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Zac's a dropknee star

WIRADJURI-Kuku Thaypan man Zac Armytage (pictured) is the NSW bodyboarding dropknee champion. The Byron Bay surfer clinched the title after two rounds of the bodyboarding dropknee championships at Port Stephens and Kiama, NSW.

In the Port Stephens round, he finished third and came second at Kiama.

The combined results were

enough to give him the title.

Armytage now will lead the NSW team to the national bodyboarding titles at Coffs Harbour in August.

"It's great to see the sport growing, and kids, young and old, getting into it," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"A lot of preparation goes into these events with nutrition, rest and specific training taking a central role."

Armytage said programs like Boogie Youth and Surfing NSW's Indigenous Surfing Program assisted in building stronger links between Indigenous young people and the surf, and with current champions like Rob Laurie, Russell and Grant Molony, and Otis Carey.

"Probably the most important thing is to get involved in a local surfing or bodyboarding club and to just get into it because it is

so much fun," he said.

Boogie Youth has run a youth clinic at NSW's most northerly beach – Duranbah (Tweed Heads) – and will hold further clinics at Forster on May 31 and September 13, with other clinics likely at Maroubra in August or September, Central Coast in September, and Port Stephens and Wollongong in October.

Picture: Ethan Smith Surfing NSW

Lethal water



URANIUM and other potentially fatal contaminants are in the water supply of more than 60 remote Western Australian Aboriginal communities, according to the state's Auditor General. A report into the delivery of power, water and wastewater services to 84 remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields regions revealed drinking water often does not meet Australian standards.

The report, tabled in the WA Parliament,

Uranium, contaminants in WA community supplies

said tests detected either e-coli or naegleria microbes in at least one community in every month in the two years to June 2014. Both can cause illness and are potentially fatal.

And, concerning, the water supply at four communities exceeded safe levels of uranium by up to double the level allowed for under the Australian guideline, while 14 had nitrates

above the safe level for bottle-fed babies under three months old.

Aboriginal Health Council of WA chairperson Michelle Nelson Cox said the WA Government had failed thousands of Aboriginal people.

WA Opposition Aboriginal Affairs spokesman Ben Wyatt said the report proves the Barnett Government, particularly the Department of Housing, has "failed dismally" in the provision of services to remote centres.

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My FAMILY

Wayne Turner – Townsville, Qld



Wayne Turner with his aunt Stella Lea. Wayne's holding a picture of their family.

I HAVE five sons, who live around north Queensland, and eight grandchildren. I am aged 53 and was born at Julia Creek in the Queensland outback, where my dad worked for the railways. We moved around a lot and I went to primary school in Charters Towers and high school in Bowen.

My first job was at the Bowen meatworks, where I referred to myself as a Saltwater Murri. After that I drifted around and was doing nothing with my life. I even lived in a Townsville park for a while.

Then my friend Wayne Wharton convinced me to study for an Associate Diploma in Communications at James Cook University. This involved doing some months at Indigenous Radio Station 4K1G and I ended up with a job there.

After that I went to Perth and did a media degree at Murdoch University and an Aboriginal Theatre Certificate.

In 1997, 4K1G station manager Nathan Goodwin phoned and offered me a job in Townsville, which I took.

Between then and 2010 I presented several radio shows including *Drive Time* in the afternoon and *Black Beat*.

On my shows I was known by the name of 'Jonny Deadly', which I created while in Perth during my acting time. The Jonny Deadly character was a black man who thought he was cool with the women, which wasn't always the case.

For the past five years I haven't enjoyed the best of health and have been in hospital several times.

I now live in the Townsville suburb of Aitkenvale, and my aunt Stella Lea, who lives in Bowen, comes to visit me.

My good mate is the Aboriginal comedian Sean Choolburra, who refers to my unit as "the Whitehouse".

I have also worked at Townsville's Cleveland Youth Detention Centre as a radio tutor training youth to become broadcasters.

I also found time to work at a youth shelter where I met a couple of boys, and I adopted them as my own. My heart goes out to all the Indigenous fathers and sons. We need to build trust and love towards our sons.

I'm a proud Aboriginal man and I have the support of family and friends. Even though most of my family lives a long way apart, I hope to get them together for a reunion.

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OUR CHILDREN



PICTURED are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school students from western Sydney at the University of Western Sydney's Hawkesbury Campus for a Walking Tall Together program three-day camp. They enjoyed a range of activities and workshops designed to encourage them to a better education. The students also met local Elders including Uncle Harry Allie (wearing medals) and Uncle Wes Marne.

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Miranda is one popular talent



MOST Popular New Talent Logie winner, *Love Child*'s Miranda Tapsell, has used her triumph to call on casting bosses to put more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on Australian TV.

Ms Tapsell, a Larrakia/Tiwi woman, plays Martha Tenant on *Love Child*, which is set in a Kings Cross hospital in the 1960s. She said it was special to reach Indigenous women who have had experiences similar to those faced by the characters on *Love Child*.

"These women can look at Martha and think, 'That was me,'" Ms Tapsell said. "So if viewers clearly love seeing this, why deprive them of that? Put more beautiful people of colour on TV and connect viewers in ways which transcend race and unite us – that's the real team Australia."

As well as being named Most Popular New Talent at the Logies, Ms Tapsell, who also starred in *The Sapphires*, won the Graham Kennedy Award For Most Outstanding Newcomer. – AAP



Larrakia/Tiwi actor Miranda Tapsell pictured at Canada Bay, Sydney, with her Most Popular New Talent Logie and the Graham Kennedy Award for Most Outstanding Newcomer.
Picture: Toby Zerna/Newspix

IAS sparks new fears



LESS than half the groups funded under the Abbott Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisations. Indigenous groups make up about 45% of those funded under the IAS, which has consolidated services into five areas to prioritise truancy, jobs and community safety.

The Federal Government has approved \$860 million in grants to 964 organisations that will deliver 1287 services to Indigenous communities.

More than 70 submissions were made to a parliamentary inquiry into the IAS, sparked by the Greens, who described the process as a "complete joke" and "totally outrageous".

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said many organisations were still confused about how much funding they will receive, for what, and for how long. "To add insult to injury, most of the groups to receive the funding are not Aboriginal," she said.

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet maintains the new model simplified the process for organisations to

apply for funding and allowed a review of legacy programs that had not been evaluated for several years.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said more Indigenous organisations were funded under the new model than the previous one.

About 30% of organisations were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander under old funding arrangements, he said.

"All funding under the strategy is geared towards directly supporting Indigenous people, particularly those living in remote areas," Senator Scullion said.

Not prepared

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said in his submission that the IAS process marked a shift to a competitive tender process, for which many Indigenous organisations were not prepared.

"Respectful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples regarding these significant changes was conspicuous by its absence; there was little or no input from Indigenous peoples, their leaders or their respective organisations into the design or the

implementation of the tendering processes," he said.

"After the announcement of the IAS tendering process, I received many calls indicating widespread uncertainty and confusion amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations.

"Concern was expressed about the lack of detail on how the outcomes of this process would contribute to the aims of the IAS more generally, and how its impact would be measured.

"These concerns indicated a lack of confidence that this competitive tender process was the most appropriate method of achieving optimal outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

Labor's Indigenous Affairs spokesman Shayne Neumann said that many organisations that had received a funding offer have only recently been able to make contact with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, despite the funding round being announced more than two months ago.

"Unsuccessful organisations have received no feedback on their applications in spite of assurances this would happen," he said. – with AAP



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Jobs the goal of new strategy



INDIGENOUS jobs in agriculture and tourism are at the heart of a new joint program announced

recently by the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) and the Federal Government.

The \$6.9 million strategy aims to create more than 300 jobs in regional and remote areas in 2015.

The positions will be delivered nationally through ILC subsidiary companies Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia (Voyages) and National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises Pty Ltd (NIPE) at the ILC-operated Merriman Indigenous Shearing School in Western NSW.

ILC chairperson Dr Dawn Casey said the strategy supports new Indigenous employees to be work-ready so they can benefit from certificate-based qualifications in the agricultural and tourism sectors.

"These skills mean they can continue working at either of the ILC subsidiary companies or with other industry employers," she said. "The ILC's investment of \$3.74 million in funding will help provide life and work skills training, individual capacity development, paid on-the-job work while learning, mentoring and an offer of an ongoing job opportunity on completion of training."



Young Indigenous workers, like Rowley Rose pictured here, gain paid, industry-level skills at the ILC's Merriman Indigenous Shearing School located on the outskirts of Brewarrina in western NSW.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the \$3.19 million provided by the Government through its Indigenous Advancement

Strategy (IAS) was part of a commitment to support Indigenous people finding work.

"The Australian Government

recognises that this is a huge challenge and the package being announced here is one part of a whole host of approaches that will be needed to assist large

numbers of Indigenous people in remote areas to take up employment opportunities in the pastoral, tourism and other sectors," he said.

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Poster win was no mean feat



BRISBANE graphic artist Elaine Chambers, a Kuku Yalangi/Koa

woman, has picked up a handy \$5000 for designing this year's national NAIDOC poster (pictured).

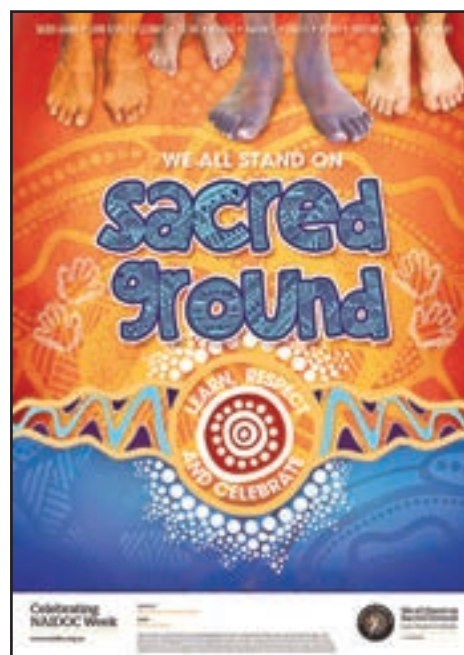
Her artwork *We all stand on Sacred Ground* was selected from more than 120 entries reflecting this year's National NAIDOC theme: 'We all Stand on Sacred Ground – Learn, Respect and Celebrate'.

The poster will be displayed in schools, workplaces and community organisations across Australia to promote NAIDOC Week, officially from July 5-12.

Ms Chambers describes her artwork, which features four sets of feet, as representing the ages and colours of Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander people.

The most prominent pair of



feet are that of her father, Charlie Chambers Snr, who Ms Chambers says "hands down information to us about the sacred grounds we stand on".

"*We all stand on Sacred Ground* represents a strong spiritual and cultural connection to the land and the sea, the different people, from Elders to the young, and the stories our Elders shared," she said.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion congratulated Ms Chambers.

"The artwork honours the history and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' connection with country," he said.

To find out more about Ms Chambers and her winning artwork and the NAIDOC awards, visit www.naidoc.org.au

Bangarra prepares to lay down *lore* in latest production



By JILLIAN MUNDY

THE widely-acclaimed Bangarra Dance Theatre is busy in rehearsals, putting the finishing touches to props and costumes, and getting excited in preparation for next month's world premiere of its new double bill *lore*.

Sheoak and *I.B.I.S.*, which make up the double bill, are about paying respect for stories and customs, says Bangarra's artistic director Stephen Page, who is curating both productions.

"It's a theatrical Indigenous experience," he said.

"*lore* is about generations, and the passing on of knowledge from the old to the young, that's our foundation song.

"What's great about dance compared to drama is that I feel like it connects to you in a spiritual sense more because you're not relying on words to help you, you are

relying on imagery, you surrender and become more like a child. It's more dimensional."

Bangarra describes *Sheoak*, by award-winning Kokatha (SA) choreographer Frances Rings, as a testimony to the challenges facing Indigenous communities today.

Emerging choreographers and senior Bangarra dancers Waangenga Blanco and Deborah Brown, from the Torres Strait Islands, have joined forces to create *I.B.I.S.*, inspired by the evolution and stories of the statutory Islanders Board of Industry and Service over the past century and its relationship to island life.

I.B.I.S. depicts colourful island life, celebrating the resilience and optimism of the Torres Strait Islander people.

lore is at the Sydney Opera House from June 11-27, Canberra Theatre Centre July 9-11, Merrigong Theatre Company (Wollongong) July 24-25, Queensland Performing Arts Centre August 7-15 and Arts Centre Melbourne August 28-September 5.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have a chance to see a preview of the show at the Sydney Opera House on June 5 before the official premiere.

Following the Australian season of *lore* they will tour *Kinship* to regional NSW and Queensland, and *lore* to Paris and Istanbul at the end of the year, in their 23rd international tour.

● Pictured: Kaine Sultan Babij and Nicola Sabatino perform in Bangarra Dance Theatre's *lore*. Picture: Edward Mulvihill

Lindgren will be senator



AUSTRALIA is to have another Indigenous member of the Federal Parliament. Joanna Lindgren, the great-niece of Neville Bonner who was the first Indigenous federal MP, has been nominated as the new Liberal National Party senator for Queensland. The Mununjarli and Jaggera (Qld) woman's Senate position is expected to be formalised in the Queensland Parliament later this week.

Ms Lindgren, a high school teacher, said she was honoured to be following in Neville Bonner's footsteps.

She replaces Senator Brett Mason, who announced his retirement from politics in March after being dumped from the Coalition's front bench.

Recognition in Tasmania



THE Tasmanian Government will establish a parliamentary inquiry to look at increasing the recognition of the state's Aboriginal people.

Premier Will Hodgman wants to amend the Tasmanian Constitution to acknowledge the Aboriginal community as the state's First People, and has announced the formation of a standing committee on the matter.

"I want to ensure that the views of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and the broader Tasmanian community are properly taken into account before we commit to a way forward," he said.

The working group is due to report back by October. — AAP

Uranium danger in water supply



WESTERN Australia's Auditor General has found uranium and other potentially fatal contaminants in the water supply of more than 60 remote Aboriginal communities.

The Auditor General's report into the delivery of power, water and wastewater services to 84 remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields regions was tabled in WA Parliament last week. It found that, while supply of power and water was usually reliable, drinking water in remote Aboriginal communities often does not meet Australian standards.

"Tests detected either e-coli or naegleria microbes in at least one community in every month in the two years to June 2014. Both of these can cause serious illness and are potentially fatal," the report said.

"The microbes were found at least once in 68 communities in the last two years, and more than eight times in four communities. The presence of these microbes means that the drinking water is non-compliant with the Australian guideline.

"In the same period, four communities exceeded safe levels of uranium in their water by up to double the level allowed for under the Australian guideline. Fourteen communities recorded nitrates above the safe level for bottle-fed babies under three months old in 2014."

Aboriginal Health Council of WA chairperson Michelle Nelson Cox said the WA Government had failed thousands of Aboriginal people.

"The State Government is obligated to provide and maintain safe drinking water to Aboriginal communities, but it has failed in this very basic task," she said.

"Many Western Australians have been

misled by (Premier Colin) Barnett into thinking that there are problems in Aboriginal communities that will only be solved by closing them down.

"The reality is the health and wellbeing of many Aboriginal people is far better in Aboriginal communities than in cities and towns, where exposure to drugs and alcohol is higher, with associated higher levels of incarceration.

"In fact, following the Auditor General's report it appears that the biggest danger to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people living in remote Aboriginal communities is the quality of the water the Government is responsible for providing."

"Failed dismally"

WA Opposition Aboriginal Affairs spokesman Ben Wyatt said the report proves the Barnett Government, particularly the Department of Housing (DoH), has "failed dismally" in their provision of services to remote communities.

"It shows the Aboriginal people are being blamed for the Government's failure to do its job," he said.

"Mr Barnett declared that many of these communities had failed and has constantly tried to place the blame on the Aboriginal people. This report shows (the premier) has failed to get his own house in order and has failed in its provision of service to these communities."

Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal Affairs Robin Chapple said the report showed there was a considerable shortfall in investment in Aboriginal health in WA.

"To have communities of people in WA where the uranium content of their water supply is as much as double the level allowed under Australian guidelines is absolutely alarming," he said.

"Access to clean, safe drinking water is a basic human necessity that some West Australians are currently being denied.

"One of the matters I discussed with the Auditor General was the lack of integration of service providers to remote communities; the costs and time delay of sometimes having two service providers travel out to communities on separate days.

"The Auditor General agreed that a holistic approach to service provision rather than the current siloed approach would lead to better health and fiscal outcomes.

"It makes me wonder if the Government's proposed community closures represent an easy way out for problems such as these; an opportunity for them to 'wash their hands free' of problems considered too difficult to address."

The Auditor General also found that:

- poor contracting means the DoH is not getting full value for service provision;
- poor oversight means there is a risk that DoH may have overpaid for services;
- DoH does not know if the right communities are in the program;
- DoH has suspended services to seven of the 91 communities; and
- DoH does not have an up-to-date view of the condition of the program's assets, which have an estimated value of \$765 million.

The report recommended that the Government determine how to improve water quality in remote communities to meet Australian standards and take steps to ensure service providers' testing of wastewater systems complies with contractual requirements by December and that it review contracts to service providers and the way in which services are measured.

Mutitjulu Elder wrote Stolen Gens 'anthem'



RESPECTED Yankunytjatjara Elder Kwementyaye Randall passed away last week aged 80 at his home in the Northern Territory community of Mutitjulu. Kwementyaye Randall was a

member of the Stolen Generations and his song *My Brown Skin Baby They Take Him Away* has been hailed as an anthem for the Stolen Generations. He also worked on films, including

award-winning documentary *Kanyini*, which he co-produced and narrated, and was a noted author.

During the later years of his life Kwementyaye Randall earned a

reputation as a spiritual leader, presenting a range of teachings based on the Anangu Kanyini principles of caring for the environment and each other.

Parents got the message – Giles



NORTHERN Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles has conceded that the Government's language was "a bit strong" last month, when it threatened to

take children away from their parents if antisocial behaviour in Alice Springs continued.

During and after the Easter school holidays there were several incidents in Alice Springs, including rocks thrown at police officers.

"Things in Alice have been pretty good recently," Mr Giles said.

"We had big problems with lots of kids on the streets late at night, aged down to six years, out until 2am.

"Parenting is not easy, but there are some parents who are not responsible and others who are, but find it challenging. For those who are irresponsible and were not responding to cries to look after their children, we had to send a clear message that what they were doing was child neglect.

"We might have come out a bit strong, particularly with our language, but children need to be back in the care of their family and extended family.

"We don't want child protection agencies to get involved, but we had to be tough. I think the message was heard loud and clear, and things are good again, which is testament to parents doing the right thing and officers in government who worked very hard to support them."

Mr Giles dismissed the idea that closure of youth programs in Alice Springs had contributed to antisocial behaviour.

"We provide funding for dozens of programs in central Australia for millions of dollars. Programs go up and down," he said.

"Fundamentally, parents have to look after their kids.

"It's great to have programs for local youth, there are plenty of things that go on, but parents simply have to look after their kids."

Alice Springs will soon gain a new Office of Aboriginal Affairs, which Mr Giles said would guide policy development and drive economic reform.

"We want to build the capacity of Aboriginal communities to help deliver frontline services locally, taking full advantage of business and job opportunities along the way," he said.

"We want to work in partnership with communities in these economic development efforts, supporting local voices, ideas and initiatives.

"To drive this approach, the Office of Aboriginal Affairs will oversee a three-year, \$18 million Community Champions program designed to support locally led economic projects in remote communities.

"We will continue to deliver services and drive economic reform in all communities and homelands/outstations across the Territory, but the 13 Community Champions will focus on key communities or regions where economic opportunities are the greatest.

"To ensure local voices are heard at the highest levels of government, each

of the 13 communities or regions will be assigned a chief executive officer and senior government employees who will be responsible for championing their interests and projects."

The communities/regions are: Milingimbi and Ramingining, Groote Eylandt, Borroloola, Wadeye, Maningrida, Galiwinku, Gunbalanya (Oenpelli), Utopia, Ngukurr and Numbulwar, Yuendumu and Lajamanu, the Tiwi Islands, Hermannsburg and Yulara district including Mutitjulu and Docker River.



NT Chief Minister Adam Giles: "We don't want child protection agencies to get involved, but we had to be tough. I think the message was heard loud and clear, and things are good again..."

Communities to hear *dirtsong*



Black Arm Band's Mark Atkins in *dirtsong*. Picture: Chris Dew

Tour includes Gunbalanya, Maningrida and Beswick



BLACK Arm Band is taking their show *dirtsong* to Beswick, Gunbalanya and Maningrida as part of a Northern Territory remote community tour this month.

The tour follows on from an extended music development workshop program in the Territory. Black Arm Band ran two weeks of workshops in Gunbalanya and Maningrida in late 2013 and will be delivering another two-week music workshop program in Beswick directly before the tour starts.

Each night of the tour will also include performances by artists and bands from the communities.

Dirtsong features songs performed in 13 different Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages and has been enjoyed by audiences across Australia and overseas.

This tour features regulars Emma Donovan, Mindy Kwanten, Djolpa McKenzie and Mark Atkins, together with Greg Sheehan, James Gillian, Nigel Maclean, Scott McConnachie and Steven Grant.

No Budget cuts, but Govt told to lift game



WHILE no major cuts to Indigenous Affairs were announced in this month's Federal Budget, peak

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies say Indigenous organisations are still reeling from cuts in the previous Budget.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples called on the Abbott Government to "lift its game" in the way it engages with Indigenous organisations and communities and to place greater value on community-led solutions.

Congress co-chairs Kirstie Parker and Les Malezer said funding cuts and ongoing uncertainty stemming from last year's Budget continue to "wreak havoc" on Indigenous communities and organisations.

"Twelve months on from the announcement of \$534 million in cuts across Indigenous Affairs over five years, and unveiling of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), the Government has struggled to prosecute its case for change and there's little cause for optimism at this stage," they said.

"Heavy price"

"Our communities and organisations continue to pay a heavy price for the past 12 months of funding confusion, backflips and reversals, and ongoing delays. Many remain in limbo; the Indigenous Affairs funding environment remains a trauma zone," Ms Parker said.

"Skewed funding models and shorter-term funding in many key areas, including legal services, family violence prevention and child and family supports, and a failure to ensure funding keeps pace with rising costs will handicap organisations already struggling to make effective use of scant resources.



National Congress co-chair Kirstie Parker speaks at a press conference at Parliament House in Canberra after the 2015 Budget as other Indigenous leaders look on.

"Notwithstanding recent welcome 11th-hour agreements about funding for some within our sphere, the process has been unnecessarily traumatic, and not the approach of a Government willing or able to engage in a meaningful way with our peoples."

Mr Malezer said one of the most "debilitating and toxic" features of the Government's approach had been its dogged determination to shut down advocacy by peak Indigenous organisations.

"In most cases, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies have been discouraged and, in some cases, explicitly prohibited through funding conditions from undertaking the vital advocacy on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people," he said.

"This holds key organisations to

ransom and will inhibit the ability to effect much-needed change and reform.

"This also applies to Congress – regarded internationally as the central mechanism for national engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples – which had funds committed to its operations pulled by the Government soon after its election.

"Uncertainty"

"Nothing in the Budget signals a shift away from the upheaval and uncertainty of the past 12 months. Is this the way a Government who cares about the most vulnerable goes about their business?"

Under the Budget, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion announced that the new Employment Parity Initiative would

support some of Australia's biggest companies to get "20,000 more First Australians into private sector jobs by 2020".

Under the initiative, financial assistance will be given to 'top 200' companies for job placements of Indigenous people for 26 weeks.

Ms Parker and Mr Malezer said the employer apparently receives the bulk amount of funding at the end of the placement period and it was unclear how many permanent jobs would be created under the scheme.

"On the face of it, it appears that millions of dollars will be paid to large employers with little or no accountability for outcomes," they said.

Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) chairperson Sharron Williams said

the childcare package in the Budget punishes those children who need support most.

"This package excludes vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children by mainstreaming Indigenous services and cutting childcare access for families that are struggling," she said.

"These children are the ones that stand to gain the most from early childhood service supports. Unless we invest in their education, intergenerational cycles of disadvantage will continue."

The activity test in the childcare package limits access to any childcare subsidy to 12 hours a week, where both parents don't meet work, training or study requirements, or no hours, where one parent doesn't work sufficient hours.

"Disadvantage"

"We know that the reasons many of our families aren't working are linked to intergenerational poverty, disadvantage and disempowerment," Ms Williams said.

"Excluding these families from childcare will only compound these issues and do little to get Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families into work. It will undermine efforts to prepare children for school.

"The decision to make all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander childcare services operate on mainstream funding from July 2017 will also reverse improvements in access to early learning services for our most vulnerable children."

The Budget also contained a commitment to implement a revised Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program and the reinstatement of funding for Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services that were cut in last year's Budget.

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NT looks at surprise offer



NT

THE Federal Budget includes a potential one-off payment of \$155 million for the Northern Territory to take responsibility for providing municipal services to remote communities.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles told the *Koori Mail* he was surprised by the proposal, which he was only told about on the afternoon before, and would discuss it with his Cabinet.

"The majority of municipal services to homelands and outstations in the NT come under the purview of the Federal Government as part of the *Land Rights Act*," he said.

"So this would represent a bit of a shift.

"Having said that, we'll go and have a look at the proposal. We are committed to homelands and outstations. We've increased funding to them by millions since we came to government and we will continue to support them.

"But to transfer full responsibility to us would present a significant budget hit. I'll be debating with my colleagues in Cabinet whether to accept or hand back the deal.

"We have a pretty good relationship with the four major land councils in the NT, and

we will continue to speak with them."

However, the Northern and Central land councils called on the Federal Government to scrap the plan, saying the NT Government was "dysfunctional and welfare-dependent".

NLC chief executive Joe Morrison and CLC director David Ross said plans to replace the National Partnership Agreement on Stronger Futures in the NT with a new agreement would spell an early end to a 10-year Commonwealth commitment to fund NT outstations, which was signed in 2012.

"This \$20 million a year was just a trickle, but at least it gave some security to thousands of people living on homelands and could be used to hold the NT Government to account," they said.

"Kick in the teeth"

"To see this agreement thrown out is a real kick in the teeth to people living out bush."

Mr Ross said he had grave concerns about the capacity of the NT Government to properly service remote communities.

"The NT will never have the funds to secure the future of outstations and already milks Commonwealth money earmarked for

Aboriginal people," he said. "It cannot be trusted with taxpayers' money without careful scrutiny."

Mr Morrison called for high-level involvement of Aboriginal leaders in any negotiations about funding changes.

"Unless Aboriginal people have a place at the table, they have every right to suspect that the new deal will result in outstation closures," he said.

"If communities are to be closed in Australia's richest state (WA), it's not hard to guess what will happen in its most Commonwealth-dependent jurisdiction.

"The NT Treasurer's attempt to blackmail outstation residents by linking their future to changes of the *Land Rights Act* betrays the real agenda of both conservative governments."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the proposal would allow the Commonwealth to get out of the way and let the Territory get on with the job without an extra layer of bureaucracy.

"The NT Government will not have to report to the Commonwealth and can focus on delivering better outcomes for communities," he said.

"This is not breaking the agreement under Stronger Futures."

Legal services funds restored

THE future of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) has been secured after a concerted campaign by the legal and community service sectors.

NATSILS had been facing an uncertain future for the past 18 months and may have been forced to close on June 30. But an announcement by the Federal Attorney General's office to restore funding has been welcomed by NATSILS chairperson Shane Duffy.

"NATSILS brings together over 40 years of expertise in providing quality frontline legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"We are very pleased that the Government has recognised our value. We have been overwhelmed by the support that NATSILS received from so many organisations within the legal and community service sectors.

"It is obvious to me that we couldn't have achieved this result without the coordinated support of so many organisations. It is only because the value of our services has been championed by so many that the Government has decided to commit to funding NATSILS for the next five years."



Aboriginal soldier Lieutenant Reg Saunders and Lieutenant Tom Derrick VC DCM congratulate each other following their graduation from the Officer Cadet Training Unit at Seymour, Victoria, in 1944.

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These members of the 51st Battalion, Royal Queensland Regiment, in 1969, are all from Yarrabah Mission, near Cairns. Back, from left, privates Luke Palmer, Maurice Davidson, Bryce Barlow and Lawrence Harris; and front, privates Albert Sands and Cecil Davidson. Reproduced courtesy of the Australian Memorial DNE/69/0223/NC

Batchelor hosts war exhibition



THE stories of Aboriginal service and sacrifice in war and peacekeeping will be told through a new exhibition at the Coomalie Cultural Centre, Batchelor, in the Northern Territory, from this Friday (May 22) until June 28.

Indigenous Australians at War: From the Boer War to the Present is a

travelling exhibition honouring the courage, tenacity and resourcefulness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in the armed forces.

Batchelor campus manager Peter Hillier and Batchelor Museum custodian Jan Hills said they were delighted Batchelor was chosen as a venue for the exhibition in the NT.

"We want to promote awareness of

Indigenous soldiers' service in war, participation of current and future service of Indigenous people in the defence of Australia, and the importance of education and two-way learning approaches in the context of wartime experiences," Mr Hillier said.

Ms Hills said visitors would have the opportunity to enjoy a range of activities including a tour of the

exhibition, speeches by keynote speakers, tree planting, traditional music and dance, and a film screening.

"The exhibition focusses on building visitors' knowledge of Indigenous wartime participation through imagery, storytelling, education and connection with country," she said.

AOC gives recognition



THE Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) has made changes to its constitution and to the wording of its team values to recognise the nation's First People. The new passage in the AOC constitution reads: "To recognise the heritage, culture and contribution of our nation's first people and to give practical support to Indigenous reconciliation through sport."

The AOC has asked the Cathy Freeman Foundation and the Indigenous Marathon Project run by Robert de Castella to provide practical long-term assistance.

AOC president John Coates said the Olympic movement could be proud of previous recognition and support of Indigenous Olympians.

"Remember, it was Cathy Freeman who lit the cauldron at the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympics," he said.

"We also decided that the Sydney 2000 Olympic Torch Relay would commence its 27,000km passage across Australia at the ancient rock of Uluru in the presence of the traditional custodians and with a



Former Olympian turned senator Nova Peris speaking at the Australian Olympic Committee annual general meeting.

barefoot Nova Peris, joined by her (then) nine-year-old daughter Jessica running the first leg.

Senator Nova Peris, who became Australia's first Indigenous gold medallist as part of the hockey team in 1996, before representing her country in athletics in 2000, thanked Mr Coates for his leadership and spoke on behalf of the 43 Indigenous Olympians.

"I congratulate the Australian Olympic Committee for amending your constitution to recognise the heritage, culture

and contribution of our nation's First People and to include respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – the First People of Australia – in the Australian Olympic Team values," she said.

Senator Peris thanked the Aboriginal sporting heroes who had gone before her, with special tribute to Michael Ah Matt, who also came from her home town of Darwin, as the "trailblazer for Indigenous Olympians" when he competed in basketball at the Tokyo Games in 1964.

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There will also be free cervical screening available at the community health centre from 25th May - 5th June.

Koori Radio 93.7 FM will be broadcasting LIVE from the NSW BreastScreen van on Monday, 25th May from 9am to noon.



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Notice is served on Redfern embassy

By NATALIE CROMB



REDFERN Aboriginal Tent Embassy (RATE) supporters have been served with a vacation notice from solicitors for the Aboriginal Housing Corporation (AHC), demanding they leave The Block in Sydney by May 26. The letter states that legal proceedings will be started if the property is not vacated by that date.

While members of the embassy said they were not surprised by the notice, it does appear to be in contrast to the words of AHC general manager Lani Tuitavake before the recent NSW election, when she said that "the AHC is not evicting the tent embassy. This is not about eviction."

Following any successful legal action, the AHC will be able to apply for assistance from the Sheriff to remove the embassy if court orders are ignored.

Redfern resident of 41 years and Wiradjuri Elder Jenny Munro, who last year founded the RATE, is standing firm. Ms Munro, who was a member of the group that helped form the AHC, said she considers the situation to be an urban continuation of moves to close remote Western Australian Aboriginal communities.

She said the fact that Redfern Aboriginal community people are fighting against an Aboriginal company did not make it any different to the Western Australian situation.

"We are fighting the same beast," Ms Munro said.

RATE supporters maintain that the Redfern development, known as the Pemulwuy Project, is not in the best interests of the Aboriginal community because it is gentrification for profit



Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy founder Jenny Munro

and affordable housing is not a priority to the developers DeiCorp or AHC.

The AHC maintains there will be affordable housing for Aboriginal people included in stage two of the development, after development of a commercial precinct which includes student accommodation, retail and commercial space and a childcare centre.

AHC chief executive Mick Mundine has consistently said that commercial aspects of the Pemulwuy Project must come first in order to fund Aboriginal housing.

Despite the opinions of the RATE community that The Block ought to be Aboriginal land for Aboriginal people, AHC maintains that the land is AHC property and says it needs access to the site in order to start construction of the Pemulwuy project.



Jack Manning Bancroft and his mother Bronwyn Bancroft.
Picture: Time Out/Daniel Boud

Mother and son join forces for new book



A MOTHER-and-son collaboration between Bronwyn

Bancroft and Jack Manning Bancroft aims to remind young people that being different can be a strength.

Mr Manning Bancroft has written a new book called *The Eagle Inside*, illustrated by his mother, which will be

launched by former NSW Governor Dame Marie Bashir at Gleebooks in Sydney on May 31, at 3pm.

It tells the story of Jimmy, the smallest bird at his school who is surrounded by bigger, tougher birds and he feels like he will never fit in.

Ms Bancroft, a Bundjalung (northern NSW) woman, is a pioneering

artist, designer and activist. Her son is chief executive of the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) and was named 2010 NSW Young Australian of the Year.

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Fashion showcase is on again



THE fourth annual Regional Indigenous Fashion and Textiles Showcase

is on again in Cairns next month, giving Indigenous artists, fashion designers and models in far north Queensland a chance to show their work and talents.

Organiser Bronwyn Singleton said the Dawul Wuru Aboriginal Corporation was first approached about putting on a fashion show in 2011, but when the original organiser pulled out she and her cousin Maria said they'd go ahead and run it anyway.

"At that time we had no idea how to run a fashion show," she said.

Designers

They set about finding Indigenous designers and teamed with some people at Cairns TAFE. In that first year five Indigenous designers and some retail outlets participated. By 2013 they had 18 Indigenous designers.

Over the years they have had 55 models, aged six to 69 and in sizes eight to 24.

