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Djuki Mala shine



YOLNGU dance sensation Djuki Mala took their

unique show to the Melbourne Comedy Festival last week.

And they recently donated \$10,000 to help the cyclone clean-up effort in their home community of Arnhem Land. (See story page 4.)

Joining Djuki Mala (formerly known as the Chooky Dancers) at the Melbourne Comedy Festival were Aboriginal comedians from around the country for the Deadly Funny finals and showcase.

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Picture: Jillian Mundy

Stolen Wages breakthrough



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also Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, has told the *Koori Mail* the Government will honour the commitment to compensate Indigenous Queenslanders whose wages were stolen.

"We're creating a \$21 million compensation fund for those affected by these discriminatory policies of the past," he said.

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My FAMILY Robert Cedar –Townsville, Qld



● Above: Robert Cedar with his sons Michael, left, and Chris.

FAMILY is very important to me, and we support each other in general life as much as we do in sport.

I am of Darnley Island (Erub – Torres Strait Islands) descent and live in Townsville, north Queensland.

Sport has been a very important factor for all my family.

Some years ago I played A grade rugby league with champions like Gene Miles, Chris Phelan and Colin Scott for Souths in the Townsville District competition.

My sons Michael and Chris were my biggest fans, with Michael playing in the juniors and Chris just a little too young to pull on the boots.

Last year I attended the Souths reunion and I got to catch up with my extended family members and friends.

Michael and Chris are basketballers – the first Indigenous brothers to play together in an NBL side.

Both were born and bred in Townsville.

Recently I faced a dilemma when they played against each other in a basketball grand final. I couldn't barrack outright for either. Chris, aged 25, lined up for the McDonald's Rockhampton Rockets, while Michael, 27, played for the Mackay Meteors in the best-of-three Queensland Basketball League series.

The Rockets ended up winning two-nil.

As it turned out, the boys achieved a wonderful double for our family. Michael won a QBL championship two years ago, and now his little brother has completed the same achievement.

I am a very proud father, having had both boys achieve similar goals in life through the sporting arena.

I am also blessed with a handsome grandson, Jacob Robert Cedar.

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OUR CHILDREN



The Mandingalbay Yidinji people, from the far side of Trinity Inlet near Cairns, recently signed an agreement that will lead to long-term and sustainable tourism developments in their Indigenous Protected Area within the Grey Peaks National Park. "Our focal point is to ensure that there is a future for the younger people coming through, so we'll start with establishing our own industry," traditional owner Dewayne Mundraby said. Mandingalbay Yidinji children are pictured here holding the agreement.

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Kids getting a solid foundation



SPORTS legend Cathy Freeman recently visited four of the schools her foundation supports for end-of-term awards ceremonies. The awards ceremonies recognised 688 students for their efforts in school attendance, behaviour and literacy in Term 1.

The schools involved are Bwgcolman Community School and St Michael's Catholic School on Palm Island; Woorabinda Primary School and Wadja Wadja High School in Woorabinda, central Queensland; Galiwinku community and Shepherdson College in Galiwinku, Elcho Island in Arnhem Land and Wurrumiyanga community, Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School and Xavier Catholic College in Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island, Northern Territory.

"The potential for these Indigenous children is limitless, and our team is thrilled to be working with 1600 Indigenous children and their families across four of Australia's largest remote Indigenous communities," Ms Freeman said.

"It is equally humbling to acknowledge the Indigenous Elders and community leaders who are embracing the work of the foundation and helping us build pathways that work. Together we share a vision for an Australia where Indigenous and non-Indigenous children have the same education standards and opportunities in life.

"The awards were especially welcomed by the community of Galiwinku, as the children were celebrated for their achievements during what has been a challenging time since the upheaval of Cyclone Lam. The pride and joy on the children's faces is what makes this



Cathy Freeman celebrates awards with students at Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School in the Northern Territory community of Wurrumiyanga.

work so rewarding for all involved."

The Cathy Freeman Foundation delivers five programs on Palm Island. They aim to broaden horizons and focus on improving school attendance, behaviour and literacy.

Since the involvement of the foundation,

students completing Year 12 increased by 300%, and attendance has dramatically improved.

Bwgcolman Community School principal Jeff Jones has been working with foundation for the past four years.

"Of all the organisations that come and go, the Cathy Freeman Foundation team is the only one that stays, and we choose to embed their programs in our students' daily school lives because we know their approach works," he said.

Concern at Alice threat



THE Northern Territory Government has threatened to take children away from their parents if anti-social

behaviour in Alice Springs continues. During and after the recent Easter holidays there were several incidents in Alice Springs, including rocks thrown at police officers, Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

"I'm giving the parents of the children responsible for this spate of violence a very clear message. Get your kids off the streets. Get them back to communities and back into school," he said. "Otherwise, these children will be regarded as requiring protection and we will take immediate action. Parents should not doubt our resolve to do this."

NT Children and Families Minister John Elferink said the Government was taking a "zero-tolerance approach".

"I have directed my department to take strong action and take children into care where the legal grounds are met," he said. "Normally the department would see this as a last resort and be willing to work

with parents, but these are not normal circumstances.

"Our advice is that many of the children throwing rocks and committing anti-social acts are from communities. If parents don't want to see their children in care then they need to get off the grog and head back to their home community."

But legal and Aboriginal organisations have slammed the Government's approach, saying that threatening to take children away is inflammatory, punitive and against its own guidelines.

Punitive

Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS) chief executive Mark O'Reilly told the *Koori Mail* that child protection measures had not been designed as a punitive measure.

"Basically, the Government is saying, if kids don't behave we'll put them into care, which completely ignores the legislation that talks about when care and protection orders can be made," he said.

"In this situation, the Government seems to be circumventing that legal process and holding out threats for

behaviours that nobody has any insight into yet.

"It does a lot to undermine the whole regime of care and protection."

Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the NT spokesperson Priscilla Collins said the current rate of removal of Aboriginal children from their families is higher than at any other time in the NT's history.

"Placing children into care is never a justified punishment," Ms Collins said. "The proposed response reveals a government that is too ready to place all blame on Aboriginal parents but take no responsibility for its own failures in Aboriginal policy."

Making Justice Work (MJW) coalition spokesperson Antoinette Carroll said the Government had defunded a number of youth programs in Alice Springs, including vital after-hours initiatives, and slammed Mr Elferink for his approach.

"These comments are disturbing and disgraceful. They are clearly directed at Aboriginal people and are dangerously generalised, reinforcing negative and untrue stereotypes," she said.



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Djuki Mala lends generous hand



DJUKI Mala, a dance theatre group of Yolngu men from Arnhem Land, has

donated \$10,000 to remote communities of their home area which were affected by cyclones Lam and Nathan. Adding the generous support of their audiences at the Adelaide Fringe Festival in March to their personal contributions, the money will go to the 'Hands Up for Arnhem Land' appeal, which is raising money for the clean-up effort.

In February, the cyclones ravaged the homes of the people of Arnhem Land, leaving the community in absolute darkness and destruction. Many families were displaced, and in some cases lost everything.

Djuki Mala artistic director Josh Bond is pleased the group has been able to raise awareness and funds for their community.

"Weeks prior to their Adelaide season, these men were helping their families and communities with the mass clean-up effort," he said.

"Now, we're really proud to return and be

able to give back to our community in another way and help families get back into their homes sooner."

Arnhem Land Progress

Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA), which has been leading the effort since the disaster with the appeal, aims to raise more than \$100,000 to

help families in need of assistance.

ALPA spokesperson Michael Nemarich said the organisation was extremely grateful to Djuki

Djuki Mala, a high-flying group, is donating \$10,000 for relief and rebuilding after two cyclones ravaged Arnhem Land in February.

Mala and its audiences for the generous donation.

"It will have a widespread impact on the recovery and ongoing support for the people in

Arnhem Land," he said.

Donations for the cyclone clean-up can be made directly by going to ALPA's website at www.alpa.asn.au



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Pressure on at Galiwinku



AFTER being hit by two cyclones a month apart, Galiwinku community on Elcho Island in east Arnhem Land is under pressure.

About 300 extra people from homelands on Elcho Island, about 500km east of Darwin, are relying heavily on the main community as the road to their homes remains washed out.

The influx of funds through the disaster relief and recovery payment system has also been problematic for the community, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said.

Half a million dollars arrived in Galiwinku in the first week, he said. He claimed there has been an increase in gambling, leaving children staying up late unsupervised and then too tired to attend school the next day.

"In a community where we have high levels of welfare dependency, we know the provision of large lumps of cash sums is very damaging," Senator Scullion said.

There was no way to stagger the payments as with social security, which may need to be altered, the minister said.

A number of families have flown to Darwin to visit, taking their children out of school.

As a result, school attendance has dropped from more than 60% before the two cyclones to about 40%.

"You can't disconnect from school for three weeks and expect to get an outcome at the end of it. It's going to be very difficult to play catch-ups," Senator Scullion said.

The Government hopes that as the recovery effort continues, life will stabilise and children will return to school in higher numbers.

Tent city

About 235 people are still living in a tent city, in tents that previously housed bushfire victims and which were loaned to the Northern Territory by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

More permanent demountables are expected to be delivered in four to five weeks, while the Government works on longer-term repairs to the 79 houses that are uninhabitable and the 124 that are significantly damaged but not beyond repair.

Senator Scullion estimated that the housing bill for

Galiwinku alone will total about \$64 million.

"The housing mob, they're going real slowly," resident Timmy Ganambarr said.

When asked how he thought the community was coping, he made a neutral gesture.

"I'm not on the *Titanic* yet," he said.

But Senator Scullion said he didn't think the Territory Government had been dragging its feet on the recovery effort.

"There's been an inordinate amount of work done," he said, adding that the town would be mostly back to normal within about 18 months.

However, he did warn that remote Arnhem Land communities thrashed by cyclones won't get federal money to help them rebuild unless the NT Government fronts up more cash.

Senator Scullion said the Giles Government hasn't spent enough to trigger the emergency relief funds sitting in a Commonwealth pool.

Under joint government relief arrangements, states must hit a spending threshold before federal natural disaster assistance kicks in. – AAP

Sam in demand \$21 m fund to cover stolen pay



Aboriginal model Samantha Harris wowed the crowds at Sydney's Fashion Week this month and was in high demand by designers. Ms Harris shone in this brightly-coloured two-piece suit with an incredible headdress on the catwalk for Romance Was Born at the Art Gallery of NSW and appeared for many other labels including Tome, Gail Sorronda, Manning Cartel and One Fell Swoop. Picture: AAP Image/Dan Himbrechts

By ALF WILSON



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Before the recent state election, Labor candidates pledged to pay the money.

For the past few weeks the *Koori Mail* has been seeking a commitment from the Government that the promise would be kept and payment made.

On April 16, the *Koori Mail* received a reply from Queensland Treasurer Curtis Pitt, who is also Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships. "We will honour our election commitment to compensate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders who had their wages stolen," he said.

"We're creating a \$21 million compensation fund for those affected by these discriminatory policies of the past. The Government is working to establish a taskforce to oversee the allocation of these funds, and we're making this a priority."

Mr Pitt said the taskforce will include key stakeholders and his Government would consult widely to ensure it has the right mix of people to get the job done.



Indigenous man Manny Ross with Torres Strait Islander identical twins Arthur and Paul Ahwang, at a Stolen Wages meeting held in Townsville during January.

"I know that we can never erase the hurt and sorrow caused by past actions, but we can seek to rectify past injustice by properly compensating those affected," he said.

"Labor will always support social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders."

At a Community Cabinet meeting in Townsville on March 29, NAIDOC Person of the Year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood said she hoped the Government would honour that pre-election commitment to pay Stolen Wages.

She said that claimants around Queensland would be hopeful of receiving their entitlements.

"Days before the election, the Labor mob made a pledge to Elders, that if they won, they will open up Stolen Wages claims," she said.

In the past year there have been numerous Stolen Wages meetings, and one of the most recent was in late January in Townsville.

They were organised by the Queensland Council of Unions with a theme 'It's Time To Settle'.

There have been some bizarre cases regarding the Stolen Wages controversy, including that of identical Torres Strait Islander twins Paul Ahwang and Arthur Ahwang.

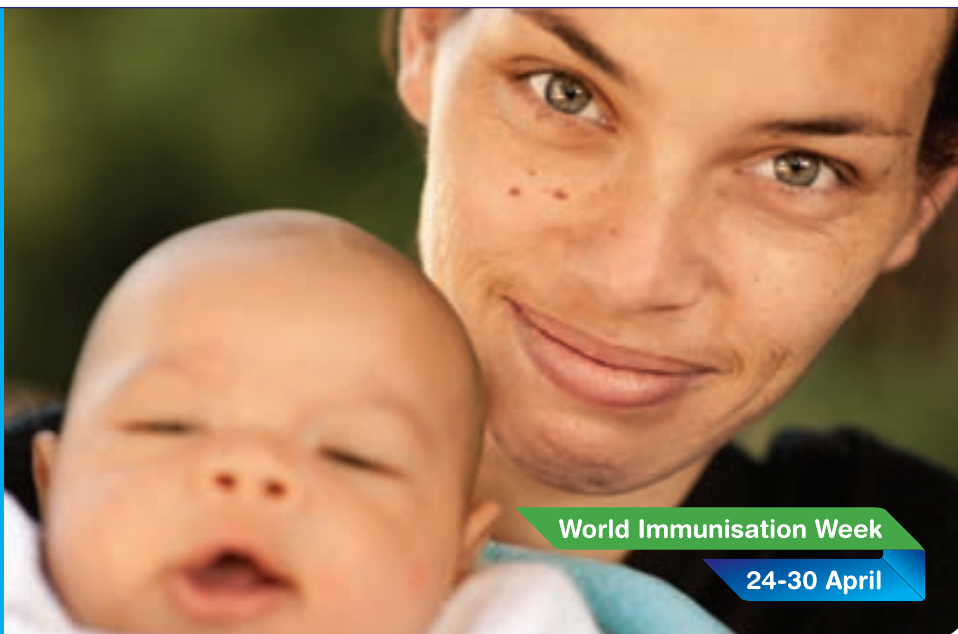
For more than a decade, from age 13, Paul and Arthur were divers in waters between Mackay and Cooktown. They worked as virtual slaves, receiving only a portion of their wages. Paul received his claim, while Arthur hasn't been paid – even though they did the same job.

Now that the Government commitment has been made, it is hopeful outstanding money will be paid soon.

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Bravery, sadness for Aboriginal soldiers

By Max Blenkin, of AAP



PERHAPS 50 Aboriginal soldiers fought on Gallipoli during World War I in an era when they weren't recognised as Australian citizens and enlisting was technically

forbidden. No-one really knows for sure, including the Australian War Memorial, which has sought to catalogue this little-appreciated part of Australia's military history.

War Memorial Indigenous liaison officer Gary Oakley says that's because Indigenous soldiers didn't record their ethnicity on recruitment papers.

After the war, they returned to their communities, never marching on Anzac Day.

"Because no-one saw them, it skewed the perception of their service," he told the recent Anzac Centenary conference in Canberra.

There are photos from the Western Front that clearly show Aboriginal soldiers, but there are no known photos of Aboriginal soldiers on Gallipoli.

Still, the War Memorial has identified some 50 Aboriginal men believed to have served on Gallipoli, with 13 killed.

It's thought 800-1000 Indigenous soldiers served in Australian Imperial Force (AIF) during World War I, with about 250-300 killed.

Lance Corporal Richard Kirby served at Gallipoli, France and Belgium. "The only reason he got to be known to us was a family member came to us and said 'I've got some medals I'd like to give to the war memorial and there's a DC something-or-other,'" Mr Oakley said.

That was actually the Distinguished Conduct Medal, second only to the Victoria Cross. With the medals came a newspaper cutting showing Kirby with an Aboriginal woman. She, the relatives said, was his mum.

Bullet wound

Lance Corporal Kirby was awarded the DCM for a single-handed attack on an enemy machine gun post in France in August 1918. He took a bullet wound to the head, from which he died a week later.

Then there's Alfred Hearps, a Tasmanian who served on Gallipoli. As a pre-war member of the cadet corps and militia, he was speedily promoted to sergeant and then commissioned second lieutenant in France.

He was grievously wounded by shrapnel at the Battle of Mouquet Farm and has no known grave. Previously, it was thought Captain Reg Saunders was Australia's first Indigenous commissioned officer.

Under the Constitution, Aboriginal people weren't recognised as citizens. The 1903 *Defence Act* specifically exempted those not of substantial European descent from service in cadets and the militia.

But come 1914, recruiters weren't so fussed.

"I believe the Australian Defence Force, especially the AIF, was the first equal opportunity employer of Indigenous Australians because they chose to ignore this rule," Mr Oakley said.

"If you fronted up to the recruiter, all he saw was another soldier. He didn't care what colour you were."

However, medical officers at the recruiting depot had the final say. Mr Oakley said some were racists, while some stuck strictly to the rules, and others turned a blind eye.

Undeterred by rejection, many would-be soldiers just nipped down the road to another recruiting office. Some tried four or five times before succeeding.

In 1916, new recruiting guidelines stated that "Aboriginals, half-castes or men with Asiatic blood" were not to be enlisted. Again, that was ignored.



Roy McIvor, right, and Herbert McLean on Elim Beach, Queensland, anticipate Anzac Day and the screening of an important war documentary featuring Mr McIvor.

Elder's inspiring story of war and hope on NITV

ANZAC Day is when Australians reflect on war. On that day, this Saturday, NITV will screen a one-hour documentary, *A War of Hope*, which tells the inspiring story of Aboriginal Elder and artist Roy McIvor.

Today, 80-year-old Mr McIvor is a practising artist and storyteller who lives in Hope Vale, 46km north-west of Cooktown. His is an amazing story.

A War of Hope looks back to 1942. Australia is at war and troops have been sent to a Europe and Africa in turmoil. But turmoil comes to Indigenous Australia too.

In far north Queensland, 285 Guugu Yimithirr people are forcibly removed

1500km from their land at Cape Bedford Mission by armed forces to a government exile settlement at Woorabinda in central Queensland.

Roy McIvor is nine years old when he and many others were torn from their families and land.

Disease, malnutrition

They are treated as prisoners of war in their own country and witness a third of their people succumb to disease, exposure to cold weather and malnutrition.

After seven years in exile they return home to rebuild their lives, community and culture.

Using old war film and historical narration, the film examines how Mr McIvor, the boy, the artist, the storyteller, relied on faith and hope to overcome adversity and go on to lead a full and productive life.

Director Dean Gibson has strong family connections to Hope Vale and has been working on the film's development for over five years.

"I'm proud to be able to bring this story to television audiences. The film will screen as a part of the national dialogue around our people's experiences in World War II," he said.

A War of Hope screens on NITV on Saturday, April 25, at 8.30pm.

From 1917, the enlistment rules said "half-castes" could be enlisted, if recruiters were satisfied that one parent was European.

"Why the hell would you want to join a defence force in a country that doesn't class you as a citizen? The unfortunate thing is, we never asked anybody. e left it too late," Mr Oakley said.

There are some ideas.

Some historians believe that Indigenous soldiers signed up because it would lead to better treatment and recognition of their people on home soil.

Also, in the AIF, everyone was paid the

same and that pay was good – six shillings (60 cents) a day for a private. That was comparable to a worker in Australia and far greater than the pay of British soldiers.

Soldiers could send money home, though in some cases that was diverted by the various agencies that ran Aboriginal settlements and never reached needy families.

Warrior tradition

Then there was the warrior tradition. Those who lived on mission settlements likely encountered the same propaganda that swelled recruiting throughout the war.

"Once in the service, as an Indigenous soldier, you were treated as an equal; you have the same options for pay," Mr Oakley said. "When you are in the trenches, you don't have the option of disliking the person behind you."

Sadly, that stopped the moment an Indigenous soldier was demobbed (left) the armed forces.

Out of uniform and back in their communities, they resumed being just the same second-class citizens as before.

The Government refused to offer the same benefits to Indigenous soldiers as others. – AAP

Recognition rethink

By NATALIE CROMB



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples will convene a national meeting to discuss challenges around the reform of Australia's Constitution. Congress co-chairs Kirstie Parker and Les Malezer said they expected a broad range of thinkers on the subject to attend the meeting, planned for Canberra during the first week of May.

Noel Pearson, a member of the expert panel that recommended constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, threw a curve ball into the discussions last week, saying that recognition would inevitably be constrained by the lawyers.

But a separate declaration, acknowledging the history, heritage and contribution of Indigenous people, could feature handsome words rich in symbolism and poetry to tell the ancient story of Australia in a manner that set Australia up for the future, Mr Pearson said.

Speaking at the launch of a new proposal by Constitutional conservatives Damien Freeman



Noel Pearson outside the State Library of NSW in Sydney at the launch of Damien Freeman and Julian Leeser's book *The Australian Declaration of Recognition: Capturing the Nation's Aspirations by Recognising Indigenous Australians*. Picture: Newspix

and Julian Leeser and entitled *The Australian Declaration of Recognition: Capturing the Nation's Aspirations by Recognising Indigenous Australians*, Mr Pearson said Australia should also set up a constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative body to advise government.

"Noel's suggestions are clear departures from recommendations

made to the Parliament three years ago by an expert panel that included Noel and other Indigenous people, community representatives, constitutional specialists and parliamentarians," Ms Parker and Mr Malezer said.

Weighed up

"Those suggestions should receive neither knee-jerk condemnation nor support. Instead, they should be weighed

thoroughly and thoughtfully against the expert panel recommendations as well as any other proposals or suggestions – especially from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives."

The Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, which is led by Aboriginal Liberal MP Ken Wyatt, is due to report to the Federal Parliament by the end of June.

Mr Pearson said the problem with trying to insert recognition into the Constitution was that the lawyers would become involved, arguing about the meaning of different phrases and individual words.

"The whole thing just gets cut down to the barest minimum. And you have, quite frankly, a pretty miserable document at the end of the day," he said.

Congress supports the expert panel's recommendations that paired removal of existing racist provisions within the Constitution with recognition of Indigenous people, preservation of the Australian Government's ability to pass laws for the benefit of Indigenous people and a prohibition on racial discrimination.

"Alternative approaches should be able to be put forward at any stage in the process, but only a fool would expect such complex matters of such historical import to be debated or resolved in 20-second sound bites or news grabs," Ms Parker and Mr Malezer said.

Robust discussion

"The purpose of next month's meeting is to allow our people to come together for robust but respectful discussion ahead of the Joint Select Committee's final report, and to plot a sensible pathway from here onwards. Noel Pearson has been asked to attend to speak to his proposals.

"Notwithstanding the potential discomfort of constitutional conservatives (or 'con cons'), it is the rights and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that must be at the forefront of the nation's thinking on this subject."

The co-chairs said next month's meeting would canvas related challenges, including clearly diminishing levels of trust between government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and threats to remote communities.

– With AAP

Exhibition tells stories of island soldiers

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TWENTY-eight young Aboriginal men from Cape Barren and Flinders Islands who enlisted to serve in World War I have been honoured in a new ANZAC centenary exhibition at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) in Hobart – *The Suspense is Awful: Tasmania and the Great War*.

Central to *The Islanders: for Freedom and Honour* section of the exhibition, is a memorial plaque – or dead man's penny – issued to the family of Marcus Blake Norman Brown, who lost his life in battle.

The plaques, also known as deadman's pennies, were issued to the families of servicemen and women who died for the British Empire in the war.

Marcus Brown was the great uncle of former senior curator of Indigenous Cultures at the TMAG, Tony Brown, whose nephew Teanji Brown, 20, is now an Indigenous cultures officer at the TMAG.

Sheer luck

Tony Brown said it was sheer luck that the family heirloom, which had been on loan to the TMAG since 2007 and also formed part of the *100 Objects That Shaped Tasmania* collection, even survived.

Tony Brown remembers playing with the plaque and it being "one of those things that was always on the mantelpiece" in the family home. When Tony moved from the home, he took it with him.

"It had been in the family for as long as I remember. It's probably a good thing I did take it with me; not long after I moved, the old house got burnt down," he said. "There's not a lot of objects, Aboriginal people move so much, they didn't tend to keep things as much as the Europeans did."

Along with his brothers Henry and Willard, Marcus Brown volunteered for



Tony Brown and Teanji Brown, who both grew up on Cape Barren Island, hold the dead man's penny issued on the death of their Uncle Marcus Brown, and a photo of him, which are central to a new exhibition at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

service at the age of 20, in June 1916.

The young men from the islands off the north-east coast of Tasmania became one of the first and largest groups per capita of population to enlist.

At the time it was unlawful for Aborigines to serve in the armed forces. The islanders were considered 'half-castes', yet due to their Aboriginality, were denied many of the rights of white people.

Like other young men, they embraced the relatively high pay and the opportunity to see the world, as well as the chance to be treated as equal to white Australians.

At the time the Australian Imperial Force was the only place where Aborigines were entitled to equal pay.

It was a different story when they returned home to the same racist society they had left – excluded from drinking

with their white comrades in public bars. Aboriginal Cape Barren Island men were excluded from soldiers' land grants under the Cape Barren Island Reserve Act 1912, and there were difficulties accessing service pensions – whether by racism, low literacy rates or isolation is uncertain.

Didn't come home

Marcus Brown never made it home.

Less than a year from enlistment, he died of wounds inflicted during the Battle for Messines in Belgium – his first and last battle, aged 21. He is buried at St Sever Cemetery Extension at Rouen.

Tony Brown, who grew up on Cape Barren Island, said while stories of the war were kept close to the chest, the impact on such a small, tight-knit community was huge, with nine of the 28 who enlisted dying.

Much of *The Islanders: for Freedom and Honour*, which tells the stories of all 28 men and their island homes during the wartime, is accessible on a tablet in the exhibition, and also online at www.the-islanders.net

Suspense is Awful marks the centenary of World War I, focussing on the role Tasmanians played in the war and the impact it had on Tasmanian society, telling the story of the waiting families back home during the war.

The title is taken from a letter a Hobart father wrote to authorities seeking news of his son on the beaches of Gallipoli. "The suspense," he wrote, "is awful."

The exhibition is on at TMAG until February 28, 2016.

There are plans to tour parts of the exhibition, including *The Islanders* to regional Tasmania, incorporating Flinders and Cape Barren Islands.



Deadly Funny winner Nina Kirby:
“I just hope I did my mum and dad proud talking about private parts.”



Finalist Karla Hart, from Western Australia.

Nina is deadly funny

Story and pictures by JILLIAN MUNDY



SELF- confessed shit-talker Nina Kirby, from Victoria, took out the

9th Deadly Funny national finals – the country’s biggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedy program, in Melbourne, last weekend.

It was only the second time the Wemba/Gunditjmara woman had been on stage.

After cracking some ripper jokes at the pub with the girls, she was entered in the state heats, unbeknown to her, by cousin and 2010 Deadly Funny winner Denise McGuiness, and won, bagging her a spot in the national finals.

The 41-year-old Aboriginal outreach and health worker says she is well-known for talking stupid.

“I just hope I did my mum and dad proud talking about private parts,” Ms Kirby said.

“I like bringing my younger brother undone, because he’s funny.

“And talking amongst friends, to see who can get the biggest laugh.”

While she’s not giving up the day job yet, she’s keen to see what will come of winning the competition.

Bucket list

Barkindji woman Karen Edwards, from Charleville, in Queensland, who had a crack at the competition because it was on her bucket list, was crowned runner-up.

Introducing herself by her ‘traditional Aboriginal name’ – Jabitintome (jab it in to me) – goes a fair way to explaining her source of comic inspiration: her Aboriginal background, and a generous lashing of sexual innuendo.

The two women were among the finalists competing for the title, selected from a series of mentoring workshops and heats, in Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney and Brisbane leading up to the finals, which are part of the

Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Other Deadly Funny finalists were Karla Hart, from Western Australia, Dane Simpson, from NSW, and Joshua Warrior, from South Australia.

Deadly Funny has grown each year, with a pool of 30 up-and-coming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedians competing in state heats this year – the biggest number yet.

Comedian Andy Saunders (WhiteBLACKatcha), who co-hosted the finals with Judith Lucy, said the level of talent this year was high.

Saturday’s final was moved to a bigger venue after it sold out in the days leading up to the gig, to accommodate its biggest audience yet.

There was a special guest performance by Archie Roach and the lively Djuki Mala (formerly the Chooky dancers) from Elcho Island.

The 500-strong audience was also treated to a showcase of the cream of the country’s Indigenous comedians – Kevin Kropinyeri, Sean Choolburra, Shiralee Hood, Matt Ford and Mia Stanford – many of them past Deadly Funny finalists, who are now selling out shows and getting spots on TV.

The Deadly Funny program is a platform to nurture talent.

“A lot of participants have that comedy spirit and are great story tellers and it’s a great avenue to build on the confidence of performing in front of an audience,” producer Wes Snelling said.

“I’d like to see a lot more Indigenous comedians in the mainstream, and it’s starting to happen.

“Watching Indigenous performers tell stories can be more interesting. It’s a forum for Australians to be able to learn about Aboriginal culture.

“A Deadly audience is often quite vocal too, not in a heckling bad way – they are not as shy to laugh and have a good time.”

And Saturday’s final was no exception.



NSW comedian Dane Simpson.



Deadly Funny host Andy Saunders.



Joshua Warrior, from South Australia.



Barkindji woman Karen Edwards, also known as Jabitintome, from Charleville, in Queensland.

Pole run makes history



ADRIAN Dodson-Shaw, an Aboriginal man from Broome in Western Australia, created history last week when he

became the first Aboriginal Australian to step foot on the North Pole and to also finish the North Pole Marathon.

Mr Dodson-Shaw was part of marathon champion Robert de Castella's 2014 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) squad, that each year trains and mentors Indigenous Australians in just six months to complete the world famous New York City Marathon.

Mr Dodson-Shaw and 'Deek' touched down in Sydney on Thursday, April 16, after their epic adventure to the polar ice cap.

Battling minus-60 degree temperatures with wind chill, it was the toughest conditions in the event's 13-year history.

Mr Dodson-Shaw said the North Pole Marathon was by far the toughest challenge of his life.

"I came here for a purpose that was to represent IMP, family, my mob and all of Australia," he said.

"I'm just trying to set an example for people. No matter what your situation or how bad it is, we can all make changes for the better and challenge ourselves.

"When an opportunity comes up grab it with both hands – don't die wondering."

Mr de Castella's pride was



Broome man Adrian Dodson-Shaw flies the flags at the North Pole and, right, the freezing conditions are apparent in this picture.



evident as he reflected on Mr Dodson-Shaw's historic run in some of the world's harshest conditions.

"What an amazing but crazy run," he said. "The North Pole is an incredibly beautiful, isolated and desolate place and Adrian Dodson-Shaw was spectacular!"

"His courage to accept the challenge (he hates the cold), his commitment to preparation (training in the heat, humidity and sand in Broome), and his guts, determination and strength were a

privilege to witness.

"Every Australian should be proud and inspired. The event was held in a short window and a break in the weather, that ended about half way through the event as the wind picked up, snow increased and visibility dropped.

Extremes

"For those who don't have experience with these extremes, your breath freezes on your face mask, making it even harder to breathe, your eyes sting and you

need to keep blinking to stop them freezing, any exposed skin freezes and then gets frost bite, but the hardest thing is the surface.

"Solid ice bumps the size of basketballs, dips and ridges hidden under a thick layer of up to 30cm of snow, making running jarring, lurching, staggering and energy sapping. All whilst covered from head to toes in three layers of clothing, and struggling to see.

"But he did it! Eight hours, 23 minutes and 15 seconds and in 22nd place – talk about enduring!

From someone who had hardly run just 12 months ago."

Mr Dodson-Shaw placed 22nd out of a field of 45 starters, with only 33 runners finishing, and several were stopped with hypothermia, severe frost nip and blistering on their face from the freezing conditions.

Mr de Castella said Mr Dodson-Shaw's personal growth, and that of all 43 IMP graduates, were an inspiration to future generations.

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Burning traditions are being reignited

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aborigines have been starting fires – ‘cool’ fires – for traditional burning, to nurture and manage land, and lessen the threat and intensity of destructive wild fires. Over the past few weeks they have burnt patches of returned Aboriginal land in southern Tasmania, under the guidance of Indigenous fire practitioner Victor Steffensen, a Tagalaka man from north Queensland’s Gulf country.

Mr Steffensen is confident that had traditional burning been allowed to continue after invasion, ferocious wild fires, such as the one that devastated Dunalley in Tasmania in January 2013, would not happen.

“People don’t know what fire means in this country. They have one concept of fire – destruction – and they think that is it,” he said. “Traditional burning looks after country and revives country.

“There is only one fire for country, and that’s the right fire, and that’s the fire that belongs to that country. It comes from what the land tells us.”

With climate change, and hotter and later seasons, Mr Steffensen says it is essential to stopping the destruction and immense carbon releases of massive wild fires.

He names bureaucratic red tape, agriculture and single-minded scientific research as the biggest obstacles.

And he’s out to tackle the problem.

Following a traditional burning workshop last year in Queensland, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre and the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania invited Mr Steffensen to Tasmania to help restart traditional burning.

Unlike fuel reduction burns conducted by government authorities, cool burns are only lit in optimum conditions, targeting specific plants and small areas – creating conditions for fire reliant native species to flourish, reducing the fuel load, preserving the habitat for wildlife and enabling easier movement through country.



Tasmanian Elder Clyde Mansell (front) with the pakana rangers – Aboriginal land managers and Aboriginal Parks and Wildlife rangers from across Tasmania, and Victor Stephensen (right), get amongst a cool burn at Risdon Cove, near Hobart.

One of the Tasmanian men involved in the recent burns explained how he watched grass burn around a small tree, preserving it and providing shelter for a spider as it ran up its trunk. He said he would need to “unlearn” what he had been taught by a government agency he had conducted fuel reduction burns for, where everything was “torched”.

While species and landscapes vary across Australia, Mr Steffensen said the same principles – understanding fire, reading the land and knowing it intimately – can be applied everywhere.

“The fire managers in the old ways were very clever people, a very important role, and they knew all the animals, all the different ecosystems on their country, where all the animals bred, when the right

time to burn was and to create those mosaic patterns to create different burning styles for different burning types,” he said.

“Fire management in Australia is really fractured. Indigenous burning has been lost in present-day management, but not in the sense of knowledge.”

Leading the way

Mr Steffensen advocates Indigenous people leading the way, implementing community-controlled projects and engaging local authorities.

“Get out there and start doing it. The more we sit around, the more vulnerable our knowledge, our country and future becomes,” he said.

“We need to exercise our knowledge, otherwise it’s going to get ripped off.”

Mr Steffensen began recording traditional knowledge with Aboriginal Elders when he was an Indigenous ranger in Cape York 20 years ago, much of it concerning traditional burning.

“It is Indigenous knowledge and it should be valued as Indigenous knowledge, and Indigenous people should be leading the process,” he said.

It annoys Mr Steffensen that scientists write “single-minded papers to bignote themselves, running away with Indigenous knowledge and in other cases ignoring it.

“They take away the opportunity for Indigenous people to be counted,” he said.

“It’s medicine to heal, old people like to be listened to.”

In the recent years Mr Steffensen has visited at least 50

communities around the country, influencing thousands of people to reignite traditional burning practices.

Like the rest of Australia, traditional burning practices halted in Tasmania when Aborigines were removed from their country.

“We didn’t lose it; the practice stopped,” explained Tasmanian Aboriginal Elder Clyde Mansell, who brought together a team dubbed the pakana rangers for the recent burns.

Mr Mansell can recall cool burns that continued long after invasion.

“Particularly on the islands I can remember when the old man used to go mutton birding and burn the mutton bird rookeries in the June-July period,” he said.

“The same window of opportunity that we’re talking about now, and I know they used similar practices of spotting the fires, rather than one big front, and at night they would put out the embers.

“The Government, through their legislation, controlled the activity and it couldn’t be done. The mutton bird islands were owned by the government and they made the rules.

“Now the mutton bird islands have been returned and as a follow on from what’s been happening with Victor (Mr Steffensen) this will be reintroduced.

“In the next few years we will start burning the islands in the proper way.

“It’s all about passing on community knowledge, the people up in Cape York are passing knowledge onto people all around the country.”

Mr Mansell is looking forward to the next big rain to see plant regrowth and gauge the results of the recent burns.

The group was also encouraged by the interest of Tasmania Fire Service officials who visited some of the burning locations upon invitation.

The seventh annual traditional burning workshop will be held in Mary Valley on Kuku-Thaypan country Cape York from June 13 to 17. More information at www.capeyorkfire.com.au



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Evaluation of Aboriginal Health Workforce Development Strategies in Victoria

The Department of Health and Human Services is seeking responses to this Request for Tender for services to conduct an evaluation of strategies to develop the Aboriginal health workforce in Victoria.

The evaluation will need to investigate the impact of grants and traineeships on their recipients’ careers. It will also need to identify the critical enablers for Aboriginal people who have successfully established careers in mainstream health organisations, such as hospitals, through a series of in-depth interviews.

The specific requirements are set out in the Request for Tender which can be obtained by contacting John Argyropoulos on (03) 9096 2122 or by email to john.argyropoulos@dhhs.vic.gov.au. The closing date is Thursday 14th May 2015.



Request for Tender

Evaluation of Aboriginal Health Case Management and Care Coordination models in Victoria

The Department of Health and Human Services is seeking responses to this Request for Tender for services to conduct an evaluation of case management and care coordination models currently supporting Aboriginal people in Victoria.

The evaluation will need to identify the success factors, reach and impacts on participants’ health outcomes for each of five different models. A key outcome of the evaluation will need to be identifying how successful approaches can be replicated in other communities.

The specific requirements are set out in the Request for Tender which can be obtained by contacting Chris Carson on (03) 9096 6977 or by email to christopher.carson@dhhs.vic.gov.au. The closing date is Thursday 21st May 2015.

SA signs new deal



ABORIGINAL people living in remote communities in South Australia are breathing a sigh of relief after the federal and state governments signed an agreement providing funding certainty.

Under the agreement, the SA Government will deliver municipal and essential services in remote Indigenous communities in South Australia from July 1, after accepting a \$15 million deal from the Commonwealth.

SA Aboriginal Lands Trust chair Haydyn Bromley said Aboriginal people had been worried that the dispute between governments regarding funding would mean communities would be shut.

"It wasn't just a possible concern. It was imminent if we couldn't come to a resolution," he told the ABC.

"I can tell you that there are quite a number of people who are breathing a huge sigh of relief."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and SA Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Kyam Maher said the

agreement would benefit more than 1500 Aboriginal people in remote communities.

Senator Scullion said the Federal Government's package meant the SA Government would take responsibility for delivering municipal and essential services, including power, water, and sewage and rubbish collection in communities outside of the APY Lands, which will be looked after by the Commonwealth.

"This agreement demonstrates the collaboration that exists between the two governments and is a positive move away from the ad hoc way in which services have been delivered in the past," he said.

Senator Scullion and Mr Maher stressed that the agreement was not about closing down communities, but providing funding and service delivery certainty for communities and providers.

"During my discussions with Aboriginal communities, municipal service delivery was one of the key topics raised and I thank our Aboriginal leaders for their patience during the period of uncertainty," Mr Maher said.

TV comedy to go to air



Trisha Morton-Thomas as Lola in *8MMM*, a comedy about a fictional radio station.



A NEW TV comedy series starts next week about Alice Springs' 8MMM Aboriginal Radio.

It's a station in constant plight, a station that's more a vibrant member of the community than a building.

And just like Alice Springs itself, it's a station where black and white mingle to create a place that is anything but black and white according to writer and actor Trisha Morton-Thomas.

"There were times making the series of absolute fun, and there were times when you wanted to roll up your sleeves and start swinging at someone," Ms Morton-Thomas said.

"It's based in an Aboriginal radio station where there are three types of white people: missionaries, who think 'Let's save the Aboriginal people' and everything Aboriginal is wonderful; the mercenary type, who come down to work on Aboriginal projects so they can get an entry on their resume that makes them experts on Aboriginal people; and the misfits, people who don't fit in to society.

"I'm sure it's the same with Blackfellas all around the country – we accept everyone so sometimes you end up with loonies.

"I think whenever you have two cultures together that are poles apart, there's comedy. A lot of people in

Alice Springs have a really wicked dark sense of humour and laugh at things other people find oppressive or shocking. In Alice Springs, if we didn't laugh, we'd be crying our guts out every single day."

Ms Morton-Thomas plays Lola, a wise old woman whose cookie tin is always full and who has adopted 8MMM as her organisation.

The show was filmed in Alice Springs, with local Aboriginal people who hadn't acted before playing roles on and off set.

"8MMM was a fantastic exercise in a community coming together to produce something wonderful," Ms Morton-Thomas said.

8MMM begins at 9.30pm, Wednesday, April 29, on ABC.

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From rainforest to the Blue Mountains



DANIEL Beeron is a Gurrumul traditional owner and artist who lives in the hot

tropics of far north Queensland. But last week he travelled way south to the colder forests of the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, to attend the opening of the 2015 *Sculpture at Scenic World* exhibition.

Mr Beeron was shortlisted as one of 34 artists from across the world to show his work at the annual international exhibition.

"It is an honour and a privilege to be selected from the rainforest of far north Queensland and be able to showcase a mixture of traditional weaving methods using modern day materials," he said.

The artist has provided two works, *Bigga*, for an outdoor display, and *Leaping Barramundi*, for an indoor exhibition.

Mr Beeron's work reflects his interest in linear sculptural design inspired by his experience on country in the wet tropical rainforest.

Now in its fourth year, *Sculpture at Scenic World* features artists from Germany, Finland, New Zealand, The Netherlands and Japan, alongside Australian artists from Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and NSW.

Exhibition manager Justin Morrissey said the 2015 exhibition of sculptures, installed



Daniel Beeron holds his artwork *Leaping Barramundi*.

in the Jamison Valley along the longest boardwalk in Australia, will be a major show of artworks

by accomplished artists. "The panel has provided us with a very cohesive and

complex array of work, which will complement and coexist in the natural forestscape," he said.

Mr Beeron is represented by the Gurrumul Aboriginal Art Centre in Cardwell.

Nuclear views sought



SOUTH Australia's royal commission into the nuclear fuel cycle will seek out the views of those both for and against nuclear power, but has neglected to include an Aboriginal voice on its expert panel. Commissioner Kevin Scarce released the commission's first discussion paper this month. It deals with exploration, extraction and milling of material in relation to the nuclear industry.

He also announced an advisory panel

that includes experts in science, medicine and the environment, but no-one with direct expertise in Aboriginal issues.

The commissioner said it was important for his investigation, which will present its final report to the State Government in May next year, to come up with evidence-based answers to whether SA should expand its involvement in the nuclear industry.

That could include enrichment of uranium, storage of waste and even embracing nuclear power.

"I don't think that we will convince

everybody in this process," Mr Scarce said.

