Access to a salary while you train
- Financial incentives for eligible doctors

Successful applicants will train towards a fellowship of ACRRM and/or RACGP which leads to specialist (general practitioner) registration.

Interested?

Visit the AGPT website (agpt.com.au) and download the 2016 Applicant Guide, which contains detailed information on eligibility and how to apply.

For Further Information

Email: AGPTSelection@health.gov.au or phone AGPT Selection on 1800 DR AGPT (37 2478) Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm (AEST*). Doctors of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin are encouraged to apply.

Note: Applicants must be Australian or New Zealand permanent residents or citizens to apply and hold general medical registration with the M.B.A

Applications Close

10.00am (AEST*) Friday 8 May 2015.

*Australian Eastern Standard Time



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Department of Health**

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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.

Sound like you?

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.



CIRCUS OZ INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMING MANAGER

The International Programming Manager is responsible for seeking and securing international performing work for Circus Oz. The role requires a person with a developed network of relevant presenter contacts, high-level negotiation skills and a deep understanding of live performing arts. The role will involve international and national travel and will require an ability to work evenings and weekends.

For full job description and contact details go to www.circusoz.com/employment.

Applications close: Monday 13th April, 2015.

Circus Oz is an equal employment opportunity employer.



MANAGER Mt. Isa Recovery Services Centre

PROGRAM DIRECTOR Normanton Recovery Service centre

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We also offer attractive pay and leave provisions, as well as other benefits to help promote work-life balance.

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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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Department of Education and Training

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING 2016 GRADUATE PROGRAMME

CANBERRA, ACT

There may be positions in some State Office locations.

SALARY: \$59,400

ONGOING | FULL TIME

CLOSING DATE: 27 APRIL 2015 17:00 (AEST)

Have you recently graduated from University or will you graduate before February 2016? Do you want to contribute to closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage?

The Department of Education and Training is seeking enthusiastic and talented graduates to join our department's graduate programme.

You will meet a great group of like-minded people and develop the skills you need to launch your career in the Australian Public Service.

Successful applicants will work with us to deliver national policies and programmes that help all Australians access quality and affordable education.

Our department supports and embraces all elements of diversity, with a focus on people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the mature aged.

Want more information or to apply?

Visit us at www.education.gov.au/departments-education-graduate-programme



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Indigenous Apprenticeships Programme

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.

We offer opportunities across several Government departments in regional and some city locations. You will receive on the job training while working full time and earning a good salary.

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.

Applications close on 22 April 2015.

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.



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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Aboriginal Targeted Position
Penrith Radio Operations Centre, Radio Operations Group,
Operational Communications & Information Command, Penrith
Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Full-time
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003JOS

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 position of Administrative Support Officer provides administrative and clerical support in the delivery of financial, personnel and human resource services to the Penrith Radio Operations Centre and Radio Operations Group.

This position provides a wide range of executive, administrative and clerical functions to support the Commander of the Centre.

Job Notes:

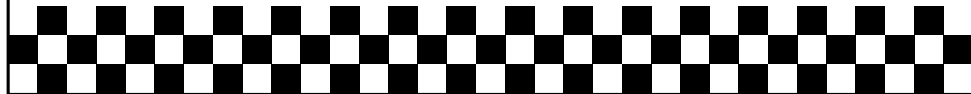
- This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy. Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - Give written responses addressing 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: Inspector Andrew McCoullough on (02) 4721 9364

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 00003JOS.

Closing Date: Monday 19 April 2015

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ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Richmond Local Area Command, Lismore
Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-Time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00003KBB

Salary Package: \$77,341. **Salary:** \$64,008 – \$70,087. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

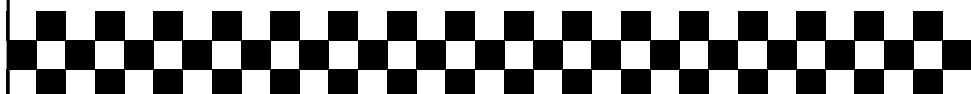
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 6, Clause 28 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, driver's licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- For your application to be considered you **must**:
 - attach an up-to-date resume; and
 - supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application or via attachment.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) and Work with Children Check prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Shellie Smyth on (02) 6626 0799 or Inspector Cameron Lindsay on 0427 010 048

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 00003KBB

Closing Date: Sunday 19 April 2015

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FIELD OFFICER

MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN

As a field officer, you get to work outdoors and supervise community work teams autonomously, as they perform tasks such as general maintenance and beautification projects. You will be working with offenders who may require mentoring and guidance as they complete community work programs. It is a great opportunity to model positive behaviour to offenders and inspire change in their lives.

Vacancies:

- North Metropolitan Area: 3 x casual roles, 2 – 3 days per week
- Working across locations such as Broadmeadows, Carlton, Reservoir, Thomastown, Heidelberg and Greensborough

Successful applicants will be required to attend a one week paid induction course prior to commencing in the casual role.

For further information on this vacancy, and to apply online, Please visit www.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au

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Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Orana Local Area Command, Dubbo
Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-Time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00003K10

Salary Package: \$77,341. **Salary:** \$64,008 – \$70,087. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

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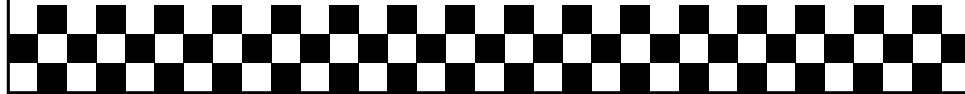
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 - supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application or via attachment.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) and Work with Children Check prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Sergeant Adam Wood on (02) 6883 1556

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 00003K10.

Closing Date: Sunday 19 April 2015

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The Australia Council is seeking applications for:

GRANTS OFFICERS
3 positions available

Full time positions – contract to 30 June 2016

Support the Australia Council's grants management processes by providing exceptional client service as the organisation's first point of contact for all prospective applicants, and providing accurate and timely coordination of grant applications. We are particularly interested in hearing from applicants who demonstrate strong knowledge of either music or visual arts. Experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts or multicultural arts is also desirable.

To obtain further information, please visit our careers page at <http://jobs.australiacouncil.gov.au>

**Applications close 15 April 2015
at 5.00pm (AEST)**



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Culture and the Arts

**Art Gallery of
Western Australia**

Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands Art

Web Search No: 10109

Level/Salary: Specified Calling Level 2, \$87,137 - \$96,303 pa, PSOGGA 2014

The Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands Art is a rewarding role requiring the successful candidate to be a curator with experience and the ability to provide leadership, vision, expert curatorial input and advocacy in all areas of the development, management, interpretation, research, and exhibition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands art in all displays, temporary exhibitions and Gallery programs. The successful candidate will initiate and implement acquisition policies, development and care in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands art as well as the development, management and delivery of temporary exhibitions, public programs and Foundation activities. In addition, the successful candidate will share the vision of the Art Gallery, be a full and active member of the curatorial team and provide high-level advice to the Director and the Executive team in all matters related to Indigenous art.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or

Ph: 08 6552 7499 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Dr Stefano Carboni on (08) 9492 6680

Location: Perth

Closing Date: Friday, 17 April 2015 @ 4.00pm WST

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Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

**Female Aboriginal Hospital
Liaison Officer (AHEO Non-Grad)**

Ref: 241089 – Permanent Part-Time 20hpw at Liverpool Hospital

Salary: \$24.16 – \$35.59 ph

Enq: Alison Pryor

Ph: (02) 8738 6716

Closing Date: 21 April 2015

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Being female is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Operations Assistant

Ref: 246872 – Permanent Full-Time/Part-Time at Liverpool

Salary: \$23.97 – \$24.63 ph

Enq: Sandra Devine

Ph: (02) 9828 4320

Closing Date: 22 April 2015

This is a 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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**BLUE MOUNTAINS ABORIGINAL
CULTURE AND RESOURCE CENTRE**
14 Oak St, KATOOMBA, NSW, 2780
Ph: 02 4782 6569
ABN 72 778 150 873 ICN 2827

MANAGER

Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre seeks an experienced Manager with a strong sense of social justice and sound leadership qualities.

The Manager will co-ordinate operations and support our small team of dedicated staff and volunteers to deliver services that help strengthen the Blue Mountains Aboriginal community.

Based in Katoomba, the position is classified at SCHaDS Award Level 8.1, part-time at 32 hours per week on an ongoing basis, subject to successful completion of a probation period.

**Aboriginality is a genuine qualification, authorised by
Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.**

To apply: An information package, including Position Description and application details is available at: admin@acrc.org.au, or phone: 02 4782 6569 and ask staff to leave your message.

Applications close: COB Thursday 23 April, 2015.

Department of
Housing and Public Works

Administration Officer

**Housing Services, Strategy & Policy,
Service System Design**

Temporary until 29/02/16 with possible extension

Housing and Public Works

Salary: \$54 450 - \$60 717 p.a.

Location: Brisbane City

REF: QLD/167738/15

Key Duties: The purpose of the position is to provide administrative support and input to policy analysis to the Service System Design work unit within Strategy and Policy.

Skills/Abilities: Administrative support; assistance in research and design of policy options; assist with the preparation of a range of written materials; work independently and as a team member; provide assistance as required.

Enquiries: Melanie Nicholls (07) 3227 6259

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Wednesday, 22 April 2015

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Queensland
Government



the royal victorian
eye and ear
hospital

**Aboriginal Patient
Support Worker**

"Are you passionate about Aboriginal health and looking for an entry level role in a Hospital environment?"

The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital is seeking applications for an Aboriginal Patient Support Worker. This role is part-time (2 days per week), fixed term (2 years), with negotiable days/hours for a great work-life balance.

The Aboriginal Patient Support Worker role is a new, entry level role, which provides an opportunity for the successful candidate to gain experience in providing cultural support and care in a hospital environment. It may suit applicants that want to combine study and employment, or other applicants seeking a part time flexible role.

We are seeking candidates who are passionate about Aboriginal Health and wellbeing, and are looking at building a career in hospitals/ health care. The hospital will provide supervision and cultural mentoring support to the successful candidate.

The fundamental purpose of this role is to provide face-to-face, on-site assistance to improve the overall experience of Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander patients and their families whilst attending the hospital.

The successful applicant will benefit from:

- Generous remuneration package
- Comprehensive orientation, training and ongoing workplace support
- Cultural and clinical role supervision and support
- Easily accessible East Melbourne location close to public transport
- Access to Salary Packaging
- Flexible working arrangements

We are seeking applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander. The action constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

For further information please contact Rebecca Power on 03 9929 8921 or Coen Brown on 03 9929 8422. For a copy of the position description or to apply online please go to the careers section on the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital website www.eyeeandear.org.au

Applications addressing the selection criteria with a recent resume may be forwarded to Human Resources, 32 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne 3002

Application closing 27th April 2015

Department of Justice & Regulation

**Aboriginal Community
Corrections Officer**



- **Fantastic fixed term opportunity based in Broadmeadows**
- **Salary range \$59,656 - \$68,601 plus superannuation**

Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers monitor and supervise complex and high profile Aboriginal and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

In this role, you will provide culturally appropriate guidance and counselling to offenders, assist offenders to participate in programs and community work by developing strong links with Aboriginal agencies and prepare offender reports for the Courts and Adult Parole Board.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- an understanding of the Aboriginal community, with proven ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members
- strong problem solving, influencing and communication skills
- experience in case management and report writing.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Sunday 19 April 2015.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department of Justice & Regulation's Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Department of
Environment, Land,
Water & Planning

**Appointments to the Victorian Catchment Management
Council 2015**

**Contribute your skills and help to protect and enhance Victoria's
natural resources**

The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water is seeking expressions of interest for appointment of the Chair and members to the Victorian Catchment Management Council (VCMC).

Do you have experience and knowledge in land protection, water resource management, primary industry, environment protection and conservation, or local government? Experience and knowledge in public administration and governance or in community engagement are also desirable. The composition of the VCMC will also reflect the major land and water uses in Victoria, including rural, urban, private and public uses.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring the diversity of our boards represent the diversity of our communities. Women, Indigenous persons, people with a disability, young persons and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The VCMC consists of up to 10 members, including the Chair, appointed for up to three years. One member is nominated by the Secretary of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. The terms of appointment of the current VCMC Chair and members expire on 25 September 2015.

The VCMC is responsible for advising the Victorian Government on the condition of land and water resources and on priorities for catchment management. The VCMC also encourages the co-operation of people and bodies involved in the management of land and water resources. The VCMC is independent of catchment management authorities.

Appointees may be entitled to remuneration for their services at rates according to the Victorian Government's Appointment and Remuneration Guidelines. Travelling and other allowances may also be reimbursed at applicable government rates.

Applicants are required to apply online. To apply and for more information, go to:

www.delwp.vic.gov.au/onboard

Applications close: 5pm Monday 20 April 2015.

www.delwp.vic.gov.au

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Department of
Environment, Land,
Water & Planning

**Appointments to Victoria's Catchment Management
Authority Boards 2015**

**Contribute your skills and help to protect and enhance Victoria's
natural resources**

The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water is seeking expressions of interest for appointment of up to 45 members to the 10 catchment management authority (CMA) boards and for the Chair of the Glenelg Hopkins CMA board.

Do you have experience and knowledge in land management, water resources management and the water industry, waterway management, environment or natural resources management, primary industry, strategic or business planning, or financial management? Experience and knowledge in public administration and governance or in community engagement are also desirable.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring the diversity of our boards represent the diversity of our communities. Women, Indigenous persons, people with a disability, young persons and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Each CMA board has up to nine members, including a chair, appointed for up to four years. More than one half of the members of each CMA board (except the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA) must be people whose principal occupation is primary production (agriculture, apiculture, aquaculture, forestry or horticulture). The terms of appointment of about half the CMA board members expire on 30 September 2015. The position of Chair of the Glenelg Hopkins CMA board will also conclude on 30 September 2015.

CMA boards are responsible for the strategic planning, policies, and oversight of the management of their CMA, including the performance of the functions and duties of the CMA.

CMAs prepare regional catchment strategies and coordinate and monitor their implementation. They also advise the minister on priorities for resource allocation and on the condition of land and water resources; and promote community awareness and understanding of the importance of land and water resources, their sustainable use, conservation and rehabilitation. Each CMA (except the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA) also has regional waterway, floodplain, drainage and environmental water reserve management responsibilities.

Appointees may be entitled to remuneration for their services at rates according to the Victorian Government's Appointment and Remuneration Guidelines. Travelling and other allowances may also be reimbursed at applicable government rates.