"We take in everybody. The fashion show is about the designers and the models, and showing the



Young models Billie Mahendrarajah, Gladys Fields, Carleah Flinders and Jadyah Savage will participate in the Cairns Regional Indigenous Fashion and Textiles Showcase to be held next month.

Aboriginal artwork is more than just painting and digeridoos," Ms Singleton said.

"We want young people to look at

different avenues of work, like make-up and photography and presenting and to build up self-esteem and confidence and drive to

just get up and do it.

"Our models are school kids who put up their hands to do it. It's been rewarding to see these young men and

women stand up and not feel that shame factor; to get up and give it a go and for the designers to get their name out there."

The Regional Indigenous Fashion and Textiles Showcase is on at Cairns Rydges Tradewinds on Saturday, June 13.

Title safe, court rules



THE High Court of Australia has ruled military orders made over a parcel of land in far north Queensland during World War II do not extinguish native title. The land, on the Atherton Tablelands, was acquired under the *National Security Act* in 1943 for use as an artillery range and live fire manoeuvre range for the training of

infantry and armoured units preparing for conflict in the south-west Pacific.

The legislation allowed the Federal Government to occupy any land it deemed necessary for securing national defence.

Then prime minister Robert Menzies, who had enacted the legislation, emphasised the "great reservoir of power" being handed to the Government needed to be wielded "with as little interference with

individual rights as is consistent with concerted national effort".

The military orders became void about six months after the end of the war in 1945.

In a written judgment handed down on May 13, the court upheld an earlier decision by the Federal Court that the acquisition during the war did not extinguish the native title rights of the Bar-Barrum People.

The court was evenly split over the

matter, with three justices ruling in favour of the Bar-Barrum people, and the other three finding that possession of the land under the military orders was inconsistent with, and thereby extinguished, the native title rights and interests.

Under law, when the High Court is equally divided in opinion the ruling must favour the original decision from the lower court. — AAP



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Request for Tender

Aboriginal Health Evaluation – Improving Cultural Responsiveness in Victorian Hospitals (C4041)

The Department of Health and Human Services is seeking responses to this Request for Tender for services to conduct an evaluation of initiatives in Victorian hospitals to improve cultural responsiveness, and subsequently the cultural safety which Aboriginal people experience in their care.

The evaluation will need to identify the extent to which cultural responsiveness and cultural safety has improved in recent years, as well as the relative effectiveness of different strategies that hospitals have pursued. A key outcome of the evaluation will need to be identifying how successful approaches can be replicated by other hospitals. The evaluation will also need to investigate methods for measuring and monitoring cultural responsiveness and cultural safety in hospitals.

The specific requirements are set out in the Request for Tender which can be obtained from the Victorian Government Tenders System at www.tenders.vic.gov.au. Enquiries should be directed to Chris Carson on (03) 9096 6977 or by email to christopher.carson@dhhs.vic.gov.au.

The closing date is Thursday 18th June 2015.



Ready for this year's The Long Walk in Melbourne are, from left, Jake Long, Michael Long, Damian Monkhorst and Courtenay Dempsey.

Melbourne ready for Long Walk

By KATE MUNRO



THEY say it was one of the most important moments in Australian

Football League (AFL) history, but for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people it's deeper than that – the 1995 ANZAC day clash that saw Essendon football great Michael Long cop racial slurs from the huge Collingwood player Damian Monkhorst was the turning point for both the AFL and Indigenous people in sport nationwide.

Never in their wildest dreams would either of these players, Long or Monkhorst, have conceived of the radical changes that would be made following their confrontation on the field.

It was this incident that saw the AFL bring in the racial anti-vilification policy in 1995-96.

It has made a psychological as well as a practical difference to both the game at its highest level and relations amongst its players on and off the ground. It has also aided in the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and other Australians.

When the policy was implemented by the AFL, Long and Monkhorst received death threats, which Long now clocks up to pure ignorance.

What's happening

The 2015 Long Walk will be held in Melbourne on Saturday, May 30.

A Wellbeing Concert will be held the same day from noon at Federation Square.

The Long Walk leaves Federation Square for the MCG for the Dreamtime at the G clash at 6pm.

The Dreamtime at the G is an annual AFL game between Essendon and Richmond.

The welcome to country will be given by Auntie Dianne Kerr (Wurundjeri) and Auntie Caroline Briggs (Boonwurrung).

"The goodness and the leadership shown by Damian (since the incident) is something that we truly don't understand," he said.

"It's done so much for our game and society, which has translated to our supporters outside the fence and to our sporting codes which adopted the AFL's vilification code."

Together again

Long and Monkhorst came together again recently for the launch of the 2015 Long Walk, a 10-year strong initiative sparked by Long's impromptu walk from Melbourne to Parliament House in Canberra, to bring attention to Indigenous issues.

This time they were happy to see each other and staunch in

their connection, knowing that what had happened between them 20 years ago had sparked a change in society for the better.

The theme for the 2015 Long Walk is 'Together.'

Although Monkhorst admits he still has feelings of shame over the 1995 incident, in the long run he's glad his mistake was the catalyst for true change.

"I made a terrible mistake in the heat of the battle," Monkhorst said.

"I'm really proud of Longy, the way he took a stance and it has certainly helped the boys playing the game today, and it's made it so much easier for them to enjoy the game and to not cop the hardship out on the oval."

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Song in honour of grandmother



ACOUSTIC guitarist for Yolngu band East Journey Arian Pearson has written a new song, *Ngarrpiya*, that reflects on his relationship with his grandmother, her wisdom and guidance.

Ngarrpiya is also the octopus, a totem for many Yolngu people, changing colours beneath the sea, and is a metaphor for Mr Pearson's grandmother – his foundation and support.

Ngarrpiya is the latest song to be released from the EP *The Genesis Project*, which has earned solid radio play across the Community Radio Network and has been championed by digital station Double J, which recently listed East Journey in its 20 most-played Australian artists over the past year.

East Journey, from north-east Arnhem Land, have collaborated with their forefathers and mentors Yothu Yindi on *The Genesis Project* and both bands will play the full 10-track EP live on the National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAs) stage in Darwin on July 25.

Nominations for NIMAs close on June 20.

Readers from remote areas of the NT have an opportunity to win a NIMA VIP experience, which includes accommodation in Darwin for one night in a family room (two adults + four children under 16), breakfast with East Journey and backstage passes.

For details go to www.musicnt.com.au/



Yolngu band East Journey: from left, Arian Pearson, Malngay Yunupingu, Ngalkanbuy Mununggurr, Rrawun Maymuru, Patrick (PJ) White and Gathapura Mununggurr. Picture: Wayne Quilliam

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Concern at dole rules



NEW work-for-the-dole rules will push more people out of their home communities

and into regional towns, putting further pressure on the already strained services in places like Alice Springs.

That is the assessment of the Northern Territory's Central Desert Regional Council, which has written to the Federal Government, urging it to review new policies.

Under the new rules, jobseekers aged 18-39 in remote communities will have to work for the dole for 25 hours a week, 52 weeks a year.

But those in urban areas such as Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Darwin will be

required to do 15 hours a week for just 26 weeks a year.

Council president Adrian Dixon said people would move into town to avoid the unfair rules and harsher penalties.

"During the (Northern Territory) Intervention, people left their communities in droves to escape what they saw as unfair and racist rules," he said.

"Increased violence"

"It resulted in overcrowded public housing, increased alcohol abuse and increased violence, crime and antisocial behaviour.

"This just put more pressure on police, on housing and more demand on the hospitals."

Council chief executive Cathryn Hutton said the Federal Government should learn from

previous experiences.

"A two-tiered employment service system doesn't work," she said.

"It provides a perverse incentive for people to leave their communities and move into town.

"The urban drift will have significant and negative implications for services in regional centres."

Ms Hutton said the work-for-the-dole and Jobactive employment services' reforms could have disastrous effects on communities and families.

"The future of vibrant, developing communities depends on our people staying on community, adults participating in the economy and kids going to school," she said.

Corporations warned



ALL corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act) must lodge an annual report with the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

Registrar Anthony Beven has released his latest report on action taken against Indigenous corporations that have failed to meet their reporting obligations.

Since the registrar's previous release on February 28, 2014, a

further 20 corporations have been before the courts for failing to lodge their annual reports.

Seven corporations were found guilty, bringing the total number of corporations convicted in the 2011-12 program to 30, with fines totalling close to \$77,000.

Another 13 corporations have also been before the courts for failing to lodge their 2012-13 annual returns. Six of the 13 corporations were convicted with fines totalling \$9100.

"Reporting compliance

remains essential to good governance. You cannot have one without the other. More than 96% of corporations do the right thing and it is only a small number of corporations who fail in their reporting obligations," Mr Beven said.

The registrar will soon start the prosecutions program for those corporations which have not lodged 2013-14 annual returns. "I urge those corporations who have not lodged their latest returns to do so immediately," Mr Beven said.



The Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir is heading to Germany to perform the choral music that the missionaries first brought to the area in the 1870s. Picture: Pas Tassone

'Boomerang' singers off to Germany

By ANDY PARKS



IN 1877, Lutheran missionaries from Hermannsburg in Germany arrived on the Finke River, west of Alice Springs. They were the first Europeans to settle in the Northern Territory and one of the things they brought with them was the tradition of choral singing.

Now, 138 years later, a group of 33 people, mostly women, from remote Aboriginal communities in Central Australia is taking that choral tradition back to its roots in Germany.

The Boomerang Tour will be a major journey for the choir, which is made up of singers from a number of smaller choirs including Hermannsburg, Areyonga (Utju), Titjikala, Mutitjulu, Docker River and Alice Springs. They will do about 25 performances, sing with two renowned German choirs and give several workshops. One of the highlights will be a performance at the biannual Kirchentag Festival in Stuttgart, which

attracts 120,000 people.

Artistic director Morris Stuart said the tradition of ancient Christian poetry and baroque musical arrangements presented in the ancient Western Arrernte and Pitjantjatjara languages is a musical combination without peer anywhere in the world.

"The tour will showcase their unique tonality, their multilingual choral skills, their musicianship and their ancient languages," he

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said.

"It is a celebration of cultural survival and the universality of personal human experiences that brings the unlikely of people together to achieve great things. It is ultimately a story of triumph and dignity against the odds and the recognition of the power of the

human spirit and voice."

One of the singers from Hermannsburg, Marion Swift, said everyone was excited to be visiting another country and to be taking back Christian hymns in their own language.

Ms Swift, who has been singing with the Hermannsburg choir for about 20 years, said members are rehearsing a song in German for the tour.

She said they normally get together "after Church on Sunday" and also on Mondays and Tuesdays. They rehearse with choirs from other communities for bigger concerts like the Desert Songs Festival in Alice Springs, or when they supported the Soweto Gospel Choir from South Africa in Darwin.

As well as the singers and their support crew, which includes three

doctors, a nurse, three pastoral workers, a psychologist and a tour manager, there will be a film crew following them.

The film aims to capture the personal stories of some of the women in the choir, and how choral singing and their faith has helped to define and shape them throughout their lives.

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Call for uranium ban

By ANDY PARKS



AUSTRALIANS generally don't have an understanding of the nuclear cycle and the end

products of uranium mining, according to Anangu/Spinifex woman Debbie Carmody.

Ms Carmody was part of the Australian delegation to the recent World Uranium Symposium held in Quebec City, Canada.

"At Fukushima they were using uranium from Australia. So what happened there (the 2011 melt down at the nuclear plant) started on the backs of dump trucks here in Australia," she said.

"There is a unique set of health, environmental and social dangers in all stages of the nuclear chain... We, as the First Nations people, want to stop that."

The Canadian symposium, which had scientific and community-based presenters, was organised around the themes of health, environment, economy, ethics, governance, human rights and the rights of indigenous people.

"First Nations people are in the frontline of the global fight against uranium mining," Ms Carmody said. "And listening to First Nations people from across the world, our stories are all the same."

Ms Carmody, from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder region of Western Australia, said her people, the Anangu/Spinifex mob, were made refugees in their own land after the nuclear testing at Maralinga. She said the concept of nuclear refugees was one of the topics discussed at the symposium.

"Homeland is your culture and it's a fundamental human right not to be disposed from our homelands," she said.

Proposals

There are currently three proposals for uranium mining in the Kalgoorlie region. One is in the area of the Coonanna community, which was closed a few years ago. Ms Carmody believes it was closed to make it easier for mining companies.

"This insults us even further," she said.

A declaration was made by the First Nations people at the symposium, calling for a worldwide ban on uranium exploration, mining, milling and processing as well as the re-processing of nuclear waste.

"We also demand a phase out of nuclear power generation and dedicate ourselves to delivering intelligent energy sources, based on safe and renewable sources," Ms Carmody said.

"We have to do this in the interest of the survival of humanity and life on this planet."



Three of the Australian delegates at the recent World Uranium Symposium in Canada were, from left, Barbara Shaw, Peter Watts and Debbie Carmody.

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Station is tuning up for 2015 radiothon



MELBOURNE community radio station 3CR will hold its annual radiothon from June 1-14, and Gunditjmarra (Victoria)

Elder Gilla McGuinness is hoping his program *Precious Memories* will continue to document the stories of Elders from the Fitzroy community.

So far eight prominent Elders have participated in the project, and last year their stories went to air during NAIDOC Week. The stories include personal accounts of forced removal of Aboriginal people from their land to missions, the Stolen Generations, and daily life in the slums of Fitzroy in the mid-20th century.

Mr McGuinness said it's vital to record, archive and broadcast the stories of the Elders in order to inform future generations of their struggles, stories of survival, celebrations, achievements and concerns.

"The best thing that's come out of this project so far is that it has brought people together and reunited people who didn't even know they were related," he said.

Precious Memories is on Wednesdays from noon to 2pm and features music and Elders' stories. 3CR can be heard on 855AM or streaming live at 3cr.org.au

● **Pictured: Broadcaster Gilla McGuinness hosts the *Precious Memories* program on Melbourne's 3CR Community Radio.**

Amnesty chief to visit



AMNESTY International Secretary General Salil Shetty will visit Australia from May 28 to June 2 to highlight breaches of Indigenous rights on an international scale, particularly Australia's escalating levels of Indigenous youth incarceration.

Mr Shetty will launch the report *A brighter tomorrow: Keeping Indigenous kids*

in the community and out of detention in Australia, at the National Press Club on June 2. The report details how Australia is imprisoning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children at 26 times the rate of other children – one of the highest rates in the world – and the innovative ways Australian governments can keep young people out of prison and hold communities together.

He will also visit the Maranguka initiatives in Bourke, western NSW, to meet with Elders, leaders and families who are breaking new ground with their approach to keeping young people out of jail, supported by Just Reinvest NSW.

In Melbourne, Mr Shetty will take part in The Long Walk, an event inspired by former AFL footballer Michael Long's 2004 walk from Melbourne to Canberra to draw

attention to Indigenous concerns. His participation alongside Aboriginal leaders, community members and politicians will show solidarity at a time when issues such as the closure of remote communities and youth incarceration are prominent.

Mr Shetty has not been to Australia since 2011, when he went to Indigenous homelands in Utopia (NT) and visited asylum seekers held in detention.



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Former soldier Mebai Warusam, a spritely 91-year-old who lives on Saibai Island, is one of only four known surviving members of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion.

Medals presented to Saibai veteran



been honoured with a formal presentation of his medals and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Australian Government.

Federal Member for Leichhardt Warren Entsch was visiting Saibai Island last year when he heard about Mebai Warusam, aged 91, whose children

ONE of the last surviving members of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion has

had lost his original medals many years ago.

"Mebai told me that during one of his fishing trips, his children were playing with his medals – thinking they were coins – and unfortunately lost them, never to be seen again," Mr Entsch said.

"I told Mebai that I would be honoured to arrange for his medals to be reissued and I would personally present them to him on my next trip to Saibai."

Mr Entsch requested for the Department of Veterans'

Affairs to reissue the medals, as originals rather than replicas.

Mr Entsch said the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion (TSLIB) had gone for many years without recognition.

"They were really a forgotten army of 870 Torres Strait Islanders (and) what's important to remember is that these 870 volunteers represented virtually every able-bodied man of age in the Torres Strait," he said.

"Their absence during the four years of service had a real impact on the island

communities – they were left with only the older men, women and children, which would have been very difficult for them."

Members of the TSLIB were among the more than 150 people killed in the Torres Strait as a result of Japanese bombing raids on Australia's northern-most border.

"Their efforts and sacrifices must not be forgotten, which is why I've worked hard to ensure they receive the recognition they deserve," Mr Entsch said.

Prison sentence for former CEO



VERONICA Cubillo, the former chief executive officer of one of the Northern Territory's Aboriginal legal services, will serve three months in jail and five months in home detention for forgery offences.

Ms Cubillo, who was head of the North Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Services (NAAFVLS), was found guilty of 11 charges of fraudulent conduct and misappropriating

about \$10,000. The ABC reported that NT Supreme Court judge Justice Jenny Blokland found Cubillo had forged several receipts for invented expenses and used part of a NAAFVLS grant for a trip to the Philippines.

Based in Darwin, NAAFVLS provides legal services and assistance to the victims of family violence and sexual assault in 20 Aboriginal communities across the NT.

The offences occurred between August 2010 and May 2011 and the

convictions follow a joint investigation by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven and the NT Police.

In sentencing, Justice Blokland said that despite the relatively small amount of money taken, the offending could not be regarded as trivial.

"The offending brings into question the credibility of organisations such as NAAFVLS," she said.

Cubillo was also ordered to repay \$7624.50 to NAAFVLS.



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Busy program for Sorry Day



EVENTS will be staged around the country for National Sorry Day on May 26. It was on that date in 1997 that the 'Bringing Them Home Report' on the Stolen Generations was tabled in Federal Parliament.

It detailed the history of forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and the effects that had – and continue to have – on the members of the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.

National Sorry Day is held each year to remind people of the significance of the forcible removal policies and their impact on Indigenous people.

Events are held in all states and territories to honour the resilience, strength and compassion of the Stolen Generations – and for the nation to say 'Sorry'.

Events this year include:

- Winnunga will host the annual National Sorry Day Bridge Walk in Canberra, on Friday, May 22, with participants asked to gather at Regatta Point from 10.45am for the walk across Commonwealth Avenue Bridge;

- In Darwin, the NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation and O'Loughlin Catholic College will host an event at Jingili Water Gardens from 9am-2pm on May 26;

- A commemoration will be held at the Liverpool Regional Museum, Hume Highway, NSW, from 9am, on May 26;

- The University of NSW will hold an event on the main library lawn from 9.30-10.30am on May 28;

- One of Sydney's largest Sorry Day commemorations will take place on May 26 at The Concourse in Chatswood as part of the annual Guringai Festival;

- In Preston, Victoria, on May 26 a Stolen Generations Marker will be unveiled outside the main frontage area of Darebin City Council;

- In Grafton, northern NSW, *Breimba – looking for you: The Lindt Research Project* will be presented at National Sorry Day Morning Tea at the Grafton Regional Gallery from 10.30am on May 26 (see picture);

- On the NSW south coast, Culburra, Jervis Bay and Callala Bay public schools, Orient Point Preschool, Jerrinja Aboriginal community, Wreck Bay Aboriginal community and the wider Shoalhaven community will take part in a Walk for Reconciliation on May 29.



This portrait of Mary Ann of Ulmarra is one of the historic Lindt photographs of Aboriginal people of the Clarence Valley in northern NSW. On National Sorry Day, May 26, *Breimba – looking for you: The Lindt Research Project*, which features the photographs, will be presented at the Grafton Regional Gallery from 10.30am.

WA man guilty of murdering his partner



A PERTH jury has found Rodney Kevin Corbett, 30, guilty of murdering his partner, 18-year-old Aboriginal woman Colleen Tae Ford Kickett.

The jury found that Ms Ford Kickett suffered 172 blows to her body by Corbett, who was her boyfriend, at his Perth home on October 11, 2013.

She died the following day from her horrific injuries.

There were more than 60 wounds to her arms, 30 to her legs, 29 to her abdomen and 10 to her genital area.

Medical notes tendered in court detailed abdominal punctures, badly bruised face and eyes, shoulders, haemorrhages on her neck and lacerations to both hands.

Ms Ford Kickett's family told media after the verdict that two months before her murder, she had a stillbirth after Corbett punched her repeatedly in the stomach.

Her mother Ruby Hayden told *The Australian* that her daughter had promised to tell police of the beating that occurred to cause the stillbirth – but didn't. "I was angry at her for that. She could have done it," she said. "She was everything. She was my baby."

Corbett pleaded not guilty and will be sentenced in August.

League player dies on field



ABORIGINAL man Zane 'Harry' Purcell, 29, died on May 10 during a rugby league match on the NSW far north coast. Mr Purcell

passed away while playing for the Lower Clarence Magpies reserve grade side against the Ballina Seagulls at Ballina.

There was a minute's silence for Mr Purcell before the NRL match between the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs and Sydney Roosters on Friday night and the players wore black armbands.

The Magpies called their game against the Murwillumbah Magpies last weekend #GameforZane, and club members collected donations for Mr Purcell's family.

Mr Purcell's funeral was due to be held last Monday, May 18.



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Aboriginal mining workers Jack David and Larry McKellar on site.

Support urged for Indigenous mine workers



AUSTRALIAN resource companies need to support Indigenous

workers and their communities despite the downturn in the resources sector, according to the peak body for Indigenous businesses in the mining sector, Aboriginal Enterprises in Mining Exploration and Energy (AEMEE).

AEMEE chairperson Derek Flucker, who is also managing director of Indigenous mining contractor RBY Projects, said big companies' recent decisions to withdraw work from Indigenous contracting companies would have dire consequences for Indigenous business and employment.

The resources sector's commitment to Indigenous

employment and training was being tested by the current downturn, he said.

"I call on major resource companies to demonstrate their continued commitment to Indigenous Australia by producing mandates to prioritise engagement of Indigenous business and employment of local people," Mr Flucker said.

"Key opportunities"

"Despite the downturn, employment in the resource sector continues to provides key opportunities for Indigenous people, who are often reluctant to leave their own communities to find employment due their cultural connection, connection to the land and family ties.

"Resource companies benefit from using Indigenous contracts as they are more

likely to source a local workforce that can significantly reduce the costs associated with fly-in fly-out workers and increase retention by reducing employees that shop around.

"Statistics show that most resource projects have a neighbouring Indigenous community and the resource sector is the largest private sector employer of Indigenous people.

"We have so far to go in this area – there are no firm expectations on companies to employ Indigenous people and sometimes these companies are just doing it because they feel it's the right thing to do.

"That reason is not going to hold in times like this – and the people who will suffer first are local communities and their workers."

Land handed back to traditional owners



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has handed back more than 200 hectares of land to

traditional owners at Jawuma (Black Rock Landing) near Borroloola in the Northern Territory. The ceremony was held on May 6, nearly 40 years after the Yanyuwa people first lodged a claim in 1977.

The area includes four small islets, as well as Batten Point, covering about 219 hectares of country.

"The land around Jawuma is of great cultural and historical significance for the Yanyuwa people of the area and I am pleased the title is now back with its rightful owners," Senator Scullion said.

"The handover of the land title will mean that local Yanyuwa families will once

again be in a position to choose how the land is used.

"I applaud the Yanyuwa people for the journey they have undertaken to have their land and their culture recognised."

Senator Scullion said further developments are also planned, including an operational hub for the Sea Rangers, an educational centre for visitors and school children, accommodation for Yanyuwa families and camping facilities.



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Preston Peachey

Wiradjuri/Maliangapa man from Marrickville who is Community Development Officer at the City of Sydney

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Barbecued kangaroo.

Favourite other food?
Spaghetti bolognese.

Favourite drink?
Black coffee.

Favourite music?
Hiatus Kaiyote (Australian hip hop/soul).

Favourite sport/leisure?
Playing the drums.

What are you reading?
I'm going to uni, so everything is academic – sociology.

What are you watching on TV?
Comedian Louie CK.

What do you like in life?
People.

What don't you like?
Not much.

Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?
All my great grandparents.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Comedian Bill Hicks, poet Maya Angelou and Charles Perkins.

Who/what inspires you?
My family.

What is your ultimate goal?
I'd like to create some good music.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Eradicate racism.

Quote



“We are fighting the same beast.”

– Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy founder Jenny Munro on the fight to stop planned development at The Block in Sydney

● See page 9

Unquote

WA Govt fails in its duty of care

ACCCESS to clean and safe drinking water is something all Australians should have a right to expect.

But if you're Aboriginal and living in a remote community in Western Australia, there's a pretty good chance your drinking water has been contaminated at some time during the past two years. That is simply not acceptable.

A damning report by the WA Auditor General found that out of 84 remote communities checked, potentially fatal microbes had been found in 68 water supplies; four communities had up to double the acceptable level of uranium and 14 recorded nitrates above the safe level for bottle-fed babies under three months old in 2014.

The WA Government has failed in its duty of care to these Aboriginal communities.

Aboriginal Health Council of WA chairperson Michelle Nelson Cox was right on the money when she said the State Government had failed thousands of Aboriginal people.

“Many Western Australians have been misled by Mr Barnett into thinking that there are problems in Aboriginal communities that will only be solved by closing them down,” she said. “In fact, following the Auditor General's report, it appears that the biggest danger to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people living in remote Aboriginal communities is the quality of the water the State Government is responsible for providing.”

Imagine if uranium had been found in the water supply to any city or



non-Aboriginal community. The outcry would be huge, instant and heads would roll.

But, once again, Aboriginal people are expected to put up and shut up – even when their health is threatened by the water they drink.

The Federal Government is delusional if it thinks that no further cuts to Indigenous Affairs is good enough.

And Prime Minister Tony Abbott should stop referring to himself as the “Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs”, which he did again last week, following his declaration that he was proud of the level of spending on Indigenous programs in the Federal Budget.

Mr Abbott and his Government appear to think that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have short memories and should be grateful for any generous largesse from Commonwealth coffers – and just forget about the half a billion dollars ripped from Indigenous programs a year ago.

Indigenous people deserve better than the Government's condescending attitude – and that means proper and meaningful engagement, not posturing and lecturing.

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Having a crack at stand-up comedy has been on Karen Edwards' bucket list since a kidney transplant over a decade ago.

By JILLIAN MUNDY

UP-and-coming Barkindji (western NSW) comedian Karen Edwards, from Charleville in Queensland, is tangible evidence that laughter is the best medicine.

Ms Edwards, originally from Bourke in north-west NSW, can find humour in anything and has no doubts humour helped get her through her journey of having a kidney transplant.

"I remember looking around the room one day, at all my mob on the machines, one with one leg, one going blind, we laughed the whole time, as if we didn't have a care in the world – we used the funny to get through all the tough stuff," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I think that's what Aboriginal people do in everyday life."

Ms Edwards' brother, Colin, also a transplant recipient, encouraged her go in the Transplant Games, but comedy is more her style.

"There was a problem with the uniform: They wouldn't let me do the hurdles with my g-string back to front," she joked.

Bucket list

Stand-up comedy has been on Ms Edwards' bucket list since her transplant more than a decade ago, her funny 'statuses' building her a facebook following and her comic antics seeing her audition for *Big Brother* a couple of years ago.

"They were all yummy mummies with their camel toes and their peroxide hair. I rocked

Standing up and getting her funny on

up from the bush and all I wanted to do was make it past the first round. I made it through first and second round, and I was proud of my effort," she says of her *Big Brother* audition experience.

There's also been plenty of

encouragement from her family and friends to strut her stuff in the stand-up scene.

In February, Ms Edwards performed stand-up for the first time, in the regional finals of Deadly Funny in Brisbane,

knocking six blokes out of the running and earning herself a spot in the national finals of the country's biggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedy competition.

And lately she's been getting

her funny on for an even wider audience – last month being named runner-up in the national Deadly Funny final in Melbourne, last week performing alongside fellow Aboriginal comedian Kevin Kropinyeri in a new health promotion video, and being shortlisted as a writer for the upcoming season of ABC's *Black Comedy*.

'Jabitinme'

Ms Edwards, – or 'Jabitinme' the 'traditional Aboriginal' name that she introduces herself as when she performs – describes her style of comedy as ribald and humour people can relate to, with lots of sexual innuendo and jokes about her Aboriginal background; the kind of stuff that requires one to be both Aboriginal and a woman to get away with it.

While she is still holding on to her day job as a fulltime community support worker at SkillCentred Qld and moonlighting as a balloon twister, she's looking at signing up with an entertainment manager who approached her after the Deadly Funny finals, moving her closer towards her dream of travelling as a career comedian.

"If I ever get to do my own show, I'll let it rip. I've got to stay true," she said.

"I think Australia needs a big, bold, black boy-woman from the bush, telling bush jokes; our men take us pigging and they wear footy socks and thongs when they dance, that sort of stuff."

"Life's too short. I always say: 'If your dreams don't scare you you're not aiming high enough.'"

A rewarding trek

Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) runner **ELSIE SERIAT** writes about what it meant to be part of the 96km 2015 Anzac Kokoda Trek. She and IMP ambassador Kurt Fearnley, a three-time Paralympic gold medallist, were part of an Australian team that trekked the famous World War II trail in Papua New Guinea.

TO represent the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP), my family and community, trekking this gruelling track was an honour and privilege. Walking in the footsteps of our heroes and visualising what they endured and suffered was a very moving and emotional experience.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to trek the last day with IMP ambassador and champion Paralympian Kurt Fearnley.

Hearing the stories of how the Japanese came to invade Australia's defence was surreal.

What took my breath away was visiting the Bomana War Cemetery, in Port Moresby, reading the headstones of such young lives taken while fighting for our country.

There was rarely a dry day throughout the trek. Our guide, who had 10 years' experience, said he'd never seen the track so wet.

If we were lucky, we'd have the sun for three hours or so before the rain returned.

But these conditions were nothing compared to the atrocity faced by our soldiers.

There were days where I found myself at the back of the



Author Elsie Seriat on the Kokoda Track: "If we were lucky, we'd have the sun for three hours or so before the rain returned."

pack, but what got me through was knowing that everyone back home was so proud of me, and I could feel the spirit of the soldiers with me, pushing me through to the finish.

I also remembered (marathon champion and IMP founder) Rob de Castella's motto: "The harder the struggle, the greater the reward."

Trekking was my reward.

It was harder than my preparation for the New York City Marathon in November

2014, and it's definitely something that should be on everyone's bucket list.

Finishing Kokoda on Anzac Day with Kurt Fearnley, a champion with a heart of gold, was priceless – it's something I'll never forget.

Not only do you walk in the footsteps of our heroes, but you have the cultural experience of visiting local villages and witnessing the locals' way of life.

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I thank God for blessing us with what we have, but pray for the people of Papua New Guinea who continue to live such a hard life.

I recommend everyone trek Kokoda.

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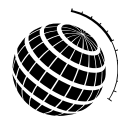
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Offensive operation to move our people

WESTERN Australian Premier Colin Barnett and his failed ministers for Aboriginal Affairs and Housing have once again used child abuse accusations against the Aboriginal people of WA in a truly offensive operation to gain approval from mainstream media and the wider audience to move Aboriginal people off their sacred lands and waterways.

Premier Barnett stood in a press conference with the Union Jack draped on both sides as a backdrop. This reminds me of the macabre stance of the grand wizards of the Klu Klux Klan. His minister followed like the KKK deputies in the US Deep South of the United States in the early 1900s.

No compassion for the people that they were about to destroy. They continued the same old attack on Aboriginal peoples without the guts to show any proof of the so called 'child abuse', just like in the interventions of Aboriginal communities in the past.

No proof, but this is the Government's excuse to move Aboriginal people off their sacred lands and waterways to clear the land for mining.

This Barnett Government is ignoring the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* of 1972 that allows these communities and people to exist on their sacred lands and waterways.

The Barnett Government cannot be trusted when they say they will be 'consulting' with Elders. This is another diversion tactic to divide and conquer Aboriginal people. Who, how and when will Elders be consulted by the Government of WA?

Will they even be from the areas of concern, and will they be the senior lore men and women from the area who are duty bound by our customs and traditions to remain on the sacred lands and



Fighting for their communities: People protest in Perth this month against WA Government plans to close Aboriginal communities across the state. Picture: Tash Nannup

waterways of our ancestors?

We have seen for a long time how the WA Government conducts 'consultations' with the wrong Aboriginal people to manipulate the management of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* to desecrate and destroy Aboriginal sacred sites in the state to allow for mining, development, agriculture and others evil acts

that destroy Aboriginal people and our culture.

This will be no different. Aboriginal people, and indeed all peoples, must demand the resignations of the WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister and the Minister for Housing who have allowed uranium and other poisoning of water recently, together with poor or no housing

and infrastructure in Aboriginal communities.

The Barnett Government must be stopped, and the mainstream media must inform the masses of the truth.

IVA HAYWARD-JACKSON
Nyungah land and
culture protector
Perth, WA

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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Are we really Jewish?

It was disheartening to read yet another denial of the underlying links between the past traumas suffered by Aboriginal people to the social, emotional and economic disadvantages impacting on us today – ‘Get over historical Indigenous wrongs’ by Noel Pearson, *The Australian*, May 7.

It was even sadder that this apparent lack of understanding of the deeply entrenched and, we thought, well-appreciated causes of contemporary Aboriginal disadvantage was voiced by an Aboriginal man integrated with white policy makers.

Additionally, we were disappointed that a biased and perhaps self-interested viewpoint went to press in *The Australian* without the newspaper having the journalistic grace and professionalism to invite others from the Aboriginal and probably the Jewish community as well, to provide alternative views to Mr Pearson’s opinions, at the same time.

So Noel Pearson has the opinion that Aboriginal people are more degraded by rampant alcohol abuse than they are by historical wrongs, does he?

If there had been a complementary spokesperson for alcohol and other drug workers, the counter-response may have been that the wrongs inflicted on Aboriginal people over the past two centuries and today are the root causes of any disproportionate problems

with substance abuse.

Alcohol and drug dependency and the closely associated rising incarceration rates of Aboriginal people can only be reduced where the causes are dealt with through improving the social and emotional wellbeing of our communities.

Furthermore, there are many, many people in our community who identify as being disadvantaged but don’t have direct or even indirect substance abuse problems affecting their lives.

The sweeping connections made in the article therefore were broadly insulting in the same way that the (Northern Territory) intervention assumes Aboriginal men are mainly violent drunks, child-abusers and wife-beaters.

The article couldn’t and didn’t flatly deny the too-well studied effects of the transgenerational traumas suffered by Aboriginal peoples after European colonisation here and internationally. Neither did it deny the actuality of the Stolen Generations, given the masses of evidence in the Bringing Them Home report and subsequent studies.