"But what I want to do is to lay down an evidence-based trail that leads to the conclusions that we draw. Then people will either accept that or not."

On the road

Mr Scarce, the former SA Governor, will take his investigation on the road this week to Mt Gambier with the first in a number of community consultation meetings. It will also visit Aboriginal lands in the state's north next month.

Later he will visit countries successfully using nuclear power and those where the technology has gone wrong, including Japan, which was hit by the nuclear disaster at the Fukushima power plant in 2011.

"We can't walk away from the fact that when there are accidents, they are catastrophic," Mr Scarce said.

"I expect there will be a lot of emotion about the risks and the impact on the environment. But I want to encourage people to give us their views." — AAP



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Jasmine Adams, Mary-Anne Matthews, Miranda McAleer and Brock Hogan are working and learning thanks to USQ's traineeship program.

New trainees at USQ



THE latest group of Indigenous trainees has settled in at the University of Southern Queensland.

Shania Connolly, Miranda McAleer, Mary-Anne Matthews, Jasmine Adams and Brock Hogan started in February as part of the USQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traineeship Program.

Since 2012, the university has employed trainees on a full-time basis for 12 months. They are supported in gaining qualifications and receive mentoring, training and work experience.

On completion, trainees receive a nationally recognised qualification at the Certificate III level.

Roma local Mr Hogan has spent recent weeks with the USQ Media Services team.

"I have always been into doing creative things like acting, drawing, sculpting," he said. "Here (at USQ) I've been exposed to so many different mediums. It was quite of a shock at first, learning about things like typography and sound editing."

For Ms Matthews, who is working in the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts, the traineeship presented a perfect opportunity.

"I was working at a service station and trying to find a way to pursue a career in administration, but I wasn't able to commit to study as I needed the income from work," she said.

"With four kids and work,

adding in study seemed impossible.

"This traineeship meant I could combine work and study, plus I would gain on-the-job training that I would be able to use in the future."

Ms Connolly is located at Stanthorpe's Queensland College of Wine Tourism and Miranda McAleer and Jasmine Adams are working at USQ Toowoomba's Corporate Records and Financial Services respectively.

USQ human resources officer (Indigenous employment) Sharon Jackson said the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traineeship Program has proved a great success.

● Check out the **Koori Mail Focus on Education** feature on pages 33-56

Yirrkala visit questioned



A PROMINENT Arnhem Land artist has questioned whether a government

minister's school attendance visit was used to push the remote community to agree to a 99-year lease of their land. Traditional owner Banduk Marika was unhappy that government officials visited her community at Yirrkala Beach early one day this month, saying residents had not been notified of the visit.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion had been touring three remote communities in Arnhem Land, and was rounding up children for school alongside school attendance officers.

"I'm a landowner and I have a right to know who's coming and for what reasons. We should be told," Ms Marika said.

"They're just looking for other reasons beyond school attendance."

Divided

Ms Marika said the local Aboriginal association was divided on whether to take on a 99-year township lease, which the Government says will allow people to borrow to start their own businesses and buy homes.

"If we do do that, it's giving our rights away," Ms Marika said. "What the hell was the point of old people fighting for land rights in the first place? A 99-year lease is nothing, nothing compared to the ownership of

one family owning the country."

Senator Scullion said the Yirrkala community invited him to visit. "I'm here for school attendance; there's some sort of a conspiracy about township leasing," he said.

Discussions between the community and the department regarding a township lease have been continuing since 2013, Senator Scullion said, when the Rirratjinju Aboriginal Corporation invited the Government to discuss the matter.

Overseeing those the Government had employed to increase school attendance required him "being here and keeping them honest, and that's exactly what I'm going to continue to do", Senator Scullion said. — AAP

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Opponents of the plan to close Western Australian communities rallied in Sydney's Belmore Park. Picture: Sabine Kacha

Melbourne streets closed by marchers



CROWDS of people opposing the closure of remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia shut

down streets in central Melbourne on Friday, April 10. "Enough is enough – where is the justice for Aboriginal people?" a speaker shouted to the crowd before the walk through city streets, flanked by police.

The rally forced the closure of Flinders and Elizabeth streets, where surrounding streets soon became clogged with cars and trams forced to stop. Police, on foot and horses, followed the marchers all the way.

Jason Maxwell, 31, of the Dandenong Ranges, was among the protesters.

"I disagree, strongly disagree, in selling out on the Aboriginal communities just for money," he told AAP.

Mr Maxwell said the WA and federal governments should recognise the importance of the link between Indigenous people and their lands, and it was wrong to describe this as a 'lifestyle choice'.

"It is the worst thing that a modern government could ever say," he said. "It's a political tool to separate us, and I think it is wrong."

Wiradjuri and Yorta Yorta man Alan Coe said Prime Minister Tony Abbott was wrong in his description of remote Aboriginal communities.

"They are connected and tied to that land," he said. "They cannot leave the land even if they want to because they have cultural, traditional and family responsibilities."

"The reasons governments want Aboriginal people to move is because of the mineral resources in the land." – With AAP

Rallies oppose closure move

By NATALIE CROMB



HUNDREDS of people marched in Sydney on April 10 to oppose the planned closure of remote Aboriginal communities in Western

Australia. The rally was one of many across the country. The Sydney rally was organised by the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy, Indigenous Social Justice Association, Grandmothers Against Removals and Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney.

It began with speeches in Belmore Park, then participants marched to The Block in nearby Redfern.

Activist Felon Mason said that while anger at injustice is being directed towards policies of Coalition governments, previous Labor governments did not have a lot to be proud about either in light of the bipartisan support for the Northern Territory Intervention.

Moved by support

Wiradjuri woman Jenny Munro, the founder of the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy, said she was moved by the display of support.

A highlight of the Belmore Park rally was the demonstration of solidarity by Maori people, who performed a haka and spoke of their respect for the sovereignty of the

Indigenous custodians of Australia and their absolute support for the Indigenous fight for equality.

The march proceeded down Pitt Street and stopped traffic at Railway Square for a corroboree before heading to Redfern, where protesters also sent a message to developer Deicorp that the development in The Block was not welcome at the expense of affordable Aboriginal housing.

At The Block, Ken Canning spoke about the fight for equality and against injustice, and the importance of community.

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Sowing the seeds for mine regeneration



Aboriginal trainee Eileen Ludwick inspects seedlings at Rio Tinto Alcan's regeneration nursery at their bauxite mine in Weipa.



MINING leaves the land in need of rehabilitation. At Rio Tinto Alcan's bauxite mine in far north Queensland, local Aboriginal people are helping to revegetate their country. The mine is engaging local Aboriginal people from Weipa and its surrounding communities to collect native seed throughout the year for the mine's land management trainees to grow on the old mine areas.

A regeneration nursery was constructed in 2013. More than 21,000 seedlings have been grown to help rehabilitate about 50 hectares of mining land.

Rio Tinto Alcan Weipa trainee

Eileen Ludwick said she was interested in working in land management.

"For the past six months, I have worked with Weipa's Mine Service team to complete the on-the-ground implementation of land rehabilitation," she said.

"This includes weed spraying, monitoring the growth of the nursery and prepping and spreading seed with heavy equipment in areas ready for rehabilitation across the mine.

"The land and our connection to country are sacred within our culture, and working to help revegetate the land aligns with not only my professional aspirations, but with my personal values."

Minister keen to listen to people



NEW NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Leslie Williams freely admits she is finding her feet in the new portfolio. But she knows one thing for sure: The most important aspect is listening to

Aboriginal people.

"Obviously the Government has a very strong platform, thanks to our OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment) plan," the Port Macquarie National Party MP said.

"While OCHRE has only been in place just over 12 months, after years of proper community consultation, and has already achieved quite a bit, there is still work to do.

"One of the things that really stood out to me with OCHRE is the opportunity for local decision making. As someone from a regional community, I believe that the only way you get positive outcomes is to ensure the community is part of the decision-making process.

"My focus in the coming weeks will be about building strong relationships. The only way to achieve that is to work collaboratively with your community, first by listening to what people say, then by working in partnership."



Leslie Williams

Ms Williams was elected to Parliament in 2011. Her previous work history includes nursing, teaching and being chief executive of the Northern Territory's Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Association.

She said there was a range of areas in NSW, including justice and health, where the situation needed to improve for Aboriginal people.

"Really, the key to success is about listening to communities," Ms Williams said.

"I'm certainly under no illusions to think I know it all, so in the first instance, I'll be listening to and learning from Aboriginal communities.

"The number of land claims is an enormous challenge, so I'll be talking with colleagues about how we address that.

"I certainly consider it an enormous privilege to have been given the opportunity to take on the role of Aboriginal Affairs and I think the work done by previous minister Victor Dominello provides an extremely good platform to advance the aims and strategies in OCHRE."

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**REVIEW ON THE DISABILITY (ACCESS TO PREMISES
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Call for Submissions

The Australian Government is calling for submissions to a review of the effectiveness of the Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010 (Premises Standards).

Premises Standards aim to provide people with disability with dignified access to buildings. They also provide certainty to the building industry in meeting its obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

Please visit www.industry.gov.au/PremisesStandardsReview to obtain a copy of the review discussion paper, information on how to make a submission and details on public information sessions.

Submissions close **Monday 15 June 2015** at 11.59 Australian EST.

For further information please email PremisesStandardsReview@industry.gov.au or phone (02) 6102 9636 during business hours.



Painting is evolving as artists work on new media – in this case tin cups. Picture: Tim Acker

Outlook is brighter for art industry



PROSPECTS for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art are starting to

improve after a period of slow sales over recent years, according to a new study.

The study, 'A Place in the Economy: The Economy of Place. A Value Chain Study of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Sector', was carried out by the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation.

It combines data covering public and private enterprises in remote regions, art centres, industry trading practices and policy issues to profile the Indigenous art industry in detail for the first time and identify broad trends and common issues.

Report author and principal research leader Tim Acker, of Curtin University, says it identifies ways the art industry can continue to develop and provide greater benefits to remote artists, communities and art businesses.

"The report anchors a lot of the discussion and debate about the Aboriginal art economy and its different segments and provides a baseline for future research into the area," he said.

"It shows that, while the market has been difficult for a number of years, there are some signs of recovery, and that some of the lingering pessimism is misplaced.

"Oversupply was definitely

Report's key findings

- About 14,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists have made and sold artworks.
- Funding and support for these artists is effective, with more than 90% of artists able to access some form of professional art services.
- They generate around \$30 million a year in sales.
- There is potential for growth, particularly to Australian buyers and the international tourist markets. However, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art 'brand' needs to be better managed.
- There is concern in the art industry about the quality of art products and provenance. Quality control is important.
- The sector is very diverse with a broad range of products and styles. Smaller products selling for less than \$1000 are becoming more popular.
- Oversupply remains a problem in some markets, and better market information is required so businesses can plan.
- Australian private buyers are the main customers.
- Male artists earn more per work than female artists, and older artists earn more than younger ones.
- Many art centres rely on grant funding. Sales have fallen in recent years, but there are now some signs of improving sales.
- Art centres are negotiating change. With unstable markets, shifting funding priorities and changing demographics in remote Australia, centres are adapting.
- Art businesses reported that art sales fell by 13.5% in the five years to 2012. However, businesses are generally optimistic and expect a 15% upturn between 2012 and 2017.
- An increase in the number of young artists is contributing to the oversupply situation and needs to be managed carefully.

one factor in the demand downturn. Every art market relies on public perceptions of rarity, provenance and value. Based on that, the industry needs to continue rebuilding the brand of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

"We find there is still a strong place for this art both in Australia and the world market, provided the industry continues

to rebalance supply and demand, and improve its quality control and systems for assuring the provenance of artworks."

The report identifies scope for potential growth for paintings as well as new market opportunities in areas such as interior design, furnishings, homewares and manufactured goods.



**Department of
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Appointments to the boards of Victoria's water corporations

The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced people for board director positions for Victoria's 19 water corporations.

The Minister is reviewing and refreshing the boards to ensure the best boards are in place to deliver new policy directions and efficient water services throughout Victoria.

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Applicants should also view the 'information for applicants' fact sheets available at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/onboard or contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Applications open Monday 20 April and close Sunday 31 May 2015.

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■ CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Draft threat abatement plan for predation, habitat degradation, competition and disease transmission by feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*)

The Department of the Environment is inviting interested groups and individuals to provide written comment on the draft threat abatement plan that addresses the key threatening process 'Predation, Habitat Degradation, Competition and Disease Transmission by Feral Pigs', listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The draft plan describes the research, management and other actions to reduce the impacts of feral pigs on native species.

The draft threat abatement plan and instructions to complete a submission are available on the Department's website at:

www.environment.gov.au/topics/biodiversity/threatened-species-ecological-communities/threat-abatement-plans/drafts-open

The three-month public comment period will close on **24 July 2015**.

Please provide your submission on the draft to:
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The Director
 Environmental Biosecurity Section
 Department of the Environment
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Girls' academies in spotlight



CLONTARF Girls Academy at the Clontarf Aboriginal College in Perth has hosted a lunch to highlight a program designed to motivate high school-aged girls. Role Models and Leaders

Australia (RMLA), a non-profit group that recognises the role Aboriginal women play in Aboriginal families and communities, joined with support services provider Spotless for the day.

RMLA has developed 12 sporting academies for girls, in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and NSW, to engage and focus high school-aged students.

The academies use sport, extra-curricular activities, mentoring, counselling, and a structured reward system to keep

the students in education and provide a focus on work readiness, work placements, traineeships and employment.

The partnership lunch at the Clontarf Aboriginal College provided insights into how the academies work within the school's structure.

● **Pictured left: At Clontarf Aboriginal College, from left, Chris Grant, Chippin Berd, Grant Stubbs, Amelia Forest, Jennifer Stokes, Shani Thorne, Taylah Narrier, Savannah McGuire, Chelsea Whitehurst, Casey Bedford, Margaret Jackson, Brian Griffin, Tiahara Puruntatamer, Erykah Forrest, Tasimah Francis, Johalia Davey, Simon Chesson, Desiree Delcoure, Holli Montgomery, Terry Boland and Troy Hayter.**

Mungoorbada in administration



THE Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation covering the Robinson River community, 800km south-east of Katherine in the Northern Territory, has been placed in special administration.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven ordered the administration after financial management difficulties were revealed.

The directors of the corporation, which runs the community store, agreed to the move.

Austin Taylor and Stuart Reid, from Meertens Chartered Accountants, will be joint special administrators until September 10.

Public hearing in Rockhampton



THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will hold a public hearing for two weeks from Tuesday, April 14, in Rockhampton.

The public hearing is to inquire into the experiences of a number of people who were resident at St Joseph's Orphanage, Neerkol, operated by the Sisters of Mercy between 1940 and 1975.

It will hear the responses of the Sisters of Mercy, the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton, and the Queensland Government to complaints made by former residents of St Joseph's Orphanage of child sexual abuse by workers, priests and nuns at the Orphanage between 1993 and present.

Heritage council members sought



VICTORIAN Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Natalie Hutchins is seeking applications from Victorian traditional owners to join 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 advises the minister on matters related to Aboriginal heritage in Victoria.

Five positions on the council will become vacant by August. Applications can be sent via post to Applications for the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne, VIC 3001, or email: vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au or fax to (03) 9208 3292. More details on (03) 9208 3280.

Correction and apology

A STORY in the *Koori Mail*, April 8, on page 6, headlined "Cash slashed in 'successful' application", contained two errors.

The children are washed over the hand sink, not the kitchen sink, and the Jarjum Centre charges low fees, not no fees.

The *Koori Mail* apologises for the errors.

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TASMANIAN REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT REVIEW INVITATION TO PROVIDE A SUBMISSION

The third five-yearly review of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement is now underway.

The Australian and Tasmanian governments are inviting members of the public to comment on the *Implementation of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement 2007-2012* report, and any issues relevant to the ongoing implementation of the Agreement.

The Implementation Report provides information on progress in implementing the milestones and commitments in the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement, for the reporting period 2007-2012.

Submissions close 5pm on Friday 29 MAY 2015.

For more information on the Tasmanian RFA and to make a submission visit stategrowth.tas.gov.au/forestry/rfa or phone (03) 6166 3499.

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From left, Leichhardt Mayor Rochelle Porteous, Bondi councillor dominic WY kanak, Balmain Greens MP Jamie Parker and Newtown Greens MP Jenny Leong stand in front of Aboriginal World War I veteran Douglas Grant's mini Sydney Harbour Bridge War Memorial.

Push to save mini bridge memorial



ABORIGINAL
returned
World War I
soldier
Douglas

Grant died in 1951 and lies buried in the Botany Cemetery, but his legacy lives on in his replica mini Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The bridge was made of metal and spans a pool of remembrance in the grounds of the old Callan Park Hospital at Balmain in honour of fallen comrades.

Mr Grant (also known as the Black Scotsman) was taken from his family after a colonial massacre and raised by Scottish immigrants in Sydney. His descendant Tom Gertz is keen to tell Mr Grant's story. (See story on page 21.)

In the lead up to Anzac Day 2015, NSW Greens

Balmain MP Jamie Parker convened an onsite meeting with colleagues to discuss properly preserving Douglas Grant's mini Sydney Harbour Bridge and its associated sandstone pool of remembrance.

"Future benefit"

"I see this war memorial as the first designed and built by an Aboriginal World War I soldier and so, with its deep Indigenous history on the centenary of Anzac, I want to make sure this monument is restored for future benefit," he said.

"Douglas Grant had a remarkable life and, along with this heritage tribute to the sacrifices of the fallen, his story should be honoured and celebrated."

Leichhardt Mayor Rochelle Porteous thanked

Mr Parker for assisting Leichhardt Council with an initial funding of \$10,000.

"We need \$60,000 to preserve this monument properly, otherwise it will be demolition by neglect like the surrounding vacant Callan Park hospital buildings," she said.

Newtown MP Jenny Leong said preserving the memorial was a way of "keeping the crucial connection between urban heritage, open green space and important aspects of our history".

As an executive member of NSW Reconciliation Council, Cr dominic WY kanak sees the 1931 mini bridge worth protecting as a symbol of reconciliation, linked to the Walk for Reconciliation across Sydney Harbour in 2000.

Programs to be merged



THE Federal Government has redesigned the way it supports Indigenous arts, languages and culture. The Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support, Indigenous Culture Support, and Indigenous Languages Support programs, plus the Indigenous Employment Initiative will be merged into two programs: the Indigenous Languages and Arts program, and the Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support program.

The Government says that these changes "will provide greater security for funded organisations, streamline

reporting, reduce red tape, improve flexibility and fund a broader range of art forms".

The Opposition, however, describes it as part of "over \$500 million cuts to Indigenous programs, including its \$9.5 million funding cut to the Indigenous Languages Support Program".

Federal Attorney-General George Brandis says these new programs will contribute to the Government's Indigenous Affairs priorities and help achieve better results for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through more effective and efficient funding.

Labor says the Abbott Government has again failed

Indigenous communities by refusing to appreciate the importance of Indigenous languages.

Meanwhile, operational funds for art and languages centres and service delivery organisations will be provided through targetted grants from July 1. A competitive round for Indigenous languages and arts grants will open mid-year for arts projects that celebrate Australia's Indigenous cultural and artistic expressions.

Program guidelines are currently being finalised. More information about the program redesign is available on the Ministry for the Arts website: arts.gov.au

New leaders at AFL Cape York House



AFL Cape York House, a boarding house in Cairns that provides residential care to secondary school-aged boys

from remote Indigenous communities, has appointed three students from Cape York, the Torres Strait and the Gulf of Carpentaria to lead its student body.

Saige Reid and Nathaniel Tamwoy have been named AFL Cape York House captains, while Kaleb Harrigan will take on the important role of managing the facility's Aussie rules football team, the Eagles.

Boarding students and house staff voted for the leaders.

General manager Richard Stewart praised the appointments. "AFL Cape York House places an absolute premium on our older boys demonstrating leadership and building a strong culture within our community," he said. "They have the capacity to exert a very strong influence on our younger boys and others new to AFL Cape York House."

Saige, from Mornington Island, attends Peace Lutheran College and hopes to study teaching next year at



AFL Cape York House leaders Saige Reid, Nathaniel Tamwoy and Kaleb Harrigan.

university. "I want to be a good role model for my fellow students and set an example they can follow in the future," he said.

Nathaniel, from Badu Island,

attends Trinity Anglican School and is interested in pursuing a career in health sciences.

Kaleb, a Year 12 student attending Peace Lutheran

College, takes over from last year's president Glendon Woosup, who has since gone on to join the Gold Coast Suns NEAFL team and study at Bond University on a full

academic scholarship.

Year 11 students Dyrall Lui and Pylarnie Piva will also form part of the house's leadership group, appointed as cultural leaders.

More anger at closure plans



WESTERN Australian Aboriginal people and groups are continuing to raise their voices in opposition to the State Government's stated plan of shutting remote

Aboriginal communities.

WA Aboriginal Advisory Council (WAAAC) chairperson Michael Hayden, a Noongar man, is calling on the WA Government to shift its focus from closing remote communities to helping to create sustainable industries.

"This means talking to Aboriginal people about potential opportunities that create viable communities rather than negative rhetoric in making excuses to close them," he said.

"A new approach must be adopted with Aboriginal people leading the change and not government imposing their inefficient and systemic ways of trying to do the same thing with a different name whilst continuing to waste billions of dollars.

"Bureaucracy have controlled the environment to get their desired outcome for Aboriginal people at the expense of excluding us for decades.

"A new approach can't be any worse than an incompetent Government who are clearly removed and disconnected from Aboriginal people.

"Aboriginal people must be involved in providing solutions to our issues on which government have failed to deliver for decades."

The Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (KALACC), which represents traditional owners and cultural bosses from the 30 language groups across the Kimberley, said in a statement that token consultation by government wasn't good enough.

"How can the Western Australian Government speak for five months about closing down our communities and not talk with us?" they said.

"And when the consultations take place, will the Government sit down with us, the cultural bosses and Elders representing the Kimberley, and talk directly to us?"

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"We don't want a 'tick a box' consultation. We demand a genuine dialogue with Government and a genuine input and say on the future of our lives and our communities.

"We acknowledge that there are problems and issues to be addressed, but no one understands the solutions to these problems better than ourselves, the people living in the remote communities."

KALACC said remote community closures are a "deep-rooted threat to our fundamental spiritual connection to land, and it is this spiritual connection that makes us Aboriginal people.

"Forced relocations of our people are assimilationist echoes of the colonial past and have no place in the modern world," it said.

"People were forced off their lands in the late 1960s and they all remember the experience. Hundreds of people lived literally in shacks and shanty towns. How can a repeat of that even be contemplated?"

"If people are forced off their land and away from their communities they will lose their identity. Without identity they will be lost souls drifting in the wind and not rooted to their foundations.

"There is a raft of evidence that shows that connection to country and to culture is the single most important and effective means of improving wellbeing outcomes for Indigenous people.

"Culture and land are not liabilities. They are the single biggest asset and strength that we, as Aboriginal people, have."

Mr Hayden called on the Government to do a proper audit of spending on Aboriginal affairs.

"I think that would dispel the myths about what Aboriginal people receive from government. A lot of money tailored for Aboriginal Affairs goes to non-Aboriginal organisations," he said.

"The State Government is claiming it will have to close communities because they aren't sustainable, but really it should looking properly at what things are working in what department and then consider structural reform.

"There are too many excuses that allow government to justify their actions."

Vic Honour Roll exhibition on road



THE touring exhibition of the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll was officially launched by Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins, at Wyndham Vale Library last week.

The Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll formally recognises Aboriginal people who have made a significant contribution to the community and the state.

So far, 64 people have been recognised for their achievements in many fields including health, education, justice, sport, the arts, community leadership and military service.

The Honour Roll, which has a permanent home in the Victorian Parliament, will hit the road and was on display in Wyndham Vale. It now it moves to Wangaratta, Geelong, Horsham and Healesville.

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I don't like what's going on with the WA mob (plans to close remote Aboriginal communities in parts of Western Australia).

Who would you most like to meet?
Action actor Steven Seagal.

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

If you could, what would you do to benefit Indigenous Australians?
I'd like to get our land back, and I'd make sure there was no fighting over it.

Quote



“When an opportunity comes up grab it with both hands – don't die wondering.”

– Adrian Dodson-Shaw, the first Aboriginal Australian to set foot on the North Pole

● See page 9

Unquote

Stolen Wages – justice at last

GREAT news that the Queensland Labor Government is moving to honour its pre-election commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on Stolen Wages.

About 7500 Indigenous Queenslanders still have money owing to them from when they worked as virtual slaves, right up until the 1970s.

It's well beyond time these people were paid – and well done to the Government for following through on its promise to finally help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers see some long-overdue justice.

The Northern Territory Government's response to young people behaving antisocially in Alice Springs is outrageous.

To threaten – as Chief Minister Adam Giles and Children and Families Minister John Elferink did – to put children into care because you don't like their behaviour, is a disgraceful attack.

Aboriginal families are already, understandably, mistrustful of government institutions.

To issue threats about taking people's children is unfair, counterproductive, an attack on human rights and just downright nasty.

And when the same government issuing threats has cut youth services, it's hypocritical too.

Aboriginal people in the NT have borne many abuses at the hands of government under the Intervention over recent years.

Does the NT Government seriously



OUR SAY

think that threatening children and families is an acceptable way to behave?

As Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the Northern Territory spokesperson Priscilla Collins said, the current rate of removal of Aboriginal children from their families is higher than at any other time in the NT's history – including the heartbreaking times of the Stolen Generations.

“Placing children into care is never a justified punishment,” Ms Collins said.

“The proposed response reveals a government that is too ready to place all blame on Aboriginal parents but takes no responsibility for its own failures in Aboriginal policy.”

There are problems in Alice Springs – and young people behaving antisocially is one of them.

But you don't address social problems by threatening harsh punitive measures. Problems are only ever solved when communities come together to work on solutions.

The NT Government is supposed to be looking after its people, not setting an example of terrible, antisocial behaviour, where if you don't get what you expect you threaten and scare people in the hope they will do what you want.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Ng:tja will be back home soon



By RUDI MAXWELL

NGADJONJI (north Queensland) Elder Tom Gertz has spent years working towards two important objectives: to set the record straight about his family and to bring his ancestor Ng:tja home.

Mr Gertz is a descendant of World War I veteran Douglas Grant (also known as the Black Scotsman).

While the Australian War Memorial records Douglas Grant as being 'rescued' by scientist Robert Grant, a Scottish immigrant, when his parents were killed in a tribal fight in the Bellenden Ker Ranges of north Queensland in the 1880s, Mr Gertz strongly disputes that account.

"Douglas's early life was torn apart by the massacres of the Frontier Wars that killed off his family," Mr Gertz said.

"Douglas was purposely targetted and hunted to get the living full bloodlines of a race of people who are thought to be the first wave of (humanity) Aborigines inhabiting Australia.

"His child eyes witnessed the Frontier War of extermination on his people and family at Butchers Creek, Malanda.

"Douglas was chosen to live to be a scientific experiment to prove that a myall, given the opportunity if taken away early enough and educated, could prove to be a 'worthwhile' citizen to society. Fred Brown, who was at the massacre that killed off Douglas's family,

delivered Douglas to Mrs Grant upon her request.

"His father Ng:tja escaped the massacre that captured Douglas."

The young Douglas was brought up by the Grants in Sydney, taught English (which he spoke with a Scottish accent) and completed an apprenticeship as a draughtsman.

"The journey of what he went through as a young boy, taken away from his country and put into the mainstream world that he didn't understand," Mr Gertz said.

"He didn't know his culture, but he knew where he came from.

"He was taken to an alien world but he lived and survived it."

Enlisted

Douglas Grant enlisted with the 34th Battalion in January 1916 but was stopped from leaving Australia by the Aborigines Protection Board. Some months later he tried again and was accepted as a private in the 13th Battalion and shipped out to fight in France.

He was injured and captured in the first Battle of Bullecourt, in April 1917. He spent the remainder of the war at the German Camp for Muslim Prisoners at Zossen in the German state of Brandenburg (due to the dark colour of his skin), where he supervised the distribution of comforts to African and Indian prisoners as a member of the Australian Red Cross Society.

"He survived the Frontier War and then World War I but when he



World War I Aboriginal soldier Douglas Grant.

finally came back to this country he wasn't recognised for what he had done, like a lot of other Indigenous soldiers," Mr Gertz said.

Douglas was repatriated and returned to Sydney, where he resumed his job as a draughtsman, and operated a radio station, before moving on to work as a labourer in a paper factory and then a small arms factory.

He applied to design homes for returned soldiers homes but, although he had served his country in war, he was not entitled

to a soldier's settlement block of land because of his Aboriginality.

Douglas began lobbying for Aboriginal rights and became active in returned servicemen's affairs. He played the bagpipes and was a good friend of poet Henry Lawson and for a time conducted the returned soldiers session on the Lithgow radio station 2LT.

"I take my hat off to the man," Mr Gertz said. "He did a lot of things to help our people."

However, the war had taken its toll on Douglas, who was admitted to Callan Park Hospital for the insane as a patient, but soon moved on to work as a clerk, managing the inmates. This is where Douglas put forward the project of designing and building a replica of the Sydney Harbour Bridge as a memorial to returned soldiers.

"But his story isn't some fairytale and the truth needs to get out there," Mr Gertz said.

At the time of the massacre of Douglas's family, his father, Ng:tja, a tribal leader, managed to escape and survive until his passing years later.

Sting in the tail

But the final sting in the tail is that another European scientist took Ng:tja's body from his tribe because he wanted an example of the rare form of mummification that the Ngadjonji practised.

After years of searching, Mr Gertz found his ancestor had been taken to Germany. He is planning to go to Europe and

bring Ng:tja (also known as Barry Clarke) home later this year.

"It will be a big shock, because the story of him has been hidden away and not told; where he came from, what position he held in his tribe," Mr Gertz said.

"It has been hidden away in the dark, the truth of this man for what he holds within our tribe and neighbouring families.

"He was a very important man, but a lot of young people and people my age never followed him up. It was only because my Nanna always talked about him, always said she wanted him to come home.

"Everything will be done the cultural way, to bringing him back, with ceremony.

"As a young kid I walked with my old people, learning. They are the ones who shaped and molded me as we walked through their country.

"When we bring Ng:tja home it will be very sensitive because there are people whose bloodlines are not from this country but who believe they are.

"It might hurt some people but the truth has to be revealed. I don't blame my people, who were dispersed from the land into the missions, which nearly destroyed kinship law.

"Most of our Elders are just about gone now, but I walked with them on journeys, before they went on their final journey to the Dreaming.

"Now I'm standing up from my mother's side, as a lore man in a traditional community."

Philp stars at new exhibition



MICHAEL Philp's new exhibition at the Lismore Regional Art Gallery in northern NSW is called the *Cosmology in Me*.

His works are accompanied by short stories, explaining what motivated him to paint.

Born in 1966 in Tweed Heads, Mr Philp is a Minjungbal man, a tribe of the Bundjalung nation. His father was a white fisherman and his mother a Murri woman.

Mr Philp's lyrical, poignant works are about experiences that have affected him, and this exhibition brings together two bodies of work from different periods of his life.

"This country, Bundjalung country, is special," he said. "I want all people, black and white, to feel connected to our country and to look after it."

Mr Philp said his painting honours the spirits of his ancestors.

He will be part of a panel discussion about the healing and restorative powers of art from 5-6pm on Thursday, April 30, at the Lismore gallery, 131 Molesworth Street.

Michael Philp with one of his artworks at the launch of his latest exhibition at Lismore Regional Art Gallery, northern NSW.

New art trails boost for Red Centre



TOURISM Central Australia's Art Trail program was launched on April 8 by Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles. Visitors to the Red Centre now have a

guide to the region's best art galleries and centres, through the establishment of new tourist art trails.

"Central Australia is one of the country's premier art destinations with a truly authentic Indigenous flavour, and we want to make it easy for visitors to tap into what we have to offer," Mr Giles said.

"The opportunity to take home an authentic piece of Aboriginal art is a great part of any visit to central Australia, and these new art trails will make it easier for tourists to see what's available.

"Tourism Central Australia recognised a gap in the visitor market and has partnered with local art businesses to maximise exposure of their galleries, arts centres and events."

The trails are available as a hardcopy booklet as well as digital app, revealing artistic centres and cultural experiences around the region.

Twenty-seven operators are part of the program, which incorporates four separate art trails across central Australia and the Barkly region.

The trails were made possible by a \$12,000 grant from the NT Regional Economic Development Fund and support from the Alice Springs Regional Economic Development Committee.

Bright future for NGV exhibition



THE exhibition *Indigenous Art: Moving backwards into the future* explores the past 130 years of Indigenous history in

Australia through more than 100 Indigenous artworks in the National Gallery of Victoria's (NGV) collection.

The exhibition is on display at the Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia in Federation Square, Melbourne, until August 16.

The works range from 19th century shields and drawings, works in ochre on bark, and Western Desert paintings to contemporary works which use modern mediums of glass, photography and light to reinterpret ancestral stories and symbols in new ways.

Many significant works from the NGV's collection will be on display together for the first time, including works by Wurundjeri leader William Barak; Rover Thomas, who developed a visionary way of representing the land, paring down the topographical features to the barest essentials; and Emily Kam Kngwararray, who came to prominence in the late 1980s for her bold and large paintings, which conceptualised her father's country, Alhalker, with single, continuous curved lines.

There's also a collection of 26 spirit figures carved from jungle trees and depicting ancestral figures from many different clan estates. They were carved by

Initiation by Reko Rennie (Kamilaroi), 2013, is part of the exhibition at NGV.



16 artists from Maningrida in central Arnhem Land.

The exhibition coincides with the launch of the publication *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art in the Collection of the National Gallery of Victoria*, which features more than 100 works.

For five weeks from May 10, a new adult education course will also be run in conjunction with the exhibition.

The *Indigenous Art: Moving backwards into the future* course will explore

different systems of representation in Indigenous art.

Weekly guest speakers will address themes spanning the origins and context of significant aspects of Indigenous art practice, revealing the ways artists have responded to change and have incorporated new aesthetic principles and artistic concepts, images and techniques over time.

For more information visit the website fedsquare.com/events



Time has come for proper recognition

HOW long do we have to wait for us to grow up as a nation?

We have lived long enough amongst each other. We aren't children any more fighting over that favourite toy. We are mature adults able to understand others and NOT be threatened, surely.

So if Australian state constitutions recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, so too can the national Constitution.

It's time to deal with the past, like the king in ancient Israel who appealed to his God as to why the land was suffering under three years of famine (2 Samuel chapter 21 in the Bible). God said they had wronged a small group

of tribal people living in amongst them as a minority. This king was mature enough to go directly to this minority group and say, whatever was needed to put things right he would authorise it!

No lawyers, no legal jargon, just face to face. So they made their request which (although brutal to us today) was granted, and the nation came back under God's blessing and the land was healed – because the nation's historical wrong was righted.

Now may Australia garner the courage to do the same – to just deal with it!

Women were able to vote in federal elections in 1902. Australia was the second country

in the world to allow this, but was the first in accepting women into Parliament as members.

Aboriginal women and men got the vote in the 1960s, allowing them to cast a vote in federal polls. More than 90% of the Australian population voted YES in the referendum.

Australian 18 year olds were able to vote from 1973. (If they could be sent to war, they deserved the vote.)

All of which is proof Aussies will allow constitutional changes when they see the fairness and rightness of the argument.

The wheels of democracy turn slowly, but they do turn, and the time has come to reflect a more

genuine and truthful account of this continent's long and rich history in a revamped Constitution which does NOT reflect racism but DOES recognise this country's First Peoples.

Australia is behind some countries around the world which have indigenous peoples reflected (and protected) in their national constitutions.

So it is surely time for not only recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but also formal recognition of the 250 languages/dialects too.

BRUCE DOCKER
Logan City, Qld

POETRY

Connection

Fair skin and dark skin
Brothers and sisters
Sharing common ground
Of struggle and resistance
Connected by Indigenous DNA.

We're not going anywhere
We're here to stay!
Knowing who we are
And where we stand
No matter what they say
It is still our land!

ANGELA AVERESCH
Cairns, Qld

JT The Indigenous Key

Who Is This Player
That They Call JT
They Say, "For The
Cowboys
He Is The Key."

When On The Paddock He's
Everywhere
This Talented Man
The Other Teams Can't Bare
How Do You Win Against
This One Man Team.

To Throw In The Towel Is
What It Seems
Though Giving Up Is Not
The Nature Of The Sport
The Game Against
Jonnathan, They Should
Abort.

The Play Maker, The Pivot,
The Raging Lion
Makes All His Moves Right
On Time
He'll Take Your Legs
Without You Knowing
And Like A Tree You'll Fall
In The Wind Blowing.

He'll Cut Through The
Defence Like A Razorblade
And All His Team Mates Will
Be At His Aid
Try After Try, Yes He Will
Score
Have The Crowd On Their
Feet And They'll Never Get
Bored.

When He Kicks For Goal
He'll Do A Spinner
And Between The Posts A
Two Point Winner
They'll Lift Him Up, This
Little Magician
But All He Did Was The
Captain's Mission

Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW

Renewable energy target deal needed

NEW Bureau of Statistics data show the Abbott Government's attack on renewable energy has cost the country 2500 jobs since 2011-12.

The findings put the Government's track record on job creation in the spotlight. Some will now view Prime Minister Abbott's 2013 election promise to create two million new jobs as empty rhetoric.

If the Coalition was serious about jobs in Australia it would start supporting the renewable energy industry instead of attacking it.

It's time for the Government to come to an agreement on the renewable energy target. Failure to do so will result in more jobs losses and further damage to our economy.

LEIGH EWBANK
Friends of the Earth
renewable energy coordinator

Solemn remembrance

COMMEMORATING 100 years since the Gallipoli Landing of World War I also draws attention to a scarcely mentioned 50 years of indiscriminate murder and massacre of native Australians 1788-1838 following the landings at Sydney Cove.

On April 25, 1915, thousands of soldiers from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, led by the British, went ashore on a foreign beach in a far and distant land.

War involves two sides, but both share a desire to resolve a lost cause.

The casualties on both sides were horrendous and, though losing significantly more lives in the fighting, the Turks repelled the invasion and the Anzacs withdrew to fight on in other areas of conflict during a terrible war.

The term 'The Great War' should be removed from all war memorials in



Australia henceforth.

Native Australians across the length and breadth of this great southern land, Elders past and present, mourn with the then Ottoman Empire and our own and implore, "O hush the noise, you men of strife."

Notwithstanding, we join

with other Australians in the bringing of a tribute of solemn remembrance this Anzac Day 2015. Lest we forget.

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Tamworth, NSW
D SIEMS
Quirindi, NSW

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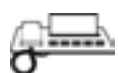
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These women have our support

From the Redfern Aboriginal Women's Alliance

WE fully support the women at the centre of the Billy Gordon saga to have a voice and speak up with their allegations of domestic violence against the Queensland MP. (Billy Gordon is the newly elected north Queensland MP who has been accused of domestic violence.)

Given their allegations, we believe it's time to speak up about speaking up about violence against women and children.

Comments criticising Billy Gordon's two ex-partners' decision to come forward disregarded the women's duress to speak up about an alleged crime. And yet many in our community know the depressing fact that most cases of

intimate partner violence go unreported to police.

Women reporting domestic violence in our community face an onerous process – overshadowed by enduring reproach and reprisals from family, friends and community that very few Aboriginal women relish – and many choose not to. In effect, when faced with the dilemma, anybody who cannot vouch personally as a direct witness to violence would sooner shut down her voice than his.

Consider, then, the decision for these women. To raise their allegations at any time meant speaking up against a charming Aboriginal man rising to political influence, powerfully connected, wrapped in the enchantment of the-boy-from-the-bush-made-good, popular voice of the people

and a warrior of the cause.

The repercussive danger that allegations of domestic abuse reinforce the 'all black men are bashers' stereotype is ever-present, as some commentators have pointed out. But in the words of experienced Aboriginal community campaigner on domestic violence and co-founder of 'Blackout Violence' Dixie Link-Gordon (no relation), "We're not standing beside them holding up their fist for social justice when they use the other to pound women down."

Recently returned from the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Beijing+20 (2015) in New York City, Ms Link-Gordon says, "Indigenous women throughout the world are still the most vulnerable. Speaking up is

hard for these women."

In February, the Queensland Domestic Violence Taskforce handed down its report, *Not Now, Not Ever*, with the finding that "Culture and attitudes affect the ability of victims to report violence and seek help, and influence the willingness of the community to hold perpetrators to account".

The United Nations Multi-country Study on Men and Violence conducted throughout the Asia-Pacific found that many people, including women, "prescribed to the dominant social norms that legitimise inequality and the use of violence against women".

The taskforce's key message is "ultimately cultural change needs to come from individuals and the community directly". The *Not Now,*

Not Ever report was said to have motivated one of the women from Billy Gordon's past to come forward with her allegations.

Empowerment of women is imperative to changing social norms and breaking the culture of silence. Noel Pearson's opining that Gordon was "thrown under a very brutal bus" illuminates the innate difficulty in this.

RAWA does not condemn Billy Gordon for behaviours that earned him his criminal record as a juvenile, and we note nor did Queensland Premier Anastacia Palacyszuk. The Premier dismissed him because "he was completely and utterly dishonest" to her. As the old adage goes, it's not the act itself, it's the cover up that will do you in. There's a

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Why a treaty is vital

By NATALIE CROMB

WHEN I was asked to speak at the forum First Nations Women Speak for Treaty held at Redfern Community Centre, I considered the questions that are usually pondered: what, why, how?

I realised that the discussion surrounding a treaty, for me, is inherently frustrating. The frustration faced was due to the fact there are so many obstacles to a treaty from the lack of awareness of non-Indigenous Australians as to what a treaty is and why on earth Indigenous people would want one; the political factions (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) competing between treaty or constitutional recognition as if it is a one-or-the-other dilemma; and, ultimately, the political machinations of how a treaty would be put together functionally to ensure maximum support of the Indigenous people and the government.

Despite many attempts to rewrite and sanitise history, we know that, under English law at the time of Governor Phillip's claim, there were three legal regimes under which a colony could be acquired:

1. Settlement – where territory is uninhabited and the 'settlers' brought English law with them;
2. Conquest – where territory was inhabited and the native laws survived provided they weren't discordant with laws of the Crown; or
3. Cession – where the territory was inhabited and the sovereignty was ceded to the Crown and the applicable law would be determined by agreement; but in the absence of any agreed changes, local law would continue to apply.

The prevailing legal doctrine is that Australia was acquired through settlement, despite the presence of an Indigenous population because the English common law contained a definition of 'uninhabited lands' that considered lands uninhabited if they contained peoples 'uncivilised' by the 18th century English norms.