Applicants are required to apply online. To apply and for more information, go to www.delwp.vic.gov.au/onboard

Applications close: 5pm Monday 20 April 2015.

www.delwp.vic.gov.au

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Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Tamworth Aboriginal Health Service (TAHS) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following the development, implementation and progression of our Medical Service through effective good governance, leadership, management and comprehensive planning both from an operation to strategic level and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of TAHS affairs in accordance with delegated authorities. The provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of primary health care and the needs and aspirations of community in the struggle to Closing the Gap for Aboriginal people in the areas of Health. The capacity to interpret and implement legislation, sound communication skills along with strong proven leadership skills is required. Organisational and Management experience is essential together with an understanding of Accounting Practices and Principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria, and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

For a recruitment package contact Catherine Waters - Trindall: by email debbiel@tams.org.au or on 0488984573.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications to be marked "Confidential" and forwarded to the Convener of the Panel at: Tamworth Aboriginal Health Services PO Box 253, Tamworth NSW 2340.

Applications close 24TH April 2015

Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

LEGAL SUPPORT OFFICER Temporary & Ongoing Opportunities Lismore, Port Macquarie & Coffs Harbour

- Package up to \$68k (Clerk Grade 1/2)

We are looking for enthusiastic and organised team players to work in our Legal Aid Offices. This role includes preparing correspondence, processing legal documents, liaising with stakeholders and providing basic referral information to clients.

Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003K4X

Closing Date: Sunday, 26th April 2015

Enquiries: Leann Hatfield on (02) 6620 7130

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Justice

Regional Coordinator, Aboriginal Services

- Ongoing full-time
- Location: Dubbo, Western Region
- Clerk Grade 7/8, Salary (\$85,868 – \$95,050), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Manage the implementation of a range of projects across the Aboriginal Services Branch (ASB) to support and improve service delivery.

Reference number: 00003JFL

Applying for the role:

To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Monday, 27 April 2015 (11.59pm)

Contact: Edwina Crawford (02) 8688 8040 and email: edwina_crawford@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Aboriginal Health Council
of South Australia Inc.

'Our health, our choice, our way.'

Located in Adelaide, the **Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc.** (AHCSA) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled health organisation managed and governed by an Aboriginal Board

AHCSA is recruiting for the following position:

Senior Research & Ethics Officer

Salary: \$84,533.57p.a.

Full time ongoing position pending funding

Reference: 0115

Please visit <http://www.ahcsa.org.au/careers> for a detailed advertisement along with a copy of the Job & Person Specifications which need to be addressed.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply



THE NSW FEDERATION
OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS INC.

Training and Resource Officer

Full time, Permanent

Up to \$80,813 + super and entitlements

The Federation is the peak industry body for community housing providers in NSW. We have many members and clients who are Aboriginal community housing providers.

As a Registered Training Organisation the Federation provides accredited and tailored training. You will have social or community housing experience or experience in a related field and you will be expected to manage your workload independently and work in partnership with others. You will have strong presentation skills and experience in training, and can write engaging materials.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are invited to apply.

Please submit your resume together with your responses to the selection criteria to Recruitment@communityhousing.org.au or mail: Suite 301, 64-76 Kippax Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010 by **COB Monday 20th April 2015.**

For further information including Selection Criteria: <http://www.communityhousing.org.au> or contact Kevin Saide on (02) 9281 7144 or KevinS@communityhousing.org.au

Department of Justice & Regulation

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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Department of Justice & Regulation

Manager, Strategic Initiatives Koori Justice Unit



- **Fantastic opportunity to make a difference in the Koori community**
- **Ongoing senior position, based in the Melbourne CBD**
- **Salary range \$104,523 - \$139,873 plus superannuation**

The Koori Justice Unit, within the Department of Justice and Regulation's Service Strategy Reform Branch, is primarily responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

Reporting to the Director, Koori Justice Unit, the Manager, Strategic Initiatives is responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership to ensure efficient implementation of the AJA.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- experience at a senior level in a criminal justice or public policy role
- experience in developing and implementing Koori programs and services
- a strong background in communicating sensitively and effectively with members of the Koori community.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Monday 20 April 2015.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ABORIGINAL STUDENT BURSARIES 2016

Applications are invited from Aboriginal families who would like their children to receive a Catholic secondary education.

Bursaries will assist with the cost of tuition fees and will be provided at the schools listed below.

Bursaries do not cover boarding fees. The bursaries are intended to recognise commitment to schooling by Aboriginal students as well as assist Aboriginal students who might be denied a Catholic secondary education because of financial circumstances.

Aranmore Catholic College Leederville	9444 9355	Mercedes College Perth	9323 1323
Bunbury Catholic College Bunbury	9721 0000	Mercy College Koondoola*	9247 9247
Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon	9576 5500	Nagle Catholic College Geraldton	9920 0500
Chisholm Catholic College Bedford	9208 2500	Newman College Churchlands*	9204 9444
Christian Brothers' College Fremantle	9336 2700	Prendiville Catholic College Ocean Reef	9307 2000
Clontarf Aboriginal College Waterford	9251 0666	Sacred Heart College Sorrento	9246 8200
Corpus Christi College Bateman	9332 2500	Servite College Tuart Hill	9444 6333
Emmanuel Catholic College Beeliar	9414 4000	Seton Catholic College Samson	9314 1816
Iona Presentation College Mosman Park	9384 0066	St Brigid's College Lesmurdie*	9290 4200
Irene McCormack Catholic College Butler	9562 2400	St Joseph's College Albany*	9844 0222
Kolbe Catholic College Rockingham	9592 1500	St Joseph's School Northam*	9621 3500
La Salle College Midland	9274 6266	St Luke's College Karratha	9144 1081
Lumen Christi College Martin	9394 9300	St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School Carnarvon*	9941 1328
Mackillop Catholic College Busselton	9752 7500	St Mary's College Broome*	9194 9500
Mandurah Catholic College Mandurah*	9531 9500	Trinity College East Perth*	9325 3655
Mater Dei College Edgewater	9405 4777		

*School has a primary section as well as secondary.

Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and have a desire to be educated in a Catholic school. It is expected that applicants have established strong foundations for learning and aspire to complete Year 12. Parents/guardians of eligible students are invited to lodge an application early as the number of bursaries is limited in each school. Information and application forms are available from the Principal, at any of the above schools.

Expressions of interest should be made by Friday 1st May 2015.



Justice

Information Officer – Legal (ATSI), LawAccess NSW

- x 1 Temporary Full-time up to 2 years
- x 1 Temporary Part-time (21 hpw) up to 2 years
- Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 3/4, Salary (\$64,008 – \$70,087), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading (pro-rata for part-time)

Provide the first point of contact for customers of LawAccess NSW. To complete inquiries by providing legal information and/or referral to appropriate assistance services.

The core business hours of LawAccess NSW are 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Reference number: 00003JZN

Applying for the role:

To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Monday, 13 April 2015 (11.59pm)

Contact: Nicholas D'Cruz (02) 8833 3160 and email: nicholas_d'cruz@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's
Legal Centre



Administration and Information Officer

Identified Aboriginal Female
Full time (70 hours p/f)

Wirringa Baiya is a NSW state-wide, gender specific community legal centre. Wirringa Baiya is an Aboriginal specialist service, which works primarily with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, children and youth.

Wirringa Baiya is seeking to employ an Administration and Information Officer. This person must have excellent administrative and organisational skills and an understanding of issues that impact on the Aboriginal community, especially the impact of domestic and family violence and sexual assault on victims and the community.

The rate of pay is based on Pay Point 3 Level 1 (or neg depending on skills), as per the SCHCADS award. Hours may be worked over a ten-day or nine-day roster. Salary packaging is available. The centre is located in Marrickville.

Being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under sections 14 & 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Applicants must address all of the selection criteria contained in the job pack.

Please contact the office for a job pack on (02) 9569 3847 or email Christine_Robinson@clc.net.au



Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at liveandworkhnehealth.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.

Administrative Officer

Taree Mental Health

Enquiries: Debbie Williams 0418 422 180

Reference ID: 246869

CAPAC Administrative Officer (CSO)

Newcastle Community Centre

Enquiries: Sandy Ryan (02) 4016 4688

Reference ID: 247224

Closing Date: 15 April 2015

These are targeted Aboriginal positions. 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

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Indigenous Support Worker Specialist role

A fantastic opportunity has become available in our PHaMs program for an Indigenous Specialist Support Worker. The PHaMs Indigenous Specialist support worker will assist people aged 16 and over who are experiencing difficulties in their lives because of a mental illness, to reconnect to their community, gain confidence in their own abilities, establish supportive networks; and to facilitate links to social, educational and employment opportunities where appropriate.

The Indigenous specialist worker **MUST** either identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander **OR** have strong links and acceptance in local Indigenous communities.

The applicant must have an understanding of the Aboriginal Justice System in Victoria.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information with terms and conditions of employment please go to our website at www.jobco.com.au and download the position description.

Only applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria on a separate document, and received by COB Monday 4th May 2015, will be considered.

Email Applications to: careers@jobco.com.au

Post Applications to:

Attention: Careers

JobCo Employment Services Inc.

95 Albert St, Brunswick Vic. 3056

For further enquiries contact: Rino Comodo Ph: 9356 8600 or Email: careers@jobco.com.au

Life Without Barriers

Life Without Barriers is one of Australia's largest not-for-profit organisations operating throughout Australia and New Zealand



Family Contact Worker(Newcastle area)

- Attractive remuneration package with excellent benefits
- Access to discounted health insurance

Life Without barriers aims to partner with people (including people with a disability, in out of home care, are homeless, who may suffer mental illness or are refugees) to change their lives for the better. We value relationships, imagination, courage, responsiveness, and we are respectful and caring in our dealings.

A fantastic opportunity exists for a casual family contact worker to join OOH team based in Newcastle. You will be responsible for monitoring family visits between children and families. As well as ensuring the safety and well-being of the child and those participating in the visit.

To be successful in this role, please address each selection criteria point listed below separately and include your responses to each point in a word document

Essential

- Tertiary qualifications in relative field or similar, or relevant experience and skills to undertake the position with the desire to complete relevant qualifications
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- Desire to complete relevant qualifications.
- Minimum experience of two (2) years' experience
- Effective time management and organisational skills.
- Ability to use initiative and think laterally and strategically.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to maintain a high degree of confidentiality.
- Well-developed problem solving skills.
- Ability to work within and demonstrate the LWB Way in all interactions.
- Ability to meet deadlines and produce quality work under pressure
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills.
- Willingness to work within the philosophy of the Life Without Barriers organisation.
- Current Driver Licence.
- Current Senior First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain in first three (3) months of employment.

Life Without Barriers offers ongoing training, support and career advancement opportunity. An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate including tax benefits through salary packaging, discounted healthcare and the chance to work for one of Australia's largest not for profit organisations.

Please address each of the selection criteria listed above in spate points at the beginning of your resume. Resume's not addressing the selection criteria will not be accepted.

For any queries (including remuneration enquiries) please contact Nicole klasen on 40334733 or at Nicole.klasen@lwb.org.au

www.lwb.org.au

2016 ABS Graduate Development Program

APS Level 3/4, (\$54,130 - \$66,777) plus superannuation

Various locations

Ongoing, Fulltime



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Australian Government

Office of the Registrar of
Indigenous Corporations

REGISTRAR OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CORPORATIONS

- Independent statutory office holder
- Canberra location
- Substantial six figure remuneration package

The Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations (Registrar) is a statutory office holder, appointed under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act) by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

The role of the Registrar is to support the delivery of registration, regulation and related services to Indigenous corporations in accordance with the CATSI Act. The CATSI Act outlines the powers, functions and aims of the Registrar.

Leading contenders are expected to have relevant legal tertiary qualifications, experience in the regulatory environment, an impeccable track record in executive roles and senior strategic and operational management experience, with an understanding of the public sector environment and relevant legislation.

Commensurate with the responsibilities of the position, a substantial six figure remuneration package is available in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2014/12: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Full-Time Public Office.

Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Information for Candidates

For further background and selection documentation or to apply, please contact applications.australia@ngs-global.com quoting reference number **J15103**.

If further information is required, please contact Mark Lelliott at NGS Global on 1300 138 863 or +61 3 8626 0621. Information about the Office of the Registrar is available at www.oric.gov.au.

Applications are due by close of business on 27 April 2015.

The successful candidate is expected to commence in October 2015.

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Australian Government



TSRA
www.tsra.gov.au

Chief Executive Officer of the Torres Strait Regional Authority

- Independent Corporate Commonwealth Entity
- North Queensland location
- Substantial six figure remuneration package

The position of Chief Executive Officer is established under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* and is accountable to the elected membership of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA). The TSRA is a Corporate Commonwealth entity representing Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people who are living in the Torres Strait region.

The TSRA plays a vital role in recognising and maintaining the unique culture of Torres Strait Islanders, conducting programmes for the benefit of Indigenous people, providing data, developing policy and advising, and being accountable to the TSRA elected membership. The TSRA works with governments and Indigenous communities, organisations and individuals at national, state, territory and regional levels.

The Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs with the agreement of the TSRA. Leading contenders will be expected to have relevant tertiary qualifications, an impeccable track record in executive roles and senior strategic and operational management experience, with an understanding of the public sector environment and relevant legislation. The successful candidate will have a very good capacity to understand, support and progress the TSRA's objectives and role, together with the credibility and integrity to ensure public confidence in the TSRA.

Commensurate with the responsibilities of the position, a substantial six figure remuneration package is available in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2013/09: Principal Executive Office – Classification Structure and Terms and Conditions.

Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Information for Candidates

For further background and selection documentation or to apply, please contact applications.australia@ngs-global.com quoting reference number **J15102**.

If further information is required, please contact Mark Lelliott at NGS Global on 1300 138 863 or +61 3 8626 0621. Information about the TSRA is available at www.tsra.gov.au.

Applications are due by close of business on 27 April 2015.

The successful candidate is expected to commence in July 2015.

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Established in 1979 Gunditjima Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd. is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) that provides a range of high quality holistic community health and social support programs principally to the aboriginal community and other residents in Warrnambool and surrounding areas. Gunditjima is offering the following exciting employment opportunities:

Senior Family Violence Worker (Fixed Term)-

Provide counselling and support to clients, conduct risk assessments to identify specific client needs, offer advocacy and assisted referrals if required and develop effective relationships with other relevant external service providers. **Closing date Wednesday 22nd April 2015**

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Applicants for the above position must be able to demonstrate their relevant experience and/or qualifications and address all Key Selection Criteria. For more information, and to apply, please contact Daniel Gardiner (HR Officer) on 03 5559 1234 or email dgardiner@gunditjima.org.au



TRAINING & RESOURCE OFFICER Early Childhood Education & Care

Indigenous Professional Support Unit NSW & ACT
Part time – flexible hours.

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for a Training & Resource Officer for our Indigenous Professional Support Unit (IPSU) to join our team at Gowrie NSW. This service is delivered by Gowrie NSW, a respected provider of early childhood education and care services. The IPSU program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

We are seeking an energetic experienced early childhood professional to provide high quality, flexible and innovative professional advice, support and training to staff in eligible Aboriginal early childhood education and care services and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander staff and children accessing non Aboriginal early childhood education and care services.