However, it downplays the influence of these effects to near impotency. It implied that past traumas were less significant than we who work daily and live within affected communities, connect with the contemporary disadvantage of Aboriginal



Jim Morrison

men, women and children today.

We are not sure why the article didn’t consider the related work of Aboriginal community organisations working together with families currently lacking the level of social and emotional wellbeing allowing them to even contemplate, let alone elevate, to mainstream social and economic participation.

Maybe this could have been debated in the article if the National Stolen Generations Alliance and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation or any of their member organisations had an opportunity to comment?

The Australian also reported that the “noted academic” used a speech in



John Dommert

Brisbane to urge Aboriginal people to “rise above historic trauma”, likening that process to the way in which Jewish people have endured after the Holocaust. The comparison between the Holocaust and the attempted genocide of Aboriginal people was an uninformed one but very brave, considering there was no attempt to gain a Jewish counter-response, and there are many ways in which Jewish people might take offence at that.

“I have to push back against too much attribution to past, to people’s present troubles. Whatever the scars and the burdens that people coming out of the Holocaust suffered, they nevertheless endured, and they laid

foundations for their families,” Mr Pearson said.

To equate the Jewish genocide with the Aboriginal situation is in itself an acknowledgement that there has been a state-condoned and coordinated attempt at an Aboriginal genocide, something (News Ltd columnist) Andrew Bolt may not agree with.

We apologise that there has not been the time to get expert Jewish commentary and we would greatly appreciate it, however some differences between the Jewish experience and the Aboriginal experience appears (to us) to be that seven consecutive generations have been affected in Australia since the European invasion. Over this time, our land, waters, livelihood, cultures, spiritual beliefs, laws, civil rights, languages, racial identity, self-esteem, wages, health and children have been irretrievably stolen, fractured or lost entirely and whole communities forced onto concentration camps, where they have been starved and sometimes treated as slaves. All of the measures necessary to get us off our sovereign lands and not have to compensate for them.

There has been a blatant resistance from governments in assuming culpability and providing redress other than some insulting tokenism. There has been no international punishment of those governments who allowed this to happen

generation after generation.

How on earth can there be a valid comparison in either the cause and nature of the injuries suffered and methods of healing?

We would appreciate in the future that *The Australian*, when presenting viewpoints on Aboriginal affairs from individual sources, provide the opportunities for balanced debate. We ask this for both more intelligent reading and in the true spirit of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

Senior Noongar man Jim Morrison has worked in Aboriginal advancement roles in health, homeless youth, justice, alcohol and drugs and employment for over three decades. Among other roles he is the national community engagement manager for the National Stolen Generations Alliance. He is a co-founder and board member of Reconciliation WA.

John Dommert is the non-Indigenous chair of the National Stolen Generations Alliance. He is also the developer and chief executive of Connecting Home, a Victorian organisation that provides essential human services as well as links between Aboriginal people of the Stolen Generations and the families and communities they were often forcibly taken from as children.



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Promise we must make

THERE are two elements that I have championed throughout my life. The first is the fundamental importance of building on the inherent strength of our Indigenous cultures and heritage, and the second is ensuring our participation in decision making that affects us. The two issues, of course, go hand in glove.

I have often seen the way that governments frame their engagement with Indigenous peoples as failing to grasp these two elements.

Debates centre on how to overcome 'our' disadvantage.

This can inculcate amongst our young a victimhood mentality.

We then get treated as 'problems to be solved'. We need to move beyond a dialogue in Indigenous affairs that is based on addressing disadvantage. This defines us as disadvantaged citizens, and by default focusses the goal on how to provide us with the same opportunities as all other Australians.

Defining us as disadvantaged citizens tends, unfortunately, to mask the structural and systemic barriers that have contributed to much of the situation that we now find ourselves in. It leads to oversimplified debates about our needs based on language benign in appearance but loaded in meaning.

Instead, we should be starting from a position that sees our cultural identity, recognising the power of the cultural capital that we possess. Creating space for our cultural characteristics to be recognised and to thrive is critical in opening up the mainstream to Indigenous peoples.

What I have observed is that the development of Indigenous children is often hampered by a sense of 'helplessness'. This is learned, acquired, developed, even nurtured from the child's family environment, their community as well as through the organisations with a role in their lives.

This relates to a key tenet of trauma theory – namely, the concept of 'learned helplessness'. This is:

the observable phenomenon that once an individual becomes accustomed to trauma, their ability to recognise and escape from danger is impaired.

In the same way, young people who learn that they have little control over the outcome of their lives give up trying to change their future. Related to this 'helplessness', is an institutional expectation of what I term 'hopelessness'.

This can refer to stereotypes and plain old prejudice and ignorance that continue to be a feature of life for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

It can manifest through barriers to participation and exclusion, but also by young people and their families 'opting out' of the system.

This can become a self-fulfilling prophecy: an institutional belief in your hopelessness is confirmed when it leads to Aboriginal children self-selecting failure rather than having it imposed on them through exclusion.

Both this sense of helplessness and this expectation of hopelessness lead to the same end – individuals, families and communities being resigned to a certain fate. At its most extreme, it leads to young people making the tragic decision that death is better than living.

In her landmark 2014 report to Parliament, the National Children's Commissioner observes that death due to intentional self-harm among Indigenous children and youth is significantly higher than children from non-Indigenous backgrounds.

This is particularly evident in younger age groups. There is evidence that suggests that this concept of learned helplessness is significant in explaining this overrepresentation.

There is also research that suggests that communities with strong connections to culture experience few or no suicides. Wayne Bergmann, former chief executive of the Kimberley Land Council, is quoted in the Children's Report stating: "There are clear



Aden Ridgeway

examples in Canada where communities as a whole have taken responsibility to address youth self-harm. By taking greater control in decision making, these communities have less alcohol abuse, less suicide, higher employment, higher rates of school attendance, and a healthier and happier society. That's where the real answers lie, in empowering Aboriginal people to address community issues."

I am a board member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation. This was established following the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

We conduct some projects on healing targeted to young people and their families.

Each project we undertake is designed to meet the needs of the participating young people and families at the community level.

But we have also identified that healing initiatives can have an impact by improving for young people and families their social and emotional wellbeing, resilience and relationships, as well as improving

service coordination and responses to their circumstances. Our projects are designed with the concept of 'learned helplessness' in mind.

To address this, projects are designed to help people overcome the effects of trauma. They include activities that provide experiences of success, mastery and empowerment while avoiding further experiences of helplessness. They focus on enhancing inherent strengths, rather than correcting problems.

By celebrating the small achievements of young people in these new spaces, project workers have been able to leverage positive feelings in order to build further self-efficacy, personal leadership and change. In this way, they are building the capacity of young people to create a new vision for themselves, their families and communities.

I think this type of approach is critical in shaking up the status quo. It would assist in shifting the current focus from what is essentially a myopic, inward-looking approach.

This would see us move from a reactive, demand-driven system towards an approach that is proactive, strength-based and focussed on prevention.

The thing I particularly like about the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children is the explicitly stated intention to move away from such a tertiary, reactive-focussed approach – where we deal with the impacts of neglect and abuse through formal engagement with the care and protection systems across Australia – to a more proactively focussed approach that better enables safe environments and resilient communities.

The health sector has known for generations health promotion is much more effective than disease management. And yet in other settings we have been slow to adopt the 'prevention is better than the cure' principle.

There are other examples where this approach has been taken.

I am particularly encouraged by efforts to develop Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Family Centres under the National Partnership Agreement for Indigenous Early Childhood Development. Although I understand future funding for these initiatives is under threat.

And in the education sector, the achievements and dynamism of AIME (the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) has been outstanding.

Let me leave you in no doubt that we have the tools we need at our disposal.

We have the oldest continuing cultures in the world. We have an engaged child and family sector, committed to working collegiately and with impact. We have identified the roadmap forward – through the National Framework.

We are starting to understand what works.

And we have history on our side.

After all, if this boy from the mission can go from being a citizen without rights to being a parliamentary representative of the people of NSW, then surely we can ensure that the shadow of the past can inform but not define our future.

And we can move forward, together, based on the ideas of an Indigenous Inclusion Act, by realising the inherent right to respect for the worth and dignity of all. I, nor anyone one of us, can change the past, but we can look at a shared and intertwined future – I am because you are, not because you say – this is the promise we must make to our children.

Aden Ridgeway is a proud member of the Gumbayngirr people. His life has seen him rise from the treadmill of poverty and growing up on an Aboriginal reserve. He has been a park ranger, court assessor, chief executive officer and a federal politician. This is an edited extract from an oration Dr Ridgeway gave at the Families Australia Child Aware Approaches Conference last Monday, May 18.

Recognition – what it means

BETWEEN the Recognise campaign and Cape York Institute founder Noel Pearson's latest support for a conservative campaign for Declaration of Recognition, one thing is certain – constitutional recognition is on the agenda.

Despite noted support by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, these campaigns are looked upon with suspicion by some Indigenous people, mainly because of the fact that the question remains over whether constitutional recognition would affect the sovereignty of Indigenous people, especially with respect to land rights.

In order to effect the changes suggested by the constitutional recognition campaigns, we would need to have a referendum. This would not be the first referendum on Indigenous people.

On May 27, 1967, a referendum was held to seek the determination of two questions. The first – referred to as the 'nexus question' – was an attempt to alter the balance of

numbers in the Senate and the House of Representatives. The second was to determine whether two references in the Constitution, which discriminated against Aboriginal people, should be removed.

The Constitution was changed, giving formal effect to the referendum result, by the *Constitution Alteration (Aboriginals) 1967 (Act No 55 of 1967)*, which received assent in August 1967.

The proposed changes put forward by the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous People and supported by the Recognise campaign are:

- the removal of section 25, which says that the states can ban people from voting based on their race;

- the removal of section 51(xxxvi), which can be used to pass laws that discriminate against people based on their race;

- the insertion of a new section 51A to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to preserve the Australian



Natalie Cromb

Government's ability to pass laws for the 'benefit' of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;

- the insertion of a new section 116A, banning racial discrimination by government; and

- the insertion of a new section 127A recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages were this country's first tongues, while confirming that English is Australia's national language.

A new proposal for recognising Indigenous Australians drafted by Constitutional conservatives Damien Freeman and Julian Leaser supports a separate declaration of recognition as opposed to a symbolic preamble to the Constitution or a new Section 51A, an approach supported by Noel Pearson. The Constitutional conservatives are against the Constitution containing any racial discrimination prohibition on the grounds that it would diminish the power of the Parliament.

Most constitutional law experts who have expressed their support for constitutional recognition have also expressed their support for treaty or treaties, due to the fact that they consider that the changes to the Constitution merely redress the many racist provisions within the nation's founding document and

the issue of sovereignty must be conveyed in a treaty.

Megan Davis, an Aboriginal and South Sea Islander woman who is the director of the Indigenous Law Centre and the new chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and a member of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition, has stated "constitutional recognition – whether amendment of the race power or a non-discrimination clause – does not foreclose on the question of sovereignty. The Australian legal system is a system that was received from the Imperial British Crown. Aboriginal people have never consented nor ceded. Sovereignty did not pass from Aboriginal people to the settlers."

However, there are still concerns within sectors of the community regarding the threat to land rights and that constitutional recognition would somehow rule out treaty.

Natalie Cromb, who belongs to the Gamilaraay nation, is a writer and lawyer based in Sydney.



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Mount St Mary Campus of the Australian Catholic University Strathfield

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If you have any questions please contact Bronwyn Hanna on (02) 9873 8585 or bronwyn.hanna@environment.nsw.gov.au

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NSW Aboriginal teachers, principals, Aboriginal education officers and school learning support officers join Stronger Smarter Institute staff at the seminar in Lismore.

Seminar helps to produce stronger, smarter teachers



YUIN (southern NSW) man Peter Hewitt believes working with the More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative (MATSI) through the Stronger Smarter Institute has made him a better teacher and leader.

Mr Hewitt, a teacher at Fig Tree High School in the Illawarra region of NSW, recently attended a seminar with the Stronger Smarter Institute in Lismore, northern NSW, along with other Indigenous teachers.

"It's been challenging in relation to my sense of self-reflection, where I am so far on my journey of identification,"

he said. "We've had challenging discussions but in a safe environment."

Cabbage Tree Island School principal Dionne Anderson said the Stronger Smarter approach helped develop already good teachers into excellent leaders.

"Significant for us"

"We have good quality, solid people transitioning to strong, quality leaders," she said. "It's significant for us as Aboriginal educators and support is growing. People find strength they didn't even know existed and walk away from experiences like this knowing they have opportunities."

"I'm excited about the possibilities."

Mr Hewitt said he'd found solidarity talking with the other educators at the seminar, including Stronger Smarter Institute founder Chris Sarra.

"It can be lonely as an Aboriginal teacher because there are different expectations about what you bring to the table," Mr Hewitt said.

"But talking with the other teachers here has been inspiring. They are, in a real sense, family."

"We've had conversations unpacking frameworks and about leadership, which mean when I get back to the classroom I'll have more tools to be able to do things well with my students."

Protest opposes drilling in bight



MORE than 300 people turned out on Adelaide's Glenelg Beach this month to protest against BP's plans to drill for oil next year in the waters of the Great Australian Bight.

Among them were musician Bunna Lawrie and other Mirning people, the traditional owners of the Head of the Bight. Lawrie fronted the protest and afterwards performed some of his music.

Hands Across the Sand events were staged in several nations to raise awareness of risks posed by offshore oil and gas drilling and to push for more renewable energy.

In Australia there were also smaller events at Melbourne's St Kilda Beach, Newcastle's Nobbys Beach, Mooloolaba Beach on Queensland's Sunshine Coast and several others in South Australia – at Port Lincoln, Ceduna and on Kangaroo Island.

Wilderness Society SA director Peter Owen said people were concerned about BP's plans to drill in the Great Australian Bight.

"The pristine waters of the bight make it whale nirvana, boasting the world's most important southern right whale nursery as well as humpback, sperm, blue and beak whales," he said. "The bight also supports sea lions, orcas, great white sharks and some of Australia's most important fisheries."

● Pictured right: Bunna Lawrie and other Mirning people performed at the Hands Across the Sand event in Adelaide.



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The Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) is conducting an Inquiry into compliance with the intent of the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle (ACPP) of the Victorian Children, Youth and Families Act, 2005.

For the purposes of this Inquiry we will be assessing compliance over the period January 2013 to December 2014, however we are also interested in the range of issues that influence compliance with the ACPP more broadly.

The Inquiry is seeking submissions from individuals, organisations or other stakeholders, with particular regard to:

- What is the underlying intent of the ACPP?
- What should constitute 'compliance with the intent of the ACPP' in Victoria?
- What are the strengths and/or weaknesses of the current Victorian system in complying with the intent of the ACPP?
- What could be done to improve compliance with the intent of the ACPP in Victoria?

To obtain an Information Paper and receive further information about how to make a submission to the Inquiry please contact: Janette Kennedy on email janette.kennedy@ccyp.vic.gov.au or telephone (03) 8601 5272.

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Welcome to our community: members of the Great Northern Dancers on Palm Island.

Tourists visit Palm Island for open day

By ALF WILSON



PALM Islanders showcased their culture, craft and history when more than 200 tourists visited recently for an open day. The visitors took the two-hour trip to the island from mainland Townsville on a Sealink ferry.

They were greeted by locals, with some holding colourful balloons on Palm's Reel Women Jetty.

Tourists – some from as far away as Latin America – were introduced to island life, meeting some youngsters showing off red emperor and barracuda fish they had caught from the jetty.

A short walk to Frederick William Clay Park followed, where visitors were welcomed by Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey.

Welcome

Traditional owner Allan Palm Island, also a Palm Island Police liaison officer and artist, welcomed guests to country.

Visitors learnt about the island's history from local Indigenous guides, listened to stories and checked out painting and weaving with experienced artists.

They tasted some local tucker and enjoyed entertainment by local band Mother's Dust, the Great Northern Dancers and the Torres Strait Islander Darnley Dancers.

Some listened to the yarning



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, left, and local man Alf Clay enjoy the open day held in the north Queensland community.

circles showcasing the island's history.

Local Vaughn Charles and several others operated a stall showing boomerangs, spears and didgeridoos.

"We had a lot of interest and they were impressed by the

quality of our items," Mr Charles said.

One of the tour guides, Walter Morgan, said visitors remarked about the beauty of the island.

There was another open day last Sunday, May 17.

Nuclear issues papers released



TWO more issues papers have been released by the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission in South Australia to help people make submissions.

One looks at the processing and manufacturing of radioactive and nuclear substances, including conversion, enrichment, fabrication or reprocessing in SA and the associated risks.

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Oxfam is seeking Straight Talkers



OXFAM is inviting Aboriginal women from north-east Arnhem Land to join in its Straight Talk regional gathering from July 25-27 in Nhulunbuy.

Straight Talk regional gatherings aim to build on Indigenous women's skills to engage with the political system in order to make positive changes.

Straight Talk coordinator Rebecca Harnett said the gathering would be an opportunity for women to exchange ideas, knowledge and experiences and to develop strategies to address common issues.

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THE Torres Strait Maritime Pathways Project (TSMPP) has been recognised in the Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council (TLISC) Awards for Excellence for the second year running.

The TSMPP provides nationally accredited coxswain, marine engine driving, fishing operations and wild harvest diving courses, which are delivered by the Australian Maritime College.

The TLISC is an independent, government-funded organisation that works on behalf of the transport and logistics industry to promote investment in skills and workforce development.

Be quick if you want to nominate



NOMINATIONS close this Friday (May 22) for the Premier's NAIDOC Award in South Australia.

The award, which honours a South Australian who has made a difference to the lives of Aboriginal people, will be presented on July 6 in Adelaide.

NAIDOC Week is from July 5-12, and Adelaide is this year's host city for the national celebrations.

Nominees must be residents of South Australia, and aged over 18 at January 1 this year.

For a nomination form, go to www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/naidoc

Inala to get funds for action plan



THE community of Inala in Brisbane will receive \$5000 from the Australia Council's Queensland Partnerships Development Initiative.

The money will be used to employ an experienced facilitator to develop an action plan to establish and maintain an ongoing arts and cultural development program within the community.



A barge carries the first shipment of temporary homes to Elcho Island for residents displaced by tropical cyclones Lam and Nathan.

Transportable homes land at Elcho Island



THE first shipment of transportable homes has arrived in Galiwinku on Elcho Island, providing longer-term temporary accommodation for residents displaced by tropical cyclones Lam and Nathan.

Darwin company Northern Transportables was awarded the contract for the supply and installation of 60 transportable homes which have been designed and built to provide self-contained

accommodation for about 300 residents of Galiwinku.

The first cluster is expected to be ready by the end of the month and the final cluster is expected to be installed and ready for residents to move in by the end of June.

Completion of the installation of the transportable homes will mean the tents at Camp Elcho can be dismantled and returned to the NSW Rural Fire Service.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said his Government was talking regularly with the Dilak (leadership

group) in Galiwinku to ensure decisions on recovery and rebuilding are made with local residents.

"The community has told us that they want to be actively involved in the rebuilding process, in both the planning and the delivery of the rebuild effort, which would include local jobs and strong training and development opportunities," he said.

The Government has allocated more than \$90 million in the 2015-16 Budget to ensure the rebuilding process can progress.

NSWALC poll on October 31



NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) chief executive

Les Turner is encouraging Aboriginal people to join their local Aboriginal land council (LALC) and have their say in the council elections on October 31. To vote in the elections, or to nominate as a candidate, people need to be a member of a LALC before August 10.

Mr Turner said the future of the land rights network depended on more people taking an active role in their land council, especially young people.

"We've worked hard to build the network up to where it is now," he said. "We're in good position to leverage some of our hard-earned gains into social, cultural and economic benefits for our people, particularly through our five-year \$16 million

combined with the wisdom of our Elders, to realise our vision to better position the land rights network to achieve self-determination and economic independence.

In NSW, more than 114,000 of our mob are aged 24 years and under. This

The NSWALC election is held every four years, with eligible voters electing nine councillors to represent the interests of LALC members in Sydney-Newcastle, Mid-North Coast, North Coast, Northern, South Coast, Wiradjuri, Central, North West and Western regions.

Voting will take place at nominated polling booths throughout the state on election day.

Applications to vote by post from eligible

electors may be lodged between 22 July and 23 October, 2015.

For further information about the election, go to www.alc.org.au

"It's up to the younger generation, combined with the wisdom of our Elders, to realise our vision to better position the land rights network to achieve self-determination and economic independence."

economic development strategy.

"The key now is for more young people to buy into NSWALC's vision. It's up to the younger generation,

represents more than half of the state's Aboriginal population, which is why it's essential for young people to get involved and continue the legacy of land rights."



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Eagles flying high after upgrade



A MAJOR upgrade to the Cairns Eagles junior AFL team's facilities is making life easier for a group of promising young

Indigenous men from remote parts of far north Queensland.

The student-run Cairns Eagles welcomed Queensland Treasurer Curtis Pitt to the official opening of the Eagles' home ground last month following the completion of a \$52,000 resurfacing project to the club's oval.

The Eagles are closely affiliated with AFL Cape York House, a boarding facility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys completing high school based in Portsmith.

The upgrade, through the Department of Sport's Get Playing Program, means the club can host home games and other fixtures, including women's Australian rules games, throughout the year.

Junior club president Kaleb Harrigan, 16, said managing a football club was teaching students leadership skills and responsibility.

"We sell the burgers at the gate and run the raffles at half-time," he said. "It's a little bit like a small business."



McDonald Ger, centre, fires up his teammates during the Eagles versus Cairns City Lions game at 'The Nest' in Cairns.

Bank acknowledges Indigenous country



CommBank Indigenous programs coordinator Lucy Brereton, a Worimi (NSW) woman, and Indigenous engagement manager Josh Riley, a Wiradjuri (NSW) man, with one of the new statements being rolled out to the bank's 1022 branches across the country.



THE Commonwealth Bank has started rolling out acknowledgement of country statements to be permanently displayed in its 1022 branches, in the biggest move of its kind for a business in Australia.

The bank says it is displaying the statements to show respect for the oldest continuing culture in the world and that it underlines the relationships it has with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

The bank says it drew on Indigenous people for the acknowledgement of country statements and the artwork was developed by Anna Jovanovic, a Walbunja woman from NSW.

The inner meeting places, represented by

yellow and orange circled lines, symbolise the sharing of knowledge. The inner and outer brown and black circles represent urban and regional as well as the remote communities.

The orange lines travelling outwards represent the bank's journey since launching its Reconciliation Action Plan and the knowledge gained from Indigenous Elders, people, organisations and businesses as well as its community partners. The yellow represents the Commonwealth Bank presence in these communities and the foundation of serving customers since 1912.

The acknowledgement of country statements will be installed by the middle of the year when the Commonwealth Bank releases its updated Reconciliation Action Plan.

Githabul back in business



THE Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation has emerged from special administration and new directors have started governance training with the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

The Kyogle-based corporation (northern NSW) was established to manage the native title rights of the Githabul people and administer more than 1120 square kilometres of land on their behalf. The land is spread across nine national parks and 13 state forests in northern NSW.

The corporation was placed under special administration on July 17, 2014, after an examination of the corporation's books revealed that it had not maintained accurate membership records, not held an annual general meeting within the

required timeframe for over three years, had high levels of internal disputation and not kept proper financial records.

"I believe the corporation is now in a much better position," Mr Beven said. "It's not unusual for corporations involved in managing

native title to struggle at times with balancing family tensions and getting on with business.

"The members of Githabul have carefully considered a new board structure to ensure all families are represented fairly. This will provide a fresh start for the corporation.

"An Elders group has also been established to provide guidance on

traditional matters such as culture and land, allowing the directors to focus on the corporation's administration and operations," the registrar said.

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Program to foster knowledge, pride



A NEW program launched in Adelaide is designed to support the more than 21,000 early childhood, primary and secondary schools in Australia to foster a higher level of knowledge

and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions. 'Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning' is wholly funded by BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities and builds on a partnership with Reconciliation Australia.

At the launch in Adelaide, Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed said education was a powerful force for reconciliation.

"Knowledge and understanding, planted in the next generation will grow into genuine respect and opportunity," he said.

Participating schools will be assisted to find meaningful ways to increase respect, reduce prejudice and strengthen relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

For more information on Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning, visit www.reconciliation.org.au/schools

● Pictured: BHP Billiton's Ian Wood joins Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed and a group of children at the launch of Narragunnawali.



Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins congratulates Ricci Marks Award winners Cameron Balcombe, Shannon Ryan and Keyanna Hood.



At the Koorie Youth Summit in Melbourne are, from left, Shona Kelly, Worrin Williams, Cienan Muir, Kobi Austin and Nakita Kelly.

Youth talk big issues

By NEELIMA CHOAHAN



MORE than 100 young Victorians came together this month to share ideas and inspire each other at the second Koorie Youth Summit in Melbourne. Held over two days, the forum saw Indigenous youth aged 18 to 28 take part in yarning circles, talks and workshops.

Koorie Youth Council (KYC) manager Greg Kennedy said the meeting was about harnessing youth power.

"The aim is to connect young people who are actively participating in their communities, who want to be involved in change, who want to make an impact," he said.

"It's about bringing together a network of those people and talking about key issues that were identified by young people in the lead up to the summit."

Stopping family violence, sustaining Aboriginal culture among the youth, and leadership were some of the topics of interests.

Following the summit, KYC will present a report based on the discussions to Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins, who attended the summit. "Sixty per cent of the Aboriginal community in Victoria is under the age of 25, so we really need to hear those voices, hear what the issues, the concerns, are," she said.

"And, quite frankly, they have got the finger on the pulse when it comes to issues around social media, drug abuse in communities..."

The summit was also the venue for the 2015 Ricci Marks Award. The winners were Bairnsdale's Keyanna Hood and Bendigo resident Shannon Ryan. Melbourne's Cameron Balcombe took out the 2015 Ricci Marks Rising Star Award.

The forum, which had plenty of light moments, tackled tough subjects, including

attitudes towards lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and intersex people within the Indigenous community.

Todd Fernando, who is doing a doctorate on Indigenous sexuality at the University of Melbourne, co-hosted the session 'Black queerness yarning: the untold stories in our communities'.

Mr Fernando said the aim was to create a conversation and a space for young Indigenous people to begin to start talking about sexuality and what that looked like in the community.

"A lot of young Indigenous people don't know how to transfer the resilience they have from racism onto things like homophobia," he said.

"There is no support around family or community structures to tackle homophobia, like there is with racism, so young Aboriginal people who question their sexuality are often left feeling alone and unsupported in their journeys."

Emotional wellbeing

Also at the summit was Aaron Clarke, who helps youth manage their emotional wellbeing through a program called Drumbeat.

Mr Clarke, who is a family dispute resolution practitioner, said the program was an alternative way of seeking help. "Rather than going to your stock-standard talk-based therapy with counsellors, you can just put your thoughts and words on the drum," he said.

Maurial Spearim, who participated in the Drumbeat session, said she was thinking of incorporating it into her own life as a youth worker.

"I agree with deadly brother man; music is healing," she said. "When I started the class, I was feeling a bit anxious about work and life and (now) I am feeling a lot more rejuvenated, calm, energised and ready to keep going on."

Ms Spearim said the summit overall was a great "Indigenous-led program". "It was fantastic," she said.

Call for eye services



SURGICAL blitzes to treat cataracts might make investors feel good, but Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Australians urgently need ongoing eye services, say ophthalmologists in the *Medical Journal of Australia*.

"Australia should be leading the way in showing how to deliver

eye care, rather than consistently showing how not to," they said.

Writing in the journal, Melbourne University Indigenous Eye Health chair Professor Hugh Taylor and his co-authors said Indigenous people have a six-times greater chance of blindness than other Australians.

"They have 12 times higher rates of cataract blindness, but receive seven times less

cataract surgery," they wrote.

The surgical blitzes started in the 1970s, when an Australian Army field hospital team worked for a week at each site, carrying out sight-restoring eye surgery on about 100 Aboriginal people.

Need for services

But the authors say there is a need for ongoing sustainable local services, noting the continuing

blitzes in rural and remote locations seem to provide a quick and rewarding solution.

"Blitzes usually receive government and private funding, so the investors feel good that something is being done and they obtain positive publicity," they wrote.

"But the (Indigenous) patients who turn up the next week do not feel so good. They do not know

how long they will have to stay blind while awaiting another blitz."

Surgical blitzes may be justified in developing countries, but Australia has none of their resource constraints.

"Australia in 2015 has a sophisticated health system with the capacity to provide the services required," the eye experts wrote. — AAP

Uncle Arthur celebrates with Cowboys

By ALF WILSON



HARD work is the secret to the long life of 87-year-old Magnetic Island Elder Arthur Johnson.

Wulgurukaba man Mr Johnson celebrated his 87th birthday in style as a guest of the North Queensland Cowboys when they played the Sydney Bulldogs in Townsville as part of the NRL Reconciliation Round.

The Cowboys beat the Bulldogs 23-16, and Mr Johnson presented the winning shield to Cowboys captain Johnathan Thurston.

The Townsville region is the home of the Wulgurukaba and Bindal peoples, and the Cowboys have many Indigenous supporters.

Mr Johnson said he was proud and happy to watch the game in one of the best seats at the ground and then make

the shield presentation.

"It was a good game and both sides had lots of great footballers," he said.

Mr Johnson was born in Ayr and moved to Palm Island as a baby, living there until he was five.

"I then moved to Woorabinda for the next eight years and later to Cherbourg, where I trained to be a carpenter," he said.

Reason

The quietly spoken Mr Johnson was asked the reason for his long life, when the average life expectancy for an Aboriginal man is just 69.

"It is hard work. I was a carpenter and later on the railway line between Dampier and Mt Tom Price in Western Australia," he said.

Mr Johnson has four sons and five daughters, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.



The Melbourne apartment tower (white building in the centre) featuring the face of Wurundjeri Elder William Barak.

Face on building a vision of history

By NEELIMA CHOAHAN



A NEW Melbourne tower featuring the face of

Wurundjeri Elder William Barak is "acknowledging the deep history of Australia". The 31-storey Grocon building is located on Swanston Street, on the former Carlton United Brewery site.

Grocon national design manager David Waldren said the 85-metre image was a tribute to Mr Barak, his leadership and the Wurundjeri culture.

The project was launched in 2010 and unveiled in March this year.

Mr Waldren said it provided a bookend to an "incredibly sacred place" in Australia's recent history.

"If you look at Swanston Street, it has at one end the Shrine of Remembrance and the other end it has the old Carlton Brewery site," he said.

"The shrine is about new nations at the start of the last

century... The other end might be a conversation about a much deeper history and a much longer history of the nation.

"It is really about saying let's have a dialogue between the two histories and let's do something meaningful with the Swanston Square zone."

According to Culture Victoria, William Barak was born into the Wurundjeri clan of the Woi wurung people in 1823. An artist, he worked to improve crosscultural understanding. Known as the King of the Yarra, he died in 1908.

Proud

Wurundjeri Elder Joy Murphy said her people were proud of Grocon's project.

"We respectfully acknowledge our ancestors for their continuing presence of spirit on our traditional lands," she said.

"Barak was a much respected ngurungaeta (tribal leader) of the Wurundjeri people. His image acknowledges the past and

embraces the present and future of cultures working together."

Mr Waldren said this was the first time a building had been used to create a portrait.

The tower, which has 530 studio and two-bedroom apartments, uses "individually sculpted" white balcony panels set against the building's dark background to present an image of Mr Barak's face.

Mr Waldren said the image, which was created using a block printing technique, was revealed as the viewer moved further away from the building.

Design director of the project, ARM Architecture's Howard Raggatt said the portrait informed the very design of the building.

"It meant we had continuous balconies on the building... (which) are an expense to a building," he said.

Mr Raggatt said the project represented the "other history" of the city that hadn't been acknowledged in a significant way.



Uncle Arthur Johnson presents the shield to the North Queensland Cowboys captain Johnathan Thurston.

Album is their first



THEY hail from one of the most remote locations in Australia, but that hasn't stopped Rayella releasing their debut album.

The band from Marlinja community, more than 700km south of Darwin, recorded their album on country.

The tracks are about the life and history of the local Mudburra people's homeland. Genres include pop, country, rock and reggae, and songs are in a mix of Mudburra and English.

The members of Rayella come from a line of musical talent. Raymond Dixon was a guitarist with the Kulimindini Band who released three albums in the 1980s and 1990s. Ray's daughter, Rayella lead singer Eleanor Dixon, was raised during this era, and as a result of a solid musical upbringing has been singing for most of her life.

Mixed in the Winanjikari Music Centre studios at Tennant Creek, some tracks have already been featured on Triple J, ABC Darwin, ABC Alice Springs, CAAMA Radio, Radio PBS (Victoria) and 8CCC.

Rayella performed last year throughout the NT, including a highlight performance at the Bush Bands Bash in Alice Springs, with Eleanor Dixon being the first woman to attend the Bush Bands business workshops. The band members made their first trip to Tasmania to perform at MONA Museum and also performed at Folk, Rhythm and Life Festival in Bilyana, Victoria.

Rayella have recently released their first album. Picture: Steven Pearce Photography



New production unlikely to be short of drama



A SHORT drama developed through The Exchange program, an initiative of Screen Australia's Indigenous department, is being filmed in Lismore, northern NSW.

The 12-minute production *Nan And A Whole Lot Of Trouble*, has been written by Sue McPherson, based on characters from her award-winning novel *Grace Beside Me*.

Set in a small town, it is a story about family and cultural traditions around how people deal with the death of a loved one, told with warm-hearted humour.

The film is being produced by Lois Randall (*The Gods of Wheat Street*) and directed by Dena Curtis (*8MMM and Jacob*). It will be broadcast on ABC Television.

Director Dena Curtis says the film

is a story about how different people grieve.

"Nan is a fiery woman of Aboriginal and Irish descent, who has been keeper of the family album of mourning photographs since the passing of her mother many years previously," she said.

"Every time a family member dies, Nan or her granddaughter Fuzzy takes a photo of the dead and places it in the album.

"Nan meets trouble every time a new photo is taken as her younger sister Aunty Min doesn't share Nan's or Fuzzy's enthusiasm. Aunty Min believes this morbid tradition is culturally inappropriate."

The film, which stars Noleen Shearer as Nan, Pamela Young as Aunty Min and Amba-Rose Atkinson as Fuzzy, is scheduled for broadcast on ABC TV 1 during NAIDOC Week.