Ultimately, through the doctrine of terra nullius, Indigenous people were subverted as savages and this was integrated into the Australian Constitution, which was drafted on the premise of Indigenous people being so inferior as to not garner a mention and considered to be a fading race in any event.

Terra nullius was a deliberate social construction designed to enable settlement, parcel of land at a time, to enable expansion of colonial settlements and to do so without any compensation to the lawful owners.

The illegality of the actions of the Crown was clear even as far back as 1832, when



Natalie Cromb, middle, at the First Nations Women Speak for Treaty event in Redfern with Amala Groom, left, and Brenda Croft, right. Picture: Sabine Kacha

George Robinson, who became the Chief Protector of Aborigines at Port Phillip, wrote: *I am at a loss to conceive by what tenure we hold this country, for it does not appear to be that we either hold it by conquest or by right of purchase.*

This is not new to Indigenous people. We know that this country was not 'settled'. We know that sovereignty was not ceded.

It is this disparity of understanding between what we know and what white Australia is told happened that we need to overcome.

This is a critical point to the success or failure of any cause – the truth and the wide acceptance of truth as fact. The average Australian simply does not know about the fight for equality and rights that the Indigenous people have been waging for 227 years.

They don't know that Indigenous people were the subjects of forced and violent dispersals from their cultural lands; they were the victims of massacres and murders; rapes and retributory attacks to any resistance; there were genocidal policies based on pseudoscience of Indigenous inferiority; there were sinister attempts to murder countless Indigenous people when the introduced diseases weren't killing enough to the white man's liking and there was a pervasive mindset of the Indigenous people being sub-human.

Some Australians may recall the 1967 Referendum and all of the hope and positivity surrounding the concept of equality in the lead up to the vote and think that following

this purportedly momentous event in Australian history that the Aboriginal people then had the equality they fought for.

We know that is not the case, however. There are many generations – especially the younger – that are simply not taught about the history of this nation, that are not taught about the Indigenous culture beyond boomerangs and spears; they do not know that statistically we have the highest Indigenous incarceration rate compared to non-Indigenous people in the world; they do not know of our appalling mortality rates; they do not know about the welfare indicators that demonstrate Indigenous people are the lowest on the socio-economic pyramid.

This is not an indictment on the Australians who do not know. This is an indictment on the education system and those who draft the curriculum that perpetuates the ignorance that pervades our country. And it is an indictment on mainstream media for failing to report on the real issues, on the brave men and women agitating for the very thing that Australia hangs its hat on: a fair go!

A fair go cannot be achieved without a treaty.

A treaty would be the basis upon which the sovereign Indigenous people of Australia and the Government could negotiate the terms of rights to land, minerals and resources and the self-governing of communities. It would be a binding agreement that would have sanctions that would deter breaches of the terms of the treaty.

Getting a treaty is not going to be easy because it is the least palatable option for

governments because it holds them to a set of obligations that they ordinarily would not live up to.

A treaty is essential because 227 years after colonisation we remain at the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid; because after 227 years children are still being removed arbitrarily from Aboriginal families; because after 227 years racism remains rife in society and none more so than against Aboriginal people; because after 227 years we are still being subjected to cruel punishments including water being switched off, communities being closed, and being forced into work programs that provide less than the minimum wage and then having to buy groceries in government-run shops that charge \$6 for a kilo of flour.

To arbitrarily decide the fate of our people without our consultation and agreement will always be met with resistance.

And for those who champion the Recognise campaign and its intent to change the Constitution to recognise Indigenous people, I say: We have the benefit of hindsight and know that constitutional recognition will not change the mortality or incarceration rates of our people. It will not stop the removal of children or turn the water back on in remote communities.

Constitutional change is symbolic, it is not a cure-all. A treaty is vital to the future of this nation. But again, it is not a cure-all.

A treaty is the first meaningful step in ensuring that there is engagement of all in the success of its outcomes. It will leave Indigenous people empowered and part of something positive in history, as opposed to disillusioned and disappointed at the millions of broken promises and setbacks we have suffered over the last 227 years.

The two critical elements to bridging the cultural divide, in my mind, are empathy and education. People need to learn about Indigenous history and culture and do so with an open mind and pure heart. Once they know and truly understand and consider the impact such devastation would have on their lives, their wellbeing, their resolve to fight another day – only then will we really be able to have a meaningful discussion about what it is going to take to heal hurts and have hope for a future our ancestors would be proud of.

A treaty is the insurance policy we need that we can hold government accountable for their actions so real gains can be made for the Indigenous people of Australia.

Natalie Cromb belongs to the Gamilaraay nation and spoke at the First Nations Women Speak for Treaty forum, held at the Redfern Community Centre last month.

24 years on, much more must change

APRIL 15 marked the 24th anniversary of the tabling of the milestone Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) Report in Federal Parliament; next year the report will be a generation old.

As Australia observes this significant date, we should reflect on what has been done to change the landscape of the criminal justice system for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The short answer? Not enough.

Today, the nation faces an even deeper crisis than that interrogated by the royal commission in 1991.

The royal commission investigated not only 99 particular Aboriginal deaths in custody, but the reasons why so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were in custody in the first place. It explored the social determinants of incarceration and found that decades of disadvantage, oppression and a fundamentally culturally inappropriate and, at times, racist justice system were the major contributors.

The inquiry's report made 339 recommendations to address these fundamental issues. While the past 24 years have encompassed a generation of promise and incremental successes in some areas, there have been some fundamental failures as well.

It's clear that, if we don't change course, in another 25 years' time we'll be asking what the next generation thinks of our collective efforts to address the issues raised by the royal commission, and will find ourselves sadly lacking.

Australians will likely tell themselves they're better than that, but is that true?

Here are the sobering statistics.

In the past 10 years, there has been a 57% increase in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people ending up in prison. We are now 13 times more likely to be imprisoned than non-Indigenous people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people account for 28% of all Australian prisoners, and things are even worse for our young people, who account for around half of all Australian youth detainees.

Our people are also twice as likely to be victims of violence, and that rate is increasing – especially for our women and children.



Shane Duffy

In 2012-13, the rate at which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women were hospitalised as a result of family violence was 34.2 times that of non-Indigenous women.

These are not hallmarks of a broader Australian community that is either safe or smart.

In order to keep faith with the royal commission's recommendations, we must rise to the challenge of designing solutions that address all of the difficult and complex issues at the same time. For example, we cannot talk about incarceration rates in



Kirstie Parker

reducing incarceration and violence rates. But it will take a concerted, collective effort on the part of communities, organisations and governments – an effort that lives on beyond election cycles.

At the heart of it, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people know the issues intimately – we live them every day – and how they can start to be addressed, but we can't do it alone.

We ask all Australians to walk with us, to help change the record.

We must remain faithful to the recommendations of the royal commission

Justice Unit in the Department of Justice, Koori Courts, and many other reforms in his home state.

Rates of incarceration even plateaued for a time in Victoria, only to increase again when a 'tough-on-crime' approach was subsequently adopted – one step forward, two steps back.

In every state and territory across the country, there are similar stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advocates trying to engage governments in taking a more comprehensive approach. We thank these everyday champions, and our non-Indigenous supporters.

We welcome the recent decision by the Abbott Government to restore funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services – after it had announced in December 2013 \$43 million in cuts to the sector over four years – but caution that we need to not only maintain funding levels in this crucial area but increase and improve the investment in justice, health, welfare and social services.

We highlight recommendation 188 of the royal commission, which said governments should ensure that policy and program delivery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is framed by the principle of self-determination. The Victorian Premier announced on National Close the Gap Day last month that this principle needed to be the basis of all closing the gap policies. This is integral to any success we will ever achieve.

We will continue to advocate for change, strongly encouraging all governments to embed this principle into the very fibre of their engagement and work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – to make decisions with, not for, us.

We know there is goodwill out there in the general community; the 200,000-plus people who support the community-driven Close the Gap Campaign attest to this. But, clearly, the record is stuck and we need to change it, quick.

Shane Duffy is a descendant of the Kalkadoon people and chairperson of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services.

Yuwallarai woman Kirstie Parker is co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and the Close the Gap campaign.

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isolation from violence, or vice versa. When lives hang in the balance, we've got to be better than that.

A significant alliance of peak Indigenous, human rights and community organisations is currently building in this area. We believe that with dedicated investment in early intervention, and prevention and diversion strategies to address the root causes and help break the cycle of contact with the criminal justice system, we can achieve twin goals of

report, and not leave it to the next generation and the next and the next.

To focus only on the ways the criminal justice system has failed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people would be to ignore the significant steps that our people and organisations, and their non-Indigenous counterparts, have taken to achieve change.

The late Dr Alf Bamblett from Victoria, for example, campaigned to secure Aboriginal Justice Agreements, the Koori

These women have our support

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decisive difference between being thrown under a bus and running head on into it.

International and local research shows that a common marker in the range of intimate partner violence typologies is “inequity in the relationship”, a factor that is consistent across all types of intimate relationships, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex. This area of power and inequity is the growing focus for research in managing

relationship conflict and preventing intimate partner violence.

It is in this domain of strengthening relationships and tackling underlying causes where attention is needed, because we cannot rely on legal processes to fix it. The critical work of building trust needs to happen in families and across our communities as well as between Aboriginal people and the state.

The Billy Gordon allegations give us an opportunity to examine our attitudes toward women who make a complaint of domestic

violence, and the inherent responsibilities for men in our community to be accountable. When an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander woman is 45 times more likely to be a victim of domestic violence and 35 times more likely to be hospitalised than other Australian women, more than ever we must not be silent, no matter who the accused is. Men are intrinsic to this change. Our collective rights progress cannot afford the price of silence if it shepherds abusive men into positions of power and privilege.

Billy Gordon is entitled to and will likely afford himself the best defence to the domestic violence allegations against him, which he has publicly denied, if one is needed.

It is up to the police to decide if there is a case to answer.

But he is now a divisive figure across the nation.

Clearly, it is not a safe climate for Billy Gordon should he deem there to be an admission to make.

But if he did, what would that do for a shift in the narrative?

Not for the first time, Aboriginal people are central to putting a significant cultural change of national importance to the test.

And the Queensland Government, led by a woman, hangs on his decision to stay in power.

The Redfern Aboriginal Women's Alliance (RAWA) membership comes from the inner-Sydney suburb of Redfern. This is an edited version of a full statement by the alliance, which can be found at <https://redfernawa.wordpress.com/>

Recognise the facts

THE 'Recognise' proposal that is being floated now regarding constitutional recognition is an attempt to outrightly steal the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's sovereignty and patrimony without the truth being told.

I have said it once, I have said it many times and I will say it again: The Commonwealth Government of Australia does not have the constitutional right to pass laws for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of this country, as though we are citizens.

The referendum of 1967 merely deleted Section 127 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people could be included in the national census in order to determine Australia's population, and it removed the bar placed on the Commonwealth to pass laws for Aboriginal people in the colonial states.

The nett result was that it took 'Aboriginal' out of the Constitution altogether, so that nowhere in the document is there any authority for the Commonwealth to pass laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

(Then prime minister) Sir Robert Menzies was correct when he warned the Parliament in 1965 that removing the word 'Aboriginal' would take Aboriginal people out of the Commonwealth legal system. He further advised the Parliament that in the future the Commonwealth would have to use the 'Race power' of section 51(xxvi) in order to pass laws specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

By looking at all Commonwealth

laws made in relation to us since 1967, it will be seen that in the definition of the Act it specifies that the legislation relates to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 'race' of Australia.

The spin doctors are very clever at deceiving, not only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but also the public at large. The grassroots Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout Australia have now made significant use of the modern communication tools and it will be through this that we will fight every step of the way against having our sovereignty and patrimony usurped. The public needs to support us to make sure that the right-wing colonialists do not create another lie that will take 200 years for our grandchildren to unravel.

I am at a total loss at trying to understand where Noel Pearson is coming from with his ideas, which are all focussed on assimilating our mob. When we look back at Noel's actions, he did at least admit to a 'strategic blunder' by him and the 'Magnificent Seven' in respect of leasehold land tenures extinguishing Aboriginal legal interests in land throughout Australia. It was the Wik case that showed their ineptness in understanding the land law systems in Australia and their relationship to Aboriginal law and custom.

Now Noel is singlehandedly trying to set the political and legal agenda for solving a dispute over 200 years old. Noel appears to be confusing himself. On the one hand he wants to appease his right-wing counterparts by suggesting that a



Ghillar, Michael Anderson

declaration be made separate from the Constitution in order to gain bipartisan support, while failing to give us an idea of the possible wording for a declaration. The stupidity of this goes even deeper when we see Opposition Leader Bill Shorten saying he would always listen carefully to Noel Pearson – but what is he listening to?

At the same time, (Indigenous Advisory Council chair) Warren Mundine commented that Pearson's proposal was confusing and considered that a successful referendum thereafter could be kissed goodbye.

Mark Leibler, co-chair of the expert panel, appears to have expressed concern and surprise at Pearson's shift on constitutional

recognition. Can we assume from Leibler's statement that he, like Mundine, can see a major division developing between the hardcore right of politics on this issue?

No matter which way the promoters of this Recognise campaign try to spin a falsehood, they will fail because our grassroots peoples are waking up to the extent of the deceit perpetrated against us and our communities.

The true nature of the racism that exists in this country is so deep that every step that has been taken in the past to establish processes of sustainable economic, social and cultural practices, that would lead to total self-determination, were undermined by not just the Hawke Labor government. The Hawke leadership's shutdown of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination was replicated by the Howard Government, which, in its first six months, shut 440 Aboriginal organisations across Australia through the fascist organisation called the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

Pearson and his cohorts, including his apparent opposite Warren Mundine, are trying to convince our people that their advice is for the betterment of our peoples. Why then, we should ask, can they not convince the Government to end the racist Northern Territory intervention and stop the tyrannical government of (Premier Colin) Barnett in Western Australia from closing Aboriginal homeland communities?

Now they try and tell us that they are doing the right thing with this Recognise campaign. They can't

even agree, it appears.

They are troubled with what form it should take. Should it be only a symbolic preambular statement? Should there be a charter of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights included? Should the omission from the Constitution of the Race Power be included? Should a bill of rights be proposed as part of the constitutional reform?

And no-one has been brave enough to even decide what possible wording the proposals will take, let alone dare mention the pre-existing and continuing sovereignty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

At least the High Court went part of the way to conclude that our people's proprietary interest in land, under our law and custom, survived the imposed British sovereignty. We have Australia's leading constitutional expert George Williams saying on national television that Aboriginal people have the right to "just assert" their sovereignty. With this being the fact, there truly is a complicated truth that has to be dealt with beforehand.

Noel Pearson at least acknowledges that the Recognise campaign is being successfully challenged and shadowed by the Aboriginal grassroots 'No' campaign, which promotes that sovereignty is the fundamental issue to be dealt with. It is truly the largest elephant in the room!

Ghillar, Michael Anderson, is convenor of the Sovereign Union, head of state of the Euhlayi Republic and co-founder of the 1972 Aboriginal Embassy.

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Office of Environment & Heritage



Australian Museum, Sydney Open Forum: Repatriation of Ancestral Remains to Lake Victoria

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1. This meeting in an open forum for Aboriginal people with traditional links to Lake Victoria.
2. The meeting is aimed at providing information regarding ancestral remains belonging to the Lake Victoria area that are currently held by the Australian Museum, Sydney.

Where: Midway Community Centre, Buronga
When: 10 am Tuesday 28th April

A light lunch will be provided.

To confirm your interest to attend:
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People share stories of beating gambling



ABORIGINAL people have shared their stories about beating gambling addiction as part of a new video.

Gambling counsellor Ashley Gordon, a Gamilaroi (NSW) man who introduces the video, said *Aboriginal Gambling: Our Stories* was part of the NSW Government's Waruwi awareness program, which works with Aboriginal communities to reduce the effects of problem gambling.

"This video will assist problem gamblers in our communities to seek help, and enlighten everyone about the seriousness of problem gambling," Mr Gordon said. "The important thing to remember is it is possible to give up gambling."

"Gambling is okay when it's done within our means and just for fun. But it's not okay when it causes financial problems and stress, affects relationships, when people lie about how much they gamble, or money isn't being spent on the kids or important items like food and bills."

"It's not okay when people are losing their connection to their family, their culture, beliefs and identity, and when people are not respecting their Elders."

Stephen Hagan, Bernie Hazel, Thomas Toomey and Roy Ah-See all shared their stories of overcoming their addictions.

"I've been in this field for a long time now and I've never before come across Aboriginal people who were prepared to tell their stories, so I'm so grateful to these four," Mr Gordon said.



Gambling counsellor Ashley Gordon, with Stephen Hagan and Bernie Hazel, who share their stories in the video *Aboriginal Gambling: Our Stories*, Sandra Pires from Why Documentaries which worked on the production, and Responsible Gambling Fund Trustees chair Christopher Naughton.

"Since people have seen the video more have come and told me their stories, so I think it could be a spark for real change."

"It's real progress because gambling in our communities is often hidden because of the sense of shame and stigma."

"Telling their stories not only helps others but it also assists people in their recovery."

Rock bottom

Ms Hazel describes how she used gambling to shut out her problems. When she hit rock bottom she approached strangers for money, missed out on buying food for her six kids, and failed to pay the rent. She even sold her car to chase her losses.

With the help of a counsellor she's overcome her gambling problem and gets to spend quality time with her family.

"I knew I was doing wrong

but I used to push it down, deep down, brush it off. And then I had a nervous breakdown 'cos of the guilt and shame I was carrying from gambling," she said.

Mr Toomey said that when gambling debts forced him to sell a block of land that was meant to be his inheritance, he fell into depression. With the help of his wife and kids he's managed to get his life back on track.

"I used to just lay in bed. I just couldn't get up," he said. "I didn't want to get up. I couldn't face people with what I'd done... I'm not going back there. I regret it 100%."

The video is available at <http://gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au/warruwi-gambling-help/>

● If you or someone you know has a gambling problem you can call 1800 752 948 or visit www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au

Title rights recognised



A RECENT Federal Court decision recognised the native title rights of the Gangalidda and Garawa

people over about 9350 square kilometres of land and waters around Burketown on the Gulf of Carpentaria in far north-western Queensland.

Queensland Development, Natural Resources and Mines Minister Anthony Lynham said a related agreement gives the Gangalidda people home ownership opportunities and provides Burketown Shire Council with certainty over land use.

"The practical effect is that Indigenous people will be able

to own their own homes on their traditional land for the first time," he said.

"Burketown Shire Council will now be able to develop some land for future job-creating light industry as well as having certainty over infrastructure, including the town water plant."

"The determination marks the 100th by consent in Queensland – an important milestone in the resolution of claims in Queensland and Australia."

The determination provides the Gangalidda and Garawa people exclusive rights of possession, occupation, use and enjoyment over about 1779 square kilometres of land.

They have non-exclusive rights over another 7479 square

kilometres of land, which allows them to access, camp, hunt, fish, gather, protect, teach and conduct ceremonies on-country, in accordance with their traditional law.

The Gangalidda and Garawa people had remained on their country and continued to

observe and acknowledge their traditional laws and customs through millennia. The claim area includes sacred ceremonial ground that continues to be used by the Gangalidda

people to pass on their culture and traditional law.

"The determination marks the 100th by consent in Queensland – an important milestone in the resolution of claims in Queensland and Australia," Mr Lynham said.



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The draft varied threat abatement plan and instructions on providing comments is available at: www.environment.gov.au/topics/biodiversity/threatened-species-ecological-communities/threat-abatement-plans/drafts-open

The comment period closes on 8 July 2015.

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CAT sees solutions



WHEN it comes to essential services in small remote communities a few clever technology investments and a little bit of innovation in how services are delivered would go a long way to improving sustainability and reducing the cost to governments.

The Centre for Appropriate Technology's (CAT) new chief executive Dr Steve Rogers said the current discussions about the viability of remote communities needs to include a debate about the sustainability of service delivery models and the use of technologies.

Supporting Aboriginal people to live in the bush would be cheaper if the

focus was appropriate technology and infrastructure that enabled self-reliance and sustainability, Dr Rogers said.

Novel appropriate technologies such as the CAT Mobile Phone Hotspot system that extends the coverage from existing mobile tower infrastructure to areas where there was none is a good example of cost-effective solutions.

"Aboriginal people in small communities already contribute their own money and time to supplement the services they receive from government," Dr Rogers said.

"The evidence of how to improve service and infrastructure sustainability is available. The link between enabling technologies and economic development is proven. What is needed now is the will to implement."



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ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for appointment of members to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee. The Committee advises the Minister for the Environment and the Chief Executive of the Office of Environment and Heritage on matters relating to the identification, assessment and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW.

Nominations are invited to fill current and future vacancies that may arise during the term of the current Committee. New members are to be appointed from the following:

- nominees of Aboriginal elder groups;
- registered native title claimants; or
- Aboriginal owners listed on the Register, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

Committee members must have experience in Aboriginal cultural heritage matters and an understanding of cultural heritage management issues. Members are entitled to receive sitting fees and reimbursement of travel and other expenses.

The Committee is, where possible, to consist of at least five female and five male members representing a range of cultural areas across NSW.

For information about the Committee and to obtain an information kit and application form please contact Colleen Klingberg from the Heritage Division of the Office of Environment and Heritage on:

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Closing Date: 21 May 2015



Students from Charters Towers took on local police in a friendly touch football game.

Touch of goodwill as kids and police run together

By ALF WILSON



THE aptly named Running Together program in Charters Towers, north

Queensland, saw young Indigenous boys and girls play friendly touch football games against local police.

The event was organised by the Goldfields and Upper Flinders Bluelight Committee in conjunction with the Charters Towers PCYC.

Charters Towers police officer Senior Constable Belinda Peacock told the

Koori Mail the Bluelight committee wanted to promote positive interactions between the town's Indigenous youth and police.

"The touch football game was one way of doing that in a fun and informal manner and the students seemed to really enjoy it," she said.

"This is an incentive-based program and, hopefully, it will encourage them to keep up their good behaviour and school attendance."

About 30 students from the Richmond Hill, Central, and Millchester state primary schools participated.

Richmond Hill State School Indigenous support aide Natasha Masso said the event was an outstanding success.

"The students were picked because of good behaviour, attendance and things like doing their homework," she said. "Many of their parents watched from the sideline. Hopefully it will be staged again."

While winning wasn't the main focus, the students performed well.

Ms Masso said the students won 5-0, and enjoyed beating the adults.

At a barbecue after the game each student was given a cap and water bottle.

WA heritage bill concerns



A GROUP of experts has analysed the proposed changes to Aboriginal heritage laws in Western Australia

and fear they will threaten the protection of significant cultural heritage sites across the state.

Ambelin Kwaymullina, from the University of Western Australia, Blaze Kwaymullina, from Nuntirrpa Aboriginal Engagement Services, and Lauren Butterly, from the Australian National University, analysed the *WA Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill 2014* for the *Indigenous Law Bulletin (ILB)*, describing it as a "lost opportunity".

"The changes do nothing to bring the legislation in line with modern cultural heritage law and practice," they wrote.

"It is hard to escape the conclusions drawn by many of the submissions on the Bill: that

these changes will weaken or silence, rather than strengthen, Aboriginal voices."

WA's plans to water down the protection of Aboriginal heritage sites, as well as its proposal to close hundreds of remote Aboriginal communities, remain deeply concerning to the Indigenous Law Centre, which publishes the *ILB*, editor Rebecca Gallegos said.

"Very worrying"

"What the authors have found in their analysis of WA's proposed heritage laws is very worrying, even more so in light of the potential closure of hundreds of remote communities and homelands across WA," she said.

"This analysis on the *WA Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill* shows that the changes give no real provision for Aboriginal involvement, but a lot of power to the chief executive of the Aboriginal Affairs Department."

The Indigenous Law Centre is also concerned that WA's draft heritage legislation could undermine plans to recognise Indigenous cultures in the Constitution.

"Why are we seeking to recognise and celebrate Indigenous cultures in the Constitution, when WA is essentially seeking to destroy it? What will there be to celebrate if it's gone?" Ms Gallegos said.

"We are calling on the WA Government to reconsider its draft Bill and to listen to the voice of Aboriginal people. Any changes to heritage laws must empower Aboriginal communities and provide a mechanism for their free, prior and informed consent."

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Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow graduate Nichole Caeli painting the WAK Festival mural designed by ILT graduate Simeon Warria. *Picture: Jeanne Waters*



Wuchopperen Health Services workers, from left, Nichole Ware, Naomi Leo and Joanne De Vries. *Picture: Marlon Hill*

Teens unite at WAK

By CHRISTINE HOWES



WHEN north Queensland teenagers were asked to name a youth festival to celebrate National Youth Week, WAK was their answer – WAK standing for 'Wellbeing and Kulture'.

"When people know who they are and where they come from, they feel good about themselves and achieve much better in life," they said.

It was a great start to what proved to be a great festival for young people from across Cairns, with a busload coming from Yarrabah and beyond.

The event, held this month, included a short film launch and a Last Kinection concert in between activities and stalls.

Wuchopperen Health Services chief executive Debra Malthouse said her organisation had been working closely with the Indigenous Schooling Support Unit from the Department of Education and supporting the Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow Program.

"It's about how we actually work with and around our young people, understanding the importance of health and wellbeing, particularly social and emotional wellbeing, and

their ability to grow as young people and leaders of our organisation and of our community," she said.

"We're proud to be working with the young people who have been really instrumental in making this an event for us, and our focus has been mainly as a support for them and letting them take the lead."

Indigenous Leaders for Tomorrow project officer Semara Jose said graduates from the program had worked hard to make the day a success.

"This has been the completion of a 12-week lead-up to this as part of our partnership with Wuchopperen Health Service. The ILT graduates have been participating in weekly professional development with Chris Sullivan, who is Wuchopperen's mental health counsellor," she said.

"So we've been learning a lot about mental health awareness and what that means for us as young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people."

"There's been a lot of discussions around the need and the importance of that. Our contribution to the WAK Festival has been a mural. Our young people were emcees, and we have had the opportunity to create a short film from our 12-week learning."

"It's been amazing; we've had a lot of fun."

"When people know who they are and where they come from, they feel good about themselves and achieve much better in life."



Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow graduates, The Last Kinection and Wuchopperen staff including chief executive Debra Malthouse at the WAK Festival. *Picture: Christine Howes*



Melissa Mallie, Kamiel Guivarra, Neerim Callope and Mayila Mallie at the festival. *Picture: Jeanne Waters*



Members of Yarrabah's youth group enjoy the WAK Festival in Cairns. *Picture: Christine Howes*

Grog controls 'work'

Less violence on Groote Eylandt, committee told



COMMUNITY leaders in Groote Eylandt, in the Northern Territory, said there had been a dramatic decrease in violence in their community since local Aboriginal women demanded an alcohol permit system.

The Federal Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs is travelling around

Australia to investigate alcohol abuse in Aboriginal communities and to find ways to combat it.

Last week in Groote Eylandt, the committee heard that in the early 2000s, a group of strong Elder women threatened to leave the island if the men continued to drink, ultimately winning the fight to move the community to a permit system.

On the island, off the east coast of the Northern Territory, the communities of Umbakumba, Angurugu and Anindilyakwa have been dry for about a decade.

Permit holders can drink in licensed venues, which have stopped selling takeaway alcohol entirely.

The corresponding rates of violence dropped by 70 to 80% said Keith Hansen, chief executive of Aminjarrinja Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation.

He said the system was successful because it was initiated by the community.

"If you get the Indigenous people owning it, it will work, and it is working," he said.

The island began selling low aromatic Opal fuel at the same time and fuel sniffing had also stopped, Mr Hansen said.

"It's the best thing I've seen in this community ... It was a massive change to this island," he said.

Family life changed

"People started to come out, people started to work, the community started to get better and better, family life changed."

He acknowledged Groote Eylandt, as an island, had more control over supply than mainland communities.

There had been very few instances

of Indigenous residents abusing the system, he said.

"It's mainly whitefellas selling grog to Indigenous people," he said, adding that Aboriginal people understood the rules, "whereas whitefellas are looking for the quick quid".

Mr Hansen said contractors flying in and out of the island on charter flights several times a week from Darwin and Cairns were not being searched by police sniffer dogs, and had been bringing in alcohol and drugs to make more money selling them at a higher price to captive customers.

He said he asked authorities why the homes and bags of white workers were not being searched and he was told to mind his own business.

The hearings will continue in Ceduna in SA next month. - AAP

Group walk puts focus on autism

By ALF WILSON



PATRICK Mosby, of Yorke Islander descent, and his son Elijah were among a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people who took part in an Autism Awareness walk in Townsville recently.

They walked from the basketball court to the Rockpool, about 1.5km away, following the scenic Strand, as thousands of people do every day.

Autism is a lifelong disability that affects about one in 100 Australians, or 230,000 people. The word 'spectrum' reflects the different challenges that people with autism face and the degree to which they

may be affected.

Group spokeswoman Christine Hero, who is Patrick's partner and Elijah's mother, said nine-year-old Elijah suffered from a high sensory form of autism.

"Elijah needs 24/7 supervision as he is not aware of danger or consequences," she said.

"Patrick and I are passionate about autism awareness as we think it's very important to share

our story. A lot of people do not understand autism.

"It's difficult for some Indigenous families to seek help.

"The most important thing for children with autism is early intervention. We would like to see an autism school in Townsville."

With them were their other son Zechariah, 11, daughters Shanti, 6, and baby Christine Jnr,

aged three months.

Families who marched have urged governments to increase funding for autism sufferers.

Ms Hero said that a parent connect facilitator from the local Cootharinga Society of North Queensland joined the walkers.

"She told me that there will be more services available and that that was great news," Ms Hero said.



This group walked along the Townsville Strand to raise awareness about autism.

Disability network welcomes Govt pledge



PRIOR to the recent NSW election, the Baird Government pledged it would bring forward the launch of the National Disability Insurance

Scheme (NDIS) for children in the western Sydney region.

Aboriginal Disability Network NSW (ADNNSW) welcomes the pledge.

"A high proportion of Aboriginal people in New South Wales live in the Greater

Western Sydney area that has been identified for the launch, so we welcome the announcement," ADNNSW executive director June Riemer said.

Statewide program

ADNNSW has been working across NSW bringing information to Aboriginal communities about the NDIS and ways that First People with disability, and their families, can find out more about what the NDIS is and how to access the scheme

when it rolls out.

"ADNNSW provides important information in its 'Living my way' workshops, which aim to prepare our mob for the introduction of the NDIS," Ms Riemer said.

"We find that many Aboriginal people do not know much about the NDIS and don't know what to expect.

"We are running a number of workshops in western Sydney in coming months. We look forward to letting Aboriginal people in western Sydney know more about the NDIS

and how they might be able to access greater supports so that they can make choices about how they would like to receive assistance in order to participate and contribute more fully in their communities."

ADNNSW will hold a workshop in Mt Druitt on Wednesday, April 29; in Campbelltown on Thursday, April 30; and in Penrith on Tuesday, June 9.

For more information go to www.adnns.org.au

Young Achievers of the Year 2015

Top honour for Rhett



RHETT Burraston, 23, from Airds in south-western Sydney, is the 2015 NSW/ACT Young Achiever of the Year.

The Young Achiever Awards are designed to acknowledge, encourage and promote the positive achievements of Australians aged between 12 and 28.

The father, leader and role model from the Mandandanji and Ngemba people won for his work as an Aboriginal education officer at a school in a detention centre where he implements rehabilitation and leadership programs for incarcerated youth.

It also recognised his work as a volunteer for the Aboriginal Medical Service and his advocacy for Aboriginal youth on many committees including the NSW Youth Advisory Council, Oxfam's Change Course program and as a member of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Peter Nathan, from Oxfam, said Mr Burraston was a strong young man.

"Rhett is an exceptional young man and notes his greatest achievement as being a father, which is indicative of the type of man he is," he said.

"His story is one that should be circulated far and wide as the Aboriginal man that is not readily



NSW Young achiever of the Year Rhett Burraston, centre, with fellow winners.

reported on – powerful, hard-working, family-orientated and community minded.

"We know that there are many other men like Rhett, and his accolades are testament to how hard he fights for his community.

"To have a strong young man in our community like Rhett is something that should be celebrated."

Mr Burraston has also twice been recognised with the NAIDOC MacArthur Youth of the Year Award.

Yolngu man wins award



YOLNGU man Ishmael Marika, of Yirrkala in north-east Arnhem Land, has won the Charles Darwin University Arts Award at the 2015 NT Young Achiever Awards.

Mr Marika, 23, is a director, filmmaker and digital artist and exhibited as one of Australia's top young artists in the 2014 Primavera exhibition, at the Garma Festival and the Darwin International Film Festival.

Working with The Mulka Project since 2010, Mr Marika has produced three significant feature films and worked on many Yolngu cultural productions. He is also a visual artist and was selected as a finalist in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards.

The 12 category winners were announced at a gala event at Sky City, Darwin.

Other winners included Rhiannon Moore, 23, of Palmerston, for the Australian Super Career Kick Start Award; Clayton Namatjira, 28, of Tenant Creek, for the ConocoPhillips Environment Award; Tara Liddy, 28, of Alice Springs, for the Genesee and Wyoming Australia Indigenous Achievement Award; Pritika Desai, 24, of Lyons, for the Glencore McArthur River Mining Regional and Rural Initiative Award; Matt King, 26, of Karama, NT Government Small Business Achievement Award;



Award-winner Ishmael Marika.

Jackson Thomas, 15, of Malak, the NT Government Young Carers Award; Haydon Staines, 24, of Palmerston, the NT Government Young Indigenous Educator Award; Cherisse Buzzacott, 27, of Alice Springs, the PTTEP Australasia Health and Wellbeing Award; Tenniel Ross, 19, of Bellamack, the Somerville Community Services Award; Tom O'Neill-Thorne, 18, of Parap, the Zip Print Sports Award; and Jessica Sullivan, 20, of Stuart Park, the Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership.



Kartanya Maynard with the inaugural Colony 47 Aboriginal Achievement category award.

Talented Kartanya takes out category

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SINGER and cultural educator Kartanya Maynard, has won the inaugural Colony 47 Aboriginal Achievement category in this year's Southern Cross Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards.

The 20-year-old from Glenorchy was one of 10 category winners in the awards, which provide a platform to recognise and celebrate the achievements of outstanding young Tasmanians up to age 28, across a range of fields.

"I was really excited to be nominated. It was a weird feeling. I felt absolutely humbled by it," Ms Maynard said.

"But it's not why you do things for your community. It's just what you do because you're a giant family and you look after your family and you want to do everything you can to make sure that your family thrives."

In accepting the award at a gala presentation dinner in Hobart earlier this month, Ms Maynard thanked her parents for giving her a childhood rooted in love and culture.

She dedicated the award to Anita Braslin (Mabb), who passed away last month, for

inspiring the youth of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

Ms Maynard is well known and respected in the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, especially for her singing talent, having performed at the annual putalina festival since she was four, at the national NAIDOC Ball in 2012, and on many other occasions.

She is now in her second year at the University of Tasmania's Conservatorium of Music, studying for a Bachelor of Music, majoring in Contemporary Voice.

Shared talent

She also shared her talent at the Young Achievers Awards ceremony, singing a welcome to country in palawa kani (Tasmanian language), and off stage has provided vocal coaching to a women's Aboriginal singing group.

In 2013, Ms Maynard began working at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG), interpreting Tasmanian Aboriginal culture to the public, a job in which she feels loved and respected.

"Through so many years of hard work of people before me, they have paved the way for me to be able to have a positive experience working in a museum and being able to educate children," she said.

It's a role Ms Maynard's

grown passionate about and finds rewarding, especially when she is able to combat ignorance with education – there are still people visiting the TMAG who think there are no Tasmanian Aborigines.

Growing up, she endured her "fair share" of racism and bullying, at school and on social media. While it resulted in insecurity as a child, she has grown a thicker skin and finds happiness in educating children in the hope that it will lessen the chances of it happening to them.

"If you properly teach people there is very little chance they can become ignorant. One of the reasons we have so many people who discriminate is because they don't know any better," she said.

In 2011, Ms Maynard won the Tasmanian Aboriginal Artist of the Year title. In 2013 she was Tasmanian Aboriginal Young Person of the Year, and was the youngest person ever elected to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre state committee.

Other inspirational nominees in the Aboriginal Achievement category, dubbed change makers of tomorrow, were 24-year-old lawyer and long distance runner David Bailey, and 19-year-old Aboriginal and anti-discrimination educator Caleb Nichols-Mansell, both from Hobart.

TVGUIDE

22ND APRIL TO 5TH MAY



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WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

12:00 NITV News NC (News)
12:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
2:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
3:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
4:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
5:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (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 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 On The Edge PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Rugby League: Fox Memorial Shield 2014 NC (Sport)
2:00 A First Step 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 PG (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Sistas in the Sector PG (Documentary)
8:00 Back To Munda G (Documentary)
9:00 Transfer Of Power, A movie (Documentary)
9:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Kill The Matador movie (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 23RD 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 Series)
10:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Yarning Up PG (Documentary)
12:30 Sistas in the Sector PG (Documentary)
1:00 Back To Munda G (Documentary)
2:00 The Brush Sings G (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
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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 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2015 NC (Sport)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa movie (Documentary Series)
9:30 Burned Bridge movie (Drama)
10:30 Matakau movie (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 24TH 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 Series)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2015 NC (Sport)
12:30 Lurujarri Dreaming G (Documentary)
1:00 Kimberley, The Land Of The Wandjina G (Documentary)
2:00 Kids To Coast G (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 The Medicine Line G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)
8:30 Our Songs PG (Entertainment)
9:00 Go Girls movie (Drama)
10:00 Express Yourself MA (Comedy)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Medicine Line G (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 25TH 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)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
11:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Frontier Wars 2011 G (Documentary)
12:45 Frontier Wars 2012 G (Documentary)
1:00 Anzac Day March Redfern 2015 G (Live)
2:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2015 NC (Sport)
4:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:30 Maori TV's Native Affairs 2015 NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)
8:30 A War of Hope PG (Documentary)
9:30 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 26TH 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 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 A-League: BRIS V NEWC NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 NEAFL 2015: NT Thunder NC (Sport)
2:45 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Anzac Day March Redfern 2015 1 G (Event)
4:30 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)
4:45 The Black Olive G (Lifestyle)
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 1 G (Documentary Series)
7:50 Oh My God PG (Documentary)
9:30 Like Water movie (Movie)
11:00 A War of Hope PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 27TH 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 Oh My God PG (Documentary)
1:30 Postcards From Indigenous Taiwan G (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
6:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Sheltered G (Documentary Series)
8:00 All Our Relations PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Blackstone MA (Drama)
9:30 Mana Mamau movie (Documentary Series)
10:30 Black Music: An American (R)evolution movie (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 28TH 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 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
10:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 All Our Relations PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV On The Road: Laura Festival G (Entertainment)
1:00 Black Music: An American (R)evolution movie (Documentary Series)
2:00 Sheltered 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 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 Let's Talk Sovereignty PG (Documentary)
8:30 On The Edge PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
10:00 NEAFL 2015: NT Thunder NC (Sport)



WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL

12:15 Jeffrey's Healthy Tips G (Lifestyle)
12:20 Custodians G (Documentary Series)
12:30 NITV News NC (News)
1:00 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
2:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
4:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (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 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
10:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 On The Edge PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 NEAFL 2015: NT Thunder NC (Sport)
2:15 Cash Money PG (Lifestyle)
2:20 Custodians 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 G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
6:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Torres To The Thames PG (Documentary)
8:30 The Quest Of Jimmy Pike G (Documentary)
9:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Lurujarri Dreaming G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 30TH 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 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
10:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Lurujarri Dreaming G (Documentary)
12:30 Torres To The Thames PG (Documentary)
13:30 The Quest Of Jimmy Pike 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 Marnbrook Footy Show 2015 (Sport)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa movie (Documentary Series)
9:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
10:30 Matakau movie (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 1ST MAY

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 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
10:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2015 (Sport)
12:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
13:30 Trudell 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 Medicine Line, The G (Documentary Series)
6:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Rose Against The Odds (Documentary Series)
8:30 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)
9:00 Go Girls PG (Drama)
10:00 Express Yourself MA (Comedy)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Medicine Line G (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 2ND MAY

12:00 Away From Country PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
5:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
11:00 Fusion PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2015 (Sport)
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 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 (Current Affairs)
7:00 Custodians G (Documentary Series)
7:10 From the Vault G (Documentary)
7:15 Cash Money PG (Lifestyle)
7:20 The Black Olive G (Lifestyle)
7:30 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
8:30 NITV On The Road: Yabun 2015 G (Ent)
9:30 Return To Goree PG (Movie)
11:30 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes G (Documentary Series)
11:45 Cash Money PG (Lifestyle)
11:50 Custodians G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 3RD MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Bizou G (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:00 Hyundai A-League (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 NEAFL 2015: NT Thunder 2 (Sport)
2:45 Queensland Murri Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
15:35 Cash Money PG (Lifestyle)
15:40 Jeffrey's Healthy Tips G (Lifestyle)
3:45 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:45 The Black Olive G (Lifestyle)
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 1 G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Seaman Dan And Friends G (Documentary)
8:30 Fonko (Documentary Series)
9:30 The Orator PG (Movie)
11:30 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 4TH MAY

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 Seaman Dan And Friends G (Documentary)
12:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Fonko (Documentary Series)
2:00 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)
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4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
6:30 The Other Side PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Sheltered G (Documentary Series)
8:00 All Our Relations PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Blackstone MA (Drama)
9:30 Mana Mamau movie (Documentary Series)
10:00 Matakau (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 5TH MAY

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)
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11:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)
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12:40 Custodians G (Documentary Series)
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2:00 Sheltered G (Documentary Series)
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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 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Yorta Yorta Youth G (Documentary)
8:10 Cash Money PG (Lifestyle)
8:30 On The Edge PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black (Current Affairs)
9:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 NEAFL 2015: NT Thunder 2 (Sport)

Focus on Education

Your guide to what's happening in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education



Challenger Institute's Aboriginal Student of the Year and Trainee of the Year award winner Debra Blackwood.

Two honours as Debra rises to challenge

A BUSINESS trainee has taken out Challenger Institute of Technology's Aboriginal Student of the Year and Trainee of the Year awards.

Debra Blackwood, of suburban Maddington, received the honours at Perth-based Challenger's recent student awards ceremony.

Ms Blackwood, a mother-of-two, said completing the institute's business traineeship had been a life-changing experience.

"The course gave me the opportunity to re-enter the workforce after spending six years as a stay-at-home mum," she said.

"I have felt empowered in showing my daughters what can be accomplished when they set personal goals and work towards them."

Ms Blackwood completed her traineeship at Chevron Australia, where she works in the finance team.

Challenger business lecturer Marilyn McCutcheon said Ms Blackwood was a most deserving

winner. "Throughout her traineeship Debra displayed a great willingness to learn and achieve, and she never takes the easy road," Ms McCutcheon said.

