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Bundjalung people, and proud of it: The directors of the *Koori Mail*, from left, Ron Randall, Patricia King, Russell Kapeen (chair), Lawrence Roberts and Trevor Kapeen.

WELCOME to the 600th edition of the *Koori Mail*. It was 24 years ago, back in 1991, that this newspaper was founded.

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Over the years many people, too many to name here, have contributed to the ongoing success of the *Koori Mail*. All have my thanks and that of the owners.

Our thanks too to the tens of thousands of loyal readers who

enjoy the *Koori Mail* every fortnight. Rest assured we will continue to provide you with the news, views and more you've come to expect from Australia's national Indigenous newspaper.

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Thousands worldwide join protests against forced community closures

SOS Blak Australia



Yamatji man Ernie Dingo spoke at the Sydney rally in support of remote Aboriginal communities.



THE call for help went out and people across Australia – and indeed around the world – answered.

Thousands turned out on May 1 for a day of protest action against plans to force the closure of remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia.

Thousands more pledged support online via #SOSBlakAustralia.

In what is claimed to be the largest Aboriginal protest in history, more than 60 events were held in Australian capital cities and regional and rural centres, and around the world, including in Europe, New Zealand, Asia and the United States.

Last-minute moves by Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett to soften his hard line on the closure of up to 150 communities was greeted with scepticism at the protests.

Campaigners have vowed to fight any closures.

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Nyikina woman Tammy Solonec from Amnesty Australia was one of the speakers at the Perth rally. Picture: Tash Nannup

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My FAMILY

David Whitton – Mt Druitt, NSW



THESE are some of my children and grandchildren with me at the Stop the Closures rally in Sydney. It was their first time at a big rally and we ended up dancing and leading as it moved to Redfern.

There's my daughter Ameena, my grandsons Sandamarra and Thomas, my son Kyle, me, my granddaughter Carley and son Ronald in the photo. We're all Whittons.

A lot of my mob came to the rally to support our community. Not all came though, some were at home with my missus, Kathy.

We've got nine kids at home at the moment. Over the past 39 years we've reared up between 45 and 50 kids – nephews and nieces, me and my wife had kids, kids off the street to give them a place to stay, a feed and everything until they straighten up and then they went back home to where they come from, and foster kids.

We've got 30-plus grandkids now. They mean everything to me, I get teary when I talk about the kids. They keep us going, and I love teaching my culture.

There's no cousins in our house, they're bought up as brothers and sisters.

They're all good kids, and they're

achieving a lot of great things. Carley was the first Aboriginal captain at her school, and one of the kids represented Australia in Oztag and touch.

I'm a Gamilaroi man from Moree Top Camp Mission (northern NSW). We used to live in tin humpies there years back.

I've still got family on the mission. We were the first in my family to move to Mt Druitt about 30 years ago. We moved down here for my daughter who had hearing problems.

I take them up home sometimes, not very often though. We haven't got the transport – we need a bus, a big bus.

We did have a family company, Gamilaroi Aboriginal Dancers, Arts and Crafts, until 1993, and I went overseas with the cousins.

I teach anything to do with Aboriginal culture – dance, art, artefact making, didgeridoo playing, cooking – all taught by my uncles back up home.

The kids all do Muay Thai boxing, they play sports, rugby league, of course, for Colyton Mt Druitt and Western Sydney Tigers. They're the world to us.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

● Pictured above, from left, Ameena, Sandamarra, Thomas, Kyle, David, Carley and Ronald Whitton.

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If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the *Koori Mail*, email a high-resolution digital photo to myfamily@koorimail.com along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.

OUR CHILDREN



THOUSANDS of people around the world showed their solidarity with remote Aboriginal communities on May 1, joining protests in Australia, overseas and online. These Townsville kids were part of a protest in the north Queensland city that stopped peak-hour traffic. More reports and pictures, page 5, 30, 31 and 32. *Picture: Alf Wilson*

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New horizons for young students



FIFTEEN
Aboriginal
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students
from

remote regions toured Sydney last week thanks to the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) Horizons program.

Three students from each of Bwgcolman Community and St Michael's Catholic schools on Palm Island (Qld), Murupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School in Wurrumiyanga (NT), Woorabinda State School (Qld) and Shepherdson College in Galiwinku (NT) were selected for the trip based on their outstanding participation in the CFF Starting Block Awards for school attendance, behaviour and literacy.

It's the first time the CFF has taken a group from all of the schools that participate in the Horizons program.

The students enjoyed seeing the sights of Sydney, including visits to Taronga Zoo, Bondi Icebergs, a robot exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum, a Ngara Indigenous tour of the Rocks,



Students from the Cathy Freeman Foundation Horizons program during their trip to Sydney last week. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

Paddy's Markets and sessions with Bangarra Dance Theatre and Olympic athletes.

The CFF Horizons program rewards students who achieve at school. It aims to build the self-

esteem, confidence and social skills of program participants.

The great majority of

students surveyed from the 2014 Horizons trips indicated that the program had increased their

awareness and thinking about options after school, including employment and higher education.

Title victory for Wuthathi



THE Wuthathi people have been fighting to take possession of their homeland, from which they were removed in

the 1930s, for nearly four decades. Last week, two native title determinations covering 2826 square km of Cape York were finalised, ending decades of struggle for traditional owners.

The first determination, over 1645.1 square km of land and waters, former pastoral holdings known as Bromley and Boynton, comprises Wuthathi country, Kuuku Ya'u country, Northern Kaanju country, and country shared jointly by the Wuthathi People and the Kuuku Ya'u People.

The second determination, on behalf of the Wuthathi people, is 1181.2 square km over an area of land in and around Shelburne Bay on the east coast of the Cape York Peninsula and includes some of Australia's most spectacular dune fields.

The Wuthathi were removed from their lands in the 1930s, but determined to keep contact with their country through

constant access and visitation.

Wuthathi Aboriginal Corporation chairman Johnson Chippendale said his people were happy they could finally return to Shelburne Bay and live like their ancestors did.

"Since our ancestors were taken from country, we haven't been able to practice our cultural and customary lore on country," he said. "Now, with this exclusive right, we will have that opportunity like our ancestors before us. We want to take responsibility for our own destinies, as our Elders did before us.

"Proud people"

"We are proud people and we have been patient. Finally we can get back to our country."

The Wuthathi people have big dreams for their land. Mr Chippendale said the traditional owners would develop a management plan and focus on promoting tourism in the pristine area, rich in wetlands, rainforests and woodlands.

The Wuthathi people continue to negotiate with the Queensland Government about the transfer of country to Aboriginal freehold land under

the *Aboriginal Land Act*, which would also enable part of it to become a national park.

Cape York Land Council chairman and Wuthathi man Richie Ah Mat said his people had fought long and hard for their ancestral lands to be returned.

"We look forward to the day when we all return home and can start realising our dream of living, working and earning on our own lands," he said.

The Wuthathi people have developed an integrated culture and conservation program, and have worked on a detailed management plan that marries custom and contemporary management practices.

They are urging government to get behind their desire to manage their own lands, on their own terms.

"Too many governments have imposed their agendas on traditional owners and this native title determination means, once and for all, that the original owners have irrefutable rights to manage our own country," Mr Ah Mat said. "We have given enough back for a national park." – *with AAP*



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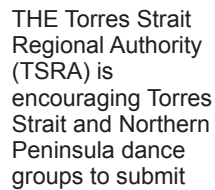
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TSRA wants dancers for fair



TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said that since 2011, the TSRA has supported dance teams to perform at major events including CIAF, the Darwin Festival, WOMAdelaide, and the Henley Festival in England.

"The successful dance team in the 2015 Dance Strategy will receive funding to cover the full cost of travelling to the art fair to perform and conduct workshops at the event and, while previous experience is favourable, newcomers should not be discouraged."

A photograph of two dancers from the Urab and Zogo Dance Team performing at the 2014 Darwin Festival. The dancers are shirtless, wearing traditional headgear with white feathers and red face paint. They are holding long, thin sticks or spears. The background shows a crowd of spectators and a building with a sign that reads 'DARWIN'.

The Urab and Zogo Tudi Dance Team performing at the 2014 Darwin Festival.
Picture: Elise Derwin

The Urab and Zogo Tudi Dance Team performing at the 2014 Darwin Festival.

Picture: Elise Derwin

“Gab Titui will soon be calling for works from visual artists from

More information about the TSRA's Dance Strategy, funding guidelines and application forms can be obtained by contacting

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The WA Government is currently considering an Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill (AHAB), about which many traditional owners and Aboriginal

Mr Chapple, who has worked alongside the Friends of Australian Rock Art as a tour guide on the Burrup Peninsula for almost 10 years, said the Burrup deserved protection. "It is without question one of the most important heritage locations in Australia and arguably the world; an ancient cultural and historical record of our nation's first peoples," he said.

UN hears of threat to our communities

By RUDI MAXWELL



KIMBERLEY Land Council chair Anthony Watson has spoken to the United Nations Permanent Forum

on Indigenous Issues in New York about the threat to close remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia.

"We wanted to get international attention from the UN for what Australian governments are doing," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"There is an agenda here, when you look at the WA Government and how they are handling Indigenous affairs. There are big concerns from all around the world. The UN were appalled by the Barnett Government's approach.

"Australia is a wealthy country so wanting to close down remote Aboriginal communities doesn't make sense. At an international level our Prime Minister and (the WA) Premier are regarded as really nasty, backward people."

WA Premier Colin Barnett spent three days in the Pilbara last week, but had still not met with Aboriginal groups from the Kimberley, where most of the remote communities are situated.

"There are 274 remote communities in Western Australia. I think any fair-minded person would say that number is not viable into the future," Mr Barnett said.

"There's also issues in many of those communities about education, health, sometimes neglect, abuse of children, domestic violence, alcohol and drugs.

"Unacceptable"

"A lot of people over the years have said a lot of nice and comfortable things, but the situation is still unacceptable – not for the majority but for a number of Aboriginal communities.

"I am determined we will do everything we can to improve the viability of remote communities."

As protesters rallied around the world on Friday (see stories and photos, pages 30-32), Mr Barnett conceded that his previous language about remote communities had been "a bit loose" and that the process would take decades.

He instead said "a significant number" would close.

"No person will be forced from their land," Mr Barnett told reporters. "But the state will not be able to provide services across that many communities.

"Some of the larger communities, I hope, over time will become gazetted towns ... some will continue as communities but probably with more people and, yes, there might be associated small outposts around them ... close enough so that children can go to school."

Daisy Ward and Lizzie Ellis called people together for a protest at Wingellina (Irruntyju), in



Elder Uncle Ben Taylor addresses the Perth protest rally on May 1.

Jackie Oakley was among the speakers at the SOSBlakAustralia rally in Perth.

Pictures: Tash Nannup



eastern WA, near the border of South Australia and the Northern Territory.

"We believe this announcement by the WA Government represents a continuation of colonisation that will see the confiscation of our traditional lands," they said.

"We have to keep our lands in our hands. This Government has not consulted with us to discuss their concerns. They should talk with us about how we can help reduce the costs of running remote communities."

The Premier called on governments and Australia's

Aboriginal leaders to take more responsibility.

"Some people have been alarmed, and I concede I was a bit loose with my language," he said.

"The wider community wants to see some effort from Aboriginal people. This has to be a mutual process.

"I can understand there are people protesting, but I think they misunderstand what our Government is doing.

"I've had a lot of support from Aboriginal people writing to me and saying 'You are right'."

Hundreds of protests were staged around the world in

support of remote Aboriginal communities, which Mr Watson said was heartening. "We are happy that they are supporting us and it's painful that the premier is not engaging with us. His tactics towards leaving the Kimberley consultation until the last minute is appalling, it puts our community under duress," he said.

"Shame"

"It's not helping us or investment in our future. For the Government to turn around and blame us, when they have had control and mis-spent funds for decades, is a shame.

"They are still wanting to have control over spending and programs that have failed us all this time and we are standing up to say that we have solutions."

Mr Watson said living on country was fundamental.

"I had the privilege of doing that, it gave me recognition of who I am, the connection that my great, great ancestors have to this country," he said.

"It's important, it's where our heritage belongs, and types of food and lifestyle that have sustained our people for centuries, and it's the sense of belonging." – *With AAP*



A tribute to our Diggers

Warrant Officer (1st Class) Colin Watego lays a wreath after the Coloured Diggers march in Redfern, Sydney, on Anzac Day. Our Anzac coverage is on pages 33-35.

Picture: Keira Jenkins

Protesters angry



ABORIGINAL protesters are angry after being prevented from following the Anzac Day parade in Canberra. Police stopped a group of more than 50 Indigenous people and supporters waving flags, beating sticks and chanting "shame" from joining marchers at the national service. The group had a banner reading: 'Lest we forget the Frontier Wars'.

Organiser Michael Anderson later said they wanted to march up Anzac Parade and lay a wreath to recognise Aboriginal people killed during colonisation.

He said Indigenous people had previously been allowed to hold similar commemorations, and he accused police of displaying "overt racism".

Fred Hooper, an Aboriginal man who served in the Royal Australian Navy as a submariner, was one of the people marching in support of the Frontier Wars. He said his grandfather and two great uncles, Trooper Jim Hubbard, who was in the Light Horse in World War I, and Harold West, who fought and died in New Guinea during World War II, had all served.

"Harold West of the Murrawarri Nation (NSW) was the inspiration for the Black Diggers March in Sydney every Anzac Day," he said.

"I wanted to march with my Navy mates, but was prevented by the Australian Federal Police (AFP). Instead I was given a police escort from the back of the parade to the front, where the Submarine Association was gathered before the official march commenced.

"I was escorted by two AFP officers who informed the leader of the Submarine Association that I was not to raise the Murrawarri flag.

"The police escorts were given orders to arrest me if I raised the

Reporter stands firm

AFTER filming a confrontation between protesters and police in Canberra on Anzac Day, NITV reporter Myles Morgan, a Wadi Wadi man of the Dharawal nation, refused to hand over his footage to police until he had spoken with SBS or NITV management.

Police attempted to intimidate Mr Morgan, who kept filming, and the resulting video has gone viral.

Throughout the footage police use various tactics to attempt to unsettle Mr Morgan, who remained polite but firm throughout.

"Indigenous and non-Indigenous protesters wanted to peacefully mark the Frontier Wars and the (sometimes) deliberate violence committed against our people," Mr Morgan told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was a demonstration which commemorated the violence and resistance between Indigenous people and colonial settlers.

"Police officers said protesters were breaching the peace. In trying to arrest one protester, a short scuffle broke out in which a police officer pulled out his taser and appeared to go to use it."

Mr Morgan said that within minutes the situation had settled down and the protesters left.

Murrawarri flag during the march with my submariner mates.

"This is a sad indictment on the RSL, the Australian War Memorial and the AFP, not to let Aboriginal people march in commemoration of all fallen Aboriginal servicemen and women, who fought on behalf of a foreign king in these wars and who served their

"As they left, a police officer asked for my footage of the incident. I refused, saying I would need to clear it with NITV management. The officer told me if I didn't surrender my camera, it would be seized as potential evidence," he said.

"Still refusing, two other police officers joined the first police officer. One officer accused me of shaking and twitching. I wasn't.

"I believe he was trying to provoke a reaction from me in order to have a reason to seize the camera.

"After telling them I was a journalist for SBS and NITV, another senior police officer accused me of acting for 'private purposes' and inappropriately using a Commonwealth asset (the camera).

"I immediately made it clear I was willing to cooperate with police, so long as I was given permission by NITV. If I genuinely believed I had evidence of a crime, of course I would try to help police as much as possible.

"Personally, I don't want an apology. What I would like to see is better cultural training for the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

"NITV will be lodging an official complaint with the AFP."

Aboriginal nation in the undeclared Frontier Wars."

Mr Anderson said that the AFP had overstepped its authority.

"It was impossible but to conclude that our group was subject to overt racism, particularly as Fred Hooper ... was prevented from peacefully leading the group up to the war memorial," he said. — with AAP



Former Royal Australian Navy submariner Fred Hooper with his police 'escort' on Anzac Day in Canberra.



Kirstie Parker encouraged people to get the message out through social media. She is pictured here posing for a selfie with fellow coalition co-chair Shane Duffy.



Kamilaroi boxer and rapper Kobie Duncan and Bundjalung boxing trainer Brad Hardman spoke at the launch about battling their demons, interaction with the criminal justice system, lack of activities for youth and how justice reinvestment programs and boxing turned their lives around.

Coalition wants record changed

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A COALITION of 16 leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and human rights

organisations is urging all Australians to work together to reduce the staggering prison rates and violence faced by Australia's First People.

The National Justice Coalition, co-chaired by Kirstie Parker, who is also co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, and Shane Duffy, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services chair, launched the Change the Record campaign in Redfern last week.

They are calling on Australian governments to show leadership in closing the gap in imprisonment rates and the disproportionate rate of violence by 2040.

Figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show that between 2004 and 2014, the number of Indigenous people in prison rose by 88%.

The statistics for Indigenous people are alarming: 13 times more likely to be imprisoned than other Australians; 3% of the Australian population making up 27% of the prison population; women hospitalised at a rate 34 times more than their non-Indigenous sisters as a result of family violence; and higher re-imprisonment rates than Year 12 retention rates.

The National Justice Coalition says this is devastating communities and generations of people, with so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people simply missing from their families.

"They are missed, they are someone and they matter in our communities," Ms Parker said.



Supporters at the launch of the Change the Record campaign in Redfern, Sydney.

"Which one of us is prepared to look another generation in the eye and concede that while the solutions were in our grasp we did not take them and we didn't try?"

The crisis has been described as one of the most significant human rights challenges facing Australia.

The National Justice Coalition believes that, while the situation is critical, it is not hopeless and many proven solutions exist.

Members are calling for investment in prisons to be redirected into early intervention, prevention and diversion strategies, which address the causes of violence and imprisonment, and are urging all levels of government to work with Indigenous people, communities, services and their representatives, to develop and implement solutions.

As well as smarter sentencing, they called for appropriate focus on rehabilitation, reintegration for prisoners, and smarter social policy and public health provisions so the prison system is not filled with those suffering homelessness, mental illness,

poverty or addiction.

At the launch, individuals shared their personal stories of incarceration, hope and optimism.

Mr Duffy used the justice reinvestment program at Bourke, NSW, as an example of good practice, where the community was engaged in shaping its own solutions to lower its community's incarceration rates.

"Solutions"

"The strength of the Change the Record campaign is that it consists of organisations that have the experience and expertise to identify what the solutions are and work with the public, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the government to implement them," he said.

"We don't believe the current approach to crime and public safety is working."

Ms Parker said the campaign had been generated through the great frustration among grassroots and other organisations that things are not getting any better.

"In fact, they're getting worse," she said. "Frankly, we are all tired of hearing the bad statistics. We

know there are solutions and that with a shared commitment we can change these statistics."

Mr Duffy said more and more was being spent on prisons and not enough on crime preventative initiatives and justice diversion, which could reduce the cost on the public purse.

"It's about spending money allocated to crime and justice in a smarter way," he said.

"Justice reinvestment is an evidence-based approach which provides better bang for the buck by ensuring funding is sent where it will have the greatest impact. That's fiscal economic sense.

"We are also asking everyday Australians to stand with us in this effort. We know the issues and we know the solutions. We all want to live in safe and strong communities. Work with us, support us and together we can Change the Record."

The coalition encouraged the public to sign an online pledge and promote Change the Record – www.changetherecord.org.au – via social media including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Eddie Cubillo, from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, with Andrew Meehan and Jane Powles standing among silhouettes representing the individuals that are missing from their families and communities due to the effects of violence and imprisonment.



Uncle Ray Davison welcomed the gathering to Gadigal country.



Yuin (NSW) writer Vicki Roach spoke of her lifetime involvement in the criminal justice system – at times on the wrong side of the law – and of her commitment now to changing the system.



More acts for the NIMAs



NOMINATIONS are now open for the 2015 National Indigenous Music Awards

(NIMAs). And more acts have been confirmed for the concert which follows the NIMA presentation ceremony in Darwin on July 25.

The concert lineup includes Frank Yamma, NT local favourites from Tiwi Island B2M, The Medics, and The Painted Ladies.

For more information and to nominate, visit nima.musicnt.com.au

● Pictured: Yothu Yindi performing at the 2013 NIMAs in Darwin.

Report urges revamp of Indigenous policy

By **NATALIE CROMB** and **RUDI MAXWELL**



A GROUP of eight Indigenous communities has compiled a report, *Empowered Communities*:

Empowered Peoples, which seeks to reconfigure the way in which Indigenous policy is conceived, drafted and implemented.

The Federal Government contributed \$5 million to the report, which was written by Indigenous leaders Andrea Mason (Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands), Chris Ingreys (inner Sydney), Denise Bowden (north-east Arnhem Land), Fiona Jose (Cape York), Ian Trust (East Kimberley), Noel Pearson (Cape York), Nolan Hunter (West Kimberley), Paul Briggs (Goulburn-Murray) and Shane Phillips (inner Sydney).

It advocates a fundamental shift away from the traditional social policy framework and seeks to "rebalance the power between government and Indigenous Australians".

However, it has already met with some strong criticism from some Aboriginal people and groups, who say, far from empowering Indigenous people, the plan entrenches inequitable power structures.

The Redfern Aboriginal Women's Alliance, which had

initially supported the Empowered Communities idea, opted out in February, saying it discriminates against Aboriginal women, is racist, and takes away from self-determination.

Former ATSIC chair Geoff Clark said the Empowered Communities report needed to be properly interrogated.

"If ATSIC were to still exist we would do a proper audit and evaluation of real outcomes, starting first with the view of local Aboriginal communities and people living in these eight regions," he said.

The report cites two main goals: to close the gap on social and economic disadvantage; and to enable the cultural recognition and determination of Indigenous Australians.

It claims that through empowerment, a number of social indicators for Indigenous Australians will organically improve.

"The principle of subsidiarity – that authority to decide and act should rest at the closest level possible to the people or organisations the decision or action is designed to serve – is an important element in our concept of Indigenous empowerment," the report says.

"Together, with Indigenous self-determination and the mutual rights and responsibilities shared between Indigenous people and governments, it is at the heart of our Indigenous empowerment reforms."

The report rails against the continued policies that perceive the Indigenous population as a problem requiring funding but no real policy direction.

It says a highly profitable private sector has arisen servicing the "Aboriginal problem" with no real

was more about privatisation than empowerment.

"The problem is, is that as much as we would like to think, it's not a community initiative with grassroots direction. It's the brainchild of institutes, not of the people," he said.

"Empowered Communities is an initiative which would see service delivery in Aboriginal communities streamlined and essentially privatised.

"I am all for the departments of Education or Health or Social

Services to tailor policies for such areas, for such people in partnership with them, but I do not feel confident in them washing their hands clean of their responsibilities to Aboriginal communities and

trusting in a theory-based initiative which would hand over such service delivery from the governments to the ideology of one man."

The report says the challenges facing Indigenous communities and their need for development is not a social experiment that can be resolved by those outside the communities and who have never even visited or lived in the communities. The answer is the communities themselves, and the report calls for high levels of

"Our empowerment agenda will see greater productivity across Indigenous affairs by shifting away from government agency towards the agency of individuals, families and communities."

results and, in some cases, worsening social indicators.

It says that it is often grassroots lobbyists and activists who highlight issues of concern to the community and on the infrequent occasion that the Government consults with community members, that engagement is rarely meaningful and Indigenous Australians are rarely afforded an opportunity to shape the decisions and the implementation of decisions.

But Cape York Aboriginal activist Jack Wilke-Jans said the initiative

Indigenous leadership and autonomy in decision-making to overcome the history of patriarchal policy making.

The report says that for meaningful change to occur, the onus cannot simply be on the Indigenous population to change its approach – the Government must also change.

It calls for a new national representative body.

The report advocates for investment in "Indigenous-led, place-based development agendas" so that funds can be funnelled into development of communities rather than fostering dependence.

"Our empowerment agenda will see greater productivity across Indigenous affairs by shifting away from government agency towards the agency of individuals, families and communities," it says.

"We want to stem the flow of passive welfare and passive service delivery by placing greater responsibility and agency with individuals – supported by government. Likewise, we want leaders and communities to take greater responsibility for making strong decisions about investment priorities, with skin in the game, and ensuring a more rational focus on development investment."

The *Koori Mail* made repeated requests to Empowered Communities seeking interviews but, after four weeks, had not had a response.

New repatriation hopes



YAWURU (WA) man Peter Yu is hopeful an exhibition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander objects at the British Museum in London will lead to productive discussions about repatriation.

Mr Yu led a five-member delegation from the National Museum of Australia Indigenous Reference Group to the exhibition *Indigenous Australia: Enduring Civilisation* and to meet with British Museum trustees.

Asked if he'd like to see objects returned long term, he quipped: "I'll probably be dead and gone by the time that happens."

"Let's give the dialogue and the discussion a chance and see what the possibilities are. Everything is based on relationships and trust. If you don't have that this isn't going anywhere. There are no easy answers at this stage."

In the interim there are practical ways of dealing with the issue of disputed ownership, including negotiations for loans, fellowships, return exhibitions and greater access protocols, Mr Yu said.

"Repatriation is a very serious issue ... but that's not going to happen overnight if it happens at all," he said.

"So why not get on with some practical things."

Some Indigenous people are demanding the museum return



Peter Yu with an Aboriginal artwork. Picture: George Serras, National Museum of Australia

objects that were stolen during occupation.

There was a small protest outside the exhibition ahead of the opening, but museum director Neil MacGregor said he welcomed the debate.

"People have different views on what belongs where and that's precisely what this exhibition allows," he said, after welcoming a number of Indigenous visitors to the museum for a private ceremony.

"The debate can now take place as you would hope between friends on the basis of proper information."

Asked whether he thought Indigenous objects would eventually be repatriated, Mr

MacGregor said: "I don't know. These are discussions that are obviously always going on."

The British Museum's general position, Mr MacGregor said, was there should be one place where the whole world could be viewed at once.

"And ... you can't think about the world and human activities without having the Aboriginal cultures there. They are a key part of that story," he said.

Earlier this year, Aboriginal activist and historian Gary Foley cast doubt on the British Museum's willingness to engage in serious debate.

"Bet they won't be prepared to seriously discuss issues of repatriation of cultural materials obtained through nefarious means ... because of their retention of the so-called 'Elgin marbles'," he wrote, referring to Greek artefacts that were stolen by a British lord in the 19th century.

The exhibition presents Indigenous Australia as a living culture with a continuous history dating back 60,000 years.

The objects on display include a shield believed to have been collected at Botany Bay in 1770 by Captain Cook or one of his men.

The exhibition will be taken to Canberra in November, when it's expected Indigenous people will mount a legal challenge to try and stop some objects returning to Britain. — with AAP



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Stage set for theatre

By JILLIAN MUNDY



WHILE the office of the newly-formed pakana Theatre Company may be understated, the inspiration, ideas and motivation are not.

Pakana man Nathan Maynard, 34, was drawn into the world of theatre following his inaugural acting role a couple of years ago in the play *Shadow Dreams*. He was cast as a 12-year-old boy.

The experienced traditional dancer and land/heritage manager had not been involved in theatre since his school days. Now he's hooked.

"I fell in love with (theatre). The whole time I was doing *Shadow Dreams* I was thinking of ideas of a show for us, bouncing my ideas around," Mr Maynard said.

"I just thought 'this is a wicked platform to tell our fellas' stories'.

"It became bleeding obvious we needed something of our own, so we didn't need to go to the big island when we wanted to further our careers or tell our people's stories."

Yarning with industry professionals, he realised it was people and space – not big bucks – that was needed initially.

Following a lunchtime yarn, Kickstart Arts, a Tasmanian community and arts development organisation, offered Mr Maynard an office in its Hobart building.

"We made a sign, sent off an email and it was up and running," Mr Maynard said.

He is now looking to fund the renovation of an unused theatre in the building next to the office. "We don't need tens of thousands of dollars, just enough to make it functional at this stage," he said.



Pakana Theatre Company artistic director Nathan Maynard: "We made a sign, sent off an email and it was up and running."

Mr Maynard aspires to provide a platform for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community to create world-class performing arts, tell pakana community stories and give performers, writers

and directors professional development.

Mr Maynard is keeping his 'huge' idea under wraps for the time being, and developing his first script, a simpler show to cut his teeth on – *The Season*, telling

stories of the important Tasmanian Aboriginal tradition of mutton-birding.

He's being mentored and encouraged by industry professionals, has a week's work experience coming up with Australia's longest-running Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander theatre company, Melbourne-based Ilbjerri, and has just completed a 'vomit' draft of *The Season* ready for its first reading later this month.

"It's about the comings and goings of a family mutton-bird shed on Big Dog Island, during the mutton-bird season, and all the shenanigans that go with it," Mr Maynard said. "The skeletons coming out of the closet, the relationship with the local ranger, affairs, family rivalries within a family and Maynards versus Mansells – hammed right up of course. It's personal experience, retold stories and a bit of artistic licence."

Mr Maynard's looking forward to the script being workshopped with professional actors, a director and others at the Yellamundie Writers' Festival in Sydney in August, after his was one of six selected nationwide.

He's hoping *The Season* might be ready for a season of its own some time next year, and plans to cast a mixture of professional and emerging Tasmanian Aboriginal community actors.

In the meantime, Mr Maynard is working on producing an opening ceremony to launch Kickstart Arts' new building in August.

And he's calling for any interested Aboriginal people to get involved in the pakana Theatre Company and come and share their knowledge and skills at a meeting tomorrow (May 7) at Kickstart Arts in Newtown, or contact him via email on n.maynard@hotmail.com

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Greens MP David Shoebridge at a protest for Bowraville murder victims in 2013.

Wait for Bowraville response

By NATALIE CROMB



NSW Attorney-General Gabrielle Upton is expected to deliver her

response to a parliamentary report designed to clear the way for justice for the families of three murdered Aboriginal children – Colleen Walker Craig, 16, Evelyn Greenup, 4, and Clinton Speedy Duroux, 16 – in six to eight weeks.

The children were murdered in Bowraville, northern NSW, some 25 years ago. Their killer has never been convicted.

The NSW Greens have released a report with proposed double jeopardy law reforms following public consultation on the proposed changes.

Double jeopardy is the legal principle which forbids a defendant from being tried again on the same or similar charges following a legitimate acquittal or conviction.

The proposed reforms follow a parliamentary inquiry late last year that produced a unanimous report making a series of recommendations regarding the Bowraville murders.

The inquiry called on the NSW Government to review section 102 of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001* to broaden the scope and enable a retrial in circumstances where laws

change and allow previously inadmissible evidence to be reassessed and admitted as evidence.

Detective Inspector Gary Jubelin, who has worked on the case since 1996, is determined to bring about justice and empathises with the families who, he says, “have been let down by the justice system”.

A white man who often hung around the Bowraville mission was the primary suspect in all three murders, despite Colleen’s body never being found. He was acquitted and has since changed his name. Police believe there is compelling evidence, including from witnesses, that points to him and warrants a fresh trial.

Families

Ms Upton met with the families of the victims to discuss the matter on April 29 and said she would consult with other interested parties before making a response to the Greens’ report.

Leonie Duroux, a representative of Clinton Speedy-Duroux’s family, said the families left the meeting feeling guarded but positive. She said that, due to previous disappointments, the families were not getting their hopes up, but were content that Ms Upton received the message that it was unfair the families suffered “as a result of police mistakes”.

Ms Duroux praised the work

of Detective Inspector Jubelin.

“He is amazing. He could have given up a long time ago, but he remains committed,” she said.

Ms Duroux also praised Greens MP David Shoebridge, who initiated the inquiry.

She is hopeful that the families will see steps taken towards a trial for all three murders, despite the “emotional rollercoaster ahead”.

Mr Shoebridge said 25 years was too long to wait for justice.

“This reform seeks to address that and deliver a realistic chance of obtaining a retrial where all three murders can be considered together,” he said. “Despite the significant similarities in the three murders, this has not happened to date.”

“It was heartening to see that the new Attorney-General met with the families to hear their concerns directly. Minister Upton should be commended for taking this step so early in her time as a minister.

“Whether the Bill is supported through Parliament as a Greens Bill or the Government adopts the measure as one of its own measures when Parliament resumes, this is a reform that has been a quarter of a century in the making.

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The rising cost of fresh food on traditional lands has been a major issue in improving health standards at communities.

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher said that after initial funding of \$400,000, the program is now profitable, with returns being invested in cultural programs on APY Lands.

"Mai Wiru is meeting the challenge of providing food security for APY communities, which will go a long way towards improving the health and wellbeing of people on the lands," he said.

Mai Wiru also employs a number of Anangu locals across its five stores and is looking to provide more employment and training opportunities. — AAP

● Pictured: Marita Hughes with fresh produce at the Mai Wiru store in the Aboriginal community of Amata in the APY Lands of South Australia.

Picture: Calum Robertson/NewsPix



Ms Dhu death inquest ordered



AN inquest into the death of Yamatji woman Ms Dhu in Western Australian police custody will be

held mid-year.