This role involves:

- Providing support and advice to services
- Visiting services
- Working with services to identify professional development needs and sourcing and arranging professional development

- Building and maintaining relationships with communities
- Assisting with development and maintenance of communication and promotional materials including the IPSU data base and website.
- Administration associated with the IPSU service
- Travel and occasional evening work

We are seeking someone who has a degree in Early Childhood Education, or Diploma of Children's Services, and has Knowledge of and skills in working in different cultural groups, especially Aboriginal priority group.

If you can demonstrate that you can meet the above criteria and are passionate about early childhood education and care we look forward to hearing from you.

To apply, send a written application with details of your qualifications and experience to hr@gowrie-sydney.com.au.

Closing Date: 25th April 2015

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN RIVERS WATER SOURCE UPPER HAWKESBURY RIVER (CATTAI CREEK TO COLO RIVER) MANAGEMENT ZONE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **STEWART ROSS SHEPHARD** for a 50mm submersible pump on Part Lot 1 DP526616 Parish Cornelia, County Cumberland for water supply for domestic purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A005789)

Any queries please call (02) 8838 7527, Richard Meares, Water Regulation Officer.

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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
21/177	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	457325	94.27HA	28km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 117° 49' E	CUE SHIRE
37/1146	REDPORT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	461891	187.01HA	81km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 17' S Long: 121° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
38/2908	O'CONNOR, Raymond James	462050	0.23HA	8km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2908	O'CONNOR, Raymond James	462051	23.09HA	8km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2908	O'CONNOR, Raymond James	462052	68.55HA	8km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2908	O'CONNOR, Raymond James	462053	66.14HA	8km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2908	O'CONNOR, Raymond James	462285	197.32HA	8km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2908	O'CONNOR, Raymond James	462286	188.97HA	8km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2908	O'CONNOR, Raymond James	462287	183.00HA	8km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2908	O'CONNOR, Raymond James	462288	177.33HA	8km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
74/413	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	462342	73.53HA	25km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 41' S Long: 120° 15' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
74/385	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	462343	457.86HA	14km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 36' S Long: 120° 12' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
38/1865	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	462616	425.65HA	26km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 30' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2028	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	462617	196.86HA	26km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1260	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	462794	128.66HA	48km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 122° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE
38/1935	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	462795	485.04HA	31km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2887	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	462796	67.34HA	12km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
74/385	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	463596	53.77HA	14km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 35' S Long: 120° 9' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 8 April 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 **8 July 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. 8 August 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.

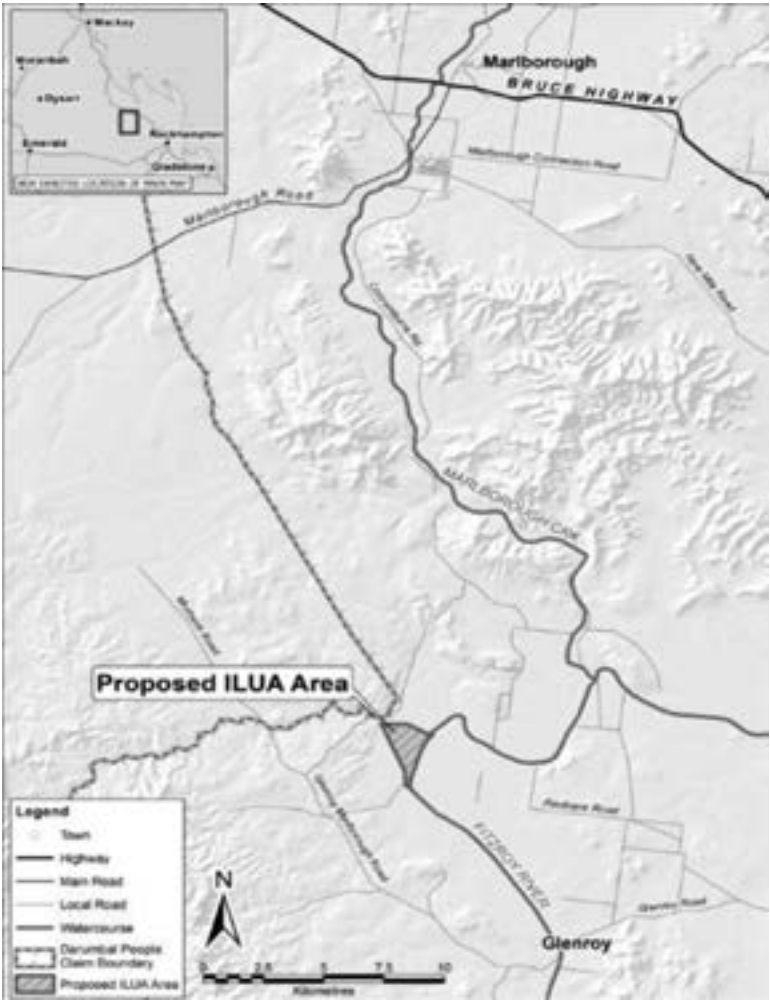
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PUBLIC NOTICE

DARUMBAL AUTHORISATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

Arrow Energy ACN 078 521 936 (**Arrow**) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (**ILUA**) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) with persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the area shown on the map below (**ILUA Area**) for the development of gas fields and the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure which will allow Arrow to export liquefied natural gas (**LNG**) from Curtis Island, near Gladstone (**Arrow LNG Project**).

The ILUA Area is shown on the map below.



The ILUA Area is located wholly within the boundaries of the Darumbal People's Native Title Claim (QUD6131/98).

The Darumbal People are described as descendants of the following Darumbal ancestors:

Brothers John McPherson and Harry Bauman, Kate Reid and James Hector, Clara McKenzie, Jack Naylor (Jnr), Maria McKenzie, Clara Wallace, Mundabel, Mary Jones, Maggie (Mitchell), Yorky, Kitty Mulway and Pompey of Stannage.

Authorisation Meeting

An authorisation meeting regarding the proposed ILUA will be held in Rockhampton, QLD as follows:

- **Date and time:** 8 May 2015 at 10.00am
- **Place:** Dreamtime Cultural Centre, Bruce Highway, Rockhampton
- **Purpose:** to authorise the proposed ILUA between Arrow and the Darumbal People

You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you consider that you fall within the description of the Darumbal People Native Title Claim Group. If you intend to come to the authorisation meeting or have any questions in relation to it, please contact Douglas Hatfield on (07) 4926 0026.

If you consider that you hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area but do **not** consider that you fall within the description of the Darumbal People Native Title Claim Group then please contact 1800 706 533.

Financial assistance for travel and accommodation is not available. A barbecue lunch and tea and coffee will be provided.

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

NSW MURRAY DARLING BASIN FRACTURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCES

An application for a AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **SIBELCO AUSTRALIA LIMITED** for the change of use from stock and domestic to commercial purpose of bore on Lot 1 DP 732404 Parish of Tallawang County of Bligh.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A005807)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7469, Alice Clifton, Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN RIVERS WATER SOURCE NEPEAN RIVER

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **CHARLES VELLA AND CONNIE VELLA** for a 100mm Centrifugal Pump on Lot 101 DP247569 for use on Lot 103 DP247569.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to the NSW Office of Water, Locked Bag 5123, Parramatta NSW 2124 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A5790)

Any queries please call (02) 8838 7547, Justin Mitchell, Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000 BARWON DARLING UNREGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **T C & Y R TUOHEY PTY LTD** for 1 x 300mm centrifugal pump on Lot 2 DP 754259, Parish of Ularbie, County of Leichardt (Ref: A005802).

WATER ACT, 1912 BARWON RIVER FLOODPLAIN

AN APPLICATION UNDER PART 8, BEING WITHIN A PROCLAIMED (DECLARED) LOCAL AREAS UNDER SECTION 5 (4) OF THE ACT, 1912.

An application for an approval of controlled works under section 167, within the proclaimed (declared) local areas described hereunder, has been received from:

SALTO (NSW) PTY LIMITED for existing and proposed off river storages, levees and above ground channels on the property "Wimbeldon" at Walgett, being Lot 1469 DP 763483, Parishes of Euminbah and Gingie, Lot 19 DP 752692, Parish of Euminbah, all in the County of Finch, for the prevention of inundation of lands by floodwaters (new approval) (85CW811607).

GEORGE JAMES WOODHAM, MARIA ALDEGONDA WOODHAM and MATTHEW GEORGE WOODHAM for existing and proposed off river storages, levees and above ground channels on the property "Kalamos" at Walgett, being Lots 9 & 23 DP 752692, Lot 26 DP 760114 & Lot 6360 DP 769254 Parish of Euminbah, County of Finch for the prevention of inundation of lands by floodwaters (new approval) (85CW811608).

Objections to the granting of the above approval(s) must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, P O Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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Walker knows how to run



SHANNON Walker wasted no time in asserting himself after returning to the Australian rugby men's sevens team.

Walker, returning to World Series action after a 14-month injury lay-off, put the icing on the cake right on full-time, leaving the opposition defence dazed and confused as he scythed through to score under the posts with his very first touch in the Hong Kong Sevens tournament.

Walker's team was playing their opening game of the tournament against Portugal and won 33-5.

Australia eventually finished

fifth at the Hong Kong Sevens after winning the Plate final, but more importantly, extended its advantage over England to six points with just three rounds of the 2014-15 HSBC World Series to play.

Australia lost its Cup quarterfinal to South Africa 5-7 before winning the Plate competition after beating England 12-7 and then the USA 21-17 in two colossal battles.

In the Plate final, Walker scored with his first touch after coming on as a replacement.

Fiji thrilled the 40,000 fans at the Hong Kong Stadium as they beat New Zealand in the Cup final 33-19, while South Africa finished third after seeing off Samoa 26-5.

AUTHORISATION MEETING FOR BIGAMBUL NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP

Members of the Bigambul native title claim group are invited to attend an authorisation meeting for Bigambul Peoples' Native Title Determination Application (QUD 101/2009).

The Bigambul native title claim group is currently described as the biological descendants of Queen Susan of Welltown; Sally mother of Mary Ann Beng, Nellie Yumbeina; Jack Noble, Sally Murray and Nellie of Goondiwindi.

Date of Meeting: Friday 17 April 2015.
Venue of Meeting: Empire Theatre
 56 Neil Street
 Toowoomba Qld
Time of Meeting: Registration - 11:30am
 Meeting start at 12:30 pm

Purposes of Meeting are:

- To hear a report by the Applicant's solicitor regarding negotiations and developments relating to a consent determination of native title and to consider recommendations of the Applicants regarding amendment of the claim group description and the external claim boundary.
- For the members of the Bigambul native title claim group to determine if the descendants of Sally mother of Mary Ann Beng (also known as Sally Nerrang / Nerrang) should be removed and the claim group description to be amended to the following:
 "The Bigambul People are recognised as the descendants of the following deceased aboriginal people: Nellie Yumbeina, Queen Susan of Welltown, Jack Noble, Sally Murray, Susan mother of Duncan Daniels and Jack and James Armstrong"
- For the members of the Bigambul native title claim group to consider whether the descendants of Kitty (mother of Alice, Charlie and Jack Dennison), Harry Lange or Lesley "Ginger" Lange should be added to the description of the Bigambul native title claim group (as may be amended) because they are accepted and recognised as being part of the traditional Bigambul Aboriginal society.

The composition of the claim group will determine who will be entitled to exercise native title rights and interests in the claim area, so it is important that you attend.

- To decide whether to amend the external boundary of the claim (as depicted in the shaded areas in the map below) by excluding any of the following areas:
 - The headwaters of Willie, Wilkie and Western Creeks in the north east.
 - Texas, Beeboand the areasouth east of Lower McIntyre Brook.
 - Talwood and surrounding areas



A meeting of any amended claim group will follow to direct the relevant Applicants to proceed to a Determination of Native Title for the amended claim.

To register for the meeting call Kylie on 0481 151750 or kyliepettitt@hotmail.com by Monday 13 April 2015

Afternoon Tea will be provided to those who attend the meeting

No Travel Allowance will be paid.



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	45/1224	DUMPNA PTY LTD	18.50HA	30km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 34' S Long: 118° 32' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Mining Lease	45/1225	DUMPNA PTY LTD	201.54HA	27km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 32' S Long: 118° 30' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Mining Lease	47/1498	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	1496.51HA	66km N'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 117° 40' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/755	APHEX MINERALS PTY LTD	369.81HA	55 W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 117° 9' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 8 April 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 8 July 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. 8 August 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 of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



National
Native Title
Tribunal

State of Victoria

Notification day: 15 April 2015



VI2015/001 Blairgowrie Supplementary ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement covers about 3.4 ha in the vicinity of Blairgowrie on the Mornington Peninsula, located immediately to the west of the area covered by the Blairgowrie ILUA, VIA2000/004, registered on 21 December 2001.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Carolyn Briggs on behalf of the Boon Wurrung (formerly called the Boonerwung) People
 c/- Boon Wurrung Foundation
 South Melbourne Town Hall
 208 – 220 Bank Street
 South Melbourne VIC 3205

Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour Ltd
 C/- Corrs Chambers Westgarth
 Level 36, 600 Bourke Street
 Melbourne VIC 3000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

- (a) To the extent this Agreement provides for consent to Future Acts the Agreement is not intended to operate over areas within the Additional Area [the 'Additional Area' is the area covered by the agreement] where Native Title rights and interests have been validly extinguished by previous acts of the Commonwealth and State or by operation of the common law.
- (b) The Boon Wurrung People consent to the undertaking and the validation of the Future Acts on the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and agree not the challenge their validity at any time in the future.

5.1 For the purposes of Section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA and for the avoidance of doubt the Parties acknowledge that Subdivision P of Part 2 Division 3 of the NTA [which deals with the right to negotiate] is not intended to apply in relation to the Future Acts.

'Future Acts' means

- the grant or variation of any Lease in relation to the Additional Area [the 'Additional Area' is the area covered by the agreement] and/or the Original Area [the area covered by this agreement does not include the 'Original Area'];
- the grant or issue of any Approvals; and
- the undertaking of the Reconfiguration Project.

'Reconfiguration Project' means and includes the proposed reconfiguration development of the Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour as shown on Concept Plan attached as Schedule 2, including all associated and/or ancillary development, buildings, structures, wharves, jetties, works, reclamation, dredging, revetment, works activities and uses, and for the avoidance of doubt includes works or development within both the Original Area and the Additional Area and the operation of the project when completed.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. **The application must be made by 15 July 2015.** If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Nadja Mack on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Shared country, shared future.



PUBLIC NOTICE

BOONTHAMURRA PEOPLE QUD 435/2006
NATIVE TITLE INFORMATION SESSION AND AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

Members of the Boonthamurra People native title claim group are invited to attend the following meetings to be held in Charleville:

- Information Session to be held Monday 13 April 2015
- Authorisation Meetings to be held Tuesday 14 April 2015.