Sisters create exhibition



Owl headdress *Emu* by Diane Riley-McNaboe.



INTRICATELY designed cloaks made from kangaroo and possum skins and ornate feathered headdresses form part of a new exhibition at the University of Sydney's Macleay Museum. *Dhaga Ngiyanhi Ngan. Girra* (Where we all meet) is an exhibition created by sisters Lynette Riley and Diane Riley-McNaboe that pays homage to the resilience of the Wiradjuri and Gamilaroi communities in seeking out and holding on to Thubba-ga (Dubbo mob) cultural practice.

The sisters' art represents a continuation of the work of generations of Wiradjuri and Gamilaroi artists and Elders who have passed on their skills.

The exhibition features poker-work cloaks made from possum and kangaroo skin; owl, rosella and cockatoo feather headdresses and belts; plus other forms of ochre work. Each of the works in the exhibition details the geography, culture and symbolism of the Wiradjuri and Gamilaroi people, and two of the cloaks will be available for exhibition visitors to try on.

The exhibition will run from May 25 to August 1.

Works on 'kart koodin' at Baluk Arts



'KART koodin' means paper in the Kulin language, and it is also the title of the latest exhibition at Baluk Arts in Mornington, Victoria. *Kart koodin* features local Indigenous

works on paper that reflects country, connection, history and culture through a range of mediums including ochre paintings, digital and mixed media, prints and stencil.

The phrase 'kart koodin' was recently discovered in the publication

of the journal of William Thomas, who was Assistant Protector of the Aborigines of Port Phillip from 1839-1867.

Morning Peninsula Mayor Bev Colomb congratulated Baluk Arts on "such a warm, inviting and high quality

exhibition". It runs until this Saturday, May 23. For more information, go to www.balukarts.org.au

● Pictured: Baluk Arts artists, members and staff join Mayor Bev Colomb at the exhibition opening. Picture: Nigel Clements

Council wants input



THE Australia Council is hosting discussion sessions nationwide about the future for Indigenous arts.

The council's executive director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, Lydia Miller, is urging Indigenous artists and cultural leaders to attend one of the sessions to contribute to the national discussion.

"The Australia Council is seeking to reflect a culturally ambitious nation, as outlined in our latest strategic plan," she said.

"One of the goals is that Australians cherish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultures and we want input from Indigenous artists and cultural leaders to help shape and realise that goal.

"We want to start a

conversation about Indigenous cultures, arts and artists and what is important to these communities.

"These conversations are important to the work of the Australia Council and to the arts sector more broadly to ensure Indigenous arts and cultures receive the support and recognition they deserve.

"These sessions are the second round of discussions

we've had with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and cultural leaders this year and we want to reach as many people as possible.

"Participants are welcome to extend an invitation to their colleagues who may be interested in contributing to the consultation process."

The discussion sessions started in Broken Hill and include Dubbo, Cairns, Lismore, Grafton,

Armidale, Townsville, Mount Isa, Mackay, Shepparton, Ceduna, Whyalla, Kalgoorlie, Albany, Geraldton, Kununurra and Katherine.

For dates and times and to reply, go to www.australiacouncil.gov.au/keepingculturestrong/

People unable to attend a session can provide feedback to makingsolidground@australiacouncil.gov.au



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Sen at work on *Mystery Road* follow-up



FILMMAKER Ivan Sen has begun shooting the follow-up to his feature *Mystery Road* in the Winton Shire region of Queensland.

The film, *Goldstone*, will again feature actors Aaron Pedersen as Detective Jay Swan, as well as David Gulpilil, Academy Award nominee Jacki Weaver and David Wenham.

The regional landscape of Middleton

will provide the backdrop for the thriller which has received direct funding support of \$1.2 million through Screen Australia's Indigenous Department, which provides a range of support to Indigenous filmmakers and has now launched a new Indigenous Producers Initiative, which gives aspiring Indigenous filmmakers with storytelling skills the chance to develop their filmmaking skills.

Over 12 months, up to eight applicants will have access to:

- four workshops for promising producers to develop production skills from story development to creating a finance plan.

- producer-attachment placement internships with leading film and television practitioners.

- support to attend the 2015 Screen Forever Conference and the 2016

Australian International Documentary Conference.

Previous filmmakers who have benefitted from similar development initiatives include producers Ryan Griffin (Cleverman) and John Harvey (Brown Cabs Productions).

Applications for the Indigenous Producers Initiative close on June 5. For more information go to www.screenaustralia.gov.au

Karla Dickens' latest show is in Brisbane



ARTIST Karla Dickens' Wiradjuri heritage, sexuality and life experiences as a single mother on welfare are explored in her latest exhibition. Called *Black Dogs, Love and Crutches*, the exhibition is on show at Andrew Baker Art Dealer in Brisbane until June 6.

Over the past couple of years, Dickens has been in a number of significant exhibitions, including *TarraWarra Biennial 2014: Whisper in My*



Howling Comrade, by Karla Dickens.

Mask at TarraWarra Museum of Art; *Hereby Make Protest* at Carriageworks, Sydney; and *The Native Institute* at Blacktown Arts Centre.

She is a past winner of the Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize and her work is held in the Parliament's collection as well as those of the National Museum of Australia and many regional galleries and universities.

Later this year, Dickens will feature in the Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards 2015 at the Art Gallery of WA.

Black Dogs, Love and Crutches includes two- and three-dimensional works.

More details at bneart.com/whats-on/

Carrolup oral histories will be recorded



THE oral histories of Aboriginal people who produced paintings and drawings as young children in Western Australia during the 1940s will be collected thanks to a Lotterywest grant.

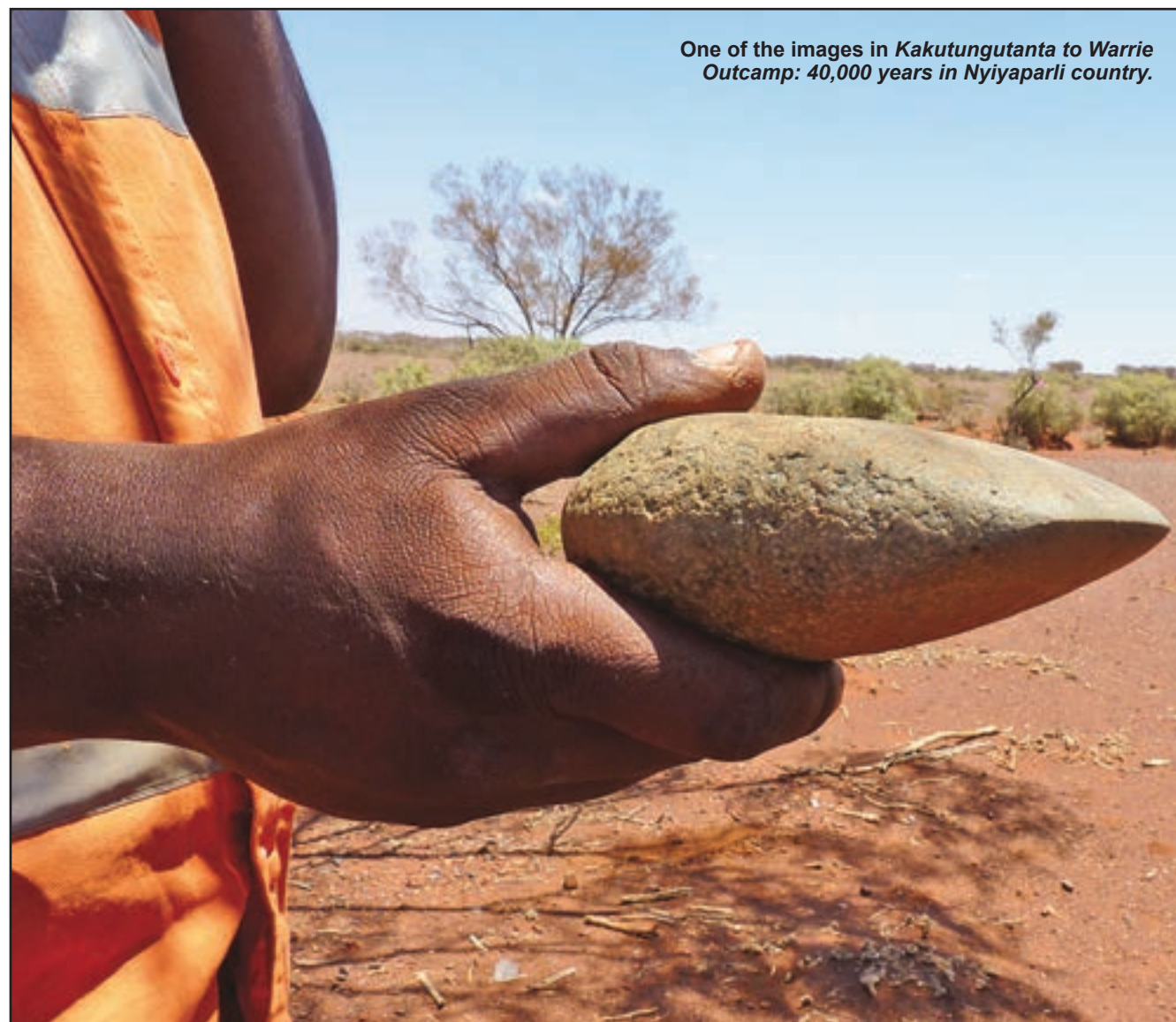
WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier said the \$130,000 grant would enable Perth-based Curtin University to record the experiences of those who painted and drew during their stay at the Carrolup Native River Settlement near Katanning.

"The experiences of these artists are unique, and it's incredibly important their stories are not forgotten," he said.

Mr Collier said the oral histories would make a significant contribution to WA's cultural and historical knowledge.

In 1949, the artworks were removed from Carrolup and taken to Europe, before being acquired by the Colgate Foundation in America.

The collection was returned to WA in July 2013 through a gift to Curtin University.



One of the images in *Kakutungutanta to Warrie Outcamp: 40,000 years in Nyiyaparli country*.

New book tells ancient story



KAKUTUNGUTANTA to Warrie Outcamp: 40,000 years in Nyiyaparli country is a

new book that tells an ancient story.

It brings together Nyiyaparli traditional knowledge with information from archaeology and history to explain how Nyiyaparli people have lived and looked after their country in Western Australia's Pilbara for thousands of years.

Stories about some of the special places in Nyiyaparli country explain why these are important to local people.

The book explains different ways of finding out about heritage places and what they can tell about the past.

It draws on 10 years of archaeological and anthropological work carried out by Archae-Aus with Nyiyaparli people for Fortescue Metals Group (FMG). About 3000 heritage sites and two million artefacts were recorded on FMG's Cloudbreak and Christmas Creek mine sites in the eastern Chichester Range.

Test excavations at 16 rock shelters show that the Nyiyaparli story can be traced back in this area more than 40,000 years.

Nyiyaparli Elder David

Stock worked with the book's authors to tell some of the stories.

He believes it is "very good" that his great grandchildren will be able to read this book to find out more about their history.

FMG funded the project and continues to work with Nyiyaparli people to protect sites in their country. The Federal Government's 'Your Community Heritage' program also provided a grant.

Printed copies of the book will be distributed to all schools and libraries in the Pilbara. An electronic version can be downloaded from www.archae-aus.com.au/



17 in Fields of Dreams



SEVENTEEN students have had a taste of uni life as part of the University of Western Sydney's Fields of Dreams Aboriginal Aspirations program. Students from St John's College, the Christian School, Macquarie Anglican Grammar School and Dubbo College Senior Campus took part in the program.

Participants had a robotics workshop and then joined in a cultural development session with Chris Edwards, a descendant of the Gumbaynggir people from Nambucca Heads in northern NSW. Mr Edwards shared his story and journey and had a message about making connections and respecting every opportunity.

While on campus, students met 2012 Prime Minister's University Teacher of the Year Professor James Arvanitakis, who gave advice on "doing what you love, finding passion and not letting others define who you are and where you are going".

The campus tour also involved a visit to the university's Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education.



Students take part in the University of Western Sydney's Fields of Dreams Aboriginal Aspirations program.

Each student also attended a two-day work placement in the city in a career area of their

choice. The Fields of Dreams team also held a formal dinner at the Penrith City Council

chambers, which included special guests, local Aboriginal Elders, work-placement

representatives and the program mentors who helped students throughout the week.

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Opera part of Karijini Experience



TOM Price Indigenous students recently joined in The Karijini Experience, where they had cultural experiences in the Karijini National Park, including listening to opera in Kalamina Gorge.

Fifteen students from the Tom Price Senior High School Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success program travelled to Karijini and were given an overview of the park, its gorges, and the importance of respecting the land, before spending the night at the Karijini Eco Retreat.

They were joined by primary students from the Tom Price Learning Club for a talk by local Gurama man Wayne Stevens about the land, local language groups, and a lesson on how to make damper.

Program coordinator Joe Manning said other speakers included Cathy Finch, a photographer and travel journalist who shared her experiences and love of photography, and an interactive astronomy session by Dr Alan Duffy from Swinburne University of Technology.

"The students were treated to some opera in Kalamina Gorge from Aboriginal opera singer Deborah Cheetham," Mr Manning said.

"Mrs Cheetham met with the



Gumala traditional owner Wayne Stevens shares with Tom Price Senior High students Caitlin Thomas, Zackariah Graham and Dana Hansen.

students in the gorge and gave an inspirational speech, musical workshop, and shared some of her favourite songs.

"The students all enjoyed hearing her story and getting involved in the impromptu singing lesson."

Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success for high school students and Learning Clubs for primary school pupils are two of the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation's programs which provide after-school tuition and individual mentoring support

for Indigenous students.

Programs have been in place in Tom Price since 2002 thanks to support from Rio Tinto, Gumala Aboriginal Corporation, Yinhawangka Charitable Trust and the WA Department of Education.

The Karijini Experience, established during 2013 by the Pilbara Inland Chamber of Commerce and Industry, aims to attract people to the region and maximise their experience of the Karijini National Park.



Recent graduates from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged-care program: from left, Pricilla Roesch, Susan Light (lecturer), Micheal Komene, Darcelle Jennings, Jane Barnes, Victor McNamara, Margaret James and David Busuttil (health services manager at Nganampa Health).

Aged-care employees the latest to graduate



EMPLOYEES from the Tjilpiku Pampaku Ngura Aged Care Residential and Respite Centre are the latest graduates in a series of training provided by TAFE SA lecturers to Indigenous people in remote regions.

The Certificate III in Aged Care course was held on location at Tjilpiku Pampaku

Ngura, a home for older people in the Pukatja community on the APY Lands. The home, a 16-bed facility, also provides a base for Home and Community Care (HACC) services in the Pukatja community.

TAFE SA lecturer Sue Light, who has been training in the APY lands for more than eight years, says she feels privileged to have been given the opportunity to train at

Tjilpiku Pampaku Ngura. "Teaching here at the facility, on site, with the support of all staff and clients, makes the training real and very interactive," she said. "Training in remote areas is a wonderful experience – to be able to come to workplaces and be part of so many teams, learning so much from them and imparting the knowledge and experience I have in aged care."



INDIGENOUS students studying business online with Charles Sturt University (CSU) have received

academic achievement awards at a residential school in Bathurst.

The students, who are studying the Bachelor of Business (Management) and the Bachelor of Business Studies, came from across NSW, Queensland and the Northern Territory to attend the four-day residential school.

Course director Dr Calvin Wang said many of Indigenous students at CSU are mature-age and have careers as well as family and community

responsibilities. "They have to juggle multiple roles and commitments, but still keep on track with their studies," he said.

"The great thing to observe is the mental change in many students who start the course saying, 'I hope I pass,' but then quickly develop the confidence to aim for distinction and high distinction grades, and actually achieve them.

"That's why we acknowledge the hard work and stand-out performances with academic awards each year."

Certificates of achievement were presented to Holly May-Hoad, Vanessa Sakal, and Katrina Sing.



Pictured, from left, are CSU student Vanessa Sakal, team leader Laurence Crawford, student Holly May-Hoad and lecturer Calvin Wang.

New trainees on the job in far north

New trainees Pearl Foster, originally from Horn Island, and Dyrall Lui, of Yam Island.



THIRTEEN Indigenous students have been welcomed to the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and

Health Service after securing individual traineeships.

The traineeships come after almost two years of planning by the health service in partnership with Skill360 Australia.

Health service executive director (people and culture) Caroline Wagner said it was a proud day.

"This is about creating opportunities for our Indigenous youth that they might not otherwise have had," she said.

"Each trainee is offered a position in a different discipline across our various facilities, including Cairns, Mareeba, Atherton, Mossman and Herberton.

"It is wonderful to be able to give these young people a chance to earn a wage while gaining invaluable experience."

Allied health

Trainee Pearl Foster is undertaking an allied health traineeship with the speech pathology department at Cairns Hospital.

"My family moved here from the Torres Strait three years ago and I was determined to take advantage of any opportunities that came my

way," the 18-year-old said.

"I have always wanted to work in health. It is such an essential industry. It really is the centre of all things and this traineeship has only deepened my passion for it.

"The team here are fantastic and so supportive. I get to be really hands-on, which is so rewarding.

"Every day there is something new to learn."

Ms Foster said she wanted to set an example for the young Indigenous community.

More than 60 applicants were interviewed for the positions, with nine school-based candidates and four fulltime trainees eventually selected.

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Vision leads to equipment



THE Fred Hollows Foundation has finalised installation of specialist eye health equipment to help prevent

avoidable blindness among Indigenous people in south-east Queensland as part of a partnership with the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health.

The equipment, costing \$270,000, was funded through the Federal Department of Health's Closing the Gap – Improving Eye and Ear Services in Indigenous Australians Program. It has been installed in four of the busiest Indigenous healthcare clinics in the region.

Since the equipment was installed, the number of patients accessing primary eye care services in south-east Queensland has more than doubled.

Foundation chief executive Brian Doolan said that in the 1960s and 1970s, the late Professor Fred Hollows was determined to highlight the shocking rates of preventable blindness in Indigenous people.

"Today, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are still six times more likely than other Australians to go blind," he said.

"Vision loss among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults causes 11% of the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, equal with trauma and ahead of stroke.

"Yet 35% of Aboriginal and

Aboriginal men check out eye health equipment installed through the Fred Hollows Foundation.



Torres Strait Islander adults have never had an eye exam.

"The (new) equipment is helping to change that for south-east Queensland. More

people are being screened which will increase early detection and management of eye health conditions, and help to prevent avoidable blindness."

The foundation offers services in remote and underserved communities in the Northern Territory, the Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields regions of

Western Australia, the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia, western NSW and south-east Queensland.

New framework aims to reduce smoking



NSW Health and the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) has launched a new

framework that aims to reduce smoking rates in Aboriginal communities across NSW. A Strategic Framework for Aboriginal Tobacco Resistance and Control in NSW, launched at the Aboriginal Health College of NSW, is a best practice guide for health service providers that develop and deliver services to reduce smoking rates among Aboriginal people.

NSW Health executive director of the Centre for Population Health Dr Jo Mitchell said tackling high smoking rates among Aboriginal people was a priority.

"Smoking rates among Aboriginal people in NSW are unacceptably high, reaching 36.8% in 2013, which is more than double the smoking rate of the general population," she said.

"This framework will encourage best practice approaches to tobacco control in Aboriginal communities with the aim of lowering rates of smoking and associated chronic disease."

AH&MRC chief executive Sandra Bailey said smoking was a leading preventable cause of poor health and early death among Aboriginal people.

"With one in five Aboriginal people dying from tobacco-related illnesses, we



NSW chief health officer Dr Kerry Chant, Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service regional tobacco coordinator Jody Irwin and Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council chief executive Sandra Bailey at the launch.

need to work hard to reduce smoking rates," she said.

"The development of the framework has been a joint effort, and we look forward to working together to reduce the number of smokers and people affected by second-hand smoke."

The objectives are to:

- increase the number of Aboriginal people who quit smoking;
- increase the number of smoke-free homes and workplaces;
- shift Aboriginal people's attitudes away from smoking being the norm; and
- prevent the uptake of smoking, particularly by young Aboriginal people.

Cancer risk highlighted



THE prevalence of breast cancer amongst Indigenous women was one of the topics discussed at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' annual Scientific Congress in Perth. Chaired by Indigenous surgeon Kelvin Kong and Maori general surgeon Maxine Ronald, the session looked at some of the reasons Indigenous women have higher mortality rates, despite having a lower incidence of breast cancer than other women.

Dr Ronald said only 37% of Indigenous women participate in breast screening, compared with the national figure of 57%.

"There are lots of barriers to Aboriginal women regarding screening," she said.

"There's geography – the vast distances people in remote communities need to travel (to access services).

"There are the (mobile screening) buses that generally come every two years, but some people literally 'miss the bus'.

"There may be cultural reasons for that such as sorry business.

"There may also be a degree of fear engaging with those services. People who have experienced racism may have

negative experiences in dealing with Western institutions and Western medicine. Language is a big component and education about what the screening actually is."

Dr Ronald also talked about the "subtle racism" from some medical professionals that may deter Indigenous women from attending screening clinics.

"Most people would be shocked if you described their behaviour as racist... but there can be a paternalistic behaviour towards someone who doesn't speak English as a first language," she said.

"Quite intimidating"

"Big cold clinical buildings can be quite intimidating for some people, and even talking about breasts or being in waiting rooms where there are men can be culturally sensitive issues."

Dr Ronald's main message was that if detected and treated early, breast cancer is a potentially curable disease.

"If we are serious about improving Indigenous health, it is imperative we investigate and address the issues prohibiting women from adequately accessing, and optimally utilising cancer services," she said.

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please keep them short and to the point, and include a contact telephone number for checking purposes. Items can be sent to any of the addresses listed in the panel on page 23.

Ongoing: **Lifeline.** Saving lives. Crisis support. Suicide prevention. For assistance call 13 11 14.

Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services for carers. Call 1800 242 636, Monday to Friday.

The Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative. Children who are eligible for the program can access funding of up to \$12,000 each financial year for a range of early intervention services. Children must be registered before age six. For more information, call the Registration and Information Service on 1800 242 636 or visit www.carersnsw.org.au

NSW-ACT

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 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

Until May 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 stages, across all mediums. Conditions apply. Details: (03) 5320 5858 or visit www.indigenousartawards.com.au

Until May 30: *Dolobbo: Contemporary Bark Paintings from Injalak Arts* exhibition. The first feature exhibition of ochre paintings on bark from western Arnhem Land, NT. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo from Tues-sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au

Until June 21: *Briemba: Looking for you* photograph exhibition. Showcasing the JW Lindt Collection of photographs. Also holding a Sorry Day morning tea on May 26 at 10.30am-noon. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton from Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm.



Working at the new Indigenous Community Garden in Armidale are, from left, Colin Ahoy, Dave Lockrey, Rob Waters and Steve Widders.

Open day at new Armidale garden



AN open day will be held this Saturday (May 23) at the new Indigenous Community Garden in Armidale,

northern NSW. The garden is a place where people can come together to grow fresh fruit, vegetables, herbs, flowers, bush foods and native plants.

It's also designed to allow people to connect with culture and community, share stories, celebrate Aboriginal science and knowledge and promote health and wellbeing.

The garden is a community-driven initiative, open to all members of

Armidale's community.

The open day will feature a free barbecue, stalls, music and dancing. Celebrity gardener Costa Georgiadis, of ABC's *Gardening Australia*, will also attend.

The garden is in Mossman Street, East Armidale, near Doody Park Oval.

A public forum on community food and Aboriginal environmental knowledge will be held at the Oorala Aboriginal Centre, University of New England, from 11.30am on Friday (May 22).

For more information on the events, telephone Kate Wright on (02) 6773 3867.

Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until July 18: *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, from 6-8pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9839 6558 or visit www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/arts

May 21: Goori Baby Day. For Aboriginal families with children aged up to five. Includes information, fun, music, immunisations, 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, corner of Crown and Kembla streets, from 10am. Cost: \$15-\$50 a person. Details: (02) 4224 5999 or visit www.wollongongtownhall.com.au

May 23: East Armidale (Narwan Village) Community Garden open day. Includes live music, dancing, speeches, markets, free barbecue, campfire cooking and special guest Costa Georgiadis of ABC's *Gardening*

Australia. Held at Mossman St, next to Doody Park Oval. Free event. Details: Kate Wright on 0431 534 955.

May 26: Sorry Day commemoration in Liverpool. Includes a welcome to country, Aboriginal flag-raising and smoking ceremony and message from the Mayor of Liverpool. Held at the Liverpool Regional Museum, Hume Highway, Liverpool from 9am. Free event. Details: 1300 362 170 or visit www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au

May 27-29: Reconciliation Week film screenings. Movies include *Walkabout*, *The Tracker* and *Charlie's Country*. Held at National Film and Sound Archive of Australia theatre, McCoy Circuit, Acton from 5.30pm. Free. Details: 1800 067 274 or (02) 6248 2002 or visit www.nfsa.gov.au

May 29: Reconciliation Week Black Chat. Join the Indigenous Connections team and a special guest for 'Black Chat' to celebrate Indigenous anthems that helped shape our nation, to be followed by screening of *Big Name No Blanket*.

Held at National Film and Sound Archive of Australia, McCoy Circuit, Acton daily at 2pm. Free entry. Details: 1800 067 274 or (02) 6248 2002 or visit www.nfsa.gov.au

May 29: Sorry Day and Reconciliation Walk event. Join Jervis Bay and Culburra public school for an acknowledgement, sausage sizzle and entertainment. Held at the Culburra Sports Field end of Culburra Public School, Carlton Cres, Culburra Beach from 9am. Free. Details: (02) 4447 2010.

June 1: AIATSIS occasional seminar. A cost-benefit analysis of the Yuendumu Mediation and Justice Committee – the economic case for local dispute management services. Held at The Mabo Room, AIATSIS, 51 Lawson Cres, Acton, ACT from 12.30-2.00pm. Free. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or visit www.aiatsis.gov.au

June 3-14: 300 Dollar Day exhibition. Boomalli's annual fundraising exhibition includes a swag of artists contributing works 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

June 9: Kari Charity Golf Day. Held at NSW Golf Club, Henry Head, Botany Bay National Park, La Perouse from 8.30am (shotgun start). Details: Nikolina Pletikosa on (02) 8782 0300 or visit www.kari.org.au

June 23-26: *Gayi Ngiyang Nhangara* NAISDA Mid Year Show. Featuring traditional songs and dance from Moa Island in the Torres Strait and the Yolngu dance clan. Held at NAISDA Dance College, 31 The Avenue, Mt Penang Parklands, Kariang daily at 12.30pm and 6.30pm. Cost: Gold coin donation on entry. Bookings are essential. Details: (02) 4340 3100 or visit www.naisda.com.au

June 27-28: Bindjareb Pinjarra performance, a live, oral retelling of the violent conflict that took place between mounted police and the local Nyoongar tribe, featuring actor Kelton Pell. Held at the Studio, Sydney Opera House, Sydney. Cost \$30 a person. Details: (02) 9250 777 or visit www.sydneypoperahouse.com

July 18: Western Sydney NAIDOC Dinner Dance. Includes live music, door prizes and more. Cost: \$45 a person, tickets must be bought by 9am, July 13. Details: (02) 9830 0600 or visit www.workersclub.com.au

Queensland

Ongoing: Walk along the Brisbane River and discover the history that lies beneath the concrete. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library, Stanley Pl, South Brisbane, from 10.30-11.30am on the first Wed of each month. Free. Bookings: www.slq.eventbrite.com Details: (07) 3842 9061.

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. 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. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit www.wag.com.au

Until June 24: UMI Arts exhibition. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, featuring three new exhibitions by Lynelle Flinders, Paul Bong and Samuel Savage. Held at Umi Arts, 355 Sheridan St, North Cairns from Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

May 23: Jagera Hall future talks. Musgrave Park Cultural Centre Inc invites all to discuss the future of Jagera Hall. Held at the hall, 121 Cordelia St, South Brisbane from 11am. Details: Aunty Christine Barney on 0434 627 290.

May 26: Family event on domestic violence prevention. Include stalls, activities,

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corroboree, kupmurri and a candlelight ceremony. Held at Kowanyama Multi Purpose Complex from 3pm. Free. Details: (07) 4083 7100.

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

May 28-30: *In-dij-uh-nu s* performance. Showing the experiences of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples in post-colonial Australia. Held at Brisbane Powerhouse, 119 Lamington St, New Farm on Thur-Fri, 7pm and Sat, 2pm and 7pm. Cost: \$25 a person. Details: (07) 3358 8622 or visit www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

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

June 13: Regional Indigenous Fashion Textile Show. Includes an art exhibition, fashion showcase, music and buffet dinner. Held at Rydges Tradewinds, 137 The Esplanade, Cairns from 4pm and 6pm. Cost: \$70 adult, \$60 concession. Details: 1300 855 835 (TicketLink) or visit www.dawulwuru.com.au

June 19-21: 34th Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival. A biennial event celebrating the culture of the Aboriginal people of Cape York Peninsula through song, dance ceremony and performance. Held at Laura, Nth Qld. Cost: \$15-\$150. Details: Tracey Ludwick on 0407 481 931 or (07) 4019 6200 or email coord.ladf@gmail.com or visit www.lauradancefestival.com

South Australia

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

May 22-July 12: *Strait Protean* exhibition. Featuring new works by artist Brian Robinson, encompassing painting, printmaking, sculpture and design. Held at Flinders University City Gallery, State Library of SA, North Terrace, Adelaide from Tue-Fri, 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun, noon-4pm. Includes meet the artist on May 23 and 24 from 2pm and artist-in-conversation on May 27 from 10am. Free event, bookings essential. Details: (08) 8207 7055 or visit www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum

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. 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.



This portrait of King Charley of Ulmarra with his wife and mother is part of the exhibition on display at the Grafton Regional Gallery.

Rare photos on show in Grafton



A COLLECTION of photographic portraits of Aboriginal people in the Clarence Valley of northern NSW taken in the 1870s by John William Lindt is on display at the Grafton Regional Gallery. The 37 photographs were gifted by Sam and Janet Cullen and family in 2004.

The portraits were some of the most widely distributed images of Aboriginal people in the second half of the 19th century. They have subsequently become some of the most discussed images of Aborigines in the history of Australian photography.

The portraits, though posed, convey an insight into the lives of Aboriginal people in the Grafton area. John William Lindt took great care in portraying his subjects from

childhood, maturity and old age. The pictures capture skin textures and intricate scarification, jewellery, clothes, tools, weapons and utensils such as string carry bags.

Gallery director Jude McBean said the realism of the portraits was considered excellent for their time, given the limits of photography in 1873. "It has been amazing to identify some of the Aboriginal people in the photographs," she said.

"Identification has increased the significance of the photographs in their relation to our community and to our understanding of our shared histories."

Breimba – looking for you: Lindt Research Project 2014 is a joint project between the Lindt Research Group, Grafton Regional Gallery, Clarence Valley Council and the University of New England.

May 22-28: *The Shrine of Remembrance* travelling exhibition. The section 'Indigenous Australians at war: From the Boer War to the present' is an opportunity for Territorians to celebrate the wartime contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers. Held at Coomalie Cultural Centre, Litchfield National Park, cnr Awillast and Nurdina Rd, Batchelor Wed-Fri, 10am-4pm, Sat, 9am-3pm and Sun, 10am-2pm. Free entry. Details: Peter Hillier on (08) 8939 7330 or visit www.batchelor.edu.au

May 24, 26 and 29: Black Arm Band Northern Territory Remote Community Tour. Performing *dirtsong* and supported by local acts. Held at Beswick on May 24, Gunbalanya on May 26 and Maningrida on May 29 from 5.30pm. Free event. Details: Daniel King on (03) 9662 9001 or email info@blackarmband.com.au

May 26: National Sorry Day event. Elders and community members will share their stories. There will also be a play and guest speakers. Held at Jingili Water

Gardens, Jingili, from 9am-2pm. Free. Details: (08) 8947 9171.

May 30: Darwin Symphony Orchestra Nhulumbuy performance. A one-off event as part of the NT Government scheme to taking the orchestra to regional centres. Held at the Garma site near Nhulunbuy from 6.30pm. Free. Details: Danielle Parry on 0413 081 801.

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 community. Admission fees apply. Details: (07) 3132 5331 or visit www.barungafestival.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

May 23: The Koorie Heritage Trust Family Day. Celebrate the move and mark the closing of the King Street building with activities, workshops and more throughout the day. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square and 295 King Street, Melbourne from 11am-4pm. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com

May 26: Sorry Day 2015 event for Stolen Generations survivors and their families. This year's event will continue to explore the theme 'Pathways to recovery' with an expert panel and special guest attending. Held at The Pavilion@The Concourse, 409 Victoria Ave, Chatswood from 9am-1pm. Reply to reserve a seat. Details: Sally Cornelius on (03) 9998 2966 or email sally@ccnb.com.au

May 26-30: *Dhungula Wamayirr (River People)* exhibition. The Nicholls Family in conjunction with the Korin Gamadji Institute remembers the lives of Pastor Sir Doug and Lady Gladys Nicholls. Held at The Korin Institute, level 3, ME Bank Centre, Punt Road Oval, Richmond, daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 9426 4478.

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

May 28-June 2: Reconciliation Week Great Book Swap. Held at Gallery 2, Mundaring Arts Centre, 7190 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring on Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun, 11am-3pm. Free Gallery entry. Details: (08) 9295 3991 or visit www.mundaringartscentre.com.au

May 30-June 1: Second Annual South West Aboriginal Basketball Carnival. Held at Waroona Recreation Centre. Cost: \$250 per adult team, \$200 per children's team, \$2 entry fee on day. Details: Theo and Roseanne Kearing on 0458 980 172 or email tjkearing@hotmail.com

June 1: *Walking Together – Belonging to Country* film documentary. Celebrates the similarities between Nyoongar and Western scientific understandings of the formation of Nyoongar land, followed by a session with the filmmakers. Held at the State Theatre Centre of WA, 174-176 William Street, Perth at 12.45pm & 2.45pm. Details: (08) 6304 2208.



ERA school-based apprentice James Orum, and trainees Kaleasha Ogden, Elizabeth Miller and Jasmine Taylor.

Trainees on the job with uranium miner



URANIUM miner ERA has a new intake of new trainees and school-based apprentices.

They include the company's first Indigenous female plant operations trainees Jasmine Taylor and Elizabeth Miller, as well as Keleasha Ogden, ERA's first local Indigenous female community relations trainee.