WA Premier Colin Barnett said he met with Ms Dhu's mother Della Roe and grandmother Carol Roe in the Pilbara region last week and assured them the coronial findings would be made public.

"I was able to reassure them, I think, about the thoroughness of that investigation," Mr Barnett said.

"They had a personal request that they very much wanted to visit the prison cell involved and we were able to arrange that."

Ms Dhu, 22, died on August 4 after being held at the South Hedland Police Station because she reportedly owed about \$1000 in unpaid fines.

Police said at the time that after complaining of feeling ill, Ms Dhu was taken to hospital three times and died on the final visit.

Before she died, Ms Dhu had been begging custody

officials to take her back to hospital, but her pleas went unanswered until it was too late.

Her mother and grandmother travelled more than 1000km from Geraldton to South Hedland, where police had initially refused their request to see the cell in which Ms Dhu had been kept, until the Premier intervened.

Mr Barnett told *The Australian* that his Government was considering sweeping changes to the custody system.

"We are looking at alternative forms of accommodation," Mr Barnett said.

"For example, if someone is disorderly, drunk, or drug-affected,

they will go to drying-out centres and the like rather than placing them in cells in police stations.

"There needs (to be) greater recognition of cultural factors, greater recognition of family and the need to keep family advised, and probably also some liaison between police if they have someone in custody and the hospital and health care." — with AAP

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Yarrabah community members who built a monument to Indigenous service personnel.

Monumental RSL effort in Yarrabah

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE 12-month process from being a Returned and Services League (RSL) chapter to full-blown

sub-branch has been marked at the half-way point by the completion of a monument in Yarrabah, south-east of Cairns.

Yarrabah RSL vice-president Tim White said the community had pulled together to create a monument that recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service personnel from the region.

"Attached to our monument we've resurrected the old canteen," he said. "Our intention was to establish an RSL alongside this monument where people could get a meal, have a drink and sit out the front as a place of peace and respect."

"In the past, alcohol service outlets in the community had been a place of drinking; this is a place of respect."

Cairns RSL sub-branch committee member Peter Hayton said his organisation was happy to have Yarrabah on board.

Yarrabah Mayor Errol Neal said his council had also played its part.

"This RSL is the first for an Indigenous community in Australia. We're very proud of that," he said.

"People will come here and respect the RSL for what it is."

Cr Malcolm Canendo said the community was happy to support the RSL.

"This is an opportunity for Yarrabah to embrace the Anzac spirit," he said.

Richard Pollard, the son of



Richard Pollard, the son of World War II Yarrabah veteran Jack Pollard: "It's the first RSL on an Indigenous community throughout the length and breadth of Australia, so it tells you something – that Yarrabah is certainly moving forward."

World War II veteran Jack Pollard, said his father would have been proud to see the RSL in place.

"Dad was brought over here as a little boy because he was 'half-caste'; he was taken from the Tablelands and bred up here in Yarrabah as one of the Stolen Generation," he said.

"Very proud"

"Today, if he'd seen that RSL he'd be very proud of it."

"It's the first RSL on an Indigenous community throughout the length and breadth of Australia, so it tells

you something – that Yarrabah is certainly moving forward."

Mr White said Indigenous veterans from across Australia were welcome to join the Yarrabah RSL.

"One of the things we're particularly keen on doing is promoting our RSL as an RSL that has an expertise in supporting Indigenous service personnel," he said. "All servicemen, particularly Indigenous servicemen, now have an opportunity to join our club."

The Yarrabah RSL is expected to open in September.

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Thornbury students learn language



STUDENTS at Thornbury Primary School in Melbourne are learning the local language: Woi wurrung, the language of the Wurundjeri people, traditional owners of the land where the school is situated. And they've gone digital.

For three years, Woi wurrung lessons have focussed on the use of traditional language in a contemporary context through themes such as Wurundjeri people, language, land, stories, greetings, language games and songs.

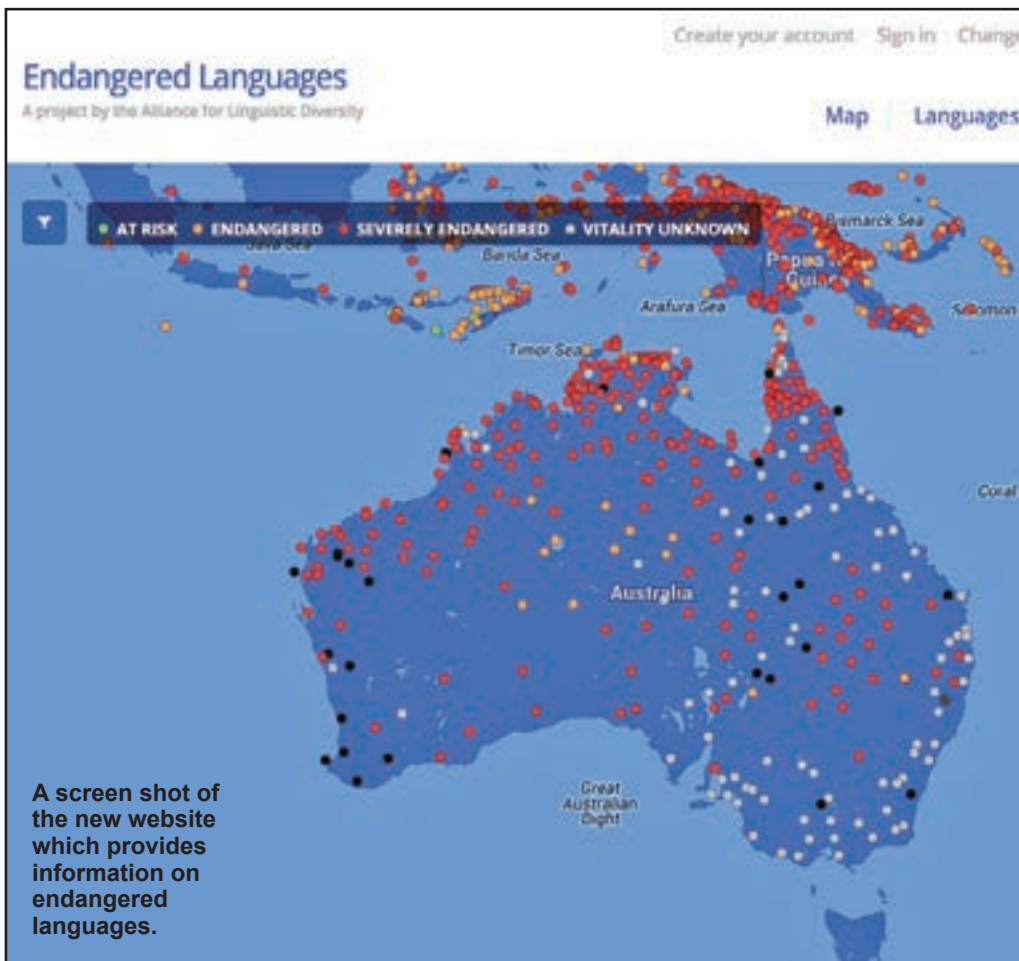
Now students have created three interactive digital storybooks, which tell the creation stories of the Wurundjeri people in both Woi wurrung and English.

With the support of key Elders of the Wurundjeri Council, Koorie educator Phil Cooper and Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages project officer Mandy Nicholson (a Wurundjeri woman and Woi wurrung language specialist) worked with a team of digital technicians from New Zealand to hold a two-day workshop. Fifteen Indigenous students from the school illustrated three traditional stories and recorded narratives in Woi wurrung and English.

The language app for iPad can be downloaded at the App Store.



Caitlin Young Atkinson, left, and Tamika Ruud-gee working on Wurundjeri digital storybooks.



A screen shot of the new website which provides information on endangered languages.

Endangered languages on website



THE Endangered Languages Project (ELP) has launched a new website – www.endangeredlanguages.com – which gives a global audience access to information and resources on endangered languages.

The website will “create a collaborative online space where the world’s languages have a voice and where people of all audiences can share language information, resources and connect with one another”, according to Tracey Herbert, executive director of the First Peoples’

Cultural Council and chair of the Endangered Languages Project Governance Council.

The platform is free to use and First Languages Australia is backing its use.

Australian ELP representative Kevin Lowe said the project can help Australian first language communities recognise they are not working in isolation.

“Australian language workers can use the site to share good ideas and practices with others around the world to help increase the use of languages in their communities.”

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Prince Harry spends time with Norforce



PRINCE Harry (aka Captain Wales) has spent a few days with members of Norforce, the Australian Army's North-West Mobile Force, in the Kununurra region of Western Australia.

While there, the prince met with locals of the Wuggubun community, 470km south-west of Darwin.

As part of a short duration attachment with the Australian Army, Captain Wales as he is called was briefed on Norforce's operations and received his orders before heading out on a patrol. While on patrol, the prince had survival lessons and spent time with Elders and children of the Aboriginal community.

Norforce is an Australian Army infantry regiment and one

of three Regional Force Surveillance Units (RFSUs) employed to conduct surveillance and reconnaissance in remote areas of northern Australia.

Norforce's area of operations covers 1.8 million square kilometres, encompassing the entire Northern Territory and the Kimberley region of WA; the largest of any military unit in the world.



Prince Harry, aka Captain Wales, meets Russel Smith during a visit to Wuggubun community, Western Australia. Picture: Corporal Oliver Carter

Artist gets 5 years



AN internationally-renowned Torres Strait artist has been sentenced to five years' jail for having sex with a 12-year-old girl, who became pregnant. Dennis Michael Nona, 42, faced the ACT Supreme Court for sentencing on April 22 after his convictions last December for sexual intercourse with a minor aged under 16 and indecency charges in the mid-1990s in Canberra.

Chief Justice Helen Murrell described the offences as appalling and inexcusable and noted they would have left a devastating and lifelong impact on the victim. She imposed a non-parole period of four years and six months.

The court heard the victim's pregnancy was discovered at 20 weeks and that a DNA test revealed Nona to be the father. The pregnancy was then terminated.

Nona told the court he had no memory of having sex with the girl.

Defence lawyer John Purnell argued that Nona's cultural heritage growing up on Badu Island as the fifth of 11 children, adoption, a childhood of 'floggings', neglect and disadvantage should be taken into account in sentencing.

Expert witness

Expert witness, neuropsychologist Warrick Brewer, told the court Nona had borderline intellectual abilities and the reading age of an 11-year-old, despite having studied visual art at tertiary level in Queensland and at the Australian National University in Canberra.

English was not his first language and his artistic talent had carried him through. Chronic alcohol abuse had contributed to Nona's cognitive functions deteriorating, and he suffers depression.

Nona has been in custody since August 2012 and had been assaulted three times at the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre in Canberra.

However, he hadn't reported the incidents out of fear of reprisals.

Nona told the court that being locked up unable to hunt or see nature had led him to contemplate suicide and affected his artistic inspiration.

He hopes to go back to his island upon release to work on a fishing boat, be reunited with his children and continue art in his spare time.

Justice Murrell said she had taken into account complex cultural factors, including that "contemporary middle-class moralities" had not been part of his upbringing, as well as the long delays in the case coming to court.

Police had issued an arrest warrant in 1997 but it was not executed until 2009.

In 2007, Nona won Australia's richest Indigenous art prize, a \$40,000 Telstra Award, for his life-size 650kg bronze crocodile with a man on its back. — AAP

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The \$4.9 million Mowanjum irrigation trial is a partnership between the State Government and Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation that will access groundwater sources to provide grazing for beef cattle.

Visiting Mowanjum, WA Water Minister Mia Davies said she was pleased to see the progress since the signing of a funding agreement in November last year.

"Two production and six monitoring bores have been drilled and early indications are that the system is capable of producing large volumes of sustainable, good quality water," she said.

"The 38-hectare trial site has been cleared, with road construction and kangaroo-proof fencing also completed by local companies using local Aboriginal employees."

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said the Water for Food initiative aims to identify water resources and enhance water availability to support the expansion of irrigation.

● **Pictured: Kids play in the bore water on Mowanjum Pastoral Station in the West Kimberley region of Western Australia.**

Coach backs survey



NORTHERN Territory Thunder coach Xavier Clarke is encouraging people to participate in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social

Survey (NATSISS). The NATSISS gathers detailed information for the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on the socio-economic progress of Indigenous people every six years.

Mr Clarke, an Australian rules football coach, said such surveys help governments shape Indigenous policy.

"If you get selected to participate, it's really important that you identify and agree to take part in the survey," he said. "Social surveys such as the NATSISS help government shape policies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

"I think it's critical that we capture information about Indigenous health, to ensure we are providing the right services



"If you get selected to participate, it's really important that you identify and agree to take part in the survey."

– NT Thunder coach Xavier Clarke

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"With the obesity rates of Australian children growing, it's important that we identify physical activity levels and seek out ways to ensure children all over Australia are participating in sports."

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outside kicking the footy or playing basketball against my brothers. Sport played a big part in my life and it continues to do so today in my role as coach."

"Many of my family members have diabetes, so for me an active lifestyle isn't a choice, it's a must."

ABS staff are currently in the field conducting interviews across Australia.

Data collected from the survey will be available from March 2016.

ABS Indigenous engagement officer Alan Radford said federal, state and local governments use results from the survey in making decisions on where important services are needed.

"If we, as a community, do not identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander when the ABS interviewers knock on our doors, our community's issues may be lost," he said.

"That's why it is vital that we all identify, when asked the question."

"So, if an ABS interviewer knocks on your door, share your story. It will help to build the real story of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia."

A video describing the NATSISS is at www.abs.gov.au/natsiss

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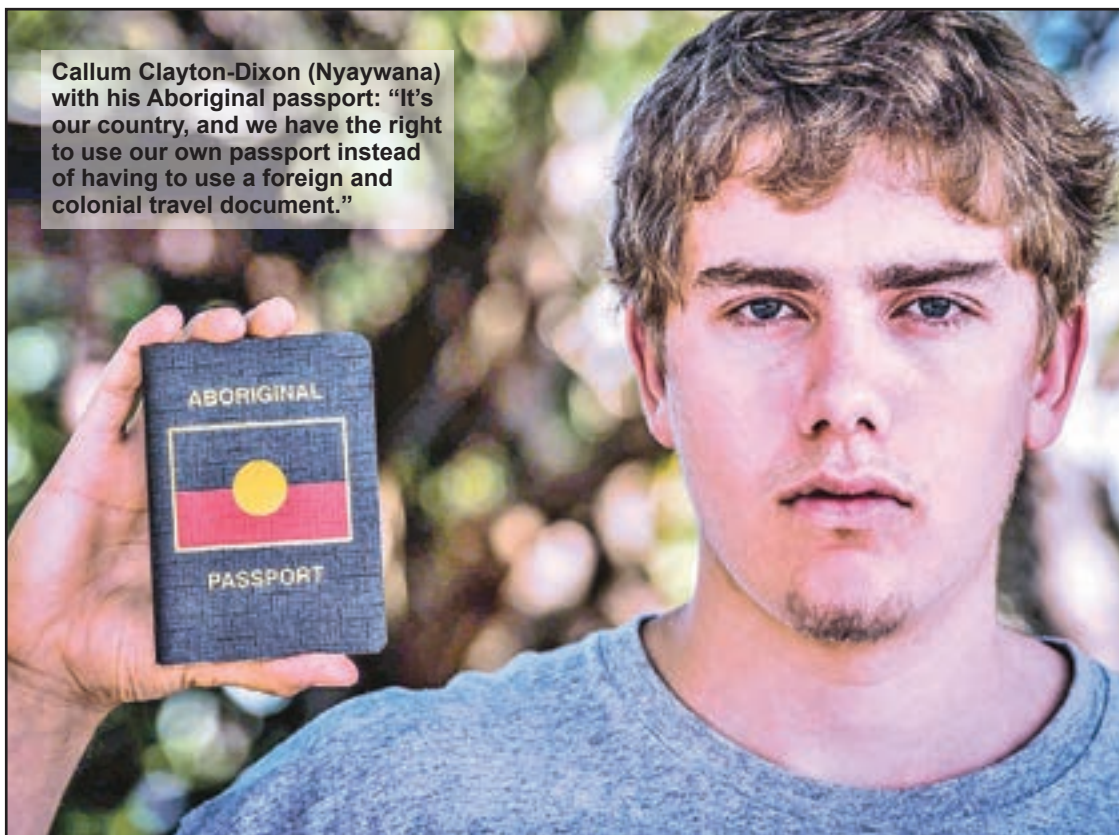
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Aboriginal passport use urged by APG



Callum Clayton-Dixon (Nyaywana) with his Aboriginal passport: "It's our country, and we have the right to use our own passport instead of having to use a foreign and colonial travel document."



CALLUM Clayton-Dixon (Nyaywana) believes that Aboriginal Australians

should use the Aboriginal passport when travelling overseas, but Australian Customs officials are yet to be entirely convinced.

Mr Clayton-Dixon, who is chairperson of the Australian Provisional Government (APG), was questioned by Customs officials when he insisted on presenting only his

Aboriginal passport on return from a trip to Aotearoa (New Zealand).

They eventually allowed him to re-enter the country without producing any other documentation, such as an Australian passport or driver's licence.

"Customs officials may hassle us and hold us up, but they have to let us through eventually," Mr Clayton-Dixon said.

"It's our country, and we have the right to use our own passport instead of having to

use a foreign and colonial travel document.

"We have the right to put 'Aboriginal' on the nationality section of the incoming passenger card instead of 'Australian'.

"The United Nations states clearly that Indigenous peoples have the right to determine our own political status, to be self-determining. This is the issue we're trying

to raise with the Aboriginal passport. It's an act of Aboriginal sovereignty.

"We've had a big increase recently in the number of Aboriginal people applying for and receiving Aboriginal passports. It's encouraging, to say the least."

The APG has been talking with an international passport company since January about revamping the Aboriginal

passport so that it fulfils international security requirements set down by the United Nations.

The rollout of the revamped Aboriginal passport will be in early 2016, and the APG will then work to get official recognition from countries sympathetic to the struggle.

For more information on the Aboriginal passport, go to www.apg.org.au/passports

AIATSIS wins funds



AUSTRALIAN Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) chairperson Mick Dodson has welcomed the announcement of a \$5 million injection into the institute's budget.

"The funding allows work to preserve and digitise our collections to continue for the next 12 months, before it's too late and they are lost to the ravages of time," Prof Dodson said.

Announcing the funding, Federal Education Minister Christopher Pyne said it was an important investment in building the capacity of AIATSIS.

"The significance of the Indigenous languages collection is indisputable, which

is highlighted by its listing on the UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Register," he said.

"We are committed to preserving these priceless elements of our national identity.

"This announcement will also benefit local and international researchers as AIATSIS receives hundreds of requests each year for access to its audio and visual archives."

Central role

Prof Dodson said AIATSIS has a central role in enriching Australia's understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

"AIATSIS-supported research showed that Indigenous Australians had been living

here for thousands of years longer than was first thought," he said.

"AIATSIS provided the funding that allowed Eddie Mabo to map his traditional lands, which helped develop our modern understanding of land and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to it.

"Our research built the AIATSIS collection – now the most extensive and best contextualised collection of Indigenous Australia in the world. This is an unrivalled cultural resource described by a recent independent assessment as 'a site of pilgrimage'.

"Our Australian languages collection holds information on all 250 languages spoken at the time of Western colonisation, and is now inscribed on the UNESCO

Memory of the World Register, along with the Gutenberg Bible and the Magna Carta.

"Our website and publications provide the gateway to high quality information and engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures for all.

"Our challenge remains securing ongoing investment in all the critical functions of the institute. We look forward to working with the minister and the Government on long-term funding arrangements for our immensely important work.

"We at AIATSIS take very seriously the role we fulfil for the nation, keeping safe our unique history for future generations."

AIATSIS also hosts an online collection of the *Koori Mail*.



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App to tell story of artwork



VISITORS to Hyde Park in Sydney can now hear the story behind a major new artwork that honours Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Diggers by tuning in through an app on their smartphones.

The City of Sydney is trialling iBeacons, small transmitter devices that communicate with smartphones. They will be installed at four locations near *Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall*, a major sculpture by Aboriginal artist Tony Albert that features marble and steel bullets.

When users of the free Sydney Culture Walks app are in Hyde Park South, an iBeacon will send them a notification letting them know they can listen to the moving story that inspired Albert's artwork.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore said the iBeacon trial was a great way for people to learn about the meaning of the important new artwork, one of seven being commissioned as part of the City's Eora Journey program, curated by Hetti Perkins.

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

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

Eddie and six soldiers escaped from a prisoner of war camp in Germany, only to be caught by Italian soldiers who lined them up side by side to be executed.

Three men were shot before the Italian soldiers realised their mistake – the men were POWs and should have been returned to Germany. Eddie and three



The *Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall* artwork in Sydney's Hyde Park and, inset, World War II veteran Eddie Albert is featured in the *Yininmadyemi* Sydney Culture Walks app. Main picture by Paul Patterson

other men survived.

Albert named his artwork *Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall* as a reminder of how his grandfather and fellow Indigenous service people were treated differently to their white comrades after the war.

"I feel the most powerful artworks

relating to war are those that use bold and evocative images to stir strong emotions in visitors," he said.

"In a similar vein, I feel the scale of the bullets, at 100 times their original size, also lends the power of abstraction to this artwork. I have chosen the very confronting image of the bullet as it is a

universal signifier for conflict, and I have chosen to arrange the bullets with some standing and some fallen over to tell a story."

The app can be downloaded free at the App Store and Google Play. For more details, visit sydneyculturewalksapp.com or cityartsydney.com.au

Funds target suicide



THIRTY communities in Western Australia will receive funding for suicide-prevention initiatives as part of the latest

round of One Life WA Suicide Prevention Small Grants.

The Western Australian Government has allocated \$50,000 in funding for suicide prevention projects for Aboriginal

communities in the Kimberley.

Aboriginal suicide prevention organisation Alive and Kicking Goals will build on work funded by beyondblue and the Shire of Broome for an educational DVD aimed at young Aboriginal women in Broome, Djarindjin and Bidyadanga.

Other projects include workshops in Broome, Derby and Fitzroy Crossing by the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services

Council to support Aboriginal lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people in the region.

WA Mental Health Minister Helen Morton said that reducing isolation and alienation in communities would help prevent suicide in the Kimberley, which has one of the highest suicide rates in the world.

Two organisations in the Perth metropolitan area will also receive

grants for suicide-prevention projects for Aboriginal communities.

Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation will host a forum to unite Aboriginal people in working towards preventing suicide. The forum will highlight mental health services and support.

And Muggin Aboriginal Corporation will run a cultural healing program, Mooditj Kaart and Aboriginal Mental Health First

Aid training, for Aboriginal people affected by suicide.

Ms Morton said the projects and training would help Aboriginal people build skills and improve their knowledge about how to seek support.

"Programs such as Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid and Mooditj Kaart are excellent ways to upskill and empower local communities to be mentally healthy," she said.

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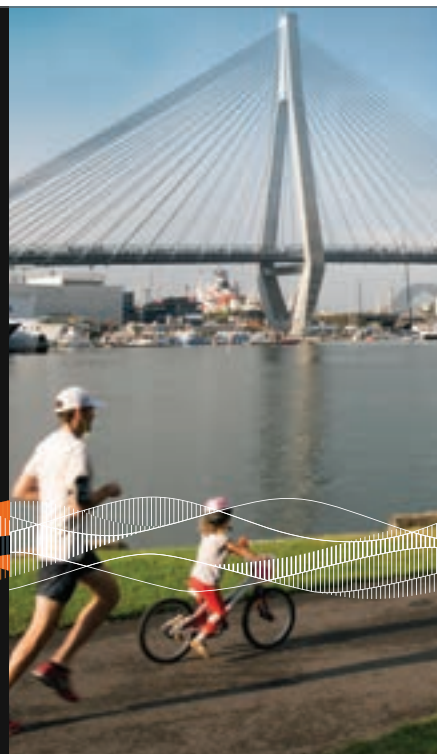
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What are you watching?
My career developing. I want to run my own business one day.

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Family and friends.

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Negativity.

Who would you most like to meet?
The late Kurt Cobain, lead singer of the American rock band Nirvana.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Comedian Ernie Dingo, my Mum Karen and Auntie Raylene Champion, who works at Tandanya in Adelaide.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous Australians.
I'd ensure that our young people received the cultural education needed to keep our people and future strong.

Quote



"Repatriation is a very serious issue ... but that's not going to happen overnight if it happens at all. So why not get on with some practical things."

– National Museum of Australia
Indigenous Reference Group member
Peter Yu, a Yawuru man from WA

● See page 9

Unquote

Premier Barnett needs to listen

THE SOS Blak Australia cry has reached millions of people across the globe. There has been a huge outpouring of support for Aboriginal people living in remote Western Australian communities from across the world.

And with a delegation presenting to the United Nations, perhaps international pressure will force the Barnett Government to do what it should have at the beginning of this whole sorry mess and actually listen to and engage with the Aboriginal people who will be affected.

While Mr Barnett's language may have softened slightly, with his concession that perhaps his initial words had been a "bit bald" – he repeated his attempt to characterise remote communities as dysfunctional. Of course there are problems in some Aboriginal communities; there are problems in all communities.

But you don't solve issues by name-calling and stereotyping. And you don't make them better by forcing people out of their homes.

Hopefully the Barnett Government is starting to hear the message that they can't ride roughshod over Aboriginal people's rights.

THE Change the Record campaign to reduce the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in prison deserves widespread support.

The statistics on Indigenous incarceration are appalling and have only been getting worse in recent years as governments of all persuasions blithely follow the populist 'law and order' mantra.

Mandatory sentencing and other harsh measures have no real deterrence effect but they are remarkably effective at



confining people to prison.

Aboriginal people are 13 times more likely to be imprisoned than other Australians, women are hospitalised at a rate 34 times more than their non-Indigenous sisters a result of family violence, and re-imprisonment rates are higher than Year 12 retention rates.

If enough people support the campaign, then hopefully we will see some effective action and results.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services chair Shane Duffy, who is also co-chairing the Change the Record campaign, said its power comes from the people who support it.

"The strength of the Change the Record campaign is that it consists of organisations that have the experience and expertise to identify what the solutions are and work with the public, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the government to implement them," he said.

"We don't believe the current approach to crime and public safety is working."

A grassroots campaign that includes Indigenous, legal and social justice organisations working to reduce the disproportionate rates of Indigenous incarceration – surely that's something everybody can support.

Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned



He's come a long way: A young Danny Eastwood in his fire brigade T-shirt and painting in his favourite place, the kitchen table, and a recent picture of the artist at work.

No slowing down for this busy artist

ARTIST Danny Eastwood has been keeping busy. "I'm 72 this month and still going strong. The phone is always ringing – one day, I'm carving a tree, the next working on big public works, there's a medical organisation that wants a painting – it's non-stop," he said.

"On Tuesdays I work in prisons teaching Aboriginal people art. Every week there's something new."

"I work in everything: sculpture, etching, silk screen, lino prints, acrylics, oils, watercolours, pencils, pottery, the whole spectrum."

A Ngemba (western NSW) man, Mr Eastwood, whose work as a cartoonist has graced the pages of the *Koori Mail* since its early days, started drawing as a four-year-old.

"Lots of Aboriginal people are shy, so the way to get attention is to play sport or do art. I started doing scribbles and my parents used to show me off," he said.

"I grew up in Redfern and Waterloo, but my mother used to travel back and forth to Brewarrina and I spent some time at school there too."

Mr Eastwood's art has featured in a variety of places, including a postmark for Blacktown, as you enter Sydney's Olympic Games venues, a mural in Redfern, on Coke bottles, and in many public artworks.

"I've got art across the four corners of Sydney – in Hornsby, Penrith, Ashfield, Blacktown, all over the place. Last week I was asked to do one over on the north shore," he said.

"I've done jumpers and I've got T-shirts all over the world, in America, France, Italy."

Mr Eastwood won the NSW Parliament Aboriginal Art Prize in 2008 for *My Reconciliation*, a depiction of his childhood home of Redfern/ Waterloo, and has been exhibited across Australia and internationally.

As well as his own practice, Mr Eastwood teaches art to Aboriginal prisoners.

"I enjoy that very much, it breaks their monotony," he said.

Presently, Mr Eastwood is working on several projects, including a large



Of this work, Danny Eastwood said: "I support the Tent Embassy and they may use this picture to help their cause. I painted a mural twice alongside the railway wall at The Block (in Redfern)."

log carving for a piece of public art in Ashfield that points to all the Aboriginal tribes in Sydney.

"In the old days, where I come from, Brewarrina had some of the greatest carvers, but they were stopped when the missionaries confiscated their tools as weapons," he said.

"My people used to carve boomerangs, shields and trees for ceremony, which white people

chopped down and sent around world as curiosities."

Before he became a professional artist, Mr Eastwood spent 23 years in the NSW Fire Brigade.

"I used to paint at the station and prior to that, I was a storeman," he said.

Mr Eastwood is also embracing social media, and a selection of his works can be seen on the Facebook page Danny Eastwood Aboriginal Art.



Danny Eastwood's a master cartoonist. Of this work, he said: "A great artist, Albert Namatjira, put in prison for sharing his new culture with his tribe (etching)." You'll find his latest work on the facing page.



Danny Eastwood can turn his hand to art on just about anything... like these Coke bottles.

Wiradjuri warrior fought for justice

WIRADJURI warrior Ray Jackson has marched his last steps. Mr Jackson was a stalwart, committed and tireless advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and the founder of the Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA). He was a member of the Stolen Generations.

"It was 1943, I was two years old and my mother – an Aborigine – was married to a white Australian when he went and gave his life for our country," he wrote.

"All I know is that my father was a soldier and he went up to Papua New Guinea. He was killed on the Kokoda Track and instead of giving his wife a war widow's pension, the bloody government came and took his children away. Because of my mother's Aboriginality."

Mr Jackson never found his birth family, but in his staunch, steadfast and passionate activism came to be regarded as part of the Redfern family.

He also advocated against Aboriginal child removals.

"The number of children being taken these days is horrendous. I've read about this. I've seen it. I've tried to help families who've had their children taken, but you're fighting a behemoth.

"To take the coppers on is bad



The late Ray Jackson complete with his almost ever-present cap.

enough, but to try and take on a government and its policies, no one out there will listen to you." Shy, funny and gentle, Mr

Jackson was always fighting against deaths in custody, organising and leading protests. He was a member of

the Deaths in Custody Watch. His knowledge was vast and his generosity legend. In 2013, the ISJA and Mr

Jackson were awarded the Human Rights Prize of the French Republic.

He immediately donated the prizemoney to families whose relatives had died in custody.

Ever humble, he wrote at the time: "It is good to know that our accumulative work has been recognised for its good works in the field of human rights for Aborigines, essentially, but also our encompassing work with non-Aboriginal deaths in custody families, asylum seekers and for those seeking justice in what is seen to be a racist and hostile custodial system."

Mr Jackson's almost ever-present cap was testament to his generosity of spirit, covered in badges supporting treaty, sovereignty, and many other causes.

Dozens of people shared their memories, photos and videos of Ray Jackson on the Facebook page Tribute to Wiradjuri Warrior Ray Jackson.

A memorial was held for him at the Redfern Community Centre on May 1. Mourners then honoured his memory by joining the protest against closures of remote Aboriginal communities. His friend and fellow activist Gary Foley paid tribute to Ray Jackson at the Melbourne protest.

Pioneer of remote media and radio broadcasting

ONE of the pioneers of Indigenous radio broadcasting and the remote Indigenous media industry, William Thaiday, passed away recently in Rockhampton Hospital.

Mr Thaiday touched many lives in the course of his endeavours to get Indigenous broadcasters behind microphones to inform, educate and entertain their own people, teaching them to expose the dark history and deal with the present issues, in order to help pave the way for a better, brighter future for Indigenous Australia.

Following a visit to CAAMA Radio in Alice Springs in 1981, Mr Thaiday and his younger brother Mick were inspired to start the steering committee for TAIMA (Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Media) in 1982 and became founding members of the inaugural board. They produced and presented radio programs

and trained others for the air times available to TAIMA on ABC Townsville. The pair worked closely with Graeme Steele and 4TTT Community Radio in Townsville before the TAIMA building, studios and 4K1G station were established. Bill managed TAIMA from 1983-1987.

He completed his train-the-trainer course at RMIT in Melbourne in 1987 and a Diploma in Broadcasting and Journalism at Batchelor College. He became a broadcast radio trainer in the world's first Indigenous media training course at Batchelor College and was an inspiration to Indigenous media students from all over the country.

Mr Thaiday brought students from Batchelor to Djarindjin in Western Australia to train and broadcast on one of the new BRACS (Broadcasting for Remote

Aboriginal Communities Scheme) stations.

He and his peers were responsible for the formation of TEABBA (Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association) in June 1989. They launched a networked radio service, bringing programs from Top End BRACS stations via phoneline. Programming was broadcast locally on Radio Rum Jungle at Batchelor township and went out on a time-share basis with the ABC on the HF shower (shortwave) frequency transmitted from Katherine.