The Boonthamurra native title claim group is currently described as the descendants of the following apical ancestors: Pumpkin ‘Burrakin’, Jimmy Jones, Melon Head, George Docherty Ray, Kitty Ray (mother of Mark Wallace), Topsy (spouse of Barney), Jack O’Lantern (adopted), Ronald Ray ‘Pontius’ Pilot, Basil Tully, Kangaroo, Tiger Ray, Tippo Ray, Alen Witchery Ray, Mickey Ray, Dick Ray, Rosie Braddle, George Jacobs, Beemore Barney, Rosie Jacobs, Alec Jacobs, Johnson Murray Jacobs, Dick Barney, Dick Reed, Frank Yalkili Miller.

The meeting will be asked to consider amending the claim group apical description as follows:

Kangaroo, Dick Ray.

Note: QSNTS’s analysis of the relevant material indicates that no current claimants would be excluded from the claim group by this proposed amendment.

INFORMATION SESSION:

This notice invites all members of the Boonthamurra People, as described above, to attend an information session at the time and location noted below:

Date of Meeting: Monday 13 April 2015
Venue of Meeting: Charleville Town Hall, Wills Street, Charleville
Time of Meeting: 10am – 4pm

The purpose of the Information Session is to:

- Inform the Boonthamurra People of a proposed amendment to the claim group description.
- Inform the Boonthamurra People about the content and purpose of the proposed Consent Determination.
- Inform the Boonthamurra People about the content and purpose of any Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) including pastoral leases, protected areas and land tenure resolution ILUAs, that may be required as part of the Consent Determination.
- Invite all members of the Boonthamurra People to ask questions or raise concerns that they may have before the Authorisation Meeting.
- Discuss the formation of a Prescribed Body Corporate for the Boonthamurra People.

FIRST AUTHORISATION MEETING:

This notice invites all members of the Boonthamurra People, as described above, to attend an Authorisation Meeting at the time and location noted below:

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 14 April 2015
Venue of Meeting: Charleville Town Hall, Wills Street, Charleville
Time of Meeting: 9.30am sharp (registration open at 9am) – 2.30pm unless sooner finished.

The purpose of the Authorisation Meeting is to:

- Consider amendments to the native title claim group description, so that the claim group is described as descendants of Kangaroo and Dick Ray.

SECOND AUTHORISATION MEETING:

This notice invites all members of the Boonthamurra People, as described above, to attend an Authorisation Meeting at the time and location noted below:

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 14 April 2015
Venue of Meeting: Charleville Town Hall, Wills Street, Charleville
Time of Meeting: To commence immediately after meeting 1.

The purpose of the Second Authorisation Meeting is to:

- Confirm the amended claim group description if amended by meeting 1.
- Authorise the appointment of applicants to continue the prosecution of the native title determination application.
- Consider and instruct QSNTS on the formation and establishment of a Prescribed Body Corporate to hold native title for the Boonthamurra People.
- Authorise the Applicant to agree to the terms of a Consent Determination of the Boonthamurra People (QUD435/2006) native title determination application and to make any consequential amendments to the application that may be required.

THIRD AUTHORISATION MEETING:

This notice invites all members of the Boonthamurra People, as described above, and those people who may hold native title in the Boonthamurra claim area predicted in the accompanying map to attend an Authorisation Meeting at the time and location noted below:

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 14 April 2015
Venue of Meeting: Charleville Town Hall, Wills Street, Charleville
Time of Meeting: To commence immediately after meeting 2.

The purpose of the Third Authorisation Meeting is to:

- Authorise the following Indigenous Land Use Agreements:
 - (i) Boonthamurra People and Barcoo Shire Council
 - (ii) Boonthamurra People and Quilpie Shire Council
 - (iii) Boonthamurra People and various respondent pastoralists.

and any other ILUAs including pastoral leases, protected areas and land tenure resolution ILUAs, that may be required between the Boonthamurra People and the respondent parties to the extent that their interest falls within the external boundary of the Boonthamurra People (QUD435/2006) native title determination application area.



QSNTS regrets to advise that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the above Information Session or Authorisation Meetings, or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants. We strongly encourage all Boonthamurra claim group members to attend both the Information Session and the Authorisation Meetings so that the Boonthamurra People’s native title determination application (QUD 435/2006) can progress to a consent determination of native title this June.

All Boonthamurra People are invited to contact QSNTS’s Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to attend the Authorisation Meetings or for further information.



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Sport

The Force is not with them



IT hasn’t been smooth sailing for Matt Hodgson’s Western Force Super Rugby team since an impressive win over defending premiers in the opening round. Hodgson has been sidelined with injury and is not expected to return until the second half of the competition. Since their opening round victory against the NSW Waratahs in Sydney, the Force have gone down six times, most recently to the winless Sharks in Durban, South Africa, on

Saturday, March 28. Two disallowed tries ensured the Western Force ended their South African tour winless with the Sharks securing a 15-9 victory at Kings Park. The Force were looking to shake off the heart-breaking, last-second loss to the Bulls in Pretoria a week earlier. For coach Michael Foley, it was another case of being proud of his team’s performance, but disappointed with the result. The Force had the bye last weekend and will finish the season with six of their last nine matches in Perth, starting against the Cheetahs on April 11. – AAP

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUDJITI PEOPLE QUD53/2007
NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING & INFORMATION SESSION



The **Budjiti People** have a native title determination application currently with the Federal Court of Australia (QUD53/2007) that is seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The external boundary of the native title determination application is depicted on the map to the left.

The Budjiti People, who are the members of the native title claim group for the application noted above, are described as the biological descendants of the following apical ancestors: 1. Jessie Brooks 2. Gypsy Brooks 3. Lizzie Brooks

INFORMATION SESSION

This Notice INVITES all members of the **Budjiti People**, as described above, to attend an information session at the time and location noted below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 18 April 2015
Venue of Meeting: Eulo Community Centre, Main Road, Eulo, QLD 4491
Time of Meeting: 10am – 4pm

The purpose of the Information session is to:

- Inform the Budjiti people about the content and purpose of the proposed Consent Determination.
- Inform the Budjiti People about the content and purpose of any Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs), including pastoral lease, protected areas and land tenure resolution ILUAs, that may be required as part of the consent determination process.
- Invite all members of the Budjiti People to ask questions or raise any concerns that they may have before the Authorisation Meeting.

AUTHORISATION MEETING

This Notice INVITES all members of the **Budjiti People**, as described above, to attend an Authorisation Meeting at the time and location noted below:

Date of Meeting: Sunday, 19 April 2015
Venue of Meeting: Eulo Community Centre, Main Road, Eulo, QLD 4491
Time of Meeting: 10am – 4pm (registration from 9:30am)

The purpose of the Authorisation Meeting is to:

- Authorise the Applicant to agree to the terms of a consent determination of the Budjiti Peoples (QUD53 of 2007) native title determination application and to make any consequential amendments to the application that may be required.
- Authorise any ILUAs, including pastoral lease, protected areas and land tenure resolution ILUAs, that may be required between the Budjiti People and respondent parties to the extent that their interest falls within the external boundary of the Budjiti People’s (QUD53 of 2007) native title determination application area.

QSNTS regrets to advise that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the above information session and authorisation meeting, or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants. We strongly encourage all Budjiti claim group members to attend both the information session and importantly the authorisation meeting so that the Budjiti People’s native title determination application (QUD53 of 2007) can progress to a consent determination this June.

All Budjiti People are invited to contact QSNTS’ Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting or for further information.



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Blake Ferguson out for four months



A DEVASTATED Blake Ferguson has vowed to stay on the straight and narrow as he faces four months out of the National Rugby League (NRL) recuperating from ankle surgery.

Just four games into his return after a 22-month exile, former bad boy Ferguson has been sidelined for another long stretch due to ankle ligament damage received in his Sydney Roosters' win over Canberra on March 29.

However, the 25-year-old was adamant

he would not fall prey to off-field distraction and indiscretions, as he has previously.

"I bet you guys (the media) are probably speculating that I am going to play up again, but it is not going to happen," Ferguson said.

"I think with the support staff here we have got, physios, doctors, the boys, the people that I am around all the time, there is going to be no problem with that.

"I have tremendous respect for the boys and I'm sure they have respect for me as well.

"It's just about doing what is right for the club and what is right for my teammates, and for myself as well."

Ferguson was sacked by Canberra in 2013 after a series of off-field incidents, including an indecent assault charge.

The former NSW Origin player suffered ankle ligament damage to his other ankle in training last year.

"It's devastating, but I know the injury pretty well, so I know what to do to get back," said Ferguson.

"It is just missing the games that is going to hurt me; not being with the boys.

"Injury-wise, it is a blessing it is the same one that happened last time, so I know what I have to do.

"It's just not to the extent that happened to the other foot – it is not as bad."

The Roosters will put in place special measures to ensure Ferguson does not stray.

"We spoke to him about coming back into the office," Roosters chief executive Brian Canavan said.

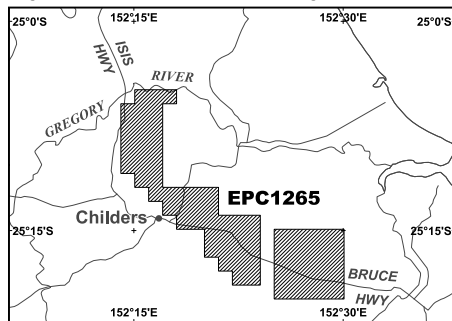
"He'll do some admin-type activities to keep his contact." – *With AAP*

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR COAL AND MINERALS

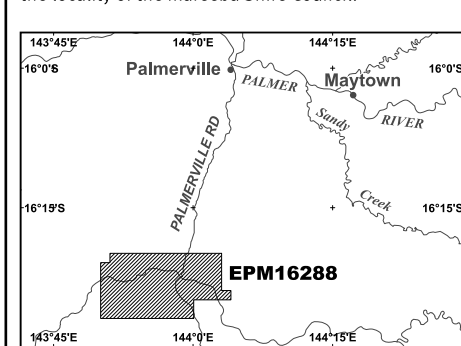
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 Coal and Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

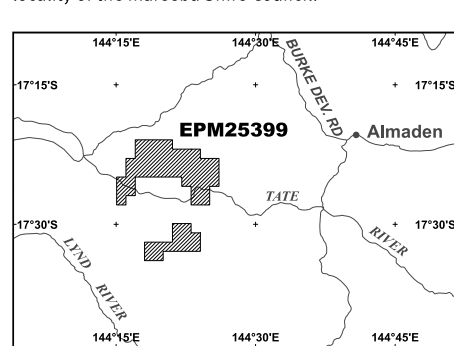
Exploration Permit 1265 sought by Taroom Coal Proprietary Limited, ACN 079 251 442, over an area of 73 sub-blocks (227 km²), centred approximately 8 km East of Childers, in the localities of the Bundaberg Regional Council and Fraser Coast Regional Council.



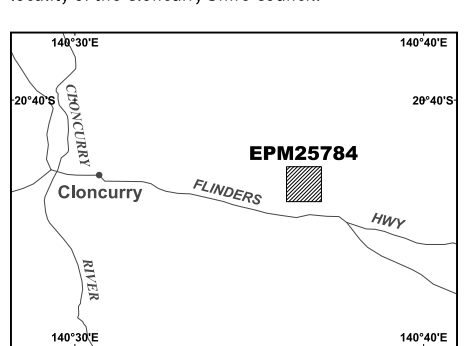
Exploration Permit 16288 sought by George William Ogilvie, over an area of 85 sub-blocks (279 km²), centred approximately 45 km South of Palmerville, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



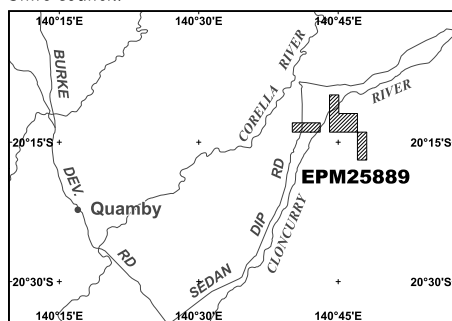
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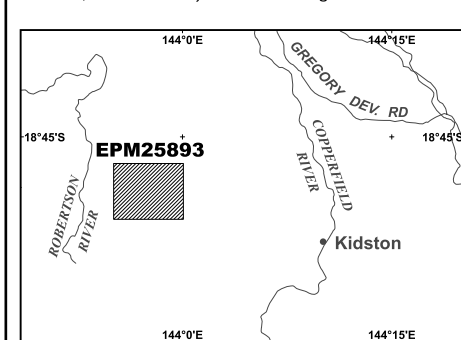
Exploration Permit 25784 sought by Kenex Pty Ltd, ACN 119 421 868, over an area of 1 sub-block (3 km²), centred approximately 10 km East of Cloncurry, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



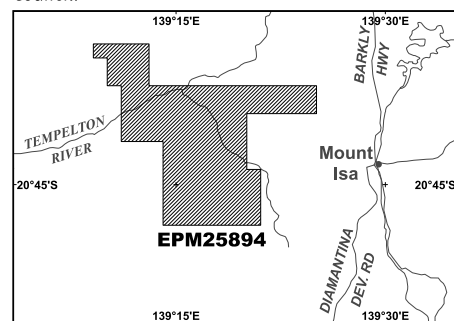
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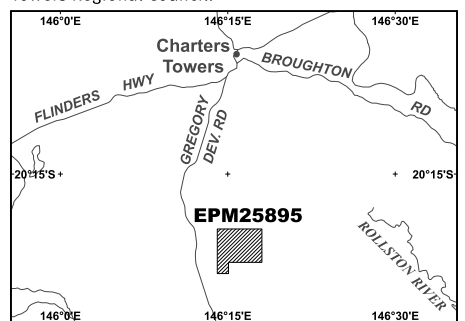
Exploration Permit 25893 sought by Kronos Gold LLC, ACN 139 504 411, over an area of 20 sub-blocks (65 km²), centred approximately 23 km North West of Kidston, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



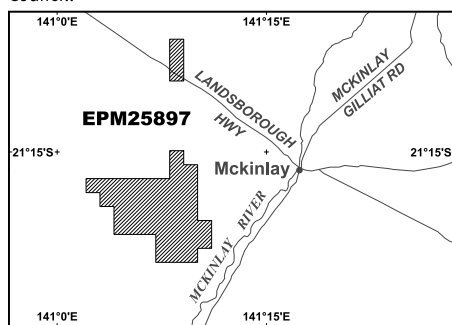
Exploration Permit 25894 sought by Millungera Energy Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 167 315 808, over an area of 96 sub-blocks (308 km²), centred approximately 21 km West of Mount Isa, in the locality of the Mount Isa City Council.