Ms Ogden's family is from Croker Island in the Northern Territory, and she graduated from Year 12 at West Arnhem College in Gunbalanya in 2014.

"I've worked in an office before and my dad worked at ERA for nine years. I'm really looking forward to working with the community," she said.

School-based apprentice James Orum, a Year 11 student from the Jabiru Area School, is

the fifth generation in his family to work in the mining industry – but unlike those before him, he is the first to work in the light vehicle workshop.

"Great opportunity"

"I'm interested in working in the automotive field so this is a great opportunity for me to learn how to service vehicles," said James, who is ERA's 19th school-based apprentice since 2011.

ERA is a major employer in Jabiru and the West Arnhem region of the Top End. As of December 31 last year, ERA had 47 Indigenous employees, representing 12% of employees.

"The trainees and school-based apprenticeships are an important part of ERA's commitment to build local community capacity and participation rates," chief executive Andrea Sutton said.

"We are also proud to support

the Pre-Employment Program, along with local businesses and training providers, as this is helping identify potential employment needs among local businesses, and then assist local people develop the skills needed to get a job."

Ms Taylor and Ms Miller were among eight Indigenous women who participated in the Pre-employment Program late last year, four of whom have secured work already.

It's your guide to employment

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INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS CONSULTANT

MTC Australia Ltd has been operating in the Sydney community since 1992. We are a leading social enterprise located within the Sydney Metropolitan Area. Our goal is assisting people to gain employment, skills training, work experience and career planning.

The Indigenous Programs Consultant works closely with Corrective Services NSW to provide a culturally appropriate pre and post release service that aims to increase employment outcomes for Indigenous female prison inmates.

The successful applicant will manage the following:

- Achieve outcome targets through successful referral and matching of clients to employment, training and further education opportunities.
- To improve employment and training opportunities for clients by developing local employment, training and information activities and providing employment and training counselling.
- Report on program and service deliverables in order to improve understanding and continuously improve the administration function for the Program.

An attractive salary package, including salary packaging and excellent employee training and benefits are on offer.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are welcome and encouraged to apply.

To apply: Rob Ashton <RAshton@mtcaustralia.com.au>



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY Team Leader, Aboriginal Education

Catholic Education in Western Australia (CEWA) is the second largest education provider in the state. We cater for more than 73,000 students from Kununurra to Esperance and employ more than 11,000 people.

An exceptional opportunity currently exists for an experienced educator as Team Leader, Aboriginal Education, within the Teaching and Learning Directorate. This key leadership role will have a direct impact on increasing Aboriginal enrolments, cultural competence and student achievement.

The Team Leader Aboriginal Education will lead the Aboriginal Education Team and work collaboratively across the organisation to deliver outstanding Aboriginal Catholic Education across Western Australia. The successful candidate will have highly developed communication skills, a commitment to developing positive relationships and a passion for transforming lives.

Based in West Leederville, this position offers a five-year contract to commence as soon as possible.

All relevant information and documentation can be found on the CEWA website <http://employment.ceo.wa.edu.au/>

Enquiries should be directed to Gabrielle Doyle, Director Teaching and Learning on 08 6380 5209 or email careers@ceo.wa.edu.au

Applications close no later than **5pm Friday 29 May 2015**.



Education & Communities

Leader, Community Engagement

Clerk Grade 5/6

Full-time temporary up to 30 June 2018

Position number and location: Boggabilla Central School (180471)

Total remuneration package valued to: \$92,417 p.a. (salary \$75,559 to \$83,371 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The position supports the implementation of strategic initiatives and programs in Connected Communities schools.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

How to apply

If you are interested in this 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 Connected Communities strategy at Boggabilla Central School. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Applicants must address their suitability to the following pre-screening questions.

1. Describe when you had to plan, prioritise and project manage (where necessary) a high workload with various programs and initiatives? What process did you follow? What was the outcome? **300 word maximum**
2. Describe a time when you had to act with integrity while influencing and negotiating with a wide range of people and/or stakeholders? **300 word maximum**

Essential requirements:

Aboriginality

Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Inquiries: Gavin Khan (02) 4676 2104

To apply online please visit the JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 180471

Closing Date: 3 June 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.



I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

Senior Aboriginal Clinical Health Worker

Child & Family Health Service
Elizabeth – various locations
Job Ref: 560943

Aboriginal Clinical Health Worker

Child & Family Health Service
Angle Park
Job Ref: 561570

www.health.sa.gov.au/careers
1300 882 992



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Clinical Team Leader Aboriginal Team



- **Eaglemont location with state-wide coverage**
- **2 positions, full time or 0.8 EFT permanent**

Take Two, an integral part of Berry Street, is a Victorian-wide service established to provide high quality therapeutic services to children and young people who have suffered significant abuse or neglect and are clients of Child Protection. Approximately 20% of Take Two's client group are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

We are seeking two Clinical Team Leaders: one to lead the Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care program, and one to lead the Statewide Clinical program.

These roles will provide oversight of team service provision and ensuring a quality and culturally appropriate clinical service is provided in a timely manner. These roles will also assist the Manager to maintain relevant stakeholder relationships, and will ensure that client records are maintained according to Australasian standards.

The successful candidates will bring their experience and practice wisdom to inform Take Two Program's work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. Ideally we are seeking applicants with a minimum of 5 years practice experience with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants, children and young people, families, carers, and communities; and a who demonstrate a strong commitment to working collaboratively and the capacity to negotiate and liaise with DHS, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, other agencies and the community.

Clinical experience in a trauma-informed and developmental context is vital, with a capacity to lead a team through challenging and complex practice.

Also vital is being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, or having strong experience working successfully with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Tertiary qualifications in Psychology, Social Work or related discipline will be highly desirable.

Queries to Chris Tanti, Clinical Manager on (03) 9450 4700

Applications addressing the key selection criteria should be submitted by 11pm on 29 May 2015.

To download the Position Description and apply for this role, please go to <http://applynow.net.au/jobs/Berry743>



Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Population Health Trainee (Aboriginal Identified) – TFT 29/07/2017

Classification: Health Manager Level 1

Location: Malabar

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time
(up to 29/09/2017)

Salary: \$65,764 – \$88,464 pa

Enquiries: Denise Monkley, 0408 273 465

denise.monkley@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au
Reference No: 252663

Closing Date: 9 June 2015

To apply for this position please visit
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, Equal Employment, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

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ABORIGINAL TRAINEE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

Closes 4pm Tuesday 9th June 2015

Council is seeking a highly motivated person with a genuine interest to enter the field of environmental health and contribute to Council's commitment to ensuring health standards are met within the community.

This is a new role offering the following:

- 6 Year full-time traineeship;
- Fully funded tertiary qualification;
- Study leave provisions;
- Access to tutoring and support;
- Award wage and conditions;
- 9 Day fortnight;
- Potential for public sector career.

The successful applicant will gain a broad cross-section of skills and knowledge with exposure to environmental health issues such as food regulation, pollution control and water testing amongst others.

Salary is in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award and is dependant on age and/or education achieved.

TO APPLY

For further information and to apply please obtain an Information Package and Application Form from Council's website or by contacting the Council Offices on 02 6940 2100.

Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*.



Aboriginal Senior Local Area Co-ordinator

An Aboriginal not-for-profit organisation is seeking a bright, energetic person for the position of Aboriginal Senior Local Area Coordinator (full-time, 35 hours per week). The successful person will provide and raise awareness about disability and supports for Aboriginal people with disability provided by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The person must be able to identify service gaps and issues and provide advice to the NDIS Agency about how to improve outcomes and community inclusion for Aboriginal people with disability living in South Australia.

It is essential the person understands issues for Aboriginal people with disability, has excellent organisational and communication skills. The position will be co-located within the NDIA office at St Mary's in Adelaide.

Salary Range: \$80,000pa - \$85,000pa.
Salary packaging available

Duration of the position: 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. Applicants are sought from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Australians pursuant to Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)* and under special measures pursuant to Section 56 of the *Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1984 (South Australia)*.

Interested applicants please email to juner@adnsw.org.au or call (02) 8399 0882 for an information package. Applications should be emailed to juner@adnsw.org.au or sent to the following address:

Deputy Chief Executive Officer
First Peoples Disability Network Australia
402/161 Redfern St
Redfern NSW 2016

Closing date: Friday 5 June 2015

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Adult Mental Health Aboriginal Clinical Engagement Project Officer

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For more information please go to our website.

For more information and to apply online visit:
www.easternhealth.org.au
Applicants may be required to undergo a
Police Records/Working with Children Check.



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ORD VALLEY ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE Aboriginal Corporation ICN 275

125 Ironwood Drive, Kununurra WA 6743
Ph: 08 9168 1288 Fax: 08 9168 2053

Practice Nurse Coordinator - Registered Nurse

The Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service (OVAHS) is a community controlled primary health care service. It provides culturally appropriate curative and public health services for Indigenous people in and around the town of Kununurra which is situated in the East Kimberley.

Based in Kununurra, you will be providing comprehensive primary health care services to Aboriginal people in the clinic and the community as required.

ESSENTIAL

- Responsible for coordinating effective clinical health care service provision to OVAHS clients.
- To support the clinic workers and management to provide optimal health care.
- Ensure the focus of care is on the needs of Aboriginal clients within the context of their cultural identity and social circumstances.
- To work as part of the OVAHS team in providing a quality and client focused environment.

BENEFITS

- 4 weeks annual leave and 1 week annual remote area leave.
- Annual air fare to value of return flight to Perth (paid after 12 months continuous service).
- Fully furnished subsidised accommodation.
- Air conditioning subsidy.
- Public holidays as paid days off.
- NO ON CALL requirements.

To apply for this position, please send an email to clinicmanager@ovahs.org.au, requesting an application pack or phone 08 9168 1288 ext 231 for more information.

Applications close Monday 1 June 2015

POSITION VACANT

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- High Profile Peak
- Opportunity to lead with energy and initiative
- Attractive Salary package



The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSAL) is the recognised state-wide Peak Advisory body on Aboriginal Community issues. VACSAL is a community based, community controlled organisation, comprising representatives from Koorie organisations across the State. VACSAL delivers and manages a range of critical community services across Victoria, for Aboriginal people, where we have the following vacancy.

The Role

The Executive Officer position reports to the Board and you will have overall accountability of the Organisation and execution of the Organisations strategic plan, on a day today basis. Your ultimate objective will be to manage and provide leadership, growth, and sustainability to the Organisation through your ability to provide guidance and leadership at all levels.

Skills required & what sets you apart is that you will have:

Known strengths and experience at the Executive Officer level. You must have the ability and experience to manage an Aboriginal community controlled Organisation, with strong leadership and relationship building skills. A strategic focus for business, with a sound knowledge of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture, and a commitment to a high level of service and improving outcomes for Aboriginal people.

If you are able to demonstrate the skills required for this position or would like to know more please call and speak with Pam Aplin our Deputy Executive Officer on (03) 9416 4266.

Please address your cover letter, key selection criteria and resume to:

VACSAL Chairperson
Mr Des Morgan @ 496 High Street, Northcote, Vic 3070
application close on, Friday 5th June 2015.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply



CLINICAL CQI/MEDICARE INCENTIVES COORDINATOR

Do you have substantial knowledge of and genuine interest in approaches to CQI and accreditation processes? Do you have a strong working background in Medicare claiming? If this sounds like you, come and join our busy team here in Katherine and make a difference!

Reporting to the Services Administration Manager you will be responsible for the implementation of Clinical CQI activities in all aspects of the services provided by Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service (Wurli) to support improved service and health outcomes for our Indigenous clients. You will also be responsible for maximising revenue by ensuring all claimable services are billed and processed in a timely manner along with providing training to clinical staff in Medicare and incentive claiming.

Current AHPRA Registration, minimum C class Australian drivers licence, Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card) and a satisfactory criminal history check is essential. Local Indigenous people with close ties to the Katherine region are encouraged to apply.

For more information on this exciting role and a copy of the selection criteria please contact HR Manager Joanne Connop on (08) 8972 9331 or email hr@wurli.org.au. Applications close COB Friday 12th June 2015.

Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation dedicated to improving the health and the quality of life of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients in order to create the opportunity to reach levels of health similar to non-Indigenous Australians.

We have modern facilities and a friendly, multi-disciplinary team based in Katherine, Northern Territory. We offer a rich cultural experience, attractive salary package, six weeks annual leave, extensive professional development support, leave loading, generous salary sacrifice provisions, and much more.

www.wurli.org.au



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PROGRAM MANAGER

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program Manager at Circus Oz forms a crucial part of a dynamic administrative team, being responsible for the ongoing development and co-ordination of activities focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and communities. This work is underpinned by the Circus Oz Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Strategy – “BLAKflip & Beyond”. Requiring a deep cultural understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with strong networks and contacts, the successful applicant will hopefully also bring together knowledge of the performing arts, or experience in community development or workshop programs and good administrative skills. The role works across all parts of the organisation and with a number of key external stakeholders.

The position is currently full-time, however Circus Oz is happy to discuss the possibility of flexible work arrangements for the successful applicant. Circus Oz strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

For full job description and contact details go to
www.circusoz.com/employment

Applications close Wednesday 27 May 2015.
Circus Oz is an equal opportunity employer.

Maternal and Child Health Nurses 2 positions

- Limited Tenure
- Part time 32hrs per Week & Maternity Leave 24hrs per week

Maribyrnong City Council Maternal and Child Health/Immunisation Unit requires two Maternal and Child Health Nurses who share Council's commitment to delivering quality health and wellbeing services to families with children. Be part of a team that supports families with children in all aspects of maternal and child health nursing in a culturally diverse community.

Maternal and Child Health Nurses are required to be a registered nurse (Division 1), with additional qualifications as a midwife and post graduate qualifications in Maternal and Child Health Nursing.

We are an equal opportunity employer and embrace diversity. Council encourages young people, people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds to apply.

Enquires: Toni Blyth on (03) 96880417 or Jan Stone on (03) 9688 0143

To apply for this job go to:
www.maribyrnong.recruitment.com.au
& enter ref code: 2129486.
Applications close 24 May 2015



maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

Aboriginal “Linker” Ability Links



Settlement Services International (SSI) is a not-for-profit organisation providing a range of services in the areas of humanitarian settlement, accommodation, asylum seeker assistance, foster care and disability support in NSW.

SSI has a “Linker” position to fill for its Ability Links NSW program in the Southern Region around the Batemans Bay area. Flexibility to travel within the region is required.

Ability Links NSW is a new way of supporting people who are affected by disability. The program helps individuals, their carers and their families and works towards developing links in their local and extended communities.

Duties & Responsibilities Skills & Experience - Selection Criteria

- Develop and maintain good working relationships with individuals, families, carers and diverse communities.
- Actively support positive partnerships between individuals, families, carers, local organisations including ethno-specific, multicultural, faith-based organisations and the general community to build a more inclusive, welcoming and accessible community.
- Organise and maintain administrative records.
- Participate in supervision, performance development processes & regular training activities.
- Contribute to team activities and participate in meetings and workshops.
- Relevant qualifications in human services or community development.
- Demonstrated understanding of the needs and issues affecting people with disability.
- Ability to apply cultural considerations to meet the individual needs of people with disability in service access and delivery.
- Knowledge and understanding of person-centred approach to supporting people with disability, social inclusion and community development principles.
- Demonstrated ability to work with limited supervision, manage a variety of tasks and display personal drive and integrity.
- Experience or understanding of the benefits of involving people with disability in their local communities.
- Lived experience or awareness of the impact of disability upon individuals, families, carers and the community.
- Willingness to travel and work flexible hours and in a range of locations across areas and regions as required.

How to apply

Send your resume and cover letter outlining your experience against the selection criteria.
Email to: recruitment@ssi.org.au
or post to: SSI Level 2, 158 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield NSW 2131.

Applications close:
Wednesday 3rd June 2015.

This is a designated Aboriginal position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 2, Division 2, Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.



ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS MANAGER

- GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY
- LEAD OUR ABORIGINAL STAFF AND PROGRAMS
- POSITION LOCATED IN SILVERWATER, NSW.
- FULLTIME – 18 MONTH CONTRACT - COMPETITIVE REMUNERATION WITH SALARY SACRIFICE PACKAGE

SHINE for Kids is a registered Not for Profit organisation that has been supporting children and families of prisoners for over 30 years. SHINE for Kids has a firm belief in the power of early intervention and a focus on collaboration to reduce the negative effects of parental imprisonment on children and young people.

We support children, facilitate hope; inspire kids to reach their potential; nurture their growth; empower them to succeed.

SHINE for Kids provides a range of services across the ACT, NSW and Victoria. We are excited to be able to extend our current operations and are now looking for a passionate and skilled Aboriginal person to lead our Aboriginal Staff and Programs

Selection Criteria

- Tertiary level qualifications in Social Sciences (eg Social Work, Human Services, Psychology) or directly related area
- Management qualification

A minimum of 5 years experience with:

- Demonstrated ability to lead, resource, support and drive complex and multidisciplinary teams within budget, professional practice and performance parameters
- Demonstrated experience with implementation of new programs and working with Aboriginal people.
- Planning, delivering and evaluating services in a culturally appropriate manner.
- Sound understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal children, young people and their families affected by the criminal justice system

Requirement

- experience with the Microsoft
- use of in-house databases an advantage
- current driver's licence and a willingness to travel inter and intra State.

For further information, please contact Gloria Larman – CEO on (02) 9714 3000

Email your application addressing the Selection Criteria to:
employment@shineforkids.org.au

Send your application to: Recruitment Officer
SHINE for Kids
PO Box 67
Ermington NSW 1700

Applications close 5pm, Friday 5th June, 2015 and must contain a current resume and have addressed all the selection criteria. Interview date Friday 12th 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





INDIGENOUS ACADEMIES MANAGER

AFL NSW/ACT has an exciting opportunity for a talented and passionate individual to join their Diversity team in the role of Indigenous Academies Manager.

The Indigenous Academies Manager is responsible for the management, planning, development and operations of the AFL Western Sydney Indigenous Academies in accordance to the contractual arrangements with the Commonwealth Government.

The purpose of the AFL Western Sydney Indigenous Academies is to improve the education, leadership, life skills, health and physical activity levels of young Indigenous Australians.

If you are interested in applying for this position or would like more information, please visit the AFL Careers website – www.afl.com.au/careers

Applications close: Sunday, 31 May 2015

Employment opportunities with Moree Plains Shire Council

Collections Development Officer
(Indigenous) – Dhiyaan
Aboriginal Centre (DAC)
– 21 hpw

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- PENRITH CAMPUS
- REMUNERATION PACKAGE \$87,318 TO \$94,218
- FULL-TIME ONGOING POSITION

This is an identified position and applicants must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

The University of Western Sydney is a large multi-campus institution located in Greater Western Sydney, where almost a tenth of Australia's population lives.

The Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students) leads the development of an integrated student lifecycle management strategy. Playing a leading role in developing a positive student experience, the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students) integrates the functions of student recruitment and engagement, student administration, student services, campus safety and security to deliver an environment where UWS students can achieve and fulfil their aspirations.

The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is committed to the advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education as a key to national Reconciliation.

The Testing and Promotions Co-ordinator works within the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students). The primary purpose of the role is to oversee the administrative management of the Badanami Alternative Entry Program and effectively liaise with academic staff, divisional areas of the University, relevant professional associations, Indigenous communities, alumni and external bodies as directed. The Badanami Alternative Entry Program is a UWS initiative aimed at increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in undergraduate programs across all areas of study at UWS.

The Testing and Promotions Co-ordinator will undertake additional related projects and tasks as required, particularly in relation to student recruitment, applicant engagement and support. The role will contribute to the admission and marketing strategies for Indigenous Education and work closely with the Student Recruitment Unit to ensure involvement in all UWS events, including but not limited to Open Day, Career days and other events.

Remuneration Package: Higher Education Worker Level 7 \$87,318 to \$94,218 per annum (comprising Salary \$78,777 to \$85,002 p.a., plus Superannuation and Leave Loading)

Position Enquiries: Katie Munton, k.munton@uws.edu.au or 4736 0694

Closing Date: 24 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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Administration Trainee (Payroll Department)

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- Temporary Full-Time
- Sydney, CBD
- Salary \$44,781 to \$48,702 pa

For full job details and to apply for this role please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au (ref no. 00003L8O)

Closing date: Monday 25 May 2015

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Australian Indigenous Doctor's Association

Graphic Designer

12 months full time position

Location: Canberra, ACT

Salary range: \$78,483 - \$84,483 plus
superannuation and salary sacrifice.

Closing date: COB 27 May 2015

AIDA's ultimate goal is to reach population parity in the medical profession of Indigenous doctors, and to inform and support a culturally safe health care system.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Duty statement and selection criteria online:
www.aida.org.au/our-work/vacancies

Enquiries: jobs@aida.org.au



Casual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker

Working towards Closing the Gap and improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We are seeking an Outreach Worker to join our casual pool. You will have knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and cultures. Aboriginality is an essential selection criteria of this position under the terms of Sect 50(d) of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1984 and Sect 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

The primary role of the Outreach Worker is to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to access health care and follow up services as well as supporting and advocating for the health needs of individual Aboriginal people living in the NBMML region.

This role is located at our office in the Penrith area. Attractive salary packaging, leave loading plus superannuation offered. Visit www.nbmm.com.au to apply and for a position description or please contact Linda on 02 4708 8142 for more information.

NBMML acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and acknowledges Elders both past and present.

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Conference Organiser (Aboriginal Targeted) Ongoing Vacancy

- Package up to \$77k (Clerk Grade 3/4)
- 35 hours per week

We are looking for a highly organised team player to fill the role of Conference Organiser. The successful candidate will co-ordinate, organise and promote conferences to provide conferencing services as an alternative method of dispute resolution.

Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003MNO

Closing Date: Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Enquiries: Amelia Yaghouty Fam on (02) 9219 5971



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Legal Secretaries

We are seeking individuals with excellent secretarial skills who are professional, pro-active in their ability to align themselves with operational activities, able to communicate effectively and are confident in the use of core office software applications.

- Temporary and Casual, Full-Time and Part-Time
- Sydney, CBD
- Salary \$52,256 to \$62,245 pa

For full job details and to apply for this role please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au (ref no. 00003NB4)

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close: 1 June 2015

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Relief Coordinator (Aboriginal Targeted) Ongoing Vacancy

- Package up to \$77k (Clerk Grade 3/4)
- 35 hours per week

We are looking for a highly organised team player with effective time management, supervisory and organisational skills to fill the role of Relief Coordinator in the Family Law Division. In this role you would provide secretariat support to the solicitors in the Relief and Executive Units including travel arrangements and other processes, as well as assisting with training and conference activities.

Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003N20

Closing Date: Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Enquiries: Marina Abreu on (02) 9219 5884



EASTERN ZONE GUJAGA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

General Manager

Location: La Pouse, Sydney

Classification/Grade/Band: 75k – 80k

Nature of Employment: 3 years with possibility of extension.

Organisation

Eastern Zone Gujaga Aboriginal Corporation is a not-for-profit organisation focused on providing services for children of the Aboriginal community in south eastern Sydney. The organisation is incorporated under CATSI and is registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC). The organisation currently operates a number of programs and initiatives to achieve its goals.

Primary purpose of the role

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring the day to day operations of the organisation are effective and relevant to the organisation's goals and vision.

The successful applicant, amongst other qualities, will have a demonstrated ability to manage a high volume working environment, a strong knowledge and understanding of key matters relating to programs targeted at children services, experience in developing successful educational policies, strategies and a willingness to undertake the role of Nominated Supervisor of Gujaga MACS. Current knowledge of and commitment to the cultural and other needs of the local Aboriginal Community would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Role Description and Selection Criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson Ray Ingrey, 0477 366 545 or email gujagaboard@gmail.com

Applications can be forwarded to gujagaboard@gmail.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Eastern Zone Gujaga Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 102, Matraville NSW 2036

Closing Date: 12th June 2015 at 5pm.



Education & Communities

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

ACLO

Full-time temporary role up to 17 July 2016

Position number and location: Griffith (174281)

Total remuneration package valued to: \$77,691 p.a. (salary \$64,008 to \$70,087 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

We are looking for a suitable candidate to contribute to and when required lead the development of consultative mechanisms to promote understanding between Aboriginal communities and the Department.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

How to apply

If you are interested in this 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 Community Liaison Officer. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Applicants must address their suitability to the following pre-screening questions.

1. How do you see yourself personally working with the local Aboriginal community and highlight for us how you see yourself establishing the links between the school and the community? **300 word maximum.**
2. What skills do you believe you can bring to the position of Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer and in what way will this heighten Aboriginal student outcomes? **300 word maximum.**

Essential requirements:

Aboriginality
Current driver's licence
Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people

Inquiries: Thelmerie Rudd on (02) 6937 3815

To **apply online** please visit the JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 174281

Closing Date: 4 June 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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Education & Communities

Senior Project Officer

Clerk Grade 9/10

Full-time temporary role up to 30 June 2016

Position number and location: Sydney (178660)

Total remuneration package valued to: \$119,566 p.a. (salary \$97,883 to \$107,863 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

We are seeking a highly experienced Aboriginal Senior Project Officer to work across Government agencies in facilitating partnerships that address Aboriginal Affairs priorities, and broker solutions to issues requiring cross agency collaboration with and for Aboriginal communities. The Senior Project Officer also provides a leadership role in developing capacity in Aboriginal community self-governance and economic development by supporting Aboriginal people and communities to identify and improve outcomes that are important to them. Travel within NSW is a requirement for this role.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, in a maximum of 5 pages, a resume and covering letter including details of your Aboriginality and which clearly details how your capabilities and experience can contribute to the Regional Coordination Directorate in Sydney Newcastle Region. 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 project that you have managed, including its aims, resources, stakeholder expectations, challenges encountered, and how you managed each of those elements including any variations that arose during the project. **300 word maximum.**
2. This position requires sound analytical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with both staff and a wide range of stakeholders. Please describe your experience in these areas, particularly working in partnership with Aboriginal community organisations, emphasising aspects of your past experience and your capabilities that equip you to meet the demands of this position. **300 word maximum.**

Essential requirements:

Aboriginality
Current driver's licence
Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people

Inquiries: Robert Russell 0407 951 430

To **apply online** please visit the JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 178660

Closing Date: 3 June 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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Health Hunter New England Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at liveandworknhehealth.com.au/work/opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting Aboriginal Employment – Workforce on (02) 4985 3286.

Staff Specialist Secretary

Manning Rural Referral Hospital, Taree

Enquiries: Leane Hunter, (02) 6592 9907

Reference ID: 250678

Closing Date: 31 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*.

Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Health Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Education Officer (Grad/Non-Grad)

Ref ID: 242210

Temp F/T up to June 2017 at

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Salary: \$24.16 – \$41.22 ph

Enquiries: Janeen Foffani, (02) 9515 6424

Closing Date: 29 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

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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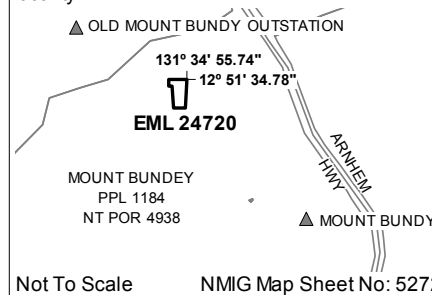
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease application.

The application to which this notice applies:

Extractive Mineral Lease 24720 sought by AUSTMIN DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD, ACN 108 019 585 over an area of 7 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral(s) for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550, Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5213.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to

this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

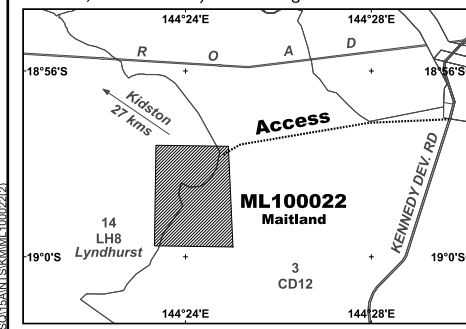
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES

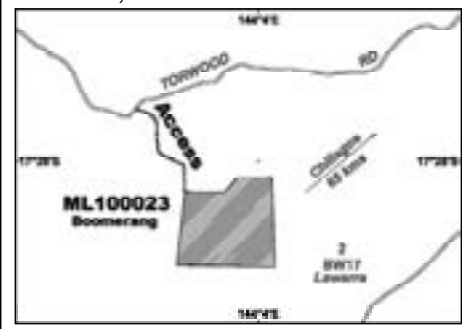
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease 100022 sought by Consolidated Tin Mines Limited, ACN 126 634 606, over an area of 1143 ha, centred approximately 27 km South East of Kidston, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



Mining Lease 100023 sought by CTM Alluvial Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 137 305 947, over an area of 503.1 ha, centred approximately 65 km South West of Chillagoe, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of Mining Leases 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 fifteen (15) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) 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 Mining Leases, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Applications may be obtained from Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3008 5742; Mining Registrar Minerals, 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 Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 10 June 2015



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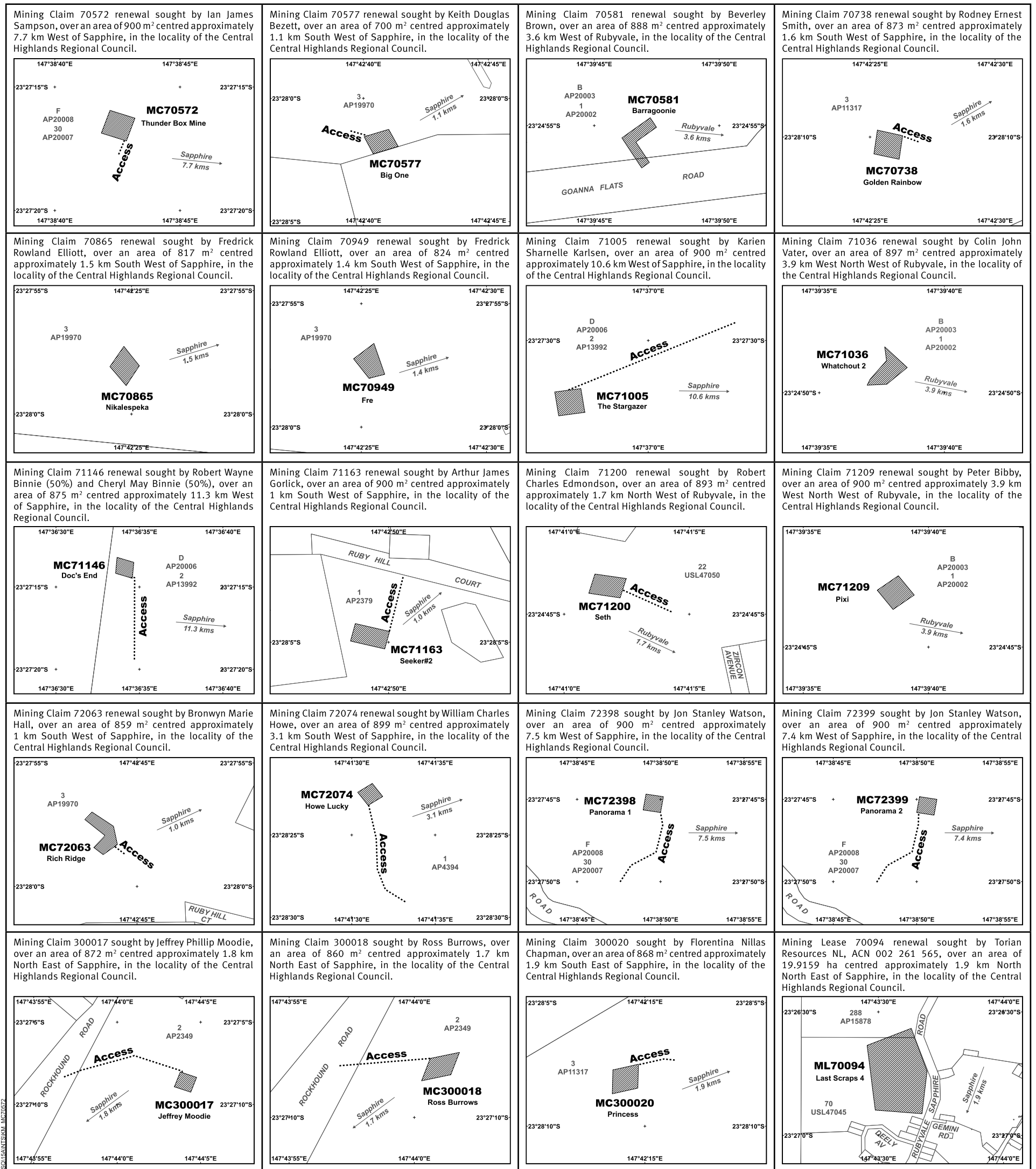
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS AND RENEWAL OF A MINING LEASE AND MINING CLAIMS

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, MC72398, MC72399 MC300017, MC300018 and MC300020 and the renewal of MC70572, MC70577, MC70581, MC70738, MC70865, MC70949, MC71005, MC71036, MC71146, MC71163, MC71200, MC71209, MC72063, MC72074, and ML70094 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).



Nature of Act(s): The renewal 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 three (3) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding three (3) years. 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 Lease be renewed by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002 and 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 renewal of the Mining Lease and the proposed grant or renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease and 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 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

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.