Special role

Mr Thaiday played a special role in the establishment of radio stations in the Kimberley, training at the newly established stations of Wangki Yupunanupurru Radio in Fitzroy Crossing and Waringarri Radio in Kununurra between 1988

and 1991. He became station manager of Puranyangu Rangka Kerrem (PRK Radio) in Halls Creek in 1992 and, after a two-year stint with Mt Isa Media in Queensland, was station manager of Waringarri Radio from 1996-98.

On his return to Queensland, Mr Thaiday served as deputy chairperson of TAIMA from 1999-2000 and as a governing committee member for the Remote Indigenous Media Association of Queensland, while managing Boongarra Media Cultural Aboriginal Corporation in Woorabinda community.

Mr Thaiday guided the establishment of the Indigenous Remote Communications Association (IRCA) and was elected its inaugural chairperson from 2001-2006.

He was awarded the Preston Award for Lifetime Achievement at the National Remote Indigenous

Media Festival in Woorabinda in 2005.

This loss is shared by many people around Australia, especially through the Indigenous media sector.

Mr Thaiday's fighting spirit came from his namesake and amazing father, William Thaiday.

While he was working to train people and put fire in their bellies, alongside Bill Thaiday was ever-faithful Rosa, the love of his life. Their homes were like half-way houses – whether they were in Townsville, Batchelor, Mt Isa, Halls Creek, Kununurra or Woorabinda.

Bill Thaiday was a much-loved family man who was a teacher, statesman, Elder, leader, role model and friend to many.

– By Daniel Featherstone, general manager, Indigenous Remote Communications Association



On page 24, La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Chris Ingrey (pictured) writes about why Indigenous Australians should follow the example of King Burruga, chief of the Dharawal tribe.

Maori Party gives support

This is an open letter to Prime Minister Tony Abbott from Maori Party leaders Te Ururoa Flavell and Marama Fox

Tena koe (Dear) Hon Tony Abbott,

We write to you to voice our condemnation at the forced closure of Aboriginal communities in Australia as a result of your Government's policies. We ask that your Government honour its obligations to Australia's First Peoples.

As New Zealand's only Indigenous political party formed in response to discriminatory actions of a previous government, the Maori Party shares the pain of Australia's First Peoples, who face losing their connection to their ancestral land and the destruction of their communities as a result of government actions. The right of Indigenous people to live on their traditional land and to live as a community is not a lifestyle choice, it is an integral part of our identity.

Recently, Australia entered a new era in Indigenous relations with the 2009 signing of the United Nations (UN) Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), receiving appropriate praises.

Then-Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin hailed this as an effort to create a relationship built on "good faith, goodwill and mutual respect", although the minister warned of returning to the flawed policies of the past.

The General Assembly of the UN recognised in the UNDRIP "the urgent need to respect and promote the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples which derive



Maori people show their support for remote Aboriginal communities.

from their political, economic and social structures and from their cultures, spiritual traditions, histories and philosophies, especially their rights to their lands, territories and resources".

Article eight of the UNDRIP declares "Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right not to be subjected to forced assimilation or destruction of their culture". It says the State should prevent and compensate Indigenous peoples from "any form of forced

population transfer which has the aim or effect of violating or undermining any of their rights".

Mr Abbott, your Government's actions constitute a return to the flawed policies of the past and will result in the loss of basic human rights such as access to clean water and the right to choose where to live. These actions violate Australia's obligations to the UNDRIP. The cutting of federal funding for municipal services in remote communities is your

Government disregarding its responsibility to Australia's First Peoples.

We ask you to reinstate federal funding for these remote Aboriginal communities and commit to basic human rights and values.

We ask you to fulfil Australia's responsibilities to the First Peoples of Australia and honour your commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

POETRY

Rainbow Mob

You know I wanna give it to you...
But can you handle it?
Tell me you want to hear what I have to say,
Tell me you want to feel it and I'll give it to you straight...

See our people have been torn,
displaced, misplaced...
Look in the mirror and what do they see? Whose face? Whose face?
Look behind the eyes that are staring back.
The face is white but the mind is black.

See where do we belong us mob with no identity?
You know it hurts, man it hurts never knowing our family.
We're pushed out, not known by our own people, not wanting to live the white man's way.
Where does that leave us? In a parallel world, close, but just enough distance away.

To feel lost. To feel lonely is our daily due,
Not knowing who we are, where we fit, this wound in our people is nothing new.
My daddy taken from his mumma, her position hard,
The minute he was born from her body he was taken afar.

His daddy's name not written but his skin colour listed,
Was taken to a loving family but his culture missing.
He grew up in good hands yet his spirit missing,
His family, his people don't know he's existing.

My grandmother, my grandfather, I now know your names,
But our language group, family members all that has fallen away.
Who are my people? Who's my mob? Where's my country? What are my songs?
What is our totem? What is our dance? Where are you family, I'm feeling lost.

Can't go back for no answers, they don't like talking 'bout things that happened back then,
And it's hell to see the pain when I ask 'em to bring it up again.

My people like me, stuck in a no-man's land,
You feel the animals inside, don't you.
You feel country speak to you?

I know you hear the songs like I do, ringing in your head...
And you see things my brothers and sisters don't you, I know you do.
You see things unseen but you've never said.

Hey mob, black mob
Hey mob, fair mob
Hey mob, all colours in between
We truly are like the serpent in the sand.
It takes all of our colours, every hue, to paint rainbows with our bodies on this great land.

KRISTIE WALLACE
Griffith, NSW

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Follow king's example

ABORIGINAL Australians have a right to be recognised in the Constitution. This is what our people have been fighting for since the 1920s and 1930s.

The Aboriginal people of the Botany Bay and Sydney area have historically led the struggle for recognition of Aboriginal rights. The activism of these communities has been going on for 100 years, but no governments have ever really listened. The past few weeks have demonstrated that the fight is far from over.

The idea of an Indigenous body in the Constitution is one way to start getting broader Australia and government to take Aboriginal people more seriously. It is one way to have a serious political voice.

Aboriginal leader and activist Joe Anderson, otherwise known as the great King Burruga, chief of the Thuruwul (Dharawal) tribe, advocated in the 1930s that Aboriginal people should have representation in the Federal Parliament. Today, we still remember his proud words:

"Before the white man set foot in Australia, my ancestors had kings in their own right, and I, Aboriginal King Burruga, am a direct descendant of the royal line..."

Our people had our own systems of government and laws. None of this was recognised when the Australian Constitution was

made. The Constitution excluded our people and enabled discrimination against us.

But even in 1933, King Burruga was ambitious. He argued for change. He tried to take his message all the way to King George in England: *"I am calling a corroboree of all the Natives in NSW to send a petition to the King, in an endeavour to improve our conditions. All the black man wants is representation in Federal Parliament. There is plenty fish in the river for us all, and land to grow all we want. One hundred and fifty years ago, the Aboriginal owned Australia, and today, he demands more than the white man's charity. He wants the right to live!"*

Aboriginal Australians today still fight for our right to live. We still want more than the white man's charity. We still want authority and leadership in our lives and in the political processes that affect our lives. We still want representation in Federal Parliament and empowerment in our affairs.

It may be that reserved Indigenous seats are not achievable – though this has not been properly discussed and it should be. But we all acknowledge that constitutional reform is notoriously difficult to achieve.

An Indigenous body in the Constitution, as has recently been put forward by Noel Pearson, may



Chris Ingrey

be achievable. Similar ideas have been put forward by many Aboriginal leaders throughout our history. We may be arriving at a moment where something like this can happen, and that is an exciting prospect.

An Indigenous body in the Constitution would be a form of Indigenous representation in Federal Parliament. It could be empowered to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians a say in the decisions that Parliament makes about our lives and our

futures. These ideas seek to take forward the efforts of King Burruga; it would be a way of "improving our conditions", as Burruga said.

An Indigenous constitutional body would be a way of constitutionally recognising our people and representing us in our affairs.

This is going to require collaboration and cooperation within Indigenous Australia.

King Burruga encouraged our people to work together and love one another to achieve change. It seems strange today to use that phrase – love one another. It has come to take on a Christian flavour.

But Burruga's lesson of cooperation and solidarity holds true for many religions and cultures. Though Aboriginal Australians fight and disagree like all people do, this is a principle that has always been at the centre of Aboriginal ways of being.

As King Burruga said: *The Black man sticks to his brothers and always keeps their rules, which were laid down before the white man set foot upon these shores. One of the greatest laws among the Aboriginals was to love one another, and he always kept to this law."*

The time has come for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to remember these words, and work together to

achieve something important for our people. We need to build upon King Burruga's legacy. This is challenging at the best of times. But we know from experience that it is more than possible when we put our minds to it.

It takes courage to advocate for serious constitutional reform. It is easy to tear down those who seek to propose new ideas. But if we support each other, we are less vulnerable to attack. If we work together, we are stronger than if we try to do it alone.

Aboriginal Australia now needs to discuss and debate the proposals being made for constitutional reform. I agree that there should be Indigenous constitutional conventions around Australia, to weigh up these ideas. But let's make them our own.

Let's follow Burruga's example.

The whitefellas had constitutional conventions – and we were not a part of that process. We now need constitutional corroborees, so Indigenous Australians can decide on the best ways to move forward.

And we need to work together to make this happen. We want to live, not just exist!

Chris Ingrey is from the Dharawal and Dhungutti peoples and is chief executive of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council in Sydney.

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The project is about looking at how our Aboriginal community controlled organisations currently work and what it takes to deliver disability supports against government standards, and community and individual expectations.

AbSec wants to partner up with interested organisations that aren't delivering disability supports at the moment to develop their capacity, and get them ready to deliver disability supports – this means we will work with you to go through your organisation to get you thinking about what it means to provide a disability support that meets a person's need.

Our project is about creating an Aboriginal sector that will be there into the future to support our community in getting the support they need. We want to hear from you if you're currently an Aboriginal community controlled organisation in NSW, and not delivering any kinds of funded disability service in your community.

If you're keen to find out more about the project or AbSec, call 02 9559 5299, visit our website at www.absec.org.au or send an e-mail to Noel Walker at noel.walker@absec.org.au to arrange a time for us to come out and have a chat with your organisation.



Members of the award-winning Marrickville Souths Fitness and Breakfast Club at the rugby league.

Brekkie club is a winner



MARRICKVILLE Council, in inner western Sydney, was recognised at the NSW Local

Government Excellence Awards on April 24 for a program that helps Aboriginal youth.

Marrickville Souths Fitness and Breakfast Club won the Excellence in Community Services award.

The Breakfast Club helps local disadvantaged youth improve their health and overcome issues of truancy and unemployment.

The nine-week program has been held twice. It provides Aboriginal young people (aged 12 to 24) from Marrickville South with regular exercise (overseen by stars from the South Sydney Rabbitohs Rugby League Club), access to healthy meals and assistance to attend school.

An evaluation of the pilot

program found that 60% of participants identified as Aboriginal, 59% were from the Marrickville South area, and 100% said the program motivated them to go to school and that they wanted the program to continue.

The evaluation also found 40% of participants were female, 58%

swapped some of their regular foods for healthier options, 100% found that the program improved their fitness, 92% rated the experience as 'excellent' (8% said it was 'good'), and 70% are now aware that Barnardos (support service) can help them if they, a friend or family

member have an issue with drugs or alcohol.

Marrickville Mayor Mark Gardiner congratulated everyone involved in the program.

"The Breakfast Club is a really impressive and imaginative program that is turning around lives," he said.

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SA kids getting jabs



YOUNG Aboriginal children in South Australia are now more likely to be vaccinated than other children.

The latest figures show 91.8% of year-old Aboriginal

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State Health Minister Jack Snelling said vaccination rates among Aboriginal children have improved by 20% over the past three years. — AAP



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Wallace Rockhole stars at launch



KEEP Australia Beautiful NT launched a new Territory Tidy Town initiative in Wallace Rockhole last month, promoting clean accessible towns and best practice cultural tourism

operations. Wallace Rockhole was awarded the NT's inaugural 4 Gold Star Rating Tourism Award at the Territory Tidy Town awards in Darwin last year.

Keep Australia Beautiful NT chief executive Heimo Schober travelled to Wallace Rockhole, 120km west of Alice Springs, to join MacDonnell Regional Council in celebrating the long-standing efforts of the residents that contributed to the award.

"The Tidy Town Gold Star Rating system recognises the pride residents of Wallace Rockhole show in both the presentation of their community and their tourist infrastructure and services," he said.

"Friendly, tidy town"

"Wallace Rockhole has a long-established history as a friendly, tidy town and has been running its community-owned tourism operation for several decades."

The Tidy Town Gold Star Rating Tourism Award offers a qualification for tourists looking to gain cultural experiences by visiting communities.

Wallace Rockhole created and initiated the Gold Star Rating concept.

Visitors use the community as a base while they take day trips around the West MacDonnell Ranges, Palm Valley and



Students from Wallace Rockhole, which created the Gold Star Rating concept recognising best practice cultural tourism.

Hermannsburg or explore more locally through tours offered by Wallace Rockhole Tourist Park.

The tourist park also welcomes

visitors to experience culture, learn about bush tucker and bush medicine, see ancient rock art, scenery and native animals.

The Wallace Rockhole community also runs an art centre featuring a pottery studio and a small general store offering souvenirs, food and refreshments.

Ex-directors banned



THE Federal Court in Melbourne has found that four former directors of the Bunurong Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) – Sonia Murray, Mervyn Brown, Leonie Dickson and Verna Nichols – had breached their duties as directors under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act)*.

They were also found to have failed to meet their obligation to ensure the corporation kept proper books and records.

The Bunurong Land Council

provides Aboriginal cultural heritage services on a fee-for-service basis in the outer suburbs of Melbourne.

Ms Murray had sole responsibility for the day-to-day management of the corporation from 2002 until January 2014, when the Registrar placed the corporation into special administration.

Justice Michelle Gordon made declarations that the directors had failed to put in place policies and practices to control and monitor the activities of Ms Murray in relation to invoicing and money handling. As a result, Ms Murray

intermingled the corporation's money with money in her personal bank accounts.

Ms Murray admitted that between September 2008 and January 2014 she deposited \$924,000 into the corporation's bank account and withdrew more than \$929,000 from it, but did not keep any record of who provided the money or to whom it was paid.

No meetings

Before 2014 the Bunurong Land Council had failed to hold any annual general meetings for 10 years and only one directors' meeting in five years. The

corporation also failed to pay GST to the Australian Taxation Office in the financial years from 2010 to 2013 and subsequently incurred interest charges of \$23,000.

Justice Gordon ordered that Ms Murray be disqualified from managing an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporation for seven years, pay a fine of \$25,000 and pay compensation of \$7717.98 to the Bunurong Land Council.

Mr Brown and Ms Nichols were disqualified for three years and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000. Ms Dickson was disqualified for three years and

ordered to pay a fine of \$5000.

"The Bunurong Land Council was treated by Ms Murray as her own personal business and the other directors failed to take even basic steps to monitor what Ms Murray did and to ensure the corporation met its record keeping, meeting and taxation obligations," Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven said.

"The former directors failed the Bunurong people and have demonstrated that they are not appropriate to be directors of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporation."

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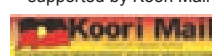
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Benny Mabo Jnr delivers a presentation on language transmission in the family context at the 2015 Torres Strait Language Symposium.

TSRA hosts language symposium

TSI PEOPLE from across the Torres Strait flocked to the Gab Titui Cultural Centre last week for the inaugural Torres Strait Language Symposium.

With the theme 'Empowering our language, in our culture, for our future', the symposium was presented by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Culture, Art and Heritage Program with Tagai State College. It brought together traditional language speakers and specialists from across the region to celebrate and plan for the future of the languages of the Torres Strait.

Presentations, workshops and demonstrations addressed topics including language transmission, documentation and technology; standardisation of the written language; and community and school-based language programs.

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said the authority presented the symposium to honour its commitment to contributing to

the revitalisation and maintenance of traditional cultural practices.

"It has been widely accepted throughout the TSRA that culture is an essential factor to consider in the development of projects and programs designed to improve outcomes for Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people," he said.

"For Indigenous cultures to

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The National Indigenous Languages Survey reports of 2005 and 2013 identified that the two main Torres Strait languages, Kala Lagaw Ya and

Meriam Mir, were in critical danger of being lost.

"It is clear to us in the Torres Strait region, that if the remaining traditional language speakers pass away without a clear and practical strategy to maintain these languages, we will have lost the bedrock of our Torres Strait cultural identity," Mr Elu said.

The language symposium was supported by the Miromaa Aboriginal Language and Technology Centre, the developer of the award-winning Miromaa Language Technology Program and Puliima National Indigenous Language and Technology Forum.

The Miromaa team has assisted more than 150 communities in Australia and elsewhere in the implementation of technology-based language documentation.

Mr Elu said the three-day symposium culminated in the creation of a reference group, made up of representatives of each of the five island clusters of the Torres Strait, to lead the development of the Torres Strait Language Action Plan.

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For further information contact:

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Funding is available from the Indigenous Family Violence Community Initiatives Fund, administered by the department.

The Community Initiatives Fund, guidelines and application form are available at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/AboriginalFamilyViolenceGrants

To obtain a copy of the relevant Victorian Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group Plan or for further information, contact the relevant staff member:

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Applications close 5.00 pm on 29 May 2015

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Aboriginal Community Meetings

Register of Aboriginal Owners Project Upper Hunter Valley

The Office of the Registrar of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW)* is undertaking an Aboriginal Owners Research Project in the Upper Hunter Valley.

The focus of the research project will be Aboriginal cultural associations with the lands within the Upper Hunter Valley and the associated Aboriginal traditions, observances, customs, beliefs and history. The aim of the research project is to gather the information necessary, including family histories and genealogies, to allow for Aboriginal people who are descendants of the 'original Aboriginal inhabitants' of the Upper Hunter Valley region to have their names entered in the Register of Aboriginal Owners for the Upper Hunter Valley.

We are running a series of Aboriginal community meetings to inform communities about the project.

The meetings are open to everybody who is interested in finding out about:

- The scope of the project
- The research process
- The outcomes of the project
- The role of the Aboriginal Owners Register

There will also be an opportunity for questions to be asked of the research team.

Location: Mudgee LALC, Unit 1/1 Industrial Avenue, Mudgee

Date: 22nd May 2015 Time: 10am to 2pm

Location: Walhallow (Caroona) Community Hall, Walhallow Village

Date: 23rd May 2015 Time: 10am to 2pm

Location: Mindaribba LALC, 1A Chelmsford Drive, Metford

Date: 27th May 2015 Time: 10am to 2pm

Location: Muswellbrook Workers Club, 15 Sydney Street, Muswellbrook

Date: 28th May 2015 Time: 10am to 2pm

Location: Singleton Youth Venue, cnr Pitt & Bathurst Street, Singleton

Date: 30th May 2015 Time: 10am to 2pm

Light refreshments will be provided.

Contact: Megan Mebberson, Manager, Office of the Registrar *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* on (02) 9562 6333

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The Young Australians – Cultural and Community Ambassadors group at the Australian volunteer briefing in Melbourne. The five-day event helped volunteers learn about what to expect when in Vanuatu, practical tips, and policies and procedures they need to know while away. Also pictured are Scope Global staff Tiffany MacNeil (fourth from right) and Belinda McCulloch (second from right).

Volunteers share skills in Vanuatu



NINE young South Australians are on the adventure of a lifetime, travelling to Vanuatu for a five-week volunteer assignment working with local communities.

Project management company Scope Global has partnered with AnglicareSA to deliver the Young Australians – Cultural and Community Ambassadors (YACCA) initiative for people aged 18-24 through the Federal Government's Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) program.

The YACCA participants will volunteer with the Vanuatu Ministry of Youth and Sport and support local communities by sharing their skills in sports education, health and nutrition.

The pilot group is seven young Aboriginal people plus two young people in AnglicareSA's Elizabeth-based youth programs, who are supported by Aboriginal cultural team leader Karl 'Winda' Telfer and an AnglicareSA youth engagement and program development coordinator.

first-hand, it will be amazing to be immersed in the Vanuatu culture," she said.

Mr Telfer, a Kaurna man and a senior custodian of ceremony and cultural educator, designer and artist, helped the young participants prepare for their assignments.

"YACCA provides a gateway into life-changing opportunities that will benefit the participants and the young people of Vanuatu," he said.

The AVID program has an emphasis on providing more opportunities for 18-24-year-olds to volunteer overseas, and

recently introduced an Indigenous Participation Framework to boost opportunities for Aboriginal people to participate, alongside other young Australians from diverse communities.

"YACCA provides a gateway into life-changing opportunities that will benefit the participants and the young people of Vanuatu."

YACCA participant Lilla Berry, who works in the arts, says she feels lucky to have been selected to volunteer.

"Not having been overseas before and having never experienced another culture

Former AFL star Wirrpanda apologises for drink driving



FORMER AFL star David Wirrpanda has apologised for drink driving after the West Coast Eagles' victory over Carlton last month.

Wirrpanda, 35, runs a charitable foundation that provides mentoring programs to empower Aboriginal people.

He was pulled over by police on April 10 and gave a blood alcohol reading above 0.15.

"It was unacceptable," Mr Wirrpanda said. "I'm prepared to cop the consequences on the chin and move on."

Mr Wirrpanda, who has Yorta Yorta and Yolngu heritage, was part of the Eagles' 2006 premiership team.

He played 227 games for the

club, and last year pulled out as a National Party candidate in the re-run West Australian Senate election.

"I'm one of those people that prides myself on making the right decisions and doing the right things in life," Mr Wirrpanda said.

"I'd hate to think people would judge me on that one choice." – AAP

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Woorabinda set to get festive



THE Woorabinda Festival is set to become an annual event after an outstanding first festival was run by the young people of the central Queensland Aboriginal community. Rain didn't stop the show, with highlights including a corroboree and smoking ceremony, and performances by local artists Peter Doyle, Jada Weazel, 'Timboy' Graham, Josh Weazel, Kruga Adams and Gammin Jammin.

Organised by the Woorabinda Youth Leadership Group, the festival was a chance for people to experience the local culture, ranging from arts, sport and music to language, traditional medicine and knowledge of plants and trees.

Amazing job

Event manager Jahlaya Weazel said young people did an amazing job of running the festival, with the support of staff from the Australian Red Cross and other organisations.

"As well as the local artists, we enjoyed acts from afar including Troy Brady and Kaylah Truth," she said.

"There was a beautiful display of artworks, from painting to clothing and jewellery made from echidna quills. The kids' area was kept very busy, with a rock-climbing wall and jumping castle being favourites.

"There were seven games of touch footy, which resulted in the 'Woorie Legends' team winning the competition and receiving prizes. The cultural area saw everything from making a fire from sticks to language sessions, boomerang painting and throwing."



Young people having a ball at the inaugural Woorabinda Festival, which they organised themselves. It is now set to become an annual event at the central Queensland community.

Thamarrurr is in administration



THE Thamarrurr Regional Authority Aboriginal Corporation (TRAAC) based in Wadeye, about 400km south-west of Darwin, in the Northern Territory, has been placed under special administration.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven met with directors in March. "They told me that TRAAC had struggled due to a regular turnover of CEOs and difficulties in holding

meetings of its 21 directors," he said.

"The directors explained that TRAAC provides important cultural leadership in Wadeye, but acknowledged that they needed some assistance from my office to reform the corporation."

Following that meeting, the directors wrote to the Registrar asking for a special administrator to be appointed.

"The special administrators will work with the members, funding agencies, the Catholic Church, creditors, employees and former directors of the corporation

during the period of their appointment," Mr Beven said.

"A cultural leadership group of seven Elders has also been identified by the community and will provide guidance to the special administrators."

TRAAC, which services a population of about 3000 people, is funded by the Federal Government to deliver a range of programs, including adult literacy, numeracy, job-readiness and the Remote School Attendance Strategy.

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Wallaga men's group wants shed



THE Aboriginal Wallaga Lake Men's Group is trying to improve life and conditions not only for the local men but also for the women and children living on the reserve in southern NSW.

The group is seeking funding to build a shed for men and young people – a place to sit down and yarn about what is going on, personally and in the community.

The group believes that men's sheds combat mental health issues, and they may even help to stop young men from killing themselves.



Wallaga Lake Men's Group members make plans for the future with Dr Julaine Allan from Lyndon Community and Raechel Wallace from Wandarma Drug and Alcohol Service.



John Pilger and Jenny Munro at the Sydney rally. Picture: Jillian Mundy



In Townsville, protesters stopped traffic for 15 minutes. Picture: Alf Wilson

Protests held around world

By ALF WILSON, NEELIMA CHOAHAN and NATALIE CROMB



THOUSANDS of people across the globe protested against the forced closures of remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia on May 1.

In Melbourne, a peaceful but loud crowd of people brought the city to a halt for more than two hours as they marched to the chant of "always was, always will be Aboriginal land".

Organised by the Warriors of Aboriginal Resistance (WAR), the protest started at 4pm at Melbourne Town Hall after a welcome to country by Wurundjeri Elder Margaret Gardiner.

Emma Bennett, who lives more than 100km away in Ballarat, came to march along with her husband and two children. She said it was the first protest she had ever attended.

"I am so angry at this country's continual racism and lack of respect," she said. "This is driving me to become

politically motivated. I am a seventh-generation white Australian and in seven generations we are still doing the same thing. It's terrible."

Protesters held Aboriginal flags, banners criticising the Abbott Government and placards with the message "stop the genocide". They marched to the beat of drums, before stopping in front of Flinders Street Station.

A smoking ceremony and a traditional dance performance kicked off speeches from several activists and Elders, including Kimberley Aboriginal Land and Cultural Centre director Mervyn Street.

Stood as one

Kimberley Elder Helen Malo said the protesters stood as one against the Government that tried to close their homelands.

"Our people have been forced off our lands many times since colonisation," she said. "It took us many decades to recover our culture."

Last Friday night's action is said to be the largest Aboriginal protests in history,

with more than 60 events in Australia and around the world, including Europe, New Zealand, Asia and the United States.

About 2000 protesters descended on Belmore Park near Central Station in Sydney. The rally was a rousing and passionate display of leadership and solidarity by all who attended, particularly speakers including Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy founder Jenny Munro, journalist John Pilger, TV personality Ernie Dingo, Ken Canning, Gwenda Stanley, Felon Mason and several others including poet Lorna Munro.

Jenny Munro spoke of the importance of people power and thanked those who braved the weather to show their support against "the continued theft of land".

She condemned the words of Prime Minister Tony Abbott, saying that Aboriginal people living in remote communities is not a "lifestyle choice" but about connection to country and the practice and continuity of lore.

"It is a basic human right, not a lifestyle choice," she said.

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Elder Helen Malo with Obby Bedford at the Melbourne rally. Picture: Neelima Choahan



Gary Murray with his granddaughter at the Melbourne protest. Picture: Neelima Choahan



Gwenda Stanley speaks at the Sydney SOS Blak Australia rally. Picture: Jillian Mundy



The Manton family from Coraki at the protest in Lismore, NSW. Picture: Naomi Moran



A protester in Townsville makes her feelings known. Picture: Alf Wilson



Elder Margaret Gardiner gave the welcome to country in Melbourne. Picture: Neelima Choahan



Western Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert with members of the Broome community at their protest.



This woman made her message clear at the Townsville protest. Picture: Alf Wilson

Thousands in protests

● From facing page

John Pilger compared the agenda of the current Australian Government to that of apartheid in South Africa. He said the mechanisms may be labelled differently, but the end result is the same – “total destruction of the Indigenous culture.”

Ernie Dingo spoke about how Western Australian Aboriginal people are touched by the support across the country and the world, and of the 150 communities slated to close or be altered to hubs under the

latest Barnett strategy.

“A lot of communities – even mine – are up for closure,” he said.

The march proceeded from Belmore Park to The Block in Redfern, where dancing and speaking continued.

Townsville action

More than 200 people in Townsville gathered at the city’s busiest intersection.

Townsville rally coordinator Meyalah Blackman said their permit allowed a major road intersection to be closed

to all traffic by police.

The participants sat in the middle of the roads as about 12 police and liaison officers watched on during the peaceful protest.

Speeches were delivered by MC Max Lenoy, Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, Rev Shayne Blackman, Les Moffitt from the union movement, and a representative of Amnesty International.

Online activism included thousands more supporters, with people pledging support via #SOSBlakAustralia

Crowd at Perth protest – see the next page



A CULTURALLY AMBITIOUS NATION

The Australia Council for the Arts invites you to a conversation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and cultural leaders to talk about the futures for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts. We believe these futures can be strong, bold and ambitious. Forums will be held in regions across Australia.

The Australia Council seeks to reflect a culturally ambitious nation. We are talking with you about your ambitions for your culture, arts and communities. This national conversation is important to the work of the Australia Council and to the arts sector more broadly. Your voices will strengthen the national conversation and contribute to achieving a culturally ambitious nation for us all.

We are also able to talk with you about the new Australia Council grant funding programs and how they can help you to achieve your ambitions.

Details of the forums and the conversation are available on the Council website: australiacouncil.gov.au or by emailing makingsolidground@australiacouncil.gov.au

Date: Tuesday 12 May
Where: Broken Hill

Date: Wednesday 13 May
Where: Dubbo

Date: Thursday 14 May
Where: Cairns

Date: Tuesday 19 May
Where: Lismore

Date: Wednesday 20 May
Where: Grafton

Date: Thursday 21 May
Where: Armidale

Date: Wednesday 3 June
Where: Townsville

Date: Thursday 4 June
Where: Mt Isa

Date: Wednesday 10 June
Where: Mackay

Date: Monday 15 June
Where: Shepparton

Date: Wednesday 24 June
Where: Ceduna

Date: Thursday 25 June
Where: Whyalla

Date: Tuesday 30 June
Where: Kalgoorlie

Date: Wednesday 1 July
Where: Albany

Date: Thursday 2 July
Where: Geraldton

Date: Wednesday 8 July
Where: Kununurra

Date: Thursday 9 July
Where: Katherine



Vocal marchers at the protest rally in Perth.



This woman had a clear message for government.



People gathered at the Perth protest rally on May 1.



SOSBlakAustralia rally protesters in Perth.

Solidarity on display at Perth protest

Pictures by TASH NANNUP



MORE than 1000 people marched in Perth on May 1, to show their solidarity with Aboriginal people who live in Western Australia's remote communities. Amnesty International Indigenous rights manager Tammy Solonec, a Nyikina woman from Derby, told the rally it was essential Aboriginal people were involved in decisions affecting them.

She said shutting services to Aboriginal communities and forcing people to move from their communities would break connections with land and culture and force people to move into bigger towns and cities where they would have greater exposure to drugs, alcohol and violence.

"It shows a complete lack of understanding of Aboriginal people and the traumatic past that we've been through," Ms Solonec told the ABC.

"It shows a lack of empathy. We want to make sure that this process that they've done of talking about us, without us, making big high-level decisions without Aboriginal people involved has to stop. We want Aboriginal people to be part of the decision-making process."

Other speakers at the Perth rally included Elder Ben Taylor and Greens MPs Christine Milne and Rachel Siewert, who has spent much of the last week listening to Aboriginal people in Broome and Fitzroy Crossing.



These women made their position crystal clear.



Speakers included Kado Muir, left, and Fitzroy Crossing's Patrick Green.



Leon Maltby, Sheamus Cain and Andrew Lennon proudly wearing Coloured Diggers shirts.



NSW Governor David Hurley with Kelsen Wacando, left, and Chris Townson. "David Hurley was my Commanding Officer in the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in 1991 and we served in Somalia (Africa) on Operation Solace," Mr Townson said.



Aboriginal serviceman Jonathan Captain-Webb.

Hundreds turn out in Sydney

By KEIRA JENKINS

NSW HUNDREDS gathered at Redfern Park in Sydney on Anzac Day to remember the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers. The ceremony commemorated Diggers past and present, and was made even more special by the fact that it was 100 years since the original Anzacs landed at Gallipoli. For Pastor Ray Minniecon, who started the Coloured Diggers march nine years ago, the event is an important recognition of Indigenous service personnel. "To have this kind of recognition, to break down those stereotypes,

those barriers, is so significant and important – not just for them, but for us as their grandchildren," he said. For many, including serviceman Jonathan Captain-Webb, marching on Anzac Day is a source of pride. "I get a great pride and a sense of fulfillment that I'm wearing the same uniform that my great grandfather wore," he said. NSW Governor David Hurley was welcomed to the event by a smoking ceremony. Wreaths were laid in the park before the march, led by a group of dancers, went to Prince Alfred Park. There, the official remembrance ceremony began, followed by a performance by Redfern music group The Green Hand Band.



Dave Welsh waving the Aboriginal flag.



Pastor Ray Minniecon speaks as dignitaries including Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore and NSW Governor David Hurley look on.

Picture: Sabine Kacha



Part of the smoking ceremony held during the Coloured Diggers service in Redfern.



A section of the crowd gathered for the Anzac Day march in Redfern.