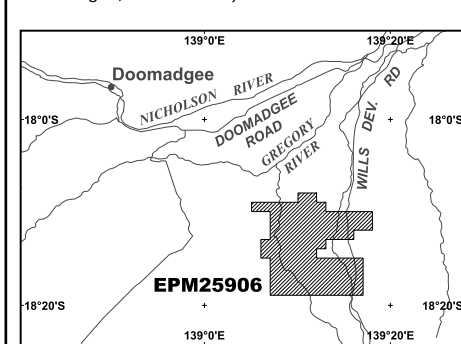
Exploration Permit 25895 sought by Hebrides Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 601 993 695, over an area of 13 sub-blocks (42 km²), centred approximately 32 km South of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



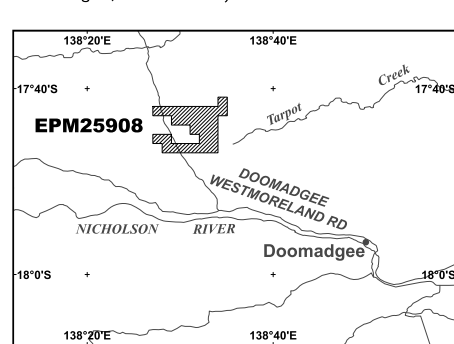
Exploration Permit 25897 sought by Sandfire Resources NL, ACN 105 154 185, over an area of 41 sub-blocks (131 km²), centred approximately 16 km West of Mckinlay, in the locality of the Mckinlay Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 25906 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 94 sub-blocks (306 km²), centred approximately 50 km South East of Doomadgee, in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 25908 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 27 sub-blocks (88 km²), centred approximately 40 km North West of Doomadgee, in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for coal or minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, October 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 29 April 2015

In a spin after camp selection



BRANDON King and Dylan Mullen have been selected to attend an annual Spin Week at the Bupa National Cricket Centre in Brisbane from May 11-15. National spin coaches John Davison and Brad Hogg, in conjunction with state talent managers, identified Northern Territorians King and Mullen

following testing using the 'Trackman' technology and talent identification at the under 17 and under 19 National Championships. Spin Week will include specialised technical and tactical coaching utilising the Trackman and video analysis, and will also be aimed at specialist spin coach development. King plays for Palmerston and

is a member of the National Indigenous Squad that competed in Darwin during the 2014 Top End Cricket Challenge. Mullen plays for Southern Districts and made his first grade debut for Valley's Cricket Club in the 2014-15 season. Both represented the NT in the 2014 under 17 and under 19 National Championships. ● Two in Northern Territory Emerging Squad – page 58



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2392	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	85BL	86km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 27' S Long: 124° 25' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2662	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	38BL	118km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 49' S Long: 116° 36' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2676	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	5BL	93km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 22' S Long: 115° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2677	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	89km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 21' S Long: 115° 57' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2684	RWG MINERALS PTY LTD	35BL	42km SE'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 113° 55' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2133	RED EARTH RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	110km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 53' S Long: 116° 17' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1449	PASCOE, Dawn Elena	2BL	11km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 121° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1458-I	SHUMWARI PTY LTD	26BL	43km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 46' S Long: 121° 53' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1459-I	SHUMWARI PTY LTD	2BL	40km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 47' S Long: 121° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1460	STRATEGIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	3BL	17km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 13' S Long: 121° 29' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2520	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	22BL	125km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 124° 11' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2521	WINDWARD RESOURCES LTD	68BL	150km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 123° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/946	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	126km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 120° 0' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1215	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	19BL	38km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 121° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3040	EXTERRA RESOURCES LIMITED	18BL	60km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3041	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	6BL	67km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 54' S Long: 123° 34' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3043	FASTFIELD PTY LTD	49BL	100km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 30' S Long: 121° 51' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1840	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	56km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 23' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1859	NIWEST LIMITED	6BL	75km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1860	NIWEST LIMITED	2BL	74km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 122° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4442	REDSTONE METALS PTY LTD	4BL	55km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 1' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3125	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	91km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 9' S Long: 118° 52' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1667-9	ZEUS MINING PTY LTD	180BL	86km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 4' S Long: 119° 8' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1677	MOLLOY, Marjorie Ann	33BL	56km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 118° 7' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3218	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	141BL	53km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 50' S Long: 119° 46' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1836	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	9BL	62km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 52' S Long: 121° 23' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/975-I	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	9BL	17km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 119° 18' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/473	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	29BL	28km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 18' S Long: 117° 46' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2103	APHEX MINERALS PTY LTD	2BL	13km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 117° 34' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2104	APHEX MINERALS PTY LTD	1BL	49km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 117° 12' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1724	AVOCA RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	28km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 57' S Long: 121° 40' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1726	SHUMWARI PTY LTD	9BL	30km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 56' S Long: 121° 53' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1727	SHUMWARI PTY LTD	1BL	36km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 121° 51' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3319	SULPHIDE RESOURCES PTY LTD	61BL	224km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 125° 4' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3334	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	44BL	137km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 29' S Long: 120° 12' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3335	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	130BL	155km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 18' S Long: 121° 27' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3351	RACHLAN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	80BL	164km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 37' S Long: 120° 34' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3352	RACHLAN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	45BL	160km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 41' S Long: 120° 20' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4677	CRAIG LUSTY	47BL	35km SE'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 35' S Long: 116° 24' E	WEST ARTHUR SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2278	MINERAL AND GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	2BL	87km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 14' S Long: 119° 45' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4915	ATTGOLD PTY LTD	14BL	114km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 15' S Long: 128° 1' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4922	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL	71km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 39' S Long: 127° 58' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4931	NORVALE PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	80/4931	MCKINTOSH RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	80km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 36' S Long: 128° 3' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4934	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	16BL	52km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 45' S Long: 127° 39' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5963 & 15/5965-7	FOCUS MINERALS LTD	575.85HA	17km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5964	FOCUS MINERALS LTD	121.41HA	18km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 121° 2' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5968 & 15/5971-2	FOCUS MINERALS LTD	457.12HA	13km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5973	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	196.23HA	18km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 20' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5974	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	199.54HA	16km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 19' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2874-8	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	996.54HA	51km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2901	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	103.51HA	23km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 14' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	20/2246	SANDER, Thomas Peter	9.68HA	10km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 117° 50' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4865, 24/4868-9 & 24/4874	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	735.19HA	34km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 10' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4866 & 24/4873	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	400.74HA	36km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 10' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4870	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	84.62HA	25km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4871	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	48.00HA	22km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4872	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	199.72HA	38km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4907	BONSER, Roanne Elizabeth SMITH, Steven Bradley LUCAS, Michael Anthony	68.55HA	67km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4911	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	132.81HA	38km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4915	CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	201.08HA	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2316	LACCOS, Kevin John	198.32HA	32km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2361-3	DALLA COSTA, Melville Raymond	496.73HA	11km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 121° 4' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4165	CREW, Ross Frederick	58.38HA	96km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 122° 3' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2967	ELAZAC MINING PTY LTD	5.76HA	33km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 26' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2968	ELAZAC MINING PTY LTD	29.16HA	26km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 119° 33' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2969-71	HAOMA MINING NL	470.73HA	42km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 19' S Long: 119° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2931	HODDER, David Kenneth	65.89HA	24km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1662-8	WA MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	1136.08HA	10km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 4' S Long: 117° 57' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1979	GOLDCRUSH CORPORATION PTY LTD	142.81HA	15km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 6' S Long: 121° 53' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1980-1 & 63/1985	GOLDCRUSH CORPORATION PTY LTD	579.50HA	28km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 26' S Long: 121° 50' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1982-3	GOLDCRUSH CORPORATION PTY LTD	399.84HA	24km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 24' S Long: 121° 50' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1649	GALEA, Michael	95.64HA	35km SW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 115° 45' E	WANNEROO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Notification day: 8 April 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 8 July 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. 8 August 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

Torres Strait girls at AFL camp

By ALF WILSON



TORRES Strait girls Delma Gisu, Pamai Dau and Aggie Harry attended the Queensland under 18 Australian Football League (AFL) camp on the Gold Coast and gained valuable experience.

The girls live in Townsville and the camp was held in mid-March and featured a selection trial for the Queensland under 18 team.

Townsville AFL regional manager Kathleen Newman said the girls did not make the final squad of 25.

"But they are in strong contention for the Australian Indigenous team (the Woomeras) that will compete in division two at the coming National Championships," she said.

"The girls played a trial game at the camp and we should find out very soon if they have been selected."

The trio play in the Townsville Wednesday night competition.

Pamai plays for Shalom, while Aggie and Delma line up for Thuringowa Bulldogs.

Delma, of Mer descent, and Pamai, of Boigu heritage, attend Shalom Christian College.

Shalom acting head of secondary school Mark Burgess said Delma and Pamai were strong mid fielders.

"They do a lot of hard work and that had paid off," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Delma, Pamai and Aggie shone for the Townsville team that contested the State women's under 17 division two championships in Brisbane last October.



At the Gold Coast camp are, from left, Delma Gisu, Pamai Dau and Aggie Harry.

Palm side aims for its fifth win

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



PALM Island side Skipjacks will be attempting to cement their dominance over the Australian Army Thunder side when they meet for the prestigious Bill Coolburra Shield at 1300SMILES Stadium, Townsville, on April 18.

The match will be a curtain-raiser to the North Queensland Cowboys versus New Zealand Warriors game and will be in its eighth year.

Skipjacks have won four of the last seven clashes.

Previous matches have alternated between Townsville and Palm Island.

The coming game was due to be held at the Palm football oval, but both sides agreed to again meet at the home of the Cowboys.

"We should have a good side again," champion Skipjacks forward Fred Bulsey said.

But the Army team will have every chance of winning because there is no domestic competition on Palm Island this year.

However, numerous Palm Island footballers are lining up for teams in the seven-club Townsville competition.

The late Palm Aboriginal Elder Bill Coolburra served in the Australian Army for many years.

His widow Edna and many family members as well as hundreds of Palm Islanders will be at the game.

Bill Coolburra served as a regular soldier in the Royal Australian Engineers after enlisting in 1964.

His overseas service included Borneo, Malaya and Vietnam, serving as a member of 1 Field Squadron and also 3 Field Troop.

He saw action in Vietnam as a tunnel rat in the tunnels of the infamous Hobo Woods.

Bill Coolburra served 16 years as a soldier and it was while he



The Skipjacks team with Bill Coolburra's widow Edna and Palm Mayor Alf Lacey after the 2014 win.

was in the Army that he received the nickname 'Kookaburra'.

He loved the Army and he also loved rugby league and his favourite Palm Island team, the Skipjacks. It was his wish that the Army and Palm Island play an annual game that would forge friendships and closer ties.

Former NRL players Milton Thaiday and Obe Geia Jnr led the Skipjacks to a 50-32 victory over the Army team last year.

A year earlier, Army Thunder beat Skipjacks 32-28 in an exciting game on Palm Island.

In late 2012, the Army beat Skipjacks 32-14, played as a curtain-raiser to the Test between Australia and New Zealand in Townsville.

Skipjacks won the 2011 clash on Palm Island's football oval 46-30.

● RIGHT: Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan and Edna Coolburra after the 2014 victory.



Brett Goodes back in favour



THE Western Bulldogs elevated Brett Goodes to the senior Australian Football League (AFL) list.

The promotion was announced ahead of their opening round match against West Coast last Saturday.

Goodes' elevation follows the ACL injury to midfielder Tom Liberatore, who was placed on the long-term injury list.

Goodes said that after a successful VFL finals series last year, he was glad to continue his good form into the pre-season and be rewarded with the elevation.

"It was great to get re-rookied and have a solid pre-season and drop a few kilos and then have a good NAB (Challenge) series," he told AFL.com.au.

Before the start of this season, the 31-year-old had played 15 senior games in his two seasons and said regardless of the chance of an elevation, his aim was always to put in a solid pre-season.

"A new coach, new opportunities, (I) just wanted to throughout NAB Cup put my best foot forward," he said.

"I was always going to play as well as I could – if there was an opportunity, I was willing to take it."

Brett Goodes
Picture: Peter Argent



Christian plays his part



Dan Christian bowling for Victoria against his old State South Australia during a Sheffield Shield match in Adelaide this season.
Picture: Peter Argent



DAN Christian has become the second Aboriginal cricketer – following in

the footsteps of Jason Gillespie – to win Cricket Australia's coveted Sheffield Shield competition.

Christian is a Wiradjuri man from Narrandera, in the Riverina region of New South Wales.

Playing for his third state – Victoria – he was a member of the Sheffield Shield-winning combination that drew with Western Australia in the Shield final in Hobart from March 21-25.

Sitting on top of the table after important wins at the back end of the season, with Christian playing a significant role in them, the Victorians only needed and achieved a draw in the final to lift the Shield.

Christian had a strong 2014-15 season with the willow, making 560 runs at an

average of 50.90 including two centuries.

One of the few true all-rounders in the Australian game, Christian also claimed 13 wickets and is regarded as one of the best fielders nationally – in close and in the outfield.

Gillespie, a 71-test, 259-wicket veteran in a golden 10-year period from the mid 1990s for his country, played in South Australia's last Sheffield Shield victory in 1995-96.

That was the SA Redbacks' only title since the early 1980s.

Gillespie's reputation is continuing to be enhanced as a coach, taking Yorkshire to the English County Championship in 2014.

He is expected to replace the recently sacked Darren Berry as the Adelaide Strikers off-field leader for Big Bash League (BBL) next summer.

– Peter Argent

● **Could Gillespie coach England? See page 57 for Chris Pike's assessment of Gillespie's future.**

Boomerangs make it two in a row

By PETER ARGENT



THE South Australian Southern Boomerangs Indigenous XI easily accounted for St Peter's College in the annual cricket

match for the Reid-Conwillan Trophy at St Peter's main oval on March 20.

The Boomerangs restricted St Peter's to 3-114 off their 20 overs, then reeled off the required runs for the loss of just one wicket with nearly 10 overs to spare.

It was the first time the Boomerangs under 20 side had scored back-to-back victories in the annual competition.

Former State under 17s national championship-winning teammates from 2013-14 – Ayden McGregor-Baptista and Matthew Allen – were opposing captains.

"It was a big feather in the cap for the group having successive wins," McGregor-Baptista told the *Koori Mail*.

"In the end it was a pretty convincing result.

"We mixed up the bowling attack and there were a number of one-over spells.

"Charlie (Holmes) backed himself with the bat and it paid dividends.

"Trevor (McNamee) rotated the strike well and dispatched the bad ball."

The trio of wicket-takers for the Boomerangs were left-hand quick Dean Miller, Mitchell Seekamp and Michael Burgoyne.

Miller finished with 1-11 from his three-over spell, Burgoyne claimed 1-9 from two overs, while Seekamp just sent down the six balls, finishing with 1-1.

The Indigenous XI's run

chase was extraordinary.

Charlie Holmes smashed 38 from just 12 deliveries and hit four boundaries and three sixes.

Fellow opener Travis McNamee remained unbeaten on 71, from 44 balls, including 11 fours and two sixes.

The pair put on 70 for the first wicket to set up the win and once Holmes was dismissed, McNamee stepped up the punishing pace.

Long history

This game goes back to the 1800s.

On February 5, 1854, an inaugural match between Indigenous players from Poonindie, near Port Lincoln, and players from St Peter's was played.

Saints school captain Richardson Reid was captain of the hosts, while Poonindie bowler Samuel Conwillan took 13 wickets.

The 150th anniversary match was played February 25, 2004, between the St Peter's College First XI and the under 20 South Australian Indigenous XI.