"In her role as a workplace mentor, Debra is always enthusiastic in providing new starters the time, advice and help if they need it.

"She does this on top of her own training and work role, which is testament to her caring and conscientious manner."

Career goal

Ms Blackwood is advancing her traineeship through studying a Certificate IV in Accounting at Challenger. Her ultimate career goal is to become a fully-qualified professional in the oil and gas industry, and to be respected and admired by her peers.

"I would like to use my experiences to be a positive and proud role model for my family, and the wider Aboriginal community," she said.

It's all shipshape

AN award-winning maritime training program that has honed the seafaring skills of Indigenous people has again been recognised at a national level.

The Australian Maritime College (AMC) at the University of Tasmania was announced joint winner of the Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council (TLISC) Chairman's Award at a presentation ceremony in Melbourne this month.

The accolade follows last year's win in the Excellence in Industry Promotion category at the TLISC 2014 Awards for Excellence for the same program.

For the past 18 months, the AMC has been delivering nationally-accredited coxswain, marine engine driving, fishing operations and wild harvest diving courses as part of the Torres Strait Maritime Pathways Project. The contract was extended last

November for two years and expanded to include integrated rating and near-coastal master qualifications.

Of the 217 students who have taken part in the program to date, 87% have completed their qualifications and 90% have gained employment in the maritime sector.

AMC vocational education and training manager Jarrod Weaving said these outcomes were a testament to the hard work and dedication of his team.

"We are extremely proud of the success of this program, which is a direct result of the level of commitment and professionalism of our maritime training team," Mr Weaving said.

"To effectively deliver these courses we needed to rapidly gain an understanding of the local culture, research the geography of the proposed training area and



Maritime training course participants raise the Torres Strait Islander flag in Tasmania.

become familiar with the training vessel chartered for the program.

"We also had to take into account that English is the second

or third language for many Indigenous people and adapt our teaching methods and materials to overcome these learning barriers."

AMC last year employed its first Indigenous maritime training cadet, Stanley Ansey, to help with language or cultural issues, and has gradually introduced new technology as a learning tool into the courses.

The students are issued with iPads loaded with learning resources such as quizzes, self-assessments and an engine room app that allows them to strip and reassemble a virtual engine identical to the actual model they work.

Maritime trainer Ruth Findlater has found that many students feel more comfortable contributing in a classroom session using the iPad technology than via traditional methods. A number of electronic assessment activities have been

developed such as using iMovie to create a safety video that can be used to brief passengers on a vessel.

"The format of this particular assessment has proven a great success, with students commenting on how much more they had learnt about the safety items on a vessel when they had to incorporate them into a movie," Ms Findlater said.

"This activity also gave students the opportunity to gain confidence with speaking English as part of the presentation requirement."

The Torres Strait Maritime Pathways Project is funded through the Torres Strait Regional Authority and coordinated by the Torres Strait Maritime Safety Program (a partnership between the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Maritime Safety Queensland, Torres Strait Regional Authority and Queensland Police).

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SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS THROUGH ACADEMIC SUCCESS WOOLYUNGAH INDIGENOUS CENTRE

Woolyungah Indigenous Centre is the University's Centre responsible for Indigenous student recruitment, access and support. Our programs aim to foster equity by supporting Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples from entry to University, through to successful completion.

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WA students at leadership seminar



FIFTY Indigenous Year 12 students from across Western Australia (pictured at left) were at The University of WA last week for a leadership seminar.

For some of the students it was their first visit to UWA, but many are already familiar with the campus, having visited for residential camps since they were in Year 8.

The seminar, organised by UWA's School of Indigenous Studies, aimed to encourage the Year 12s to aspire to a tertiary education.

The students visited UWA schools including Arts; Architecture, Landscape and Visual Design; Geology; Sports Science; Business and Engineering. They also had a tour of University Hall, the home of many Indigenous students while they are studying at UWA.

They also met UWA vice-chancellor Professor Paul Johnson, Indigenous rights manager with Amnesty International and law graduate Tammy Solonec, and Aboriginal leaders including Dr Richard Walley.

The students came from the Perth metropolitan area as well as Broome, Bunbury, Derby, Narrogin, Kununurra, Wyndham, Northam, York, Kalbarri, Port Hedland, Paraburdoo and Tom Price.

Since 1988, UWA's School of Indigenous Studies has enabled nearly 300 Indigenous students to graduate in fields such as medicine, dentistry, engineering, law, health science, sports science, business and the arts.

She's more than ready

YOUNG Aboriginal woman Megan Dermody is more than ready for a big future in banking. She's proven that by being named Trade Schools for the Future School Based Trainee of the Year at the recent AFL SportsReady graduation in Adelaide.

Ms Dermody completed her traineeship with the ANZ Bank at its Munno Para branch in the South Australian capital.

She won high praise from her former manager, Karen Wolfaden, who described Ms Dermody as a committed and active employee.

"I could not believe how Megan's confidence and skills grew so dramatically over the two-year traineeship," she said.

"Megan is now employed by ANZ as a casual service consultant and has the potential to progress in her banking career."

The 51 South Australian SportsReady graduates completed studies in areas covering sport and recreation, business, community services and horticulture, while undergoing traineeships at sporting organisations, schools and in the community and finance sectors.

A further 406 AFL SportsReady trainees will



Megan Dermody with AFL SportsReady Indigenous mentor Wilbur Wilson at the graduation.

graduate across the country, including 121 Indigenous trainees.

AFL SportsReady chief executive James Montgomery was impressed with South Australia's graduating class, and also praised the role host employers play in contributing to the development of their trainees.

"We are passionate about

helping young people create a rewarding career in sport, recreation, horticulture, business and finance, and we have recently expanded into the arts and creative sector through a new specialised program, ArtsReady," he said.

"Without the support of our partners we would not be able to provide a young person with this opportunity."



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The Oodgeroo Unit is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support unit at Queensland University of Technology. With a variety of programs to assist with university entry, participation, retention and career pathways, the Oodgeroo Unit can help on your journey to reach your full potential.

A big welcome to our students for 2015

With more than 160 commencing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled to study at QUT in 2015 across our three campuses, there's REAL opportunities for the mob.



Some of our Oodgeroo Unit Pre Orientation Program participants at the 2015 Pre Orientation Program family BBQ in February.

Congratulations to our 2014 graduates

The Oodgeroo Unit would like to congratulate all 79 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who graduated in 2014 and wish you all the best in the future!



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Attending graduates of the 2014 Oodgeroo Unit Pre Graduation Ceremony
Back row (L-R) – Jyi Lawton, Ethan McIntosh, Daniel Iselin, Drew Pickwick, Kiana Charlton, Bryce Daley, Kristie Miller, Christopher Stehr, Anabel De Souza
Front row (L-R) – Ruth Caruso, Ruth Gillam, Jade Hamilton, Ivan Ingram, Shanel Cubillo, Nathan Corporal, Samantha O'Connor, Gabrielle Morgan, Victoria Francia, Julianne Livet



Real choices for your career

QUT's Oodgeroo Unit – with assistance from a team of dedicated professional and academic staff – supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their university life. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can apply through the Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP) – giving you access to the incredible range of degrees on offer at QUT.

Enquiries for 2015 mid-year enrolments are now being accepted. Contact us today to find out more about our informal interview process, as well as the various student support programs and generous scholarships we have available.

Interviews are being held from **Tuesday 19 May until Thursday 21 May 2015.**

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**Murdoch University
K-Track student
Kerin Martin.**

Men on the right track for degrees

KERIN Martin is on track for a university degree. So is Michael Bertani.

The Aboriginal men are completing the K-Track program, a free 14-week course to help people develop the skills needed to complete a degree at Perth-based Murdoch University.

K-Track is available online and on campus, and application are now open to start mid-year. Murdoch has a range of courses on offer including education, nursing, creative arts, exercise science and business.

Murdoch says its new iHealth unit is proving especially popular. It teaches students

about health issues affecting Aboriginal communities as well as mindfulness and nutrition.

Students and staff take part in weekly training sessions

new iHealth unit, said: "The sports science students are just as motivated as we are. The unit helps us learn how to enjoy a healthier lifestyle."

Michael Bertani hopes to enroll in an Indigenous Studies degree once he finishes K-Track.

"The course is more than I ever expected it to be. I recommend it to anyone who wants to further their studies," he said.

Applications are now open to start K-Track

mid-year. For further information, contact Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre at Murdoch University on (08) 9360 2128 or kulbardi@murdoch.edu.au

"The course is more than I ever expected it to be. I recommend it to anyone who wants to further their studies."

run by Murdoch's third- and fourth-year exercise science students, psychology students and their supervisors.

Kerin Martin, currently in the

Are you ready to discover your future career?



"K-Track changed my life, it gave me all I needed to succeed at university and in my professional life – plus it was great fun and I got to meet life-long friends." Sharna Ninette.

Whether you are just starting out on your educational journey or are looking for a positive change in direction, our free 14 week preparation course, K-Track, can help you develop the skills you need to complete a degree at Murdoch University. K-Track offers you the chance to:

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Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre provides academic, emotional, cultural and social support to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at all levels of their university journey. We understand that people sometimes need help and support along the way to achieving their qualification, so we have a number of options available, depending on your personal circumstances.

To talk to us about how to start K-Track in Semester 2, 2015, contact us on 9360 2128 or kulbardi@murdoch.edu.au



Solid 12 months for NAISDA



LEADING Indigenous dance college NAISDA has had an impressive 12 months, with its largest graduating diploma class for many years.

As well as six successful graduating diploma students, there's also been 38 graduates across all certificate courses.

Among other successes,

Rika Hamaguchi and Kyle Shilling have secured traineeships with Bangarra Dance Theatre; Casey Natty has been accepted into Sydney Dance Theatre's pre-professional year; and Ses Bero is working as an independent teacher and artist. Phillip Walford is working as a

puppeteer on *Storm Boy* with Sydney Theatre Company, and Hans Ahwang has gained work as an independent creator, teacher and International model.

Technique

Then there's Alvin Ailey artist and teacher Iquail Shaheed. He has conditioned – with great

results – NAISDA's dancers using the Horton technique, which emphasises flexibility and muscular stamina.

NSW Central Coast-based NAISDA is "looking for tomorrow's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Artists today", and will be auditioning for developing artists from

September 21-25 to start study in 2016. Abstudy may be available to assist eligible participants with their travel and accommodation costs.

NAISDA applications close on August 7. For more details, go to the website www.naisda.com.au or phone 1800 117 116.

Study centre available for Mallee staff

MALLEE District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) in Mildura has opened a new study centre to provide a quiet space for staff undertaking studies to further their professional development.

"Currently, about a third of the staff in our organisation are enrolled in accredited training such as degrees, diplomas and certificate courses to further develop their skill base," MDAS chief executive Rudolph Kirby said.

"We think that's a credit to those staff and a really positive sign for the future.

"We're hoping our study centre will support them in completing their courses and getting the most out of their studies, as well as encouraging even more staff to take another step in their careers."

Students on the right pathway

UNIVERSITY of Western Sydney Pathways to Dreaming program participants are among the large number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to start study in 2015. The program is an Indigenous school student mentoring scheme engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in western and south-western Sydney. It aims to support students throughout their high school education and into higher education, other post-school study or on to employment.

Beginning in 2010 with 16 Aboriginal students from two schools, it has grown to include more than 500 participants from 20 schools.

Students join the program in Year 8, attending a series of on-campus visits and activities to build their academic and study skills along with their awareness of further education and career options.

Students explore the university environment during visits, increasing their knowledge and understanding of study at UWS.

Students also enhance their cultural knowledge as part of the program.

UWS student mentors are a large part of the program, building strong relationships with participants. Mentors attend regular in-school mentoring sessions and provide assistance and guidance during on-campus visits.

Many mentors

Many mentors are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students themselves, including some who are past participants of Pathways to Dreaming, now taking the opportunity to provide the same support to high school students that they experienced in the program.

Last year, there were 61 Year 12 students in

the program, with most of them gaining their Higher School Certificate.

A total of 17 students received offers to UWS and UWS College. Sixteen are now enrolled, with the 17th undertaking post-school study elsewhere. And at least another two have started at other universities.

This takes the overall percentage of recent Pathways to Dreaming graduates pursuing higher education to 31%. Students entered UWS degrees in a range of areas, from sports and health sciences to nursing, teaching, policing, law and business.

Participants are encouraged to continue at school until the end of Year 12 and to consider going on to university or other post-school education.

More details on the program are available at www.uws.edu.au

UNISTART – BUILDING OPPORTUNITY AND OPENING DOORS

Student profile: Chris Combridge

2014 is the second year that UTS and Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning have offered the enabling program Unistart. Chris Combridge was one of the foundations students – here is his story.

Chris moved from Dubbo to commence at UTS in 2013, he says that Unistart allowed him to experience uni life and get a feel for it before he started his degree.

“It also showed me how to commit and prepare for my work, along with meeting people in the degree. Other people should study in the Unistart program, if they want to see how university life is and what is expected to get through a degree and see if university is for them.

Currently Chris is studying in the Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science and he has grabbed every opportunity that has been sent his way with open arms.

Chris has not only undertaken employment at Activate UTS in the Sports office, he also worked for Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning as a student ambassador.

He says, “Having a cadetship during my study has helped me by, allowing me to stay in Sydney and have some kind of [financial] support. The cadetship has also allowed me to gain knowledge of management skills and how to run a gym and sporting events.

“My future has changed a lot since coming to university; it has opened up many doors of opportunity and hopefully many more to come.”

One such opportunity was to take advantage of the internationalisation program that is part of UTS core business, and something that Chris has embraced wholeheartedly, as a part of his course work. In 2014 he was fortunate to travel to both the Maldives and Qatar.

“We travelled to the Maldives to help kids learn and develop their sporting skills, teach kids how to swim and to have fun. We also gave health classes to the older generation, on how to

maintain a healthy body and to live a healthy life. For the group it was learning another culture and meeting the beautiful local people.

The purpose of traveling to Qatar was to be a part of a study to see the effects of jet lag and how we as sport scientists, help athletes overcome it.”

“I’m not sure what field I will go down when I graduate, as I said, doors open, some close but another one is always going to open. So I will just go with the flow at the moment and see what happens when it comes to graduating.”

By Sophia Romano



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Chris Combridge Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science

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Unlike many other university courses, your DoTS application is based on more than just your Year 12 score, and takes into account your life experience, drive, and desire to succeed at university. This makes DoTS a terrific option if you didn't get the ATAR you expected, or if you are looking to return to university as a TAFE graduate or mature aged student.

Entry requirements

To apply for DoTS you need to have:

- completed Year 12 with an ATAR of at least 50, or
- completed a graded TAFE certificate IV with a distinction (70%) average or a graded TAFE diploma with a credit (60%) average, and
- ensure that you have met the English and mathematics prerequisites, and
- complete an online supplementary form telling us why you want to study at Monash.

Indigenous programs

Monash is committed to increasing access and success for Indigenous Australians.

The Indigenous Enabling Program (IEP)

The Indigenous Enabling Program is designed for students whose ATAR score falls below the minimum requirements for entry to their preferred degree, and for those who are seeking mature-age entry and have not completed Year 12.

The program runs for one semester and consists of three units of study and an assisted tutorial program designed to develop the study skills needed to enter an undergraduate degree. This program is ABSTUDY-approved for full-time students.

If you successfully complete the Indigenous Enabling Program you will then be able to enrol in a Monash undergraduate degree.

Indigenous Non-Award Pathway (INAP)

In this pathway we assist you to choose and enrol in two first-year university units.

Successful completion of these two units enables you to enrol in a Monash undergraduate degree with credit for these two units. We provide you with a tutor for each of your units to help you make a successful transition to university study. INAP is also suitable for adults returning to study.

For further information on admissions, pathways and scholarships available at Monash University, please contact the Indigenous Student Recruitment Coordinator, Kristel Keleher at kristel.keleher@monash.edu or 9905 8699.

For more information please visit: monash.edu/study/life/indigenous



Stephanie Lilardia Jane Briggs

Stephanie Briggs has a strong family connection to Monash. Not only did her mother study at the university, but one of the Clayton campus's residential halls is named in honour of her great grandmother, Yorta Yorta Elder and renowned community activist, the late Geraldine Briggs AO.

But it wasn't the family ties alone that enticed Stephanie to study at Monash. She is now studying a Bachelor of Arts, focusing on Indigenous studies and anthropology, having completed the Indigenous Enabling Program, a one-semester course comprising two Monash College units and one university-level unit. As for the future, Stephanie has ambitious achievements she wants to reach, if not definite plans just yet.

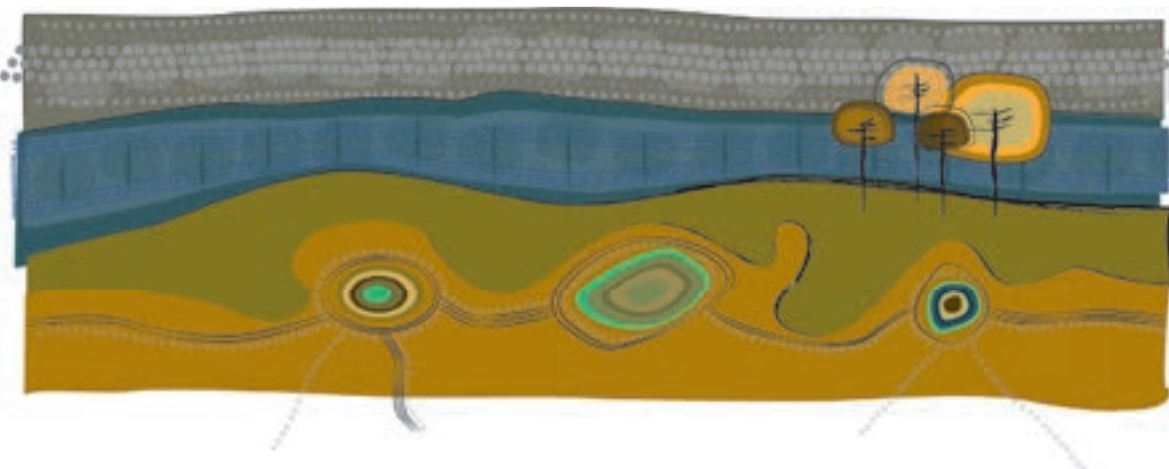
"I was happy with the courses and units provided... and I felt that I had support to start and finish my studies from the very beginning," Stephanie says.

"The program allowed me to enhance my writing skills as well as get used to the design of university and fully prepare myself for it. During this semester, I was able to move onto campus with the aid of a scholarship. Coming from a big family, moving away from home really helped me focus on my studies," Stephanie explains.

"I'd love to travel. And work in Indigenous affairs. I look forward to the time I will be able to help my community and the wider Indigenous communities with what I have learnt in my time at university."

Advice for students

A couple of words of advice I would give any future students are to be focused and determined. Be the best student you can be now. Don't wait until you get to uni, or don't just do the minimum workload. If you start doing the hard work as soon as you can, it would make everything following that so much easier and you can look back on all your hard work with pride.



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MONASH University

High praise for AFTRS

THE Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) has received a major accolade.

Australia's national screen arts and broadcast school, AFTRS has been rated as one of the top film schools in the world by The Hollywood Reporter media organisation.

AFTRS has a commitment to bringing Indigenous Australian stories to the screen, with an alumni of Indigenous Australian filmmakers including Rachel Perkins, Warwick Thornton, Beck Cole, Ivan Sen and Catriona McKenzie. All have all risen to the top of the industry in Australia.

Courses

Noted for its degrees and the hundreds of short courses offered each year across Australia for Indigenous Australian screen-storytellers, AFTRS now also has introductory courses and diplomas that are accessible, part-time and mainly online.

Applications are now open for the second semester intake into these flexible new courses in the areas of camera, screen design, editing, factual TV, directing comedy, sound and visual effects.

AFTRS says the diplomas and introductory courses – all Fee Help-approved – are the ideal way to gain new skills or hone existing ones.

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Graduate with the write stuff

A QUT creative writing graduate now working on a novel about Aboriginal relationships with megafauna has been shortlisted for the \$50,000 2015 Stella Prize for outstanding Australian women writers, to be announced this week.

Ellen van Neerven, 24, was nominated for her first book, *Heat and Light*, a collection of stories inspired by Indigenous experience which in 2013 won her the Unpublished Indigenous Writer/David Unaipon Award.

Published last year by UQP, *Heat and Light* gives a contemporary spin to traditional stories crafted in three distinct yet linked parts.

Ms van Neerven graduated from QUT's Creative Industries Faculty with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2010 and has since been employed as a senior editor for black&write!, the State Library of Queensland's Indigenous writing and editing project.

A former student of Albany Creek High School who now lives in Teneriffe, Brisbane, her heritage is Mununjali through her mother and Dutch from her father.

Last year, she was awarded a Queensland Writers Fellowship from the Queensland Literary Awards for her new work of fiction, *Days of Extinction*, which explores the relationship between

getting my next project off the ground," Ms van Neerven said.

"*Days of Extinction* is a novel that involves a lot of research. It is amazing how much we don't know about megafauna in Australia or even recent extinctions. I am also concerned about the animals we will lose in the next 50 to 100 years. When you look at the past it is a glimpse into the future.

"I wanted to write about the Aboriginal relationship with megafauna and what happens when we lose wildlife, but have some fun with the subject too."

Ms van Neerven said she was overwhelmed to be nominated for the Stella Prize.

She credits QUT for giving her the skills to pursue a career as a writer.

"The Oodgeroo Unit at QUT was incredibly supportive and I met so many people through my involvement with it so I never felt like I was alone," she said.

"I wanted to write about the Aboriginal relationship with megafauna and what happens when we lose wildlife, but have some fun with the subject too."

human civilisation (past and present) and the land.

"The critical acclaim I have received for *Heat and Light* has boosted my confidence and ambition as an author and allowed me to devote myself to



QUT graduate and successful writer Ellen van Neerven.

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"I am passionate about achieving justice for Aboriginal people in Australia and this degree takes me directly towards this goal."

Amanda Radomi, Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Cultures and Australian Society)



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Inspired into education



Alec Warner, who is studying for a Bachelor of Primary Education degree at the University of Queensland.

TWO “very big role models” inspired Alec Warner to move from singing and acting into studying for a Bachelor of Primary Education degree at the University of Queensland. Mr Warner’s mother, who is a teacher, and his grandmother who supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, both made a difference.

“I wanted to make a difference as well,” he says.

However, Mr Warner, a Kuku Yalanji man from Mossman, didn’t foresee how the university experience would dramatically change his sense of self. As part of his teacher education, Mr Warner joined the ‘Being, Becoming and Belonging’ Indigenous mentoring program. He wasn’t sure having a mentor would help: he just thought it would provide him with additional classroom teaching experience.

Now, he says, “my sense of identity as an Indigenous person has grown enormously because they (staff at the University of Queensland) took pride in the fact that I was Indigenous to complete the mentoring

program in the first place”.

Mr Warner thinks mentoring is the closest thing in Western education to the way in which students and children grow up in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

“There’s a lot of back-and-forth knowledge between the Elders and the students, and mentoring is very much the same thing,” he said.

Mr Warner had a strong relationship with his mentor, who provided resources and practical

“It’s very important, as Australians, that we acknowledge what happened in the past and that we move forward as a growing culture together.”

advice about teaching in the classroom.

“I would ask her, ‘how would you go about this? What are some things I could do?’,” he said. “She gave me really good feedback like, ‘if you’ve got a Year 3 classroom so you really think they’ll be waiting to focus on this for so long?’ or ‘this activity might be a bit too hard.’

“So it was small things that really made a big difference in the end.”

Becoming a primary teacher was Mr Warner’s initial goal. But now he also wants to increase the prominence of Indigenous education.

“It’s very important, as Australians, that we acknowledge what happened in the past and that we move forward as a growing culture together,” he says. “You know people talk about racism and that sort of stuff, but I think it comes down to misunderstandings and a lack of education, and the way to move past that is to become informed and remain informed.”

Mr Warner maintains it is up to each individual. He asks: “Do they want to be caught as part of a stigma or do they want to make a difference and change for themselves?”

The Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE) works with the More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative (MATSI) project team to support the commitment of universities to increase graduate numbers.

In 2012, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers comprised

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Image courtesy NSW Department of Education & Communities

Dubbo hosts conference

FOLLOWING the success of the inaugural Bangamalanha Conference in 2014, TAFE Western is again providing an opportunity for practitioners, researchers, community members and industry representatives to again meet on the lands of the Wiradjuri people in Dubbo.

The three-day conference, named for a Wiradjuri word meaning 'to share with each other', will be held in October, with more than 200 Aboriginal and other delegates expected to attend.

The focus of Bangamalanha 2015 will be to continue the sharing of successful programs, approaches and outcomes for Aboriginal people once they have left school, including ensuring genuine and sustainable partnerships with Aboriginal communities and organisations, and respect for Aboriginal cultures.

TAFE Western Institute director Kate Baxter said: "I believe those who work in the post-school Aboriginal space should continue to have the opportunity to come together to share



Lewis Burns playing didgeridoo. He will be the MC at this year's Bangamalanha Conference.

successes as well as the challenges they have confronted."

The conference recognises that many organisations, businesses, government agencies and Aboriginal communities are striving to design and deliver

programs to improve education, training and employment.

Bangamalanha Conference coordinator Maxine Greenfield said participants would include representatives from TAFEs, employers, universities,

other registered training organisations, job service agencies and apprenticeship centres.

"Anyone with an interest or stake in post-school Aboriginal education or employment should attend," she said.

"Key supporters of the conference include the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, NSW State Training Services and the NSW Department of Education and Communities."

Feedback from the

inaugural conference revealed its value to Aboriginal people and delegates alike, having facilitated opportunities to increase Aboriginal representation in decision-making in service delivery and design.

A member of TAFE Western's Aboriginal Community Reference Group said: "The conference ran really well, the speakers were great and I could see lots of people working together that I had never seen before."

Aboriginal artist and performer Lewis Burns will be MC for the 2015 conference, in Dubbo from October 26-28. Among the keynote speakers will be Tom Calma, who has served as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.

One of the highlights this year will be the return of Indigenous chef Mark Olive, aka 'The Black Olive'.

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Salon dream is closer

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One of the people being helped by the institute is Bourke student Danielle Smith, who dreams of operating her own hairdressing salon in her home town.

"I have always been interested in becoming a hairdresser, and the educational opportunity provided through studying a Certificate II at TAFE Western has inspired me more to achieve my dream," the Aboriginal woman said.

Ms Smith has just been awarded a Big Brother Movement (BBM) Youth Support Scholarship to complete her Certificate III in Hairdressing at TAFE Western's Dubbo College. BBM offers a range of youth award schemes and support programs to assist with the costs of further training.

Head teacher of Dubbo's Hair and Beauty Centre of Excellence Robyn Mawbey said: "Danielle is an outstanding student with the passion and drive to succeed. She is currently completing the Certificate III in Hairdressing, the

required qualification to enter the industry as a hairdresser."

TAFE Western's Certificate III in Hairdressing combines work and on-the-job training in partnership with salons to ensure students have the latest cutting, colouring and style techniques as well as customer service skills and training.

Ms Smith travels to Dubbo each fortnight to undertake two days of practical skills.

"Supportive"

"TAFE Western has been fantastic. The training has been better than I could ever imagine and the teachers are so supportive," she said.

"I am pleased to be awarded the BBM Youth Support Scholarship. It has changed my life by giving me the opportunity to fulfil my dreams. I cannot thank BBM Youth Support and TAFE Western enough."

TAFE Western student scholarships are offered, in partnership with donors, on a semester basis for continuing full-time and part-time students. They are available to assist with fees and related study expenses.

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TAFE Western's Jo Sedgers presents Danielle Smith her Big Brother Movement Youth Support Scholarship.

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Associate Professor Shannon Springer

From footy to a leading Indigenous health post

BOND University has appointed prominent Aboriginal doctor Associate Professor Shannon Springer as its academic lead for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

The move is part of a Bond commitment to provide health-related students with the skills to work effectively in a cross-cultural context for the benefit of future patients.

Dr Springer, who has worked across Queensland over the past 10 years, will be responsible for overseeing Bond's Indigenous health curriculum, developing clinical placement opportunities in Indigenous communities and engaging with the Gold Coast's Indigenous community.

Bond health sciences and medicine executive dean Professor Helen Chenery said Dr Springer was well-respected for his commitment to improving the health of Indigenous Australians.

"Having a practitioner of the calibre of Dr Springer on board will ensure our medical students have a solid understanding and appreciation of Indigenous health issues," she said. "Dr Springer has worked extensively in this area on the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Mackay, Palm Island and Mount Isa as both a general practitioner and in health consultancy."

"Dedicated"

"He has also sat on boards including the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association, the peak body representing Indigenous doctors, and is an active member of grassroots organisations dedicated to closing the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

Dr Springer, of Aboriginal and South Sea Island descent, was born and raised in Mackay, north Queensland, and was originally lured to Brisbane on a rugby league scholarship with the Broncos, in 1997. At the same time, he enrolled in a Bachelor of Applied Health Science in Indigenous Primary Health Care.

"While playing football, I was studying and started to learn a lot of history of my own people," he said. "It explained a lot of things to me in terms of my own identity and instilled in me an interest in righting social injustices affecting health outcomes for my people and other marginalised cultures around the world."

"I became really passionate about it, so much so that it overtook my aspirations to continue with football and, given my level of passion for football, that's a big deal!"

"At the same time, I had a lot of injuries and realised early that I wasn't going to make it as a professional athlete, so I decided to concentrate on my studies."

Along with his new role, Dr Springer will spend two days in clinical work with the Kalwun Health Service, an Aboriginal community controlled organisation on the Gold Coast.



QUT recipients of 2013 and 2015 Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarships, from left, Mikaylah French, Rhys Duke, Ebony Jackson, William Paulson, Todd Crawford, Shekira Cardona, Mitchell Lewis and Rebekka Taylor. Picture: Tony Phillips

Students can Go Further

THREE Brisbane QUT students and another from Cairns have received the 2015 Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarships, sponsored by Arrow Energy. Shekira Cardona of Mt Gravatt (Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws – Honours), Todd Crawford of Yeerongpilly (Bachelor of Engineering), Rebekka Taylor of Clayfield (Bachelor of Education – Secondary), and Mikaylah French of Kanimbla, Cairns (Bachelor of Laws – Honours) will each receive a scholarship to the value \$5000 to aid them in their studies.

QUT's Oodgeroo Unit director

Professor Anita Lee Hong said the 2015 Go Further scholarship program was a joint initiative between the Oodgeroo Unit and Arrow Energy.

"QUT's philosophy is that education should be accessible to all," she said.

"Partnering with organisations like Arrow Energy helps QUT provide opportunities for students to receive scholarships and bursaries to pursue opportunities that may have been beyond their reach."

Arrow Energy community relations general manager Glenda Viner said the scholarships were created to support

Aboriginal students from Arrow's areas of operation.

"Since launching them at the end of 2012, we have been maintaining 25 scholarships for Indigenous students at six universities around Queensland," she said. "Our scholarships are a complete educational package that also includes mentoring, tutoring and peer support networks so students have the best support to achieve their goals."

The scholarships are valued at \$5000 a year, comprising \$4000 in financial assistance and \$1000 in QUT bookshop vouchers.

Worms and war games at school

EARTHWORMS under digital microscopes and multiplication war games greeted parents who attended the recent Wickham Maths and Science Centre for Excellence Compact Signing.

The Wickham Maths and Science Centre of Excellence, at Wickham Primary School in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, is managed by the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation and supported by mining giant Rio Tinto and the school. It provides Years 4-6 Aboriginal students who show aptitude and interest in mathematics and science with an opportunity to excel in these areas and choose science, technology and mathematics learning pathways.

Project co-ordinator Melissa Reimers said the compact signing ceremony was important as it involved a commitment and outlined the responsibilities of all parties



Wickham Primary School Year 6 student Aaralyn Ugle with her Aunt Amorett and niece.

including participating students, their parents and caregivers, the school, foundation and Rio Tinto.

Mrs Reimers said the ceremony also provided an opportunity for parents to come to the school and see what

their children were learning.

"Students and their families participated in a number of math and science activities, including exploring earth worms with microscopes, competing with their parents or caregivers in a multiplication

war game and the times table challenge," she said.

"Students also showed their parents or caregivers the garden project that they have been working on."

"Feedback from the parents was fantastic and some have offered to come along to help out in any way that they can."

"Many expressed how pleased they are that their child is part of this program and they have noticed positive changes in the areas of maths, science and their motivation."

"It was rewarding to see the pride that the students had when showing their achievements and, on the flipside, it was delightful to see the show of support from the 14 parents and caregivers who attended the event."

Rio Tinto provides funding for the Wickham Centre, and Lotterywest funded the equipment and resources for the set up of the centre.



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Nicola inspired to help

GROWING up in Bourke, north-western NSW, Nicola Barker's family had to travel for five hours to Dubbo to receive treatment for any serious illness. That inability to access important healthcare inspired Ms Barker to want to improve health services in rural areas.

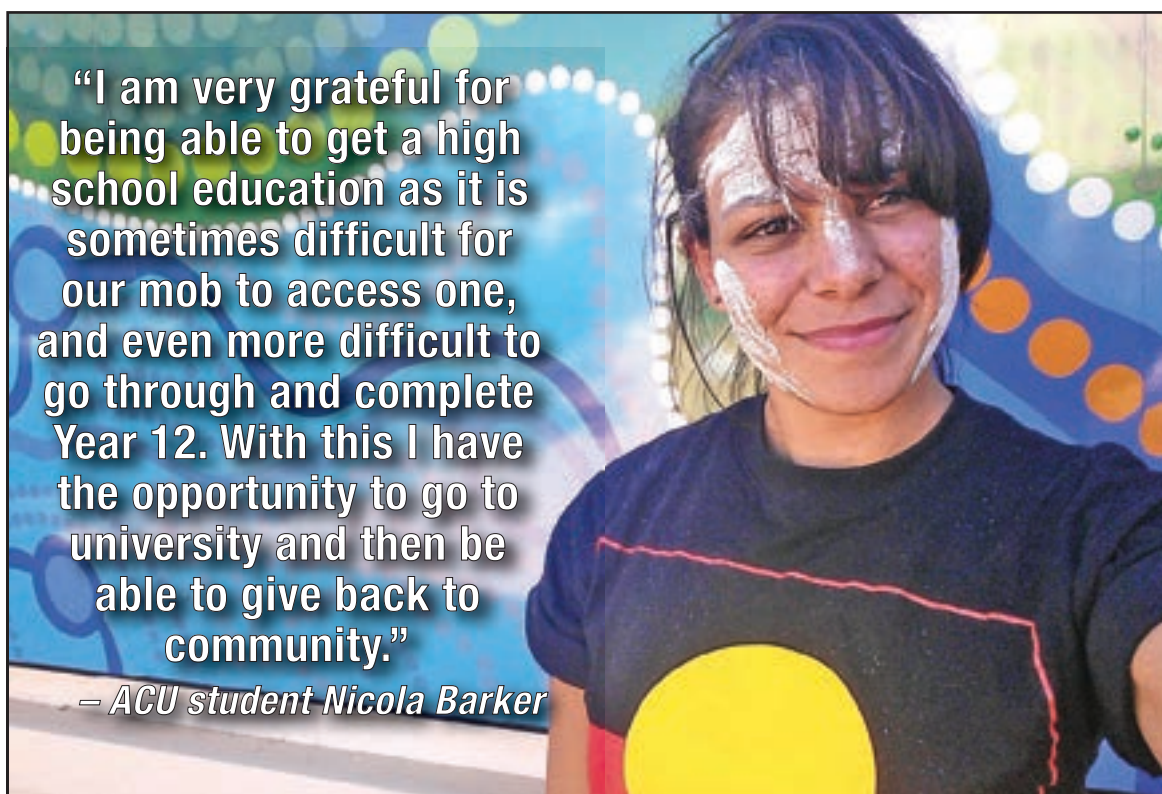
As a result, she is in her first year of Australian Catholic University's new Bachelor of Social Work degree at its Canberra campus.

As the family moved across the state, Ms Barker attended several primary schools and one high school. In Years 11 and 12 she completed an Australian School Based Apprenticeship (ASBA) traineeship with a major bank, and worked part-time at the local supermarket.

Ms Barker's drive to do something about the lack of services in remote regions took her to Canberra where she completed the Foundation Program at the University of Canberra in 2012, before taking up a traineeship with the Federal Department of Human Resources.

She first enrolled in ACU's Bachelor of Nursing and Paramedicine, and transferred this year to the university's new social work degree.

Both Ms Barker's parents had worked for NSW Department of Children Services, and she



"I am very grateful for being able to get a high school education as it is sometimes difficult for our mob to access one, and even more difficult to go through and complete Year 12. With this I have the opportunity to go to university and then be able to give back to community."

— ACU student Nicola Barker

describes her move to social work as "the right path for her education journey" as it will allow her to go to Brewarrina, in western NSW, to work in the community.

ACU student support officer in Canberra Richard Jameson said Ms Barker was an inspiration, as she managed her studies and an

ongoing heart condition which means she needs a pacemaker fitted this year.

"Nicola is always happy and smiling and her personality shines through. She is very inspiring to our other Indigenous students on campus," Mr Jameson said.

Of her health issue, Ms Barker

said: "It does affect me sometimes, but I think I am luckier than others, with the support of my family, friends and ACU faculty staff. I hope the operation will fix my heart problems."

Major events in Australia's First Peoples history, such as the Freedom Ride, Mabo judgment

and the 1967 Referendum, have shaped Ms Barker's beliefs in social justice issues. She has become an active member of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra and feels strongly about the importance of access to education and health services.

"I am very grateful for being able to get a high school education as it is sometimes difficult for our mob to access one, and even more difficult to go through and complete Year 12. With this I have the opportunity to go to university and then be able to give back to community," she said.

ACU offers a wide range of support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Students can study at one of the university's campuses in Canberra, Ballarat, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney or Adelaide, or they can use distance study. The Back to Base program is one of several residential options.

There is also a range of scholarships and bursaries for new and continuing students across education, health science, law, business, and theology and philosophy fields.

Ms Barker is one of three Aboriginal students in the first group enrolled in Canberra in ACU's four-year Bachelor of Social Work degree course. The degree is also available in Brisbane and Sydney.



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'I want to be able to make a difference and give back to my community... in a positive way.'

Bujimulla Yanner
Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Bujimulla Balyarinyi Mambalia Mungabayi Yanner is from the Ganalidda Nation in the Gulf of Carpentaria. He grew up in Burketown and Cairns and graduated from St Teresa's College Abergowrie, in 2013.

'Being at university has challenged me academically and I have learnt to overcome my challenges and become independent. The Indigenous Health Unit and my family are supporting me while I am at JCU and I enjoy the great facilities, friendly people and the natural environment... go for it and don't look back.'

'My parents, uncles and aunties have given me integrity and the fighting power to strive for my future.'

Gari Watson
Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Gari Gangulu Watson is an Aboriginal man from the Gurang, Gangulu, Biri Gubba Nations in Queensland. Gari has completed a Bachelor of Dental Surgery and graduated from JCU in 2014. He is now practising at the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health in Southeast Queensland.

'Moving away from home to study at JCU Cairns has allowed me to grow strong in myself and become independent. It has allowed me to become involved in things I never thought I would do and over the years I have made great life-long friends.'

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Niels Kirsten
Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Niels Kirsten is from the Nywaigi Nation, he grew up in Townsville and attended Thuringowa State High School. Niels is completing the final year of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery. When he graduates Niels aims to become a dentist and improve oral health in rural and remote communities.

'My goal is to continue to improve my skills in oral surgery and eventually specialise in a specific area of dentistry. There have been many highlights throughout my studies, however reaching the final year of my degree has been the major highlight of my study so far.'

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Woolyungah students are leading the way

THE Woolyungah Indigenous Centre was proud to see 36 Indigenous students graduate from various degree courses at the University of Wollongong last year. The centre has also had a strong start to 2015, with a 78% increase in new undergraduate enrolments.

Teisha Cloos, a second-year student at the university studying a Bachelor of Journalism/Bachelor of International Studies, was one of 13 students to intern through CareerTrackers.

Ms Cloos interned with Fox Sports, where she had the opportunity to observe Australia's journalistic involvement in the sporting arena locally and internationally.

During her time at Fox Sports, she produced articles about tennis sporting legends Sam Stosur and Lleyton Hewitt for the network's coverage of the Australian Open, and professional basketball player Patty Mills.

Second-year Bachelor of Commerce (Dean's Scholar) student Blake Groves

interned at Ernst & Young (Sydney) over the summer break. He was one of two students to receive the CareerTrackers Chairman's Award for Academic Excellence, which recognises achieving the highest academic results for study in 2014.

Woolyungah also worked with the Graduate School of Medicine academic leader of Indigenous health Scott Winch

to examine the pathways available to them when they graduate from high school and for UOW to be a part of increasing Indigenous participation in university education and the health workforce," Mr Winch said.

The university also had its first Indigenous doctors graduate with a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery. Stephen Henry and

Benjamin Armstrong were proud of their achievements when they collected their degrees after four years of study. Both are also keen to be role models for aspiring students.

"I would definitely encourage other

Indigenous people to study," Mr Henry said.

Mr Armstrong said: "I think some Indigenous people just need a good role model. I was lucky that I had my family and people from the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association who really helped me and supported me."

Woolyungah students have succeeded across the university.

"I would definitely encourage other Indigenous people to study" – graduate Stephen Henry

to host 30 Year 9 and 10 students from 16 high schools across regional NSW during December. The three-day Summer Camp was designed to give high school students a taste of university life and show them careers in the health sector.

"The Indigenous Student Summer Camp is an opportunity for Indigenous high school students from across NSW




University of Wollongong Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery graduates Stephen Henry and Benjamin Armstrong.


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Students and their families were joined by academics for the graduation ceremony, at the UWS Parramatta campus.

UWS recognises the need for more Indigenous teachers in the classroom, and is committed to addressing this issue.

The development of the Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree program at UWS in 1984 was a strategic initiative of the university and has contributed to providing more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary teachers in the education system.

Students in the program can be current or non-current school leavers, mature-age parents who always wanted to be teachers, people with a desire for a career change and Aboriginal education assistants and/or liaison officers wanting to become fulltime teachers.

More than 60 students are now enrolled in the four-year degree course. The program, offered at the UWS Bankstown campus, is taught in block mode that includes on-campus visits each year.

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Academic praises UNE

LORINA Barker has nothing but praise for the University of New England at Armidale in northern NSW.

The descendant of the Wangkumara and Muruwari people (north-west NSW), the Adnymathanha people (Flinders Rangers, SA) and the Kooma people (south-west Qld), received her doctorate from UNE last year. Her PhD research focussed on family/community history and the oral traditions of the Weilmoringle community of northern NSW.