These women, descendants of soldiers in New Zealand's 28th Maori Battalion, were at the Coloured Diggers event.



Showing their support, from left, Jake Gilles, Horace Richards, Tyler Jay Carter, Allan O'Toole, Brayden Stokes, Ashley Peden, Marcus Vogler, Brandon Page and Brenden Ward-Anning.



Aboriginal Person of the Year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood with Townsville Deputy Mayor Vern Veitch and family friend Bushy Joyner on horse Rix in Townsville.



Army Reservist Frank Sibley with Elizabeth Doomadgee on Palm Island.



Former servicemen Terry Abdul Rahman, left, and Walter Davis met again after 20 years.



Ex-serviceman Jonas Idai, a Saibai Islander, ready to march in Townsville.



Vietnam veteran Alec Illin, front, was on a Jeep for the Anzac Day parade.

Big numbers at Townsville

By ALF WILSON



MANY Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people took part in the biggest Anzac Day commemorations in Townsville's history, with more than 50,000 watching the march. Similar events were held around Australia to mark the centenary of the landings in Gallipoli during 1915. An event was also held on Palm Island, with school children and others laying wreaths on the memorial and community members visiting the graves of former service personnel. This year, the 3km Townsville march

started at Anzac Park, where it had ended in previous years. Thousands marched and were joined at Strand Park by students from 34 local schools to complete the walk to the old Jezzine Barracks. Many were Indigenous students from various schools, including boarders. "Very special to me" Saibai Islander Jonas Idai served in Darwin and Townsville for five years with a transport unit, finishing his service a decade ago. "Anzac Day is very special to me," he said. Aboriginal Vietnam veteran Alec Illin, a local community leader, was a passenger in a Jeep during the march.

NAIDOC Aboriginal Person of the Year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood marched with a group who graduated as nurses from Townsville General Hospital in 1972. Prof Smallwood was emotional when she met up with former serviceman Bushy Joyner, who led the march on horse Rix. "Bushy was a dear friend of my father Archie Smallwood and grandfather Alf Stanley and it has been so good to see him," she said. Terry Abdul Rahman and Walter Davis served in Somalia together and met up after 20 years. Being a garrison city with the Lavarack Army Barracks and a major RAAF base, Townsville always plays a leading role on Anzac Day.



Members of the Coolburra and Walsh family were joined by Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey at Bill Coolburra's grave on Anzac Day. The late Mr Coolburra was an Aboriginal war veteran and highly respected Elder on Palm Island.



Sacrifices remembered at Adelaide memorial service



A SPECIAL Anzac Day commemoration was held in Adelaide at Australia's first memorial to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women. Participants braved threatening weather for the

informal service at the Torrens Parade Ground memorial to honour Indigenous service and sacrifice. They were welcomed by Frank Lampard and Marj Tripp, two of the people responsible for having the memorial established.

A major commemoration service will be held at the memorial on National Sorry Day.

● Pictured above is the gathering at the memorial, and at right Frank Lampard and Marj Tripp conducting the service.



Torres Strait joins in

Report by ALF WILSON. Pictures by AARON SMITH of the *Torres News*



ANZAC Day on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait started with a dawn service, followed by a street march.

People gathered for the commemoration on Green Hill for the solemn dawn service, which included soldiers of Charlie Company, 51 Far North Queensland Regiment Army Reserve.

Later, more than 300 people gathered at the Thursday Island Post Office for the community march to Anzac Park and the main morning service.

The service MC was Marsat Ketchell, a navy veteran of 26 years, while Torres Shire Mayor Pedro Stephen gave the opening address, and Second-Lieutenant Vanessa SeeKee gave the Defence address.

"The service in the park was highlighted by an enormous Australian flag flown over the Thursday Island township while solemn speeches explained the history of Anzac Day and Torres Strait's involvement with the conflict, and other conflicts that would follow," Lt SeeKee said.

"Wreaths were laid at the memorial in the park, which has the names of those who have served Australia from the Torres Strait community in all conflicts and peacetime.

"Many community members searched for their forebears' names and laid wreaths in their memory."

A lunch was provided at the Defence Barracks. Drinks were enjoyed, stories shared, live music played, there was a chance to buy some Legacy products to raise money, and the two-up began.

Anzac Day commemorations were held at other Torres Strait islands and across the Northern Peninsula Area.



● Above: Members of the Sarpeye Dancers from 51 Far North Queensland Regiment do the Warrior Dance during the Anzac Day commemorations on Thursday Island.

● Left: Officials at the service on Thursday Island, from left, Father Dalton Bon, Torres Shire Mayor Pedro Stephen, Kaurareg Elder Wigness Seriat, State Member for Cook Billy Gordon MP and Cr John Abednego.

TVGUIDE

6TH MAY TO 19TH MAY



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12:45 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Burned Bridge (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 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 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
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 (Documentary)
2:20 Custodians 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 G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Torres To The Thames PG (Documentary)
8:30 Yudum M (Documentary)
9:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 7TH 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 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Torres To The Thames PG (Documentary)
12:00 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
12:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 Yudum M (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 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Mamgrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Documentary Series)
9:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
10:30 Matakau M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)

FRIDAY 8TH MAY

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 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
11:00 The Mamgrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
1:30 Milpirri PG (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 The Medicine Line G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:30 I Heart My People PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Go Girls M (Drama)
10:00 Eternity G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Medicine Line G (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 9TH MAY

12:00 Away From Country PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Defining Moments 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 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
10:30 The Mamgrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 NEAFL 2015: NT Thunder NC (Sport)
2:45 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 NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
7:30 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
8:30 NITV On The Road: Yabun 2015 PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Marley Africa Road Trip PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Express Yourself MA (Comedy)
11:30 In The Frame G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 10TH 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 A-League Elimination Final: WELL v MELBC NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
2:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
2:45 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:45 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:45 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
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 PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 The Deerskins PG (Series)
8:30 Fonko PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 The Strength Of Water M (Movie)
11:00 Express Yourself MA (Comedy)

MONDAY 11TH 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 The Deerskins PG (Series)
12:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Fonko PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Kids To Coast G (Documentary)
2:00 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 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
8:00 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Blackstone MA (Drama)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Documentary Series)
10:00 Matakau PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 12TH 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 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Matakau PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
1:30 NITV On The Road: Laura Festival G (Entertainment)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Bougainville: An Evergreen Island G (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)

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6:00 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Torres To The Thames PG (Documentary)
8:30 My Life As I Live It M (Documentary)
9:30 Awaken (Current Affairs)
10:30 In The Frame G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 14TH 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)
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9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Awaken (Current Affairs)
12:00 My Life As I Live It G (Documentary)
1:00 In The Frame G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Torres To The Thames 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 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Mamgrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Documentary Series)
9:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
10:30 Matakau M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 15TH 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)
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9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
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10:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
11:00 The Mamgrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
1:30 My Survival As An Aboriginal PG (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 The Medicine Line G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Rose Against The Odds (Documentary Series)
8:30 I Heart My People PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Go Girls M (Drama)
10:00 My Survival As An Aboriginal PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Medicine Line G (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 16TH MAY

12:00 Away From Country PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2:30 Ella 7's G (Sport)
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
5:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
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9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
10:30 The Mamgrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 NEAFL 2015: NT Thunder (Sport)
2:45 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 (Current Affairs)
7:00 Custodians G (Documentary)
7:10 Yorta Yorta Youth G (Documentary)
7:50 Custodians G (Documentary)
8:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
8:30 NITV On The Road: Yabun 2015 PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Marley Africa Road Trip PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Live And Become M (Movie)

SUNDAY 17TH MAY

1:00 Volumz G (Entertainment)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:30 Bizou G (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:00 A-League 2014-2015 (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
2:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
2:45 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:45 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:15 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
5:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Awaken (Current Affairs)
7:00 Native Planet PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 The Deerskins PG (Series)
8:30 Fonko (Documentary Series)
9:30 The Necessities Of Life PG (Movie)
11:15 Yorta Yorta Youth G (Documentary)

MONDAY 18TH 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 PG (Kids)
7:30 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
8:00 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
10:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken (Current Affairs)
12:00 The Deerskins PG (Series)
12:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Fonko PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 The Black Olive G (Documentary)
2:07 Cash Money PG (Documentary)
2:12 Custodians G (Documentary)
2:20 Bikkies PG (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Tangaroa With Pio (Lifestyle)
8:00 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Blackstone (Drama)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Documentary Series)
10:00 Matakau M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

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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 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Tag 20: The Documentary G (Documentary)
1:00 Tangaroa With Pio (Lifestyle)
1:30 Kimberley, The Land Of The Wandjina G (Documentary)
2:30 Mugu Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:00 Mysterious Cities Of Gold PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Vote Yes For Aborigines G (Documentary)
8:30 On The Edge PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black (Current Affairs)
9:30 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
10:00 NEAFL 2015: NT Thunder (Sport)



Mentors help at Murgon



MENTORS have been having a positive impact with Indigenous students at Murgon State School in south-east Queensland.

Children being helped by mentors are getting help to keep up with their school mates.

And the mentors themselves are getting a buzz from the help they are giving. "They missed me," said mentor Aggie Dynevor, who returned to the role about a month ago, of the students.

"They come up to me and say, 'It's great to have you back'.

Ms Dynevor's fellow mentors have a similar connection to the children.

"A boy came and said,

'Thanks for coming to teach us'," Tarryn Hopkins said.

Another mentor, Stacy Collard, said all the participants had similar stories.

"It's encouraging because normally the children wouldn't get their work done without our helping them," she said,

"I always knew they worked hard, but this has given me a new appreciation."

before adding she had increased respect for teachers. "I always knew they worked hard, but this has given me a new appreciation."

Other mentors at

Murgon State School include Sharon Shepherd, Stella Isaacs and Cheree Gyemore.

● Pictured at left: Tashika, 4, gets help from Murgon State School mentors Stacy Collard, Agnes Dynevor, Sharon Shepherd and Tarryn Hopkins.

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Boarding scheme funding extended



THE Federal Government will provide \$5.4 million to extend the Indigenous Boarding Initiative through the 2015 and 2016 school years. The funding helps to meet extra costs for non-government boarding schools with large numbers of Indigenous boarding students.

Last year, 21 schools and 1487 Indigenous boarding students from remote areas benefited from the program.

"Non-government schools with more than 50 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander boarding students, or with student populations making up 50% or more from remote or very remote areas, are eligible to receive this funding," Education Minister Christopher Pyne said.

"The funding has enabled schools to deliver improved services to students and provide effective support to boost school attendance and engagement, and that is why we have decided to extend it."

Academy's focus is on leadership



A NEW Koori Leadership Academy in Mildura is designed to support Aboriginal secondary school students. Formed by the Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) and the YMCA, the academy is open to any Indigenous secondary student.

MDAS family services manager Andy Charles said 30 students will take part in the first program.

"The academy program will be delivered over 12 months and the aim is to give young people life experiences, and learning and networking opportunities that they might otherwise find difficult to access," he said.

"We hope the programs the students will be exposed to over the year will inform, improve and shape their overall personal, social and leadership skills."

The Koorie Youth Leadership Academy will involve learning about leadership styles and skills, personal values, teamwork, group dynamics, public speaking, resilience and more.

Job programs are on the way in central Qld



THE Look Now Training and Indigenous Workstars organisations are rolling out new programs in central Queensland.

The programs form part of the Certificate II in Hospitality Training course, which is designed to assist jobseekers find work in the region's tourism and resource industries.

They are part of the Indigenous Workstars Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC) program for Central Queensland. VTEC is an initiative of the Federal Government and GenerationOne.

The next programs start this month in Hervey Bay, Mackay and Rockhampton.

"We want to assist and empower our participants to gain valuable employability skills, vocational and technical skills and, ultimately, employment," Indigenous Workstars general manager of training and employment Grant McDonagh said.

"Our strategy is to train students in the Certificate II Hospitality (Guest Services), as well as some foundation skills in areas of communication.

"As part of this learning, we are working to best prepare students for employment opportunities in the hospitality sector, in roles such as camp operations attendants, guest services workers, and hospitality trainees."

Young Bowen High sisters shine



STUDENTS from Bowen State High School in north Queensland, back from left, Bianca Williams, Kara Noordermeer, Shontae Reid and Sarah Waliu and, front from left, Zara Viti, Anita Bunn and Ceeran Parlett show certificates they received after completing a Young Sistas program. Run by Bowen-based Girudala PaCE (Parental and Community Engagement) and the high school, the Young Sistas scheme was for female students in Years 9 and 10. The participants learnt about resilience, personal hygiene, positive relationships, cyberbullying and its effects, and acceptance. They also enjoyed arts and crafts activities and met Elders. The girls were rewarded for their participation with a graduation dinner.

Future bright for Rhianna



CARNARVON Community College graduate Rhianna Couzens is on track for a

bright future. After completing the Undergraduate Degree in Anthropology and Indigenous History, she is now undertaking the newly created Masters in Heritage Studies course at the University of Western Australia.

Ms Couzens, who was born and raised in Carnarvon, descends from the Nhanda and Wajarri traditional owner groups from the Murchison region of Western Australia.

"I loved growing up in the country playing with my cousins on the banana plantations, and spending time with my old aunts and uncles, especially my Auntie Gwen, who would always tell me stories of our old people and our country," she said.

"But when it came to school I always found it seemed to take me extra time to understand what we were being taught and as a result I didn't get very good marks. By Year 12 I was just an



Rhianna Couzens and fellow student Bianca Howard at the University of Western Australia.

average student, but Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success coordinator John West knew I could do better so he shamed me to join the program."

Managed by the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation

and supported by the WA Department of Education and Rio Tinto, the program provides after-school tuition and individual mentoring support and case management in cooperation with schools.

The program has been supporting Aboriginal students since 1997, helping almost 730 students go on to university, apprenticeships and traineeships, or straight into jobs.

"I finally joined the Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success program and immediately loved it," Ms Couzens said.

Once she started her Bachelor of Arts at UWA, Ms Couzens was offered a cadetship at Rio Tinto.

"For the past three years I have studied at UWA while undertaking work experience with Rio Tinto Iron Ore's Communities Division, working in the area of Indigenous employment and heritage," she said.

"I have loved working with Rio Tinto as they treat their cadets really well. They're flexible and they let us work in different areas in the company.

"My dream career would be working with and alongside other Indigenous people to help Indigenous Australians first and foremost, but one day maybe other Indigenous communities around the world."



Deadly La Pa Skipping Crew member Kiani Duckett.

Skipppers hit road on tour



THE Heart Foundation has taken a team of 13 children from Sydney's La

Perouse Public School to regional NSW during Heart Week this week to help spread heart health messages to regional and Aboriginal primary school students.

The La Perouse students, many of whom are Indigenous, have been at Coonamble Public School and Dubbo West Public School as the 'Deadly La Pa Skipping Crew'.

Skipping is a culturally significant activity for Indigenous people, Heart Foundation cultural lead Vicki Wade said.

"Aboriginal people have been skipping for thousands of years. Skipping is like our corroboree, our dance, as it was done to pay respect to our ancestral creators

and it helps to strengthen our belief systems."

The tour is part of the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart Outreach program, which takes the Jump Rope for Heart physical activity program into schools that have previously not been able to take part.

Heart Foundation NSW chief

"If we don't start changing our children's habits, they are at risk of a life of chronic disease including cardiovascular disease."

executive Kerry Doyle said the goal of the outreach program and tour is to increase physical activity in children and close the gap in Aboriginal child health in NSW.

"During Heart Week, we want to remind all Australians to move

more and sit less," she said.

"Australian guidelines recommend children get a minimum of 60 minutes' physical activity a day, but 80% of children do not meet these guidelines.

"If we don't start changing our children's habits, they are at risk of a life of chronic disease

including cardiovascular disease.

"Physical activity is crucial for children's physical, social and mental development. It increases their fitness, coordination, balance and basic movement skills, and lays the foundation for healthy and active habits for life.

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

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Another health role for Scrymgour



New Menzies School of Health Research Centre for Child Development and Education co-patron Marion Scrymgour with the centre's director, Professor Gary Robinson.



LEADING Northern Territory health figure Marion Scrymgour has taken on another major role. Now chief executive of Katherine-based Wurli-Wulinjang Aboriginal Health Service and chair of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), the former government minister has agreed to serve as co-patron of the Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) Centre for Child Development and Education (CCDE).

The centre was launched in 2011 to conduct research designed to improve the health, wellbeing and education of children, particularly Indigenous children, in the Northern Territory and beyond.

CCDE director Professor Gary Robinson said Dr Scrymgour's appointment as "an enormous asset to Menzies and the centre, because of her integrity, and great credibility in the fields of both education and health".

Dr Scrymgour said: "I am humbled and proud to follow in the footsteps of (former patron) Dr Yunupingu."

"I am honoured to accept the role of CCDE co-patron, and I look forward to making a contribution to the important work of the centre."

Of Tiwi background, Dr Scrymgour established the Katherine West Health Board and became the organisation's inaugural chair during the 1990s.

Elected to the NT Parliament in 2001, she served as a minister in the NT Government and was also deputy chief minister.

Call for action over syphilis



WORK needs to be stepped up to develop a vaccine for syphilis, which affects Indigenous Australians among

others, an Australian expert says. The disease still kills half a million babies worldwide every year, a situation described by professor of sexual health at the University of NSW, Professor Basil Donovan, as "an international scandal".

In Australia, urban gay men and young Aboriginal heterosexuals in remote communities were the two population groups most affected, he said.

Prof Donovan co-wrote *Syphilis: a fresh look at an old foe* in the *Sexual Health* journal's special issue on the disease.

The authors say syphilis remains a pressing public health problem globally across different populations, including men who have sex with men and pregnant women.

"How is it that an infection that is curable with a single shot of penicillin, and after 70 years shows no signs of penicillin resistance, is resurgent worldwide?" they ask.

While penicillin cures an infection, a person can go on to catch it again as no vaccine has been developed.

"It doesn't seem to be an issue because the treatment is so cheap and easy, therefore it doesn't scare people any more," Prof Donovan said.

In its peak, and for centuries, syphilis killed more people and in more miserable ways than HIV did at its peak in 1994.

"But as soon as there was a cure, the bogeyman disappeared," Prof Donovan said.

There seemed to be "precious little interest" in developing a vaccine which would mainly be used in poor countries where there was not much money to be made, he said.

Many people don't get any symptoms so they can have syphilis for years and unknowingly infect other people.

It can cause brain injury and is likely to affect babies of infected pregnant women.

At the very least, the more sexually active gay men and expectant mothers should have optimal access to testing and treatment, the authors said. — AAP

Qld helpline works 24/7



INDIGENOUS people in Queensland now have access to a free 24/7 helpline for those affected by terminal illness.

Called PalAssist, the palliative care helpline includes specialised services for Indigenous Queenslanders.

Cancer Council Queensland spokesperson Katie Clift said PalAssist is staffed by registered nurses and health professionals who can provide callers with the latest information, emotional and practical support, and referral to local services.

"Palliative care advisers connect callers to culturally appropriate resources and referrals to help people manage the challenges of advanced illness," she said.

"Support"

"Our advisers can provide referral to local services that offer either home-care or in-patient care, and can assist with planning for end of life, including legal and financial planning as well as specialised counselling support."

The service is run by the Cancer Council Qld, with funding from the State Government.

"PalAssist offers callers empathy and understanding, as well as access to services that are suited to individual needs," Ms Clift said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can be assured of receiving professional advice and care, helping to ease some of the fear, anxiety and isolation that commonly affects those living with a terminal illness."

"Our hope is that PalAssist will improve outreach to ATSI communities and raise quality of care at the end of life."

Phone 1800 772 273 or visit www.palassist.org.au

Liverpool Hospital part of project



LIVERPOOL Hospital in western Sydney has been selected to participate in an innovative national project to improve the service and care Indigenous patients with heart

attack symptoms receive.

It is part of the Lighthouse Hospital Project, which aims to provide health practitioners with the tools to ensure Indigenous people receive clinically appropriate treatment, delivered in a culturally safe manner.

The move is in response to the fact that in 2012-13, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were three times more likely to have a heart attack and nearly twice as likely to die from heart disease compared with non-Indigenous Australians.

Book recognises WA's Indigenous Gallipoli soldiers



THE stories of 13 Aboriginal servicemen from Western Australia who fought at Gallipoli in

World War I has been brought to light in a new book. WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier described the book *They Served with Honour: Untold Stories of Western Australian Aboriginal Servicemen at Gallipoli* as remarkable.

"These men enlisted to serve their country despite being subject to restrictive laws that

excluded them from the wider non-Aboriginal society," he said.

The stories not only look at the soldiers' war experiences, but also touch on their lives before enlisting and following their return.

"There are tales of courage, valour, of finding love, and of their continued struggles after the war," Mr Collier said. "Denied equal rights, their transition to civilian life was traumatic, and military service had done little to enhance their ability to obtain work.

"They could not even attend an RSL club to

share a beer with their fellow soldiers.

"This publication is the first step in ensuring that the contribution of WA Aboriginal servicemen in World War I is recognised and preserved forever."

They Served with Honour was researched and written by the WA Department of Aboriginal Affairs, with contributions from staff and the families of the soldiers.

The department plans to continue this work to recognise more than 120 Aboriginal servicemen who fought in World War I.

The book will be available at www.daa.wa.gov.au



Claude Shaw, one of the Aboriginal servicemen from Western Australia who fought at Gallipoli in World War I.

Focus on veterans



A PORTRAIT of one of the last remaining veterans of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion will feature in a national project to recognise World War II servicemen.

The Australian Institute of Professional Photographers (AIPP) is undertaking a project titled *Reflections*, which aims to take a professional portrait of each of the 14,000 remaining veterans in Australia to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the war.

Federal Member for Leichhardt (which covers the Torres Strait) Warren Entsch heard the project advertised on local radio, but when he contacted the AIPP office, staff were not aware of the history or profile of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion (TSLIB).

"I thought this was too good an opportunity to pass up as time is running out for us to be able to capture the images of the few TSLIB veterans who are still with us," he said.

"The TSLIB played such an important role in supporting the defence of the Torres Strait against the Japanese forces, yet it was at a time when Indigenous servicemen were still widely discriminated against in our society.

"Lives on the line"

"Nevertheless, 870 young men of the Torres Strait put their lives on the line, and they were among the more than 150 servicemen who were killed during Japanese bombing raids in the Torres Strait."

As a result of the call, TSLIB veteran, 95-year-old Bamia Mast, who now lives in Innisfail, went to Mr Entsch's Cairns office with his son Eddie for the official portrait. He is one of only four known surviving members of the battalion.

"Award-winning local portrait photographers in Peter Rossi and Charmaine Heyer have taken an absolutely wonderful and very touching photo of Mr Mast," Mr Entsch said.

Three hundred photographers around Australia are aiming to capture the images of 14,000 veterans in this major project supported by the RSL and the Australian War Memorial.

Each of the veterans will receive a commemorative print in an embossed presentation folder to honour their participation, and the images will be archived with the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

More details at www.aipp.com.au/about



Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion veteran Bamia Mast with his son Eddie and local MP Warren Entsch and, inset, the official portrait of 95-year-old Mr Mast. Images by Highlights Photography

Artworks on show at Boomalli



THERE was a large turnout for the launch of the *Origins: Sacred Paths, Sacred Sites* exhibition at Boomalli

Aboriginal Art Gallery in Sydney. The exhibition, which features the works of 'open-air' artist Burri Jerome, continues until May 24. Boomalli curators say

Jerome's works capture the ancient pathways and cultural catchment of his people. The gallery is also hosting works by four other Aboriginal artists – Oral Roberts,

Jo-Anne Driessens, Deborah Taylor and Brittany Hegedus. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/boomalligallery

Jerome at the opening of *Origins: Sacred Paths, Sacred Sites* at Boomalli, while at right is Bundjalung (northern NSW) artist Oral Roberts at the gallery.

Readers urged to think again



IF there's one thing author Bruce Pascoe wants his readers to do, it's to radically rethink the way Indigenous history has been presented to them.

Pascoe will be the South Coast Writers Centre's first Indigenous writer in residence. He will read from his book *Dark Emu: Black Seeds Agriculture or Accident?* at the Black Wallaby Indigenous Writers' Night at Wollongong Art Gallery from 6pm on May 21. *Dark Emu* challenges the representation of pre-colonial Indigenous people as hunter-gatherers and presents a new reading of history.

The Black Wallaby Indigenous Writers' Night will also feature the launch of *Dreaming Inside Ill*, the

third collection of poems by Aboriginal inmates of the June Correctional Centre. Guest speakers will include Gerome Brodin and Trevor Coles from June. The inmates were tutored by Auntie Barbara Nicolson, John Muk Muk Burke and Jack Oats, who will read from the new book.

Pascoe will also facilitate two workshops. On May 28, writers will give their response to Indigenous art at the gallery, while on May 30, Pascoe will mentor local Indigenous writers.

Pascoe's residency is part of the South Coast Writers Centre's collaboration with the Sydney Writers Festival.

For more information, telephone (02) 4228 0151 or email director@southcoastwriterscentre.org.au

15 finalists in Fries Award



THREE Indigenous artists are among the 15 finalists for this year's John Fries Award.

The award, backed by Viscopy and which has a \$10,000 prize, recognises emerging and early career visual artists.

The three Indigenous finalists are Ben Ward (WA), Vincent Namatjira (SA) and Archie Moore (Qld).

All finalists' entries will feature in a month-long exhibition at UNSW Galleries at UNSW Art and Design – the award's presenting partner. The award



Vincent Namatjira's painting *Albert Namatjira in Sydney – Yeah, 2014*. The work is licensed by Viscopy.

winner will be announced at the exhibition opening night on September 4.

This year's new guest curator

Oliver Watts said it was a difficult process to whittle down the 730 entries to just 15 finalists.

"There could have been any number of great shows made out of the entries we received, which was without doubt from some of the best and brightest Australian and New Zealand artists," he said.

"In the end, we had to curate something that fitted together and said something about 'the now'.

"The show will be decidedly contemporary; I think it is characterised by the legacy of conceptual art."

For further information, go to www.johnfriesaward.com

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.

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Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal Driver Training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan St, 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 May 9: Recognise's Relay On The Road. The Recognise relay will continue its journey through towns on the Mid North Coast and north-west NSW including Maclean, Coffs Harbour, Bowraville, Nambucca, Armidale, Inverell, Moree and Bourke. Details: Martha on 0448 137 533 or visit www.recognise.org.au /thejourney.org.au or www.facebook.com/RECOGNISEAUS

Until May 10: *Survivors* exhibition. Featuring 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. It will be held at Western Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingewarra St, Dubbo, from 2pm. Free. Details: Call (02) 6801 4444 or visit www.westernplainsculturecentre.org

Until May 10: *Aboriginal Prints from Near and Far* exhibition. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton, Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au



The Brotherhood of the Blues, from left, Zac Paden, 22, a Bundjalung man who has hemiplegic cerebral palsy, Luke Murray, 25, a Bundjalung man who has cerebral palsy, and John Cieslak, 25, a Yawuru man with Robinow syndrome.

Brotherhood set for launch



THREE young Aboriginal men with a disability are set to launch their first CD.

Luke Murray, John Cieslak and Zac Paden, the founding members of Lismore-based group *Brotherhood of the Blues*, will launch their debut self-titled CD on May 15 at Lismore City Bowling Club. It will be supported by other acts including Jandy, Blackboi and The Gaudie Boardies.

The three young men came together through their participation in a music program

held at the RED Inc music studio.

Last September, Murray and Cieslak received a \$10,000 grant to record and produce their four-track CD.

The band's music tastes are drawn from hip hop and soul through to Delta blues.

The CD is a limited edition release and will be available on the night for \$10, with a digital release through iTunes to follow.

The launch will also be filmed as part of a documentary about the band and project.

More details about the launch from Matt Cassels on 0422 543 216.

Until May 10: *Sculpture Otherwise* exhibition. An exhibition of small sculptures by the artists participating in Sculpture at Scenic World in 2015, 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. Held at the Lismore Regional Gallery, 131 Molesworth St, Lismore, Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm; Thurs, 10am-6pm; and Sat, 10am-2pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6622 2209 or visit www.lismoregallery.org

Until May 24: *Sacred Paths, Sacred Sites* exhibition. Experience works by artist Burri Jerome centred around his ancestral pathways and love for nature. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until May 24: *Generations of Knowledge: Serving Country, Portraits of Aboriginal Service Men and Women* exhibition. A display of portraits that captures the strength and dignity of Aboriginal servicemen and women assembled as part of Anzac Day 2014 by artist Belinda Mason. Held at Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Rd, Emu Plains, daily from 9am-5pm. Free admission. Details: (02) 4735 1100 or visit www.penrithregionalgallery.org

May 9: Bourke Community Festival. Includes live music, dances, speeches, barbecue, kids' activities, and speeches from guests on the Recognise campaign. Held at Central Park, Bourke, from 11am-3pm. Details: Martha on 0448 137 533 or visit www.recognise.org.au/thejourney or www.facebook.com/RECOGNISEAUS

May 12: *Charlie's Country* film screening. Australian filmmaker Rolf de Heer will be guest speaker when he joins Indigenous woman Rhoda Roberts in conversation as he shares insight into working on this film. Held at the Byron Bay Community Centre, 69 Johnson St, Byron Bay, from 6.30pm. Cost: \$18-\$25 a person. Details: (02) 6685 6807.

May 14: *Riverstones and Ramifications* exhibition. A solo exhibition of works by artist

Bronwyn Bancroft, featuring large-scale paintings on paper, canvas, photographic collages and family memorabilia. Held at Blacktown Arts Centre, 78 Fluschcombe Rd, Blacktown, from 6-8pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9839 6558 or visit www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/arts

May 16: Kinship Cultural Connection Festival. A family fun day including information and market stalls, bush tucker, kids' activities, workshops and more. Held at Knox Park, Murwillumbah, from 10am-3pm. Free event. Details: Lara on 0431 951 162.

May 18-24: Sydney Writers' Festival. The festival's main precinct is at Walsh Bay, and events are also held at venues throughout the city and regional NSW. There are ticketed and free events. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

May 19-20: Aboriginal Community Joint Investigation Response Team (JIRT) information session. An introduction into types of child abuse, what to do if a child discloses abuse and an overview of how the JIRT works. Held at Casino RSM Club, 162 Canterbury St, Casino, from 9.30am-4pm. Free. To register: (02) 6683 5635 or email northernriversjirt@facs.nsw.gov.au Details: Dallas Waters on 0477 366 133.

May 21: Goori Baby Day. For Aboriginal families with children up to five. Includes information, fun, music, immunisation, baby development and free baby photos. Held at YWCA NSW, 101A Rous Rd, Goonellabah, from 11am-1pm. Free. Details: Zoe Dodd on (02) 6625 5809 or 0425 366 979.

May 23: Sydney Writers' Festival events streamed live to Wollongong Town Hall. Held at the Wollongong Town Hall, corner of Crown and Kembla Streets, from 10am. Cost: \$15-\$50 a person. Details: (02) 4224 5999 or visit www.wollongongtownhall.com.au

June 3-14: *300 Dollar Day* exhibition. Boomalli's annual fundraising exhibition includes a swag of artists contributing work costing over \$300 which are all for sale. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or email boomalliartgallery@gmail.com or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Victoria

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 the 10th Victorian Indigenous Art Awards. Open to Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visual artists at all career

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stages, across all mediums. Conditions apply. Details: (03) 5320 5858 or visit www.indigenoustartawards.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. This exhibition explores 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 Rd, Melbourne, 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 Pl, 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 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.

Until May 30: *Dog Show* exhibition. Featuring animal sculptures. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba, Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit www.wag.com.au

May 8: 'Yarn N Yakka' program launch. A new project which aims to prepare Indigenous people for jobs in hospitality and tourism. Yarn N Yakka involves an employability program, skills training, mentors and support. Held at One Step Further, 52 Marine Pde, Coolangatta. Reply to Ratana Salaam on 0409 776 530 or email ratanas@matchworks.com.au

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:



Song Stories workshop facilitator Barry Cedric on stage at UMI Arts' Big Talk One Fire Festival.

Workshops will help musicians



NORTH Queensland peak arts organisation UMI Arts will hold songwriting workshops in Wujal Wujal and Cairns in coming weeks. The free Song Stories workshops follow on from the inaugural workshop at Yarrabah held late last month.

Song Stories aims to support young, aspiring Indigenous musicians and songwriters to develop their lyrics and music through two-day workshops.

The Wujal Wujal workshop, May 13-14, will be run by Dylan Harrigan, the guitarist, vocalist and songwriter for Indigenous band Black Image.

Song Stories will wrap up in Cairns at UMI Arts on June 11 and 12. The workshop will be run by performer Barry Cedric.

Workshop participation numbers are limited to allow for one-on-one mentoring and assistance, and to provide a comfortable environment for musicians to express their music through words.

UMI Arts' music programs and professional development workshops are designed to help Indigenous performers and musicians develop their art form and gain recognition for their skills.