It has been a big summer for McGregor-Baptista, culminating in him winning the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) Indigenous Cricketer of the Year award at the annual presentations on Friday, March 27.

He was captain of the SA under 17 team that travelled to Hobart and was the equal leading wicket-taker for his state, along with Indigenous teammate Tyrell Sinclair.

At the Imparja Cup, playing for the Southern Boomerangs, he was awarded a Black Cap and in College cricket in Adelaide, he was skipper of the Rostrevor First XI.



The Southern Boomerangs Indigenous under 20 side that beat St Peter's College.

Pictures: Peter Argent



● **ABOVE:** Reece Hocking affects a classy stumping in the annual match against St Peter's College, Adelaide.

● **RIGHT:** Slow bowler Ali Johncock in action for the Southern Boomerangs.



Former Test cricketer and SA all-rounder Peter Sleep presents Ayden McGregor-Baptista with his SACA Indigenous Player of the Year trophy. Picture: Contributed

Batting for England?

By CHIS PIKE



AUSTRALIAN fast-bowling great Jason Gillespie appears to be the next

international coach in waiting – the problem could be that it might be for the old enemy rather than his home nation.

Gillespie has just been appointed coach of his home town Adelaide Strikers in the Big Bash League (BBL) for next season and that is on top of his outstanding performance coaching Yorkshire to a first county cricket championship in England in 13 years.

That has his stocks as a coach right up in the headlights and there's little question he would be the leading candidate to replace Darren Lehmann as Australia's coach when that time came around.

Whitewash

However, coming off a summer where Lehmann oversaw Australia whitewash India in the Test series and then more recently win the Cricket World Cup, there doesn't appear an end in sight to the time at the helm of Gillespie's old Australian and South Australian teammate.

The same can't be said for England, though, coming off a disastrous World Cup performance where they didn't get out of the group stage.

That means they could very well be looking for a new coach soon, and potentially in time for the Ashes later this Australian winter, if the incumbent Peter Moores is moved on.

And if they are on the hunt for a new coach, then given his

experience as a player in some of Australia's greatest ever teams and now his success coaching in England, there's little question that Gillespie could very well be the No 1 candidate for the job.

However, that is all speculation at this point. What is confirmed is that Gillespie will be coaching the Adelaide Strikers in the BBL next season, being appointed to replace Darren Berry after he led the team to the top of the ladder this year, but failed to qualify for the final in Canberra.

Encouraged

Gillespie has not only been given permission by his county team in England to add the Strikers job to his workload, but encouraged to do so with the two seasons not clashing, and Yorkshire of the firm belief it will only help their coach develop further upon return.

Not only would Gillespie be willing to look seriously at coaching England if asked, but he already has some ideas in mind of things that would need to be put in place immediately.

"First, identify the type of cricket you want to play. I'm still not sure England know what brand of cricket they want to play. I'd encourage them to have players who don't take a backward step, especially when playing Australia," Gillespie said.

"A lot of Australians are very much in your face and if that's reciprocated, all of a sudden they don't like it. Body language for me is the key. What I'd like to see from England, if you want to take on Australia, you need to be up for the fight and roll up your sleeves, and not be afraid to take calculated risks.

In a rut

"The reality is that England, especially in one-day cricket, have played incredibly poorly of late and if they keep playing the same style of cricket, they are going to keep coming up with the same results. You've got to change that attitude, that mindset, and don't take a backward step.

"I feel so much for the modern cricketer who plays multiple forms of the game because it's a slog and it's hard to find time to work on your skills. But players almost get too clever. They are trying to find solutions and you have to be careful not to fill players' minds with stats because then they can justify anything with them."

Despite taking 259 Test and 142 one-day international wickets for Australia in a glittering career, Gillespie is perhaps best known for his remarkable 201 not out in his final Test against Bangladesh in 2006.

However, now he could be set to have every bit as big of an impact on international cricket as a coach.



Jason Gillespie

False start

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

It is amazing that we are only a few weeks into the National Rugby League (NRL) competition and some teams are already 'in crisis' and the positions of some coaches are seemingly under threat.

That Geoff Toovey's position at Manly is under question at all amazes me – but that is the beast that is rugby league.

But there is no doubt that a couple of losses – or even a significant single loss – can raise the heat on teams and coaches.

One team that will be under intense pressure is the Cowboys.

Neil Henry took the team to the finals in 2013, but that was not good enough.

In his first season Paul Green achieved a similar result, but there is a feeling that the Cowboys are missing their opportunity to reach for the title itself.

And you can only blame the referees so many times.

Expectations

With Jonathan Thurston fit and refreshed, coach Paul Green with his feet comfortably under the desk, and the depth and intense competition for spots across every position, expectations are high.

But a couple of early losses and questions are already being asked.

Even their thrilling one-point win against Melbourne Storm will not quieten the doubters.

The Cowboys have one of the most complete rosters in the game, headlined by arguably the game's best player in JT.

They may not be unknowns to coach Paul Green, but just how he uses his playmakers has remained a closely-guarded secret throughout the pre-season.

Michael Morgan was a revelation at fullback last season, but Lachlan Coote's return from an ACL injury has made Morgan's hold on the position a tenuous one, and Robert Lui's

place in the halves even more uncertain.

The hooker position is the other contentious one, with incumbent Rory Kostjasyn facing a battle from Jake Granville, Ray Thompson and Cameron King for the No 9 jersey.

It would take an injury toll of horrific proportions for the Cowboys to be caught short on quality in any position this year.

There are a host of players capable of playing in the key roles of fullback, half, five-eighth and hooker, while the forward stocks have an excellent blend of experienced professionals and powerful youngsters capable of producing the spectacular.

For different reasons, this will be a big year for Lui and Thompson.

Everybody is aware of Lui's talent, but he is yet to cement a spot in first grade.

Thompson is a player I rate highly and I believe the Cowboys will need his creativity around the ruck.

Keep your eyes out for Yamba Bowie and Zac Sanro in the lower grades – hopefully they will get a crack at the NRL this year.

The Cows will still be in the running when the big games come around.

All's quiet...

It's been a little quiet on the western front.

The rugby league community has barely heard a peep out of the foot of the mountains over the summer; easily Phil Gould's quietest off-season since his arrival as godfather of the joint four years ago.

But after the season they had in 2014, that can only be a good thing.

This time last season, coach Ivan Cleary was busily outlining ways to involve late insertion Jamal Idris into his plans, one of many high-profile acquisitions – including Jamie Soward, Elijah Taylor and Peter Wallace – his boss had recruited in what was a full-scale assault of the player market.

And before that were pre-seasons of mania and pain at the club, most notably the dramatic exits of local products Luke Lewis and Michael Jennings that had the locals all aflutter.

Fast forward to the year of the selfie stick, except Gould and his black army were seemingly in hiding, licking their wounds after an unexpected push deep into September that almost resulted in a grand final berth.

There were casualties of their unlikely run, however; a well-documented injury toll that prematurely ended the campaigns of a number of first-grade regulars, including their new skipper in Wallace.

But now just about everyone's back.

Kangaroos winger Josh Mansour had post-Four Nations surgery on a troublesome shoulder and could be a month

away, while Idris addressed a semi-serious neck issue and hitman Adam Docker is probably feeling the after-effects of cutting some of the game's big fellas in half and have had disrupted preparations.

But poster boy Matt Moylan glided from Four Nations camp pretty much straight into the All Stars camp and looks poised for another free-wheeling season.

And their rehab crew – particularly young gun Bryce Cartwright – missed out on holiday festivities to re-educate themselves on how to use their bodies again.

So, all in all it hasn't been relatively still waters in Pantherland since they were knocked off by the Bulldogs in the penultimate game of the 2014 finals.

Penrith will now have to contend with being contenders.

And that's a status that'll surely be tested when they take on fellow top-four opponents the Rabbitohs, Roosters and Sea Eagles twice during the season.

We know that if Soward is the meat to this Penrith recipe, then Moylan is the sauce. When the dynamic duo – together with the explosive James Segeyaro from dummy-half – are clicking, the mountain men are often within a field goal of winning the game.

We also know that what the Panthers lack in star front-rowers, they make up for in metre-eating wingers like Kangaroo Josh Mansour, while they've also got a pair of centres and (healthy) back-rowers in Whare, Idris, Cartwright and Peachey that can burst a hole at any given moment.

Defensively, no team forced more errors last year than the Panthers.

We don't know how long it'll take for their four key men in Wallace, Cartwright, Taylor and Peachey to hit full strength following their season-ending injuries.

To my mind, Peachey is one of the most exciting prospects in the game.

Like his uncle, he is a true footballer who plays what is in front of him. He could prove to be the difference in those close games that determine a successful season.

The only other question is whether the Panthers have the consistency and belief to not only back up what they did last year, but go one step further.

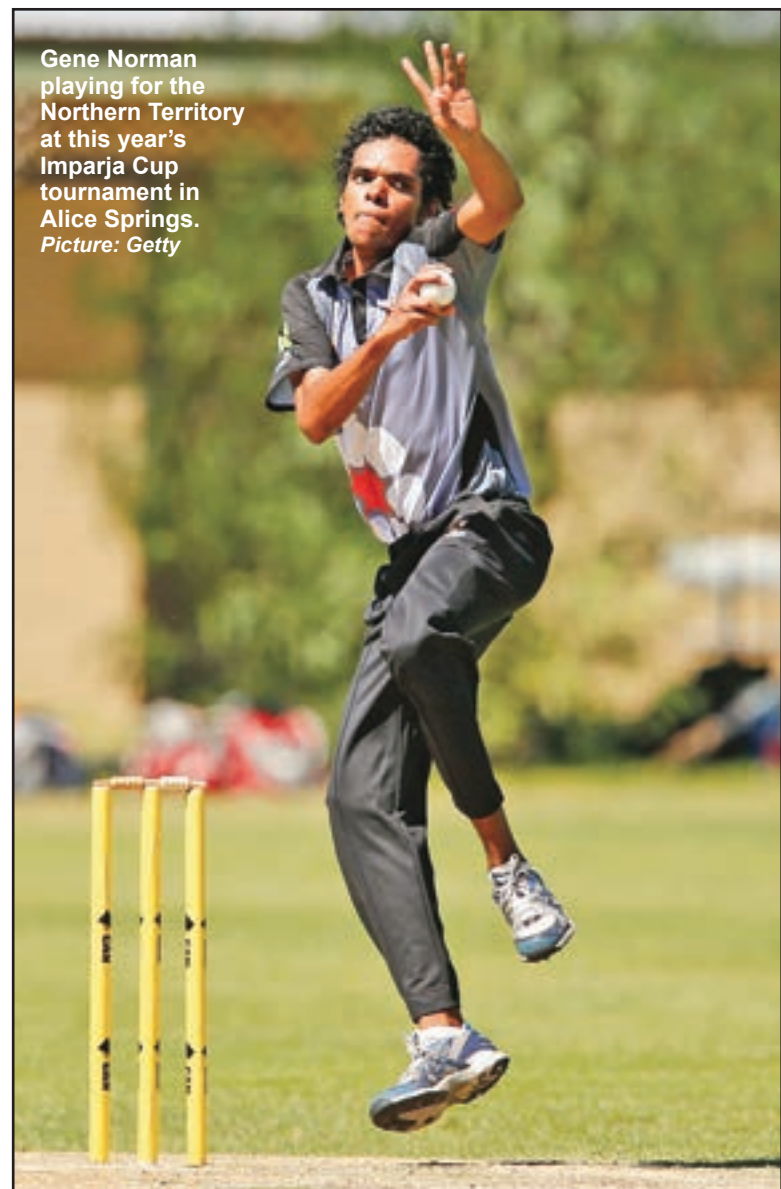
Discipline is key for this Panthers side.

While their completion rates aren't too shabby, it's their missed tackles (fifth most) and penalties (sixth) that make their lives harder than they'd like it to be.

Fix that up, and Penrith will easily enter the NRL elite.

I am loving the footy and the next few weeks should help us decide who the true contenders are.

Can Swans come back?



Gene Norman playing for the Northern Territory at this year's Imparja Cup tournament in Alice Springs. Picture: Getty

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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Two in Emerging Players squad



KATHERINE cricketer Gene Norman has joined Palmerston's Brandon King as the two Indigenous players in the Northern Territory Emerging Players squad for 2015.

Norman and King were part of the Northern Territory team that played in the Imparja Cup all-Indigenous carnival in Alice

Springs in February.

Norman has played just a handful of games and his rise has been astonishing. He is a right-arm fast bowler and bats right-handed.

King, a right-hand batsman and right-arm off spinner, has been known to NT selectors for some time.

NT Cricket selectors have announced an Emerging Players Squad that includes a broad mix of youth and experience with players chosen from throughout the NT.

Players will be supported by NT Cricket and the Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) in their preparation for national championships and elite-level programs as well as participating in the one-day Darwin competition.

NTIS head cricket coach Graeme Smith is looking forward to starting work with the Emerging Players squad.

"There is a great mix of talent in the group, with a view towards the selection process for the Under 17 National Championships in September and the Under 19s in December," he said.

"In addition, the Darwin one-day competition will provide these young players with an opportunity to not only play together but challenge themselves against an older and stronger opposition.

"It's about putting these cricketers under pressure and seeing how they rise to the challenge," he said.



Brandon King at the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs last February. Picture: Getty

We know what he can do on his day – he is almost beyond peer.

But he needs to achieve a level of consistency to ensure his mark of greatness brings the flag back to Sydney.

History suggests it will not be easy.

Hawthorn's 63-point win was the equal-ninth highest winning margin in a grand final and the biggest since Geelong decimated Port Adelaide by 119 points in 2007.

The scars of the Power's humiliating defeat, in which they managed only two goals after half-time, weighed heavily on players, coaches and fans alike.

They faded to irrelevance when they finished 13th in 2008.

The Power's demise is not at all unusual though.

Since 1985, 10 grand finals have been won by 50 points or more.

Of the teams to lose by 50 or more points, Port Adelaide and two others have finished the following season outside of the eight – Collingwood in 2004 and Melbourne in 2001.

Collingwood were made to look second-rate when they lost to the Brisbane Lions by 50 points in 2003.



Adam Goodes

In the case of the Sydney Swans, last season's grand final must be used as an inspiration for a concerted effort or it could leave mental scars on the players for the rest of their careers.

There are losses and then there are humiliations.

Losses can be difficult to overcome, but humiliations scar athletes for indefinite periods.

Time will tell

With the AFL season just starting, it remains to be seen whether the Sydney Swans have exorcised their demons after their capitulation to Hawthorn in the 2014 grand final.

Central to the Swans' season will be the performances of Buddy Franklin and Adam Goodes.

Adam would not have chosen to play on for another season unless he felt that he could still contribute.

He is not selfish and is too committed to the Bloods culture to take away a position from another player who could contribute more.

He would be determined to finish his career on the high note that it deserves. His steely resolve will help drive other players to seek the ultimate redemption.

Buddy will be one of the keys to this.