Dr Barker grew up and went to primary school at Weilmoringle, and she spent her high school years at Bourke before going to Armidale to study at UNE.

"I enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts at UNE in 1992. As a 'freshie' I was invited along with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to come to the POP (Pre-Orientation Program). This was a chance for all of us to get to know one another (staff and students)," she said.

"Oorala (UNE's Indigenous support centre) was my base and home away from home – the support was and continues to be phenomenal, and without the staff, at different times through my candidature I would not have gotten through my studies.

"After I finished my first degree I was fortunate in securing a job at



Dr Lorina Barker (in academic dress) after receiving her doctorate from the University of New England with family members Jerry Barker, Peta Barker, Lacey Barker, Lesly Barker, Joanne Barker, Robert Barker, Jada Edwards, Gwen Barker, Warren Kelly, Marion Kim, Jada Barker, Brett Barker, Kimberley Barker, Leroy Barker Jnr, Elva Barker and John Barker.

Oorala as the admin assistant and then I became the senior admin and later the student support officer."

Dr Barker completed a Bachelor of Arts in 1996. She then enrolled in a Master of Letters and also completed a Graduate Diploma in Education in 2002.

"After gaining my teaching degree I wanted to put it to good use so I applied for the lecturing

position in the School of Humanities," she said.

"I was successful in securing a lecturing position in history at UNE and I have since been promoted to lecturer level B."

Passionate

Dr Barker is passionate about family/community history and is particularly interested in the way in which Aboriginal history has

been recorded. Her main interest is in the process of remodelling research methods and techniques so that they are culturally appropriate and accessible to Aboriginal people.

Dr Barker's family and friends continue to play a big part in her research experience and she formally acknowledges and thanks them for their love, support and encouragement.

Her most recent audio-visual production is *My Grandmother's Country*, a 10-minute documentary about her grandmother Amy Elwood's life and experiences. Dr Barker's 2008 film production *A Shearer's Life: Introducing the Barker Brothers* highlighted the largely undocumented history of Aboriginal people's contributions to the shearing industry in NSW.



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How Gary helped a community

By CYNDI TEBBEL

GARY Cattanach's love of teaching has extended beyond the classroom into an innovative project with long-term benefits for a whole community.

Mr Cattanach, who received the Australian Education Union's 2014 Arthur Hamilton Award for an outstanding contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, is the trade school coordinator at Nambucca Heads High School, on the north coast of NSW.

At a school where more than 20% of the students are Indigenous, in a community with unemployment at more than twice the national average, it's a role with significant social relevance.

But that doesn't tell half the story. For more than 25 years Mr Cattanach has been a leader in the process of reconciliation through education, in and out of the classroom, as a teacher/mentor to students, parents and the school.

Mr Cattanach, a Gungarri man from Charleville in central Queensland, says his love of teaching young people and helping their families is rooted in his own experience of having grown up in similar, sometimes difficult, circumstances.

His spirit, he says, is a gift from his mother, a Gungarri Elder and a "great teacher".

Most recently, in the context of closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage, Mr Cattanach has taken the leading role in establishing the first Junior Land Council (JLC) in NSW and possibly in Australia. The project, a partnership between Nambucca Heads High School, the Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council and other community organisations, was launched in 2010.

The catalyst was a neglected plot of land at the Bellwood Aboriginal Reserve that was ripe for a makeover.

"The area was a dump, which was great for me," Mr Cattanach says. "I like dumps. I was raised next to a dump."

Mr Cattanach and his team reimagined what was a no-go zone for most of the community. They enlisted an enthusiastic team of Indigenous and other students, teachers and community members.

With many obstacles to overcome, it hasn't all been a walk in the park.

"I was an experienced teacher when I started the project," he says. "But there were staffing



Award-winning teacher Gary Cattanach with Australian Education Union federal president Correna Haythorpe.

issues, and I needed to be able to make changes to the curriculum, timetable and school calendar with the cooperation of the principal and staff.

"I also had to gain the trust of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, establish Aboriginal autonomy and leadership and overcome the fear of failure."

Mr Cattanach's push into the reserve had a small but cleverly practical and inclusive start. He showed the students how to build a letterbox for each house at the reserve.

Then he called in the bulldozers to smooth the "mongrel bush" into a turfed playing field. Next came a children's playground, vegetable gardens and fruit trees.

Decisions

The young JLC members were actively involved in every stage of the transformation and made policy decisions that went beyond the cosmetic. For example, it was their idea to designate alcohol-free zones at the reserve, which the community supports and enforces.

Mr Cattanach is justifiably enthusiastic about the measurable results at school and in the wider community. As a result of the JLC, participation in the Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council has jumped 300%. Students involved in the JLC, and others in their

immediate and extended families, are more engaged at school. There are more Indigenous students on school committees, relationships between students and staff are more positive and respectful, and school attendance has improved.

Mr Cattanach is excited about the JLC's evolution, but also realistic when considering its future. For one thing, he returned to full-time teaching this year, so others will need to step in to help keep the project on track.

Ongoing funding is another concern. "Given the budgetary constraints around the country, principals and administrators are running scared, wondering how they are going to survive the moment," he said.

In a move not directly related to his work, "but quite a story if people are willing to listen", the land council has applied for a grant to set up a cultural tourism project that would bring visitors to the reserve to teach them about its historical significance.

"If they can get the application up – and I'll help – I think people would be interested in this yarn about what the kids in the JLC have done to help the community and themselves," Mr Cattanach says.

Cyndi Tebbel is a freelance writer. This article will be published in the Australian Educator, Winter 2015 edition.



Gaby Bruning: "It's important that the traineeship exists."

Gaby's training for important health position

GABY Bruning is a young woman training for a vital job. She's completing an Aboriginal alcohol and drug worker traineeship with Eastern Health, which covers a large area of Melbourne.

Ms Bruning is based in the eastern suburb of Box Hill at Wellington House, a 12-bed residential unit providing withdrawal and other care to clients with alcohol or other drug problems.

She is completing a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Drugs, but is also gaining hands-on experience by working three days a week at Wellington House.

Ms Bruning has also been given responsibility for providing supervised treatment and care for people withdrawing from alcohol and drugs.

"It's important that the traineeship exists," she said.

"Historically, there have been issues which Aboriginal people have had to face, so it is good that with my understanding of Aboriginal culture they have someone to reach out to."

Aboriginal employment

coordinator Stephanie May said the Aboriginal alcohol and drug worker traineeship was an important part of Eastern Health's Aboriginal Employment Plan, known as Karreeta Yirramboi. "Eastern Health understands the importance of diversity and inclusion in our workforce, and increasing the employment participation of Aboriginal people is crucial to this," she said.

Commitment

Karreeta Yirramboi is one part of Eastern Health's commitment to close the health gap between Indigenous people and other Australians.

Other recent projects have included Asking the Question, an initiative designed to ensure Indigenous people are identified more often and can be referred to the most appropriate services for their healthcare needs; and the Closing the Gap Sports Day, where Eastern Health staff play some of best Aboriginal sporting talent in the region in a football match and netball tournament to promote health services in the region.

14 are making a difference

FOURTEEN Indigenous people from across NSW are now making a difference to oral health in their communities. All graduated recently with qualifications in dental assisting from the Open Training and Education Network (OTEN), TAFE NSW, in a special partnership seeking to improve the oral health of Indigenous Australians.

The program, which aims to increase the number of Indigenous people in the dental industry, was sponsored by the University of Sydney's Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, Sydney Rotary and the Centre for Oral Health Strategy, Westmead.

It included distance education as well as face-to-face sessions ranging from two to four days, facilitated by teachers Melanie Lowe, Cathy Schafer and Lyn Shaw at OTEN in Strathfield and the NSW Australian Dental Association Centre for Professional Development at St Leonards, Sydney. Some members of the group also completed first aid courses.

Head teacher Melanie Lowe said the course was a great success.

"It was a privilege to be a part of this program which will help improve dental health throughout NSW by making sure that the right people have the right skills," she said. "Students completed the Certificate III and/or Certificate IV in Dental Assisting, and many are now using their skills in their local dental clinics and promoting oral health to groups such as prenatal classes and school children."

"One of the reasons the course was such a great success was because it was adapted to suit the needs of a very diverse



Dental assisting students and officials at the graduation ceremony in Sydney.

group. We included loads of hands-on practical activities interspersed with theory and, of course, fun and food."

The strategy is for students to complete the Certificate IV in Dental Assisting and then go to university to complete a Bachelor of Oral Hygiene or Bachelor of Dentistry.

When students graduate, they will work in their local communities.

There are currently only 35 Indigenous dentists in Australia.

"We hope these students go on to further training in oral health and contribute to a boost in the number of Indigenous

dental professionals and oral health outcomes," Ms Lowe said.

OTEN runs a number of specially adapted programs for Indigenous communities. For more information, call the OTEN Aboriginal Education and Training Unit on (02) 9715 8679.

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RMS has traineeships

ROADS and Maritime Services (RMS) is offering a new intake of Aboriginal recruits the opportunity to participate in a program which helps to develop maritime careers.

RMS is the NSW Government agency that manages the operations and programs of the state's roads and waterways.

Director of maritime Angus Mitchell said last year's pilot of the RMS Aboriginal trainee program was so successful it will be continued this year.

"Recruiting is under way for the second intake of the program which gives 10 young Aboriginal people hands-on marine safety training which culminates in industry qualifications," he said.

"The two-year program involves providing candidates who are keen to pursue a maritime career with training for a Certificate I in Transport and Distribution (Maritime Operations) which provides an understanding of learning and employment opportunities in the maritime and boating industries and acts as an indicator of capacity to complete this traineeship program.

"This training is delivered by (Sydney-based) Tribal Warrior



RMS director of maritime Angus Mitchell with Aboriginal trainees Gerard Dennis, Marcus Weatherall and Keisha Webb.

Association in partnership with TAFE NSW. Of the candidates who receive their Certificate I, four are selected to be embedded within the maritime

operational teams for two years of on-the-job training and mentoring."

On completion of this training, the candidates graduate with a Certificate II

in Maritime Operations Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal. This qualification provides graduates with the ability to command a commercial marine vessel up to 12 metres long, and to be able to carry passengers on the vessel.

Mr Mitchell said recruits are based in Sydney, Batemans Bay and Newcastle, and part of the training involves sea time. Trainees are given practical and theoretical experience with boating safety officers as they patrol the state's waterways, and with environmental services officers as they carry out clean-up work on Sydney Harbour and its tributaries, as well as working with teams including marine investigation, hydrographic survey and product services.

"The training aims to ensure the new recruits are well qualified to pursue permanent employment in the maritime industry," Mr Mitchell said.

"The program is an extension of Roads and Maritime's Aboriginal traineeship program, which provides opportunities including education in business administration and government."

More details are available at <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/>

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UTS business degree is for professionals

THE first group of students has started classes in a new business degree at UTS designed specifically for Indigenous professionals.

The group became the first students to begin classes in the new Frank Gehry-designed Dr Chau Chak Wing Building in Sydney.

The Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) is aimed at Indigenous professionals who have valuable experience but want to add a degree qualification to their CV.

The initial 14 students range in age from their 20s to their 50s, with backgrounds as diverse as government and the mining industry.

The program is being taught in flexible 'block' or residential mode to give students the flexibility of studying while continuing to work and balance other responsibilities.

Amy Rust is travelling from Adelaide for the program. An executive assistant in the government sector for eight years, she says she reached the point where "I knew I could do that forever, or I could do a degree to advance".

Michael Ingrey, from La Perouse in Sydney, runs community programs through his



Students from the first intake of the Bachelor of Business Administration course at UTS.

Picture: Lesley Parker

local land council and says he embarked on the course "to not only skill myself up, but to bring skills to my community", especially

to Indigenous start-up businesses.

The BBA is aimed at people seeking to move into senior or executive positions and builds

on students' existing workforce expertise and community knowledge.

The executive-style program is

taught in residential mode, where students attend classes at UTS for three six-day blocks a semester as part of their studies.

"Students learn how a multi-disciplinary perspective can be used to address economic, financial and social issues," UTS Business School associate dean, teaching and learning, Associate Professor Chris Bajada said.

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 dynamic 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," UTS Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning director Professor Michael McDaniel, said.

More details at www.uts.edu.au/future-students/business-study-areas/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-business

Focus on narrative therapy



DULWICH Centre, on Kaurna land (Adelaide), will host the first five-day intensive workshop on narrative therapy and community work to be taught by an all-Aboriginal team. Barbara Wingard, Carolynanha Johnson and Tileah Drahm-Butler will run the workshop from October 19-23. Ms Wingard is the co-author (with Jane Lester) of the book

Telling our stories in ways that make us stronger, author of *A conversation with Lateral Violence*, and has been a key member of the Dulwich Centre Faculty for 20 years.

Ms Johnson and Ms Drahm-Butler have recently graduated from the first Master of Narrative Therapy and Community Work (University of Melbourne/Dulwich Centre).

The course will introduce the key narrative practices of externalising, re-authoring,

remembering, outsider witness, documentation, and 'tree of life' – all through an Aboriginal lens.

The workshop will also act as the necessary training for entrance to the 2016 Master of Narrative Therapy and Community Work.

It is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners and other First Nations people.

The cost is \$990. For more information go to www.dulwichcentre.com.au

Footy star will help tackle flu



NORTH Queensland Cowboys NRL star Johnathan Thurston will help to tackle the flu at this year's Close the Gap Day in Toowoomba.

The annual event is held to promote healthy lifestyles and will feature a video message from Thurston encouraging all eligible people to receive their free influenza vaccination on the day.

Darling Downs Public Health Unit director Dr Penny Hutchinson said the 'Tackle Flu Before It Tackles You' program aims to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have flu vaccinations.

"I think everyone should follow Johnathan's lead and get their flu vaccine," she said.

"The flu is a serious disease



Johnathan Thurston

which can lead to significant complications such as hospitalisation – or even death."

Dr Hutchinson said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

were more at risk of developing complications from the flu, which is why they are eligible for a free vaccination.

The annual Close the Gap Day will feature a range of activities, health information stalls and giveaways.

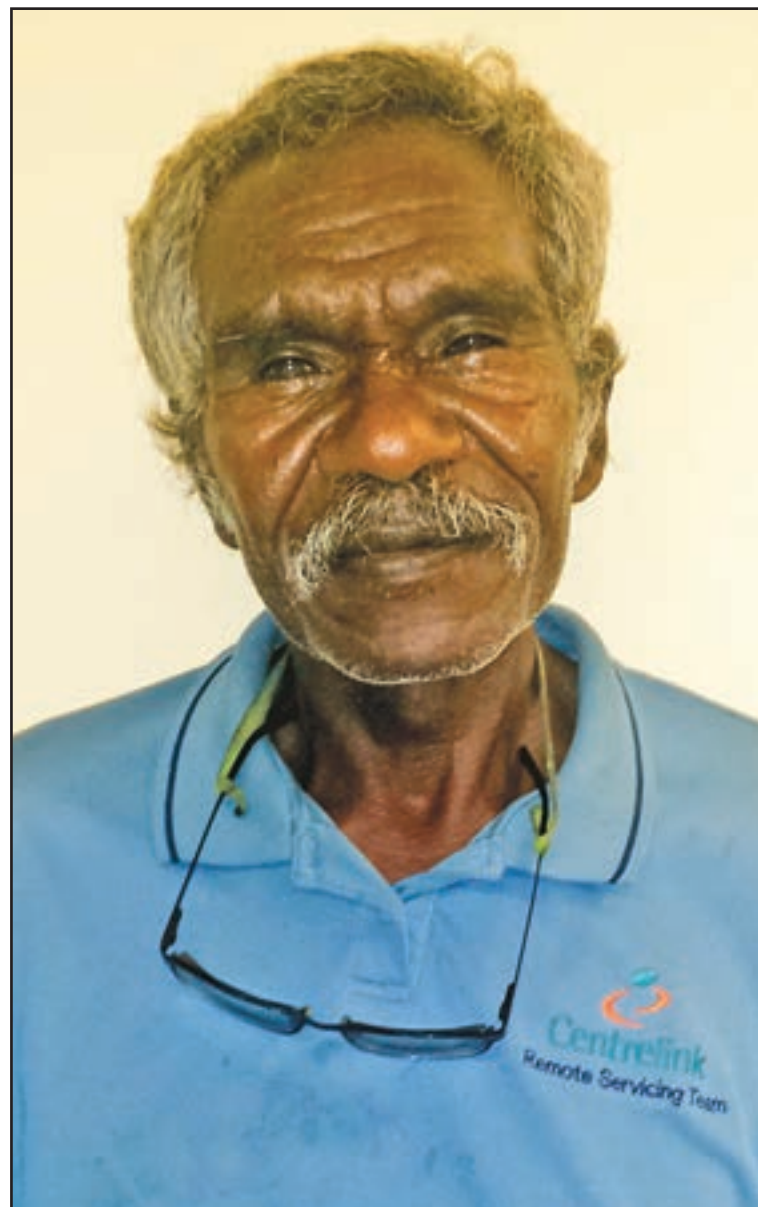
"Activities include boomerang painting, games and everyone who receives their flu vaccine on the day will receive a free shirt and the chance to win NRL merchandise signed by Johnathan Thurston," Barbara Griffiths, from Darling Downs South West Queensland Medicare Local, said.

The Close the Gap Day will be held at the Hume-Ridge Church, Hume St, Toowoomba on April 30, from 11am to 2pm.

A free barbecue lunch, sponsored by the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation, will be available from noon.



Sporting the 2015 'Tackle Flu' shirt are, from left, Roslyn Wharton-Boland, Teresa McGorm, Karen Taylor, Karen Brown, Barbara Griffiths from Darling Downs South West Queensland Medicare Local, Dr Penny Hutchinson and David Fraser from DDSWQ Medicare Local.



Mayirri (Damien Tunmuck), a Mati-ke man from Yederr in the Northern Territory, speaks more than six languages.

Multilingual Mayirri has a vital skill



LANGUAGES other than English are essential to ensuring government support and services reach all

Australians regardless of their background. Federal Human Services Department general manager Hank Jongen recognises this, and his organisation has employed Indigenous language officers to help spread the word about government services.

"There are more than 700 bilingual service officers who provide direct language support to customers in their preferred language. Over 40 of these communicate with customers in an Indigenous language," he said.

One of those Indigenous language officers is Damien Tunmuck, who is based in Wadeye, Northern Territory.

Known as Mayirri, Mr Tunmuck, a Mati-ke man from Yederr, speaks more than six languages and is known and respected for his cultural knowledge and skills.

"Wadeye, in Diminin country, used to be a mission so there

are many languages spoken here. The main language now is Murrinhpatha," Mayirri said.

"English is not our first language, so language and cultural barriers mean many people often have difficulty understanding and accessing crucial government services.

"I grew up here so people know and trust me, which makes it easier to find out exactly what people need and make sure they can access the relevant government services."

Mayirri is passionate about sharing his languages and culture. He has translated children's books, and works with linguists to help preserve languages that are no longer widely spoken.

"I'm proud I can use my language and crosscultural skills to help explain government ways, and make it easier for my people to access Centrelink services," he said.

"Whether I'm on the phone interpreting, translating written documents, helping people use the self-service terminals or sharing cultural knowledge with visiting staff, I feel like I'm making a real difference."

Tweed Wonders of Women Ball



Cook Island Polynesian Dancers provided entertainment at the Wonders of Women Ball.



Aunty Robin Green speaks to the ball-goers.

Achievers win recognition

Pictures by AZARIA SUSSYER



THE achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in the Tweed region of far northern NSW were recognised at a Wonders of Women Ball last

month. Deidre Currie received the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership award for her work in the community promoting suicide awareness and being an active member in the Tweed Indigenous community. Paris Robinson was named the Young Woman of the Year.

The ball had a dress theme of international cultures from around the world, which saw many colourful and varied outfits.

Dozens of women from the region were acknowledged for their efforts in making their communities safer and more inclusive.



Lara Bennett, who was one of the event organisers, and her partner Mario Talary.



Ronella Phillips was a nominee for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership award.



Keely Currie enjoying the Wonders of Women Ball.



Deidre Currie received the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership award.

MoneyMob Talkabout paying off – report



MONEYMOB Talkabout, a money-management program, says it's making significant progress in building the financial capability of Aboriginal people in the APY Lands of South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

MoneyMob Talkabout manager Carolyn Cartwright said the program's latest evaluation report shows that, in just three years of operation, it is empowering people

in these remote communities to take control of their money and build their capacity to participate in the mainstream economy.

"We find the Anangu residents of the APY Lands are keen to learn about mainstream systems and find ways to manage the small amounts of money they have," she said.

"We are a little overwhelmed at times with queues of people waiting for service, but it is great to see so many people wanting to get control of their money."

MoneyMob Talkabout says that last year, one in three APY adults (a total of 758 clients) accessed its services for matters including banking, budgeting, managing debts and fines, retirement incomes and super, tax and insurance.

The number of people borrowing money they can't repay had fallen from 49% in 2013 to 17% in 2014 as a result of accessing the MoneyMob program.

"The outcomes we are seeing are fantastic, given the program has only been

running for three years," Ms Cartwright said.

"We still have a long way to go, but the fact that most MoneyMob clients are self-referred or by family and friends demonstrates self-motivation by APY residents to address their money concerns – and the value of the MoneyMob Talkabout program."

For more information or to read the report, visit www.moneymobtalkabout.com.au

Suicide rate is highest in NT



ABOUT 40 people take their own lives each year in the Northern Territory. But while the overall number of suicides has

decreased over the past eight years, the NT still has Australia's highest suicide rates among Indigenous people and the young.

As a consequence of this, the NT Government has allocated an extra \$3 million a year to improve mental health services and build resilience in communities.

The Government says high rates of alcohol and drug abuse, crime, family violence, sexual and physical abuse, chronic disease, children in care and mental illness contribute to the high suicide rate.

"These factors tend to lower an individual's ability to build resilience and create positive coping mechanisms," a new NT Government plan to tackle suicide says.

People are especially at risk in remote communities.

"The pressure to conform, to complete study and to form relationships in an era of instant and never-ending communication presents new challenges in suicide prevention," the plan says.

Finding ways to utilise technology and giving young people a sense of belonging through culture, sports and the arts are seen as essential in addressing youth suicide.

The plan will also focus on building strong personal relationships and increasing education and employment.

Other goals are earlier diagnosis of mental health

In the Northern Territory...

● Four out of five suicides are by males.

● There is a high risk in remote communities.

● The rate is almost three times higher for Indigenous people.

● There is an increasing risk to young Aboriginal women.

(SOURCE: Northern Territory Government Suicide Prevention Strategic Action Plan, April 2015)

issues, improved infant health, reducing substance abuse, and keeping people out of jail.

The plan, which is available to view at <http://health.nt.gov.au/library/>, recognises that retaining culture is crucial to preventing Indigenous suicide.

There will be more emphasis on language and having police work with Indigenous Elders in remote communities. – AAP

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or the Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467.



Criminologist Jay Barrett with Uncle Albert Abdul-Rahman at the Townsville meeting. "Ice has become a major problem for communities and is affecting families. We are not into a blaming game here, but want to seek solutions."

Taskforce set to tackle ice crisis



A PUBLIC forum in Townsville this month formed a local community taskforce to address the use of the drug crystal methamphetamine (ice).

It was organised by Relationships Australia, Youth Justice and Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Services. Volunteer coordinator Albert Abdul Rahman was assisted by volunteer criminologists Jay Barrett and Suzanne Highley.

Mr Rahman, an Elder and former Murri Court member who arrived in Townsville in 1972 as a member of the Defence Forces, said the taskforce was essential.

"Ice has become a major problem for communities and is affecting families," he said. "We are not into a blaming



Phillip Obah, from Palm Island, at the forum.

game here, but want to seek solutions."

A 15-year-old gave an emotional speech, telling the audience he had seen firsthand the damage ice can do.

"I have seen mates on ice

who start fighting for no reason and also stealing money. It also causes domestic violence," he said.

Police officer Roger Whyte told the meeting that public awareness was vital in the fight against ice use.

"People who distribute ice make profit and we urge any member of the public who knows of their activity to phone Crimestoppers (1800 333 000) or advise police," he said.

Mr Rahman told the *Koori Mail* statistics revealed that about 50% of ice users in the region were Indigenous.

"We will be holding another meeting on May 5 to name the members on the taskforce," he said.

"We don't want it to be bureaucratically top heavy. This is a problem for the entire community."

Soft drinks target of campaign



INDIGENOUS children aged 2-3 are three times more likely to drink soft drinks than other children, new figures have revealed.

The Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2012-13 found that 18% of Aboriginal children aged 2-3 had consumed soft drinks or flavoured mineral water the day before the survey, compared with 5.8% of non-Aboriginal children.

Soft drink consumption was also high among the wider Aboriginal population, with 37% of Aboriginal people having consumed soft drinks and flavoured mineral water on the day before the survey, compared with 29% of other Australians.

Louise Lyons, the Public Health and Research Unit director at the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), is concerned by the findings. "These figures highlight what we've known for some time – soft drink and other sugary drinks, such as flavoured mineral water and cordial, are quite popular among children and adults in many Aboriginal communities," the Jaadwa (Victoria) woman said.

"Among a range of approaches, we need culturally appropriate and acceptable health messages for Aboriginal communities to show the health impacts of sugary drink consumption and encourage people to limit their intake."

16 teaspoons of sugar

One such approach is a video developed by the Rethink Sugary Drink campaign and VACCHO. It stresses that there are about 16 teaspoons of sugar in a 600ml bottle of regular soft drink. This can lead to weight gain and obesity and increase the risk of many serious health problems, such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and some cancers.

"For children especially, these sugary drinks can do serious damage and introduce them to unhealthy habits that are likely to stay with them for life," Ms Lyons said.

"We're encouraging our community to go for water instead."

Australian Dental Association Oral Health Committee chair Dr Peter Alldritt says as well as weight-related health problems, sugary beverages are also bad for teeth.

"These drinks have high levels of sugar which can significantly contribute to tooth decay," he said.

"Equally important to understand is the erosion to tooth enamel which is caused by the acids in soft drink. The combination of these factors over time will cause cavities in teeth which can be very painful and expensive to treat. To keep your teeth healthy and reduce your risk of tooth decay, it's best to only drink sugary drinks every now and then, if at all."

Luke Sultan, an Eastern Arrernte and Gurindji man, used to have soft drinks a couple of times a week without thinking about his health.

He recently quit sugary drinks as part of a bigger lifestyle change, in which he lost more than 30kg through healthy eating and physical activity.

"When I first stopped drinking sugary drinks I felt like I was craving them. You could say it was like an addiction," the 38-year-old who now lives in Melbourne said. "When I didn't have one I would feel flat and felt like I had no energy and drinking diet soft drinks just felt a bit empty."

"But after about two or three weeks of doing it I was fine. It soon got to the point where I couldn't imagine going back to my old ways."



The first graduates from the BEAT IT program when it started in Hope Vale, far north Queensland.

Cape York communities active in beating disease



CAPE York residents with, or at risk of, chronic disease are being encouraged to take part in an active lifestyle program aimed at helping beat the onset of disease.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council, along with Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council and PCYC, run BEAT IT, a lifestyle modification program developed by the Australian Diabetes Council.

The 12-week physical activity program aims to increase knowledge on eating healthy and the importance of staying active to reduce the risk of chronic disease.

BEAT IT was first run in Hope Vale in

2013 and will soon be rolled out in Laura and Wujal Wujal.

Health promotion officer Priscilla Gibson runs the program at Hope Vale, and welcomes participation by the Laura and Wujal Wujal communities.

"We want to support people to better self-manage their health," she said.

"Exercise"

"Changing old habits for new, better, healthier ones is the key to long-term success and wellbeing. Eating a balanced, healthy diet combined with exercise is the key to preventing chronic disease."

Hope Vale resident Karen Gordon is a success story, managing her type 2

diabetes with exercise, healthy eating and attending the program in Hope Vale when it started. "My blood sugar levels were up in the 20s; I always felt lethargic and had no energy at all," she said.

"Since attending BEAT IT classes I am walking and gardening and I have lots of energy. My levels are now four to five (a normal range) and I am off my insulin and feel so good. I recommend this program to anyone."

Personal trainer Stef Reid, part of the BEAT IT team, said the program changed lives. "It has changed lives forever. Participants achieved goals and saw results they had only dreamed of. With the right advice, tools and support, people can do anything."

Have your say about diabetes



AUSTRALIANS are being urged to have their say as part of the nation's largest conversation about the best ways to prevent, treat and cure diabetes. It's all

part of a new national consultation process to help guide the Federal Government's development of a national diabetes strategy.

Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley said diabetes affected the lives of most people in some way, and this was an opportunity for all Australians to participate in finding the best ways to prevent, treat and cure this rapidly growing national problem.

"Over one million Australians are now living with diabetes, while hundreds of thousands more are either at high risk of contracting the disease or are living

with it and don't know," she said.

"However, diabetes doesn't just affect the lives of those who have it. It takes a heavy toll on their family and friends, their job, the sustainability of the health budget and our national prosperity."

"For example, the overall cost of diabetes to the Australian economy is estimated to be as high as \$14 billion annually."

"National problem"

"That's why it's so important we get a broad diversity of views. Whether you're a carer, parent, employer, doctor, researcher or someone living with the disease, we want to hear your views, experiences and ideas about addressing this rapidly growing national problem."

Ms Ley said more than 200 new cases of diabetes were diagnosed in Australia

every day. "Diabetes also contributes to a range of other serious health burdens, including heart attacks, strokes, amputation, blindness, kidney failure, depression and nerve disease, which is why this government is committed to delivering a national diabetes strategy," she said.

"This strategy will aim to prioritise Australia's response to diabetes; identify the best approaches to addressing the impact of diabetes in the community; and position Australia as an international leader in diabetes prevention, management and research."

Comments received through the consultation will inform the strategy, due for release late this year.

The consultation period will close on May 17. To have your say, go to <https://consultations.health.gov.au>

Kindy strong on immunisation



AN Indigenous kindergarten in Brisbane has taken a strong stance on immunisation. Parents wanting to use C&K Koobara Kindy at Zillmere will need to have a current immunisation certificate, or a valid exemption, before they can enrol their children.

Kindy director Joanne Claybourn, an Elder of the Quandamooka Nunukul people from North Stradbroke Island, said staff often helped parents to access local health services if they had fallen behind on their kids' shots.

"We have established relationships with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane at Northgate and the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health at Strathpine. But if parents have a local doctor I'll tell them to go and see their doctor," Ms Claybourn said.

"I speak to all parents or caregivers and, if they don't have this information, I'll tell them where they can get a copy.

"This is when people will often tell me if they are behind in anything, so I refer them on to the local clinics that can help them get their immunisations up to date."

A sharp rise in the fully immunised rate among five-year-old Indigenous children on Brisbane's north side indicates parents



Kindergarten director Joanne Claybourn with some of the C&K Koobara kids.

are acting on the vaccination message.

According to the National Health Performance Authority (NHPA), the rate of fully immunised Indigenous five-year-olds in the Metro North Brisbane region jumped from 88.2% in 2011-12 to 91.8% in 2012-13.

Dr Natasha Christa, a general

practitioner and spokesperson on immunisation for Metro North Brisbane Medicare Local, said parents should be congratulated.

"Immunisation is one of the most effective medical interventions we have to prevent disease," she said.

"We should all thank those who have

heeded the public health message about the dangers of vaccine-preventable diseases. By choosing to vaccinate their kids, these parents are also protecting others in our community.

"This is because some children may be either too young, too ill, or may have some other valid medical reason which prevents them from being given a particular vaccine.

"Their lives can literally hang in the balance when there is an outbreak of a dangerous disease, as we have seen with whooping cough in recent years."

Dr Christa said Indigenous Australian children were more vulnerable to certain diseases than other kids, so additional free vaccines were available.

"For example, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged between 12 and 18 months in Queensland are eligible for a booster dose of the pneumococcal vaccine," she said.

"Invasive pneumococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection which can lead to ear infections, pneumonia, meningitis, blood poisoning, and in some cases it can be fatal."

Metro North Brisbane Medicare Local is promoting immunisation in the lead up to World Immunisation Week from April 24-30.

For more information, visit the website www.be-safe-vaccinate.org.au

Project is a winner



A HEALTH project in South Australia has been recognised for forging ties between Indigenous communities and medical researchers.

A national award for Indigenous health ethics was presented to the 'Next Steps for Aboriginal Health Research: How research can improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia' project. It is run jointly by the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia and the Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit in the SA Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI).

The 'tarrn doon nonin' award – meaning 'trust' in the Woiwurrung language of central Victoria – was from the Lowitja Institute, Australia's National Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. It provides \$10,000 towards project research funds.

Dr Rosie King, from the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia, said the philosophy underpinning the project was founded on asking the SA Aboriginal people what they thought should be researched.

"People told us they want research to focus on their everyday health and wellbeing needs, but importantly they also want approaches that respect and engage with a view of life that is holistic and interconnected with cultural, spiritual, social and physical needs across the lifespan," she said.

"Research into health and wellbeing needs to be driven by and involve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and provide a tangible benefit to community and to develop an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resilience, diversity and needs."

The winning project was informed by an historic accord for negotiated health outcomes between Indigenous South Australians and medical health researchers, launched at SAHMRI in 2014.

SAHMRI also recently published details of its Closing the Gap health project, ESSENCE, to address cardiovascular health in Indigenous Australians based on a foundation of evidence and standards for equitable care.

Thrilled

SAHMRI's Kim Morey said the institute was thrilled to be recognised for the project. "SAHMRI welcomes recognition for the Next Steps project, which refocusses the research agenda so that those issues most important to South Australian Aboriginal communities begin to receive the attention they deserve," she said.

"Moreover, the majority of the researchers on the Next Steps team are Aboriginal."

The online resource EthicsHub was also launched at the awards ceremony. This initiative will support individuals and organisations working or participating in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research.

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Calling all Central Desert bands



THE Bush Bands Bash is seeking applicants to perform at what is the biggest celebration of Indigenous music in Central Australia.

The 12th annual Bush Bands Bash will be held in Alice Springs on September 5.

Indigenous bands from Central Desert communities in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia are encouraged to apply for the 2015 program, which also includes Bush Bands Business, a four-day skills development camp with music industry leaders.

The Bush Bands Program has supported bands in taking their music to the mainstream. Groups that have been involved include Tjintu Desert Band, Running Water, Rayella, The Sandridge Band, Tableland Drifters, South East Desert Metal and more.

Through their involvement, bands have been booked to play at national events including WOMADelaide, Nannup Music Festival, Australasian Worldwide Music Expo, Darwin Festival and Folk Rhythm and Life Festival.

MusicNT executive director Mark Smith said the Bush Bands Program assists bands with professional development workshops, mentoring and performance opportunities.

"The program provides central Australian desert bands with a great opportunity to perform in a large scale



Members of the Tjintu Desert Band.

outdoor concert in Alice Springs," he said. "Combine this experience with the Bush Bands Business that is held in the days leading into the concert and a unique package of skill

development, musical mentoring and performance is created."

Selected bands will feature on a promotional CD, and one will have the opportunity to tour with Sand Tracks –

a Country Arts WA initiative run through September.

Applications close on May 28. For more information and to apply, go to www.musicnt.com.au/BBB



Turtle and Snake by Arthur Que Noy.

Que Noy art at Darwin library



A NEW exhibition at the Northern Territory Library in Darwin celebrates the art and stories of long-time Territorians Arthur and Patsy Que Noy. "This is a small but significant exhibition," NT Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said. "It shares the art and stories of Patsy and Arthur Que Noy from their Daly River country."

"Patsy is a Brinkin woman who grew up on the Daly River, while Arthur was a bushman who regularly visited the Daly River, looking after his country as a Kamu Elder."

The exhibition includes paintings by Patsy which tell stories about country and the animals which represent Dreamings and places, and one of Arthur's last paintings *The Massacre*, about the massacre of Woolwonga (Kamu) people at the Daly River Copper Mine in 1884.

Arthur and Patsy Que Noy: Art and Stories runs until June 26.

Bancroft is in with a chance



ABORIGINAL artist Bronwyn Bancroft has been nominated as the Australian finalist (illustrator) for the 2016 Hans Christian Andersen Award.

The award is the highest international recognition given to an author and an illustrator of children's books.

Every other year the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) presents the award to a living author and illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children's literature.

Meanwhile, Bancroft's new series of work, *From the Hands of My Ancestors*, is on exhibition at the Sydney College of Arts at The University of Sydney until May 2.

"This series was developed as a response to the death of my uncle Pat Bancroft on Christmas Day 2014," she said.

"Uncle Pat was 94 and he was my mentor. He bequeathed me his collection of stones, which includes axes, pocket knives, flints, crystals and calcite samples. Some of these stones are thousands of years old and would have been made by my family."

Bancroft's work will also be exhibited at Blacktown City Arts Centre from May 14 in an exhibition titled *Riverstones and Ramifications*.

● Pictured: Bronwyn Bancroft has been nominated for an international illustrator's award and has a new series of work, *From the Hands of My Ancestors*. Picture: Sharon Hickey

Award entries sought



ABORIGINAL artists across Victoria have been invited to be part of the 10th anniversary of the state's Indigenous art awards.

The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards Program, hosted in partnership with the Art Gallery of Ballarat, features more than \$40,000 in prizes, including the \$30,000 Deadly Art Award,

supported by Creative Victoria. Other award categories include \$5000 prizes supported by Federation University and the Australian Catholic University.

The awards aim to celebrate and promote Victoria's Aboriginal visual arts sector and create commercial opportunities for Aboriginal artists.

Winners and finalists over the past decade include acclaimed and internationally recognised

artists Bindi Cole and Reko Rennie, who were named winners in 2008. More than 280 artworks have been exhibited, making the awards a high-profile platform for artists.

Strength to strength

Victorian Creative Industries Minister Martin Foley said the awards have gone from strength to strength since being established in 2005.

"These awards celebrate the world's oldest continuing culture, showcasing south-eastern Aboriginal art ranging from intricate traditional works to dynamic contemporary pieces," he said.

"The awards recognise and publicise the gifts of individual Aboriginal artists and strengthen the links between Victoria's vibrant cultural communities."

Entries are open to Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander visual artists across all mediums. Artists must either be Victorian-born or current residents of Victoria and be aged 18 or over. Entries close on June 9.

An exhibition of finalist works will open at the Art Gallery of Ballarat on August 8 before International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on August 9.

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



Artists Stephen Anderson, Maria Josette Orsto and Vivian Walarpinni.

CDU hosts exhibition



WORKS from a collaboration between a non-Indigenous artist and Tiwi Islander artists are now on display at Charles

Darwin University in Darwin.

CDU doctoral candidate Stephen Anderson worked on more than 40 artworks with emerging and senior Tiwi Design artists as part of his PhD exhibition *Walking and Working Together*. The artists are Jean Baptiste Apuatimi, Maria Josette Orsto, Bede Tungatalum, Jock Puautjimi, Alan Kerinauia, Vivian Walarpinni, Ita Tipungwuti, Danny Munkara and Osmond Kantilla.

The pieces were created using media including print, drawings, paintings, sculptures and silks.

Mr Anderson said he was



Greg Orsto with works on display at the university.

fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the artists due to his position as Tiwi Design coordinator, which he

has held for the past five years.

"We have a good working relationship that's been established over time," he said.

Included in Anderson's collaborations are respected Tiwi artists Maria Josette Orsto and Bede Tungatalum. "It has been a very personal journey and is our contribution to Indigenous and non-Indigenous relationships moving forward," Anderson said.

"My research shows we can work together rather than going off in our own directions."

Anderson said the exhibition touched on themes of reciprocity and reconciliation, with personal stories about identity being woven through the works.

"A lot of the stories in the works are about working together," he said.

The exhibition would offer alternative perspectives on the notion of collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, he said.

Works by Ulah at Tandanya



THE works of Anangu artist Lilly Ulah are now on show at Tandanya – National Aboriginal

Cultural Institute in Adelaide.

Ulah, a 'ngangkari' or Anangu traditional healer from Coober Pedy in South Australia, did not start painting until she was in her late 70s.

It wasn't until 2011 that she began painting with Anangu Arts (Ku Arts) which started running artist workshops at Umoona community led by Wayne Eager and Marina Strocchi, who immediately identified Ulah as an artist with a natural talent and a love of paint.

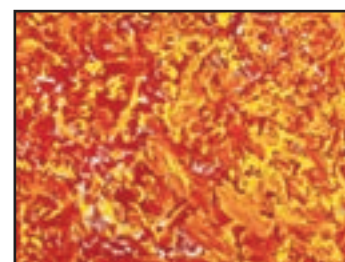
"Observing Lilly it was immediately apparent to us that her use of paint on canvas had a natural tactility that evolved as she immersed herself in the performance of painting her story," Eager said.

"For Lilly, each painting is a continuous exploration, a reliving of ancient stories and the expression of the scent of the wildflowers of the country of her birth and upbringing, Kalkarli."

Ulah's first show at Tandanya features art from workshops with Eager, some produced with French artist Amandine Caire in 2013-2014 and her most recent paintings, completed late last year.

Tjukula Kuru Ala – Lilly Ulah Paints the Seven Sisters Waterholes at Kuru Ala is part of a series of exhibitions being held at Tandanya.

More details at www.tandanya.com.au



One of the works by Lilly Ulah on show at Tandanya.

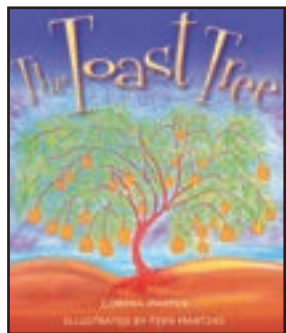
Books

Search for toast tree

MAGABALA Books officially launched the children's picture book *The Toast Tree* at this month's Revealed showcase of WA Indigenous Artists in Perth.

In the sandhills of a dusty pearling town, two girls search for a tree that grows the best tasting toast in the world. Every night, Grandpa tells the girls about the magical toast tree, with its bright green leaves and orange trunk.

Based on a true story, *The Toast Tree* is about family, the search for magic through the



power of a child's imagination, and the ability to believe in the impossible.

The book's illustrations capture Grandpa's stories and childhood memories.

Author Corina Martin, a Kija,

Jaru and Gooniyandi woman, grew up in Broome and was inspired by her family and childhood experiences in the town.

She holds a Bachelor of Marketing and Media as well as a Bachelor of Law and works as principal legal officer at the Aboriginal Family Law Services of WA.

The Toast Tree is her first book.

Illustrator Fern Martins is an Ngarabul woman from NSW. She has developed her career as a sculptor, printmaker and artist.

In 1988, together with other Aboriginal urban artists, she started Boomalli, the Sydney Aboriginal Artists Cooperative. Martins has exhibited at the National Gallery and has lectured at the University of Adelaide. She has illustrated several children's picture books.