For more information about the Song Stories workshops, visit www.umiarts.com.au or call (07) 4041 6152.

\$22.50 a person. Bookings: www.slq.eventbrite.com. Details: (07) 3842 9061.

May 13-14: Song Stories workshop. Aims to support young, aspiring Indigenous musicians to further develop their lyrics and music. Held at Wujal Wujal community, south of Cooktown. Free to attend. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

May 16: Deadly Families Fun Day, hosted by The Smith Family to raise awareness of domestic violence. There will be guest speakers, community stalls, cultural performances, live music and kids' activities. Held at Pioneer Park, Riverway,

Townsville. Free event. Details: Kylie Pacey on (07) 4725 4052.

May 16-17: Dreamtime Kullilla-Art 'Culture Cave' opening. Includes workshops, performances, refreshments, raffles, giveaways and more. Held at Dreamtime Kullilla-Art, MacDonnell Road, Clontarf (Redcliffe Peninsula), daily from 9am-4pm. Details: Michael or Jo Connolly on (07) 3880 1320 or visit www.kullillaart.com.au

May 26: A Sorry Day ceremony held in conjunction with Community Living Association and the Noonga Reconciliation Group will be held at Kalinga Park, Clayfield, from 10am. Details: Alice

on (07) 3266 5199 or visit www.communityliving.org.au

June 11-12: Song Stories workshop. Aims to support young, aspiring Indigenous musicians to further develop their lyrics and music. Held at Cairns UMI Arts, 335 Sheridan St, Cairns Free to attend. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

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@thehub.net.au

May 13: Free epilepsy awareness seminar. Providing current information about epilepsy and seizure first aid, treatments and self-management strategies. Held at Lotteries House, corner of Wilson and MacDonald Streets, Kalgoorlie, from 10am-2pm. To register call 1300 37 45 37 or email epilepsy.org.au

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, Mon-Sat, 9am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or visit www.tandanya.com.au

May 22-30: Come Out Children's Festival 2015. Includes exhibitions, musical performances, interactive displays of artwork and photography, storytelling and more. Held at various locations and times at the Adelaide Festival Centre, King William St, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8216 8600 or visit www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au/come-out-childrens-festival

Northern Territory

Until May 28: Applications open for the Bush Bands Bash. The biggest celebration of Indigenous music in Central Australia seeks acts to perform at the 12th annual Bush Bands Bash. Indigenous bands from Central Desert communities in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia encouraged to apply. Details: (08) 8981 1995 or visit www.musicnt.com.au/BBB

Until June 26: *Art and Stories* exhibition by Patsy Chulugu and Arthur Que Noy, who share their art and stories on their Daly River country, NT. Held at the NT Library, cnr Bennett and Mitchell Streets, Darwin, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, and Sat-Sun, 1-5pm. Free. Details: 1800 019 155.

May 26: National Sorry Day event. Listen as Elders and community members share their stories. Also a play and guest speakers. Held at Jingili Water Gardens, Jingili, from 9am-2pm. Free. Details: (08) 8947 9171.

June 5-7: Barunga Festival 30th anniversary. A celebration of music, sport and culture includes performances by Paul Kelly, Gurrumul, Sammy Butcher, Neil Murray and many more. Held at Barunga, NT. Admission fees apply. Details: (07) 3132 5331 or visit www.barungafestival.com.au

Trainees set to start at Clarence council

NSW FIVE school-based Aboriginal trainees will soon start work as part of a Clarence Valley Council-supported program to provide more opportunities to young Indigenous people.

The northern NSW council will work with the ArtsReady program – an initiative of AFL SportsReady and supported by the Australian Government – to recruit and train five young Aboriginal people in various aspects of council's operations.

Mayor Richie Williamson said positions were for two trainees in the community centre, one in human resources, one in economic development and the other in planning and administration. They will be based in Grafton, Maclean and Yamba.

"We've worked with ArtsReady to develop a traineeship program that will meet our needs and those of the young trainees," he said.

"It will allow young trainees to get their foot in the door of a career in the local government sector and is driven by a shared goal between council and ArtsReady to support young Australians to establish a rewarding career."

Cr Williamson said trainees would:

- earn the national training wage while they were learning;
- take the first steps on their career path;
- obtain on-the-job training and essential work experience;
- complete a nationally-recognised qualification (Certificate II, III and IV); and
- be supported along the way.

The mayor said all Indigenous trainees would benefit from a personal mentor.

"That extra support can be a crucial connection to country and community," Cr Williamson said.

"This community has a relatively high number of Aboriginal or Islander residents. It is important our staffing reflects the composition of the broader community and programs like this will help."

Shepparton Arts Museum ArtsReady school-based Indigenous trainee Darcy Pierce. Picture: Shepparton Art Museum



'It has really helped me...'

VIC DARCY Pierce has secured an Indigenous school-based traineeship with the Shepparton Arts Museum in Victoria as a museum assistant. Ms Pierce, who will complete her course with a Certificate II in Finance, was interested in singing, but found an unexpected interest in art during her traineeship.

"This traineeship has assisted me in

advancing in areas such as communicating with others, understanding and growing to appreciate art in its many forms, and familiarising myself with a workplace environment," she said.

"It has also helped build my confidence and professionalism and has resulted in me becoming more motivated and attending school fluently, as it helps break up the school week."

"It has really helped me, and my

attitude has improved significantly since I've started. I never thought art would be something I would work in, but now I'm really interested. It's definitely not what I expected at all."

In her role, Ms Pierce learns about and gives insights into the museum's art exhibits and programs. She provides administrative support such as filing and mail-outs, and collects payments, records sales and reconciles daily transactions in the museum shop.

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Ref. No. 15159 – Cairns

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Enquiries: Peggy Edwards on (03) 9688-0119

To apply for this job go to:
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& enter ref code: 2115413.
Applications close 10 May 2015



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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@yynac.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).**



Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Health Worker – Primary Health Care (Aboriginal Identified)

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Officers/
Aboriginal Health Educ Off Non Grad

Location: Kempsey

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$47,921 – \$70,582 pa

Enquiries: Leah Chapman, (02) 6560 2749

Reference No: 247018

Closing Date: 24 May 2015

**To apply for this position please visit
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Justice
Juvenile Justice

Caseworker (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 6/7

Juvenile Justice, Community Services

Ongoing Full-Time (2 Identified Positions)
Sydney CBD, Nowra

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 that includes a common seal from that organisation."

To apply, please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for Reference: 00003L3B

Enquiries: Sydney: Bronwyn Manion on (02) 9215 3399 & Nowra: Paul Cram on (02) 4254 6888

Closing date: Friday 15 May 2015

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CISP Koori Case Manager

- VPS Grade 3.2 (\$67,323 per annum + superannuation)
- Based at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court
- Full-time, Ongoing

The CISP Koori Case Manager position forms part of the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP). The CISP service delivery model features a coordinated, multidisciplinary team based approach that provides for an efficient and effective response to both the court and the accused. The CISP provides a service that aims to stabilise persons with multiple and complex needs and problems, and a history in the criminal justice system. The service delivery model maximises resources by identifying accused persons for appropriate intervention, streamlining processes and systems, and coordinating service delivery.

The aim of the Koori Program is to address the issue of the over-representation of Koori people in the Victorian justice system by working with Koori clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Koori people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact **Glenn Rutter - Manager, Court Support and Diversion Services** on (03) 9032 0794.

For more information on this role, please visit
www.careers.vic.gov.au
Applications close Wednesday 20 April 2015



Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service
Moree Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Residential Rehabilitation Centre
(Funded by the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet - PM&C)

POSITIONS VACANT

Manager

Senior Aboriginal Health Workers (Numerous) Aboriginal Health Workers (Numerous)

The Moree Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation program is located in Moree, NSW. The aim of the program is to promote individual and community wellbeing and reduce substance abuse through the provision of culturally appropriate alcohol and other drug prevention, education, treatment, rehabilitation and aftercare services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The centre will be able to accommodate up to 18 adults, including both male and female.

The above positions are funded through the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet and managed through the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service. All positions will be for a fixed term up until the 30 June 2016, subject to the satisfactory completion of a compulsory 6 month probationary period.

Interested persons will need to contact Janet Curran, Project Manager (MARRS) on 0417 414 372 or by email janetc@wachs.net.au for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in the application.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above positions and is authorised under section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications close on Friday 15 May 2015.
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Aboriginal Health Education Officer Grad/Non Grad

Queanbeyan

Salary: \$24.16 to 41.22 ph

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Position No: 248819

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Sound like you?

You are driven by a deep passion for reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and non-Indigenous communities. Experienced in both community development with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and community education with the Australian Church, you are well placed to help facilitate a national conversation around reconciliation in Australia. Your demonstrated leadership, strategic thinking and communication skills undergird your ability to lead a national program and strategy.

Find out more

We are considering applications immediately. Please visit <http://www.tear.org.au/about/positions-vacant/dhumba-program-coordinator/> to apply. Enquiries by email to Barbara Deutschmann at Barbara@tear.org.au.



Justice Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker Clerk Grade 6/7 Juvenile Justice Community Services

- Ongoing Full-Time (7)
- Bathurst (Identified role), Orange, Dubbo, Albury
- Salary Range - \$80,997 pa - \$88,435 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Role Description:

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The primary focus is to discourage young people from re-offending and enhance their functioning and reintegration into their families and the community.

The role at Bathurst is 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: 00003L2P

Enquiries: Craig Biles (Bathurst, Orange and Dubbo) on (02) 6801 0731 or Matt Billett (Albury) on (02) 6937 2200

Closing date: Friday, 15 May 2015

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Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Workers

Bega, NSW

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The Lyndon Community has two fantastic opportunities for dedicated Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Workers (one Senior role) to join their Wandarma Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service team in Bega, NSW. These positions will deliver drug and alcohol services and programs to Aboriginal individuals, families, groups and communities on the south coast. The Senior role will also be responsible for supporting staff in their delivery of services. In return for your hard work and commitment you will enjoy an excellent remuneration in line with award rates (negotiable based on experience and qualifications), plus a phone and laptop. Enjoy travelling to local communities, with all travel expenses covered. Best of all you will be joining a friendly, close-knit team dedicated to the provision of high quality health care.



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JUST NORTH YOUTH COORDINATOR

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Position description and selection criteria at <http://www.yeti.net.au>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply. Relocation costs may be negotiated with interstate candidates.

Positions close: 16th May 2015.

Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner - Full Time (1.0EFT)

An exciting opportunity exists within the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner will be responsible for providing follow up health care, education, advocating and support to the Indigenous community of the Dja Dja Wurrung Community and for promoting healthy lifestyles and healthy choices from a holistic position.

For a full list of the role's responsibilities and a copy of the key selection criteria and instructions on how to apply, please contact Shane McLennan via phone 03 5442 4947.

Applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria in their application.

Please address all applications to Shane McLennan via email shane.mclennan@bdac.com.au or mail PO Box 75, North Bendigo Vic 3551.

Applications close 4pm, Friday 15th May 2015.

Previous Applicants need not apply.

"We advertise this position as an Identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position only in line with 'special measures' under the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 Section 12 example 1."

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Applications close on Monday 1 June 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.

Department of
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Education & Communities

Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer

Senior Education Officer 1 (ETS)

Temporary full-time position up to 28 January 2018

Position number and location: 174154 – Tamworth

Total remuneration package valued to: \$128,637 p.a. (salary \$107,187 to \$116,046 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

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 - Engagement and connections
 - Attendance
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 - Quality teaching
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- Demonstrated high level skills in providing professional development in the broader spectrum of Aboriginal education.
- Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a *Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number* as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's *National Criminal Records Check* to determine your suitability for employment.

Special Notes: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their application online via Jobs.NSW. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/prescreening questions.

Inquiries: James Madigan (02) 6755 5031

To apply online please visit jobs.nsw.gov.au and refer to keyword 174154

Closing Date: Wednesday 20 May 2015

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION OFFICER

We are seeking an enthusiastic and creative person to coordinate and support our work with the Aboriginal LGBTI community, with a focus on gay Aboriginal men.

ACON's Aboriginal programs aim to build the health and wellbeing of LGBTI Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders - especially those living with or impacted by HIV. We work within a culturally appropriate model focused on peer education, community development and outreach at major community events.

The position coordinates state-wide delivery of ACON's health promotion efforts within the LGBTI Aboriginal community, particularly as it relates to HIV prevention, health promotion, care and support.

REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- A demonstrated understanding of community development and health promotion principles.
- Knowledge of LGBTI and Aboriginal communities.
- Ability to design, implement and evaluate health promotion activities.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5PM FRIDAY 1 JUNE 2015.

This full-time position (35 hrs/wk) is based in Sydney and is offered on a 2 year basis with the possibility of extension.

For all the details, download the Aboriginal Community Health Promotion Officer job pack:

www.acon.org.au/jobs

ACON is NSW's leading HIV and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) health organisation. ACON is an EEO employer and encourages people with HIV, in particular, to apply.



Aboriginal Parole Officer Gippsland Region



- **Make a difference in the Koori community**
- **Ongoing, full-time position based in Morwell**
- **Salary range \$69,880 - \$75,512 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 an Aboriginal Parole Officer, you will deliver quality case management to a complex caseload of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal prisoners on parole, including the highest priority violent prisoners on parole.

You will contribute to a strengthened and integrated risk assessment and management framework by developing strong links with Aboriginal agencies and maintaining close partnerships with internal and external stakeholders.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- solid case management experience, including needs assessment and intervention skills
- a strong understanding of the Koori community, including the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members
- the ability to write high quality, complex reports for a variety of audiences.

For further information on this position and 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.



Family & Community Services

Disability Support Worker (Aboriginal)

**Accommodation and Respite
Permanent Part-Time (19 hrs per week)**

- **Southern NSW District**
- **Location: Goulburn and Queanbeyan**
- **Salary range \$48,584 pa – \$59,819 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

There are few jobs as personally rewarding as those that help improve the quality of life of other people. As a Disability Support Worker with Ageing, Disability and Home Care, you will provide care and support to people with a disability living in community-based group homes. The work is not always easy but the rewards are great and it will bring out the best in you. The needs of the people we support can vary, so you will need to remain flexible, adaptable and positive in everything you do. You will be required to work on rostered shifts and you will have the opportunity to undertake a Certificate IV in Disability.

The role provides professional and appropriate support and care to the people of supported accommodation and respite services in order to support people's daily living and life experiences and promote their independence and skill development. A current NSW driver's licence and either a First Aid Certificate or an Emergency Response Certificate are required for this role.

Job Notes: This is an ongoing part-time (19 hours per week) role. In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. This role works with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients.

Please provide a one (1) page covering letter, including short responses to the two (2) targeted questions below, together with an up-to-date resume which clearly details your skills and experience as relevant to this role and details of your referees.

Targeted Questions

1. What is your understanding of the functions of a Disability Support Worker and how do your skills align with the role?
2. Provide an example of when you were required to demonstrate your oral and written communication skills effectively with a challenging person or challenging situation. Include a basic account of the situation, what steps you took to effectively communicate and the end result.

Information Packages and to apply on-line: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Refer to Requisition No: 00003AD1

The *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*, requires persons engaged in children related work to have Working with Children clearances. If successful in this role you will be required to provide a Working with Children Check clearance number prior to commencing in the role.

An information session will be held to provide an outline of the role and the training requirements. Please contact Donna Cosgrove for information and to book for this session.

For enquiries: Donna Cosgrove on (02) 4824 0173

Closing date: 15 May 2015

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Aftercare Worker: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families is seeking an experienced Aftercare Worker to join our Out of Home Care team in Dubbo.

You will provide a client focused casework service for young people in our OOHC programs who have recently left Burnside's care.

This is a temporary part time position (21 hours per week) ending in June 2016.

Aboriginal Identified candidates are encouraged to apply.

getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Apply online by 5pm Sunday 10 May 2015.

Please view the job description online for full details.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Health Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Multidisciplinary Mental Health Worker (Allied Health Level 1/2, RN, Psychologist & AHEO Grad)

Ref No: 250501

F/T at Camperdown Mental Health

Enquiries: Joanne Blake, (02) 9515 9000

Closing Date: 15 May 2015

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Justice

Senior Aboriginal Client and Community Support Officer, Aboriginal Services

- **Ongoing Full-Time**
- **Various Locations – Lismore, Broken Hill and Sydney CBD, Downing Centre**
- **Clerk Grade 5/6, Salary (\$75,559 – \$83,371), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading**

Coordinate and assist in the implementation of state-wide and regional programs, projects and initiatives tailored for Aboriginal clients and Communities.

Reference Number: 00003KUX

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 11 May, 2015 (11.59pm)

Contact: Edwina Crawford (02) 8688 8040 and email: edwina_crawford@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Cultural Heritage Manager

The Cultural Heritage Manager's position is responsible for developing and managing cultural heritage strengthening, education and training projects and opportunities, playing a lead role in strengthening and promoting respect, understanding and use of Gunaikurnai Traditional Knowledge, values and culture.

The role is also responsible for managing the Corporation's responsibilities under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic).

The position will manage a team of staff and liaise closely with the CEO and General Manager. The position will ensure all activities are programmed and delivered in accordance with GLaWAC Policy and Procedures.

A strong focus of the Cultural Heritage Manager's position is the demonstration of strong leadership capabilities and strategic decision-making in managing and motivating staff to maintain a high level of performance in delivery of Cultural Heritage projects

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria. A copy of the Position Description with Key Selection Criteria can be obtained by emailing gm@glawac.com.au

Applications must be addressed in writing to Cultural Heritage Manager Role Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 1699 Bairnsdale Victoria 3875 or by emailing gm@glawac.com.au

Applications close 5pm Monday 18 May 2015

Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, Mt Druitt



START DATE: 1st July, 2015.

VARIOUS ABOIGINAL IDENTIFIED POSITIONS INCLUDING:

- **Early Learning – Teacher, Diploma, Cert 3, Traineeship and cook.**
- **Administration.**
- **Book keeper.**
- **Bus driver/gardener.**

For further information and to obtain an information pack please contact the Centre Manager on 02 9625 6357.

Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Corporation. ABN: 55 101 923 419 considers being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational requirement for these positions under S.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW.

Applications close: 5pm Monday 18th May 2015.



COBOWRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

193 Vulcan Street (PO Box 204)
Moruya NSW, 2537
ABN 41 590 732 798

P: (02) 4474 4188
F: (02) 4474 4181

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - Full Time

Salary - \$68,250 per annum (plus Superannuation)

The Cobowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of full time Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Cobowra LALC'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 demonstrable 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 Contact Officer Chairperson Theresa Brierley, by email: or on (02) 4474 4188.

Applications can be forwarded to or marked **"Confidential"** and posted to:

**The CEO Recruitment Panel
Cobowra Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 201, Moruya NSW, 2537**

Applications close: 15 May 2015.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Property Officer Many Rivers Regional Housing

Location: Lower Mid-North Coast Portfolio.

Total Remuneration Package: A generous Rate of Pay including Salary Sacrifice and a work vehicle.

Contact: Kelly Stronell or John Clancy Ph: (02) 6562 2676.

Closing Date: COB Friday 29th May 2015.

We are seeking applications from Aboriginal people interested in a permanent full time position in the social housing sector. Many Rivers Housing is a "not for profit" Aboriginal Corporation set up to act as a Property & Tenancy Management Agency. We have grown now to cover areas from Lake Macquarie in the south to Tweed Heads in the north and inland to Tenterfield, Armidale and Tamworth in the new England area. Many Rivers Regional Housing has offices in Kempsey and Coffs Harbour.

This role offers the right person:

- Attractive rates of pay, salary sacrifice and work car.
- Ongoing training.
- Supportive work environment.
- Rewarding career.

All application needs to be in writing. Your application must include:

- A covering letter.
- A claim for the position' against the selection criteria, and
- A brief resume, three pages only.

The position pack which contains the selection criteria and job description can be obtained from Many Rivers Regional Housing Kempsey office, Shop 1, 146-148 Belgrave St, Kempsey NSW 2440 or by calling the contact persons on (02) 6562 2576.

Many Rivers Regional Housing is committed to cultural diversity / Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EPS), Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Workplace Health & Safety (WHS).

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by 514 (d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Qualifications in community care, aged care or disability would be well regarded but not essential. Successful applicant will be subject to criminal records check and a pre-employment functional assessment.



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Drug and Alcohol Health Promotion Worker

Orange, NSW

- * Hands-on educational role in the healthcare sector!
- * Generous remuneration PLUS phone and laptop!



The Lyndon Community now has a fantastic opportunity for a dedicated Drug and Alcohol Health Promotion Worker to join their team in Orange, NSW. You will play a key role in the facilitation of community wide education and programs aimed at minimising the harmful effects of substance use and misuse. You will be responsible for the implementation, evaluation and ongoing development of the Drug & Alcohol First Aid program in the MPDAN and surrounding regions. Lyndon Community is committed to the professional development of their staff. As such, you will enjoy access to conferences and courses to grow your skill set in this highly specialised field of care. In return for your hard work and commitment you will enjoy an excellent remuneration in line with award rates, plus a phone and laptop. Enjoy travelling to local communities, with all travel expenses covered. Candidates of Aboriginal descent are encouraged to apply.



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Aboriginal Men's Group Facilitator

Bega, NSW

- * Make a difference to the lives of people with substance misuse issues!
- * Generous remuneration PLUS phone and laptop!



The Lyndon Community now has an outstanding opportunity for a dedicated Aboriginal Men's Group Facilitator to join their Wandamara Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service team in Bega, NSW. This position will be responsible for establishing and supporting men's groups in Wallaga Lake, Eden and Bega. The aim of these groups is to bring men together to support each other through social, recreational, cultural and healing activities. In return for your hard work and commitment you will enjoy an excellent remuneration in line with award rates (negotiable based on experience and qualifications), plus a phone and laptop. Enjoy travelling to local communities, with all travel expenses covered. Best of all you will be joining a friendly, close-knit team dedicated to the provision of high quality health care.



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Health Hunter New England Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at
[liveandworkhnehealth.com.au/work/](http://liveandworkhnehealth.com.au/work/opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/)
opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/
Application Information Packages are
available at this web address or by contacting
Aboriginal Employment – Workforce on (02) 4985 3286.

Project Officer x 2

Population Health, Planning and Performance,
Wallsend/Tamworth/Taree
Enquiries: Karen Gillham, (02) 4924 6241
Reference ID: 247305 & 247373

Quit for New Life Project Officer

Population Health, Planning and Performance,
Wallsend/Tamworth
Enquiries: Justine Daly, (02) 4924 6499
Reference ID: 249602

Closing Date: 17 May 2015

These are identified Aboriginal Positions.
Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent.
Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the
Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Quit for New Life Project Officer

Population Health, Planning and Performance,
Wallsend/Tamworth
Enquiries: Justine Daly, (02) 4924 6499
Reference ID: 247408

Closing Date: 17 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.

Project Officer

Population Health, Planning and Performance,
Wallsend/Tamworth
Enquiries: Karen Gillham, (02) 4924 6241
Reference ID: 247453

Closing Date: 17 May 2015

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Can you provide support to improve outcomes for Aboriginal students?

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Aboriginal Student Support Officer, Griffith

This is a permanent part time position for 17.5
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job updates visit our website.

www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/jobsri

Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative



Working Together for Health Regional Coordinator - Full Time Fixed Term (2 years)

An exciting opportunity exists within the Bendigo and District
Aboriginal Co-operative. The Working Together for Health Regional
Coordinator will be responsible for the development and
implementation of the Working Together for Health pilot and ensuring
that regional Koolin Balit projects are taken into consideration.

For a full list of the role's responsibilities and a copy of the key
selection criteria and instructions on how to apply, please contact
Raylene Harradine via phone 03 5442 4947 or Liz Brooks at
Department of Health and Human Services on 0400 592 435.

Applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria in their
application.

Please address all applications to Raylene Harradine via email
raylene.harradine@bdac.com.au or mail PO Box 75, North Bendigo
Vic 3551.

Applications close 4pm, Friday 15th May 2015.

Previous Applicants need not apply.

*"We advertise this position as an Identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait
Islander position only in line with 'special measures' under the Equal
Opportunity Act 2010 Section 12 example 1."*



NATIONAL CENTRE OF
INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"Deliver significant social benefits"

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- Sydney Based

The NCIE exists to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participate in life-changing programs, community forums and local events through our centre in Redfern. Since opening in 2010 the NCIE has supported the aspirations of thousands of Indigenous Australians. We do this by developing and delivering programs and breakthrough learning experiences via the pathways of Health & Wellness, Learning & Innovation, Sport & Recreation and Arts & Culture.

To ensure the NCIE has an enduring impact, we seek a new CEO who will consolidate NCIE's social and cultural success to date; bring a sophisticated approach to the ongoing development of programs and stakeholder partnerships and create a sustainable, financially viable future for the organisation. Reporting to the Board, the CEO will be a seasoned leader adept at delivering a defined strategy, including being:

- Strong operationally and able to bring rigour to process and performance
- Passionate about social equity and driven to 'make a difference'
- Able to collaboratively and influentially work with a range of stakeholders
- Focussed on delivering tangible outcomes across the breadth of NCIE's activities.

While the NCIE Board is ideally seeking an energetic and experienced Indigenous person to lead NCIE, non-Indigenous persons who are passionate about working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, businesses, organisations and/or communities are encouraged to apply.

To apply or receive the information package please email tracy.jones@talentpartnersintl.com
at Talent Partners, the Executive Search firm assisting NCIE, quoting job number 1621.
For a confidential discussion call Sean Linkson on 02 9087 6885.

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Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Indigenous Health, Indigenous Health Equity Unit

Centre for Health Equity

The University of Melbourne Indigenous Health Equity Unit is seeking an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individual to contribute to research and to coordinate the Melbourne School for Population and Global Health's teaching program in Indigenous health.

You will be part of a team committed to growing a future workforce capable of creating parity between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and all Australians. You must be able to demonstrate expertise in the fields of public health and Indigenous health research and a strong commitment to advance and coordinate clinical and non-clinical teaching strategies, strengthen curriculum, improve enrolments and undertake research in Indigenous health equity, with a specific focus on the social determinants of health.

Salary: \$89,955 - \$106,817 p.a. or \$110,190 - \$127,054 p.a.,
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Job No: 0039059

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BADANAMI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

What's your legacy?

Administration Officer

REF NO. 630/15

FULL-TIME, ONGOING POSITION
PARRAMATTA OR PENRITH CAMPUS

*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.*

An opportunity exists to join the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education as
an Administration Officer. Badanami is committed to providing higher education
opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. It contributes
to the process of reconciliation as an education centre which shares with the
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experiences of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

As the Administration Officer, you are responsible for the provision of effective
and efficient administration support of the Away from Base (AFB) program, and
for some administration of the Indigenous Tutoring Assistance (ITAS) scheme.

You will support the Badanami Centre Co-ordinator, and will act as the first
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proficiency in the University's policies, procedures, systems and processes.

Position Enquiries: Associate Professor Bronwyn Cole,
Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education – Arts) on (02) 9772 6705 or
email b.cole@uws.edu.au

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: 31 May 2015.

HOW TO APPLY: To apply for this position
and to access the Position Description,
please go to the UWS Website at
<http://careers.uws.edu.au/Current-Vacancies>

careers.uws.edu.au



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POSITIONS VACANT

Ten (10x) NRL Sales Consultants



Fan Relationship Management Centre (FRMC)

Rugby League is the Greatest Game of All with a vision to be the most entertaining, most engaging and most respected sport. The NRL currently has an opportunity for ten (10) Sales Consultants, Fan Relationship Management Centre (FRMC) to join the Marketing, Content and Digital team and be part of the games exciting future.

We are targeting motivated and driven individuals looking to take the leap from University to practically apply their knowledge in one of Australia's largest sporting organisations.

For more information on the role:

Visit www.nrl.com
Click on "Careers at the NRL" in the "About" section
Scroll down to "opportunities" to view details

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

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Contact: Bill Panourgias, T +61 2 9035 7458

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Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Handyman M3-19.14 (Hospital Assistant Grade 3)

Ref: 236734 – Permanent Full-Time
at Liverpool Hospital
Enq: Mohammed Rafiq, 0439 305 976

Clinical Information Officer (Administrative Officer Level 1/2) – Research/Review

Ref: 244333 – Permanent Part-Time 19hpw
at Liverpool Hospital
Enq: Sen Rattanavong, (02) 8738 8013

Closing Date: 21 May 2015

These are targeted positions in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and greater consideration will be given to suitable Aboriginal applicants, in order to improve access to employment and career opportunities. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

Please apply online by visiting:
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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Bunuba Healthy Country Project Coordinator

Bush Heritage Australia
Fitzroy Crossing & Broome, WA
Full time, fixed term of 2 years

This role will be responsible for the successful delivery of a Bunuba Healthy Country Plan by working for Bush Heritage in partnership with the Bunuba Dawangarri Aboriginal Corporation and Fitzroy River community and in partnership with a range of stakeholders.

Bunuba Operations Manager

Bunuba Dawangarri Aboriginal Corporation
Fitzroy Crossing & Broome, WA
Part time (0.75 FTE), 2yr Fixed Term

The successful person will represent BDAC interests with a range of stakeholders and develop networks and engagement strategies. BDAC capacity building and organisational development will be a clear focus of the role as well as mentoring and providing support for local Aboriginal employees.

Further information regarding these opportunities is available at: www.bushheritage.org.au

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CURRICULUM SUPPORT OFFICER (ABORIGINAL IDENTIFIED)

Provide administrative support services and program input which contributes to the strategic business and operational plan of the Aboriginal Education Unit as well as across the Curriculum and Assessment Standards Directorate.

In accordance with Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1979*, an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Full details are available on our website:
www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/jobs/

ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER RENMARK, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Australian Landscape Trust and Country Arts SA are seeking applications from experienced, highly motivated and energetic people with a proven track record in Arts/Cultural Development or equivalent to support Riverland communities to achieve their arts and cultural aspirations.

Applicants must possess leadership skills and have a sound knowledge of community cultural development along with project administration expertise.

This is a full-time position offered at an ASO 3 or ASO 4 equivalent pending experience. A contract up to two years will be offered. Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

Further information and a detailed job description is available from the Australian Landscape Trust 08 8595 7359 or karenb@alt.org.au, or from Country Arts SA email@countryarts.org.au

Applications to be emailed by 5pm on Friday 22 May 2015 to: Karen Brown at karenb@alt.org.au



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

4 EXCITING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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Senior Legal Officer
\$122,046

Legal Officer
\$101,661 - \$119,676

Both Legal positions are Permanent and based in Parramatta

Applicants with appropriate experience and interest in commercial, property, litigation, public interest and administrative law practice are encouraged to apply.

Executive Assistant to Deputy CEO
\$69,434 - \$84,018
Permanent Position based in Parramatta

Applicants with experience in providing high level secretarial and administrative support services are encouraged to apply.

Senior Project Officer
\$84,018 - \$101,661
Permanent Position based in Broken Hill

Applicants will be expected to provide assistance to Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) within the Far Western Zone area. Assistance will include establishing effective policies and procedures to enable the LALCs to operate efficiently and effectively, provision of timely status reports and advice, identifying and developing the progress of Business and Economic Development opportunities across the zone.

For detailed information about these challenging positions, the benefits/conditions and how to apply, please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria by contacting Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au on (02) 9689 4499..

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

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

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Monday 18 May 2015



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Enquiries to Professor John Howe, Deputy Dean, at law-hr@unimelb.edu.au, tel. + 61 3 8344 1117

Applications (consisting of a curriculum vitae, cover letter and statement addressing the selection criteria) must be submitted online by the close date (shown below). You must also indicate clearly the Level at which you are applying.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **IAN KELLY & DENISE MARY KELLY** for 1 x bore, at/adjacent to Lot 174//756441, Parish of Pullega, County of Urana, for irrigation purposes. on lots 174 & 175//756441, Parish of Pullega, County of Urana.

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

BARWON DARLING UNREGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **PETER JAMES HARRIS & JANE MAREE HARRIS** for 2 water supply channels on Lot 5159 DP 720987, Parish of Paka, County of Gundelooka, Lot 8 DP 815343 and Crown Public Road within Lot 8, Parish of Boyong, County of Gundelooka.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A005999)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z03520

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **DAVID ANTHONY, GREGORY FRANCIS AND MICHAEL GERARD STAR** for a new irrigation bore on Lot 48 DP 756299, Parish Morton County Townsend.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 10, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A006026)

Any queries please call (02) 6932 9132, David Stephens, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03502

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

BULBODNEY GRAHWAY WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BREIL MARTIN JACKSON AND BERNADETTE JUSTINE JACKSON** to include a diversion channel and regulator on the Bogan River on Lot 31 DP 755315, below ground supply channel on Lots 31 & 8 DP 755315, Lot 7001 DP 1019883, Nyngan/Tottenham road, and crown road between Lots 31 & 8 DP 755315, off river storage, 1 x 400mm lift pump and 1 x 660mm lift pump located on Lot 8 DP 755315 Parish of Wera, County of Oxley.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A005937)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414 Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z03366

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE UPSTREAM OF LAKE CARGELLIGO

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **SGAMA PTY LIMITED** for a work approval for 1 x 50 mm Centrifugal pump (capacity of 7 l/s), on Lot 50 DP752948, Parish Mulyan, County Forbes for Specific Purpose (domestic and stock) on Lots 27 and 28 DP752948, and Lots 1 and 2 DP1143394, Parish Mulyan, County Forbes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, P O Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A005959)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2804, Kathy Bray, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03491

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **MP & PJ YOUNG** for a bore for irrigation purposes on Lot 63 DP750872 County Boyd, Parish Argoon.