This year could be the opportunity to cement his reputation as one of the true elite players in our game.

These stats do not bode well for the Swans.

But then again, it's not all bad news for Sydney either.

Hawthorn rebounded to win the 1986 flag after Essendon defeated them by a massive 78 points in 1985.

And West Coast won their maiden premiership in 1992 after Hawthorn defeated them by 53 points in the 1991 grand final.

Some clubs have the ability to harness a humiliating loss and use it as ammunition, while others are crippled by the shame of having competed so poorly.

This year will add to the depth of this history when we reflect upon the Swans' season come September.

Are they a side that has more in common with the Hawthorn of the 1980s or the West Coast of the early 1990s?

Or do they resemble a 2007 Port Adelaide – so destroyed it will take six years to reach another finals series?

The Swans were minor premiers in 2014, something they have in common with the West Coast side of 1991.

But the Swans also came into the 2014 grand final as favourites. West Coast, on the other hand, were in their first AFL grand final against a Hawthorn side that had featured in seven of the past eight grand finals.

They didn't carry the same weight of expectation as the Swans did last season, which may have made it easier for the Eagles to bounce back the next year.

Perhaps the Swans can draw inspiration from Hawthorn's 1986 flag on the back of their 1987 grand final defeat instead.

The Swans have been a dominant team over the past decade and dominant teams can draw on recent success to regroup.

Then again, the Hawthorn team of the 1980s is arguably the most talented list that we've ever seen.

Can the current Sydney list even be uttered in the same breath as a team that had the likes of Dermott Brereton, Jason Dunstall, Michael Tuck, Gary Ayres, and the great 'Dipper'.

So, if the Swans are unlike Hawthorn in the 1980s or West Coast in the 1990s, are they more likely to end up out of the eight in 2015 like previous grand final losers Port Adelaide, Collingwood and Melbourne?

For now, the jury is still out.

But it would be remiss to expect a team built on the 'Bloods' culture to lie down so easily.

Almost as remiss as them losing a grand final – it is something that will drive them all season.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Carroll out with injury



JUST a few days after being named in the Australian men's hockey team to contest the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Malaysia, Joel Carroll has been ruled out.

The star Kookaburras 100-cap defender injured a hamstring in training and will miss the tournament in Ipoh.

It has been a cruel period for Carroll, who missed much of the 2014 season through injury.

The London Olympian has been replaced in the squad by newcomer Tim Cross.

The 18-man squad will feature a combination of new and senior players while seeing the return of athletes from injury.

Captain Mark Knowles will return to the international fold to lead the group, having battled an ankle injury after winning gold at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Two of the Kookaburras' most experienced players – Jamie Dwyer and Glenn Turner – will return, having not played for Australia since the World Cup in June last year. If Dwyer plays in the Azlan Shah's opening match against Canada, he will become Australia's outright most capped player with a record of 322 appearances for the Kookaburras, overtaking Jay Stacy's record of 321.

The Kookaburras have won gold at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup on eight previous occasions, including back-to-back gold in 2004-05 and 2013-14.

Simon, Williams rejoin Matildas



THE Australian women's soccer team the Matildas are playing international friendlies against Austria and Scotland this month as their preparations intensify for June's FIFA Women's World Cup.

The Matildas have been training at the Australian Institute of Sport facility in Italy since competing in the Cyprus Cup last month.

Indigenous striker Kyah Simon and goalkeeper Lydia Williams are members of the Matildas.

They are concluding their European tour with matches against Austria and Scotland.

The match against Australia was played yesterday in Villach and the game against Scotland in Falkirk is on tomorrow (Thursday).

With Australia to kick off their World Cup campaign in Canada against the USA on June 8, the two friendlies are designed to provide crucial hit-outs as coach Alen Stajcic looks to finalise his squad.

"Every hit-out we get is crucial as we continue to work on the way we want to play in Canada and there is also the element of giving players the opportunity to really stake their claim to be in the squad," Stajcic said.

Stajcic signalled he may also look at using the games to get some match fitness into the likes of Samantha Kerr, Tameka Butt and goalkeeper Lydia Williams, who are all coming back from injury and joined the squad at the Australian Sports Commission's base in Italy.

Football Federation Australia has also announced the appointments of former Socceroo and W-League coach Ross Aloisi and Vicki Linton as assistant coaches to Stajcic.

Meanwhile, Kyah Simon is said to be buzzing with excitement after returning to the Matildas.

Out since October

Simon had been sidelined with a long-term injury. She underwent a knee reconstruction in October 2013 after tearing her anterior cruciate ligament in a match against the USA.

The highly motivated Simon is looking to make up for lost time.

The 23-year-old now finds herself in contention for a berth at the Women's World Cup.

Football Federation Australia's Aiden Ormond said what made the long road back to recovery even more difficult for Simon was the fact that she was coming off one of

the best years of her career.

He said life often threw up hurdles and much of it was about how people chose to deal with them. Simon was a classic example of seeing the glass half full. Having made her way back into the Westfield Matildas squad, she was not taking anything for granted, Ormond said.

Mental battle

"It has been a tough 14-15 months and now that I'm back, the rehab part almost seems the easy part, but now that I'm back on the pitch, back in that competitive environment within the team, I'm really enjoying it... so for me it's to win that mental battle with myself and keep progressing with every game and every training session," Simon said.

"I'm so grateful for being back on the pitch now."

The Aussie women retain tenth place in world rankings despite a good showing at the recent Cyprus Cup.

The Matildas won two group games and lost one before winning their 5th/6th playoff with a thumping 6-2 victory over Czech Republic.

The number one ranked nation is Germany, with USA second and France third. – With AAP

'Lloydies' take part in 7s tournament



A TEAM from the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) took part in The Scots College Schoolboys 7s tournament in Sydney.

The team reached the semi-finals.

Highlights included victories over the Queensland Scots and Canberra Grammar the first day.

The next event on the horizon is the LMRDT's first Brothers in Union camp.

It is for 15 and 16-year-old Indigenous rugby union players who want to hone their skills.

It will run from April 24-26 at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern.

● Pictures: The LMRDT team that took part in The Scots College 7s and action pictures of 'Lloydies' players.



Last chance with Eagles

By CHRIS PIKE



SHARROD Wellingham was one of the most exciting young talents in the Australian Football League (AFL) when helping Collingwood win the 2010 premiership, and now, after losing his way the past two years with the West Coast Eagles, is ready to get back that form of old.

Wellingham's ability to run and carry the ball through the middle, rack up huge numbers of possessions and then go forward to kick goals saw him emerge as a key player in the Collingwood team that won the 2010 premiership and then again made the grand final in 2011.

That was why West Coast identified him as just the type of player they required to build their midfield. With his size, experience and skills, the Eagles had every reason to expect Wellingham to be a star when they traded for him at the end of 2012.

However, it hasn't been the case, with the 24-year-old only managing 23 games in his two years with the Eagles through a mixture of injuries, including a freak ankle injury after a trampoline accident at home, and then poor form during 2014.

Pressure to perform

He missed the second half of the 2014 season with a knee complaint and that has meant that entering his third year with the Eagles, and final year of his contract, the pressure is on him to perform.

And Wellingham has put in all the hard yards over the summer to enable him to do that and looks ready to get back to his best form in 2015.

His first hit-out of 2015 came when he lined up for the Eagles against the AFL's Indigenous All Stars in Perth in February. His form that night was outstanding and has continued to be so leading right up to the season proper.

Eagles coach Adam Simpson might not have had all the talent in the world as a player, but through sheer hard work he became a champion of the AFL in his 306-game, two premiership career with North Melbourne.

That's exactly why now, as a coach, it can be frustrating seeing a player of Wellingham's ability perhaps not work hard enough to get the most out of himself, as was the case in 2014.

However, he sees every sign to suggest that will change in 2015.

"Sharrod's pre-season has been exceptional. We've been really pleased with his attitude and approach to everything he's done at the ground, at training and away from the club," Simpson said.

"He's in a good space. Now it's about producing the goods on game day and he has given himself every opportunity to be able to do that."

Promising start

Assistant coach Brady Rawlings, who was a tremendous AFL player in 245 games with North Melbourne, sees every reason to suggest that Wellingham can deliver the form that West Coast has been waiting for from him in 2015.

"This pre-season we've been able to train him a bit more as a midfielder since the Christmas break and he's coming along well. We all know his talent and he's quite fit at the moment," Rawlings said.

"He's strong, he's clean inside the contest and he uses the ball really well. In possession, we know what he's capable of. It's just finding that balance with the other side of his game as well. He's got a good attitude and we're all looking forward to him showing us what he can do this year now."

Wellingham's Indigenous teammates at the Eagles are also setting themselves for a big season.

Josh Hill has started the season in good form in the WAFL with East Perth to



Sharrod Wellingham after scoring a goal for Collingwood in the 2010 AFL grand final replay against St Kilda at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Picture: AAP

put himself in the mix for an AFL spot, while Jamie Bennell should be around the mark as a running defender again.

Murray Newman is back and has now played two WAFL matches this season after spending all of the 2014 season in prison, but the Eagles have stuck by him.

And Malcolm Karpany is another small forward who looks capable of pressing for an AFL debut at some point during 2015.

They're putting kids through the hoops



AN American-based organisation is conducting basketball clinics for Indigenous children in Darwin and Alice Springs during the Easter holidays.

Hoops International (USA) founder and president Stan Bruidish is leading the clinics.

The Darwin clinic, at the Darwin Basketball Association stadium at Marrara, started on Easter Monday and will end today.

A similar clinic will be held at Alice Springs tomorrow and Friday (April 9-10).

Hoops International is funded through the US State Department and conducts basketball clinics around the world for Indigenous and disadvantage children.

Hoops International created a partnership with Michael Maclean to conduct the basketball clinic in Darwin.

It said it was looking to take six to eight junior players from the Darwin clinics plus two coaches from the NT to the US.

The group will undertake further clinics and visit basketball colleges in the US as well as meet top basketball players in the National Basketball Association (NBA), which will hopefully include Australian Indigenous NBA star Patty Mills.

Big junior carnival



TEAMS from throughout the Northern Territory and a team from Papua New Guinea have competed in the 2015 Basketball NT Challenge.

More than 300 players from 40 teams in age divisions from under 12 to under 18 took part during Easter.

The tournament is the NT's flagship junior basketball event and has grown from 31 teams at the inaugural event in 2013 to 43 last year with representation from eight regions across the NT and Singapore.

This year teams came from Alice Springs, Darwin, Palmerston/Coomalie/Belyuen, Tiwi Islands, East Arnhem, West Arnhem and Victoria Daly, plus a team from Papua New Guinea.

Players from Adelaide River, Batchelor, Belyuen and Palmerston competed under the banner of the newly established Palmerston and Region Basketball Association.

The event featured formal opening and closing ceremonies, a range of development activities for players, coaches and officials, and a social evening to enable cultural interaction between participants.

The 2015 Basketball NT Challenge started on Good Friday at the Darwin Basketball Stadium in the Darwin suburb of Marrara.

Williams joins Peris in Hockeyroos team



Mariah Williams shoots for goal against Malaysian goalkeeper Farah Ayuni Yahya during their women's under 21 match at the International Super Series hockey tournament in Perth in November 2012. Australia won 3-2. Picture: AFP



TERALBA (NSW Hunter Valley) forward Mariah Williams, 19, joined Darwin forward Brooke Peris in the

Australian women's hockey team that took on China in Sydney during Easter. "Honoured to be playing with the Hockeyroos on home soil, heading to NZ after that for 6 Nations," Williams, 19, tweeted on March 25.

Hockeyroos coach Adam Commens said: "It's exciting to have Mariah Williams back in the group after her injury troubles in 2014 and we are hopeful she can now realise some of the potential that we know she has."

Peris and Williams were in the starting line-up for the opening game last Thursday, which China won 4-1.

Since moving from Parkes with her family, Williams became one of the leading players in Newcastle Women's

Premier League Hockey with the Souths club.

In 2008, Williams was selected to play for the NSW under 13 girls' team, and went on to play for her state at the U15, U18 and U21 levels.

In 2010, she won a national title with the NSW under 15 team, and finished the tournament as leading goal scorer.

Scholarship

In 2012, she received a hockey scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport. She also made her national level debut, playing for the Jillaroos in the Super Nine Series and also the Australian Youth Olympics Festival.

In 2013, she played in the Jillaroos Oceania Junior World Cup Qualifiers.

She made her debut for the Hockeyroos in April 2014 and before the games against China, had been capped five times for Australia, scoring

one goal.

Peris has become a fixture in the Australian team since her debut for the Hockeyroos in April 2013.

Before the games against China, she had 44 caps and eight goals for Australia.

Her CV includes finishing second at the 2014 Champions Trophy in Mendoza (Argentina), a gold medal for Australia at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow (Scotland), a gold medal at the 2013 Oceania Cup in Stratford (New Zealand), second at the World League Finals in Tucuman (Argentina) in 2013, and sixth at the Junior World Cup in 2013 in Monchengladbach, (Germany).

After the games against China, the Hockeyroos will contest the Hawke's Bay Festival in New Zealand as they prepare for June's Olympic Games qualifying event, the FIH World League semi-final in Antwerp, Belgium.

High hopes for Crows' new faces

By PETER ARGENT



THE Adelaide Crows have a promising list of Indigenous players as they finalise their South Australian National Football League (SANFL) squad for the 2015 campaign.

The Crows have named 28 players from rural and suburban competitions to complement their AFL list in the SANFL competition.

Indigenous talent includes Matthew Johncock, Kynan Betts, Josh Wittwer, Tyson Lindsay, the freakish Travis Wilson and former Rostrevor College student Jordan Wilson-King, who played for the Tanunda Magpies in 2014.

"We started with 300 players and after two weeks of phone calls, we invited 80 young talents," said Crows SANFL coach Heath Younie.

"Over a couple of weeks, we played four trials against the Adelaide University Blacks, Golden Grove, Ironbank and Meningie.

"The last cut was made a week before the first official trial against the Crows on March 21.

"Because our AFL side's list has a strong bias towards midfielders, this list profile complements that."

Those responsible

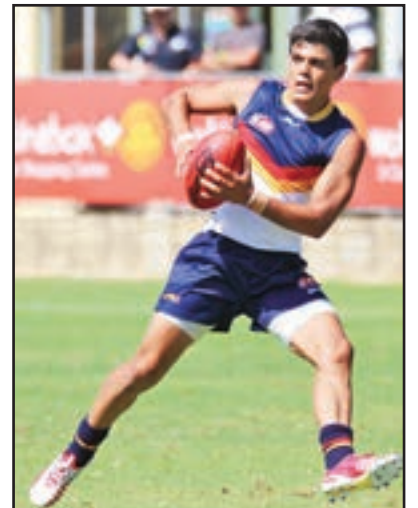
Younie said former Crow star Graham Johncock, a Hawthorn listed player from a decade ago, and Harry Miller were instrumental in getting Matthew Johncock and Kynan Betts into this program.