More details at <https://www.magabala.com/>

Mother's awakening

A NOVEL about a young Aboriginal single mother's awakening of identity and compassion in a remote Northern Territory community in 1976 has just been published.

Called *The Crocodile Hotel*, it is the first novel by Buruburongal (NSW) playwright Julie Janson.

In the book, main character Jane Reynolds is swept up in a year of wonders as she negotiates her place between black and white societies.

She begins teaching in the caravan school on the remote cattle property, Harrison Station, in the Top End.

Jane arrives at the station with her five-year-old son Aaron. She meets traditional Aboriginal Elders who change her life forever.

She finds love with two charismatic men and fights for land rights alongside the Lanniwah people, while finding respect and redemption for herself.

More details at www.cyclopspress.com.au



Kathleen Buzzacott in her new studio.

Grant leads to new studio for Buzzacott



A \$30,000 grant has helped entrepreneur and artist Kathleen Buzzacott open a new studio in the McDonnell Ranges outside Alice Springs.

The grant came from the Northern Territory Government's Department of Business through its Indigenous Business Development Program.

Buzzacott said the program allowed her to expand her business. She said the new professional studio and equipment help her produce her artwork, which she sells through her website and local jewellers.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without the help I received from

NT Government," she said.

"Having my studio up and running has really enabled me to test the marketplace. We live right in the tourist belt and opening to the tourism trade will open so many doors."

Buzzacott has been active in the art and fashion scene, with her artwork displayed on the doors of the fleet of AAT Kings coaches.

Her jewellery was on show at Sydney Fashion Week, and one of her distinctive necklaces was presented to the Duchess of Cambridge during her 2014 Australian visit.

For more information on NT Government grant programs, go to www.dob.nt.gov.au/business

APY facilities draw praise



UPGRADED arts facilities in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands are

helping to develop the next generation of Aboriginal artists. SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher said art facilities on the lands redeveloped by Anangu Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation played an important skills and development role locally.

He was speaking after visiting the art centre at Pukatja (Ernabella) as part of a four-day tour of the APY and Maralinga Tjarutja Aboriginal lands.

"Aboriginal art is driving a dynamic, contemporary modern art movement in urban, regional and remote Australia," Mr Maher said.

"The Aboriginal artists who live and work in the APY Lands practise diverse art forms, including acrylic painting on canvas, ceramics, carvings, spinning, weaving and works on paper, photography and new media, together with song and dance.

"The artists are widely recognised for their award-winning work, which has been exhibited throughout Australia and internationally, and acquired by national galleries and institutions."

In 2011, the SA Government provided \$450,000 to Anangu Arts for the construction and upgrade of art centre staff housing at Pukatja, Mimili (Mimili Maku



Barbara Mbitjana Moore is one of the many artists who paint at arts centres in South Australia's APY Lands.

Arts), Pipalyatjara (Ninuku Arts), and Amata (Tjala Arts).

A total of \$655,000 was also provided by the Federal Office for the Arts.

Mr Maher said staff housing upgrades had enabled the art centres to increase the number of

managers, and provide appropriate accommodation for art centre staff.

"A further \$2.84 million was secured directly by Anangu Arts from the Department of Regional Australia for the redevelopment of art centre infrastructure, including

building a new art centre at Mimili, and upgraded facilities across the APY Lands at Amata, Fregon, Indulkana, Kalka and Pukatja," he said.

For more information on the Anangu Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation visit www.anangukuarts.com.au

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

April 25: A War of Hope documentary screening. A story of hope and survival following the journey of some 235 Gugu Yimithirr people of North Queensland who were forcibly removed from their land during World War II. Featuring Indigenous artist, Elder Roy McIlvor. View on National Indigenous Television (NITV) at 8.30pm.

May 1: Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples public hearing in Canberra. Details: (02) 6277 3544 or 1800 728 963 or email iscatsi@aph.gov.au

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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 25: Aboriginal Tiwi art exhibition. Celebrating the work of Aboriginal Tiwi artists, featuring works by Alfonso Puautjimi. Held at Aboriginal & Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au

Until April 27: Expressions 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

Busy programs for Anzac Day



THE Redfern Aboriginal Anzac Day Commemoration will be held from 1.45pm on Saturday, April 25. It is held in the early afternoon to give people an opportunity to participate in the main Sydney march and other local Anzac Day events.

This commemoration by Redfern's Aboriginal community is a culturally appropriate remembrance service. It affirms community, family and mateship.

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people come together at the event to honour Indigenous servicemen and servicewomen, and those who served in non-military support roles.

The event not only recognises the original Anzacs who served at Gallipoli and the Western Front in World War I, but commemorates more than a century of service by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander personnel.

Respect is also paid every year to the women and others who kept families and communities together while loved ones were away – and after they returned.

The afternoon's program starts at 1.45 with a welcome to country and Redfern Park War Memorial wreath laying, followed by a march.

For more information contact Ebony Allen on 0423 064 154, ebonymallen@gmail.com

Around the nation

Events will be held around the country this week to commemorate Indigenous war service, including:

- In Adelaide, a gathering will be held from noon at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial at Torrens Parade Grounds, Victoria Drive. Organiser Frank Lampard said the service, while respectful, would have a less formal format. He said the later start would allow Indigenous veterans to march with their own units. More details from Mr Lampard on 0427 732 622.

- The Ration Shed in Cherbourg will host a breakfast at 7am, followed by a service and unveiling of a new honour board at 8am.

- An Aboriginal Anzac Day dawn service will be held at the Collarenebri Aboriginal Burial Ground. People are asked to gather at 6am for a 6.15am start and there will be a breakfast afterwards.



Ray Finn represents the famous Australian Light Horse mounted troops at a recent Redfern Aboriginal Anzac Day commemoration.

- Today (April 22) the Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital Reconciliation Committee will hold a community event at the hospital. Proceedings will include a welcome to country, smoking ceremony, traditional dance performance, talks from local Elders, a possum skin cloak display and a turning of the sod ceremony for the Indigenous Healing

Garden. It begins at 11.30am at the memorial entrance to Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital, cnr Great Western Highway and Woodlands Road, Katoomba.

- Today (April 22) there will be a commemorative service at Taree High School, beginning at 10am. For more information call the school on (02) 6552 11 66.

on 0409 245 020 or email aado@oranaarts.com

Until April 30: Indigenous Fire and Rescue Employment Strategy (IFARES). Designed to identify intelligent, fit, healthy and community-minded Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait 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 Nanima 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 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.

Until May 10: *Sculpture Otherwise* exhibition. An exhibition of small sculptures by artists participating in *Sculpture at Scenic World*, featuring Daniel Beeron's

sculpture *Leaping Barramundi*. Held at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, 30 Parke St, Katoomba, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm and Sat-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 4780 5410 or visit www.bluemountainsculturalcentre.com.au

Until May 23: *Cosmology In Me* exhibition. Featuring works by artist Michael Philp, bringing together two bodies of work from different periods in his life. Includes a conversation with Philp on April 30

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from 5-6pm. Held at the Lismore Regional Gallery, 131 Molesworth St, Lismore on Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm, Thurs, 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6622 2209 or visit www.lismoregallery.org

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.

April 22: Blue Mountains Reconciliation Committee Anzac commemoration event. Includes a smoking ceremony, traditional dance performance, talks from local Elders and turning of the sod ceremony for the Indigenous Healing Garden. Held at the memorial entrance to Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital, Katoomba, from 11.30am-12pm. Free. Details: (02) 4734 1960.

April 22-24 and May 4 and 11: Aboriginal Disability Network NSW reforms information session. Sharing information about how to prepare for the new disability services reforms in NSW. Held at Gunnedah on April 22, Tamworth on April 23, Armidale on April 24, Werrington on May 4 and Ballina on May 11. Details: June or Dianne on (02) 8399 0881 or email enquiries@adnsw.org.au

April 23: Blak Markets pop-up shop launch. The pop-up shop is a social enterprise with proceeds going to First Hand Solutions community programs, focussing on Indigenous youth. Held at the pop-up shop, Surry Hills, from 6pm. Details: Peta Joy Williams on 0424 191 237.

April 25: Collarenebri Aboriginal Anzac Day dawn service. Commemorating the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli and to pay respect to all soldiers from the Collarenebri district. Held at the Aboriginal cemetery, Collarenebri, from 6.15am. Breakfast provided. Details from Joe Flick on 0418 427 664.

April 25: Redfern Anzac Day march and commemorative service. Honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women and those who served in non-military support roles. Assemble at Redfern Park then march to Prince Alfred Park, starting at 1.45pm. Details: Ebony Allen on 0423 064 154 or email ebonymallen@gmail.com

South Australia

Until May 16: *Tjukula Kuru Ala* exhibition. Part of a series of exhibitions, artist Lilly Ulah paints the Seven Sisters Waterholes at Kua Ala. Held at Tandanya National Cultural Institute, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide from Mon-Sat, 9am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or visit www.tandanya.com.au

Victoria

Until April 26: *Empty Coolamons* exhibition. Indigenous artist Robyne Latham brings recognition to the Stolen Generations in this art show. Held at Bunjilaka Gallery, Melbourne



Sydney Writers Festival guests Elaine Ohlsen, left, and Suzanne Hall from the Keewong Mob.

Festival Indigenous program released



THE Sydney Writers' Festival Indigenous program has been released. It includes *Yamakarra! Liza Kennedy and the Keewong Mob*, a book that

tells the stories and memories of a group of Ngiyampaa people of western NSW in their own voices, creating a history of people and place.

Historian Heather Goodall describes the book as 'a great new way to look seriously at history from a people's perspective'.

The storytellers of *Yamakarra! Liza Kennedy and the Keewong Mob* are featuring in two events for the Sydney Writers' Festival, at Varuna, the National Writers House, in Katoomba on Sunday, May 17. Suzanne Hall, Karin Donaldson, Elaine Ohlsen, Debbie Evans and Peter Thompson will have a conversation with Peter Bishop about writing

and publishing the book from 2pm.

The guests will then each share stories about reconnecting to country and culture.

Both events are free.

Suzanne Hall grew up in Wilcannia and other Darling River towns. She was taken from her family by the welfare system but returned as an adult. She is dedicated to community wellbeing, especially building safety and opportunities for women and children.

Elaine Ohlsen spent her childhood at Keewong. She now lives at Cobar, close to her ancestral lands. Ohlsen is active in the arts and in social justice issues. She writes poetry that is inspired by the places and people she loves. She also keeps in contact with her Keewong Mob, wherever they are.

More details on the festival, from May 18-24, at www.swf.org.au/program/indigenous

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 9: Entries open for 10th Victorian Indigenous Art Awards. Open to Victorian Aboriginal visual artists at all career stages, across all mediums. Conditions apply. Details: (03) 5320 5858 or visit www.indigenousartawards.com.au

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.

Until August 16: *Indigenous Art: Moving backwards into the future* exhibition. It will explore the past 130 years of Indigenous Australian history through the National Gallery of Victoria's Indigenous art collection. Held at The Ian Potter Centre, National Gallery of Victoria, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne on Tues-Sun, 10am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (03) 8320 222 or visit www.ngv.vic.gov.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 Place, South Brisbane, from 10.30-11.30am on the first Wed of each month. Free. Bookings: www.slq.eventbrite.com Details: (07) 3842 9061.

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 Bank, 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 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

April 30: Close the Gap Day in Toowoomba. The annual event is held to promote healthy lifestyles, and to 'close the gap' between Indigenous and other people. Features a special video message from NRL player Johnathan Thurston. Held at the Hume-Ridge Church, Hume St, Toowoomba from 11am-2pm. Free lunch. Details: Darling Downs South West Queensland Medicare Local on (07) 4688 2000

May 9: Weaving with Chantal Cook. Develop weaving skills and make woven creations. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library, Stanley Pl, South Brisbane from 3-5pm. Cost: \$22.50 a person. Bookings: www.slq.eventbrite.com. Details: (07) 3842 9061.

Western Australia

Ongoing: Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company Writers Group meeting for new and emerging playwrights. Held on the second Monday of the month at Yirra Yaakin, 65 Murray St, Perth, from 6.30-8.30pm. Details: Irma on (08) 9202 1966 or www.yirrayaakin.com.au

Until 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@thetHub.net.au

April 30: Epilepsy awareness seminar. The seminar provides information about epilepsy and seizure first aid, treatments and self-management strategies. Held at Lotteries House, 217 North Road, Albany, from 1-3pm. Free event. Details call 1300 37 45 37 or email epilepsy@epilepsy.org.au

Northern Territory

Until May 28: Applications open for the Bush Bands Bash. Organisers of the biggest celebration of Indigenous music in Central Australia are seeking applications from bush bands to perform at the 12th annual Bush Bands Bash. Indigenous bands from Central Desert communities are encouraged to apply. Details: (08) 8981 1995 or visit www.musicnt.com.au/BBB

Until June 26: *Art and Stories* exhibition. An exhibition by Patsy and Arthur Que Noy, who share their art and stories on their Daly River country in the Northern Territory. Held at Northern Territory Library, cnr Bennett and Mitchell St, Darwin, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm & Sat-Sun, 1-5pm. Free entry. Details: 1800 019 155.

Employment

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Hospitality students, back from left, Robyn Remfrey, Selina Zaro, John Dooley, Clay Van Ryt and Michael Tobane; middle, Briarne McLoughlin, Rachel Akee, Arcadia Luta-Cloudy, Sharnelle Craigie and Julian Jackson; and front, Matthew Sorbello, Nyoka Anderson, Samantha Layland, Pam Layland and Kerri Butteriss.

They're achieving

By ALF WILSON



ROBYN Remfrey, a Waramunga woman from Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory, has been one of the many success stories of the 12-month North Queensland Cowboys 'Dream, Believe, Achieve' hospitality program.

The employment program is being run in response to

lower-than-average numbers of Indigenous people employed in the hospitality industry.

It is providing 30 Indigenous participants with skills in a range of areas.

'Dream, Believe, Achieve' also provides individualised support by a North Queensland Cowboys Indigenous mentor as participants complete a Certificate III in Hospitality qualification through TAFE Queensland North and then move to paid work.

Students on the program include Rachel Akee, Nyoka Anderson, Courtney Brandon, Samantha Bong, Patricia Butler, Kerri Butteriss, Sharnelle Craigie, John Dooley, Julian Jackson, Pam Layland, Samantha Layland, Arcadia Luta-Cloudy, Briarne McLoughlin, Robyn Remfrey, Adam Smith, Matthew Sorbello, Michael Tobane, Clay Van Ryt, Elaine Watson and Selina Zaro.

Ms Remfrey had a tough upbringing, and from age 13

she worked at the Tennant Creek Hotel to help support her education.

In her younger adult days, she won several 'tough lady' contests.

Now a mother of four children aged 10 to 22, she says she grew up suffering from low self-esteem.

She says her life has been filled with ups and down, but foremost in her mind has been to ensure that her children have all she missed out on.

"Training has seen me regain my confidence and I am eager to find employment. My message is to stay strong, stay deadly and believe in yourself," Ms Remfrey said.

Students from the program showed their new-found hospitality skills to prospective employers and program partners at a dinner this month in the George Coates Restaurant at TAFE Queensland North in the Townsville suburb of Pimlico.

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Justice
Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker (Identified)

Clerk Grade 6/7
Juvenile Justice Community Services

- **Ongoing Full-Time**
- **Glen Innes**
- **Salary Range – \$80,997 pa – \$88,435 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading**

Role Description:

Front line delivery functions of a community office, providing a quality range of externally and internally sourced services to youth justice conferencing clients, victims of crime, court mandated young people and their families, as part of a multi-disciplined team.

The primary focus is to discourage young people from re-offending and enhance their functioning and reintegration into their families and the community.

Aboriginal Identified, "An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. An acceptable form of documented verification is a Confirmation of Aboriginality letter, provided to you by a local Aboriginal organisation, which includes a common seal from that organisation."

To apply, please visit jobs.nsw.gov.au Reference: 00003KJH

Enquiries: Graham Smith on (02) 6732 8205

Closing date: 3 May 2015

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Aboriginal Field Officer

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement has an exciting opportunity for a motivated person to become part of their team as an Aboriginal Field Officer.

Primary focus of this position is to provide support and para-legal advice to Aboriginal people who are detained in police or prison custody, or who have attended court.

The successful applicant must have a sound understanding of the diversity of Aboriginal Communities in Sth Australia and have excellent written and communication skills.

Full position description and selection criteria is available at: www.alrm.org.au

**For further information please contact
Rob Gillespie on 08 81133724**



Please submit applications to
elizabethb@alrm.org.au

**Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. is
an exempt employer for Aboriginal people.**

Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board (the Board) was established by the Minister for Environment to develop a Joint Management Plan (JMP) for Barmah National Park (BNP). The key role of the Board, as set out in the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Agreement (the Agreement), is:

"To enable the knowledge and culture of the Yorta Yorta people to be recognised and incorporated into the management of Barmah National Park through the carrying out by the Board of its functions, powers and duties."

The Board is made up of 11 Board Members six Yorta Yorta and five general members. The board wishes to employ a

Full-time Senior Planning Officer (SPO)

to undertake the work needed to satisfactorily complete a Draft JMP. This would be consistent with the legislative and contractual processes outlined under the Conservation, Forest and Lands Act 1987 and the Agreement. The SPO will work with Traditional Owners and relevant stakeholders, make recommendations, work to align parties on key aspects, and synthesise a coherent JMP.

The ideal applicant would possess attributes such as the following; respect Yorta Yorta people, knowledge and customs; ability to navigate and negotiate complex issues in a dynamic legislative environment.

Commencing in May 2015 the role will be full-time under the Clerks Private Sector Award 2010 (MA 000002). Salary range between \$78,908 – \$87,189 commensurate with experience and for a two year term.

This is an "Indigenous Only" role under Special Measures under Section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

For all enquiries or to obtain a Position Description please email Mr Timothy Born, YYNAC HR Manager at tim.b@ynnac.com.au or phone enquiries on (03) 5832 0222.

Applications must address the Position Description and Key Selection Criteria. **Applications Close: 5pm, Monday, 11 May 2015 (AEDT).**



Foundation of Rehabilitation with Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties Aboriginal Corporation

FORWAARD Aboriginal Corporation is a not for profit organisation providing a residential rehabilitation program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with alcohol or other substance misuse problems.

We are looking for suitably experienced and qualified individuals to fill these positions.

Applicants must demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and have an understanding of their culture, values and life styles.

Applicants will be required to undergo a criminal history check and Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

(2 YEAR Employment Contract)

Salary \$95,000 per annum

(plus – salary packaging, fuel allowance
and mobile phone)

This position is responsible for the management and leadership of FORWAARD through coordination, strategic planning and the development of the organisation whilst driving growth through a strategic business focus whilst maintaining full accountability to FORWAARDs Board of Directors.

**Applications close COB:
Sunday 3 May 2015**

CLIENT SERVICES MANAGER

Salary - \$70,000 per annum

As part of FORWAARD's Alcohol and Other Drug Residential Program, the Client Service Manager will manage and lead the treatment team in service delivery and implementation of alcohol and other drug programs through the continuum of client care.

You must have demonstrated extensive experience in the management of diverse teams and program delivery.

FORWAARD Aboriginal Corporation offers 4 weeks annual leave, salary packaging and a friendly work environment.

**Applications close COB:
Sunday 3 May 2015**

For a copy of the Position Description please phone 08 89236666 or email:
admin@forwaard.com.au

To apply, please address the selection criteria and email, with your CV, to:
admin@forwaard.com.au or post to: GPO Box 966, Darwin NT 0801

"Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply"

Department of Justice & Regulation

Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer



- **Make a difference in the Koori community**
- **Full-time, ongoing position, based in Shepparton**
- **Salary range \$59,656 - \$72,434 plus superannuation**

A great opportunity exists for a motivated individual with a keen interest in Aboriginal welfare to join our team in this fantastic role as Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

Working across the Hume Region, the Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer assists in establishing and coordinating services to help Koori community members address their outstanding infringement obligations.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders, both verbally and in writing
- a good knowledge and understanding of the Koori community and the issues affecting it.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming information sessions being held at 1pm and 6pm on Wednesday 29 April and Wednesday 6 May at the Shepparton Justice Service Centre, 307 - 331 Wyndham Street, Shepparton.

For further information, please contact Craig Grant - Regional Manager, Sheriff's Operations, on 0418 530 176.

To submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Sunday 17 May 2015.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Recruitment

Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Worker

(Aboriginal Identified Position)

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorized by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997, as amended.

Our client based in Albury is a well respected Aboriginal community controlled health organisation. They are currently seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Worker.

This position will be responsible for promoting a client focused approach to engaging with clients affected by alcohol and other drug use issues.

The position will promote the empowerment of clients by ensuring that alcohol and other drugs programs and services are delivered from a holistic perspective, within the principles and goals of primary health care. It will build productive and meaningful relationships with mainstream health providers who deliver alcohol and other drug programs and services.

The successful candidate will have Certificate IV AOD or working towards and/or previous experience working in the role of Drug and Alcohol worker.

Prior experience dealing with Aboriginal people and their families who have experienced alcohol and drug issues would be an advantage. As would the ability to communicate effectively with the local Aboriginal community in a non discriminative and professional manner.

Attractive salary and work conditions apply to this interesting and rewarding position.

To apply, please visit:

www.mppersonnel.com.au

Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
admin@mppersonnel.com.au
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

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Official Visitor Corrective Services NSW and Juvenile Justice NSW

Official Visitors are appointed by the responsible Minister to facilitate the resolution of complaints and enquiries made by inmates and staff at correctional facilities, and to monitor the welfare and treatment of young people in juvenile justice centres throughout NSW. Applications are invited for the next appointment period. Successful applicants will be assigned to a specific facility from 1 October 2015 up to 30 September 2017.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, and people from all cultural backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must request an application package. Please specify whether you wish to apply for a position at an adult correctional centre, or a juvenile justice centre. You may apply for both.

Application packages can be obtained by contacting Ms Jennifer Turner by email at Jennifer_Turner@agd.nsw.gov.au or on telephone (02) 8061 9306.

Closing Date: 10 May 2015

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people do
great things



Advanced Health Worker (Sexual Health)

Permanent full time position.

Duties / Abilities: Improve sexual health service provision within the indigenous community; including collaboration with other health services (government and non-government) to plan sexual health programs as well as within the multidisciplinary team to provide quality sexual health care including health promotion, education and public health intervention (preventative and remedial) strategies to both individuals and the community. *Extensive travel* may be required including possible short term assignments to Ingham, Palm Island, Magnetic Island, Charters Towers, Ayr, Home Hill, Hughenden, Richmond and Mount Isa.

Enquiries: Rose Gordon (07) 4433 9600.

Job Ad Reference: TV168112.

Advanced Health Worker (Corrections)

Temporary position from June 2015 up to May 2016.

Duties / Abilities: Enhance the health and wellbeing of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander offenders, in both correctional and youth detention centres, through the provision of high quality, accountable and culturally appropriate services focussed on sexual health. Unit/ Location: Sexual Health Services, Health and Wellbeing Service Group, Townsville, Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

Enquiries: Angela Cooper (07) 4433 9600.

Job Ad Reference: TV168742.

Unit/Location: Sexual Health Services, Health and Wellbeing Service Group, Townsville, Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

Salary Details: *Remuneration value up to \$69 122 p.a., comprising salary between \$55 247 to \$60 582 p.a., or \$2 117.60 - \$2 322.10 p.f., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004).*

Position Requirements:

- Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care is mandatory for appointment at the HW004 level. Proof of qualification will be required prior to commencement of duties.
- Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.
- Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Application Kit:

www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au
or (07) 4750 6776.

Closing Date: Monday, 4 May 2015
(applications will remain current for 12 months).

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Justice
Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker

Clerk Grade 6/7
Juvenile Justice Community Services

- Ongoing Full-Time
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- Salary Range – \$80,997 pa – \$88,435 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Role Description:

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To apply, please visit jobs.nsw.gov.au

Reference: 00003KHQ

Enquiries: Bernadette Terry on (02) 6752 3415

Closing Date: 3 May 2015

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Justice
Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 6/7
Juvenile Justice Community Office

- Ongoing Full-Time
- Location – Maitland and Newcastle
- Salary Range – \$80,997 pa – \$88,435 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Role Description:

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To apply, please visit jobs.nsw.gov.au

Reference: 00003KIJ

Enquiries: Pauline Holme on (02) 4902 8600

Closing Date: 3 May 2015

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Danila Dilba
Health Service

Career Opportunity

Danila Dilba Health Service is going through a dynamic period of expansion, growth and review and currently has the following vacancies.

Communicare Officer

Total Salary: \$99,848 - \$107,005*

The Communicare Officer has a key supportive role to maximize data integrity in Communicare as the foundation for DDHS's quality improvement strategy. The Communicare Officer will work in a collaborative manner to enhance processes and pathways in Communicare looking to maintain a flexible, responsive and efficient PIRS to meet the needs of frontline service delivery.

Additionally, the Communicare Officer will work in collaboration with Clinical and Community services undertaking a significant staff training role to support clinical best practice.

We offer:

- ✓ Attractive salary with salary packaging benefits
- ✓ Six weeks annual leave
- ✓ Flexible hours
- ✓ Training and development

*(Note: Total salary includes leave loading, and superannuation)

Applications Close: 4th May 2015

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Danila Dilba Health Service is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation that provides comprehensive, high-quality primary health care and community services to Biluru (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people in Yilli Kreung (greater Darwin) region.

Details: daniladilba.org.au

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SCHOOLS of SA

Please visit www.hender.com.au for more details and application instructions. For further information on our client please visit www.ais.sa.edu.au.

Applications close Wednesday 29 April 2015. Telephone enquiries are welcome and may be directed to Bernie Dyer at Hender Consulting on (08) 8100 8849.



MULTI-SKILLED PRACTITIONER

- Permanent Part Time role (22.5 hours per week)
- Dubbo Location
- \$40,411.80pa (\$34.54ph) + salary packaging + 9.5% super

Interrelate is a not-for-profit community based organisation providing relationship services for individuals, couples and families. We are currently seeking a dedicated and experienced Multi Skilled Practitioner to join our Dubbo Relationship Services Centre. The Relationship Services Centre offers a variety of services to our clients including counselling for families, couples, individuals and children and group relationship support programs. This position is responsible to conduct counselling sessions with clients as well as conduct group seminars & presentations, conduct child consultations and facilitate case planning processes.

Key Criteria:

- Quals in behavioural or social science and/or counselling
- Specific expertise in one or more areas of clinical work (e.g. counselling, dispute resolution, relationship education, children's services, men's programs, family law)
- Experience working with men and counselling couples, families and children; along with proven knowledge of child development, child protection, mandatory reporting, suicide prevention/ intervention and family violence issues
- Demonstrated skills in casework with families experiencing conflict, including developing, implementing and supporting case plans whilst upholding the best interests of the children
- Experience in group work (desirable)

We offer:

- Great salary packaging options
- Extra days of paid leave
- Committed training and development opportunities
- High level of diversity in role
- Excellent working environment

To apply view full details on our website at www.interrelate.org.au and click on "Careers"

Applications close: 5pm, Friday 1 May 2015

Interrelate services are funded by the Australian Government and as such all positions require satisfactory completion of a National Police Check and clearance of a NSW Working with Children check.

www.interrelate.org.au



Danila Dilba
Health Service

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Danila Dilba Health Service is going through a dynamic period of expansion, growth and review and currently has the following vacancy.

ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER

Total Salary: \$65,168 - \$71,245*

Danila Dilba Health Service has an "Aboriginal Health Practitioner First" policy. This means that all clients at our clinics see an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner (ATSIHP) before they see a doctor. This is important, because as well as being medically trained ATSIHPs know their communities and help make clients feel more comfortable, and get the most helpful information from them to give to the doctors.

ATSIHPs can also help explain about medicines, treatments, tests and visits to specialists.

ATSIHPs participate in the provision of comprehensive primary health care to the Indigenous people of the greater Darwin area. They also provide a support role to other health practitioners both within the organisation and the community. They are crucial to maintaining cultural integrity and advocate strongly for our clients.

(*Total salary includes leave loading, and superannuation)

We offer:

- ✓ Attractive salary with salary packaging benefits
- ✓ Six weeks annual leave
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- ✓ Training and development

Applications Close: 11th May 2015

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Details: daniladilba.org.au



Project Officer - Indigenous Employment

Part Time Fixed Term for 5 months, The Royal Melbourne Hospital City Campus

In this unique role, we are seeking someone with enthusiasm and experience to join our team and support Melbourne Health to enhance opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, students and candidates through the implementation of the Melbourne Health Aboriginal Employment Plan.

Essential

Ability to make sound recommendations and experience in developing and implementing tools and initiatives to enhance recruitment and retention of Indigenous Australians in the workplace.

About us

Melbourne Health is Victoria's second largest public health service. We provide comprehensive acute, sub-acute, general, specialist medical and mental health services through both inpatient and community based facilities through the following services: The Royal Melbourne Hospital – City Campus, The Royal Melbourne Hospital – Royal Park Campus, NorthWestern Mental Health, RMH Kidney Care Service and Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory.

This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the public health sector and partner with Australian Indigenous communities.

View position description and submit your application ONLINE: www.mh.org.au Click on Careers/Job Search, go directly to vacancy via Search function and enter Ref No. 19477

Contact: Marie O'Dell on 9342 8055



Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

POLICY ROLES WITHIN THE ROYAL COMMISSION

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is inquiring into how institutions with a responsibility for children have managed and responded to allegations and instances of child sexual abuse. It investigates where systems have failed to protect children and will make recommendations on how to improve laws, policies and practices to prevent and better respond to child sexual abuse in institutions.

Positions at all classification levels are available within the policy section of the Commission. These teams are primarily responsible for the delivery of policy solutions and recommendations to the Commissioners and Executive on systemic issues identified by the Royal Commission. The teams analyse and synthesise information gathered by the Royal Commission, design and implement strategies to meet information gaps, design policy solutions from an evidence base, and develop options for Royal Commission recommendations.

To obtain a position description and more information about eligibility requirements, please contact humanresources@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au.

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Customer Service Representative

PoliceLink, Lithgow
Clerk Grade 1/2

(Aboriginal targeted position)

Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003IUI – Permanent Full-Time

Salary Package: \$68,687. **Salary:** \$57,256 – \$62,245. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Customer Service Representatives provide customer service by answering emergency Triple Zero (000) and non-emergency (131 444, Crime Stoppers, Customer Assistance Unit, Special Operation) calls and providing accurate, timely information to police as well as providing information and advice to customers on a range of police issues.

Job Notes:

- Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- Applicants **must** obtain an information package via the following link – www.randstad.com.au/jobseekers/resource-centre/polcelink-information-package
- If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package, please contact the Enquiries Officer – Belinda McBrearty on (02) 4032 7356 or via email: nswpolice@randstad.com.au
- Applicants **must** then undertake an initial call centre simulation test.
- Suitable applicants will then participate in a preliminary interview.
- Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an Assessment Centre.
- Successful applicants will need to be committed to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - 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; and
 - Attach an up to date resume to your application.
- To be eligible to apply for this position, you must identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Enquiries: Belinda McBrearty, on (02) 4032 7356 or email nswpolice@randstad.com.au

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00003IUI.

Closing date: Sunday 3 May 2015

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Education & Communities
Aboriginal Affairs



New Directions for Aboriginal Affairs

Aboriginal Affairs is the NSW Government agency that brings together the full range of Aboriginal peoples social, economic and cultural interests, to achieve improved wellbeing of Aboriginal communities.

We are embarking on a new and exciting period of change, supporting Aboriginal communities to leverage and enhance their leadership capacity, assets and resources, culture and knowledge to create *opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment*.

Following extensive recruitment in 2014, Aboriginal Affairs is again seeking talented, energetic, innovative and experienced Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to join our team of dedicated professionals.

Opportunities are now available to apply for a number of new roles:

- Sydney CBD (Surry Hills) roles include Principal Project Officer and Senior Project Officers across the range of functions.
- Regional NSW based Senior Project Officer and Project Officer roles in various locations, including Sydney, Coffs Harbour, Batemans Bay, Dubbo and Broken Hill. These are identified roles to be filled by an Aboriginal person.

To find out more go to www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au. To view the full job descriptions and to apply online, please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

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POSITION VACANT

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS WORKER

Orana Haven has a vacancy for permanent Alcohol and Other Drugs Worker to provide A&OD group facilitation, Case Management, guidance and mentoring to adults engaged in a residential Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Program.

Successful applicants will be people whose conduct models the aims and objectives of the service which include positive behaviours and beliefs, respect (for self and others), independent living skills and a sober/clean lifestyle.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum 12 months experience as A&OD Worker in a Residential Rehabilitation Service.
- Previous experience in case management.
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate A&OD groups.
- Previous experience with data entry on the Communicare system.
- Minimum LR licence.
- Applicants for the position will be required to undertake National Criminal Checks.

Please send a resume to Norm Henderson, Manager
email: normhenderson@oranahaven.com.au

For further information phone Norm Henderson on 02 6874 4983.

Closing date: 30th April 2015.



Health

South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Physiotherapy Assistant (Technical Assistant Grade 1)

Ref: 242967 – Permanent Full-Time
at Macarthur
Salary: \$46,486 – \$48,495 pa
Enq: Stephen Woolley (02) 4634 3888

Administrative Officer Level 2

Ref: 228291 – Permanent Full-Time
at Liverpool
Salary: \$49,168 – \$50,900 pa
Enq: Shakun Kishore (02) 8738 3456

Cleaner (Hospital Assistant Grade 2)

Ref: 244239 – Permanent Full/Part-Time
at Bankstown
Salary: \$22.15 ph
Enq: Peter Thomas (02) 9722 7346

Admissions Officer (Administrative Officer Level 2)

Ref: 244104 – Permanent Full-Time
at Liverpool
Salary: \$49,168 – \$50,900 pa
Enq: Jamie Wheeler (02) 8738 3856

Occupational Therapy Assistant (Technical Assistant Grade 1)

Ref: 243294 – Permanent Full-Time
at Macarthur
Salary: \$46,486 – \$48,495 pa
Enq: Deanna Aplitt (02) 4634 3501

Admissions Officer (Administrative Officer Level 2)

Ref: 244170 – Temporary Part-Time
up to 32hpw at Liverpool
Salary: \$24.79 – \$25.67 ph
Enq: Jamie Wheeler (02) 8738 3856

Administrative Officer Level 2

Ref: 245505 – Permanent Full-Time
at Liverpool
Salary: \$49,168 – \$50,900 pa
Enq: Maree Cain (02) 8738 9838

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Bungree Aboriginal Association
Intensive Family Based Services Tuggerah

POSITION VACANT

Manager

Overview of Position:

The position holder will lead and manage case workers, ensuring that appropriate and effective case planning is undertaken; Maintain relationships with funding bodies and stakeholders. Provide practical, supportive and specialist information/support to caseworkers so they are able to address critical child protection issues. The successful candidate will possess thorough Child Protection knowledge and experience. A thorough knowledge of the Local Aboriginal community as well as demonstrated Management experience and knowledge within the community welfare sector.

This is an identified position under section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Learn More:

For further information & to obtain an employment package Please contact Bungree Aboriginal Association 02 4350 0100.

Applicants must obtain an employment pack, complete all relevant paperwork and address the selection criteria.

Enquires: Suzanne Naden on (02) 43 500 100 or email: suzanne.naden@bungree.org.au

Closing Date: Friday 1st May 2015 COB: 4.30pm

MERCY HEALTH:
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Health Services

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Permanent part time position 0.6EFT

Werribee Mercy Hospital

We have an opportunity within our Health Services Division for a committed and experienced Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer with Health Industry experience. Please see full advertisement on our careers website for more details.

To be a successful candidate, you must meet the position requirements as well as provide a current Police Record check and Working With Children Check.

Job Ref No: WMH 0120

Enquiries to: Liz Murdoch,
Program Director, Allied Health,
Ambulatory and Community
Services

Ph: 8754 3206

Applications close:
8 May 2015

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Health

Western NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker (Immunisation)

Classification: Health Education Officer

Graduate / Non-Graduate

Salary: \$918.40 to \$1,566.40 pw

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Location: Site negotiable

Enquiries: Carole Gander, (02) 6841 2260

Email: carole.gander@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference Number: 246472

Closing Date: 3 May 2015

Visit our employment website which will give you a taste of the career and lifestyle opportunities the Western NSW Local Health District offers.

Please apply online by visiting:
ynotmakeityou.com.au
(click on **Our Vacancies**)

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice

CAREERS AT CSU

Student Liaison Officer (Indigenous)

- Full Time, Continuing
- Level 6 - \$70,014 to \$75,805 p.a. (plus 17% Superannuation)
- Dubbo

Staff in the Office for Students work collaboratively with Faculties and Divisions to enhance students' University experience. We recognise that successful transition into University depends upon an holistic approach involving academic and social integration. Through inclusive practices we build aspiration levels for Higher Education, enhance participation in chosen courses of study and enable people to make smooth transitions into University and into the workforce.

The Indigenous Student Centres 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 Centres engage with all Indigenous students, irrespective of their mode of study (i.e. distance, blended, on campus).

The Office for Students are seeking an Indigenous Australian to fill the role of Student Liaison Officer on the Dubbo campus. Under the direction of the Manager, Indigenous Student Centres, you will be responsible for the implementation and evaluation of a range of services, provided in an inclusive and holistic approach, to enhance student experience.

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: 30 April 2015

www.csu.edu.au/jobs

Charles Sturt
University



**Finance
& Services**

CREATE CHANGE

Change is something we know a lot about at the Department of Finance and Services (DFS). With over 6,000 people working at DFS, our employees have an impact on some of the biggest decisions made in New South Wales. If you've got the drive and capability, then there are a huge range of opportunities waiting. And it all starts right here.

ABORIGINAL

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

- Clerk Grade 3/4 (Salary up to \$77,691 pa)
- Temporary Position (12 Months)
- Paramatta, NSW Fair Trading

The main focus of this role is to provide quality services, information and assistance to the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community, clients and businesses on a wide range of matters. You will be required to assist customers in the lodgement of documents, correspondence and complaints and/or resolution of issues, including those requiring complex analysis and highly specialised knowledge.

Job Reference 00003JEX

All positions will be advertised through JobsNSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) which will detail application requirements and timeframes.

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NORTHEAST HEALTH WANGARATTA

► **PROJECT OFFICER**
Aboriginal Employment Plan
 Temporary 11 May - 13 December 2015
 32 hours/fortnight, Ref No: 15/21
Contact: Jacqui Verdon (03) 5722 5411
Closing Date: 24 April 2015

The successful applicant will have undergone a WWIC & police check. For further details including a position description visit:

www.nhw.hume.org.au

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.

UnitingCare Ageing

AGED CARE TRAINEESHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Work with us and make a difference

UnitingCare Ageing is a culturally diverse and inclusive employer, committed to increasing employment opportunities and supporting career pathways for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people, as detailed in our Reconciliation Action Plan.

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Is a traineeship right for you?

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- Able to meet the requirements of a criminal history check as per Aged Care Act 1997

If you would like to know more about our Aged Care traineeships or if you are interested in applying, please come along to our Information Day:

Friday, 1 May 2015, from 10.00am - 11.30am
 UnitingCare Ageing Hunter Area Office
 7 Myall Road, Garden Suburb 2289

To register your attendance at the Information Day please contact:

- Fiona McLean, Aboriginal Engagement and Diversity Manager, UnitingCare Ageing on 0418 783 490 or fmclean@unitingcarenswwact.org.au; or
- Coleen Cook, Real Futures on 0423 688 108 or Colleen@realfutures.net

REAL FUTURES

NSW GOVERNMENT Justice

Aboriginal Client & Community Support Officer, Aboriginal Services

- Ongoing full-time
- Kempsey
- Clerk Grade 3/4, Salary (\$64,008 - \$70,087), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Provide project support and effective customer service to Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal clients attending court.

Reference number: 00003J9T

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, 4 May 2015 (11.59pm)
 Contact: Victor Darcy (02) 6562 5095, 0428 130 632 or email: victor_darcy@agd.nsw.gov.au

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CORPORATE STRATEGY AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT DEPARTMENT

PROJECT OFFICER

\$59,656 - \$72,434 + 9.5% SUPERANNUATION + LEAVE LOADING
FULL TIME, ONGOING ROLE
PRIORITY COMMUNITIES DIVISION

About the role:
 As the successful applicant you will participate on a range of projects including the analysis and assessment on issues and development of options, some of your duties will include:

- Providing high level of administrative support
- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with internal and external stakeholders
- Provide high level of customer service
- Assist in arranging and participating in meetings and conferences

Skills & experience:
 As the successful applicant, you will have:

- Well developed conceptual, research and analytical skills
- Advanced Microsoft Office and computer skills
- Well developed interpersonal skills
- Good organisational skills

If you would like to apply for this role please visit the Careers with the Victorian Government website: www.careers.vic.gov.au and search by entering reference: 20017211. There you will find the full position description attached, contact details and directions on how to apply for this role.

Closing date for applications is midnight, Tuesday 5th May 2015.

NSW GOVERNMENT Justice

Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker (Aboriginal Identified)
Clerk Grade 6/7
Juvenile Justice Community Office

- Ongoing Full-Time
- Taree
- Salary Range - \$80,997 pa - \$88,435 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Role Description:
 Front line delivery functions of a community office, providing a quality range of externally and internally sourced services to youth justice conferencing clients, victims of crime, court mandated young people and their families, as part of a multi-disciplined team.

The primary focus is to discourage young people from re-offending and enhance their functioning and reintegration into their families and the community.

Aboriginal Identified, "An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. An acceptable form of documented verification is a Confirmation of Aboriginality letter, provided to you by a local Aboriginal organisation, which includes a common seal from that organisation."

To apply, please visit jobs.nsw.gov.au
Reference: 00003KM1

Enquiries: Gary Dennes on 0428 409 050
Closing Date: 3 May 2015

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BADANAMI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
FULL-TIME, ONGOING POSITIONS

This is an identified position and applicants must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

The Badanami Centre at the University of Western Sydney is committed to providing higher education opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and contributing to the process of reconciliation as an education centre which shares with the Australian community, the cultures, languages, history and contemporary experiences of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

An opportunity exists for an experienced and dedicated Badanami Centre Co-ordinator, Academic Literacy and Learning Advisors and Torres Strait Islander Student Information Officers to join the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education.

Badanami Centre Co-ordinator
 PARRAMATTA OR PENRITH CAMPUS REF NO. 567/15

As the Badanami Centre Co-ordinator, you will lead and supervise staff within the Centre and be responsible in making sure that assistance is provided for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. You will be working closely with Schools, Divisional Units, senior management of UWS and the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community.

You have experience in coordinating professional staff, monitoring and operating within budgets, providing high level advice, problem solving skills and managing conflicting priorities, attention to detail and the ability to interpret, monitor and implement policy and funding guidelines. You should also have experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Communities.