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. (A005980)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03501

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **PETER SIEDERS & LYNETTE HAWKE** for an irrigation bore on Lot 620 DP 751745 Parish Yarangery, County Cooper (A6007).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700 Tracie Scarfone, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03498

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **RICHARD & LUCILLE SKINNER** for two irrigation bores on Lot 13 DP 756043 and Lot 48 DP 756073 Parish Carrego, County Sturt.

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 the objection. (A5908)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700 Simon Maffei, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03368

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **MINIATURE AEROSPORTS NSW INC** for a bore for irrigation purposes on Lot 2 DP572975 County Harden, Parish Cowcumbala.

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. (A005956)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0770 Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03369

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

PATERSON REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

Applications for approval for WATER SUPPLY WORKS, AND/OR WATER USE have been received from **DAVID CAINS AND ROSELLE CAINS** for a 400 mm pump on Lot 5 DP 43018 (A005975) and a 400mm pump on Lot 41 DP1036996 (A005976)

Objections to the granting of these approvals must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309, 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) 4904 2511, Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03371

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

SURAT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from the **WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL** for one artesian bore for town water supply, on Lot 8 Section 18 DP 759036, Parish of Walgett, County of Baradine.

Objections to the granting of the 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: A006017).

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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Department of Health & Human Services

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

- North Division
- Secure Services
- Value range 1: \$59,657 - \$68,602 (plus superannuation)
- Full-time

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For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact

Murray Robinson, Client Services Manager no 03 9389 4401

Position Reference number: **DHS/SS/443220**

Closing date for applications: **Thursday 14 May 2015**

For more information about the Department of Health & Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

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Aboriginal Australians are encouraged to apply.

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Education & Communities

Aboriginal Training Advisor

Clerk Grade 5/6

Full-time ongoing role

Position number and location: Dubbo (163155)

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Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

How to apply

If you are interested in this ongoing role please apply online and include, in a maximum of 5 pages, your resume and a covering letter which clearly details how your capabilities and experience can contribute to the success of the Aboriginal team. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Applicants must address their suitability to the following pre-screening questions.

1. Describe a situation where you have had to deliver a presentation to an external stakeholder. **300 word maximum.**
2. Describe how you monitored a project or program to ensure it was delivered successfully. **300 word maximum.**

Essential requirements:

Aboriginality
Driver's licence and a willingness to travel

Inquiries: Neil Davies (02) 6627 8419

To **apply online** please visit the JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 163155

Closing Date: 20 May 2015

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

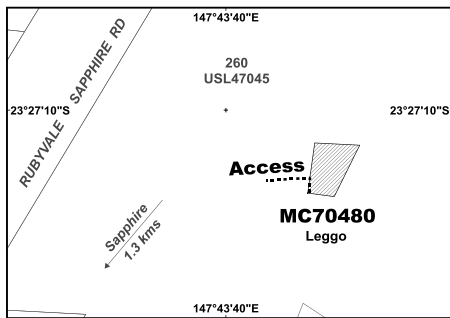
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT AND RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS

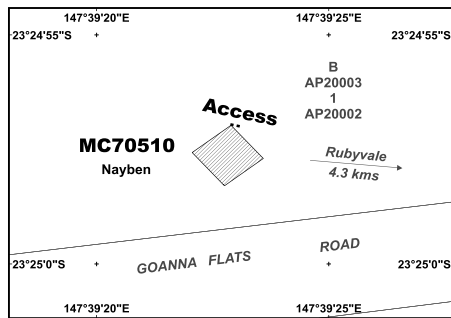
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of MC72402 and the renewal of MC70480, MC70510, MC70533, MC70739, MC70754, MC70755, MC70917, MC70980, MC71011, MC71022, MC71023, MC71024, MC71055, MC71112, MC71174, MC71189, MC71865, MC72095, and MC72111 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

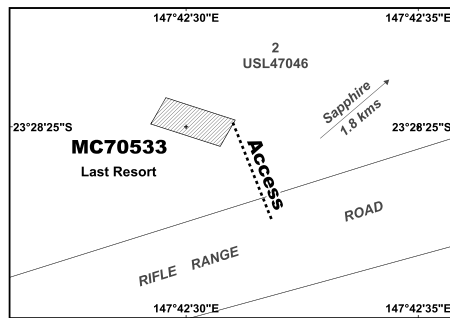
Mining Claim 70480 renewal sought by Kelven John Weir, over an area of 763 m² centred approximately 1.3 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



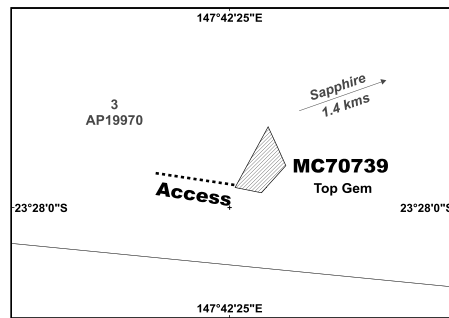
Mining Claim 70510 renewal sought by Royston William Green, over an area of 892 m² centred approximately 4.3 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



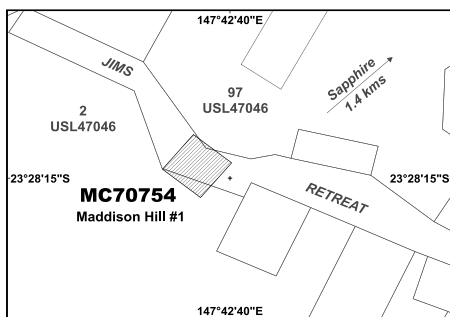
Mining Claim 70533 renewal sought by Matthew Desmond Darrington, over an area of 891 m² centred approximately 1.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



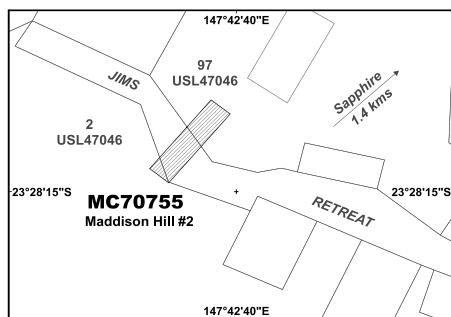
Mining Claim 70739 renewal sought by Ronald Boyd Hastings, over an area of 649 m² centred approximately 1.4 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



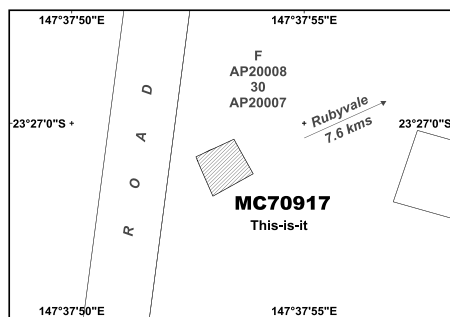
Mining Claim 70754 renewal sought by Mervyn Patrick Torney, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.4 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



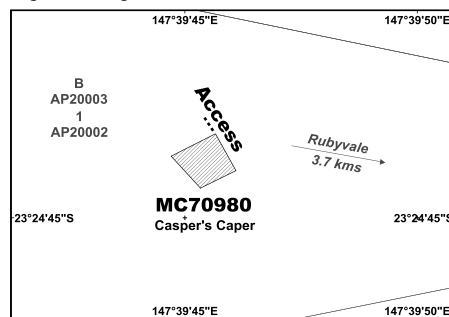
Mining Claim 70755 renewal sought by Mervyn Patrick Torney, over an area of 893 m² centred approximately 1.4 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



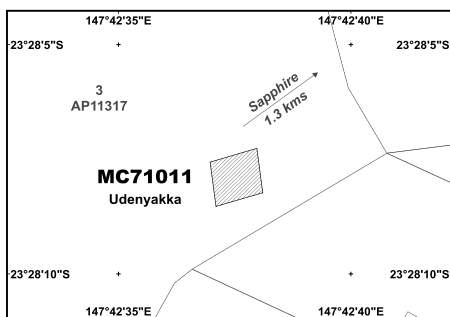
Mining Claim 70917 renewal sought by Glen Paul Stanley Horrell, over an area of 744 m² centred approximately 7.6 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



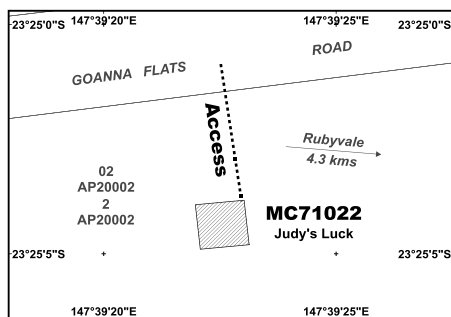
Mining Claim 70980 renewal sought by Susanne Lesley May (50%) and Alan Gordon May (50%), over an area of 767 m² centred approximately 3.7 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



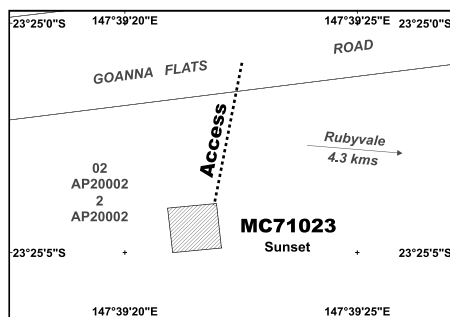
Mining Claim 71011 renewal sought by Christine Catherine Goodrich, over an area of 883 m² centred approximately 1.3 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



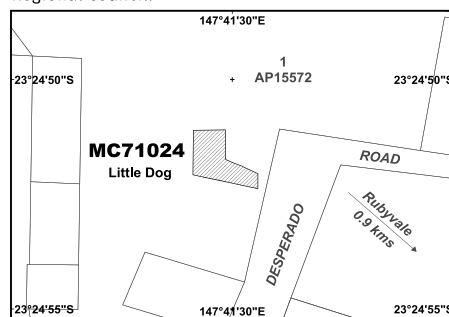
Mining Claim 71022 renewal sought by Geoffrey Noel Rose, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 4.3 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



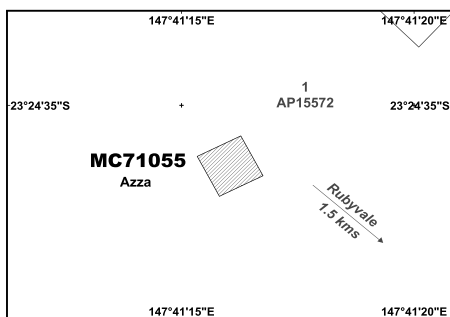
Mining Claim 71023 renewal sought by Geoffrey Noel Rose, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 4.3 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



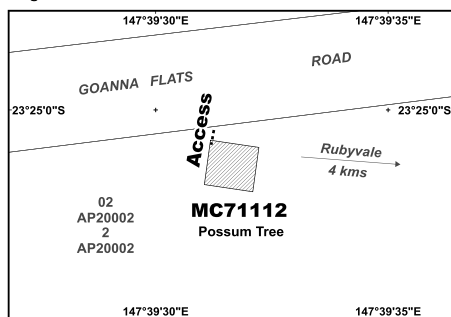
Mining Claim 71024 renewal sought by Daniel Charlton (50%) and Julie Ann Knight (50%), over an area of 891 m² centred approximately 0.9 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



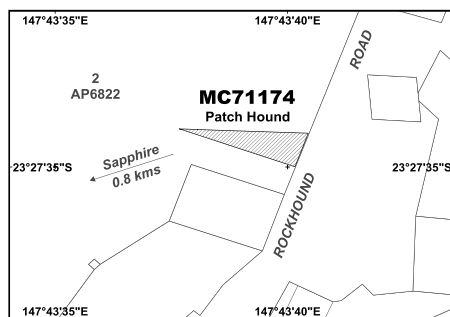
Mining Claim 71055 renewal sought by Rolf Manfred Rodins, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.5 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



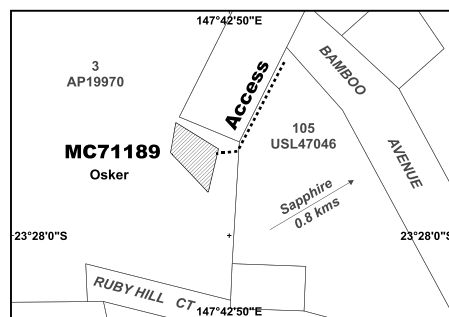
Mining Claim 71112 renewal sought by John Stuart Rose (50%) and Catherine Irene Rose (50%), over an area of 899 m² centred approximately 4 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



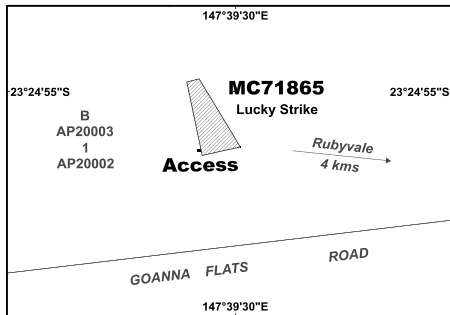
Mining Claim 71174 renewal sought by Allan John Moylan, over an area of 899 m² centred approximately 0.8 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



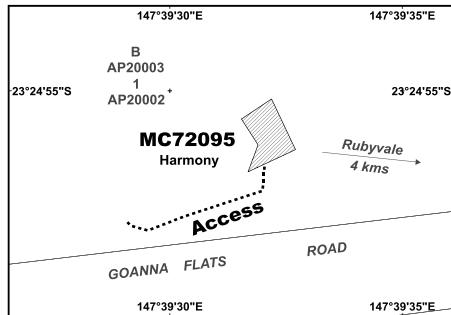
Mining Claim 71189 renewal sought by Graham Keith Causer, over an area of 713 m² centred approximately 0.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



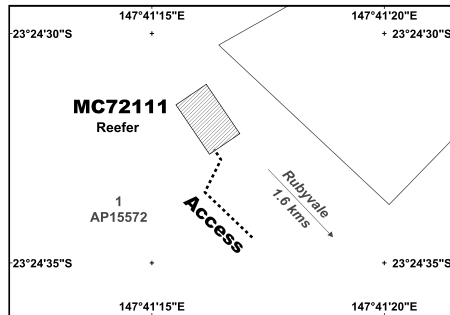
Mining Claim 71865 renewal sought by James Stanley Rule, over an area of 799 m² centred approximately 4 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



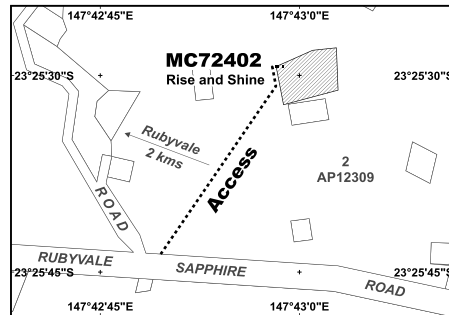
Mining Claim 72095 renewal sought by Terrence Lewis Pate, over an area of 810 m² centred approximately 4 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72111 renewal sought by Simon Huw Sinnott, over an area of 894 m² centred approximately 1.6 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72402 sought by Matthew Charles Steane Lee, over an area of 1.2762 ha centred approximately 2 km South East of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant or renewal of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Claims be granted or renewed under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant or renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Applications or Renewals, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant or renewal of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

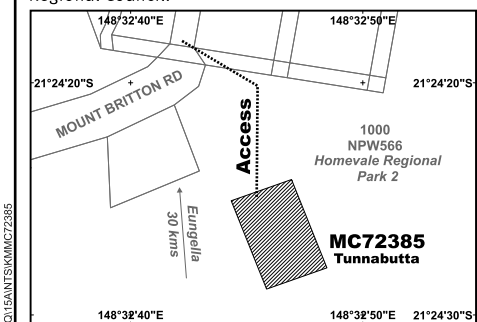
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS AND MINING LEASE

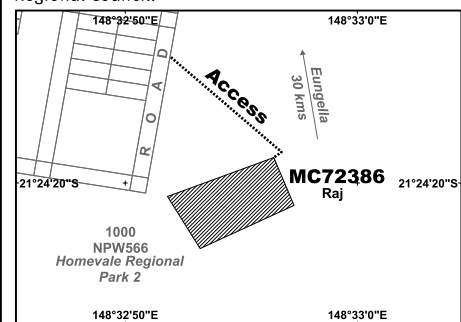
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of MC72385, MC72386 and ML70508 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

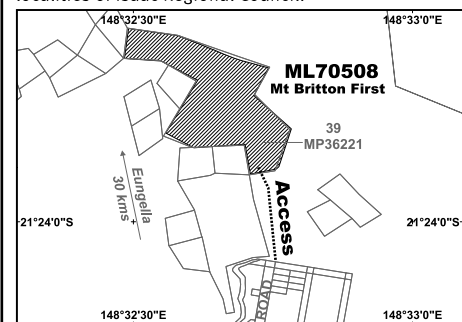
Mining Claim 72385 sought by David Anthony Sheldon, over an area of 1 ha, centred approximately 30 km South of Eungella, in the localities of Isaac Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72386 sought by Raymond Keith Richardson, over an area of 1 ha, centred approximately 30 km South of Eungella, in the localities of Isaac Regional Council.



Mining Lease 70508 sought by Christopher Norman Muller, over an area of 11.0542 ha, centred approximately 30 km South of Eungella, in the localities of Isaac Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of the Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years. The grant of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002 and the Mining Claims be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), by the Department

of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease and Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease and Mining Claim Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease and Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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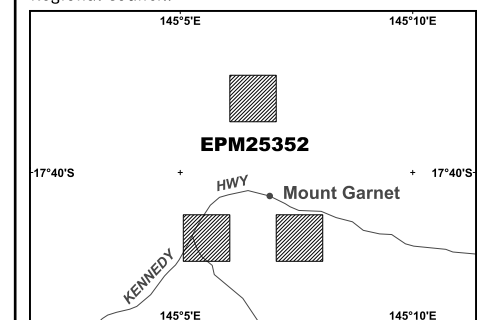


NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

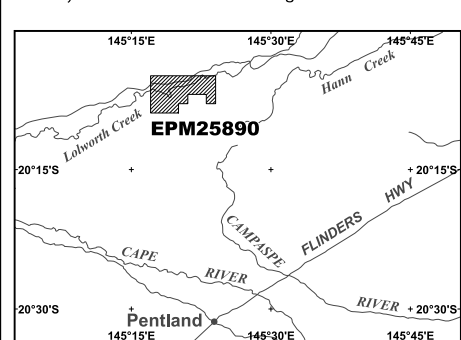
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

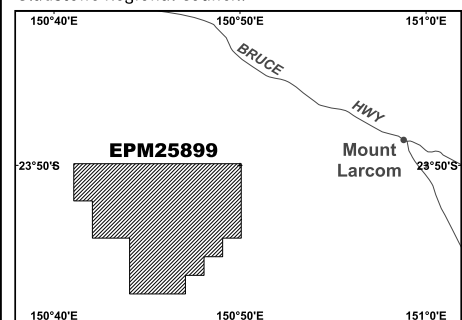
Exploration Permit 25352 sought by Bear Hill Mining NL, ACN 151 706 768, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10 km²), centred approximately 1 km North West of Mount Garnet, in the locality of the Tablelands Regional Council.



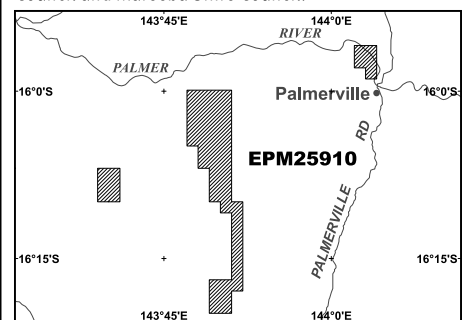
Exploration Permit 25890 sought by Jumani Pty Ltd, ACN 109 385 551, over an area of 22 sub-blocks (71 km²), centred approximately 46 km North of Pentland, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



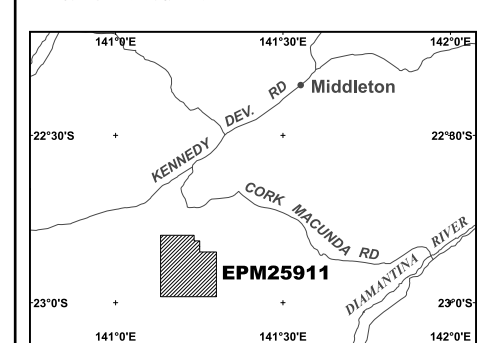
Exploration Permit 25899 sought by Tasmania Mines Limited, ACN 009 491 990, over an area of 46 sub-blocks (144 km²), centred approximately 23 km West South West of Mount Larcom, in the locality of the Gladstone Regional Council.



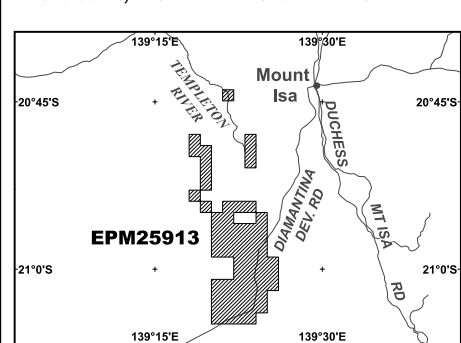
Exploration Permit 25910 sought by Balterra Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 604 745 575, over an area of 58 sub-blocks (191 km²), centred approximately 20 km South West of Palmerville, in the localities of the Cook Shire Council and Mareeba Shire Council.



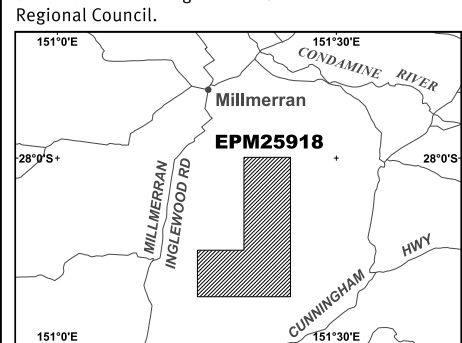
Exploration Permit 25911 sought by BHP Billiton Cannington Pty Ltd, ACN 125 530 967, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (315 km²), centred approximately 70 km South West of Middleton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



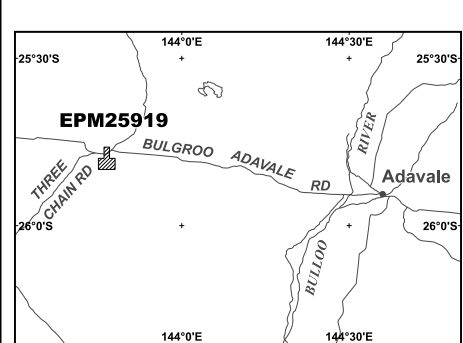
Exploration Permit 25913 sought by Nova Strategic Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 604 969 673, over an area of 61 sub-blocks (195 km²), centred approximately 25 km South South West of Mount Isa, in the localities of the Mount Isa City Council and Boulia Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 25918 sought by Black Phoenix Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 604 539 246, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (303 km²), centred approximately 30 km South South East of Millmerran, in the localities of the Toowoomba Regional Council and Goondiwindi Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 25919 sought by Coolhaven Pty Ltd, ACN 163 465 110, over an area of 8 sub-blocks (25 km²), centred approximately 83 km West of Adavale, in the locality of the Quilpie Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion

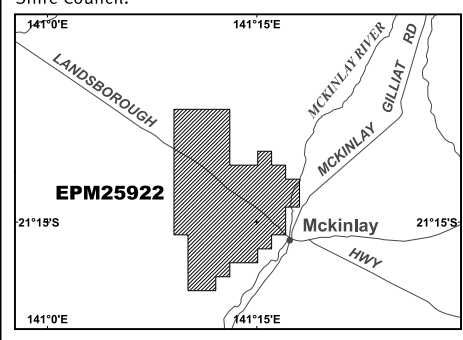
of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 27 May 2015

Exploration Permit 25922 sought by Sandfire Resources NL, ACN 105 154 185, over an area of 75 sub-blocks (240 km²), centred approximately 8 km North West of Mckinlay, in the locality of the Mckinlay Shire Council.





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	39/1097	PILKINGTON, Anthony Gerald	20.97HA	62km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 122° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	40/333	EDEN, Sean	8.99HA	41km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 121° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1251	GLOBAL ADVANCED METALS WODGINA PTY LTD	193.64HA	96km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 118° 39' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Mining Lease	45/1252	GLOBAL ADVANCED METALS WODGINA PTY LTD	193.93HA	99km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 118° 39' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Mining Lease	77/1275	HANKING GOLD MINING PTY LTD	9.73HA	5km SE'y of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 16' S Long: 119° 21' E	YILGARN 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: 6 May 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 **6 August 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. 6 September 2015**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 20 May 2015



National
Native Title
Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane, QLD, 4000 **on or before 19 August 2015**. After **19 August 2015**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Brian Sullivan & Ors on behalf of the Yulluna People #4 v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD45/2015

Date filed: 2 February 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: the area subject to this agreement covers approximately 8 hectare and is located in the town of Duchess.

Relevant LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport

Bendigo to host Koori carnival for two years



THE Bendigo and District Aboriginal Corporation (BDAC) will host the Koori Football and Netball Carnival for the next

two years.

The first carnival will be held from October 17-18 at the Epson Huntley Reserve, Bendigo.

This carnival attracts more than 5000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members from across Victoria, with more than 25 teams participating.

BDAC CEO Raylene Harradine is excited about the carnival coming to Bendigo.

"For Bendigo to be the host of this carnival is very exciting for the local community, people of Bendigo and for all the teams across Victoria," she said.

"BDAC hopes to reinvigorate this event so it becomes a major event that celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and passion for sport and art.

"We look forward to welcoming athletes from across the state in an event that will be colourful, passionate and tightly contested."

The carnival will bring together

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across Victoria to play Australian football and netball in a round-robin format, with the finals to be held on the Sunday afternoon.

The winners of the carnival will go on to represent Victoria in the national finals in Perth.

The carnival will celebrate and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and aims to promote active lifestyles, getting involved in sport, healthy eating and leadership development.

It will also involve a concert to celebrate the success of this event, which will be headlined by major Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, supported by local acts.

Organisers are seeking sponsorship from companies that support the themes of the carnival and BDAC is excited to have the support of AFL Central Victoria, Netball Victoria and the City of Greater Bendigo.

The BDAC provides a range of health and social services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of the Dja Dja Wurrung. BDAC was established in 2001 and has a client base of nearly 4000 people across the region.

Rain plays havoc with carnival



A GENEROUS sprinkling of Indigenous players were in Australian teams that contested

the just-completed 2015 Federation of International Touch (FIT) World Cup in Coffs Harbour.

Heavy rain played havoc with the tournament that brought together the world's best touch footballers.

A total of 90 teams from 25 nations descended on the C.Ex International Stadium for the April

29-May 3 tournament.

They played in nine men's and women's divisions.

Host nation and current holders of the Touch World Cup, Australia, was striving to continue its outstanding record, having won all seven previous World Cup titles.

It was the third time Australia had hosted the event, after hosting the inaugural World Cup on the Gold Coast in 1988 and in Sydney in 1999.

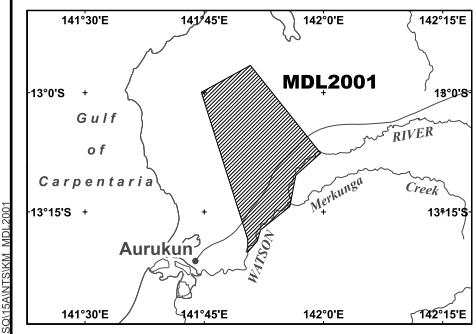
The 2011 World Cup was held in Edinburgh, Scotland.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Mining Development Licence 2001 sought by Glencore Bauxite Resources Pty Limited, ACN 603 233 272, over an area of 57330 ha, centred approximately 30 km North East of Aurukun, in the locality of the Aurukun Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*. It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence Application may be obtained from Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9 Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native

title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 13 May 2015



Yarran out for three games for striking



CARLTON'S Chris Yarran is serving a three-match suspension after he was found guilty of intentionally striking Essendon's Paul Chapman in the first Australian Football League (AFL) Tribunal hearing for the 2015 season. Yarran's case was sent straight to the tribunal by the Match Review Panel after

being graded intentional conduct, high impact and high contact. The Blues' half-back pleaded guilty at the start of the hearing at AFL House and received a one-match discount as a result from the jury of Wayne Henwood, Richard Loveridge and new member Daniel Harford. He missed the Blues' Anzac Day clash against St Kilda in Wellington, as well as matches against Collingwood last weekend,

and will miss this weekend's game against the Brisbane Lions. Yarran claimed there were exceptional and compelling circumstances, arguing Chapman had motioned to headbutt him and elbowed him in the ribs. "That's when I thought I'd stand up for myself," Yarran told the tribunal. The jury took 11 minutes to deliberate before announcing the three-match sanction.