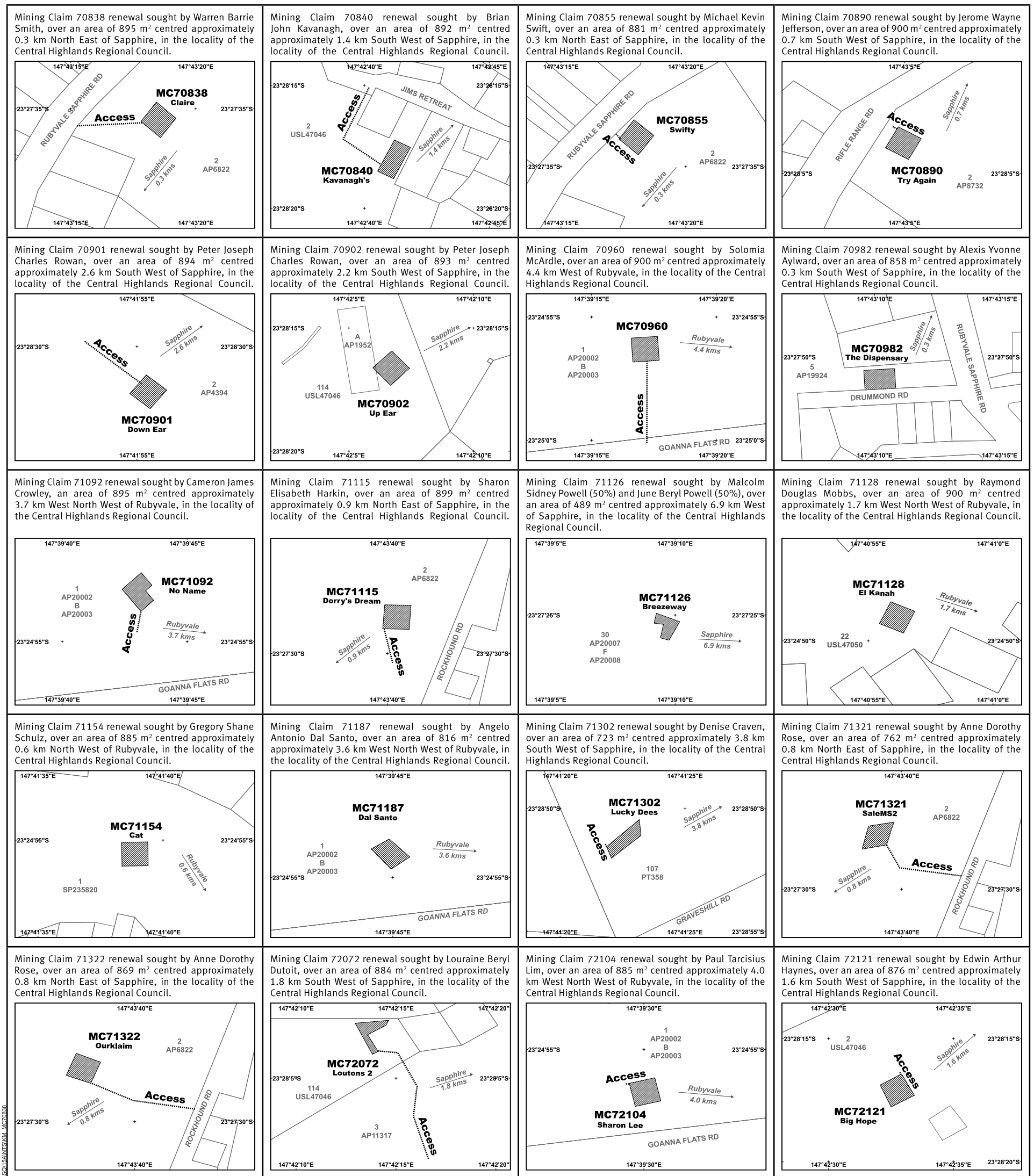
Notification Day: 10 June 2015



NOTICE OF PROPOSED 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 renewal of MC70838, MC70840, MC70855, MC70890, MC70901, MC70902, MC70960, MC70982, MC71092, MC71115, MC71126, MC71128, MC71154, MC71187, MC71302, MC71321, MC71322, MC72072, MC72104 and MC72121 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).



Nature of Act(s): The 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 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 renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim 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 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.

Notification Day: 10 June 2015

Wulli Wulli People (QUD6006/2000) Information Meetings and Authorisation Meeting

People who hold or may hold native title in the area shown on the map below are invited to attend meetings regarding the next steps to be taken in the Wulli Wulli native title determination application QUD 6006 of 2000 which include changing the Wulli Wulli claim group description, entry into Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) with Ergon, Banana Shire Council, the Queensland Government and various pastoralists and a proposed consent determination:

Information Meetings

Date	Place	Venue	Time
30 May 2015	Mackay	Quest Mackay on Gordon 27 Gordon Street, Mackay	11:30am – 2:00pm
31 May 2015	Townsville	Mercure Conference Centre Woolcock Street, Townsville	9:30am – 12:30pm
1 June 2015	Darra	Darra Motel Ipswich Road, Darra	10:00am – 12:30pm
1 June 2015	Toowoomba	Highlander Motor Inn James Street, Toowoomba	5:00pm – 7:30pm
2 June 2015	Cherbourg	Ration Shed 19 Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg	12pm (noon) – 2:30pm
2 June 2015	Gayndah	Colonial Motor Inn 62 Copper Street, Gayndah	5:00pm – 7:00pm
3 June 2015	Eidsvold	CWA Hall Moreton Street, Eidsvold	10:30am – 1:00pm
3 June 2015	Theodore	Theodore Hotel/Motel Boulevard, Theodore	5:00pm – 7:30pm
4 June 2015	Biloela	Settlers Inn Dawson Street, Biloela	10:30am – 1:00pm

The Wulli Wulli native title claim group is currently described as the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

Tommy, father of Wonga Pope	Mary Ann, mother of	Jessie Fuller
Ginalene, mother of Ernest	Maggie McLean	Rosie Ah Sue
Pope	Billy Buttons & Mergwin	Thomas Clancy
Maria, mother of Isabella	Tilly, mother of Harry Blucher	Jackanapes
Hooper	Jinnie, wife of George Logan	John/James Serico
Grace, mother of Fanny	Jack, father of Jack Hornet	
Joyce Billy and Selina, parents of Jacob	Amy, wife of John Bond	
	Maggie, wife of Harry West	

The purpose of the Information Meetings is to provide information about:

- proposed amendments to the Wulli Wulli native title claim (see below);
- the terms of the proposed consent determination and related Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA5) with Ergon, Banana Shire Council, the Queensland Government and various pastoralists; and
- the establishment of a Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) to hold the native title after the determination.

Authorisation Meeting

Date: 27 June 2015 - 28 June 2015

Time: Registration from 8:00am for 9:30am start

Place: MUNDUBERRA

28 Lyons St, MUNDUBERRA

The Authorisation Meeting will involve two separate meetings:

Meeting 1 will include Wulli Wulli People as currently described to decide whether to amend the current claim group description (see table above):

- to remove the names John/James Serico; Maggie (wife of Harry West); Billy Buttons and Mary Ann (mother of Maggie McLean); and
- to change the way three of the apical ancestors are described:

Existing description	Proposed Change
Billy Buttons & Mergwin	Mergwin Blay
Rosie Ah Sue	Rosie, mother of John Barra
Mary Ann (mother of Maggie McLean)	Unnamed adoptive father of Maggie McLean

Meeting 2 will comprise the Wulli Wulli People as defined following the decisions made at meeting 1 who will decide whether:

- to approve the proposed Wulli Wulli claim group description;
- to amend the way the claimed native title rights and interests are described;
- to authorise the terms of the proposed consent determination;
- to authorise entry into ILUAs with Ergon, Banana Shire Council, the Queensland Government and various pastoralists; and
- to establish a PBC to hold the determined native title.

Registering your Interest

Information Meeting:

- No financial assistance will be provided to travel to or attend an Information Meeting.
- To register for an Information Meeting (for catering purposes) and for all other enquiries, please contact **Kylie on 0481 151 750 by 25 May 2015 or leave a message with your return details and Kylie will get back to you.**

Authorisation Meeting:

- Travel and accommodation assistance is available to claim group members who wish to attend the Authorisation Meeting. To be eligible for travel and accommodation assistance you must contact **Kylie on 0481 151 750 by Friday 19 June 2015**. Where assistance is provided you will be required to provide receipts.
- To register for the Authorisation Meeting (for catering purposes) and for all other enquiries, by Friday 19 June 2015 please contact **Kylie on 0481 151 750** or leave a message with your return details and Kylie will get back to you or email through your details to **kyliepettitt@hotmail.com**.



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Petroleum Production Lease Application No. 15

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a petroleum production lease.

An area of approximately 26,354 hectares situated approximately 22 km WSW of Narrabri, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram ("the area").

Description of the nature of the act

Santos NSW Pty Ltd (ACN 094 269 780) and EnergyAustralia Narrabri Gas Pty Ltd (ACN 147 609 729) ("the applicants") are the applicants for a petroleum production lease over the area under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 (NSW)*. The proposed act is to grant the production lease over the area, which would authorise the applicants to conduct petroleum mining operations and associated works within the area and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman, Titles Administrator, Coal & Petroleum Titles, telephone (02) 4931 6578, email webcoal.titles@trade.nsw.gov.au

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is 4 June 2015. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Trade &
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Petroleum Production Lease Application No. 13

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a petroleum production lease.

An area of approximately 26,673 hectares situated approximately 31 km SW of Narrabri, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram ("the area").

Description of the nature of the act

Santos NSW Pty Ltd (ACN 094 269 780) and EnergyAustralia Narrabri Gas Pty Ltd (ACN 147 609 729) ("the applicants") are the applicants for a petroleum production lease over the area under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 (NSW)*. The proposed act is to grant the production lease over the area, which would authorise the applicants to conduct petroleum mining operations and associated works within the area and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

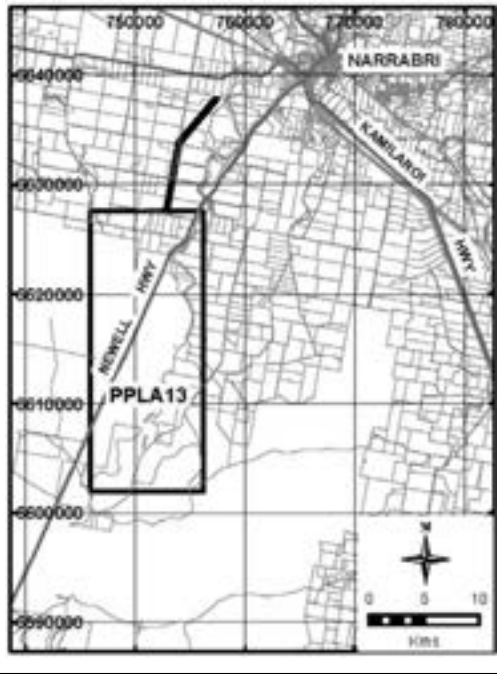
The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman, Titles Administrator, Coal & Petroleum Titles, telephone (02) 4931 6578, email webcoal.titles@trade.nsw.gov.au

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is 4 June 2015. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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	39/1098	WILLIAMS, Gregory Roland	50.23HA	51km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 121° 59' E	LAVERTON 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: 20 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 **20 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. 20 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.

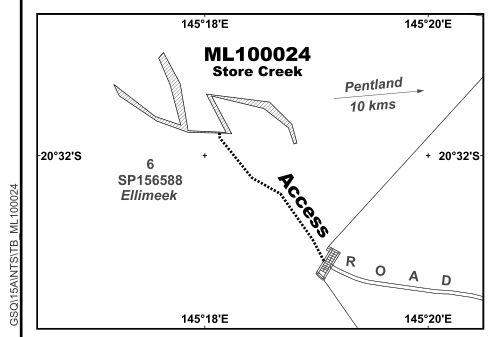
For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease 100024 sought by Clyde Ian Doxford (50%) and Jason Read (50%), over an area of 44.02 ha, centred approximately 10 km West of Pentland, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of 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 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 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 Mining Leases, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Applications may be obtained from Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3008 5742; Mining Registrar Minerals, 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 Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 10 June 2015





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
16/402	PHOENIX GOLD LIMITED	466835	56.76HA	72km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 120° 42' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
25/514	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	466545	25.50HA	39km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 122° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
47/1267-l	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD	461161	292.71HA	101km E'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 117° 15' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
47/1553	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	463889	71.00HA	109km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 37' S Long: 116° 17' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
74/558	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	466580	304.58HA	13km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 36' S Long: 120° 11' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
74/559	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	466232	562.69HA	11km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 35' S Long: 120° 10' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
77/1462-l	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	465282	23.72HA	83km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 119° 14' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/2092	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	464911	21.92HA	25km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 118° 59' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/2150-l	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	465283	45.43HA	85km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 119° 17' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.
Notification day: 20 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 **20 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. 20 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.
For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act* 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2398	PJMD PTY LTD	36BL	90km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 44' S Long: 124° 53' E	DERBY-WEST Kimberley Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2618	KALAMAZOO RESOURCES PTY LTD	33BL	26km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 115° 11' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1464	SHUMWARI PTY LTD	1BL	43km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 49' S Long: 121° 53' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/473	CARNEGIE GOLD PTY LTD	13BL	68km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 120° 40' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/475	CARNEGIE GOLD PTY LTD	17BL	61km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 120° 43' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/866-7	DIGADIG PTY LTD	14OBL	46km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 3' S Long: 118° 4' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/868-70	DIGADIG PTY LTD	21OBL	28km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 10' S Long: 117° 56' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2524-l	PCB HOLDINGS PTY LTD	35BL	77km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2525	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	16BL	128km NW'y of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 124° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1098-9	STUBBS, Gregory Wayne	2BL	68km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 121° 45' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/844	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	4BL	29km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 120° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3047-8	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	42BL	100km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 123° 54' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3051	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	5BL	30km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 37' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/348	CHITTLEBOROUGH, Graham John	7BL	46km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4533	DIVERSIFIED ASSET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	19BL	26km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 23' S Long: 119° 51' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2201	DYNASTY RESOURCES LIMITED	6BL	73km N'ly of Newman	Lat: 22° 42' S Long: 119° 51' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3016	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	10BL	16km NE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 8' S Long: 117° 49' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3072 & 47/3301	TRACKER GEOSERVICES PTY LTD	49BL	46km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 53' S Long: 116° 20' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3118	CENTRAL PILBARA SOUTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	6BL	67km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 14' S Long: 118° 12' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3227	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	8BL	96km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 20' S Long: 118° 36' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3247-l	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	9BL	98km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 31' S Long: 116° 19' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1680	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	24BL	53km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 117° 48' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3184	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	2BL	37km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 20' S Long: 119° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3206	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	53km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 28' S Long: 119° 13' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3259	IRON BULL BANGEMALL PTY LTD	46BL	138km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 36' S Long: 119° 43' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1842	GWR GROUP LIMITED	7BL	95km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 119° 57' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1010	S2M2 EASTERN COAL PTY LTD	33BL	117km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 118° 50' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1017	MERIDIAN 120 MINING PTY LTD	6BL	86km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 118° 36' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2113	TRIUMVATE MINING PTY LTD	9BL	48km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 117° 11' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1738-l	SHUMWARI PTY LTD	2BL	39km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 121° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	66/89	RHODES RESOURCES PTY LTD	32BL	48km E'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 49' S Long: 114° 38' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4124	POTASH WEST NL	48BL	40km N'ly of Gingin	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 115° 51' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE, GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4671	ROCLA PTY LIMITED	3BL	28km S'ly of Perth	Lat: 32° 12' S Long: 115° 50' E	KWINANA TOWN
Exploration Licence	80/4940	BARACUS PTY LTD	8BL	89km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 51' S Long: 127° 8' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4941	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	69BL	25km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 18' S Long: 127° 26' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	09/487	FREEMAN, Kane Robert	17.80HA	8km SE'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 56' S Long: 113° 43' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5969-70	FOCUS MINERALS LTD	269.36HA	16km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5979	STRACHAN, Jamie, Webster	52.16HA	5km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2284-S	KATAHANAS, John	9.00HA	28km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2204-5-S	WICKS, Shane Raymond	19.93HA	15km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2214	KESLI CHEMICALS PTY LTD	121.64HA	36km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2215	LAMONT, Eugene Gerald STOCKDALE, Lindsay	129.34HA	33km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	40/1364	SHIPARD, Paul Jeffrey	9.99HA	46km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 121° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2937	BARNES, Gregory	107.72HA	23km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 118° 34' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2939-40	NEVE, Colin Robert	217.45HA	54km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1364	KJELLGREN, Gary Herbert MACK, Christopher Geoffrey	9.04HA	5km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 2' S Long: 119° 18' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1367	KJELLGREN, Gary Herbert	7.37HA	12km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 4' S Long: 119° 14' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1997	ACCENT RESOURCES NL	19.38HA	9km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 16' S Long: 121° 48' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/2008	JONES, Stanley Leslie Kenneth	9.24HA	8km SW'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 15' S Long: 121° 44' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1671	LGT RESOURCES PTY LTD	24.06HA	25km N'ly of Perth	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 115° 52' E	SWAN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1672	LGT RESOURCES PTY LTD	19.85HA	26km N'ly of Perth	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 115° 52' E	WANNEROO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1673	LGT RESOURCES PTY LTD	45.67HA	30km N'ly of Perth	Lat: 31° 40' S Long: 115° 50' E	WANNEROO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4294	MARSH, Leon James	9.00HA	95km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 1' S Long: 119° 7' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4298	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	112.15HA	40km NE'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 118° 39' E	WESTONIA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4299	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	95.53HA	37km N'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 118° 36' E	WESTONIA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4300	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	23.71HA	42km NE'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 15' S Long: 118° 38' E	WESTONIA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1828-30	TREM.JONES PTY LTD	615.66HA	38km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 32' S Long: 127° 31' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of 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: 20 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 **20 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.
Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 20 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.
For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Petroleum Production Lease Application No. 14

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a petroleum production lease.

An area of approximately 15,325 hectares situated approximately 20 km S of Narrabri, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram ("the area").

Description of the nature of the act

Santos NSW Pty Ltd (ACN 094 269 780) and EnergyAustralia Narrabri Gas Pty Ltd (ACN 147 609 729) ("the applicants") are the applicants for a petroleum production lease over the area under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* (NSW). The proposed act is to grant the production lease over the area, which would authorise the applicants to conduct petroleum mining operations and associated works within the area and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman, Titles Administrator, Coal & Petroleum Titles, telephone (02) 4931 6578, email webcoal.titles@trade.nsw.gov.au

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **4 June 2015**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice



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Petroleum Production Lease Application No. 16

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a petroleum production lease

An area of approximately 24,108 hectares situated approximately 33 km W of Narrabri, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram ("the area").

Description of the nature of the act

Santos NSW Pty Ltd (ACN 094 269 780) and EnergyAustralia Narrabri Gas Pty Ltd (ACN 147 609 729) ("the applicants") are the applicants for a petroleum production lease over the area under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* (NSW). The proposed act is to grant the production lease over the area, which would authorise the applicants to conduct petroleum mining operations and associated works within the area and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

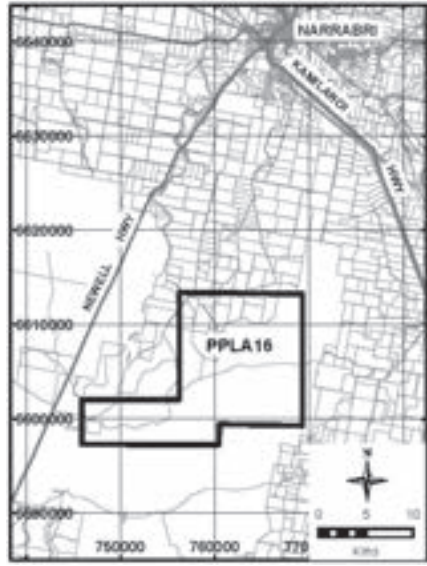
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Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **4 June 2015**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 3 June 2015



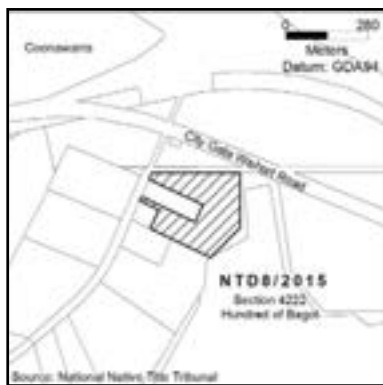
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This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) (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 this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 2 September 2015. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **2 September 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 this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1806, Darwin, NT, 0801, on or before 2 September 2015**. After **2 September 2015**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Northern Territory of Australia
Federal Court File No: NTD8/2015

Non-native title interest: The application area is vacant crown land. Certificates of title have not been issued under the *Land Act 2000*

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers about 0.59 sq km south of the City Gate Wishart Road within the locality of Coonawarra.

Relevant LGA: Darwin Rates Act Area.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the NT Department of Lands Planning & the Environment.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Lisa Jowett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sandow out of favour



PARRAMATTA rugby league coach Brad Arthur says dumped halfback Chris Sandow

will stay in reserve grade for at least another week as he attempts to rediscover some form.

The National Rugby League (NRL) heavy defeat to Melbourne left the Eels in a tie for last place, prompting Arthur to drop Sandow as well as veteran forward Joseph Paulo for last Saturday's home clash with the Warriors.

It's come at a bad time for Sandow, who is fighting for a new contract at the club.

"There's things that he's got to work on. He's been told those and he's been given a couple of weeks out to go away and work on it," Arthur said on Friday.

Expectations

"He's like every other player in the team. There's expectations and if they don't meet them, they get a chance to work on it.

"He does that, he puts himself in a position to come back into the team."

Asked whether he was confident the 26-year-old would return to the NRL side, Arthur said: "Well, he's had plenty of setbacks and he managed to do it.

"That's just a week-to-week proposition that's in his hands.

"He's playing to get back into the NRL team. That's his priority. The contract stuff looks after itself."

All but one of Parramatta's six losses this year have been by 13 points or more, forcing Arthur to wield the axe as he searches for a winning combination.

Former Storm halfback Luke Kelly, who also comes off contract at the end of the season, lined up in Sandow's place.

"You don't get changes unless you make some change," Arthur said.

Sandow may have played his



Chris Sandow

last game for the blue and golds after again being dropped to Wentworthville.

The former South Sydney playmaker is coming to the end of a four-year deal worth about \$550,000 a season and was hoping to extend his stay at the club.

However, the latest setback has all but ended his chances of a new contract and raised fresh questions about his NRL future.

Sandow won the Ken Thornett Medal last year, the award bestowed on the player's player in a season in which the Eels finished just one win shy of a playoff appearance.

While the 26-year-old has shown glimpses of his best form in 2015, coach Arthur is frustrated he hasn't been able to reproduce it regularly.

Sandow was also involved in off-field drama when he test-drove a Holden car with a view to potentially buying it before Parramatta's loss to Melbourne.

After crashing the car in an industrial area, Sandow contacted the sellers to inform them of the incident and let them know he needed to leave the scene to ensure he made it to the game on time. Sandow's axing is related to form and not the incident. – *With AAP*

Foley backs Hodgson for World Cup jumper



WESTERN Force coach Michael Foley insists his captain Matt Hodgson deserves to be part of

Michael Cheika's Australian squad at the Rugby World Cup.

Hodgson was a key figure as the Force snapped a 10-match losing streak with an 18-11 victory over the NSW Waratahs in Perth, scoring a second-half try and putting in a tireless defensive display.

Despite missing the first nine games of the season with a hamstring injury, Hodgson has been outstanding since his return, saving one of his best efforts for Cheika,

the Wallabies and Waratahs coach.

"Matt's a point of difference player, but also a point of difference leader," said Foley.

"For us, he's our impact player but he does that through leadership as well as his skills.

"People play better around him and it could be five or 20%, but I always say 10 and he is such an influential person.

"He turns 34 this year and that's a unique thing in Australian rugby.

"I just think that whether Hodgson is part of a match 23 or just in a wider squad, he is going to have an influence and when you go into a World Cup having a senior player like him there, it's going to have an impact across the squad." – *AAP*

Want a game of golf?

THE KARI Charity Golf Day will be held at the NSW Golf Club on Tuesday, June 9. The course is at La Perouse, in Sydney's south. Teams of two will play in groups of four in the 18-hole stableford teams event, with a shotgun start at 8.30am following registration and breakfast at 7.30am. It will cost \$210 per person or \$400 per team to enter.

Players who do not have a handicap will play off a handicap of 18. There will be prizes for the winners, runners-up, longest drive and nearest the pin. Limited motorised carts are available for hire, with priority given to sponsors and special needs guests. Players requiring a cart or other equipment should contact Nikolina Pletikosa on (02) 8782 0300.

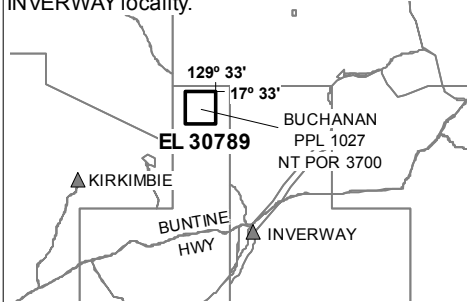
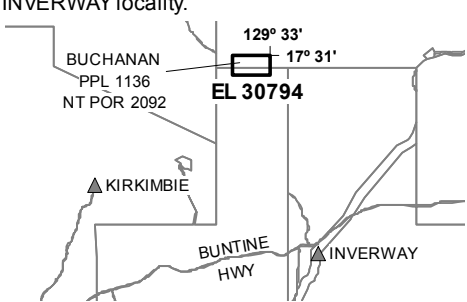
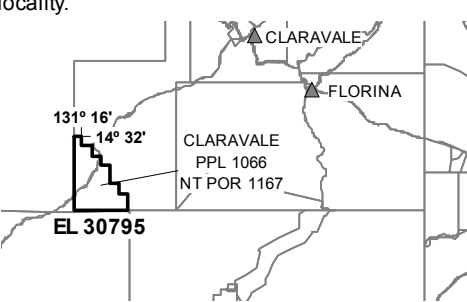
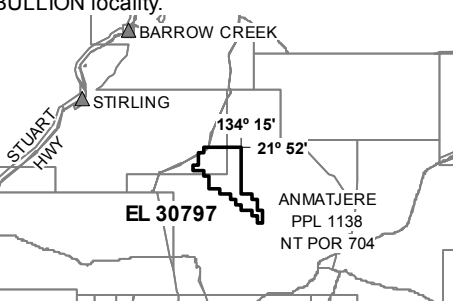
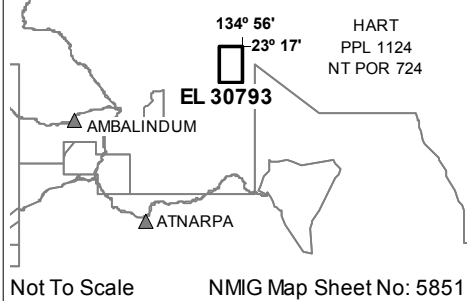
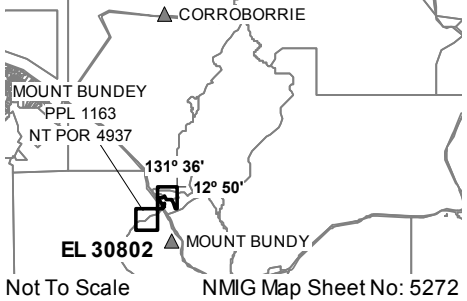
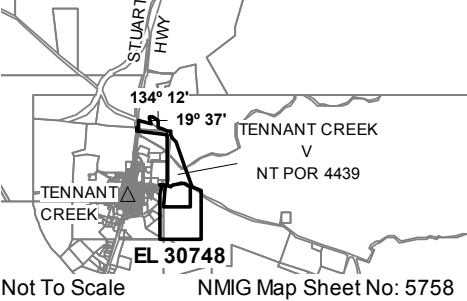
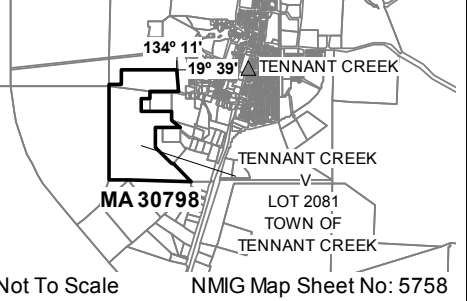
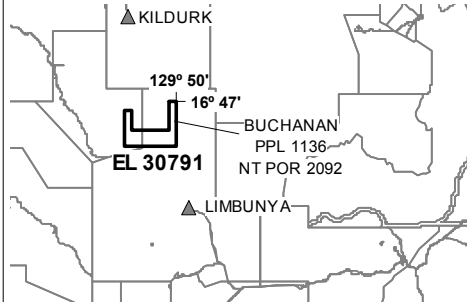
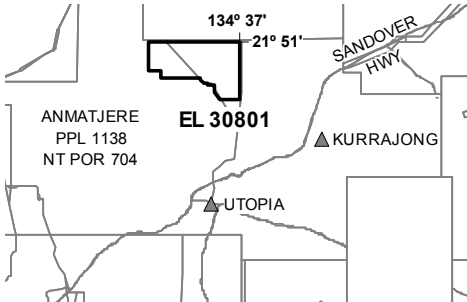
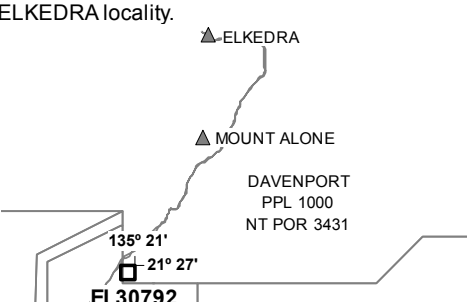
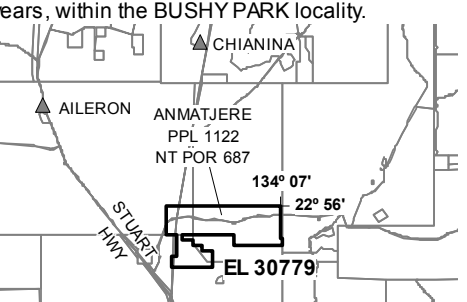
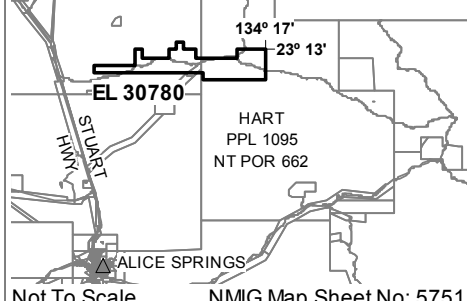
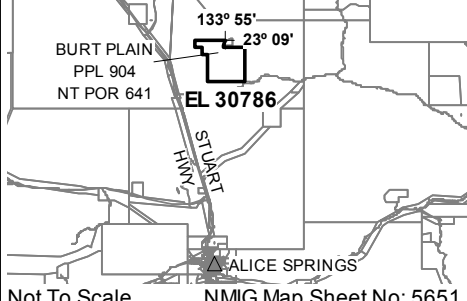
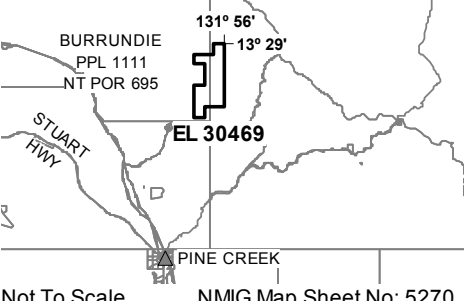
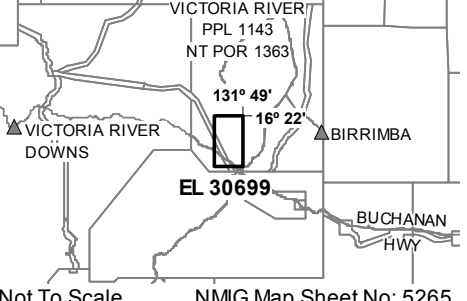
The NSW Golf Club requires players to conform to standards of dress on the course and in the clubhouse. The tournament is open to women, but not juniors. Inquiries: Nikolina Pletikosa (02) 8782 0300. KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc is one of Australia's largest Aboriginal children's services, providing management of Aboriginal children and young people in foster care.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 30789 sought by BAROLA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 602 420 744 over an area of 16 Blocks (53 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the INVERWAY locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4862	Exploration Licence 30794 sought by BAROLA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 602 420 744 over an area of 8 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the INVERWAY locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4862	Exploration Licence 30795 sought by BAROLA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 602 420 744 over an area of 31 Blocks (96 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLORA locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5168	Exploration Licence 30797 sought by BOWGAN MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 137 527 336 over an area of 69 Blocks (220 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HOME OF BULLION locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5754
Exploration Licence 30793 sought by DBL BLUES PTY LTD, ACN 140 024 442 over an area of 6 Blocks (19 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5851	Exploration Licence 30802 sought by HALKITIS BROS PTY LIMITED, ACN 009 607 774 over an area of 2 Blocks (6 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5272	Exploration Licence 30748 sought by GIANTS REEF EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 009 200 346 over an area of 4 Blocks (5 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5758	Mineral Authority 30798 sought by GIANTS REEF EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 009 200 346, over an area of 1 Block (2 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5758
Exploration Licence 30791 sought by TOM MICHAEL OATES, over an area of 80 Blocks (263 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KIMON locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4864	Exploration Licence 30801 sought by TOM MICHAEL OATES, over an area of 82 Blocks (259 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LURAPULLA locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5854	Exploration Licence 30792 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 1 Blocks (4 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ELKEDRA locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5955	Exploration Licence 30779 sought by TERRITORY EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 123 338 376 over an area of 167 Blocks (514 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BUSHY PARK locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5652
Exploration Licence 30780 sought by TERRITORY EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 123 338 376 over an area of 63 Blocks (199 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAUGHLIN locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5751	Exploration Licence 30786 sought by TERRITORY EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 123 338 376 over an area of 36 Blocks (113 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BURT locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5651	Exploration Licence 30469 sought by WOODLEIGH NOMINEES PTY LIMITED, ACN 050 120 257 over an area of 16 Blocks (50 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5270	Exploration Licence 30699 sought by ANTHONY WRIGHT, over an area of 60 Blocks (198 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KILLARNEY locality.  Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5265

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 20 May 2015

Bird vows to change the way he tackles



GREG Bird has vowed to fix his tackling technique in the wake of his eight-game

National Rugby League (NRL) ban.

Bird says fatigue and a lapse in concentration contributed to the lifting tackle on New Zealand winger Jason Nightingale late in the Anzac Test that earned his latest suspension.

But after three similar dangerous tackle incidents since 2013 contributed to his hefty penalty, Bird said he had to change.

He explained his thoughts on his tackling problems to the Titans website.

“When I was young, a kid 20 years ago, you get taught to hit under the ball and to drive,” he said.

“There’s so many things that can come into it now and go wrong.

“There’s other players in the tackle dragging them down and, I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again, I have to address my technique.

“(It was the) 74th minute in a Test match – I was tired and fatigued – you have that lapse in concentration and go back to what you’ve been doing for years.

“Just having that awareness and keeping your concentration is something I have to work on moving forward.”

Bird is now one of the most suspended players in NRL history given he’ll have served a total of 29 weeks on the sidelines by the time he returns in mid-July.

The current ban has also made him ineligible for NSW for the entire State of Origin series.