Remuneration Package: Higher Education Worker Level 8 \$104,145 to \$115,611 per annum (comprising Salary \$88,004 to \$97,693 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

Closing Date: 5 May 2015

Academic Literacy and Learning Advisors (2 Positions Available)
 KINGSWOOD CAMPUS REF NO. 587/15
 CAMPBELLTOWN CAMPUS REF NO. 588/15

As the Badanami Academic Literacy and Learning Advisor, you will provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students: identifying academic literacy and tutoring needs, including within the ITAS program; designing workshops and embedded curriculum support; and ensuring standards and quality of tutoring. You will be working with the Badanami Centre Coordinator and School Course Advisors, as well as senior management of UWS to identify strategies for academic literacy support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

To be successful in this role, you have the ability to design, organise, and deliver academic literacy programs and resources online and face-to-face. You also have strong administration skills, the ability to work under tight deadlines, experience in multi-tasking and are comfortable with working independently and within an academic team environment. You should also have experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Communities.

Remuneration Package: Higher Education Worker Level 7 \$ to \$93,226 to \$100,593 per annum (comprising Salary \$78,777 to \$85,002 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

Closing Date: 17 May 2015

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Information Officers (5 Positions Available)
 BANKSTOWN CAMPUS REF 590/15
 CAMPBELLTOWN CAMPUS REF 592/15
 HAWKESBURY CAMPUS REF 593/15
 PARRAMATTA CAMPUS REF 591/15
 PENRITH CAMPUS REF 594/15

As the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Information Officer, you will provide efficient customer service and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. You will liaise with Badanami staff, UWS Schools and Divisions and work closely with other Student Support Service staff in supporting new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through the transitional stage of adjusting to University and academic culture, and their degree progression.

To be successful in this role, you have high levels of discretion and integrity, experience and commitment to providing excellent customer service, well-developed communication and computer literacy skills, ability to work under tight deadlines and are strong in multi-tasking.

Remuneration Package: Higher Education Worker Level 5 \$74,115 to \$83,943 per annum (comprising Salary \$62,628 to \$70,933 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

Closing Date: 24 May 2015

Position Enquiries for All Positions: Associate Professor Bronwyn Cole, Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education - Arts) on (02) 9772 6705 or email b.cole@uws.edu.au

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Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation

Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation (Ironbark) is a not-for-profit organisation based in Darwin, NT. The organisation was established in 2000 following extensive consultation with Indigenous Organisations and communities in the broader Darwin area. From these discussions, a unique governance model was developed with representation and participation based on regional community organisations.

Ironbark has grown markedly over the years, developing from a small Community Development and Employment Program (CDEP) entity to a medium sized service provider. Ironbark successfully delivers community, employment and enterprise programs to urban, regional and remote communities throughout the greater Darwin/Daly Region of the Northern Territory.

Current program delivery encompasses Remote Jobs & Communities Program, Job Services Australia, Indigenous Community Links and Aboriginal Bush Traders.

Chief Executive Officer Position

The CEO reports directly to the Directors of Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation and is responsible for the management and leadership of functions within Ironbark including governance, leadership, relationships, strategic planning, resource management and business development.

The CEO will provide leadership and performance management at a senior level in a multi-disciplinary environment. This will, in part, be achieved by creating and implementing effective strategic plans and developing and implementing systems to improve performance and rectify concerns. Preparation of budgets with financial oversight and identifying and developing business opportunities and tendering for government and related contracts also forms a key component of the role.

How to apply

To obtain the selection documentation for the position, please request a copy of the Applicant's Job Pack by email: ora@oric.gov.au. Should you wish to discuss the role in detail, please phone the Corporation's contact Shaun Fowler on 0409 085 186 or email ceo@ironbark.org.au

Applications close: 3 May 2015

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Justice

Manager Projects and Research, Aboriginal Services

- Ongoing Full-Time
- Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 9/10 \$119,556. Package includes salary (\$97,883 - \$107,863) employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Lead the development of research, projects and initiatives aimed at improving services to Aboriginal people and reducing crime and offending in Aboriginal communities.

Reference number 00003L6M

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, 4 May 2015 (11.59pm)

Contact: Edwina Crawford (02) 8688 8040

edwina_crawford@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003KB9

Closing Date: Sunday, 3 May 2015

Enquiries: Toni Cooper on (02) 9219 6316

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Bungree Aboriginal Association
Intensive Family Based Services Tuggerah
POSITION VACANT

Caseworker x 2

Overview of Position:

The position holder will work as a member of a cooperative team in order to provide practical, supportive and specialist intervention to parents and child/ren to address critical child protection issues. The successful candidate will possess knowledge and experience of the Local Aboriginal community, demonstrated experience and comprehensive knowledge within the community welfare sector.

This is an identified position under section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Learn More:

For further information & to obtain an employment package Please contact Bungree Aboriginal Association 02 4350 0100.

Applicants must obtain an employment pack, complete all relevant paperwork and address the selection criteria.

Enquires: Suzanne Naden on (02) 43 500 100 or email: suzanne.naden@bungree.org.au

Closing Date: Friday 1st May 2015 COB: 4.30pm



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Wait List Clerk

Newcastle

Enquiries: Leea Jones, (02) 4985 5486

Reference ID: 248976

Closing Date: 29 April 2015

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer

Manning Rural Referral Hospital, Taree

Enquiries: Sue Arber, (02) 6592 9318

Reference ID: 247504

Closing Date: 3 May 2015

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Secretary for Geriatrician

Taree Aged Care

Enquiries: Jo Varley, (02) 6515 1802

Reference ID: 247683

Closing Date: 6 May 2015

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Public Health Nutritionist

Population Health, Planning and Performance, Wallsend/Tamworth

Enquiries: Karen Gillham, (02) 4924 6241

Reference ID: 247550

Closing Date: 10 May 2015

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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BIRRIAH NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP URGENT NOTICE of NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

The Birriah People filed an amended native title determination application (QUD 6244/1998) in the Federal Court of Australia ("the Amended Birriah Native Title Claim") on 30 January 2015. In order for the Amended Birriah Native Title Claim to pass the registration test administered by the NNTT, a further amendment of the Native Title Claim must be URGENTLY made.

As a result, an **URGENT** meeting of the Amended Birriah Native Title Claim Group is proposed to be held.

THE AMENDED BIRRIAH NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP is currently described as the descendants of the following people:

The biological or adopted descendants of:

- Jinnie Tiers;
- *Kuburu*, the father of Billy Lightning *Banbari*;
- Rosie Schilling;
- Peggy Barker;
- Sambo Callaghan;
- Tommy Dodd or Tommy Morgan;
- the mother of Lizzie Limburner.

Meeting 1 – Meeting of the Amended Birriah Native Title Claim Group

This notice invites all members of the Amended Birriah Native Title Claim Group (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and date below:

Date of Meeting: **Saturday 2 May 2015.**
Venue of Meeting: **Ibis Hotel**
12 – 14 Palmer Street, Townsville, Qld
Time of Meeting: **Registration – 11.30 am**
Meeting Commences – 12 noon

The purpose of the meeting is to decide whether the description of the Amended Birriah Native Title Claim Group should be further amended. It is proposed that the Amended Birriah Native Title Claim

Group be re-formulated TO ADD the biological and adopted descendants of **JOHN SMALLWOOD**. If that were done, the claim group would become the following:

The biological or adopted descendants of:

- Jinnie Tiers;
- *Kuburu*, the father of Billy Lightning *Banbari*;
- Rosie Schilling;
- Peggy Barker;
- Sambo Callaghan;
- Tommy Dodd or Tommy Morgan;
- the mother of Lizzie Limburner;
- John Smallwood.

This is a very important meeting as the claim group description will govern who will be entitled to exercise native title rights and interests in the claim area if a determination of Native Title is made.

Meeting 2 - Meeting of the reformulated Birriah Native Title Claim Group

If a decision is made to further amend the description of the Amended Birriah Native Title Claim Group a further meeting of the re-formulated claim group will be held immediately following Meeting 1 for the purpose of authorising an Applicant to deal with all matters arising in relation to the Native Title Claim.

TAKE NOTICE THAT the biological and adopted descendants of **JOHN SMALLWOOD** will be entitled to vote at Meeting 2 (if it proceeds).

Note: If the proposed amendments to the description of the amended native title claim group are authorised at Meeting 1, then only persons who fall within the re-formulated claim group description may participate in Meeting 2.

To register for the meeting, call Birriah Limited on 0407 377 441 or email birricomm@gmail.com.

Registrations must be received no later than **Friday 24 April 2015** and should clearly set out your name, contact details and your Birriah ancestor. Due to the unexpected and URGENT nature of this meeting, extremely tight budgetary limitations apply. Limited travel assistance will only be made available upon satisfying eligibility criteria – please contact Birriah Limited for further details.

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
REGULATED MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER
WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ROSELLA SUB TC PTY LTD** for 1 x 660 mm pump and 1 x 500 mm pump on the Murrumbidgee River, at/adjacent to Lot 2//594842 Parish of Coonoon, County of Waradgery, irrigation on Lot 3//629313 Parish of Coonoon, County of Waradgery.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A5811)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.
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NSW OFFICE OF WATER
PEEL ALLUVIUM WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **CARRINGTON SUPERANNUATION FUND PTY LTD** on Lot 54 DP 753834.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO BOX 550, TAMWORTH NSW 2340, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A005873)

Any queries please call (02) 6701 9675 Lachlan Browne, Water Regulation Officer.
Z03293

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
WESTERN MURRAY POROUS ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from: **BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL** for a bore on 2//1198290, Parish of Bidura, County of Kilfera and a bore on 4731//762575, Parish of Woolpagerie, County of Kilfera, for industrial purposes (road construction and maintenance). These works were previously authorised by short term water supply works approval number 60WA583171.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 363, Buronga NSW 2739 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A5823).

Any queries please call (03) 5051 6218, Don Reid, Water Regulation Officer.
Z03102

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
REGULATED MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER
WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **PETER DAMIEN JOSEPH TUOHEY** for 3 x 600 mm pump and an above ground channel on the Murrumbidgee River, at/adjacent to Lot 1//1052964 Parish of Mulburruaga, County of Boyd, irrigation purposes. amended application to include an additional pump only.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A5811)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.
Z03248

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
SURAT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from the **ULUMBIE BORE WATER TRUST** for one artesian bore, flowing at 18.7 l/s on Lot 1 Section 40 DP 759036, Parish of Walgett, County of Baradine.

Objections to the granting of this approval 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.(Ref: A005931).

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.
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NSW OFFICE OF WATER
LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVER
WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from: **LAURENCE WALTER STRACHAN AND KAYLEEN FRANCIS STRACHAN** for six portable pumps and six temporary block banks on 4501//767577, Parish of Nanga, County of Wentworth, 6630//725309, 4//756948 and 4502//767578, Parish of Illingerry, County of Wentworth. It is proposed to construct these works for drought contingency purposes when regulated flows to the Lower Darling River cease.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 363, Buronga NSW 2739, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A5835)

Any queries please call (03) 5051 6218, Don Reid, Water Regulation Officer.
Z03104

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
PEEL ALLUVIUM WATER SOURCE

An application for amendment of an existing WATER SUPPLY WORK AND WATER USE APPROVAL (90CA814526) has been received from **T J AND J F BARWICK** for an additional Water Supply Work/Bore on Lot 62 DP707563 County of Parry, Parish of Tangaratta for irrigation purposes. (A5824)

PEEL FRACTURED ROCK
GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

An application for amendment of an existing WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL (90WA818776) has been received from **BAIADA POULTRY PTY LIMITED** for an additional Water Supply Work/Bore on Lot 1 DP512961 County of Parry, Parish of Turi.(A5894)

Objections to the granting of the above approval/s must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 550, TAMWORTH NSW 2340, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6701 9620, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.
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NSW OFFICE OF WATER
NORTHERN SYDNEY RIVERS WATER
SOURCE UPPER PARRAMATTA RIVER
MANAGEMENT ZONE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **SEVEN HILLS-TOONGABBIE R.S.L. CLUB LIMITED** for the addition of 1 existing bywash dam capacity on Girraween Creek, 3 existing bywash dams not on a watercourse, 6 x 100mm submersible pump(s)) and 2 x 450 mm diversion pipes, on Lot 100 DP834672, Parish of Prospect, County of Cumberland for water supply for recreation (greens and tees) purposes and irrigation of 12.0 hectares. This application is to amend an existing approval to add additional works.

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 publication. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A005814)

Any queries should be directed to (02) 8838 7527, Richard Meares, Water Regulation Officer.
Z03106



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	51/877	PARKER, Derwyn Isobel	9.36 HA.	12km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 29' S Long: 118° 26' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Mining Lease	51/878	YELLOW ROCK RESOURCES LTD	3562.95 HA.	45km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 118° 38' E	MEEKATHARRA 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: 22 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 **22 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. 22 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 a compensation
application in relation to an
area in the state of South Australia

Notification day: 6 May 2015



National
Native Title
Tribunal



This is an application made by Tjauwara Unmurru Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (the compensation claim group) who are the native title holders for the area as determined in *De Rose v State of South Australia* [2013] FCA 687. The group are asking the Federal Court to determine that they are entitled to compensation for the impairment or extinguishment of native title rights and interests in the area described below.

The group claims that their entitlement to compensation results from the extinguishment of native title by:

- DP 23548 (CL Vol 1433 Fol 12) being that portion of the Stuart Highway that traverses the Tjauwara Unmurru native title determination area and two new Community Plans for car parks or rest stops (Allotments 63 and 64 issued on 12 October 1990; Transfer No. 6995913).
- DP 35731 (CL Vol 1433 Fol 13) being an area excised from Pastoral Lease No. 2941 for a digital radio concentrator tower.

If native title rights and interests are found to have been affected, the Federal Court must determine whether any compensation is payable. Generally, compensation for any impairment or extinguishment of native title rights and interests is payable by the Commonwealth or relevant state/territory governments.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1350, Adelaide, SA, 5001 **on or before 5 August 2015**. After 5 August 2015, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Application name: Tjauwara Unmurru Compensation Application

Federal Court File No: SAD32/2015

Date filed: 27 February 2015

Description: Application covers about 4 sq km in the vicinity of Sundown Outstation in the state of South Australia near the Northern Territory border, including that part of the Stuart Highway within Ayers Range South and a Radio Tower.

Relevant Local Government Area: Unincorporated SA

Data statement: Compensation application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, SA.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Nicole Maher on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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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
15/977	ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	464446	67.54HA	21km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 28' S Long: 121° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
38/2856	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	463554	91.25HA	35km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 122° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
57/984	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	464251	200.06HA	16km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 119° 10' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE

Nature of the act : Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 22 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 **22 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. 22 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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Notice of applications to register area
agreements on the Register of Indigenous
Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 29 April 2015



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Terrance Taylor and Jacky Green on their own behalf and on behalf of the Gangalidda and Garawa People are a party to all of the Pastoral Lease agreements listed and described in the table adjacent.

The agreement areas are:
- located within the external boundaries of the Gangalidda and Garawa Peoples' native title claims determined on 1 April 2015 (QUD84/2004; QUD66/2005).
- depicted by grey hatching, labelled and described in the table adjacent.

The table also contains the names of the Pastoral Lease(s) to which the agreements relate. For copies of the maps of the individual agreement areas, please contact the Tribunal Case Manager on the number below.

Agreement Number	Agreement Name	Description of Agreement area	Additional Party to the Agreement
QI2015/006	Gangalidda People Kotupna Pastoral ILUA	Agreement area covers about 181 sq km approx. 37 km south west of Burketown LGA: Burke Shire Council	Lorna Ann Elizabeth Smith, John Ross Smith, Judith Anne Goodall, Frederick James Edwards and Patricia Joy White
QI2015/007	Gangalidda and Garawa People Westmoreland Pastoral ILUA	Agreement area covers about 2605 sq km adjacent to the Northern Territory/Queensland border, approx. 137km north west of Burketown. LGA: Burke Shire Council	Westmoreland Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2015/008	Gangalidda People Almora Pastoral ILUA	Agreement area covers about 132 sq km approx. 40 km south west of Burketown. LGA: Burke Shire Council	Norman Leonard Clarke
QI2015/009	Gangalidda People and Armraynald, Part Doab, Yarrum and Iluka Pastoral ILUA	Agreement area covers about 347 sq km in the vicinity of Burketown. LGA: Burke Shire Council	Paraway Pastoral Company Limited
QI2015/010	Garawa People Wentworth Pastoral ILUA	Agreement area covers about 1294 sq km adjacent to the Northern Territory/Queensland border, approx. 160km north west of Burketown. LGA: Burke Shire Council	Panoy Pty Ltd
QI2015/011	Gangalidda People Punjaub Pastoral ILUA	Agreement area covers about 332 sq km approx. 33km south west of Burketown. LGA: Burke Shire Council	Venlock Pty Ltd

The common parties to each of the agreements and their contact addresses are:

Terrance Taylor and Jacky Green on their own behalf and on behalf of the Gangalidda and Garawa People

C/- HWL Ebsworth Lawyers

GPO Box 2033

Brisbane QLD 4001

Gangalidda and Garawa Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

C/- Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation

PO Box 71

Burketown QLD 4830

The additional parties to each of the agreements are listed in the adjacent table.

Each of those parties' contact address is as follows:

C/- Thynne & Macartney

GPO Box 245

Brisbane QLD 4001

Agreement area boundaries compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland.

The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either section 24EB(1) or subsection 24EBA (1) or (4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The objective of each of the agreements is to record an arrangement by which the respective Lessees and the Gangalidda and/or Garawa People can: (a) develop good and enduring relationships in regard to their respective rights and interests in the Agreement Areas; (b) actively develop and maintain good communication, awareness, understanding and respect for the way that each use and enjoy the respective Agreement Areas; (c) reduce the possibility of disharmony between them.

Objections to the registration of an agreement where the application for registration has been certified:

These six applications for registration of area agreements have been certified by the Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown on the above map. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the agreements have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the agreements have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000** by **29 July 2015**.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other agreements and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport

Son goes
one better

By PETER ARGENT



YEAR 12 Salisbury High School student Wayne Milera is following in the footsteps of Central District Aboriginal greats Sonny Morey, Phil Graham, Gilbert McAdam and Eddie Sansbury.

Milera made his South Australian National Football League (SANFL) debut in the April 11 round two contest against Norwood at Elizabeth Oval.

"It was pretty special running out on to the Ponderosa for my first league match," Milera, who turns 18 in September, told the *Koori Mail*.

The contest was close and only a couple of late goals by Norwood pushed the margin out to 24 points in the end.

The final scoreboard was Redlegs 11.5 (71), Central District 7.5 (47).

Milera, who was a part of the SA under 18s Academy, is keen to take any opportunities that are afforded to him at the national championships at this level.

"My short-term goal is to win a place in the under 18s state side for the Nationals," Milera said.

"In the longer term, I'd like to get drafted. "If that doesn't work out, I'm keen to go to university and become a PE teacher."

Wayne Milera Snr played under 17s, under 19s and reserves football at Central District before he played rural football around South Australia.

"It was nice to get one up on Dad and play league football," Wayne Jnr said.

"While I never saw him at Centrals, I did watch him play country football at Onkaparinga, Meningie and Callington.

"Dad had a bit of pace – but what I remember the most was his hardness – he was a bash-and-crash type of footballer."



Father and son Wayne Snr and Wayne Jnr.

Maddison looking for
financial assistance



MADDISON Ugle, a 16-year-old Perth girl, has made the West Australian team to contest the Australian Under 18 Girls' Australian Football Championships.

The tournament will be held in Mandurah, Western Australia,

in May. Her sister Courtney Ugle told the *Koori Mail* that Maddison had been training hard to earn her spot in the WA team, training on her own to be at peak fitness for the Mandurah carnival.

"She has also been training with the Swan Districts Women's League side twice a week for extra experience, as well as training with her Youth Girls team and State training," Courtney Ugle said.

Maddison represented WA in the state under 16's national carnival in 2013 in Darwin and 2014 in Sydney

Even though the under 18 carnival is being held in WA, Maddison faces substantial costs and is looking for funding/sponsorship.

Anyone who can help can contact Courtney Ugle on 0409 872 177 or email cugle@swandistrictsfc.com



KARI sponsors City Origin



KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated are the major sponsors of this year's NSW Rugby League (NSWRL) City Origin side to play NSW

Country at McDonalds Park, Wagga Wagga on Sunday, May 3.

KARI, established in 1999, is one of the largest Aboriginal children's services in Australia. It delivers an out-of-home care service model that provides management of Aboriginal children and young people in foster care.

Its mandate is to ensure that Aboriginal culture plays a significant part in the child's upbringing.

It also operates an assessment service to children and young people in care vital to health and wellbeing options.

KARI says it has a strong association with the NSWRL's Indigenous health, welfare, education and high-performance programs, including assistance with under-age representative sides and overseas tours.

NSWRL chief executive David Trodden labelled the partnership a win for the game as well as the KARI City Origin side.

"The KARI organisation does outstanding, life-changing work in the community and it is wonderful to have their logo on the front of one of our most prized possessions, the City Origin jersey," Trodden said.

KARI founding member and current CEO Paul Ralph said the partnership was a significant one for his organisation and for rugby league in general.

"This association has been a very successful one and has delivered many positive outcomes and especially for



At the launch of the KARI City of Origin jumper are, from left, NSWRL CEO David Trodden, KARI City Origin coach Brad Fittler, and KARI CEO Paul Ralph.

young Indigenous people," Ralph said.

"This year, we will again partner up to send 50 people, including 35 young Indigenous boys to Europe to play some exhibition games and visit the Somme War Memorial site in France.

"They will also experience other

cultures from at least five European countries."

KARI City Origin coach Brad Fittler said the agreement was an honour.

"We're honoured as an organisation to have KARI on the front of our City jersey," Fittler said.

"The best players in our game are Indigenous – and the KARI City Origin partnership ensures rugby league helps that community, both on and off the field.

"I would have been honoured to pull on this jersey and play in the KARI City Origin strip."



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	04/2359	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	15BL	93km N'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 21' S Long: 125° 48' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2683	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	8BL	58km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 116° 3' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2706	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	74km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 9' S Long: 115° 52' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2128	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	22BL	132km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 4' S Long: 116° 48' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2131	MUGGON COPPER PTY LTD	16BL	147km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 115° 26' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2137	GASCOYNE METALS PTY LTD	13BL	156km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 54' S Long: 116° 21' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/929-I	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	32BL	117km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 119° 58' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1858	ALLOY RESOURCES LTD	9BL	122km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 122° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4462	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	29BL	16km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 9' S Long: 119° 54' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4517	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	3BL	106km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 118° 37' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	52/3019	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	67BL	185km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 17' S Long: 119° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3217	GUNDARA ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	8BL	26km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 35' S Long: 119° 45' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1823	MAYAN IRON CORPORATION LTD	17BL	96km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 8' S Long: 119° 30' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1824	MAYAN IRON CORPORATION LTD	6BL	91km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 55' S Long: 119° 20' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1004	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	16BL	73km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 21' S Long: 119° 29' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1007-I	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	18BL	77km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 118° 47' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3338	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	12BL	146km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 19' S Long: 120° 24' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2269-I	MAJEKA MINERALS PTY LTD	31BL	94km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 0' S Long: 119° 15' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2277-I	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	2BL	70km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 119° 12' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2896	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	159.58 HA	58km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	16/2898	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	197.62HA	44km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	16/2899	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	201.37HA	43km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	16/2900	PHOENIX GOLD LIMITED	120.99HA	26km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2244	NEVE, Colin Robert	183.39HA	2km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 117° 52' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2245	NEVE, Colin Robert	3.69HA	8km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 22' S Long: 117° 50' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/732	NEVE, Colin Robert	138.19HA	18km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 117° 55' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8567	ROSS, Gary Raymond	199.99HA	60km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5547	STEEL, Nicholas	100.07HA	63km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5548	NAEGER, Uwe Otto	195.10HA	59km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5549	LYNCH, Aubrey	197.90HA	59km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2972	PEDERSON, Stan	48.68HA	60km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 30' S Long: 119° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1810	ATLAS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	39.42HA	11km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 59' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2930	WILTSHIRE, Peter Andrew	109.27HA	41km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1660	LITTLE, Terrence Harold	1.98HA	64km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 118° 29' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2063-65	APHEX MINERALS PTY LTD	416.69HA	55km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 117° 9' E	YALGOO 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: 22 April 2015

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SANFL delivers remote coaching seminars



SANFL coaching staff and APY Lands participants at a coaching course.



THE South Australian National Football League (SANFL), in partnership with Skillhire, has delivered AFL level one coaching courses to four Aboriginal communities in the remote APY Lands.

The sessions were organised by Skillhire and SANFL's APY Lands programs coordinator Shawn Ford and APY Lands project officer Alec Henry and level-one coaching accreditation courses were completed by 58 community members.

SANFL personnel Brenton Phillips, (high-performance manager), Matthew Duldig (football services manager), Joel Kay (talent and coaching) and Ron Redford (far west coordinator) assisted Ford and Henry.

SANFL under 18 high-performance coach Brenton Phillips took the

participants through a series of drills and skill sessions,

Phillips said coaches must develop the skills of the players and provide leadership and strong values concerning sportsmanship and good respectful relationships with everyone involved in football. "This is most important to ensure the ongoing success of the competition," he said.

"We were extremely happy with the attendance at all venues. The assistance provided and coordinated by David Couzner (Skillhire) and his staff was invaluable and the lessons learned by the participants will hold the local football competition in good stead.

Ford said: "The SANFL is committed to the success of football and softball in the north-west and we look forward to constantly supporting and improving the competition."

Schoolmates reunite



The winning men's side Bunji United.

By ALF WILSON



BUNJI United won the men's final of the eighth Central Queensland Reconciliation All Blacks rugby league carnival at Rockhampton, beating Ian Munns Memorial team 32-20.

Twelve sides battled it out in the men's division in four pools of three as well as eight women's teams at the April 4-5 event that was the first Queensland All blacks carnival of 2015.

Spokesman Zac Moss said Bunji was an Aboriginal word meaning 'brother'.

"Thirteen players from the 25 went to Yeppoon's St Brendan's College as boarder students and finished in 2008-09," he said.

There was a mix of Aboriginal and TSI players: Badu Island (Maipale Morseu, Aiona Nona, Angus Dorante), Saibai Island (Aaron Fairweather), Palm Island (Vernon Bourne, Ritchie Martin, Gresham Ross).

"Me and my best mate Dean Blackman (my captain) just wanted to get all the boys back to play together again," Moss said.

"Daniel Pickering scored three tries in the final.

"I was very proud of all the boys – everyone played awesome and we are going to defend it next year."

Ian Munns Memorial side was made up of Rockhampton and Woorabinda players.

Best back of the carnival was Daniel Pickering (Bunji United); best forward, Robert Freeman (Wadja Storms); player of the carnival, Tre Watson (Bunji United); women's best back, Kiya Simon (Harmony's Angels); best forward, Hera Watane (Coastal Gummaz); women's player of the carnival, Angela Solomon (Coastal Gummaz).

The Coastal Gummaz side, with many TSI players, reached the final of the women's competition before losing 14-6 to Harmony's Angels.

Harmony's Angels was a memorial team consisting of girls from Brisbane and NSW in memory of a young girl who died of cancer.

Rugby league star drops in on Yarrabah children

Story and picture by
CHRISTINE HOWES



FORMER South Sydney rugby league player Rhys Wesser was the star attraction at a Yarrabah Seahawks Junior Rugby League Club training day.

Wesser was in Cairns to promote the Rabbits v Raiders game later this month.

"Today we're at Yarrabah, and that's just about engaging our Indigenous communities, using the game as a place for them to aspire to achieve their dreams," he said.

"It's very important. We see Indigenous communities and the fact that part of their culture is around rugby league.

"If we can use that rugby league as a vehicle to help support them or help promote education, health and training, we're hopefully able to close that gap within Indigenous communities."

Cairns' NRL game development officer Alby Anderson said he'd seen as many as 50 future Rhys Wessers on the day.

"Always great coming down and watching the kids play here – absolutely natural talent... it's unbelievable," he said.

Northern Pride player Semi Tadulala said the kids enjoyed the workshop.

"It just shows that we're trying to grow rugby league in our communities, and it's important that we do these sort of things," he said.



Rhys Wesser chats with some of the Yarrabah kids at the rugby league basic skills training day.

Our two legends

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

JOHNNATHAN Thurston's performance against the Rabbitohs was sublime. It has again sparked debate about his standing in the history of the game, with comparisons being made between his career and that of Andrew Johns.

Debate around the game also posed the question as to whether he or Greg Inglis would emerge to be one of the game's next Immortals.

Too early?

With JT playing his 250th NRL game against the Warriors last weekend, it is perhaps still too early to make these calls.

But there is no doubt that JT and GI stand tall as Indigenous champions and among our Aboriginal legends to have played the greatest game of all.

I can remember when these two greats were named in the Indigenous Team of the Century in 2008, it was debated whether they still had to prove themselves.

But time has proven those judges to be correct and so it will be with the pair when it comes to Immortal status.

JT is in outstanding form and you can only marvel at his vision and skill.

But he also needs to be recognised for his toughness and tenacity.

No player puts his body on the line as much as JT does, and so it was against the Rabbitohs.

Leading into the game, JT and GI were considered the two form players in the National Rugby League (NRL), and two men who, if the call had to be made on the spot, would have their already glittering careers capped with Immortal status, according to Greg Alexander.

Since Alexander made this statement, almost everybody in the game has voiced an opinion.

Best credentials

Alexander reckons Thurston, with three Dally Ms, a record 30 consecutive Origins and a premiership ring to his name, is the next cab off the rank when the powers that be determine the next Immortal.

"Johnathan Thurston for me, he's the best out of the current lot, with Cam Smith and then Greg Inglis closing fast," Alexander said.

"His consistency over the past 10 years, his record in Origin and his sheer competitiveness puts JT ahead in my book, and we've seen those champion qualities come through again over the past two weeks, not that we needed any reminding.

"What we saw against Melbourne and Penrith, if his forwards give him any sort of platform to work off, he's almost impossible to contain," he said before the Rabbitohs game.

Inglis had already contributed more than his fair share to the highlights reels of 2015, setting



Johnathan Thurston, left, and Greg Inglis. Picture: nrlphotos.com

up Alex Johnston's long-range try against the Roosters in round two, and following it up with a thoroughly convincing impression of a steamroller, right over Tigers fullback James Tedesco a week later.

It's the type of form that has Alexander moving the Souths skipper up his Immortal pecking order... fast.

"GI's jumping up the cue in the Immortal debate," Alexander said.

"You only have to cast your mind back to the 2010 salary cap debate, the Storm couldn't keep the big four of Cam Smith, Cooper Cronk, Billy Slater and Greg Inglis. It had to become the big three.

"No doubt the popular decision, and the one that would suit Melbourne best, was to move Greg Inglis on.

"It's hard to fathom now, but out of those four, Inglis was the one they could do without.

GI is looking more settled in the role of captaincy and I believe that he may still have more to offer, which is a frightening thought for opposition sides.

A few years ago, GI was contemplating leaving the game.

Now, he is talking about leaving a legacy. Some have suggested the game should secure his future with the NRL

topping up his contract.

But Inglis denies he should be the beneficiary of the code's war chest, insisting his future lies in being happy, not seduced by cash.

"Right now, there is all this talk about people getting more money. But this isn't about money for me," Inglis said.

"It's about people wanting you to stay in the game. Being happy and wanting to be there."

With the NRL already losing Israel Folau, Sonny-Bill Williams and Sam Burgess to rugby union, there are fears Inglis could be the next big name to jump ship, with the Test star previously refusing to rule out a move.

NRL CEO David Smith has created a player retention fund to keep the best players in the game, but little is known about the war chest such as how it would operate and how much a player would receive.

But Inglis insists he should not be the beneficiary of any extra NRL help to remain in rugby league.

"There are two ways to go about this, the right way and the wrong way," Inglis said.

"I want to go about things the right way. As I've said, this isn't about money.

"What the NRL has already done (for) me, I'm extremely

grateful for that. And I want my decisions to be in the best interests of rugby league."

With grand final wins at Melbourne and Souths, as well as his Test and Origin career, Inglis has achieved everything possible in the game and has previously admitted the lure of challenging himself in another code has some appeal.

Inglis' denial that cash would be a factor in his future echoes the mindset of former Parramatta star Jarryd Hayne, who was adamant his decision to try his hand at NFL was about the challenge.

However, the Rabbitohs fullback also gave Souths fans a glimmer of hope he could stay beyond 2016.

"Any decisions (in the future) will be based on me being happy and right now I am happy," he said.

"I've been named captain of South Sydney and I want to stay here.

"It's an honour to lead a club with such a proud history, a club with so many great players. I've got this year and next, that's what I'm concentrating on."

Better than Johns

Meanwhile, his mate JT continues to shine, with Matty Johns suggesting he will be better than his brother Andrew Johns.

"Johnathan Thurston will surpass Andrew Johns as the greatest rugby league halfback our game has ever seen within two years," Matthew Johns said.

Thurston has always had impeccable timing.

I believe this may well be the year that he holds the premiership trophy above his head.

GI may well have something to say about that.

Both are true champions and deserve every recognition they receive.

They are our immortals.

Four girls in Jillaroos squad



Mahalia Murphy pictured in action for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars at Robina, on the Gold Coast, last February.

Picture: nrlphotos.com



INDIGENOUS All Stars Mahalia Murphy, Tallisha Harden, Latoya Billy and Casey Karklis are in the Jillaroos squad of 18 to play against the Kiwi Ferns in the curtain-raiser to the 2015 Anzac Test in Brisbane next month.

Jillaroos coach Steve Folkes met with NSW women's coach Mat Head and Queensland women's coach Brad Donald today to select the side.

The focus for selection was on individual performances of the 23 players who attended the training camp on the Gold Coast last month, along with form in the Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars clash and Dick Smith NRL Auckland Nines earlier this year.

"We've picked a combination of youth and experience with four girls from the Indigenous All Stars team who were all standouts and have a great future ahead of them," Folkes said.

"Our last few matches against the Kiwis have been very marginal losses. We have been doing the right things, but it just comes down to small moments – that's something we will be really working on for Brisbane.

Murphy, 21, who started playing rugby league as a student at The Hills Sports High School in Sydney, will come in at centre.

"It means a lot to be named for the Jillaroos," Murphy said.

"Over the last two years I have taken rugby league very seriously and I've made a lot of sacrifices to get to this point.

"It is pretty full on... I work two jobs, train before work in the morning and then again at night after I've finished work.

"My partner is a personal trainer and has been a huge source of inspiration for me.

"He has really pushed me and has been a big factor in my improvement and performances over the last couple of years."

Running is Tjimarri's gift



Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera and his family support crew at the Stawell Gift, from left, his uncle Tony Milera, cousin Kyah Milera, sister Iteka Sanderson-Bromley, Tjimarri, and mum Lele Sanderson.

By PETER ARGENT



THE career of young Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera is blossoming – he is quickly stamping his name on the Australian sporting landscape.

As a teenager, he finished fourth in the 2013 Bay Sheffield, South Australia's premier footrace, during the festival break after Christmas.

Last month, after a semifinal win in the Stawell Gift, he backed up for a commendable fifth in the final.

"It was a huge experience to make the final," Sanderson-Milera said.

"The conditions were pretty tough on the Monday.

"It rained virtually all day and instead of being its usual great track to run on, it was pretty soggy.

"Still, despite the conditions, I was pretty happy with my starts in the semi and final.

"That is one of the strengths of my running."

Off a handicap of seven metres, Sanderson-Milera ran an impressive 12.361 seconds in his semifinal win, while his time in the final was just slightly slower – 12.434 seconds.

He missed a large chunk of the summer with injury and was disappointed not to compete in last year's Bay Sheffield.

"I want to keep going back to Stawell for the Gift until I win it," Sanderson-Milera.

\$40,000 to winner

The Stawell Gift is Australia's oldest and richest short distance sprint race with a history that goes back in 1878. The current purse for the winner is \$40,000.

It is run each Easter weekend by the Stawell Athletic Club, with the main race finals on the holiday Monday, at Central Park, Stawell is in the Grampian Mountains district of western Victoria.

The race is run on grass over 120 metres up a slight gradient.

Competitor are handicapped according to their

form, with each competitor 'marked' by between 0 metres and 10 metres to theoretically reach the finish line at the same time.

The most high profile Aboriginal runner to win the Gift is Joshua Ross, who won the 2003 event off seven metres, and again two years later, in a remarkable performance won off scratch.

He is one of only three multiple winners of the Stawell Gift, along with Bill Howard (1966 and 1967), the only back-to-back winner, and Barry Foley (1970 and 1972).

A 2004 Olympian, Ross and Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa, from Madagascar in 1975, are the only two Gift winners off scratch.

Before World War I, an Indigenous sprinter from Toowoomba, Queensland, Tom Dancey won the Gift in 11.6 seconds, running off 13 yards.

Robert Kinnear – born near Stawell in 1851 – was the first Aboriginal runner to win the Easter Gift in 1883, covering 130 yards in 12.5 seconds.

A member of the Yarra Yarra tribe from the Charlton/Avoca, he was one the last Aborigines on Ebenezer Station and a noted athlete in his youth.

Success on the sand

Sanderson-Milera – a multi-disciplined athlete, is a member of the Grange Surf Life Saving Club and enjoyed success at the South Australia surf lifesaving championships last month.

For the third year in a row, Sanderson-Milera collected a trio of sprint titles at Southport Beach.

He won the open beach sprint, the open beach flags and the open beach relay.

This year's success follows the 2014 wins at Seacliff Beach and the 2013 state championships – also at Southport.

Sanderson-Milera last weekend was performing at the Australian titles at North Kirra, on the Gold Coast.

He is also putting back into his sport, working at the Port Adelaide Athletics Club in a coaching role where he works with the club's scholarship squad.

Morgan wows 'em in Canada



YORTA
Yorta/Barkindji teenager Morgan Muir has accepted a full basketball

scholarship in Canada.

She will take up the scholarship in September after she completes her schooling.

The 17-year-old from Wendouree, Ballarat, earlier this year started her final year of secondary schooling in Canada, attending Crescent Heights High School in Medicine Hat – a 61,000 population city about three hours south of Calgary, Alberta.

Morgan soon will graduate from Crescent Heights, then return to Ballarat for a couple of months to catch up with family before taking up her \$23,000 two-year basketball scholarship in Medicine Hat.

Immediate impact

In her short time in Canada, she had led the senior varsity girls' basketball team to a championship and overall team ranking of fifth in the province of Alberta.

The icing on the cake came when she was offered a full college basketball scholarship at Medicine Hat.

According to the Canadian ePaper *Medicine Hat News*, Morgan has been a big hit at Crescent Heights.

Here's what it said on March 6: *Three-pointer. Steal. Layup. Layup. Steal. Fouled. And just like that, the Crescent Heights Vikings are Southeast Basketball Conference champions.*

It was far from that simple, but the key plays in the fourth quarter Thursday were the work of Vikings guard Morgan Muir, who's only been in Canada a few months after moving here from Australia.

Anchoring a full-court press

against the host and regular season champion Eagle Butte Talons, Muir's thievery proved the difference in a 64-63 win.

"I was able to sneak up behind them," she said. "I think my experience just with that kind of environment-type games was key."

Muir scored 12 of her 26 points in the fourth, as her team came back from an 11-point halftime deficit to win what's believed to be their first league title ever. If it's not, it sure felt that way given how the Vikings were losing by huge margins only a few years ago.

Eagle Butte players were understandably upset at the loss, the second time in as many weeks the Vikings have come back on them. But they also know it wasn't the end of the line with the 3A South Zone championships starting next Thursday in Lethbridge. Their first-round opponent might even be Crescent Heights.

In a wild season in which Crescent Heights, Eagle Butte and Monsignor McCoy have all been ranked in the top 10 in Alberta and beat each other almost equally, the banner (which was ordered too late to arrive for a presentation Thursday) will place a bit of a bounty on the Vikings for the zone tournament. It's a pressure they're glad to have, but Muir is used to it. She was playing for an under-23 club team Down Under before hearing about the athletic scholarship opportunities available at Canadian post-secondary institutions from Medicine Hat Rangers coach Melanie Rakochy.

Though she only began playing for Crescent Heights in January, she's proved to be the piece that has put the Vikings, now ranked fifth in the province, over the top.

"She's sort of the missing puzzle (piece) of our team," said coach Tom Domagala.



Morgan Muir

"I knew from the beginning we had a special team. When we started the first half with injuries... we just stuck it out. But I could see it coming."

Hawaiian visit

The opportunity for Morgan to go to Canada to complete her schooling and look for basketball opportunities came when she and her family visited Hawaii in 2012 to attend a private basketball tournament.

There, she was spotted by Medicine Hat Rangers coach Melanie Rakochy, who suggested Morgan consider moving to Canada.

It was a big decision. Morgan had hardly ever been away from her family for a few days, so the move to Canada was an enormous leap.

Her dad Wayne Muir told the *Koori Mail* that Morgan had received wonderful support from the people of Canada, who made her feel right at home.

Morgan is hoping to continue her studies and basketball career after her two-year college stint.

She wants to gain a university sporting scholarship.

Before moving to Canada, Morgan attended Forest Street Primary School, Ballarat, where she was school captain in grade 6, and Loreto Girls' Catholic College, Ballarat, where she completed Year 11.

She played her first game in Ballarat in 2005 and she first competed in the Victoria Country championships in the under 12s and represented Ballarat in age divisions in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

She competed in the Australian under 14 championships in Hobart in 2011 and won the most valuable player award in the under 16 division at the 2010 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tournament in Melbourne.

She was a member of the winning women's team at the 2013 Australian Indigenous Championships on the Gold Coast.

She was a member of the under 16 Southern Stars who attended the International Youth Global Cup in Orlando, Florida, in 2012 before competing in the World Youth Tournament in Hawaii in August 2013.

Morgan is also an academic high achiever.

She has three brothers – two older and one younger – who have all have played representative basketball.

Morgan's mum is the executive director of the Office of Aboriginal Affairs in Victoria.

Wayne Muir is the chief executive officer of the Victorian Aboriginal League Service.

Idris injury blow for Panthers



PENRITH'S
injury crisis has deepened with giant centre Jamal

Idris set to miss the remainder of the National Rugby League (NRL) season after rupturing his anterior cruciate ligament.

The former NSW representative sustained the injury in Penrith's win over Manly – a game that also saw back-rower Elijah Taylor limp off with a knee injury.

Ivan Cleary's side, who ended a run of three straight losses with victory over the Sea Eagles, are also without Jamie Soward, who is recovering from back surgery and Peter Wallace went under the knife last week due to a knee problem.

Idris' centre partner Dean Whare missed the Sea Eagles match due to a hamstring strain, as did Lewis Brown who is battling a rib injury.