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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2360	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	109BL	84km N'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 25' S Long: 125° 37' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2686	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	116km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 9' S Long: 116° 32' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2687	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	31BL	120km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 15' S Long: 116° 30' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2688	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	110km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 12' S Long: 116° 36' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2689	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	129BL	139km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 2' S Long: 116° 19' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2690	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	96BL	95km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 17' S Long: 116° 45' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2691	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	123km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 4' S Long: 116° 29' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2693	RED EARTH RESOURCES PTY LTD	20BL	64km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 46' S Long: 117° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2135-I	RED EARTH RESOURCES PTY LTD	104BL	65km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 53' S Long: 115° 49' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2136-I	RED EARTH RESOURCES PTY LTD	14BL	113km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 32' S Long: 116° 10' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1462	AVOCA RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	45km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 48' S Long: 121° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/476	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	24BL	63km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 120° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	21/187	BUSBY, Shaun Christopher	20BL	17km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 117° 48' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/521-I	PCB HOLDINGS PTY LTD	29BL	60km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 122° 8' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2523	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	70BL	154km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 123° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/948	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	31BL	25km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 121° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/950	RWG MINERALS PTY LTD	10BL	29km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 26' S Long: 121° 7' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	37/1214	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	10BL	64km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3030	ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED	6BL	138km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3049	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	1BL	29km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 37' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1862	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	143BL	146km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 123° 21' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4405	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	52BL	7km W'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 30' S Long: 120° 4' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4406	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	42BL	11km W'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 32' S Long: 120° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4407	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	11BL	9km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 36' S Long: 120° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1026	GONDWANA RESOURCES LIMITED	69BL	16km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 45' S Long: 120° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1041	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	153BL	111km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 32' S Long: 120° 56' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1065	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	5BL	32km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 120° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1066	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	13BL	26km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 40' S Long: 120° 0' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1679	SELGA, Mark	10BL	8km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 37' S Long: 118° 34' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3105	MRG METALS (EXPLORATION) PTY LTD	13BL	192km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 5' S Long: 119° 53' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3193	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	59km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 120° 18' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3209	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	42km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 118° 2' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3213	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	33km SE'ly of Paraburoo	Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 117° 56' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3230	MARINDI METALS PTY LTD	9BL	52km SW'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 33' S Long: 119° 16' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3231	MARINDI METALS PTY LTD	17BL	49km SW'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 37' S Long: 119° 20' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3241	MARINDI METALS PTY LTD	32BL	61km SW'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 36' S Long: 119° 12' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3243	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	52km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 28' S Long: 118° 5' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3244	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	60km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 31' S Long: 118° 9' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3245	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	16BL	61km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 35' S Long: 118° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3246	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	7BL	171km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 53' S Long: 116° 53' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3250	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	84BL	146km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 31' S Long: 117° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1009	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	36BL	68km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 119° 5' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1012	DIGADIG PTY LTD	70BL	57km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 28' S Long: 119° 22' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1013	DIGADIG PTY LTD	70BL	80km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 16' S Long: 119° 22' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1014	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	53BL	82km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 118° 28' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2078	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	11BL	67km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 116° 58' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3350	IRON WEST RESOURCES PTY LTD	176BL	144km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 26' S Long: 121° 31' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2289	SNAP HOOK (WA) PTY LTD	6BL	104km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 119° 7' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4939	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	6BL	44km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 32' S Long: 127° 24' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4898	BONSER, Roanne Elizabeth	195.56HA	68km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4899	SMITH, Steven Bradley LUCAS, Michael Anthony BONSER, Roanne Elizabeth SMITH, Steven Bradley LUCAS, Michael Anthony	200.23HA	68km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4919-20	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	367.63HA	64km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 120° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4921	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	193.09HA	60km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 120° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4922-3, 24/4925-31 & 24/4933-5	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	2161.16HA	62km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 120° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4924	FAIRCLOUGH, Paul John	10.46HA	63km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 120° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4936-8	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	492.95HA	46km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 6' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4939	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	193.22HA	41km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4940	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	198.43HA	40km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 121° 8' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	24/4957	WOOD, Mark Patrick	198.94HA	65km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4958-60	DESHON, Brendon Chevely	574.60HA	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 21' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2213	HOOOPER, Jamie Gavin BOWDEN, Graeme Fredrick RYAN, Paul John NEVE, James Mervyn DALLA-COSTA, Troy Gavin	9.68HA	69km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	38/4166	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	71.00HA	41km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2959-60-S	LAUNER, Darren Richard MCINTYRE, Sean Terrance	18.46HA	45km S'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 44' S Long: 119° 30' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2973	HAOMA MINING NL	95.15HA	57km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 31' S Long: 119° 20' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2974	HAOMA MINING NL	127.12HA	49km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 30' S Long: 119° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2975	HAOMA MINING NL	158.36HA	48km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 29' S Long: 119° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2932	THORNS, Raymond Arthur	89.75HA	57km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 5' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2934	SELGA, Mark	197.17HA	11km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 39' S Long: 118° 34' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2938	BARNES, Gregory TAN, Soh Cheng	92.44HA	25km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1368	BENNETT, John Paul	9.01HA	56km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 119° 32' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1375	SANDER, Thomas Peter	54.03HA	49km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 119° 27' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1656	JONELLEN PTY LTD VERSTEEG, Johannes	145.10HA	11km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1657	JONELLEN PTY LTD VERSTEEG, Johannes	108.20HA	16km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 117° 50' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1665	BULKWEST PTY LTD	89.52HA	11km S'ly of Dongara	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 114° 58' E	IRWIN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4292	LARSEN, Jake Thomas	72.90HA	51km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 119° 38' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4293	TAPLAN PTY LTD	71.14HA	101km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 58' S Long: 119° 6' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4295	TAPLAN PTY LTD	200.30HA	105km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 56' S Long: 119° 6' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4296	TAPLAN PTY LTD	199.20HA	103km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 119° 6' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4297	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	198.66HA	33km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 118° 57' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 6 May 2015

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For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 20 May 2015



National Native Title Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 on or before 19 August 2015. After 19 August 2015, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Quandamooka People #4
Federal Court File No: QUD601/2014
Date filed: 18 November 2014
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.
Description: The application area covers about 172 sq km over Moreton Island.
Relevant LGA: Brisbane City Council

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources & Mines, QLD.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of non-claimant applications for determination of native title in the State of Queensland

Notification day: 20 May 2015



National Native Title Tribunal

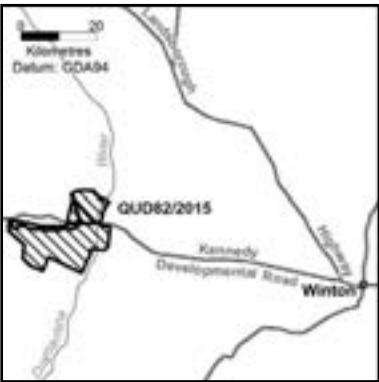


These applications are 'non-claimant' applications, being applications made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicants have a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application(s) as described in the notices below.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in any of these areas may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 19 August 2015. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 19 August 2015, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to any of these non-claimant applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 19 August 2015. After 19 August 2015, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Robyn Kennedy v State of Queensland
Federal Court File No: QUD82/2015
Non-native title interest: A Pastoral Holding for Pastoral Lease purposes on Lot 4720 on PH1866.
Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.
Description: Application covers about 285 sq km and is located approx 62 km west of Winton.
Relevant LGA: Winton Shire Council



Applicant's name: Chris William Phillips and Merrill Anne Phillips v State of Queensland
Federal Court File No: QUD140/2015
Non-native title interest: A Preferential Pastoral Holding for Pastoral Lease purposes on Lot 4676 on Crown Plan PH331.
Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.
Description: The application area covers about 23 sq km approx. 6km North West of Cloncurry.
Relevant LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundaries compiled by National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Qld.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport

Smith endorses Inglis as next Test skipper



FORGET the National Rugby League's (NRL's) war chest.

The Australian captaincy may loom as the biggest carrot to keep Greg Inglis in the NRL after Test skipper Cameron Smith's glowing endorsement.

Smith admitted he was not contemplating representative retirement as he prepared to enter an elite group in last Friday night's trans-Tasman Test in Brisbane.

Smith, 32 in June, became just the fifth player to lead Australia for 20 or more Tests, joining Darren Lockyer (38), Clive Churchill (27), Brad Fittler (25), Mal Meninga (24) and Wally Lewis (24).

But Smith knows he is closer to the end than the start of his Test career, and endorsed Inglis as a potential replacement.

"I think Greg is capable of anything that he puts his mind to," he said.

"We are lucky there are plenty

to choose from.

"But if he puts his hand up, I am sure he is more than capable of doing it."

Smith said he had noticed Inglis had grown since taking over the South Sydney captaincy.

"He is doing a good job at Souths," he said.

"The last couple of years he has matured a lot as a footballer and as a person.

"And he still has a lot of years ahead of him."

In a nod towards the well-documented interest from European rugby and league teams in Inglis, Smith added: "Hopefully he sticks around and plays a lot more Test matches."

Inglis, 28, has been inundated by offers from clubs in France and the UK, fuelling speculation he will walk away when his contract expires at the end of 2016.

It has prompted NRL boss Dave Smith to contemplate digging into his player retention fund to keep him in the game.

— AAP



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AUTHORISATION MEETING

NORTH WEST VICTORIA FIRST NATIONS NATIVE TITLE CLAIM
A claimant meeting to authorise a native title claim over North West Victoria:



All members of the native title claim group, being those persons who are descendants of the following named apical ancestors, are invited to attend:

- John and Nelly Perry; and
- Elizabeth Johnson.

WHERE: DEPI offices, corner of Koorlong Ave & Eleventh St, IRYMPLE
WHEN: Saturday 23 MAY 2015
START: 9.30am for registration

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

The meeting is being called:

- the authorisation of a native title claim by the native title claim group (descendants of John and Nelly Perry and Elizabeth Johnson) over the area displayed in the map above;
- the authorisation of any member(s) of the native title claim group to deal with matters arising in relation to the North West Victoria First Nations native title claim;
- the future conduct of the North West Victoria First Nations native title claim; and
- and incorporate the North West Victoria First Nations Aboriginal Corporation as a corporation to represent the interests of the native title claim group.

The above meeting is being held and run by NTSV, so please call Jonathan Kneebone (lawyer) if you have any questions on (1800 791 779 or (03) 9321 5300).

If you require travel or accommodation assistance to attend the authorisation meeting please contact NTSV Senior Community Liaison Officer, Drew Berick (1800 791 779 or (03) 9321 5300).

Hodgson is back after injury spell



WESTERN Force skipper Matt Hodgson is confident his body will hold firm for the rest of the Super Rugby campaign, saying his pre-season hamstring injury was a one-in-a-million occurrence.

Hodgson, who tore his right hamstring during a pre-season game, made his long-awaited return in the April 24 clash with the second-placed Chiefs in New Zealand. The Chiefs won 35-27.

"Sometimes one event can change the course of the game. But I'm proud of the fight in the boys last night and one moment did not define that performance to me. That's footy," Hodgson said on Facebook the day after the game.

Gutsy effort

"There was not a moment that the lads dropped their head and conceded defeat. A gutsy effort for us as a team – for each other... A fitting effort but not the win we desperately wanted. Next week is a fresh opportunity to get the win.

"Body is tired, sore, but feeling great to be back into games. Hammy didn't give me a moment's concern, which is exactly why you take your time and rehab hard."

The 33-year-old faces crunch time as he attempts to work his way into World Cup calculations, and he's confident the injury won't strike again.

"It was a one-in-a-million type of injury," Hodgson said on the eve of his return.

"I was unlucky enough to get stuck under a body and get cleaned out at the same time.

"The hamstring had nowhere to go, so it was either that or the knee. I chose to do the hamstring because it's a shorter recovery.

"If I had any fears, I wouldn't be coming back."

Couldn't wait

And after spending almost three months on the sidelines, the Wallabies flanker couldn't wait to get back out onto the park.

"Last night I was packing my bag and I almost put my suit in it," Hodgson said.

"So it's good to throw that away and actually pack some footy boots."

Hodgson, who has re-signed with the Force for a further two years, played his way into Wallabies contention with a standout Super Rugby campaign last year.

The hard-working veteran would love nothing more than the chance to play for Australia at the 2015 World Cup, but for now his focus is squarely set on helping the Force get off the foot of the table.

– AAP



Wallaby Matt Hodgson stretches for the tryline, but his effort was disallowed during the Killick Cup match against the Barbarians at Twickenham Stadium, London, on November 1, 2014.

Picture: Getty Images

Beale keen to secure future



WALLABIES and NSW Waratahs centre Kurtley Beale concedes contract talks have been playing on his mind, but says he intends to make a

decision on his future before the end of the Super Rugby season.

Beale only signed a one-year contract extension with the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) and NSW Rugby Union in January.

While last month Beale said he loved playing in Australia and for NSW, a deal still had to be finalised beyond this year.

"Hopefully we can be able to sort something out, because it does take a bit of a toll on the mind," Beale said.

"You want to know your future. I think I'm pretty similar to every other bloke out there.

"I'm pretty confident in the way things are going and hopefully we can get that done sooner rather than later.

"It (contract negotiations) is always going to be there (in the mind) isn't it? I think as a player, you're not going to hide and pretend that it's not there.

"You've just got to accept it and make sure you're doing your job for the team and that's purely my focus."

Beale emphasised the Waratahs needed to use their impressive win over the previously unbeaten Hurricanes in Wellington as a springboard for a late season surge.

He described it as probably the Waratahs' best and most balanced performance of the season.

The Waratahs' Super Rugby title defence is firmly back on track following their drought-breaking 13-10 win over

the Brumbies in Canberra last Friday night.

The Waratahs' spirited first victory in the national capital since 2011 helped the defending champions regain control of the Australian conference.

The Brumbies remain one point ahead, but the Waratahs have a game in hand on their arch rivals – as well as the all-important momentum – in the run-up to the finals.

The Waratahs trailed 10-7 at the break, but second-half penalty goals to Kurtley Beale and Bernard Foley clinched a hard-earned and bruising victory.

Apart from ending a four-year winning drought in Canberra, the Waratahs have now beaten the Brumbies four times in a row for the first time in 20 seasons of Super Rugby. – AAP



The Waratahs' Kurtley Beale is tackled by Christian Leallifano of the Brumbies during the round 12 Super Rugby match at GIO Stadium, Canberra, last Friday night.
Picture: AAP



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
36/614	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	464611	26.72HA	25km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 4' S Long: 120° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
36/616	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	464610	164.64HA	24km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 120° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
57/961	BLACK OAK MINERALS LIMITED	465011	66.48HA	8km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 2' S Long: 119° 14' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
74/467	SULPHIDE RESOURCES PTY LTD	465255	18.50HA	90km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 45' S Long: 119° 49' E	KONDININ SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 6 May 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 **6 August 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. 6 September 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.

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Turning points

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THERE are certain events in life that become defining moments.

Anzac Day commemorates an event that many say helped to define and shape Australia's character.

Our ceremonies on the centenary of that event showed how important it was to our nation.

The date also has added significance in the history of the Australian Football League (AFL) as 20 years ago, it marked one of these defining moments for two men and the code itself.

It marked a day when the AFL took a stance against racial abuse – not only in the game but also in broader society as well.

It was a day that shaped Michael Long's destiny to be a leader and spokesman for many of us.

Changed the game

It was a day that changed the game and made it easier for Indigenous players to pursue their dreams of playing in the AFL.

But it was not easy, as the two central figures gave witness to 20 years after the event.

Michael Long and Damian Monkhorst spoke of death threats as they remembered one of the most important moments in AFL history.

Two decades after the landmark racial abuse incident during the first Essendon-Collingwood Anzac Day match, their handshake when they met recently was genuine and full of mutual respect.

It was in the midst of the heated match that Monkhorst racially abused Long, sparking a furore.

Long made an official complaint, leading to a long mediation session and then an AFL media conference.

Monkhorst and Long stood at

"We're not going to totally eradicate it, but gee, I think we've put a big hole in it," Michael Long said of on-field taunts.



the end of the media event and shook hands for the cameras, but the Essendon star was still clearly upset.

The controversy led directly to the AFL's ground-breaking racial anti-vilification policy.

Along with Nicky Winmar's famous jumper lift two years earlier, they proved turning points for race relations in the AFL.

But change did not happen easily.

"There were a lot of things – death threats," Long said.

"It was mail that was sent, but that was the ignorance.

"It was actually the opposite effect – they were actually doing the opposite of what they were saying, because they were taking interest in what we were saying and doing.

"Deep down, you knew we were going to make changes through adopting the policy."

Monkhorst also had then-Collingwood football manager Graeme Allan check mail sent to him at the club.

"I got the same letters," Monkhorst said.

As they did 20 years ago, the pair sat either side of Ross Oakley, who at the time was the AFL chief executive.

They were at the Melbourne

Cricket Ground (MCG) to launch the 11th Long Walk, led by the Essendon great, which takes place before the annual Dreamtime at the 'G match between the Bombers and Richmond.

This year's walk and game is on May 30.

On Wednesday of last week, Long paid tribute to Monkhorst, with the Essendon legend saying the former Magpies ruckman had shown great leadership in the two decades since their confrontation.

Monkhorst admitted to feeling uneasy about being at last Wednesday's function, given his role in the original incident.

'Awkward'

"I feel awkward, actually – Longy has been fantastic for this awareness and I'm here just to support Longy, really," Monkhorst said.

"It was an embarrassing situation that isn't what I stand for."

Oakley revealed, immediately after the Anzac Day incident, that an AFL investigation showed at least 10 players from six clubs were guilty of racial abuse on a regular basis.

While fans still abuse players at AFL games, the on-field taunts

have disappeared.

"We're not going to totally eradicate it, but gee, I think we've put a big hole in it," Long said.

He added there was never any question about whether his complaint was the right thing to do.

"It wasn't doubts about decisions, it was who I was, where I was from and culture, history, what you believed in and how you were brought up," Long said.

"It was the right thing to do." By doing the right thing, Long's influence has continued long after his retirement.

Recently, the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre was opened in the Northern Territory.

Long has also spoken about taking a more active leadership role in the game, raising the prospect of joining the AFL Commission.

"We need an Indigenous commissioner," he said recently.

"We have women on the commission, we have let different nationalities run our great game, and I've got a passion for football, and I've had a plan for 10 years and I think I have given back what the game has given me.

"This is something I feel very strongly about and the timing is right.

"I'll be one person putting my hand up and it's not my decision to say I'm the one.

"I'll let the powers that be decide that.

"But my passion is to see an Indigenous person in that role."

It seems appropriate that Long continues to be an agent of change.

His own vision for the leadership centre is a true reflection of the man.

"We're using the power of football to develop our kids and we see what football can do at all levels," he said.

"Part of the leadership centre is influencing change.

"The leadership centre has been my baby."

It is the same philosophy that is behind the Long Walk.

"The Long Walk is about bringing people together and I hope I appeal to all people, not just Indigenous people," Michael said.

Some people have moments that define their lives.

It would appear Michael Long continues to be part of moments that change the lives of others.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Rockhampton to host Woorabinda rugby league carnival



THE Woorabinda Warriors Rugby League Club is to hold an All Blacks carnival in Rockhampton from October 10-11.

Teams will play for the Woorabinda Warriors Cup at Saleyards Park.

It will be the first time that Woorabinda Warriors have hosted a carnival in a number of years.

Organisers are looking for 16 men's teams and eight women's teams.

Nomination packages can be requested from murritime@hotmail.com or by

contacting Woorabinda president Joel Cameron or secretary Lesley Bligh.

The team nomination is \$1500.

Prizemoney, based on the 16 teams, is: Winners men's competition \$18,000; runners-up \$6000; women's winners \$9000; runners-up \$3000.

Nominations close on Friday,

September 18.

Woorabinda Warriors are also looking for sponsors for the Rockhampton carnival as well as sponsors for the 2016 rugby league season.

The Woorabinda carnival will clash with the Bindal carnival in Townsville.

Weipa hosts 9s carnival

By ALF WILSON



THREE tries by star back Tim Oberleuter led Raiders Blue to a 20-10 win over Yawo Onetime in the grand final of the Weipa Nines rugby league carnival.

Six Cape York teams contested the popular event held at Weipa's Andoom Oval on April 18.

Oberleuter also booted two goals in the decider for a personal tally of 16 points and Branden Ramsamy scored the other try for Raiders Blue.

Yawo Onetime consisted mainly of players from Napranum Aboriginal community.

Robert Wigness and Leon Bond scored the grand final tries while William Parry kicked the goal.

In the semifinals, Raiders Blue beat Aurukun Kang Kang 22-4 and Yawo Onetime defeated Weipa Raiders Black 30-4.

Snails and Napranum Twals were the other two teams and the referees were David Maiden, Karl Adams, Rod McCrae and Jim Baira.

Oberleuter was the carnival's top individual point scorer with 36, followed by teammates Ramsamy (32), Trevor Callope (22) and Ryan Madua (16).

Then followed Aurukun Kang Kang's Wesley Mooka (14) and Yawo Onetime's William Bond (12).

Meanwhile, it has been confirmed that the Cape Cluster competition would run as one zone in the 2015 season.

Last year northern and southern zones competed separately and the top sides from both met in a gala finals day where Coen Colts prevailed as premiers.

Cairns-based QRL assistant divisional manager David Maiden said after attending the Weipa Nines, where he discussed the Cape Cluster season with as many people as he could, the following format was set to go ahead:

Round one would be at Weipa (May 16), round two at Coen (June 13), round three at Bamaga (July 18) and round four at Cooktown/Coen and Aurukun (August 9) with the finals series in Weipa (August 15).

Combined

"This year we are having to run the Cape Cluster as one group rather than northern and southern zones which unfortunately increases travel requirements for some communities," he said.

"I have tried to spread out the games to minimise travel, but that is not always possible and some communities miss out on

hosting rounds due to the difficulty of getting there from other centres as well as accommodation and facility concerns.

"The final round venue will be determined once teams have confirmed their participation."

The first two rounds will be used to select Northern Cape and Southern Cape teams for the NQ Challenge in Cairns from June 27-28.

"A Northern United side will be picked from these championships to take on Queensland Outback again on Thursday Island on July 25. At this stage we will have the same teams competing – Northern Cape, Southern Cape, Torres Straits, Palm Island and Bowen," Maiden said.

Torres Strait Kaiwalagal Stingers won the 2014 FNQ Challenge and Northern United rolled Outback 30-24 on TI.

Other major QRL-sanctioned carnivals will be the Island of Origin on Thursday Island from June 5-7, the Queensland Murri carnival in southern Queensland from September 24-27, Townsville's Bindal event from October 10-11, the Zenadth Kes Cup on Thursday Island from October 16-18, the Gindaja Cup in Cairns (October 23-25), the NPA Cup at Bamaga (October 29-31), Gordonvale's Indigenous carnival (November 7-8) and the John Bowen Memorial event at Hope Vale (November 14-15).



The Skipjacks side in the dressing room. Pictures: Alf Wilson

Army squares the ledger

By ALF WILSON



A BIGGER and fitter Australian Army Thunder side beat Palm Island Skipjacks 44-18 in the annual rugby league game for the Bill Coolburra

Memorial Shield in Townsville.

It was a curtain-raiser to the North Queensland Cowboys versus New Zealand Warriors National Rugby League (NRL) game, won 28-24 by the Cowboys.

It was the eighth game for the shield and Army's big win makes it four victories apiece.

Experience missing

Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan said the side has seen a changing of the guard, with many of the experienced players missing.

"Most of the boys are aged under 25 and I knew we were up against it, and also there has been no domestic competition on Palm Island," Morgan told the *Koori Mail*.

It was drizzling rain early in the match, making the ball slippery, and the Skipjacks looked good in the second minute when they scored a

try courtesy of Genami Geia Jnr and the conversion by Clinton Pearson giving them a 6-0 lead.

But the much bigger Army side dominated the next 38 minutes to lead 30-6 at half-time.

Army extended that lead to 44-6 with 10 minutes remaining.

But tries to Robert Fraser and Clarence Nugent saw the Skipjacks gain late momentum.

Best players for Skipjacks were Raoul Miller, who injured his arm, Jason Bulsey, who suffered a broken nose in a tackle, Clinton Pearson, Robert Snyder and 40-year-old Thomas Ketchup.

One of Army's best was Torres Strait Islander Bertram Pearson, from Hammond Island, near Thursday Island.

Bill Coolburra's widow Edna congratulated the Army and said the Palm boys would be looking for sweet revenge next year on the island.

There has been no football on Palm Island this season and the Army players were much fitter.

Last year, former NRL players Milton Thaiday and Obe Geia Jnr led Skipjacks to a 50-32 victory in the game.



Tim Oberleuter passes the ball for Northern Cape at the FNQ Challenge in Cairns.

Picture: Alf Wilson



Bertram Pearson, from Hammond Island, in the Torres Strait, right, and Darren Joseph starred for the Army Thunder.

Meet our 2015 IMP New York Marathon team



PICTURED below are the 11 athletes chosen by the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) to contest the 2015 New York Marathon.

Six female and six male runners were selected from a record 143 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applications nation-wide.

The squad will train for the New York City Marathon and also complete a

Certificate III in Fitness – a compulsory component of the IMP program.

The IMP annually selects, educates, and trains a group of Indigenous Australians to compete alongside 47,000 other competitors at the world's biggest marathon.

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.

IMP head coach and manager Mick Rees said the road ahead would be challenging but very rewarding for the 2015 squad.

"It's always hard to select the IMP squad from an enormous pool of talent across the country," he said.

The squad will meet at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra today (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 on the Gold Coast and in 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.



Aaron West (Queanbeyan, NSW)



Alicia Sabatino (Thursday Island, Qld)



Chris Guyula (Gapuwiyak, NT)



Daniel Lloyd (Murray Bridge, SA)



Eileen Byers (Coombell, NSW)



Dwayne Jones (Myatt Community, NT)



Harriet David (Cairns, Qld)



Jacinta Gurruwiwi (Galiwinku, NT)



Jaeme Bird (Cowra, NSW)



Jessica Lovett-Murray (Reservoir, Vic)



John Leha (Sydney, NSW)

Jonte's next step



NSW Imparja Cup player Jonte Pattison has been named in Cricket Australia's National

Performance Squad (NPS) for 2015.

The squad is made up of players identified by national selectors as having the potential to play a significant role in Australian cricket.

As part of its program, the squad will attend a spin camp in Brisbane this month with world number one T20 bowler, West Indian Samuel Badree.

Another Indigenous player – Northern Territorian Brandon King – will be at the spin camp from May 18-22.

But for Pattison, the spin camp is just one of several opportunities.

During the winter months, the NPS will also:

- Play four one-day matches against the Australian Indigenous Squad from July 6-14.

- Take part in overseas playing and training opportunities in India, including with Glenn McGrath and his MRF pace program.

- Hold training opportunities with select Australian players ahead of their departure for the West Indies.

- Be part of tour preparations ahead of the Australia A series in India and the under 19 series in England in July.

National Cricket Centre (NCC) head coach Troy Cooley, Cricket

Australia national talent manager Greg Chappell and state talent managers had input into the selection of the squad.

Cooley said the NPS was a broad group of players from the under 19 and Australia A programs who had the potential to make an impact in Australian cricket.

"The winter program at the state-of-the-art NCC is a great opportunity for those in the NPS to develop their skills to the next level through individualised training at a world-class facility, game-based activities in varying conditions, match pressure and touring experience," he said.

"The program also focusses on off-field development for the

players, including coaching courses, career education and study opportunities.

Some Australia A players will also spend time with the NPS at the NCC to assist with their preparation for the Australia A tour to India on July 19.

The under 19 players will travel to the UK on July 25 to play a series against the England under 19s, which will coincide with the men's and women's Ashes series.

At the spinners' camp this month, Samuel Badree will work with the country's best young spin bowlers.

He will work alongside Cricket Australia spin program head coach John Davison.

The spinners were chosen by

Davison and Troy Cooley in consultation with Rod Marsh and the state talent managers.

It will be Badree's first visit to Australia.

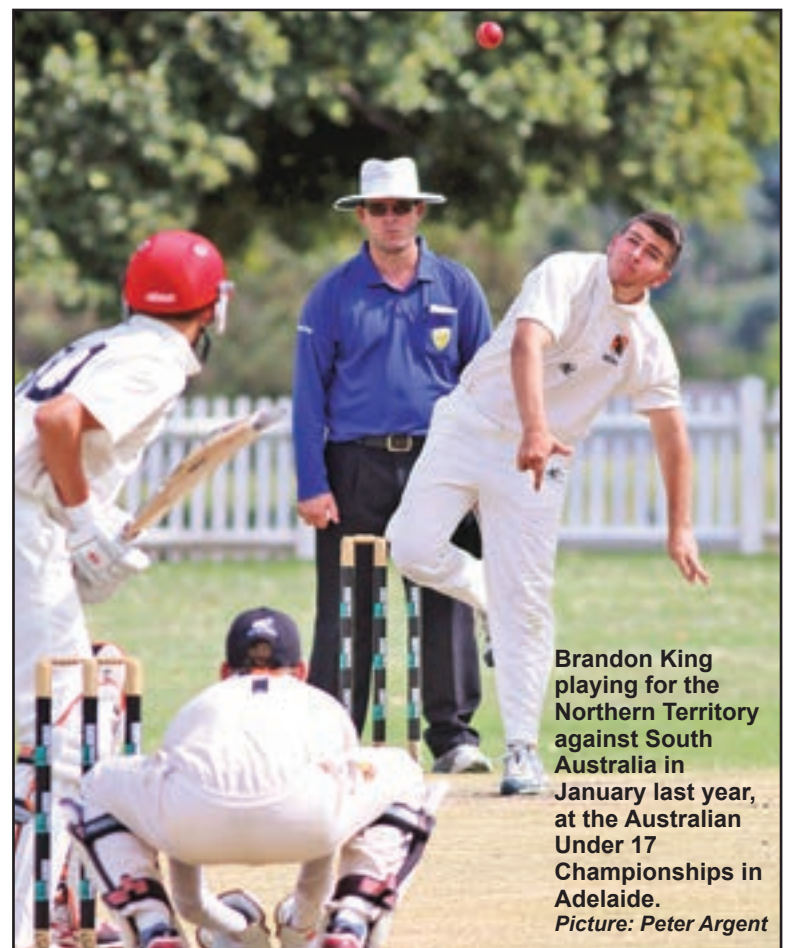
"My greatest success has been in the shorter versions of the game so I hope to impart knowledge based on that; the

importance of control when bowling, adapting to different conditions and taking wickets through guile is crucial," he said.

Badree has played 22 T20 matches for the West Indies, taking 31 wickets for an average of 14.96, and an economy rate of 5.39. His best figures are 4-15.



Jonte Pattison bowling for an Australia XI against India in Adelaide last year. Picture: Peter Argent



Brandon King playing for the Northern Territory against South Australia in January last year, at the Australian Under 17 Championships in Adelaide. Picture: Peter Argent

Pint-sized pioneer

By PETER ARGENT



HE may have only played 11 games of Australian Football League (AFL) football, but Eddie Hocking is forever etched in Crows history.

This season marks 25 years since Adelaide's first AFL franchise, the Crows, burst on to the AFL landscape.

The Indigenous pocket-rocket, having just turned 21 earlier that summer, was a member of the inaugural 20 players who donned the jumper for Adelaide's new side in the big league.

After kicking the first five goals of their game against the eventual premiers in 1991, Hawthorn, at Football Park, the Crows went on to win by a colossal 86-point margin. The child protégé from the Clare Valley made his AFL debut with 17 others on that evening.

In front of a packed crowd of 44,902, the Crows made a huge impact on the SA football landscape.

Hocking started on the interchange bench with Rod Jamieson and finished with eight disposals (three kicks, a pair of marks and five handballs) along with kicking a point.

Many supporters at the game still remember the smallest Crow, Hocking, jumping over Hawthorn's Gary Ayres and Chris Langford to take a mark. This act sent the capacity crowd into raptures.

"I was drafted by the Crows at number seven on their initial list," Hocking told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was the hardest pre-season I'd ever done – but that is part and parcel of top-level football.

"I remember being pretty nervous before the game, playing in front of a capacity crowd.

"Starting on the interchange bench, I developed

a bit of a reputation as a player who had an impact in that role, as at Central District, Neil Kerley had used me in that role.

"There is a sense of pride, being a part of that first team, along with being in the first squad that set up the Adelaide Football Club."

On the autumn evening of March 22, 1991, the new kids on the block won in emphatic style, 24.11 (155) to Hawthorn's 9.15 (69). Adelaide kicked six goals in the opening and third quarters, five goals in the second term and finished with seven in the last.

Hocking would stay on the Crows list until the end of 1992, but didn't play a game in the second year.

SANFL debut

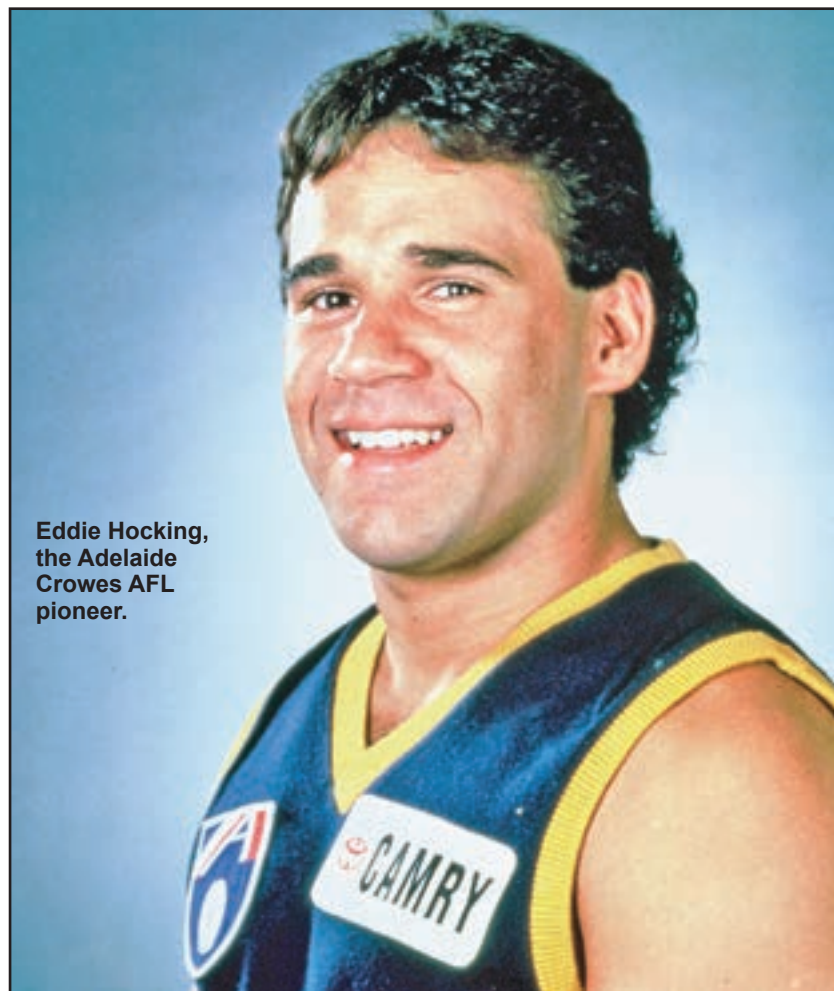
His career took off when he moved from Clare, in country South Australia, two hours north of the city, to the Bulldogs in 1986. Within 12 months he made his South Australian National Football League debut at the age of 17. And this was after an outstanding season with Central District in 1990, when he was runner-up to Scott Hodges in the competition's highest individual honour, the Magarey Medal.

Hodges, a full forward, claimed 16 votes, with Hocking just a single vote behind him.

Hocking would play a total of 91 games with the Bulldogs, kicking 80 goals, along with a further handful with the Bloods.

He was a member of the 1994 West Adelaide reserves premiership team and he still has a strong connection with Aboriginal football in the state.

A quarter of a century later, Hocking, at 168cm, remains the shortest footballer to have played in the Adelaide tri-colours.



Eddie Hocking, the Adelaide Crows AFL pioneer.

If they weren't known before, they are now...



INDIGENOUS siblings Lawson, 11, and Meeza Humphries, 9, recently made the 1600km trip from the Pilbara town of

Wickham to Perth to compete in the annual WA Country Tennis Championships.

They were unknown quantities, but tournament officials were soon taking notice as they surprised higher-ranked players and won their respective singles divisions.

Playing at the Alexander Park Tennis Club from April 11-13, Lawson won the 12 and under boys' singles, while little sister Meeza won the 10 and under girls' singles.