Bird said he accepted he did the wrong thing but he remained adamant the grading of the charge was out of step with the offence, despite failing in an appeal to get it reduced. – AAP

PUBLIC NOTICE

KUNJA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Kunja People are the descendants of:

- 1. Killamunda (including her children, Margaret Turner (Granny Mckellar), Annie/Nannie Widgell and Jack Brennan);
- 2. Flora Maranoa;
- 3. Maria Major (including her children, Jack Oliffe, Ron Wyman, Walter Wyman and Lila Lynett);
- 4. Jimmy Nyngan,

in accordance with **Kunja** traditional laws and customs.

This Notice invites all persons who are members of the Kunja People (as described above) to attend a native title authorisation meeting (**Meeting**) at the time and location below:

Date: Saturday, 13 June 2015

Time: 9:30am Registration, for Meeting 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Venue: Paroo Shire Hall, Cunnamulla, Queensland

The **purpose** of the Meeting is to authorise the making of a new native title determination application (“the Application”) pursuant to the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (“the Act”), seeking the recognition of native title rights and interests over Kunja traditional lands and waters.

Matters proposed for discussion and authorisation at the Meeting include:

- 1. the making of the Application;
- 2. the proposed composition of the native title claim group;
- 3. the appointment of a Kunja person or persons to comprise the Applicant authorised to make the Application and deal with all matters arising under the Act in relation to it;
- 4. the scope of authority of the authorised Applicant;
- 5. the proposed claim area including boundaries;
- 6. the proposed native title rights and interests to be claimed.

The area proposed to be covered by the Kunja Application is centred around the Warrego River, extending from the Queensland state border, west of Tego in the south to Wyandra in the North and Widgeegora Creek in the north east, and includes the town of Cunnamulla as shown on the map below:



Figure 1: Please note this map is indicative only.

QSNTS regrets to advise that it is not able to assist with travel and accommodation costs for attending the Meeting; however, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to attendees.



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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LACHLAN FOLD BELT WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **TOMINGLEY GOLD OPERATIONS PTY LIMITED** for 1 bore on Lot 7300 DP 1151814, Parish of Bulgandramine, County of Narromine, for mining purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, P O Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006094)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

MYALL RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application to amend works approval 20WA211207 has been received from **Raymond and Rita Vella** to use water from a new pump for irrigation purposes on Lot 142 DP 807477.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to 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 objections to A006097.

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2516 Hannah Grogan, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03764

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **ROBERT GAVIN GROVES** for a bore for irrigation purposes on Lot 153 DP 750885 Parish Gidgell, County Boyd.

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 (A5345).

Any queries please call on 6953 0700, Tracie Scarfone, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z03727

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

BELL RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **KENNETH JAMES BLACKBURN** and **FIONA ADAMS** for one 200 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 5 DP 1176677, Parish of Mumbil, County of Wellington for irrigation.

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: A005567).

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **WAYNE ANDREW & LEA ANN SALVESTRO** for an irrigation bore on Lot 1 DP 1089896 Parish Learmonth, 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. (A6055)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700 Simon Maffei, Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN RIVERS WATER SOURCE (WALLACIA WEIR MANAGEMENT ZONE)

An application for a new COMBINED APPROVAL has been received from **JIEHONG ZHANG** for a 100 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 102 DP 247569, Parish of Bringelly, County of Cumberland for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, Locked Bag 5123, Parramatta NSW 2124 within 28 days of this publication. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A006057)

Any queries should be directed to (02) 8838 7520. John Galea, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03630

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

BELLINGER RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL has been received from **SITAL SINGH BASSAN AND REKHA SATWANT BASSAN** for an off river storage and a 50mm centrifugal pump (total capacity of 7l/s), on Lot 1 DP 601779, Parish of Never Never, County of Raleigh for conservation of water and irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006070)

Any queries please call (02) 6641 6500, Bart Kellett, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03629

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

PEEL FRACTURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for amendment of an existing WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL (90WA818776) has been received from **BAIADA POULTRY PTY LIMITED** for an additional Water Supply Work/Bore on Lot 1 DP512961 County of Parry, Parish of Turi.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 550 TAMWORTH NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A5894)

Any queries please call (02) 6701 9620, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z03627

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended combined WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from the **SYDNEY ANGLICAN SCHOOLS CORPORATION** for one bore on Lot 71 DP 1004166, Parishes of Borenore, County of Wellington for irrigation of Lot 100 DP 1174806 and Lot 71 DP 1004166.

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. (A006093)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

UPPER NAMOI REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application to amend a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BRUCE ARTHUR, BRIAN PHILLIP, GLORIA VIOLET & GREGORY ALLEN SHERWOOD** to include 3 additional 150mm pumps (5 in total) for Irrigation purposes on Lots 12, 14, 148, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 DP752204, Parish of Tarpoly, County of Darling.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A5088)

Any queries please call (02) 6701 9620, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

SYDNEY BASIN CENTRAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **SYDNEY ANGLICAN SCHOOLS CORPORATION** for a bore on Lot 25 DP1358, Parish of St Matthew, County of Cumberland for water supply for recreation (playing field) purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO BOX 3720, PARRAMATTA, NSW 2124, within 28 days of this publication. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A004361)

Any queries please call (02) 8838 7531 Wayne Connors, Senior Water Regulation Officer

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Johnston re-signs with Rabbitohs



ANY National Rugby League (NRL) coach will tell you the importance of building combinations and the ties binding South Sydney's next generation stretch back most of their young lives.

The Rabbitohs received a giant boost this month when they re-signed star winger Alex Johnston and emerging hooker Cameron McInnes until the end of the 2017 season.

While everyone at the Rabbitohs' Redfern headquarters had a spring in their step following the duo putting pen to paper, there was no one happier than centre Dylan Walker.

Johnston, McInnes and Walker have been playing together since they were 13, when they made a Rabbitohs junior development side together, a team that also featured winger Aaron Gray, who made his Souths debut three weeks ago.

Walker said he had Johnston pegged as something special the first time he laid eyes on him when they were 10.

He also lived down the road from McInnes when they were



Alex Johnston

growing up in Botany.

"With those two re-signing, it's good for the fans and good for the members and good for the club," Walker said.

"And especially good for myself, having the boys around that I know really well. I've known Aaron since I was six years old. He's one of my best mates and it's enjoyable to have that feeling in the club."

Johnston, 20, made his Test debut in the Kangaroos' loss to New Zealand last month. – AAP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Authorisation meeting for a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) relating to a social housing project by the Queensland Government for Hammond Island (Kirriri) within the area of Native Title Determination Application QUD362/2010 (Kaurareg People #3).

All persons who are members of the Kaurareg People #3 native title claim group (Kaurareg People), and any others persons who may hold native title in relation to the land or waters in the area depicted on the map contained in this notice ("Agreement Area"), are invited to attend a meeting to consider authorising an Indigenous land use agreement ("ILUA") in respect of the proposed construction of approximately 14 social houses on Hammond Island within the Agreement Area ("Project").

The Kaurareg People are identified by reference to the native title claim group description in the native title claim (Native Title Determination Application QUD362/2010 (Kaurareg People #3 Claim)), being the descendants of the following people:-

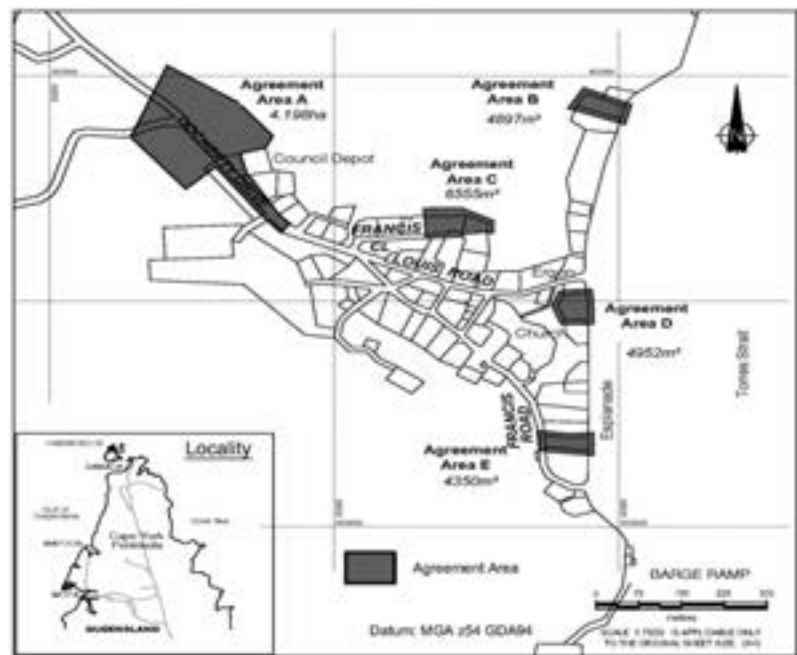
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| • Makaku & Buiya | • Baetie |
| • Gaugabiri (sometimes spelt Kaugapiri) | • Bagie |
| • Zagra Snr/Jack Prince of Wales & Kamur | • Rattler Tom |
| • Kaitap & Serei | • Papoose & Pau Pai Kai |
| • Urui | • Kanamuri & Neru Pearson |
| • Daiam & Duni | • Panipan |

The Agreement Area of the ILUA is located within the external boundaries of the Kaurareg People #3 claim. The specific Agreement Area is shown in the Map below.

The details of the meeting are as follows:-

Date: Friday 12 June 2015
Time: 10.00am (registration), 11.00am (meeting commences)
Venue: Kirriri Community Hall, Kirriri

To record your intention to attend the authorisation meeting please phone Karen Perks on 0407 726 377. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.



Notice of non-claimant applications for determination of native title in the State of Queensland

Notification day: 3 June 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 2 September 2015. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **2 September 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 2 September 2015**. After **2 September 2015**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Scott Alexander Harris

Federal Court File No: QUD144/2015

Non-native title interest: Lot 4 on Crown Plan SE1

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers approximately 6,340 sq km about 70km north of Croydon.

Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council



Applicant's name: Port Bajool Pty Ltd

Federal Court File No: QUD143/2015

Non-native title interest: Lot 2 on Crown Plan LD157

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers approximately 336 sq km about 70km west of Dimbulah.

Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council



Applicant's name: Rosemary Anne Burtenshaw and Garry Frederick Burtenshaw

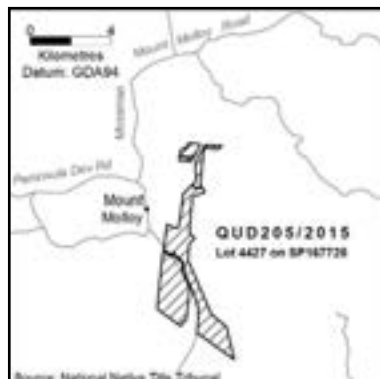
Federal Court File No: QUD161/2015

Non-native title interest: OL 22/230 on Lot 230 on Crown Plan AP4557 and OL 22/228 on Lot 228 on Crown Plan OL463

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: Application covers about 137 sq km and is located about 6 km north east of Mount Garnet.

Relevant LGA: Tablelands Regional Council



Applicant's name: Kathleen Colless Pty Ltd

Federal Court File No: QUD205/2015

Non-native title interest: Lot 4427 on Plan SP167725

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers approximately 11 sq km in the vicinity of Mount Molloy about 25km south west of Mossman.

Relevant LGA: Mareeba 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, Queensland.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Shared country, shared future.

Wingard's grandmother designs Port's jumper



BARB Wingard says the Port Adelaide's Indigenous jumper for the Australian Football League (AFL) match in Alice Springs – 'Tree of Life' – represents the club's Indigenous

players, the environment, knowledge and hope.

Port Adelaide will play the Melbourne Demons at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, on Saturday, May 30, as part of the AFL's Indigenous Round. It is part of a two-year three-game agreement with the Northern

Territory Government.

"The seven roots represent our seven Aboriginal Port Adelaide players – who they are, where they are from, their people's past present and future," Barb Wingard, the grandmother of Port Adelaide star Chad Wingard, said.

"The ground represents where

we all live: Our beautiful earth, river and seas.

"The trunk represents our power, skills and knowledge of life.

"The branches represent our hopes, dreams and goals.

"The four seasons are represented in the top part of the

image – we reach out to all people no matter what season of life they are going through autumn, winter, spring or summer.

"And as the trees all come together, we make one forest – players, families, coaches, supporters, and community."



Chad Wingard models the jumper designed by his grandmother Barb Wingard.

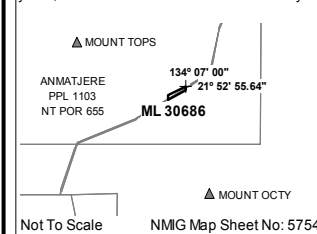
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act namely to grant the following mineral title application.

The application to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 30686 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 104 Ha depicted below for a term of 20 years, within the HOME OF BULLION locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5754

telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notification Day: 20 May 2015

Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepunt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

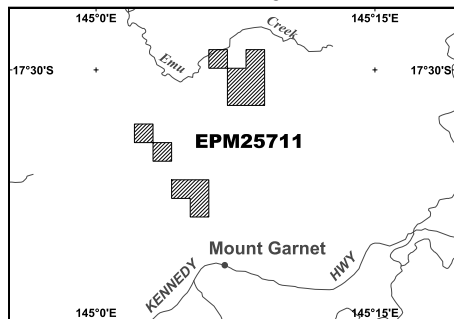
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

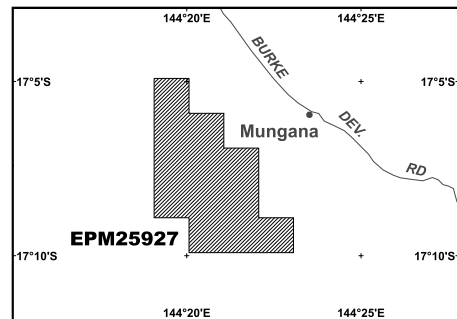
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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).

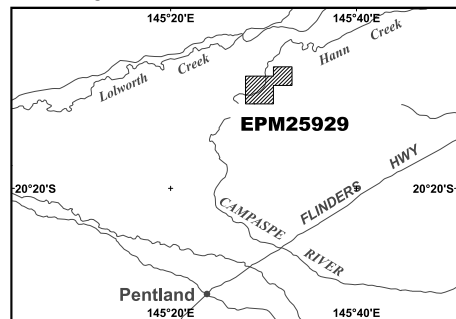
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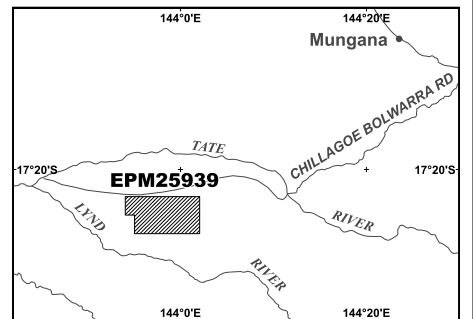
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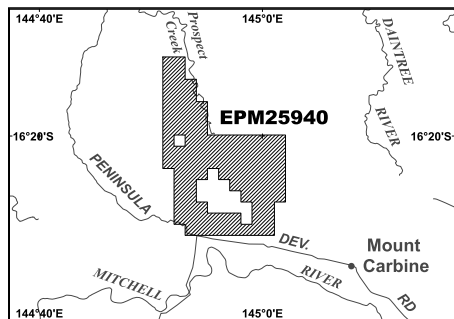
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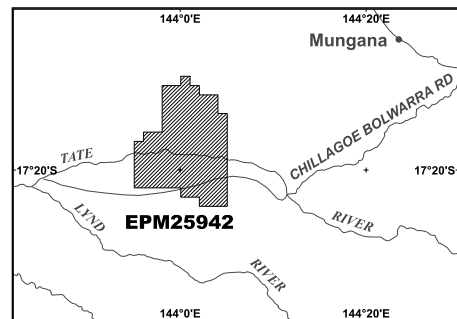
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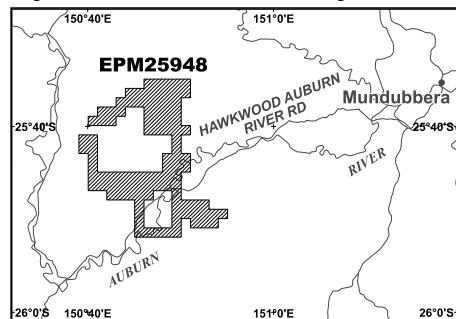
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Exploration Permit 25942 sought by Jumani Pty Ltd, ACN 109 385 551, over an area of 98 sub-blocks (320 km²), centred approximately 45 km South West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 25948 sought by Archer Resources Limited, ACN 121 572 192, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (308 km²), centred approximately 52 km West of Mundubbera, in the localities of the North Burnett Regional Council and Western Downs Regional 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: 10 June 2015

Lay off Lindsay, says coach



North Melbourne player Lindsay Thomas reacts after kicking a goal during their round seven AFL game against the Essendon Bombers at Etihad Stadium, in Melbourne, last Friday night. Picture: AAP



NORTH Melbourne Australian Football League (AFL) coach Brad Scott has launched a spirited defence of Lindsay Thomas, saying pundits were wrong to

critique or question his head-high freekicks.

Thomas was awarded two set shots in the Kangaroos' 11-point win over Essendon on Friday night, prompting Bombers Jake Melksham and Brendon Goddard to remonstrate with the forward.

On both occasions, Thomas ducked and weaved while the tackler's arms slipped high.

Scott took offence when told some commentators questioned whether Thomas

was playing in the spirit of the game.

"Anybody who wants to question Lindsay Thomas is kidding themselves and they should question the rulemakers and the umpires before they question any of our players," Scott said.

"There's no spirit. There's no asterisk that says, 'This is the rule but we'd prefer you do this.'"

"If the rule changes, we'll change.

"But it's not Lindsay's fault. He's playing to the rules."

The issue has simmered away in recent years, with Hawthorn coach Alastair Clarkson expressing his distaste over West Coast players ducking in 2012.

"They've been taking full advantage of it

for a long period of time and we've either got to join them or get the rule changed," Clarkson said at the time.

Scott revealed he contacted the league's umpiring department for clarification after a handful of head-high calls went against the Kangaroos.

"We questioned the umpires and they made it crystal clear the way they're going to umpire it," he said.

"The way they're adjudicating it at the moment is exactly what they've told us.

"You see a lot of players in the competition that are expert in the technique."

There were a handful of controversial calls and non-calls during the match. — AAP

Smith backs Inglis as our next captain



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 put 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 after the loss of Israel Folau, Sonny Bill Williams and Sam Burgess to rugby union.

Cameron Smith's rap may help Inglis re-think a code switch. — AAP



Greg Inglis takes a selfie for a fan at this year's All Stars rugby league match on the Gold Coast. Picture: nrlphotos.com

Christian signs with BBL Hobart



ALLROUNDER Dan Christian has signed with the Hobart Hurricanes for cricket's

2015-16 T20 Big Bash League.

He and Brisbane Heat teammate Simon Milenko will bolster the Hurricanes' batting middle order.

The Hurricanes have already made the biggest splash of the T20 Big Bash League recruiting season so far by landing Sri Lanka legend Kumar Sangakkara for the season, and the latest additions help firm up the squad.

Christian has played 19 one-day internationals (ODIs) and 15 T20s for Australia and his explosive hitting potential is what attracted Hobart's interest.

"I feel I still have a lot to offer in the Twenty20 format," said the 32-year-old Christian.

"I hope BBL[05] can be a big year for the Hobart Hurricanes.

"The team that is coming together for BBL[05] is looking really strong."

Christian played seven games last season for the Heat in a disappointing campaign for the Queensland side, averaging just 11.28 with the bat, but was the club's leading wicket-taker with six scalps at 24 and an economy of eight.

The 26-year-old Milenko played just three games last season in a summer during which he also made his first-class debut for the Queensland Bulls.

The signings take Hobart's confirmed playing list for BBL[05] to nine: Tim Paine, Ben Dunk, Cameron Boyce, Jake Reed, Shaun Tait, Darren Sammy, Kumar Sangakkara, Dan Christian and Simon Milenko.

Darren Sammy is a West Indian right-hand batsman and right-arm fast-medium bowler international. He is the West Indian T20 captain. — With AAP

Leave it as it is, says AFL



THE Australian Football League (AFL) is unlikely to make any major changes to its

fixture for the time being.

Chief executive Gillon McLachlan said the overwhelming feedback from clubs at a meeting last Thursday was they liked the current structure.

The AFL has looked at the new 17-5 model, where clubs would play each other once and then split into three conferences for the last five rounds of the season.

But McLachlan said the feedback from clubs was they liked the certainty of the current system. — AAP

Giants standing tall

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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ONE important part of the Australian Football League's (AFL's) expansion into Western Sydney has been establishing connections with the region that has the largest Indigenous population in Australia.

Sadly, it is a region that is underrepresented when we look to athletes from the area making the national stage.

To my mind, this presents AFL with a great opportunity.

It also means that our Indigenous players in the GWS squad can play an important role in the lives of Indigenous youth in the area.

But I am always cautious of promoting players for leadership roles without the proper skills and knowledge.

We cannot ask players to be leaders of our culture unless they have a personal connection and knowledge of that culture and their mob's history.

This came to mind when I was reviewing the impact of the Indigenous Players' camp held in Western Australia earlier this year.

Resonated

Six Giants players participated and their views on the experience resonated with me and made me realise we need to do more of this cultural education across the year.

Curtly Hampton, Nathan Wilson, Zac Williams, Jarrod Pickett, Paul Ahern and Jeremy Finlayson all travelled west to be part of the camp.

For fourth-year defender Curtly Hampton, it was his third camp since entering the AFL.

"It's really exciting. It's my third since I've been in the AFL ... It's good that the first-year boys like Paul Ahern and Jarrod Pickett get to experience it as well and Nathan Wilson's never been to one so I'm really excited," Hampton said.

"It's a good chance to get to know the other boys who I've never met before, so you room up usually with someone you



Curtly Hampton flanked by a couple of AFL greats, Adam Goodes, left, and Michael O'Loughlin.
Picture: Craig Golding

don't know and you get to know them over the five days or so.

"A lot of the other players you idolised as kids or you play against them during the year and then you get to play with them, it's a really good experience.

"We do a lot of community visits and clinics in the local communities and we do a bit of training as well, obviously to keep fit and then as a bonus, we get to play together at the end of the week which is always something we look forward to."

Exciting

For 18-year-old draftee Jarrod Pickett, it was an exciting opportunity, having grown up idolising many of the players attending the camp.

"Just to see all the other Indigenous players and my role models.

Pickett has now been at the club for two months and said having players like Hampton to look up to had been a huge help in settling in to his new city.

"It's a lot easier knowing that all these boys are young," he said.

"They've been in the same position as us only last year, so it's also good to have those Indigenous boys there as well just to talk to and make you feel at home."

Hampton, 21, part of the Giants' Emerging Leaders Group, said he had naturally taken a mentoring role with the new Indigenous players at the club.

"It's something I was really looking forward to when I found out we had a few more boys. I've taken on a bit of a mentoring role, just showing them what's needed to play at AFL level," he said.

In my last column, I wrote about the ongoing legacy of Michael Long and it is great to see that Adam Goodes is having a similar impact on

the current generation.

Goodes has provided the Nicky Winmar moment for Curtly Hampton and Shaun Edwards, who would gladly make the same stand as their Indigenous heroes.

Hampton and Edwards were born the same year that Winmar so famously raised his jumper at Collingwood's Victoria Park 20 years ago and pointed to his black skin.

Originally from Alice Springs, Hampton wears his Indigenous pride on his chest in the shape of an Aboriginal flag.

Darwin-born Edwards has the names of his grandparents tattooed on one arm and an uncle who died in a car crash on the other, such is the strength of family.

They believe that the message Goodes displayed against Collingwood needs to be reinforced.

"Obviously, it was pretty disappointing for that to happen to arguably one of the best Indigenous players of all time," Hampton said.

"The way he handled it, no one could have done it any better than he did.

He's never going to take shots at anyone. He always has a positive outlook on everything that happens.

"It just goes to show that there's still a lot of work to do even 20 years later with the stuff that happened with Nicky, but I'm sure the AFL and all us Indigenous boys are going to do everything we can to minimise racism in sport.

"I'm not sure you'll ever wipe it out. There are always going to be some little issues every now and then, but to minimise it would be an achievement in itself."

Hampton's uncle, Gilbert McAdam, played alongside Winmar for St Kilda in that famous game and was

voted best on ground.

"It meant a lot to uncle Gilbert," Hampton said.

"He used to get pretty emotional telling us about that. "Seeing the emotion that he had telling us around the family was pretty special."

Hampton felt racism first-hand growing up in Alice Springs.

"A lot of racism goes on there," he said.

"I've seen a lot of things and heard a lot of things. I had a lot of things said to me in Adelaide

playing school footy.

"It has always made me strong and I don't get too down about it. I use it to want to play better and work harder.

"I'd always make a stand. I'd never let something like that blow over.

"It's important to stand up for your beliefs, your rights and where you come from."

Edwards said Indigenous players took strength from those who had stood up in the past.

Opportunities

As proud Indigenous players, Hampton and Edwards are part of an innovative new program to boost education and employment opportunities for young Indigenous people in western Sydney.

"It's to show them you can make it. It doesn't matter where you're from or who you are, it doesn't matter what colour or what race you are, you can still have a crack at life," Edwards said.

"There are opportunities out there. You just have to present yourself in a good way and take those opportunities."

These guys are true leaders.

They understand their history and the importance they can play as leaders and ambassadors for our peoples in the broader community.

They are the ones who can make a difference and not only be giants when they pull on their jerseys.

They can stand equally tall in the community.

Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!



Shaun Edwards
Picture: AAP

Swans remind Buddy of rare blank



TEAMMATES didn't let Lance Franklin forget going goalless for the first time in more than a year.

The 2014 Australian Football League (AFL) Coleman Medallist failed to kick a goal for the first time in 23 AFL games in Sydney's win over Melbourne at the MCG on May 9.

"It was quite funny, one of the boys actually put some doughnuts in my locker this week, and had a little bit of a laugh at that," Franklin said.

With 16 goals to his name so far, Franklin has four more than the corresponding stage last season.

Zeros in Buddy's goals column have been a rarity across a glittering 210-game career at Hawthorn and the Swans.

During that time he's won two premierships, been named All Australian on five occasions, and won three Coleman Medals.

Apart from his rookie season in 2005 when he went goalless six times, the West Aussie has only missed the scoreboard for multiple games in a

season three times – 2006, 2009, 2013 – and has twice – 2007, 2008 – kicked a goal in every game for the year.

In other words, last week's result on a personal level wasn't exactly weighing on Buddy's mind ahead of last Saturday night's huge clash with Geelong at ANZ Stadium.

"Not at all. It's all about a team game and playing your role for the football club," Franklin said.

"And if you don't kick goals, you don't kick goals," Franklin said. He proved there was more to his

game than just kicking goals by picking up a personal season-high 22 touches against Melbourne

However, the 28-year-old spearhead warned there was plenty of personal and team upside left after the Swans' 4-2 start.

"I think my form has been okay," Franklin said. "But there's still a lot of improvement – not only in me – but improvement in all players on our list."

"We've been up and down at times this season, but from this point on we want to play as consistent football as we can and it starts this week." – AAP

Pro career beckons

By ALF WILSON



THURSDAY Island-born amateur boxer Ryan Shibasaki is training hard as he prepares to turn professional next year and is a role model for his two young rugby league-playing nephews.



The 27-year-old Shibasaki is from a big Torres Strait Islander family and lives in Townsville, where he trains with Hawks Boxing Club.

He has won 17 of his 22 amateur Boxing League bouts and couldn't have been more impressive in late March.

In his 68kg bout, Shibasaki beat Tom Farmer, from Mackay's Pioneer Valley Boxing Club, at a tournament in Home Hill.

Stopped bout

The ferocious punching of Shibasaki prompted the referee to stop the bout.

Another recent impressive effort was at Innisfail last November when Shibasaki beat Hit Pit Gym boxer Thomas Van Dijk by a unanimous points decision.

Hawks coach Dennis Clancy rates Shibasaki highly and has



Ryan Shibasaki is flanked by his nephews Enemarki, left, and Gehamat Shibasaki. Picture: Alf Wilson

been impressed by his dedication to training.

"I told Dennis that I would give it my best shot this year and then hopefully turn pro in 2016.

We have several pro boxers in the club which is good," Shibasaki

told the *Koori Mail*.

He travelled to Babinda for a tournament on April 11 and was beaten on points by tough opponent Patrick Slater, from Hit Pit Gym, in the 67kg division.

Working as a painter in

Townsville has also been a bonus for Shibasaki as it helps keep him in peak fitness.

His father is well known Thursday Island touch football identity Walter Shibasaki and his mother is Rhonda Shibasaki.

He is also a nephew of former long-serving KRL secretary LJ Shibasaki.

"I went to school on Thursday Island until grade five when we moved to Mackay and I have been in Townsville for the past four years," he said.

Such is his dedication to the sport that Shibasaki gave up playing rugby league and rugby union to concentrate on boxing.

Champion footballer

His nephew, Enemarki Shibasaki, 16, has been starring for the Townsville Stingers in the Statewide Cyril Connell Cup rugby league competition.

Enemarki starred for the Stingers scoring two tries when they beat Souths Logan Magpies 17-16 in the semifinal of the Cyril Connell Cup on April 25 in Townsville.

In the grand final on May 3 at Brisbane, Enemarki scored a try when the Stingers beat Sunshine Coast Falcons 31-30.

Stingers were to travel to Sydney's Belmore Oval to take on the winners of the NSW statewide under 16 competition last Sunday.

Enemarki's older brother Gehamat Shibasaki, 17, also attends Ignatius Park College and is also a talented league player.

Both brothers are contacted to the Brisbane Broncos.

He's just 12, and a national champion

By ALF WILSON



DIMINUTIVE Palm Island 12-year-old boxer Chris Evers Jnr has won a national boxing championships gold medal.

Evers travelled to the Gold Coast for Boxing Australia's national championships from April 27 to May 2.

Another Palm Islander – Reggie Palm Island, 22 – won a silver medal.

Their trainer Chris Evers Snr said both boys fought the best boxers from around Australia.

"It's a testament to their hard work and dedication that two boxers from a small Aboriginal community could beat the best in

the country," he said.

Quietly spoken Grade Eight Bwgcolman State School student Evers Jnr is the new Australian under 15 38kg champion.

"He beat an opponent from NSW in the final, winning by TKO in the third round," Evers Snr said.

"Reggie won the silver medal in the 52kg final, losing a close points decision to his Victorian opponent after winning his preliminary bouts earlier in the week.

"Reggie now has to focus on his next fight in Papua New Guinea on June 20,"

Chris Evers Jnr faced Thomas Large (NSW) in the final, who had stopped his opponent in a semifinal.

Chris won by TKO in the third round.

Boxing Australia fighters can

represent the country in the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

Meanwhile, another group of Palm boxers under veteran trainer Ray Dennis is fighting in the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League with tournaments around North Queensland.

They are: Brayden Nallajar, Tequira Pryor (12), Natalie David, Leelan Sibley (14), Arona Miller, Calvin Sam, Edgar Rosser, Darryl Richardson (15), Joseph Nallajar, Shirley Curley, Thomas Baira, Joey Geia, Barry Rosser, Kathleen Haines (16), Mitchell Baira (17), Freddie Ross (18), Dennis Haines Jnr (20) and Patrick Clarke (21).

"Some of the new ones will go on to become top Palm Island boxers," Dennis said.



Chris Evers Jnr, left, and Reggie Palm Island with their medals. Picture: Alf Wilson

Thunder rumbles in NEAFL



THE Northern Territory Thunder have made an impressive start to the North-East Australian Football League (NEAFL) competition, remaining unbeaten after five rounds.

The Thunder upset the unbeaten premiers Aspley with a 13-point victory at Aspley's home ground at Graham Road.

The Thunder remained the only unbeaten side in the NEAFL competition with their 15.8 (98) to 11.19 (85) win over the defending premiers.

University of Western Sydney Giants, Aspley and the NT Thunder each have 16 competition points, but the Giants and Aspley have played one game more than the Thunder.

The Thunder-Aspley game was an arm wrestle with the lead changing three times in the final stages.

The Territory's young guns shone with Ryan Nyhuis doing a great job on Aspley's Eddie Sansbury, and debutant Keidan Holt-Tubbs taking a crowd-pleasing mark right in front of goal in the third term.

Richard Tambling was solid in the midfield for the entirety of the game, while up forward, Darren Ewing kicked seven goals.

The Thunder were to play Sydney University last Saturday in round six at TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Sydney University are near the bottom of the competition table.



The three Indigenous players in the South Australian under 18 squad: from left, Isaya McKenzie, Keiran Agius and Wayne Milera. Picture: Peter Argent

Three in SA U18 squad

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS trio Isaya McKenzie, Keiran Agius and Wayne Milera have made the South Australian 2015 under 18s Australian football squad as SA attempts a third consecutive national under 18s championship title.

McKenzie and Milera hail from the Central District Bulldogs, while Agius is just down Main North Road at Prospect and is in the North Adelaide junior program.

"Isaya is a creative small forward with speed and the ability to impact on a game," South Australian National Football League (SANFL) talent manager and state under 18s coach Brenton Phillips said.

"Wayne has developed quickly over the past 12 months.

"He has good balance and the ability to change the course of a contest with a piece of individual brilliance.

"Kieran, a part of the AIS Academy in 2014, played in the curtain-raiser at the MCG on AFL grand final day.

"He has been a noted goalkicker, but

can also play as a sweeping defender's role.

"At 189cm tall and weighing 84 kg, he is a great size to play a variety of roles."

Gawler lad McKenzie has previously played with the Australian Boomerangs at under 15s level, along with playing with the Croweaters in this age group and last year was a member of the inaugural Port Adelaide Aboriginal Academy.

He is currently playing reserves football with the Bulldogs and has been consistent as a small forward who can be rotated through the middle.

Milera has played the opening five rounds on the SANFL season with the Central District League side.

He reads the game well and has a good goal sense.

Agius, who represented South Australia at under 16s level in 2013, has been in North Adelaide reserves side going into this year's state under 18s program. He started his season with a five-goal haul against central District at Elizabeth, but is equally adept as a running half back.

In their opening SA under 18 encounter, in conditions that suited ducks, the SA side was inaccurate, but

still had control of the game from the outset against a high-class opponent, Norwood.

"There were a number of positive signs with this first hit out, especially in those conditions," Phillips said.

"I was really happy with the quality of the Norwood side we had as opponents in round one."

The campaign has started with a pair of trials against Norwood at Coopers Stadium on Friday, May 8, and the Port Adelaide Academy on Saturday, May 16.