Betts and Matthew Johncock come from the famous nursery in Port Lincoln at Mallee Park, with Betts being a nephew of current Adelaide small forward Eddie and having many of his attributes. Johncock is a defender like his 200-AFL game uncle, but is tall, lean and athletic.

"Travis (Wilson) has plenty of raw ability, and we wanted to give him another opportunity," Younie said.

"It is now up to him to take this chance.

"Tyson (Lindsay) is a small forward, who is also able to go back into defence, playing with plenty of desire.



Josh Wittwer Picture: Peter Argent

"Travis is registered to play with Kadina in the Yorke Peninsula, while Tyson is at the Adelaide University Blacks in the amateur league."

Jordan Wilson-King is a journeyman, having played at North Adelaide before gaining a rookie contract at Fremantle.

His is also an underage player from the NT Thunder program, having spent the 2014 season with Tanunda in the Barossa, Light and Gawler competition.

"Jordan has tremendous ability and I coached him at the Roosters before he was drafted," Younie said.

"His attack on the ball and hardness in the contests are real strengths.

"Josh Wittwer has played a lot of reserves football at Central District, and had a strong relationship with our state league captain Ian Callinan.

"He has been flying on the track and is looking for his chance. "This program gives chances to players who have been in the system before and some that are getting their first chance.

"It is now about the player grabbing the opportunity when it arrives."

Younie said there would be anything between two and 10 development players in the Crows' SANFL league team, depending upon the availability of AFL-listed players, with the average being four footballers a game over the 2014 campaign.



Tyson Lindsay Picture: Peter Argent



Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre first intake members who have joined the NT Thunder list, from left, Lochlan Dhurrkay, Faron James, Ralph Dhamarrandji, Rick Ashley, Marcus Hamilton and Gibson Turner.

First intake at learning centre



THE Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre has had its first intake, with the North Australia

Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service (NAAFVLS) Remote All-Stars spending a week in Darwin.

Players from remote communities throughout the NT underwent a week of education-based training, incorporating a community legal education session delivered by NAAFVLS.

Other education sessions included respect and responsibility, drugs and

alcohol awareness, nutrition and hydration, leadership, and the importance of education and awareness of career opportunities.

The intake finished last Thursday with the 21 participants and staff returning to their communities after eight days.

At the completion of the camp, six of the 21 participants were awarded NT Thunder contracts.

They are: Lochlan Dhurrkay (Elcho Island), Gibson Turner (Santa Teresa), Faron James (Harts Range) and Liam Patrick (Lajamanu – pre-signed).

NT Thunder rookie list

additions: Marcus Hamilton (Katherine), Ralph Dhamarrandji (Elcho Island) and Rick Ashley (Ramingining).

These players now have the opportunity to train and live in their communities, building on their leadership skills and enabling them to role-model for peers back home while having the opportunity to play with the NT Thunder in Darwin and interstate.

Thunder head coach Xavier Clarke said, "Each of these players builds quality to our list, with our playing depth looking healthy as we prepare for our first game against the Southport Sharks on April 18."



Time out in the pool for the first intake.



Skyeisha Rigney, from Raukkan, South Australia, one of the Indigenous runners who are off to Washinton DC and Philadelphia.



TWELVE young Indigenous Australians are heading to the United States for a two-week sport and cultural program.

The tour is the result of a partnership between the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) and the US Mission in Australia.

Four IMP mentors and 12 Indigenous Australian youth aged 14-17 will travel to Washington DC and Philadelphia (Pennsylvania).

Participants were selected from IMP's Deadly Fun Run series and in the US will train with local running coaches, learn strength and conditioning skills, sports psychology, injury prevention, athlete nutrition and conflict resolution.

They will also volunteer at one of the oldest national track meet competitions, the Penn State Relays, which features the best teams from around the US.

The tour will provide the youth with the opportunity to participate in a local fun run and meet representatives from the Native American community to share elements of each other's culture.

Bianca Graham (IMP 2011 graduate), Georgia Gleeson and Luke McKenzie (2013 graduates) and Nathan Riley (2014 graduate) will chaperone the group.

The team:

Those going to the US are: Isabella Raleigh – Weipa Deadly Fun Run champion (Weipa, Qld); Skyeisha Rigney – three-times Murraylands Deadly Fun Run champion and National Deadly Fun Run champion 2013-2014 (Raukkan, SA); Mona Mungatopi – Tiwi Islands Deadly Fun Run champion (first in age group 2013) and National Deadly Fun Run representative in 2013 (Milikapiti, NT); Kenisha Winunguj – Tiwi Islands Deadly Fun Run champion 2013 and National Deadly Fun Run

representative in 2013 (Milikapiti, NT); Phylisia Palipuaminni – Tiwi Islands Deadly Fun Run champion 2013 and National Deadly Fun Run representative in 2013 (Milikapiti, NT); Gabrielle Mairu – participant in the Thursday Island Running Group (Thursday Island, Qld); Reece Knitschke – Murraylands Deadly Fun Run champion 2013 and 2014, National Deadly Fun Run representative 2013 (1st) and 2014 (2nd) (Murray Bridge, SA); Dwayne Wunungmurra – participant in the Gapuwiya Training Group (Gapuwiya, NT); Uriah Bob – participant in the Thursday Island Running Group (Thursday Island, Qld); Jayden David – Mossman's most consistent fun run participant in 2014 and represented at the National Deadly Fun Run championships in 2014 (Cairns, Qld); Lamar Enoch – Mossman's most consistent fun run participant in 2013 and represented at the National Deadly Fun Run championships in 2014 (Mossman,

Qld); Josiah Wanambi – participant in the Gapuwiya Training Group (Gapuwiya, NT).

The group will undertake a 'bonding' run in Melbourne this Friday, April 10.

They will be joined by representatives from the US Consulate, IMP graduates and youth participants on the program.

Opportunity

IMP director and founder Robert de Castella said this is an incredible opportunity for Australia's Indigenous youth.

"We are very grateful to the team at the US Mission in Australia for offering such a life-changing, memorable experience to our graduates and young Indigenous Australians," he said.

"It offers them an insight into the fusion of sport and culture in another country, providing an educational and cultural connection."

Novel fundraiser nets \$11,000 for IMP



THE 2014 Virtual Run saw more than 585 participants collectively run more than 17,000km and raise a staggering \$11,000 for the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP).

Preston (Melbourne) woman Sarah Jefford, who initiated the nation-wide event, said it was humbling to have people right across Australia get involved.

IMP founder and marathon

legend, Rob de Castella, was at Melbourne's Olympic Park athletics facility near Rod Laver Arena on March 27 to accept a cheque from Ms Jefford.

"I really wanted to organise an event that everyone could be part of," she said.

"The purpose of the Virtual Run was to allow people to accumulate kilometres throughout the month of December – so by the end of the month, they may have run the equivalent of a half or full marathon.

"It also encouraged some people to run or walk as little or as much as they wanted. The response was overwhelming.

"I wasn't sure how many people would get involved, but it was so well supported and I've already been approached about organising it again this year.

Rob de Castella's Indigenous Marathon Project was established in 2010 and annually selects a squad of 12 Indigenous Australians, six men and six

women aged 18-30, to train for the world's most iconic running event – the New York City Marathon.

'Deek' said Sarah's passion and enthusiasm to help IMP epitomised what IMP was all about.

"We want to encourage Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to reap the benefits of living an active and healthy lifestyle," he said.

"Many of our runners, when they try out for IMP, don't even

know how far a marathon is. But they do know the importance of setting an example for their family and friends, particularly given the significant incidence of health-related disease affecting our Indigenous Australians.

"They take on an incredible challenge and become inspirations in their community.

"We are very grateful to Sarah and her hard work and dedication, and of course, to everyone across the country who took part in this event."

Crowther leaps his way to Beijing



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Robbie Crowther has booked a passage to the World Athletics Championships in Beijing in August after winning his third national long jump championship.

The Cloncurry-born 27-year-old won the Australian title with a leap of 8.05m at the Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre in Brisbane on March 28.

The 2006 world junior champion has a personal best of 8.12m, achieved in the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Diamond League meet in Stockholm, Sweden, in 2011.

Another prominent Indigenous athlete – discus thrower Benn Harradine – missed the Australian titles in Brisbane in a measured decision aimed at ensuring he is at his peak for the Beijing World

Championships and the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

Harradine said on Facebook that he wanted to start in Brisbane, but 'I just have to be sensible this year to ensure my body is able to work at the percentage required to do well at Worlds and Rio'.

"I wish everyone success, both my able-bodied and AWD (athletes with a disability) friends. I will be watching with great interest from the stands," he said.

Crowther tweeted on March 29: "It all came together today back-to-back nationals champ with 8m05 thanks for fam and friends."

Darcy Roper, 16, stamped himself as a name to watch after finishing second in the long jump with a PB of 7.91m – the biggest jump by an under-18 athlete anywhere in the world in the past two years.

The luckless Henry Frayne withdrew after three rounds due to yet another hamstring strain. – AAP



Robbie Crowther competes in the men's long jump at the Australian Athletics Championships at the Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre in Brisbane on March 29. Picture: Getty

James' trophy cabinet keeps on expanding



BRILLIANT young sprinter James Gallagher collected three gold and a bronze medal at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park last month.

The former NSW South Coast flyer, now living in Western Australia, won the 100m, 200m and the long jump, and finished third in the 4x100m relay.

In the 100m, he set a meet record of 10.74s and ran a personal best in the 200m, winning in 21.71s.

After winning the 100m final, James told his mother Samara Williams he thought he could 'have run faster but I'm still happy'.

James has swept all before him since he stunned the world a few years back when he came from a long way back to run down the leading anchor runner in a boys' primary school state championships relay.

He has now accumulated 15 national gold medals along with three silver and four bronze.

He has broken various state, meet and national records and even set a world

age record.

His mum said he continues to enjoy his athletics and trains with national junior coach Lyn Foreman.

She said the pair had forged a great relationship.

James was part of the WA Target Talent Program even though he was younger than the 17 years selection age group. He turns 15 in May.

The Target Talent Program is aligned with Athletics Australia's High-Performance Department.

In the meantime, James has been asked to play rugby league with the Willagee Bears.

"James' father and I fully support his decision to play footy as he is still only 14 years old and should be enjoying himself," Samara Williams said.

She said he remained humble and focused on his schooling and sport.

This year he has his eyes on the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Youth Championships in Colombia in July and Youth Commonwealth Games in Samoa in September for under-18 athletes.



James Gallagher with his medal haul at the 2015 Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney.

Indigenous teams finish seventh in rugby sevens



THE National Indigenous team finished seventh at the rugby union National Sevens Championship in Sydney.

The Indigenous women's team also finished seventh.

NSW defeated Queensland in the men's and women's Cup finals to make it a clean sweep of titles across the seniors and youth events over two weekends.

The tournaments were played at the Australian home of rugby sevens – the Sydney Academy of Sport.

The NSW Blue men's team continued their fine form from the pool stages on day one as they saw off a brave Victorian side (12-0) and New South Wales White (35-7) and then defeated Queensland Red (29-21) in a see-saw Cup final.

Earlier, Queensland Red beat the Indigenous team 24-7 in a quarter-final.

In the women's tournament, NSW Blue reclaimed the title they lost to Queensland Red in 2014, beating their rivals 22-0 in the Cup final.

Earlier, NSW Blue saw off Australian Universities (36-0) in the first quarterfinal before beating Australian Services by the same scoreline in the Cup semifinals.

The tournament ended for the women's Indigenous team when beaten 20-0 by Queensland Red in a quarterfinal.



**Will Dizzy
coach
England?**

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The queen of cricket



Ashleigh Gardner in
action at the Imparja Cup
carnival in Alice Springs.
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Ashleigh Gardner blazes new trail



NSW
Aboriginal
all-rounder
Ashleigh
Gardner
has been

named the Lord's Taverners
Indigenous Cricketer of the
Year for 2014-15.

Gardner is the first
Indigenous female to be
awarded the annual prize
that forms part of Cricket
Australia's State Cricket
Awards recognising
Australia's best domestic
cricketers for the season.

Marked as a star of the
future, Gardner achieved
a number of milestones
during the year, including
being named in the NSW
Breakers women's team,
Cricket Australia's
under-18s Female Talent
Camp Squad and being
awarded Player of the
Championships for the
under 18 Female National
Championships.

Dominated

Last February she led
NSW to the women's title
at Cricket Australia's
all-Indigenous tournament,
the Imparja Cup. She
dominated the carnival with
bat and ball, scoring 147
runs in three matches and
taking nine wickets at an
average of 5.2 bowling her
right-arm off-spin.

Gardner's impressive
Imparja Cup performance
earned her the Female
Player of the Tournament
award and a place in the
2015 Team of the
Championships.

The 17-year-old has also

excelled in grade cricket this
season, earning her a spot
in the Commonwealth Bank
Shooting Stars, who
travelled to Sri Lanka earlier
this year and are in Dubai
until April 13.

The tours are designed to
combine a high-performance
training environment with
valuable match practice in
sub-continent conditions.

Panelists

The selection panel for
the Lord's Taverners
Indigenous Cricketer of the
Year consisted of National
Indigenous Cricket Advisory
Committee co-chair Aaron
Briscoe, former Australian
women's captain and Bupa
National Cricket Centre
senior manager Belinda
Clark, Cricket Australia's
national Indigenous officer
Paul Stewart and Cricket
Australia's senior manager
game development John
Watkin.

The panel's selection
was based on five criteria:

- Performance at
Imparja Cup and
state/territory national
competitions
 - Positive contribution to
Indigenous cricket within
home state/territory
 - Potential to take the
next step on the high-
performance pathway
 - Being a positive role
model for other Indigenous
cricketers
 - Showing leadership
amongst his/her peers.
- The Lord's Taverners
Australia supports Australian
cricket's Indigenous
programs.

Rugby League Knockout meeting called for April 17



A DELEGATES'
meeting ahead of the
2015 NSW Aboriginal
Rugby League
Knockout carnival
will be held at 11am

on Friday, April 17, in Sydney.

Knockout organiser Matt Rose
from Walgett Aboriginal Connection
(AC) is urging delegates from all
clubs to attend as there will be
some key issues under discussion.

Rose said the Knockout was a
fantastic event – the largest cultural
gathering in Australia and the
biggest rugby league knockout in
the world – but there were a few
issues that needed to be tackled to
make it even better.

"We always seem to have a few
problems that affect the Knockout
and we want to work through them
to ensure a smooth event," he said.

"There have been issues that
have marred past Knockouts.

"But it is a great event and we
want to make it even greater."

Rose also said a gala night
would be held on Wednesday,
September 30, where the draw
would be done.

The delegates' meeting will be
held at the National Centre of
Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) at
Redfern.

Walgett AC won the 2014
Knockout at Raymond Terrace and
in doing so, won the right to host
the 2015 Knockout.

They have chosen Caltex Park,
Dubbo, as the venue.

The Knockout will run from
Friday, October 2, to Monday,
October 5.



Matt Rose

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