Lawson also won the boys' 12 and under doubles, only to be matched by Meeza, who, playing

in an older age division, won the girls' 12 and under doubles consolation title.

Their achievement was remarkable because, living in such a remote part of Western Australia, they do not have access to coaching, regular competition or tournaments, instead relying upon their natural athleticism and hitting up with their father and older brother to improve their game. Lawson's ambition is to become Australia's next Indigenous tennis champion while Meeza would like to emulate the feats of her idol Evonne Goolagong.

Lawson and Meeza were supported on their trip to Perth by the Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation and the City of Karratha.

● Wickham (population 1800) is an iron ore mining town 1572km north of Perth and 13km north of Roebourne. Just out of Wickham, the Cape Lambert iron ore ship loading facility has one of the longest and tallest jetties in Australia.

● LEFT: Meeza and Lawson Humphries with their trophies from the WA Country Tennis Championships in Perth.



Hammond lined up with another fight



CAMERON Hammond is set to defend his World Boxing Association

(WBA) Oceania welterweight title against Jese Ravudi at Maroochydore, on the Queensland Sunshine Coast, on May 23.

Fijian welterweight Ravudi has had six pro fights for four wins, one loss and a draw.

He was knocked out in the third round by debut fighter Daniel Barber in his third pro fight.

Since then, he has won two

fights on points and drew his latest bout.

Moree-born Hammond, 25, who now lives in Brisbane, has won all of his 11 pro fights since debuting in December 2012.

His last effort was a round-nine TKO win over Filipino Romeo Jakosalem in Brisbane last November.

He won the WBA Oceania welterweight title in his home town of Moree in July, 2014.

He defended the title against Jakosalem and at the same time, won the World Boxing Council (WBC) Eurasia Pacific Boxing Council welterweight title.

Hammond, a former Australian amateur representative, is one of Australia's brightest professional hopes.

He boxed at the 2012 London Olympic Games, where he won his first-round fight, but was eliminated in the quarterfinals.

According to BoxRec, he is ranked the No. 2 Australian professional welterweight behind Queenslander Jeff Horn.

Globally, BoxRec has him ranked 153.

The May 23 fight will be at The Sands Tavern, Maroochydore.

Geale, Mundine in frosty meeting



THERE was an awkward meeting between boxers Daniel Geale and Anthony Mundine in Sydney a couple of weeks ago, according to *Courier Mail* reporter Michael Westlake.

He said it was not all fun and frivolity back stage at the *Footy Show*.

On April 23, *Footy Show* guests Mundine and Geale were made to wait together in a room about the size of a narrow closet before their appearance with Paul Vautin and friends.

It was the first time the two Aboriginal boxers had seen each other since Geale outpointed Mundine to retain his world middleweight title in Sydney two years ago. That was after a spiteful lead-up in which Mundine made derogatory remarks about Geale's Aboriginality and his family.

Westlake said that Geale, who said he had little respect for Mundine, was in no mood to shake hands despite the efforts of former world featherweight champ and fellow guest Billy Dib to act as peacemaker.

Dib was knocked out in the third round by Japan's World Boxing Council (WBC) junior lightweight champ Takashi Miura in Tokyo last Friday night in a fight televised live by Channel 9.

Geale is to fight WBC middleweight champ Miguel Cotto in New York on June 6 while Mundine fights former world junior-middleweight champ Austin Trout in Hidalgo, Texas, on May 9.

Mundine meanwhile held his final sparring session in Sydney last Wednesday before his departure for the US. The session was at the Redfern gym run by Mundine's father, Tony, himself a former top boxer.

Amazing experience

Elsie's Kokoda trek a tribute to Indigenous servicemen and women



THURSDAY Islander Elsie Seriat has completed the 96km Kokoda trek as part of

the Anzac centenary.

She and Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) ambassador Kurt Fearnley were part of a team of Australians who undertook to trek the famous World War II trail in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

For Elsie, it was a tribute walk to acknowledge all Indigenous servicemen and women who fought and sacrificed their lives for Australia.

Family link

Elsie's great grandfather, Private Seriat Charlie, fought as part of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion, the only Indigenous battalion formed in Australia's military history.

Thursday Island was a vital strategic point during World War



Elsie Seriat and fellow trekker and IMP sponsor David Lamb at Owers' Corner at the start of the Kokoda Trail.

II as the last line of defence against the Japanese.

Elsie's group arrived at Isurava in time for the Anzac Day memorial service on April 25.

Wayne Wetherall, whose company Kokoda Spirit organises treks along the Kokoda Trail, paid tribute to the Anzac trekkers.

"Congratulations to all of our Kokoda Spirit Anzac trekkers on your amazing adventure across



The Anzac Day memorial service at Isurava, in the Papua New Guinea Highlands.

Kokoda," he said.

"You have walked in the footsteps of heroes and our PNG brothers.

"The conditions on the track were the most demanding I have seen in many seasons.

"You all should be extremely

proud of your achievements."

Elsie was part of Rob de Castella's 2014 IMP team that ran in the New York Marathon.

She said the Kokoda experience had a deep cultural and emotional connection to herself, her family and the

Thursday Island community.

According to historical records of the Australian War Memorial, relative to population, the Islanders of the Torres Strait contributed more to the World War II effort than any other community in Australia.

Indigenous stars dominate WA basketball

By CHRIS PIKE



WITH a coach rebuilding a young group, two sisters leading the charge for the defending champions and a star returning to a team looking to contend this season, the West Australian women's State Basketball League (SBL) is being dominated by its Indigenous contingent.

Former WA SBL and Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) star Narelle Henry is into her first season as coach of the East Perth Eagles and trying to build a competitive unit, while Talisia and Jacinta Bourne continue to star for the Rockingham Flames, and Kate Malpass has returned for the Willetton Tigers, helping them become a contender again in 2015.

Henry has taken over as coach of the East Perth Eagles for the 2015 season. It was never going to be an easy job building the team into a competitive unit, but there have already been some good signs.

The Eagles had won just three of 44 games in the 2013 and 2014 SBL seasons, including losing the final 16 matches last year, and while a win hasn't eventuated this season, there is no question Henry is building a team that can be a force.

Henry is one of WA's great

female basketball products, having a distinguished playing career with 283 games in the SBL between 1993 and 2012 as well as playing with distinction in college in the United States and in the WNBL.

She finished her playing career with the Perth Redbacks in the SBL at the end of the 2012 season on the back of having been the playing-coach for the previous five years.

She took a step back from the SBL in 2013 and 2014, but has now returned and will be hoping to develop her Eagles team, with an eye to them becoming a genuine playoff contender in 2016.

Sisters on fire

Meanwhile, the Rockingham Flames won the 2014 women's SBL championship and have started the 2015 season unbeaten so far, with Talisia and Jacinta Bourne a key part of that.

The sisters were strong contributors in the Flames, which won their first title last year, and both women have made good starts in 2015 as the team attempts to win back-to-back championships.

Jacinta has previously played in the WNBL with the West Coast Waves and has made a solid start in 2015, averaging 11.7 points, 5 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.7 steals a game as she now nears the 150-match milestone with the Flames.

Her older sister Talisia



Kate Malpass

continues to do well as point guard, with the 24-year-old having reached her 100-game milestone this season, averaging 9 points, 4 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 2.3 steals a game so far in 2015.

And then there is Kate Malpass, who has returned to play with Willetton in 2015. Like the Rockingham Flames, the Tigers have started the season on fire to be unbeaten as they look to again be championship contenders in the women's SBL.



Narelle Henry

The 26-year-old has returned to Western Australia to play with the Tigers and has been terrific, averaging 16.3 points, 6 rebounds and 2.5 assists a game in her first WA SBL season since 2011 after work took her to Victoria.

Malpass was named Youth of the Year at the 2013 National NAIDOC Awards in Perth not only for her basketballing prowess, but also for the other advances she was making in life and her career. Malpass completed a four-year



Jacinta Bourne

physiotherapy degree at Curtin University in Perth and that led to a job as a physio at the Richmond Football Club in the AFL.

She became the first Aboriginal physiotherapist to work for the Tigers and was still able to play at a high level in the South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL).

She returns to Perth this season and is successfully continuing her basketball and work progress.

Vanguard Vanessa

South Australian to play pro softball in USA

By PETER ARGENT



SOUTH Australian softball player Vanessa Stokes has become the first Australian-born player to sign with an American National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) franchise.

She is to join the US expansion franchise, the Dallas Charge, for the 2015 season.

She is the quintessential Aussie girl... honest, humble, down to earth, likeable and understated.

She is also a supremely talented Aboriginal softball player who has just created history.

"It is awesome that I've got this opportunity," Stokes told the *Koori Mail*.

"Softball is a premier sport in the USA, like basketball, lacrosse and baseball.

"The college and professional system in America is amazing

"For a long time they have been seen as the leaders in this sport.

"I just want to be me and look at this as a new experience."

Senior player

The 183cm, 27-year-old right-handed pitcher gives the fledgling Charge pitching staff a senior player with a number of seasons of international and professional experience.

"We are excited to have Vanessa on our inaugural team," Dallas Charge general manager Kevin Shelton said.

"She is a decorated international competitor and will bring valuable experience to the Charge.

"Our fans will be surprised and excited to welcome this Australian star to Dallas.

"I can't wait to see her in action."

Along with her on-field exploits, Stokes has been working for Softball South Australia as the schools development and Indigenous Softball Program officer, also with part-time work alongside Paul Vandenbergh in a mentoring role at the Power AFL Aboriginal football academy.

Originally from Alice Springs, but having grown up in Darwin, Stokes will become the



Vanessa Stokes warms up in Adelaide. Picture: Peter Argent

first Australian-born NPF player when she takes the field in June.

"We pitch the ball at between 105 and 110km/h," Stokes said.

"Having pitched against the Americans at international level and over the past couple of years, we have enjoyed victories over them, this gives you some confidence.

"For me, it is about getting the processes right and being strong-minded, mentally and physically.

"It is about accepting the challenge."

She started playing for South Australia in her early teens in 2002 and her local district club is the Glenelg Softball Club.

"We moved from Alice to Darwin when I was very young," Stokes said,

"I was brought up by my mum Fiona and late nan Daisy.

"Mum was the youngest of 10 children and she was a big influence on my sport.

"Mum, who was a talented sportswoman in her own right, was the one who gave me the drive.

"She'd say, 'Never lose sight of what you want to be'.

"When there were a lot of naysayers and negativity, Mum would always reinforce that you need to believe in yourself.

"Mum gave me that inner strength.

"Music and sport were an integral part of our lives.

"My best friend and biggest enemy in softball was Lauren Motlop and I am godmother to her son, Waylon Motlop-Davey."

Stokes' extended family includes the McAdam brothers – Greg, Gilbert and Adrian – and former Hawthorn and now Sturt footballer Cameron is a nephew, as is Greater Western Sydney star Curtly Hampton and his younger brother Jamie, who is in Adelaide with the Power Academy.

SANFL player

Her father, Mark Turner, was a South Australian National Football League player for Sturt and is a Nunga man.

In Darwin, she played a variety of sports with and against the Motlop clan and vividly remembers having to wait her turn to get opportunities against the boys in backyard sports.

After playing in the Arafura Games in Darwin as a 14-year-old alongside her mother, Stokes first travelled to Texas to play for a Texas team, Hearts of Texas, in a large American tournament of youth teams.

Stokes was the South Australian Sportsman of the Year in 2014. In 2013,

she won Softball Australia's Spirit Award for her achievements on and off the field in schools and Indigenous communities in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

She is the first Indigenous player to pitch for her country and just the ninth Aboriginal athlete to represent Australia in softball.

Since late 2011, Stokes has been wearing national colours and played in a number of major international tournaments.

In 2013, Stokes played alongside Aboriginal Australian teammate Stacey Porter in the Japan Softball League, playing for SG Holdings in Kyoto.

That year Stokes was also honoured with the Pitcher of the Gorgeous Cup Award.

"Playing and living in Japan was a great learning experience," she said.

"I actually learned Japanese at school."

The Dallas Charge's first season in the NPF kicks off at home on June 3 against the Pennsylvania Rebellion, with Stokes leaving for the US in late May and arriving in time for the first training on May 25.

The NPF was created to give elite female fastpitch players the opportunity to pursue a professional career and has operated since 1997 under various guises including the Women's Pro Fastpitch (WPF) and Women's Pro Softball League (WPSL).

25 men come together for Remote Allstars



THE Northern Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service (NAAFVLS) has again come on board as major sponsor of the Remote Allstars program.

The program is run by the Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT), and while it is in its infancy, it has taken another step forward.

It gives 25 young men from across remote NT, who have been chosen on their attitude and leadership within their communities, a chance to showcase their skills and push for an NT Thunder contract.

The week-long camp included:

- NAAFVLS education and promotion sessions called the Community Legal Information (CLE) Sessions.

- AFL education presentations.
- Health testing from the Menzies School of Health.

- Two games against the NT Thunder senior side.

Players will also undergo AFL specific physical and skill testing as part of AFL player profiling.

This year there are 18 communities from the NT represented in the 25-man squad.

Seven players have been offered contracts or rookie contracts and a further five have been identified for the NT under 18 state trials.

The seven players are Ralph Dhamarrandji (Galiwinku), Lochlan Dhurrkay (Galiwinku), Ricky Ashley (Ramingining), Gibson Turner (Santa Teresa), Marcus Hamilton (Katherine), Farron James (Tennant Creek) and Liam Patrick (Lajamanu).



Six of the seven players from remote NT communities who have been awarded NT Thunder contracts, pictured with Thunder coach Xavier Clarke (left), back row, from left, Ricky Ashley (42), Farron James (43) and Gibson Turner (4); front, Marcus Hamilton (8), Ralph Dhamarrandji (40) and Lochlan Dhurrkay (39). Liam Patrick is missing from this group.

Primed for World Cup

Kyah Simon overcomes knee injury

By CHRIS PIKE



KYAH Simon has always been one for breaking down barriers and now the star footballer is in

the middle of preparing with the Australian women's team, the Matildas, for June's FIFA World Cup in Canada.

Simon became the first Indigenous woman to score for the Matildas. That was in 2008 when she was just 17, having made her debut a year earlier as a 16-year-old.

Everything was going along tremendously for Simon, having not only been a regular in the

Australian team and part of the Asian Cup-winning side of 2010, but also becoming a star in Australia's Women's League with Sydney FC.

She scored 16 goals in 30 appearances while helping the team win the championship, and was named not only the Young Player of the Year but also the W-League Player of the Year.

She then made the move successfully into the National Women's Soccer League in the United States with the Boston Breakers.

Setback

However, the remarkable progress came to a temporary halt when she suffered a serious knee injury in 2013. She was playing a game controversially on artificial turf in America while representing the Matildas against the USA in San Antonio, Texas.

That sidelined her for more than 12 months and meant she missed last May's Asian Cup, which served as a World Cup qualifying tournament, but she



Kyah Simon

made a return in the W-League late in 2014 and is now part of the Matildas team that is gearing up for the Women's World Cup.

The Australian team has just completed a six-week tour of Europe in preparation for the Women's World Cup in June, which included wins over The Netherlands and Finland, a draw with Scotland and losses to England, the Czech

Republic and Finland.

The Matildas will now complete their preparations for the June tournament back in Australia and will have a send-off match against Vietnam on Thursday, May 21 at Jubilee Oval, Sydney.

Simon hasn't found it easy to have confidence in her knee coming back on the pitch, but she is winning that mental battle and feels she isn't far away now from getting back to the form she was showing before the injury.

Back on track

"Things are going well. It's been a tough 14 to 15 months, and the rehab part almost seems like the easy part, but now that I'm on the pitch and in the competitive environment again, I'm enjoying it and I love being around the girls," Simon said.

"For me, it's just about winning that mental battle with myself to keep on progressing every game and training session, and working on the little things that I need to keep improving on to get back to the point I was at before the

knee injury."

Having also played at the Women's World Cup in 2011, Simon is excited to now be just a month away from being back there again in Canada for the 2015 tournament. She will also have plenty of support there cheering her and the rest of the Matildas on.

"Experiencing a World Cup in the past definitely helps with that experience and to think that our average age at the last World Cup was around 22 or 23, that was exciting for the future and now I'm very excited to be part of this campaign," Simon said.

"I can't wait to see what we can do on and off the pitch together so we move forward together in a positive way.

"My family's always been there through everything and always supported me, whether it be when I was out with my knee off the pitch, or helping me get back to now on the pitch and back involved in the team. I'm sure my family will be there with me through it all."

Josie big part of Fever revival

By CHRIS PIKE



JOSIE Janz-Dawson has been with the West Coast Fever since the start of the ANZ Basketball Championship in 2008, but it's only now that she can

start thinking ahead to playing in the finals for the first time.

Despite having talented teams in the past, the Fever have never seriously threatened to play in the finals despite being led by experienced and well-credentialed coaches, including Jane Searle and Norma Plummer. But things have made a stunning turnaround in 2015.

The Fever remained the only unbeaten team in the competition after nine rounds, having recorded eight victories with the only hiccup being a draw with the NSW Swifts. That start is enough to guarantee an appearance in the finals and to leave them primed to finish on top of the ladder.

This is a significant leap for a Fever team that has never previously won more than five matches in a season to be the ANZ Basketball Championship's great under-achievers.

There at the beginning

Janz-Dawson is one of only two players left in the Fever team who has been there from the beginning, with the other being star shooter Caitlin Bassett.

New coach Stacey Rosman was also part of that inaugural squad.

Janz-Dawson continues to be a key part of the Fever team as a defender and is having success teaming with April Letton and Erena Mikaere as part of a trio that has become a significant reason for West Coast's stunning season.

Having only got married last year to Cormac Dawson, and continuing to do tremendous work as part of the Wirrpanda Foundation, the only thing missing from the resume of the Derby native with a Torres Strait Islands background was some netball success with the West Coast Fever.

And now that they will at least get to play finals this year, she can't hide her



West Coast Fever player Josie Janz-Dawson in action against the Melbourne Vixens at HBF Arena, Perth, on April 6.
Picture: Daniel Carson

excitement. Without question, it's a reward for her dedication over the past eight years.

"Being with Fever for eight years, the most wins we've ever had was five and they definitely weren't consecutive," Janz-Dawson said.

"We know that if we focus on our process, then we can win any game, and that's happening and we are winning games. It's building our confidence week to week and we are actually starting games better than ever before.

"Talking about finals now, we have never been in this position before, so it is all new for us players and even a coach who was a player with us eight years ago in our team.

"It's nervous for us now because we

always wanted to be competitive and make the top four, but it has now become a reality.

"It just goes to show that when you put the hard work in, it's about performing consistently. We haven't had that in the past seven years, but this is the year and I'm glad individuals are being recognised for their hard work."

Janz-Dawson can't put her finger on one particular thing that has led to the Fever's turnaround, but she has certainly noticed that the confidence and trust instilled in the players from the coach has been a big factor.

"It's always tough to know exactly why, but the culture of the club definitely has

changed. It can be hard when you have people building a system around you that leaves you too scared to make mistakes on the court, and you don't actually have that natural instinct to play," Janz-Dawson said.

"Stacey coming on board has really opened the court up and she told us that if we do the hard work in pre-season, and are fit and strong, then we know how to play netball and you have to go out on the court and make the decision.

"Her enabling us and empowering us to actually go out and play, and not always looking to the bench to look for answers, we have become our own coaches and critics on the court, so when tough moments do happen, we can change it ourselves."

Real recognition

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

OVER the past two weeks, there have been two seemingly unrelated events that have caught my imagination and inspired me.

As I have written in past columns, it has been my privilege to work as Indigenous ambassador for the Department of Veteran Affairs, which made Anzac Day one of extra meaning for me.

The delayed Anzac Test between Australian and New Zealand last Sunday took on additional meaning when six Indigenous players were named in the Kangaroos team – making a record number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to pull on the green and gold.

Like most people, I do not want to suggest that there is any direct relationship between the unthinkable realities of war and playing rugby league.

Similar elements

There are common elements of mateship and working alongside each other in adversity, but the context of what that adversity means finishes the comparison.

But there was one other common link that struck me – and that is that our people are starting to receive recognition for what they have achieved.

There is a lot of debate around the word 'recognition' and our place in the nation's

Constitution and there needs to be a resolution in this space.

But to me, the recognition afforded our people at so many services on Anzac Day was more than a symbolic act.

This is a sacred day for many Australians and to hear the didge played or welcome to country performed at so many ceremonies had special meaning for me and I am certain for the many communities who were represented by our men and women in battles.

The fact that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders were not recognised for their service for many years made the playing of the didgeridoo at Gallipoli particularly powerful.

For all who served there, it was almost like a spiritual call from the land they had served.

It was almost as if the land was sending a message that their spirits were not forgotten.

Even just watching the service on television, it was the silence that spoke so loudly.

Into that space between night and dawn came the haunting sound of a didgeridoo.

The big crowd was barely

ready for it.

The didgeridoo wove its spell into a silence and spoke of a respect for all who fought for our freedoms.

The Anzac Test no doubt maintained that solemn note, but there is a strictly rugby league component to this event that I wish to comment on.

When I started playing the game, there was no official voice or representation for Indigenous players within our game.

Rapid strides

Since 2008 and the game's Reconciliation Action Plan, we have seen a Players' Advisory Group established, the formation of the ARL Indigenous Council and of course the impact of the All Stars event in terms of the game itself and the many community initiatives that are at its heart.

Speaking of the Anzac Test, how about the Indigenous level of representation in the Australian team?

Six Indigenous players were in Australia's starting line-up of 13.

That's 46% of the team!

Given that Indigenous people make up 3% of Australia's population and that Indigenous players make up 12% of National Rugby League (NRL) numbers, that's an amazing statistic.

Making their Test debuts were Melbourne Storm centre Will Chambers and South Sydney sensation Alex Johnston.

Completing the Indigenous component were superstars Greg Inglis and Johnathan Thurston, and hard-working forwards Greg Bird and Sam Thaiday.

Johnston and Chambers were two of four Test debutantes – the others being Josh Dugan and bench player Trent Merrin.

Chambers admitted the tears flowed after Melbourne football manager Frank Ponissi let him know he was in the Test team.

And they didn't stop when the man he replaced – Justin Hodges – was one of the first to send a message of support.

"It is something I will always remember," Chambers said of being told of his selection.

Almost as unforgettable was Hodges' response.

Hodges' 13-Test career is

Will Chambers scores the winning try for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars at CBUS Stadium, on the Gold Coast, on February 13. Picture: nrlphotos.com



Ryan James firming as NSW Origin bolter



AFTER turning himself into the National Rugby League's (NRL's) newest ironman, Gold Coast enforcer Ryan James is now firming as a State of

Origin bolter.

Since being shifted from prop to the second row by Gold Coast coach Neil Henry, James has flourished and capped his stellar start to 2015 when he was named in the NSW Country side.

The 23-year-old was only told of his positional shift four weeks out from the side's first trial and admits his first few outings playing big minutes tested him physically.

After being hyped as a potential star when he came into first grade, his 2011 and 2012 campaigns were cut short by a knee injury and his 2014 season was ended when he underwent shoulder surgery.

He has bounced back in emphatic fashion in 2015 and has been mentioned as a smokier for a NSW jersey for their State of

Origin series defence.

NSW coach Laurie Daley has in the past spoken of his admiration for the Tweed Heads product and James has been one of the Titans' best since turning their season around with three straight wins.

Bucket list

After making a pleasing start to the year, James said he was beginning to tick off his personal goals, starting with lining up in last Sunday's City-Country Origin match in

Wagga Wagga.

"The move to the back row has been a bit different. Playing 80 minutes has been different as well," he said, "as opposed to just coming off the bench and being a battering ram."

"It's been a good move and I'm still getting used to it."

James has been restricted to just 51 games since 2011 due to a string of injuries and prolonging his career is high in his priorities. – AAP

Debutante Murphy stars for Jillaroos



A HAT-TRICK on debut by Aboriginal centre Mahalia Murphy helped the Jillaroos upset the Kiwi Ferns 22-14 in their postponed women's rugby league Test at Suncorp Stadium on Sunday.

Murphy capped her try-scoring haul with a stunning 65m effort from dummy half to ensure the result in the 72nd minute.

Delayed 48 hours after torrential rain cancelled Friday night's trans-Tasman Test program, the women's match between the fierce rivals proved worth the wait.

Kiwi Ferns back-rower Teuila Fotu-Moala pulled off some of the most brutal hits seen at State of Origin venue Suncorp Stadium, while Jillaroos pivot Jenny-Sue Hoepper showed touches of class for the hosts.

Trailing 10-4 at the break, the Kiwi Ferns levelled the scores after reserve Maitua Feterika ran off captain Laura Mariu to crash over near the posts in the 52nd minute.

But Murphy found another gear, latching onto a Hoepper pass to score in the 64th minute before her dazzling 65m effort.

Kiwi Ferns hooker Sharnita Woodman scored a consolation try on fulltime.

The hosts led 10-4 at halftime after tries to Hoepper (5th) and Murphy (16th).

The Jillaroos went into the match as underdogs, losing the last Test played between the two nations in 2014 and their Auckland Nines series 2-1 this year.

Other Indigenous players in the Australian squad were Tallisha Harden, Latoya Billy and Casey Karklis. — AAP



Mahalia Murphy with her Player of the Match medal.

Kangaroos go down to NZ



TRIES to Indigenous players Sam Thaiday and Test debutant Will Chambers provided two of the few high points for the Kangaroos in their 26-12 rugby league Test loss to New Zealand on Sunday night.

Any doubt that New Zealand is not the world's best team evaporated in the wet at Suncorp Stadium after they downed in the rain-delayed trans-Tasman Test on Sunday.

The match was postponed for almost 48 hours due to torrential showers on Friday night – and for Kiwis fans it was worth the wait.

New Zealand revelled on the dry track to rack up a 26-6 halftime scoreline on their way to inflicting three straight losses on Australia for the first time since 1953.

The Kiwis also celebrated their first victory in a mid-year trans-Tasman Test since 1998 in front of 32,681.

Yet New Zealand fans may still have to sweat it out for the stat they desire most – the world No.1 ranking.

It is believed New Zealand will be guaranteed top spot over Australia if they defeat England in an end-of-year three-match series. Few could argue against New



Forward Sam Thaiday celebrates after scoring a try for Australia. Getty image

Zealand being the best after they backed up their Four Nations success with the rare mid-year triumph.

A record six Indigenous players were named in the run-on side, with Thaiday and Chambers joined by debutant Alex Johnston,

superstars Greg Inglis and Johnathan Thurston and hard-working forward Greg Bird. After New Zealand led

comfortably at the break, Manu Vatuvei looked set to deliver the knockout blow in the 49th minute, only for Roos No.1 Inglis to strip the try-bound winger.

The Kiwis' brick wall defence held up before Chambers' outstretched hand cracked it in the 59th minute to make it 26-12.

Luke Lewis (73rd) also crossed, but was called back due to a forward pass.

In the first half, Australia led 6-2 when Thaiday trampled over Kieran Foran in the 13th minute.

Then it was all one-way traffic.

Australia's frustration appeared to boil over as Inglis held down Martin Taupau in the 38th minute, gifting the Kiwis a penalty and earning the New Zealand reserve's ire. Taupau yelled at Inglis before making a throat-slitting gesture.

If Inglis was frustrated then he would have been livid after his gaffe led to Shaun Kenny-Dowall's try on halftime.

Inglis went to bat a Jason Nightingale kick dead as the Kiwis chanced their arm before the halftime hooter – and missed.

A pursuing Kenny-Dowall couldn't believe his luck as the ball lobbed into his arms to score.

Bird was placed on report for a 74th minute lifting tackle on Nightingale. — AAP

Magpies spoil Mick's party



Collingwood Magpies player Travis Varcoe kicks during the Australian Football League (AFL) round five game against the Carlton Blues at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Friday night. Mick Malthouse's AFL record-breaking evening became a nightmare, with Collingwood dismantling Carlton by 75 points. It was Malthouse's 715th game as a senior coach, breaking the record held for 66 years by Collingwood legend Jock McHale. Malthouse took responsibility for a performance he called the worst of his 51 games as Blues coach. *Picture: AAP*

Two more years

Mundine sets timeline to retirement



WEEKS shy of his 40th birthday, Anthony Mundine sees himself boxing for another two years as he prepares to fight Austin Trout in one of the most significant bouts of his career.

Mundine flew to Texas on Thursday to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) silver middleweight title. He takes on former world champion Trout on Saturday.

Victory in just his second fight in the US could put fourth-ranked Mundine in possible contention for his dream match-up against

Floyd 'Money' Mayweather – a match-up he's grandly labelled a battle between "the best boxer of our era against the best athlete of our era".

Mayweather was to face Manny Pacquiao in one of the biggest fights in boxing history last weekend – a fight Mundine tipped Mayweather to win.

Time may be running out for Mundine, with Mayweather saying he'll fight only once more after Pacquiao before hanging up the gloves.

But Mundine has no such plans himself.

"It doesn't matter if there's no Mayweather. Whoever is next. (Miguel) Cotto, (Saul) Alvarez. Whoever are the biggest stars... line them up," he said.

"I don't want to go for that long. Maybe two years.

"I just want to fight the biggest fights I can get."

But before then Mundine has to get past Trout, who has never been stopped and holds a record of 28 wins and two losses.

Mundine played down any concerns

over an elbow injury, insisting it wouldn't affect him, and he wouldn't entertain the notion of losing, with the fight a chance to finally break into the US boxing scene.

"It's not just important to win but how I win and what impact I have on the American fans," he said.

"My style is like the Alis, the Ray Leonards, the Sugar Ray Robinsons. I'm very appealing to the eye.

"Americans love that style. I want to make the most impact I can to get as many mouths talking about me as I can.

"There cannot be a loss."

At 29, Trout, a strong southpaw, is over a decade younger than Mundine but 'The Man' has a plan.

"I'm going to make him engage," Mundine said.

"I can out-box him too if I want to. I can box, I can fight, I can counter-punch. I can do everything better than what he does.

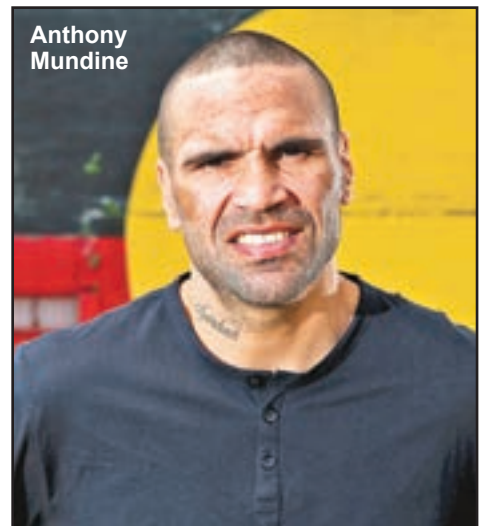
"I don't think he's got enough manhood to take me on and we'll find that out.

"Trout might be talking a lot of game, but

he knows I can fight and he knows he's got to be on his A game to try and beat me.

"When he's on his arse and he's looking at me, I'm gonna tell him 'that's not bad for a bum'." – AAP

Anthony Mundine





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Knockout gala dinner

Initiatives under discussion for 2015 carnival



ORGANISERS of the 2015 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout have announced some new features, including a gala dinner to kick off the carnival.

It will be held in Dubbo on Wednesday, September 30 and will coincide with the Knockout draw.

The Knockout will run from Friday, October 2 to Monday, October 5 at Caltex Park, Dubbo.

Plans for the gala dinner were discussed at a delegates' meeting in Sydney on April 17.

There, a number of other issues were discussed regarding rules and regulations.

In a major departure from previous carnivals, it was decided to play all semifinals and finals in all divisions on the Monday, the last day

of the Knockout.

Organisers said this should ensure an exciting final day.

The organising committee has been asked to give consideration to a number of issues:

- **Aboriginality** – in particular identifying an external body to deal with any disputes independent of the carnival.

- **Sit-ins** – what action can be taken against teams that bring the carnival into disrepute by not accepting the decision of the relevant committees such as the Disputes Committee and Judiciary.

- **Suspended players** – establish a process with the relevant state leagues to enable players to serve suspensions at the carnival so that they aren't unfairly punished, as well as establishment of an official judiciary to deal with matters appropriately arising during the carnival.

- **Concussion** – seek further advice on implementation of the concussion rule during the carnival.

This year's Knockout is being organised by 2014 Knockout winners Walgett Aboriginal Connection (AC).

Walgett AC said further details would be announced in the *Koori Mail*.

Thunder experience on the cards



PARTICIPANTS at the Northern Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service (NAAFVLS) Remote Allstars camp going through exercises, with Darwin's TIO Stadium in the background. NAAFVLS has again come on board as the major sponsor of the Remote Allstars program, which is run by the Australian Football League Northern Territory. It gives 25 young men from remote parts of the NT, who have been chosen on their attitude and leadership within their communities, the chance to showcase their skills and push for an NT Thunder contract. ● See page 63 for full report

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