It was another week of injury carnage in round 6 of the NRL as the rigours of the opening quarter of the season begin to take their toll.

Ben Barba's knee injury has also proved to be better than first thought with the former Dally M medal winner named on the bench for the Sharks for last weekend's game.

However, the Sharks didn't escape unscathed as David Fifita was ruled out until round 12 with a cracked fibula. – AAP



Jamal Idris

Gardner plunders runs in Dubai



Ashleigh Gardner



ASHLEIGH
Gardner produced a couple of memorable innings for the Australian Shooting Stars in

their six games against the England Women's Academy in a cricket series in Dubai.

The Shooting Stars finished the four-game 50-over series with two wins, and won both of the T20 matches.

The first game of the series was abandoned in bizarre circumstances. A sandstorm engulfed the ICC Academy ground, causing their 50-over match against England to be

moved to the next day.

"Well this has never happened before... delayed due to a sandstorm... We love Dubai," tweeted Australian batter Elyse Villani, accompanied by a photo with some of her teammates wearing face masks.

In the opening one-day game on April 3, Australia beat England by four wickets, with Gardner contributing 44 runs off 34 deliveries (strike rate of 129.41) in Australia's total of 6-253.

Gardner did not bowl in that match.

England won the second match by 28 runs on April 4. Gardner scored five runs and did not bowl.

On April 6, Australia 8-262 beat England 260.

Batting at No 8 for the Southern Stars, Gardner scored 16 and hit a four and a six for a run rate of 94.12 as Australia passed England's total two wickets and three overs to spare.

Two days later, England won.

Scores: Australia 174 (47.5 overs), England 177 (45.2 overs).

Gardner was out without scoring in that match and did not bowl.

In the first of the T20 games, played on April 11, Gardner did not bat as Australia easily chased down England's total of 8-130 with an over to spare.

In the second T20 match and the

last game of the tour, Australia 4-169 (20 overs) beat England 6-161 (20 overs).

Gardner, promoted to No 3 in the batting order, smashed 47 from 33 balls (strike rate 142.42) to put Australia on the path to victory.

The Shooting Stars are a team of Australia's emerging female cricketers and in a statement last month, chair of selectors Julie Savage said the two-week tour was partly designed to "expose our players to differing playing conditions around the world". Four 50-over matches and two Twenty20 games were scheduled against the England Cricket Board (ECB) Academy.

Nothing to prove

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THE media loves controversy, and when they can't find it, they sometimes try to create it.

When Adam Goodes decided he needed more game time and requested to play reserve grade rather than be selected as a sub, sections of the media went into overdrive.

'Goodes sacked by Swans' circulated around the social media as soon as the announcement was made.

Nothing could have been further from the truth.

But it was always going to be the case that Goodes' form and progress was going to be under the microscope once he made the decision to play on his year.

The matter was brought into focus by former teammate Jude Bolton when he was interviewed about the earlier decision to play Adam as a sub.

Jude is a good mate of Adam's, having played more than 300 games with him and has enjoyed the closest of bonds in winning a premiership.

Honest answer

He was just being honest in the knowledge that Goodes had toyed with the prospect of retirement at the end of the 2014 campaign before deciding to play on.

"The question was posed to (Sydney coach) John Longmire in the press conference, why was he started as a sub, were you protecting his body?" Bolton said on television.

"John Longmire said we just pick the best team.

"That says Goodes was pretty ordinary last week – he played a shocking game against Essendon.

"It could be a tough year and maybe he has gone on one year too long."

Jude is a football realist and his comments should in no way be read as a lack of support for Adam.

Adam himself has recognised his need for more game time and such is his complete dedication

to the team that playing a reserve grade game was not beneath him.

Adam has never been about ego or reputation.

The team has always come first and he has the strength of character to ignore what others may think or say.

He also has a strong and open relationship with the coach, who came out strongly in support of Adam and to clarify his 'sacking'.

Longmire made it clear that Adam volunteered to be relegated rather than sit on the bench for the derby against Greater Western Sydney at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

He said that Goodes' shock gesture was a mark of the man and had no doubt the champion would rediscover the form and fitness to play a part in the Swans' premiership push in 2015.

15 minutes

Goodes only had 15 minutes off the bench in Sydney's big win over Port Adelaide and he told Longmire he'd prefer to play a full 100 minutes last Saturday.

"We were more than happy to play him sub again, but he suggested to play reserves, get some quality game time, get some form and fitness back and be able to push for senior selection after that," Longmire said.

"He thought that was probably the way to go."

Despite critics saying the 35-

year-old may have played one season too many, Longmire says he hasn't discussed retirement with Goodes.

"We want him to keep going and he's keen to keep going," Longmire said.

"And as we sit here at the moment, we still think he's got a valuable role to play for us this year because he finished last season off for us quite strongly.

Long way to go

"We're only round three, there's a lot of football to go and things can change quickly as far as injury and form (is concerned).

"We're certainly mindful of that and so is Adam. Things can change in a heartbeat."

"We still think he can play the sub role this year. We still think he can play in our 21 this year, and will, but at this point, he thought that a good hitout would be best for him.

"We know that things can change really quickly, as far as injury and form, and we're certainly mindful of that, and so is Adam.

"Those opportunities come up when you least expect them, and we want him playing well and in good form to be able to grab those opportunities when they present themselves."

While the footy world might be shocked that one of the most decorated players in the modern era has virtually axed himself from the Swans' line-up, Longmire isn't.

The 2012 premiership coach believes Goodes has always put the club before his own interests.

"When you know Adam, you know he's a pretty balanced person," Longmire said.

"He wants to play any role he can that the team requires him to play, and he's got a very well-rounded view on that."

So it's not as if the Swans are in crisis or that Goodes' reputation is under threat.

There is an old saying in football – form is temporary, but class is permanent.

Adam will get back to his best and when the Swans are in need of a champion, he will be ready to answer the call.

At the same time, he will listen to his body and will know when to call it a day.

Humility

But it is a mark of the humility of the man that he has taken his current path.

Too many players would take the easy option.

As always, there is a lesson for us all in this.

What is the best for the team or group can often be the best for us as individuals.

Adam has kept a low profile in all this and deserves to be given his space and time.

Like all true champions, he will come back bigger and stronger.

He has nothing to prove to anybody.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Loggins backs tournament



BRISBANE Bullets and Australian Boomers basketball legend Leroy Loggins has thrown his weight behind the 2015 Australian Indigenous

Basketball Championships.

A thrilled tournament coordinator Cherissma Blackman told the *Koori Mail* that the Leroy Loggins Foundation would play a big part in running the event at the Carina (Brisbane) Basketball Stadium.

Blackman was the woman who hurriedly arranged an Indigenous basketball tournament in Hobart in 2012 when the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander national championships were called off at the last minute, leaving many teams in limbo.

She has since organised national tournaments at Runaway Bay, on the Queensland Gold Coast, backed by her own company, Njardoo Training and Development.

She said that with the backing of the Leroy Loggins Foundation, she was confident the 2016 event would be the biggest yet, attracting many more teams.

"With Leroy Loggins on board, we are knocking down barriers with Basketball Australia," she said.

"We are confident in our shared vision of programs and avenues for

basketball development nationally and globally for our mobs."

In an open letter, Loggins said the initial purpose of the national championships was to give young and older Indigenous Australians the opportunity to showcase their ability and skills to a wider Australian network.

"This gives opportunity to harness natural talent and skills from an early age, particularly those who come from below the poverty line and remote areas of Australia," he said.

"It is envisaged that the Australian Indigenous Basketball Championships can close the gap on disadvantage in sport, through professional and consulted solution methods, with the capacity of respecting all cultural protocols and lore of Indigenous culture."

He urged people to give careful consideration to Cherissma Blackman and the Australian Indigenous Basketball Championships application for funds.

"I sincerely believe in the future sustainability of this project and of its merit to the Indigenous communities," Loggins said.

He told the *Koori Mail* the National Indigenous Basketball Championships would be held around September-October.

Loggins established the Leroy

Loggins Foundation in 2002 to provide opportunities for sporting development and social interaction for youth at risk.

In recent years, the foundation has delivered a number of programs to benefit children of Indigenous cultures.

Loggins said that growing up in New Jersey, in the United States, he experienced first hand many of the social issues affecting disadvantaged groups and the lack of opportunities for support to develop sporting and social skills and school-based competencies.

Decorated career

Loggins had a decorated career, starting and finishing with the Brisbane Bullets in the Australian National Basketball League between 1981 and 2000-01.

He went on to represent his adopted country at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.

The Bullets 'retired' his number 30 jersey as a tribute to him when he retired from the sport.

He was awarded the 'Keys to Brisbane' and the Australian Sports Medal award in 2000 and was inducted into the Australian Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.

He is widely regarded as the best import to ever play in the NBL.

Before coming to Australia, he was drafted by the Detroit Pistons in 1980.



Leroy Loggins speaking at the 2014 Queensland Indigenous Sport awards in Brisbane. He has thrown his weight behind the 2015 Australian Indigenous Basketball Championships.

Picture: Graham Hunt

Crown heads west



WESTERN Australia continued their domination of the Australian Football

League's National Diversity Championships in Cairns, winning the Kickstart grand final from Victoria-Tasmania.

The deadly accurate West Australians won a one-sided match 9.3 (57) to 2.1 (13).

Jarrold Cameron was outstanding, kicking four goals.

He was well supported by Sydney Stack, Isiah Mogridge, Ethan Hansen and Ryan Bennell.

In the All Nations Cup grand final, Queensland beat favourites Victoria-Tasmania.

The crowd was treated to a thrilling match with the Victoria-Tasmania team – last year's winners – taking on a Queensland side that had never reached a championship grand final.

Victoria-Tasmania made the early running with the breeze in the first half, but again the showers arrived to negate the

wind effect. At times soccer became the sport of choice as both teams hacked the ball from end to end in the conditions.

Scores: Queensland 7.3 (45) d Victoria-Tasmania 3.8 (26)

Queensland's best were Dean Katsiris, Raymer Tuputala, Tom Ansell, Taora Maranga and Kane Haua.

Best for Victoria-Tasmania were Ajak Dang, Haloti Fanua, Thu Sa La, Paul Fauoagli and Buku Kharmis

The National Diversity Championships encompass the National under 15 Kickstart and the National under 15 All Nations Cup.

The championships provide the pathway into the all-Indigenous Flying Boomerangs and World Team programs.

The championships brought together more than 200 participants from Indigenous and multicultural backgrounds, plus another 70-plus Indigenous and multicultural coaches, umpires, managers, physios and trainers.



Jubilant West Australian players celebrate after their Kickstart grand final win over Victoria-Tasmania.



The Queensland team won the All Nations Cup from Victoria-Tasmania.



Action photos from the AFL National Diversity Championships in Cairns. Pictures by AFL Queensland, but no names supplied.

Kathleen one to watch

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island boxing trainer Ray Dennis is convinced his star young female boxer Kathleen Haines has the ability to go a long way in the sport.

That opinion was reinforced when Dennis saw the news in early April that Burdekin boxer Emma Lawson had been selected in an Australian Boxing Association team.

The 15-year-old Lawson will travel to Taiwan in May with the Aussie team for the 2015 Women's Junior and Youth World Titles.

That qualifies her for selection at future Olympic Games.

To gain selection, Lawson did well at trials in Melbourne in the 52kg division.

"In her first bout at Blackwater in May 2013, Kathleen beat Emma and has a great amount of ability," Dennis said.

That bout was during the Coalfields Kaos amateur tournament at Blackwater, in central Queensland.

A total of 22 bouts were held on the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League's night at the Blackwater PCYC.

Visiting boxers travelled from Rockhampton, Mackay, Alpha, Longreach, the Burdekin and Emerald while the home town was well represented.

Sixteen-year-old Palm Islander Kathleen has now had five fights for three impressive wins.

"It was as impressive a debut as I have seen. Kathleen had good defence and threw plenty of punches. Outside the ring, she is very quiet," Dennis said.

The trainer is predicting many more wins for Haines in 2015, but one thing stands in her way.

Being registered with the State Boxing League means she cannot gain Commonwealth Games or Olympic selection.

League boxers who contest tournaments are not eligible for such selection unlike their Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) counterparts.

Dennis said the cost prevented many Palm boxers from being registered with the association.

"Association tournaments are down south and the cost is enormous," he said.

Meanwhile, Haines will be amongst a big group of Palm boxers to contest League tournaments in Rockhampton on May 9 and at Magnetic Island a week later.

Kathleen Haines holds her winner's trophy after one of her bouts. She has beaten Australian representative Emma Lawson. Because Kathleen fights under the State Boxing League banner, she cannot represent her country at internationally-recognised tournaments.



Nicolaus Landy-Ariel



Nicolaus Landy-Ariel trains in Tony Mundine's Redfern gym.

World title fight for Redfern kickboxer



REDFERN kickboxer Nicolaus Landy-Ariel has secured a world title fight in Sydney on May 30.

The 27-year-old is a descendant of the Batjala Tribe (Fraser Island) – totem whale (Gulbol) – and the Geuram Tribe (Murray Island, Torres Strait).

He is a great grandson of Lui Bin Snr, whose totems were stingray

(paibrey) and shark (beizam).

Landy-Ariel grew up on The Block, in Redfern.

He started training at the age of 12 at the Wing Chun Kung Fu Academy in Surry Hills, Sydney, under Sifu (one's master) Rick Spain.

He was the youngest graduate and completed his gold belt – the highest level of training – by the age of 19.

He began his competitions in mixed

martial arts (MMA), but found kickboxing suiting his skills.

Landy-Ariel trains for up to two months annually in Bangkok, Thailand, at the Fighting Spirit Gym.

He currently trains at the Eleoura Mundine Gym on The Block.

Former world champion Alex Tui, is his trainer.

Landy-Ariel has won four title fights – the World Kickboxing Association

(WKA) South Pacific title, the World Kicking Federation (WKBK) Australian title, a Martial Arts Sports Association (MASA) East Coast title and an International Kick Boxing Federation (IKBF) International World title.

His next fight will be on Friday (April 24) at the Kings of Combat tournament in Dandenong Stadium, Melbourne.

In Sydney on May 30, he will fight for a WKBK World title.

Hodgson to bat on

Injured Force captain eyes World Cup berth

By CHRIS PIKE



MATT Hodgson hasn't given up on his World Cup dream for later this year, but more immediately the Western Force captain can't wait to return from a

hamstring injury after agreeing to play on in Super Rugby for at least one more season.

Hodgson is yet to play in 2015 due a hamstring injury suffered during the pre-season, but he looks set to return to face the Chiefs on the road this Friday, April 24.

His imminent return was further good news for the Force and Hodgson coinciding with the announcement that he will continue on his career in Super Rugby at least for the 2016 season with the possibility of going on in 2017 as well.

Hodgson is the last remaining player at the Force who has been with the club since it was founded in 2006 and along the way he has amassed 113 Super Rugby caps along with making 11 appearances with the Wallabies.

Sitting on the sidelines so far in 2015 made it obvious to Hodgson that he wasn't ready yet for retirement and the 33-year-old wants to continue his quest to lead the Force to a first appearance in the Super Rugby finals.

"It was always in the plan, as long as I'm enjoying my rugby, to keep playing as long as possible. Sitting up in the coaches' box for the last few weeks, I knew I wasn't

ready to coach and I still wanted to contribute on the field so that weighed into the decision," Hodgson said.

"I'd say I will be able to fulfil the two years. My body's feeling good and having this training period under my belt has freshened the mind and I've enjoyed taking on the leadership role here at the club so that has encouraged me to keep going on for as long as possible."

Hodgson has been a frustrated on-looker from the sidelines, with the Force coming off their best ever year in 2014, narrowly missing out on the finals.

Promising beginning

The 2015 campaign then started strongly with a win in Sydney over the defending champion Waratahs, but the Force lost their next seven matches to mean that the long-awaited finals appearance looks like it will have to wait until at least 2016.

That desire does continue to spur Hodgson on though.

"When you start playing Super Rugby, you want to get one cap under the belt and then you set goals along the way. To be a successful player, you want to play finals football and we have the squad and coaching group here to do that in the next couple of years," he said.

"We need to build our on-field leadership and I want to be a key part in doing that. In the absence of senior players this year, we've struggled to win the big moments and the key to our success is transferring what



Wallaby captain Matt Hodgson raises the Killick Cup after his team's victory over the Barbarians at Twickenham Stadium, London, on November 1. Picture: Getty

we do in training on to the field.

"At the moment, under pressure we go into our shells a little and go a bit individual, so we need to transfer into that team mentality. We accomplished that last year and we have to rediscover that."

Hodgson does feel physically stronger from his layoff with the hamstring injury and is looking to finish off the season impressively with the Force.

"I have done a lot of work while I've been out and a lot in the gym so I'm feeling a lot stronger than I was last year, but it should now take me a couple of games on the field before I'm back to where I was as quickly as possible," he said.

"The plan the whole time is for me to be back next week and everything is still pointing towards that. I have a few more things to tick off first, but I'm in full training and if I get through all that, then I will be back for that game."

"It's disappointing because I enjoyed my football so much last year and we had a pretty successful year as a club. To not be part of it this year for the first 12 rounds is highly disappointing and definitely frustrating seeing how much effort the boys are putting in but not getting the results."

There is still the lure later this year for Hodgson to earn a place in the Wallabies squad for the Rugby World Cup and a strong finish to the season with the Force could certainly put him right in the mix to achieve that dream if he can recapture his stunning form of 2014.

"I haven't thought about the World Cup yet. I need to get back on the field and start playing football first," Hodgson said.

"My goal is to get back on the field as quickly as possible and then I just need to start performing and trying to get those 80 minutes under my belt and getting the Force winning."

Beale close to re-signing with ARU

Australia's Kurtley Beale tries to avoid the clutches of South Africa's Francois Steyn during a Tri-Nations rugby union match at Kings Park, Durban, in August, 2011. Picture: AFP



KURTLEY Beale has revealed he's likely to remain in Australian rugby beyond this year's World Cup in Britain, while Wallabies captain Michael

Hooper admits he can't imagine playing anywhere else.

In a huge boost to the ARU as it moves to head off a mass player exodus at year's end, Beale offered his strongest indication yet he would follow Hooper in recommitting to the NSW Waratahs and, with that, the Wallabies.

In the sights of cashed-up National Rugby League (NRL) and European and Japanese rugby clubs, Beale says he feels settled at the Super Rugby champions.

"I'm loving my game here in Australia and I'm loving playing with the Waratahs," he said.

There's a really good club culture here. I love being a part of it."

The classy playmaker said the recent appointment of attack coach Daryl Gibson

as Michael Cheika's replacement at the Waratahs for the next three Super Rugby seasons had given him added comfort and security.

"Obviously when 'Gibsy' got the head coach for next year, it's definitely given me a lot of confidence in what I want to do with my rugby," Beale said.

"It's definitely a big bonus, but it's really up to me and my partner."

"We're pretty focussed on that and we'll try and get an answer on that as soon as possible."

Beale's revelation of leaning towards staying put will be a big relief to the ARU after the midfielder's future in Australian rugby was very much in the balance after he was fined \$45,000 last year by the governing body.

But the 26-year-old has put the saga surrounding his confrontation with former Wallabies business manager Di Patston behind him to again be one of the Waratahs' best performers this season.

— AAP

Fifita wins downgrade at NRL judiciary



CRONULLA forward Andrew Fifita successfully argued against a four-game suspension at the

NRL judiciary last week, with the three-man panel reducing his grade-three dangerous throw charge.

Fifita, who was facing a six-game ban had he failed in his appeal, will only miss two matches after having his penalty cut to a grade-two offence.

The prop made a passionate defence of his actions in a challenge in which Newcastle hooker Adam Clydesdale was lifted above the horizontal and on to his back.

The NSW representative disputed claims made by the NRL's counsel Peter McGrath that he deliberately attempted to drive his opponent into the ground and didn't try to pull out of the tackle a few days earlier at Remondis Stadium.

Fifita admitted the tackle went wrong, but said he did everything

possible to reduce the chance of serious injury to Clydesdale, who came back on the field to finish the game.

"When I started lifting, I felt the momentum change. I knew I had to do something, otherwise it would go terribly wrong," Fifita said.

"I cradled his neck and got him straight on his back as we came down... it was all very fast... I am 120kg and he is about 84kg.

"There was no concussion – he came back on. I knew I had a duty of care towards him."

The panel of Mal Cochrane, Sean Garlick and Chris McKenna took just three minutes to find in favour following a 70-minute hearing.

Fifita missed Cronulla's game against South Sydney and will miss this weekend's game against Penrith.

However, he will be available for selection for the Kangaroos' side for the Test against New Zealand on May 1 or the City Origin side for the clash with Country two days later in Wagga Wagga. – AAP



Andrew Fifita



Daniel Geale acknowledges the crowd after being declared the winner over Anthony Mundine in their January 2013 IBF world middleweight title fight at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Picture: Joseph Mayers

Geale's second chance



DANIEL Geale has lined up one of the biggest fights of his career – a big-money

match-up against Puerto Rican star Miguel Cotto in New York in June.

Puerto Rico newspaper *El Vocero* reported that WBC middleweight champion Cotto would defend his belt for the first time against the Tasmanian-born Geale at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn – the home of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets – in a fight televised on HBO in the United States.

The deal was announced in New York last Thursday.

It is a big coup for Geale (31-3) to land such a fight, having lost his

two bouts in the US over the past two years.

He was knocked out by Kazakhstan's Gennady Golovkin for the World Boxing Association (WBA) (Super) and International Boxing Organisation (IBO) middleweight titles in New York last July and lost his International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight title to England's Darren Barker in New Jersey in 2013.

Geale's last bout was a 12-round win over Australian Jarrod Fletcher in Sydney last December.

Cotto (39-4) is a classy, orthodox boxer who has won world titles in four different weight classes since 2003.

The 34-year-old's rare losses include ones to Floyd Mayweather

in 2012 at super light middleweight level and to Philippines legend Manny Pacquiao at welterweight level.

Both Cotto (39-4, 32 knockouts) of Caguas, Puerto Rico, and Geale (31-3, 16 KOs) of Mt Annan, Sydney, are 34 years old.

A number of opponents had been discussed for Cotto's first title defence, including Cornelius Bundrage, before the Geale fight was announced. It has been reported that the fight will have a catchweight limit of 157 pounds.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* reported that second chances are few and far between in boxing, which is why Geale's bout with Cotto represents a gift as he tries to re-establish his credentials on the international stage.

Geale remains a respected campaigner in the US, despite losing his past two fights there.

The *Herald* said Geale he had a chance to start the climb all over again.

It will be the first time Cotto steps out for rapper Jay Z's Roc Nation promotional stable and he will put his World Boxing Council (WBC) title on the line, as well as a potential shot at Golovkin should he be dethroned by Geale.

Real chance

The *Herald* said Geale looked a real chance against Cotto, who had not been particularly busy since losing to Floyd Mayweather and Austin Trout, who is to face Anthony Mundine in May.

It said there was good reason many people were calling this the

biggest fight of Geale's career, mostly because he stood a chance of walking away with the prize, as opposed to a near-impossible task against Golovkin.

Reaction to the fight in the US has been mixed, with many American fans wanting the high-profile Cotto to fight Saul Alvarez, Mayweather, Manny Pacquiao or England's Amir Khan.

The *Herald* said Cotto's camp would see Geale as the perfect warm-up under new management and wouldn't fear his punching power after his recent showings. But that might all play to Geale's advantage, who remains a world-class technician on his night and could worry Cotto out of a third consecutive victory.

– With AAP

Trip of a lifetime



TWELVE Indigenous youngsters are immersing themselves in US sport and culture, thanks to the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) and the US Mission in Australia.

They are taking part in the Sports United IMP Youth Tour (IMPY2015) and are being chaperoned by four IMP graduates.

Before leaving Australia, they participated in a five-day team bonding camp in Melbourne that included taking part in Albert Park's parkrun, a cultural orientation with representatives from the US Mission in Australia, while also squeezing in some fun at Luna Park and their first ever live AFL match between Collingwood Magpies and the Adelaide Crows.

Then, it was off to the US.

First stop: Washington, DC.

The flight was long but the movie channel was a hit and despite considerable jet-lag, they pushed through the fatigue, wet and cold conditions, and headed off on a run down the Washington Mall. They were taken on a guided tour through the US Capitol by Kansas Congressman and American Olympic track athlete Jim Ryun, and also met Dawn Harper, an American Olympian who specialises in the 100m hurdles.

The young runners also volunteered at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and visited the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, where they learned about the culture and history of the indigenous peoples of North and South America.

Dressed in their deadly running singlets, they are making their mark on the streets of the US.

They have learned strength and conditioning techniques and also taken part in a teamwork and leadership building course.

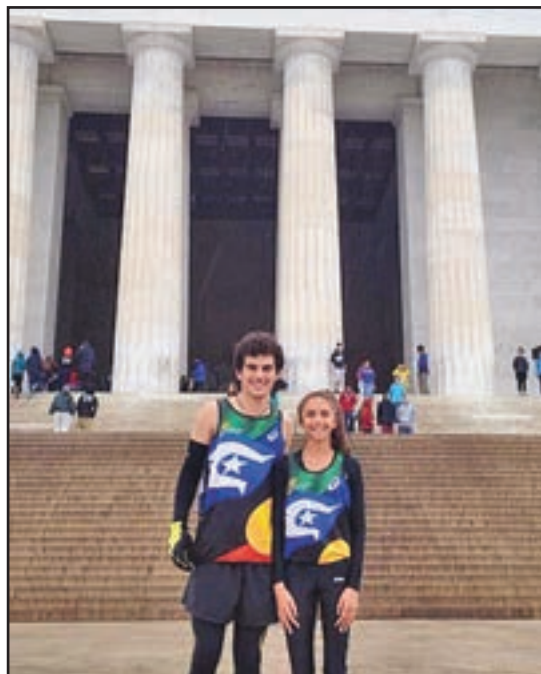
The IMP says these Indigenous youth are doing an incredible job as proud ambassadors representing their families, community, IMP and Australia under the guidance and mentorship of Bianca Graham, Georgia Gleeson, Luke McKenzie and Nathan Riley.



The group ran from the Iwo Jima Memorial to the US Capitol.



The IMP Indigenous group braves the weather in front of a statue of Martin Luther King.



Reece Knitschke and Skyeisha Rigney.



It's not been all sightseeing. Here, the group is put through some stretching exercises.



The IMP Youth Tour team visited Abraham Lincoln

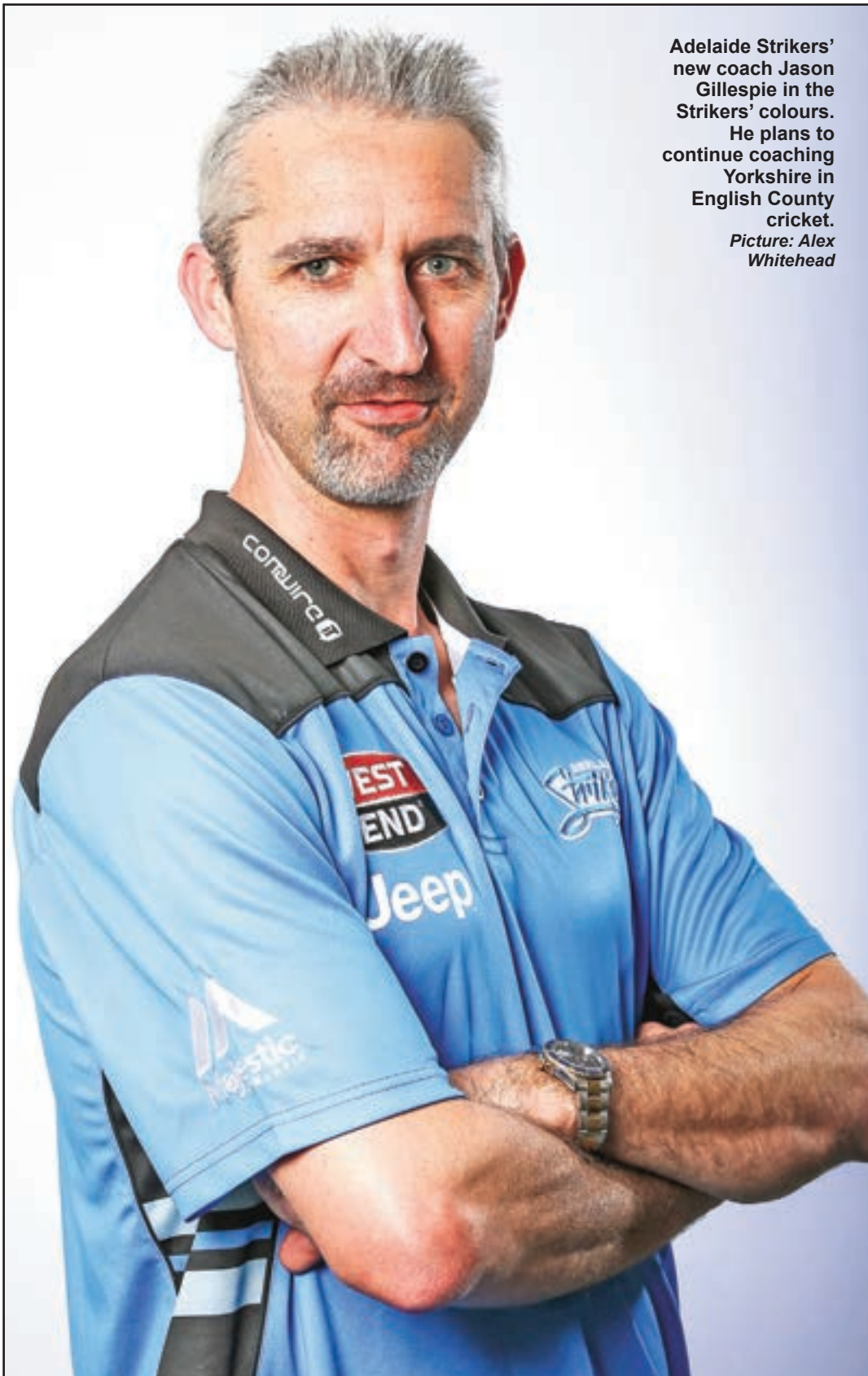


Cathy Freeman was on hand before the team's departure to wish participants the best for their US tour.



The team soaks up the cool Washington air.

He's coming home



Adelaide Strikers' new coach Jason Gillespie in the Strikers' colours. He plans to continue coaching Yorkshire in English County cricket.
Picture: Alex Whitehead

Gillespie accepts two-year coaching job with Strikers



HIS cricketing playing days are over, but the rise and rise of Jason Gillespie continues – the former Test paceman is to coach the Adelaide Strikers in the next two Big Bash League (BBL) seasons.

And cricket chiefs are still in the ear of Gillespie to also take over the long-suffering South Australian Redbacks.

And with the Redbacks job vacant after the departure of Darren Berry, Gillespie would be a dream applicant for South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) chief executive Keith Bradshaw.

"I'd be absolutely thrilled to see that application come in," Bradshaw told reporters.

"He hasn't indicated either way.

"I think we need to respect that he does have very significant commitments at the moment with Yorkshire."

For the taking

The Redbacks have started searching for their next coach with a selection panel including Australian great Adam Gilchrist and AFL legend David Parkin – but the job appears Gillespie's, if he wants.

"If he ended up as the Redbacks coach, what a fantastic story that would be as well," Bradshaw said.

"There is a journey that we need to go through but he is, without question, a quality guy, quality coach, a quality individual, and he is South Australian."

Gillespie, a 71-Test veteran, coached Yorkshire to its first county championship in 13 years last season.

The former fast bowler has also been touted as a potential England coach should incumbent Peter Moores be moved on.

"An opportunity to coach in my home town is exciting," the 39-year-old said of his appointment to the Adelaide Strikers.

"The Big Bash is a fantastic concept and watching it from afar it's been wonderful.

"The support it's had from Cricket Australia, the players are really buying into it, people are turning up to watch the games. It's an exciting brand of cricket and it's going to be fantastic to be a part of that."

Gillespie said he was made aware of the position following recent upheaval in South Australian cricket, with BBL Strikers coach Darren Berry taking indefinite leave for personal reasons, but parting ways with the SACA on mutual terms a short while after his return.

"It was very late in the piece (that I was approached)," Gillespie said.

"Obviously, things have happened at the SACA and I got a call asking if I was willing to be spoken to about being involved, and I jumped at the opportunity.

"Watching the Big Bash on television from home in the UK, it's very exciting, and to have the opportunity to be part of it is fantastic."

The Strikers finished minor premiers in BBL on the back of an ultra-aggressive policy at the top of the order and a high-quality contingent of fast bowlers, and Gillespie says it is the gung-ho strategy they had employed that convinced him he wanted to be a part of the club.

"I saw the brand of cricket they played in the last Big Bash and it did excite me," he said.

"It was entertaining cricket, which I'm really big on – that's what we're here for, to entertain crowds and put on a show.

"I think a positive, aggressive brand of cricket is the way forward, and I saw that with the Strikers.

"That's probably the big thing. We've got lots of exciting cricketers and my goal will be to allow them to flourish, show what they can do and put on a show for the crowd."

Yorkshire could also benefit from the appointment, with Gillespie keen to discuss the prospect of Yorkshire coaching staff and potentially players joining him at the Strikers for what he views as a valuable Twenty20 experience. – With AAP

No plane ticket yet for Crowther



TWENTY-SIX of Australia's best athletes are confirmed as starters at the World

Championships in Beijing in August, but long jumper Robbie Crowther and discus thrower Benn Harradine are not amongst them.

Crowther won the long jump at the Australian championships in Brisbane on March 28 with a leap of 8.05 metres, but it wasn't good enough for him to qualify for the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World titles in Beijing.

He still can make the Australian team – as long as he reaches a qualifying standard before the August 10 deadline for final selection.

Harradine did not compete in Brisbane, but still hopes to join Queensland discus thrower Julian Wruck in the Australian team.

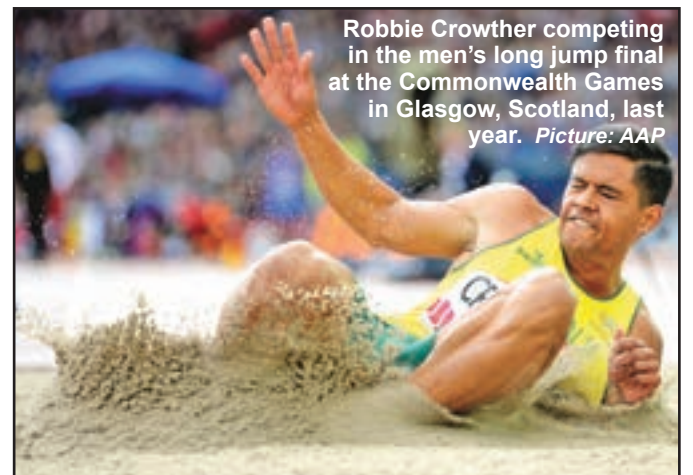
Like Crowther, he will have to reach a qualifying mark before the August 10 deadline.

Athletics Australia selectors will convene in the week starting on May 18, when the final selections for the men's and women's marathon, 10,000m and 50km walk will be determined.

All other events, excluding the 20km walk that will be selected in the week starting on June 8, will then be considered at the final selectors' meeting on August 10.

This follows the close of the IAAF qualification period, providing athletes with the greatest possible period of time to stake their claim for Australian Flame selection.

The 2015 IAAF World Championships, the 15th instalment of the event, will be held in Beijing on August 22-30. It will mark the return of international athletics to the 'Bird's Nest' for the first time since the 2008 Olympic Games.



Robbie Crowther competing in the men's long jump final at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, last year. Picture: AAP



Arthur and Sonia Williams accepted the 2014 Eddie Gilbert Medal last June on behalf of their son Jesse, who plays with the Seattle Seahawks in the National Football League. They are pictured with Indigenous Sport Queensland chairman Wayne Coolwell. Pictures: Graham Hunt

Search begins for top Qld sportspeople



THE search for Queensland's top sportsmen and women is on again, with the Indigenous Sport Queensland

Awards night to be held in Brisbane City Hall on Friday, October 16.

Organisers are planning on hosting 180 people at the dinner presentation in the Ithaca Room.

The top award is for the Eddie Gilbert Medal – won last

year by Brisbane-born American National Football (NFL) star Jesse Williams.

The award was presented to Williams' Brisbane-based parents Arthur and Sonia Williams.

Other awards are the Leeann Goodwin Encouragement Award, the Catherine Freeman Junior Award and the Brisbane City Council (BCC) Lord Mayor's Volunteer Award.

Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk will present the

BCC Volunteer Award.

This year, six regional award winners will also be announced – South East Queensland, South West Queensland, Far West Queensland, Far North Queensland, North Queensland and Central Queensland.

Tickets for the night are likely to cost \$80 and that will include a three-course dinner and beverages.

A table of 10 is likely to cost \$700.



Barbara Goodwin with the 2014 Leigh-Anne Goodwin Junior Award recipient, 400m sprinter Josh Robinson. Mrs Goodwin is the mother of the late jockey Leigh-Anne Goodwin, who died two days after a race fall at Roma in December, 1998. Leigh-Anne was the first female Aboriginal jockey to ride a winner at a metropolitan track.



Johnathan Thurston waits for a video referee decision during the round 6 National Rugby League (NRL) match against the South Sydney Rabbitohs at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on April 13. Picture: AAP

Cowboys are no longer road kill



JOHNATHAN Thurston has warned North Queensland's rivals the Cowboys no

longer dread coming to the big smoke as the National Rugby League's (NRL's) one-time road kill continue their transformation into travelling title threats.

While Thurston refused to claim bragging rights over Greg Inglis as the game's best player, the humble champion's latest rugby league masterclass in the much-hyped April 13 showdown put South Sydney to the sword and helped the Cowboys to rare back-to-back away wins.

Thurston also outpointed South Sydney skipper Inglis as debate swirls around which of the two Queensland State of Origin champions are most deserving of Immortal status.

While Thurston and Inglis didn't go head to head in the halves, the two giants of the game were in everything for their respective sides.

Thurston, though, finished a unanimous winner on the night after helping the Cowboys pile on 26 unanswered points from 12-4 down to knock the Rabbitohs off the top of the ladder.

But he modestly deflected the praise towards his unsung teammates when asked if he felt like the best player in the world.

"That's for you to judge, not me," Thurston said.

After dropping their first eight away games last season under rookie coach Paul Green, the Cowboys have now knocked over preliminary finalists Penrith and the reigning premiers in Sydney, the scene of so many heartbreaks in recent years.

"We've struggled with that in the past," Thurston said after the 30-12 victory at ANZ Stadium.

"But I think we've got our preparation right to deal with that now and I don't think we have a fear coming down to play in Sydney any more.

"It's a tight group. We get along very well and we enjoy it."

Green claimed winning on the road was never an issue for him, insisting it was always going to take time for the Cowboys to adapt to his coaching style after he replaced Neil Henry at the end of 2013.

"It's the same size field, same size ball, 13 players each side and we need to learn how to play wherever in whatever conditions against whoever," he said.

"That's the mark of a good, consistent team and that's what we're aiming to become."

Huge contribution

In sublime form, Thurston's two-try, 18-point contribution followed up his man-of-the-match efforts in comeback wins over Melbourne and the Panthers.

The champion No 7 said he took the Cowboys' first three losses this year personally.

"We all took a bit a whack from it," he said. "We were a little bit down in the dumps there."

"We've shown some really good character over the past three weeks where we've been behind on the scoreboard but we've been able to come back."

"But we need to keep a lid on it. It's a short turnaround now and that's the challenge – to back up the performance against a really committed Warriors team who are coming off a great win from last week." – AAP



'Dizzy' is back... as a coach

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Tjimarri takes a dive... but it's all above board



Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera practises for the beach flags, one of his pet events in surf lifesaving competition. He recently was a finalist in Australia's richest foot race – the Stawell Gift.

● Read about him on page 78.

Picture: Peter Argent

They're bound for New York



THE Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) has named its 12-strong squad to contest the 2015 New York Marathon.

Six female and six male runners were selected from a record number of 143 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applications nationwide.

The 2015 Indigenous Marathon Project squad is:

Men: Daniel Lloyd, 29 (Adelaide, SA), Chris Guyula, 19 (Gapuwiyak, NT), Aaron West, 29 (Queanbeyan, NSW), Dwayne Jones, 23 (Myatt community, NT), John Leha, 30 (Sydney, NSW), Dean Wilson, 24 (Papunya, NT).

Women: Harriet David, 25 (Cairns, Qld), Jessica Lovett-Murray, 27 (Melbourne, Vic), Jaeme Bird, 21 (Cowra, NSW), Jacinta Gurruwiwi, 19 (Galiwinku, NT), Alicia Sabatino, 27 (Thursday Island, Qld), Eileen Beyers, 30 (Coombell, NSW).

Aaron West, 29, inspired and mentored by 2013 IMP graduate, Georgia Gleeson,

will represent Queanbeyan, and 30-year-old, John Leha, will represent Sydney.

Two females – Jaeme Bird, 21, from Cowra, and Eileen Beyers, 30, from Coombell, between Grafton and Casino, will also fly the NSW flag throughout their IMP journeys.

The squad will train for the New York City Marathon and also complete a Certificate IV in Leisure and Health – a compulsory component of the IMP program.

The IMP annually selects, educates, and trains a group of outstanding Indigenous Australians to compete alongside 47,000 other competitors at the world's biggest marathon.

The IMP also provides an educational pathway with all squad members required to undertake a Certificate IV in Leisure and Health as part of the program.

IMP, now in its sixth year, has mentored and trained 43 Indigenous runners to cross the finish line of a number of major

international marathons, including New York, Boston and Tokyo.

Squad members begin their 2015 marathon journey with stories of hardship, sacrifice and determination as they face a gruelling six months of training to prepare for one of the biggest challenges of their lives.

IMP Founder and former world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella said the record number of high-quality applications highlighted the powerful message being sent to Indigenous Australia.

More than 140 applications

"This year we received more than 140 applications from Indigenous people who are dedicated about driving change, through running and encouraging healthy lifestyles, in their communities," he said.

"That is the epitome of what this project is about and what we have been committed to since day one. Our goal is to promote healthy lifestyles, increase pride, instil a

sense of achievement and have a positive impact on lifestyle related illnesses."

IMP head coach and manager Mick Rees said the road ahead would be challenging, but very rewarding for the 2015 squad.

"It's always an incredibly hard decision to select the IMP squad from an enormous pool of talent right across the country," he said.

The squad will meet for the first time at the AIS in Canberra on May 6 for their first training camp which will also include training sessions twice a day and the first units of their education component, aimed at assisting with employment in health related fields.

Athletes will be pushed to their limits throughout the year as they participate in camps and running events in the Gold Coast, Sydney and Alice Springs.

The final squad to travel to New York in November will be announced following a 30km time trial in Alice Springs in September.

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