They play Western Australia in the opening game of the campaign at Lathlain Park in Perth this Saturday, May 23, followed by three home matches against Victoria Country, WA and Victoria Metro before playing the final two games across the border in Victoria.

Recruiting staff from all 18 AFL clubs will be watching this tournament with a keen eye and this plays a key role in analysing players for the AFL combine and draft latter in the year.

After winning their first title in 2013 and producing a great team effort last year to go back-to-back, this squad has an opportunity to create a piece of SA football history, attempting a three-peat.

Wells' return still a puzzle



NORTH Melbourne still don't know when Australian Football League (AFL) player Daniel Wells will return from a persistent Achilles injury, but coach Brad Scott insists the midfielder's

career is not in jeopardy.

Wells, 30, hasn't played since round two this season and Scott said last week he would remain sidelined indefinitely.

"It's really frustrating Daniel and it's frustrating us that we can't give a definitive timeframe on his return to play," Scott said.

"As it sits at the moment, we're going to list him as indefinite (on the injury list) because we just can't put a timeframe on it."

Scott said that surgery had been ruled out as an option as the tendon itself was structurally sound.

"He's got some symptoms in his Achilles. We don't think they're at the serious end, but they do continue to linger," he said.

"It will simply be a matter of when he can actually function, get out and train and then it will be an issue of match fitness to make sure that he's done enough work before he plays so that he's absolutely ready to perform at his best." – AAP



Daniel Wells
Picture: Peter Argent

Paddy Ryder settles in with Port Adelaide



FINALLY, at peace with the Essendon supplements scandal, Port Adelaide's prized recruit Paddy Ryder says he's ready to make a lasting impression on his new

Australian Football League (AFL) club.

Ryder was one of 34 players on Essendon's 2012 list who were cleared by the AFL's anti-doping tribunal of wrongdoing.

The ruckman left the Bombers because of the controversy and says he's gradually building momentum in his first season at Port Adelaide. – AAP



Dane Nielsen in his 2013 Indigenous All Stars jumper. Picture: nrlphotos.com.au

Dragons sack Dane Nielsen

ST George Illawarra has terminated the contract of troubled rugby league centre Dane Nielsen.

The former Melbourne Storm premiership winner had been stood down from all club activities since March 22 after being involved in a public disturbance.

It is alleged Nielsen had bitten a female patron at a bar in Cronulla, however there were no complaints made to the Miranda police.

The Dragons sacked the centre in early May for "breaches of his obligations under his NRL contract".

'Unfortunate'

"This is an unfortunate circumstance for Dane and the club and the decision has followed a thorough investigation undertaken by the club and the NRL integrity unit," said Dragons chief executive Peter Doust.

"Unfortunately, Dane's particular actions were in breach of his obligations and upon review of all information by the board of the Dragons, the decision was made that termination of his contract was the appropriate outcome. "Whilst Dane will no longer officially be a part of the Dragons, the club has offered to assist him with any necessary support from an education and welfare perspective."

Nielsen played just two games for the Dragons after moving from the Warriors this season.

He made his NRL debut for Cronulla in 2007, playing just one game. – AAP

Injured Ferguson in US for treatment



THE Sydney Roosters have sent injured rugby league centre Blake Ferguson to the United States in the hope of fast-tracking his recovery.

News Corp reported that Ferguson, who hurt his ankle playing against his former National Rugby League

(NRL) club Canberra at the end of March, was to spend two weeks with a sports reconditioning specialist based just outside Philadelphia.

Just four games into his NRL return from a 22-month exile after being sacked by the Raiders for off-field issues, Ferguson injured his ankle, which included a fracture

of the bone in the Lisfranc joint of his foot.

The initial injury prognosis was that he would be sidelined for four months.

Following the stint in the US, Ferguson is hoping to be fit for round 15 against St George-Illawarra, which would mean he would be back over a month ahead of schedule. – AAP

Matildas aim for World Cup



INDIGENOUS players Kyah Simon and Lydia Williams are in the 23-player squad for the 2015 FIFA

Women's World Cup tournament in Canada.

The squad announcement follows an intense four-month preparation in Australia and Europe as the Westfield Matildas tackle their opening match of the tournament against world number two-ranked USA on Monday, June 8, in Winnipeg Stadium.

Simon, a striker, and goalkeeper Williams are not long back from lengthy injury layoffs.

For Williams, it will be her third World Cup campaign. She is one of three goalkeepers in the squad.

It will be Simon's second World Cup tournament after playing in Germany in 2011.

Since his appointment, head coach Alen Stajcic's intent has been for the Matildas to develop an exciting, attacking style of football for the World Cup, and he believes this team is capable of taking those qualities on to the biggest stage in women's football.

"We have selected a positive squad with players that have a strong belief that they can go into any game and win," said Stajcic.



Matildas Kyah Simon, left, and Lydia Williams. Picture: Joseph Mayers

"Over the course of the past four months, the composition of this final squad has changed every week, but as always I believe players pick themselves and the 23 players that have been selected thoroughly deserve to be in this squad and I am confident they will represent their country with distinction.

"The emphasis since we came together in January has been on expressing our Australian culture and the things this country is renowned to bring to any sporting contest, things like positivity, backing yourself and really taking it up to the opposition.

"We want to pride ourselves on a

lot of these attributes that Australian teams have had for a long time, so it is about having that focus in this team and a belief that on any given day against any opponent we can come out and win.

"Considering the other teams we have in our group, it brings this philosophy into even sharper focus."

The Matildas showed during their recent European tour the wealth of creative and attacking options Stajcic has at his disposal.

Good enough

Stajcic knows it is a squad that can trouble any team and is more than capable of progressing from a tough group that consists of the number-two-ranked USA and fifth-ranked Sweden, as well as the 2014 African Women's champions Nigeria.

Australia will go into the Canadian tournament with a blend of youth and experience.

The Matildas' second game will be on Friday, June 12, against Nigeria, in Winnipeg, followed on Tuesday, June 16, against Sweden in Edmonton.

All matches will be live on SBS One, SBS HD and online, with the only exceptions being the concurrent group stage matches, which will be streamed live online at www.sbs.com.au/theworldgame

Roberts loves Qld sea change



IT'S close to treason in rugby league circles.

But aspiring NSW State of Origin flyer James Roberts credits the laidback Queensland lifestyle with helping to turn around his wayward National Rugby League (NRL) career.

The 22-year-old, who made his debut for South Sydney in 2011, was in danger of squandering his talent after being sacked by the Rabbitohs and Penrith for a series of off-field misdemeanours.

He was handed a lifeline by the Gold Coast last year and after a barnstorming start to the 2015 season, has played himself into the representative frame.

After eight rounds, Roberts was

equal leader on the NRL try-scoring list after touching down nine times and earmarked as a potential future State of Origin player.

Roberts said he realised some hard truths after being shown the door by Penrith for smashing a taxi window on a night out – that he needed to escape the rat race of Sydney and get fitter.

"I've really grown up over the past few years and I had my ups and downs," he said.

"But I've learnt from that and I'm a lot more mature than I was when I was getting in trouble.

"I wouldn't change the past for the world, but I'm glad it's behind me."

The lifeline handed to him by the Titans was just the tonic he needed to escape his circle of serial misbehaviour.

He says living above the border has allowed him to cast off the distractions which plagued him during his early career.

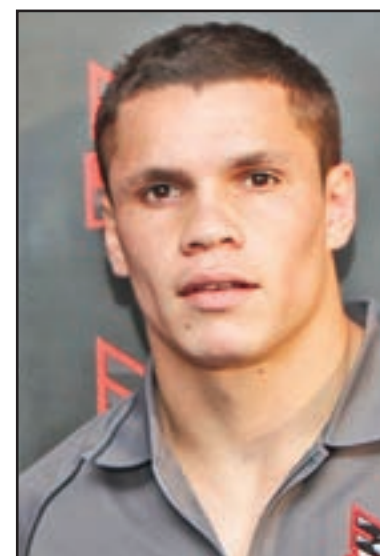
While singing the praises of Queensland might sound odd coming from one of NSW's brightest young stars, he says the sea change has played a big part in his revival.

After arriving at Titans headquarters with a more mature head on his shoulders, he realised he was not fit enough for NRL football and went about getting himself into shape.

"It's a lot more chilled out lifestyle," he said of Queensland.

"It's not like the rat race in the city.

"That was one of the main reasons I went up there, to get away from my friends and just focus on myself." – AAP



James Roberts



Patty Mills in action for the San Antonio Spurs against the Los Angeles Clippers in game three of the NBA play-offs last month. Picture: Getty

Mills turns to Boomers

By CHRIS PIKE



AUSTRALIAN basketball superstar Patty Mills now is focussing on helping the Boomers qualify for next year's

Olympic Games after his bid to win back-to-back NBA championships with the San Antonio Spurs came up just short.

Mills certainly did all he could, but unfortunately for him and the Spurs, they ended up losing in their first-round NBA play-off series to the Los Angeles Clippers in a remarkable seven-game battle.

He might have had an up-and-down 51 games in the regular season after missing the first 31 after his shoulder surgery, but once the play-offs hit, Mills again showed that he is made for the big occasion.

He was a significant player again for the Spurs, averaging more than 10 points a game in the series with the Clippers, while shooting an outstanding 16-of-28 from three-point territory at 57 per cent.

He was especially important in the game two victory where he finished with 18 points, including eight of the Spurs' 16 points in the winning overtime period.

The Australian 26-year-old guard played his part for San Antonio and provided a terrific spark off the bench, but it wasn't quite enough as the

Spurs were knocked out of contention of backing up the 2014 championship victory in which Mills played a big part.

However, Mills finished the NBA season strongly after being forced to miss the first three months as he continued to recover from serious shoulder surgery last year.

That shoulder injury came on the back of Mills being a star performer in the Spurs winning the NBA championship by beating LeBron James and the Miami Heat in the finals, but it meant he missed the Australian Boomers campaign that included the Basketball World Cup in Spain last year.

Ready to go

But Mills' shoulder is now 100 per cent, the rest of his body has pulled up well from his NBA season and he is looking forward to helping the Boomers over the next couple of months as they seek to qualify for next year's Olympic Games campaign in Rio Janeiro, Brazil.

The Boomers will face New Zealand in a two-game series in Melbourne and Wellington in August in the Oceania Qualifying Series with a place at the Olympics at stake.

And with not only Mills declaring himself ready to play for his country, but fellow NBA players Andrew Bogut, Joe Ingles, Cameron Bairstow, Matthew Dellavedova, Dante Exum and Aron Baynes, the Boomers

should qualify and then perform strongly in Rio.

Mills is looking forward to the chance between now and the start of the 2015-16 NBA season of not only playing with the Boomers and helping book that Olympics spot, but of actually being able to have an off-season to work on areas of his game and body that he feels can still get better.

Given last year's off-season was solely centred around his shoulder recovery and not necessarily working on developing his game, he is looking forward to having that chance now and he has no doubt that will only be helped by spending time with the Boomers in the immediate future.

"I'm looking forward to a legitimate off-season that will carry on to a good routine of workouts and pre-season heading into the next NBA season now," Mills said.

"The Australian games that I am looking forward to being part of to get ready for the Olympics next year are going to help me out with that, and it's something I'm definitely looking forward to after having to miss out on the World Cup last year because of my shoulder.

"I have to learn new things and try to keep stepping up my game and developing new parts of my game; that's the only way to keep getting better and the only way to make sure you keep earning minutes out on the court in the NBA. That's going to be my goal for the summer."

Brandon in a spin



NORTHERN Territory cricketer Brandon King is pictured at

Cricket Australia's young spinners' camp in Brisbane last week. King and another Indigenous cricketer – Jonte Pattison (NSW-ACT) – joined 22 other young spin bowlers from around Australia at the May 11-15 camp at the National Cricket Centre. They were mentored by West Indian leggie Samuel Badree – the No1-ranked T20 bowler in the world. Assisting Badree were Australian support team spin bowling coach John Davison and former Australian Test players Ashley Mallett, Ray Bright and Tom Hogan. Badree remained in Brisbane this week to coach the Australian National Performance Squad at the National Cricket Centre. Jonte Pattison is a member of that squad.

Brooke scores in Hockeyroos' win



A BROOKE Peris field goal was one of three scored by Australia in their Hawke's Bay Cup women's hockey final victory over New Zealand.

Peris' goal came just three minutes after Australia's opening goal in the 40th minute of a tight final, won 3-2 by Australia.

A late penalty corner drag flick from Jodie Kenny claimed the Hockeyroos' victory after the scores had been deadlocked with the NZ Black Sticks.

Australian head coach Adam Commens said: "It wasn't our prettiest performance. However, ultimately, it was a victory. We learnt a lot about our team and where we need to be if we want to be consistently winning tournaments. A gold medal is what we came here for and we are satisfied with the final result."

The Black Sticks jumped to the lead with a goal after just one minute.

After a steady second quarter, the Hockeyroos opened the floodgates 10 minutes after the half-time break, with Peris' goal following hard on the heels of a goal by Emily Smith.

Peris was able to break down the 1-1 deadlock after Smith fed a fast paced ball on to her stick.

Other nations taking part in the Hawke's Bay series were China (bronze medal), Korea, USA, Argentina, India and Japan. The Hawke's Bay series was preparation for the World League semifinals in Antwerp, Belgium, from June 20-July 5.

Peris (NT) and another Indigenous player, Mariah Williams (NSW), will be part of the Australian squad for the Antwerp tournament.

Taleena called up for London Sevens



UNCAPPED Indigenous player Taleena Simon (pictured) was included in the Australian Rugby Union Women's Sevens squad for the London Sevens last

Friday and Saturday.

The London tournament was the penultimate round of the 2014-15 Women's Sevens World Series.

Head coach Tim Walsh named a 14-strong squad (two to be omitted) for the first of back-to-back tournaments in Europe.

The uncapped pairing of Taleena Simon and Dominique Du Toit were included in Walsh's extended squad, with Rachel Crothers (shoulder) the only players ruled out through injury.

Before the London tournament, Australia sat third in the 2014-15 Women's Sevens World Series standings, two points behind second-placed Canada. The top four countries, along with host nation Brazil, will qualify automatically for the Rio 2016 Olympics.



Deadly sisters

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

THE National Rugby League (NRL) rightly celebrates the role of women in rugby league by dedicating a round in their honour.

In many respects, we should be hoping that the role of women in our game is so respected that such a round will not be necessary in the future.

With leaders like Linda Burney involved in our game in her role as chair of the Indigenous Council, I am certain that day is getting closer.

I am certain Linda would have been cheering as loud as I was when some of our Indigenous girls made their debut for the Jillaroos against the Kiwis before the recent Anzac Test.

In many respects, their honour was one of the best outcomes that the All Stars concept has delivered.

I can remember meeting many of the girls playing in the initial All Stars game against the Jillaroos and being inspired by their passion for the game and the equal passion and pride that they had for representing our mob.

But that is where the comparison ended because we were shocked at how little support they had when compared with the male side.

Behind the scenes, Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis and I made representations to have them get a better deal.

In working in the community programs, we also tried to ensure that girls received equal opportunity and some of the great stories to come out of the All Stars Youth Camp were from our outstanding female participants.

I also know that in all our programs at Titans 4 Tomorrow, we ensured gender equity was a guiding principle.

Indeed, one of my proudest achievements is the success of



The 2015 Indigenous All Stars women's team. Latoya Billy is third from left in the middle row and Mahalia Murphy is second from right in the front row. Picture: nrlphotos.com

our Indigenous Girls Academies for more than 300 young Aboriginal girls working on achievement at school as they develop their career goals.

But it has been the continued development of the Women's All Stars team that I want to talk about and two young stars in particular.

In doing so, I also want to praise the commitment of Dean Widders and Dean Feeney in their work on and off the field to ensure as many girls from communities far and wide were given the opportunity to shine.

The story of Latoya Billy provides an example not only of what I am talking about, but is also a story to inspire all girls in remote communities to chase their dreams.

Express journey

Less than six months after playing her first serious game of rugby league, Billy achieved selection in the Australian women's rugby league team... but that is only part of her story.

Her journey is far more inspiring than her destination.

A volleyball-loving shop assistant from tiny Moa Island, in the Torres Strait, 80km north of Cape York Peninsula, falls in love with rugby league and after sharing the stage with the game's greatest players, is selected in a squad of 21 to represent her country.

"It would be like a kid coming out of the desert who has never really played a game of footy, playing in a few carnivals and then going all the way to an NRL team. It's a bit crazy," Dean Widders said.

The only child of a single mother, any time Billy wants to play rugby league, she must fly from Moa Island to Horn Island, take another plane from Horn Island to Cairns, and then a third flight from Cairns to Brisbane.

All told, it took her two days of travel to get to the Gold

Coast for a three-day Jillaroos training camp.

Her only regular exposure to throwing a footy around is a mid-week game of mixed touch football.

Far from the thriving competitions found throughout Australia, participation rates in a community of only a few hundred people are rather small.

"Not many, maybe six," Billy says of the regular participants.

Desperate to simply have the chance to play, Billy reached out to the Brisbane Natives women's team to play in the Murri carnival in October last year and despite her inexperience, was selected in the Queensland Murri team to play a NZ Maori team three weeks later.

"They didn't think she'd be any good, so they gave her jersey No 22, and then she gets down there and blitzes them," says Widders, who coached Billy in the Women's Indigenous All Stars team in February.

"We found out that was virtually the first time she'd played serious football, so we tagged her as someone we wanted to put in the All Stars team.

"One of the girls, Ash Singleton, pointed her out to me and said I had to realise how far she'd come and what a remarkable talent she was.

"We started to watch her more closely and you could just see it... she's a freak."

Despite never having met any of her teammates prior to the Murri carnival, Billy said that she was immediately welcomed into the group, a welcome she also received when she joined the All Stars team.

"It was a good experience for me. I learnt new skills and it was awesome playing with other Indigenous ladies," Billy said.

"They welcomed me very well into the team, the Brisbane Natives, and same with the All Stars. They're like sisters."

The 19-year-old's

extraordinary rise reached new heights during All Stars week as she mingled with NRL stars and then scored her team's only two tries at Cbus Super Stadium, showing blistering speed and great finishing ability on the left wing.

Widders backed her to be picked in the national Jillaroos team.

"We were worried about (her inexperience) playing her in the All Stars, but she took everything in her stride," Widders said.

"She picks things up very quickly. You'd look at her and think she's a very experienced player by the way she played in that All Stars week.

"We ran three camps all up for the women's Indigenous side and at every one of them, she just picked things up so quickly and by the end of it she was ready to go and she played really well.

"She's just a freakish talent."

The same might be said of Mahalia Murphy, whose story is just as inspiring despite taking a different pathway to the top.

Tough beginning

Mahalia started playing rugby league in a tough school.

"I was 11 and it was boys and girls, street football," she said of those Doonside days.

"I was pretty tough, a real little tomboy."

Murphy swapped the street for a running track, winning an athletics scholarship to The Hills Sports High School.

She was a versatile performer: Sprints, broad jump, high jump, triple jump.

Put it all together — speed, athleticism and toughness — and what have you got?

An outstanding player and ambassador for her people who has enjoyed her involvement with Deano.

"He's been good, really, really good; he's taught us a lot," said Murphy, speaking in the manner of someone who has found a tutor with a gateway to knowledge.

The road to that gateway hasn't been straightforward, however.

There was no football after those early pick-up games in the street — no local rugby league teams for girls.

Murphy's re-entry to football came when Penrith started a rugby union team three seasons ago.

The centre/winger/fullback has since topped the 50-try mark and Penrith made the semifinals for the first time last year.

But her greatest try-scoring feat came against the Kiwis.

A hat-trick carried the Jillaroos to a well-deserved 22-14 win over the Kiwi Ferns.

Midway through the second half, the game was very much in the balance at 10-all before Murphy scored twice in the space of eight minutes to secure a win for the home side and exact some revenge for last year's heartbreaking loss in Wollongong.

Named player of the match, Murphy said she could never have dreamed of making such a scintillating debut in the green and gold.

"No, but it happened and I guess it all comes from hard work and working well in the game and being where I have to be and doing my job, so I'm pretty happy with my performance," Murphy said.

"I've just started playing fullback in the past year. I got pushed into the centres (for this game) and didn't really mind and still worked hard in the centres."

Jillaroos coach Steve Folkes said it was important to keep injecting new players into the women's squad.

"These girls all performed outstandingly well for the Indigenous All Stars and deserved their selection," he said.

They all deserve our praise and support.

They are our Deadly Sisters in League.



The all-Indigenous Woomeras team were well satisfied with their performance at the AFL Youth Girls National Championships.

Woomeras shine



Two Woomeras players battle for possession in the game against competition winners South Australia.

By CHRIS PIKE



THE all-Indigenous Woomeras team has again performed strongly at the Australian Football League (AFL) Youth Girls National

Championships in Western Australia, with two of them being rewarded with All-Australian selection.

At the end of the Youth Girls National Championships at Bendigo Bank Stadium in Mandurah, Woomeras players Emily MacGuire and Delma Gisu were named in the All-Australian team.

It was a tremendous honour for the pair considering that the championships included teams from Victoria Metro and Country, Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, a combined Northern Territory/Tasmanian side, and a NSW/ACT unit.

Excitement machine

There were only 24 positions available from those eight teams and the majority came from sides in Pool A – Victoria Metro and Country, WA and Queensland, but the Woomeras proved to be the excitement machine of the week and that was reflected in the final honours.

MacGuire was named at full-back in the All-Australian team, having been outstanding in the Woomeras' four matches in the defensive unit, while Gisu was named on the interchange bench after some eye-catching performances.

The Woomeras ended up finishing third in Pool B behind South Australia and NSW/ACT, but ahead of the Thunder Devils team comprised of players from the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

The Woomeras team was selected from the National Female Kickstart Championships, which were held in Burpengary, Queensland.

It is designed to help provide the chance for those girls to play football who can't find a way to play in their state

organisation through location or lack of opportunities.

Then, from the Kickstart Carnival, with teams representing each state, the best players from all over Australia are selected to take part in the Woomeras team as part of the program that not only looks to help launch the young women into football, but to help with education, personal development and leadership skills.

Slow start

The carnival began with the Woomeras coming up short against NSW/ACT by 14 points and then the next day, the Woomeras lost a five-point thriller to the Thunder Devils.

Tayla Thorn and Kathleen Prosser kicked two goals apiece for the Woomeras against NSW/ACT, while Hayley Smith, Jessica Stassi, Tyeisha Tighe, Alyx Glanville and Elise Muller were strong contributors.

The Woomeras put in a competitive showing against the dominant South Australia, only losing by 26 points after South Australia had won their first two matches over the Thunder Devils and NSW/ACT by a combined 147 points.

Te'anna Fujii kicked two goals for the Woomeras against SA, with Zania Rice and Stassi adding one apiece. Stassi, Glanville, Smith, Pamai Dau, Tighe and Rice were among the best players for the Woomeras.

And finally, the Woomeras finished the championships with an 18-point win over the Thunder Devils to claim third position in Pool B.

Kiara White and Prosser were the goal scorers for the Woomeras in the victory. Smith, Glanville, Tighe, Moesha Morris, Rice and White were all among the best players for the Woomeras.

Next step for the Woomeras girls will now be to take on a tour of New Zealand later this year as the AFL works to ensure that the girls remain part of the program, and providing as many chances to travel and play football as possible.

Something to crow about

Andrew McLeod a four-times hall of famer

By PETER ARGENT



ANDREW McLeod has been inducted into his fourth hall of fame – this time as a member of the Adelaide Crows Hall of Fame.

He joined seven other inductees, including fellow 300-gamers Mark Ruciuto and Ben Hart, at the glittering function on April 29 to mark the Crows' 25th season celebrations.

This completes a brilliant trifecta, as McLeod is already a member of the Australian Football League (AFL) and his native Northern Territory halls of fame.

He was inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2015 and the South Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

McLeod said during his induction speech that watching Michael Long's inspirational feats in the 1993 preliminary final against the Crows was a catalyst to the firing the dream to succeed down south.

Now, together with Long and Tiwi Islander Maurice Rioli, McLeod is regarded as one of the iconic names to come out of Top End football.

"I look back and feel it is pretty special that I played my entire career at one club," McLeod said.

"Michael Long inspired me, along with a lot of other Northern Territory champions, to really want to see how far I could take my footy."

Considered one of the greatest Indigenous footballers of all time, he had already achieved many honours, including selection in the Indigenous Team of the Century and a club record 340 AFL games over a 16-season career where he kicked 275 goals between 1995 and 2010.

Being a member of the 1997 and 1998 premiership teams, performing on the most important stage is what he'll be remembered most for.

Norm Smith medallist

One of only three players to achieve this honour, he is a two-times Norm Smith Medal winner as best on ground in the biggest game of the year.

He was a member of the Crows' 2003 pre-season premiership team and further proved himself on the big stage, collecting the Michael Tuck Medal and the best player on the ground in this final.

There are his three-times club champion awards, with the third one a decade after his initial win in 1997.

McLeod collected All Australian five times and in the final of these, the 2007 season, he was named captain.

In 2001 he was runner-up in the competition's highest individual honour, the Brownlow Medal, behind Brisbane

Lions Jason Akermanis, but interestingly won the AFL Player's Association Most Valuable Player award the same year.

There was a Jim Stynes Medal at international level in 2005 and he already collected life membership of the Adelaide Football Club in 2003.

He was also captain of the Dream Team in the stand-alone centenary match against the Victorians in 2008.

McLeod regularly played for the Indigenous All-Stars in their bi-annual matches, captaining the team three times and winning the Polly Farmer Medal in the match against Essendon at Marrara Oval in 2007.

The Territorian could have been a star in the west, but the Dockers hierarchy at the time decided they didn't need Andrew McLeod in its inaugural AFL squad in 1994.

McLeod would prove them wrong time and again. His possession count against Fremantle was higher than against any other club.

"Part of that is wanting to prove something, show what you missed out on," McLeod had said previously.

"As a footballer, a sportsman, you draw on those things to motivate yourself, to inspire yourself to be good. You look for that moment, a trigger moment, to get something a bit extra."

In McLeod's first year in Adelaide, he was also a part of a Port Adelaide SANFL premiership when the Magpies came from behind to defeat Woodville West Torrens in an inspired effort in 1994.

Mundine postpones Trout fight



ANTHONY Mundine has been forced to postpone his fight against American Austin Trout because of a "severe ear condition".

The World Boxing Council (WBC) super welterweight bout – one of the most significant of Mundine's career – was scheduled for this May 9 in San Antonio, Texas, but the Australian boxer announced his doctors had told him he would not be able to fight.

"Mundine is suffering from a severe ear condition which doctors say will cause him serious and potentially permanent damage if he continues with the bout," a statement tweeted by Mundine said.

"The ear condition was first noticed after sparring and got progressively worse the next day during his flight to the USA.

"Team Mundine sought immediate medical attention after landing in the US and have taken the medical advice to reschedule the fight for a later date very seriously. The safety of fighters is our first priority."

Stay in America

Mundine will not be allowed to fly for two weeks and will stay in Texas where he will resume his training program for the rescheduled event, which has not yet been given a date.

"Team Mundine are understandably devastated by this unavoidable delay and thank Austin Trout's management and the promoters Al Haymon, Leon Margules and Premier Boxing Champions for their understanding," the statement read.

"We extend gratitude to the amazing efforts of (NBA team) the San Antonio Spurs medical team who have greatly assisted Anthony in managing his injury."

Former world champion Trout poses a staunch challenge for Mundine with a record of 29 wins and just two losses.

Mundine, who is weeks shy of his 40th birthday, was suffering from an elbow injury before flying out of Australia, but said he did not think it would affect him in the fight.

"I doubt it will affect my power but if it does, I'm a fighter, I'll fight with one hand," he said.

With Mundine sidelined, Trout stepped into the ring against Puerto Rican Luis Galarza in Hidalgo, Texas, and won with a TKO in the seventh round of a 10-round super-welterweight fight. – AAP

Hooper returns with points win



DAMIEN Hooper has put his boxing career back on course following a unanimous six-round points win over Filipino Marlon Alta in Brisbane on May 3.

The rising light-heavyweight suffered a shock first-round knockout defeat at the hands of the lowly-ranked Rob Powdrill in his previous fight last November.

Powdrill was a last-minute replacement for another opponent Hooper was to fight.

Alta now has a career record of 12 wins (9 by KO) and six losses. Four of those losses have come in his last four fights.

Hooper's record now stands at 10 wins (8 by KO) and one loss.

The Hooper-Alta fight was at Eatons Hill, a north-western Brisbane suburb on the South Pine River.



Andrew McLeod and his family at the Adelaide Crows Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Cricket revamp

Elite level to be split from Imparja Cup



AUSTRALIA'S Indigenous cricket showcase – the Imparja Cup – is to undergo a major overhaul, with the State and Territory competition being split from

the Imparja Cup and becoming a stand-alone event.

The State and Territory competition will be known as the National Indigenous Cricket Championships and will be held in Alice Springs for the next three years.

The Imparja Cup also will remain in Alice Springs for the next three years, but now will consist of competition in the major centres, communities, schools and indoor divisions.

Cricket Australia is yet to decide if the National Indigenous Cricket Championships will be held at the same time as the Imparja Cup.

It also is yet to decide the format of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships.

Its format has varied in recent years, mixing one-day games with the T20 format. This year's mens and women's State and Territory matches were all T20.

The changes were announced in Alice Springs last Wednesday by Cricket Australia, the Northern Territory Cricket, the Northern Territory Government and Alice Springs Town Council.

Locked in for three years

They said the National Indigenous Cricket Championships and the Imparja Cup would be held in Alice Springs until at least 2018.

The National Indigenous Cricket Championships – part of Cricket Australia's restructured Indigenous cricket competitions – will bring together Australia's most talented male and female Indigenous cricketers annually in Alice Springs from 2016.

The State and Territory competition has been a division of the all-Indigenous Imparja Cup since 2001.

Cricket Australia says the move to a standalone championships has been made to further entrench Indigenous cricket with Australian cricket's high-performance pathway.

The announcement came on the 147th anniversary of the arrival of an all-Aboriginal cricket team in England in



At Traeger Park, Alice Springs, for the announcement of the overhaul in Australian Indigenous cricket are, from left, Alice Springs Mayor Damien Ryan, Cricket Australia executive general manager game and market development Andrew Ingleton, Northern Territory (NT) player Joel Liddle, NT Sports Minister Gary Higgins, and NT Cricket CEO Troy Watson.

1868 – the first recorded overseas tour by an Australian sporting representative side.

Cricket Australia executive general manager, game and market development Andrew Ingleton made the announcement at Alice Springs' Traeger Park today.

"Today's announcement further entrenches cricket in the Northern Territory," he said.

"Providing our most talented Indigenous cricketers with further development opportunities is central to the decision to create the National Indigenous Cricket Championships.

"The 22-year heritage of the Imparja Cup – and the participation opportunities it presents for Indigenous men, women and children – will continue thanks to this partnership."

The three-year agreement to hold the National Indigenous Cricket Championships is supported by the Northern Territory government.

The NT Government has pledged \$250,000 over three years to support the new concept.

"The National Indigenous Cricket Championships will feature the cream of Australia's Indigenous cricketers battling it out at the top level, and the Imparja Cup will continue to be a celebration of culture and participation which brings communities together in central Australia," Northern Territory Sport and Recreation Minister Gary Higgins said.

"The very first Imparja Cup was held in Alice Springs on Australia Day in 1994, an initiative of Alice Springs Indigenous cricketers Shane and Mervyn Franey and Tennant Creek's Ross Williams, who wanted to promote cricket participation in Indigenous communities across the Territory, and it has grown from there.

"We're very pleased that Alice Springs will continue a proud tradition of hosting this event, with the Government and Cricket Australia negotiating a three-year deal to keep this tournament at Traeger Park

with the cooperation of Alice Springs Town Council."

The Commonwealth Bank will continue as principal partner of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships and the Imparja Cup. The 2015 Imparja Cup involved more than 52 teams and more than 500 participants.

Since 1994, the tournament has evolved from a two-team competition between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek into a national tournament.

Endorsed

Australian Cricket's National Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee endorsed the decision to restructure the National Indigenous Cricket Championships and Imparja Cup. Toowoomba and Adelaide also submitted proposals under the expression of interest process.

Cricket Australia says that of Australian Cricket's 1.1 million participants, more than 21,000 identify as Indigenous, a figure that is ahead of Australian Cricket's strategic goal to reach 27,000 by 2018.

Harradine qualifies for World Championships



INDIGENOUS discus thrower Benn Harradine (pictured) has booked his spot in the Australian

squad for August's World Athletics Championships with an impressive season-opening effort in Germany.

Harradine finished second behind German Christoph Harting at the Werfer Cup in Weisbaden,

with the Australian's best throw of 66.75m moving him to third spot on the 2015 rankings.

Harting's winning throw of 67.53m on May 10 was the biggest in the world this year.

The consistent Harradine won gold at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and has represented Australia at each of the past three World Championships and the Beijing and London Olympics.

"Super pleased with today's

season opener," tweeted the 32-year-old Harradine after his biggest throw in two years.

"Believed in the process and the great training I have done in the lead up!"

Countryman Julian Wruck clinched his spot in the Australian squad for the World Championships in Beijing by winning the national title in March, having previously bettered the qualifying mark of 65m. – AAP



Will Gillespie coach the 'Old Enemy'?



FORMER test cricketer Jason Gillespie (pictured) has turned down an offer to coach South Australia, but soon may get the chance to coach England.

Gillespie has opted to remain at Yorkshire, rejecting offers to coach the Redbacks.

The former Test paceman, who will coach Big Bash League (BBL) T20 outfit the Adelaide Strikers, is being touted as a potential replacement for England's Peter Moores, under pressure with a 1-1 Test series draw in the West Indies following

failure to get out of the World Cup group stage.

Gillespie is reportedly the number one target of Colin Graves, the new England and Wales Cricket Board chairman, to eventually replace Moores as England coach.

Graves appointed Gillespie at Headingley in 2011 in his former capacity as Yorkshire chairman.

The 40-year-old former fast bowler was wooed by SA Cricket Association (SACA) chiefs to return to his home state and coach the Redbacks.

"I let them (SACA) know that while I'm flattered by the interest shown, I have

decided to not apply," Gillespie told the Yorkshire Post.

"While the lure of moving back to Adelaide is there... I believe Yorkshire and the Strikers is the best fit for me at this stage of my coaching career."

A panel featuring Australian great Adam Gilchrist and AFL legend coach David Parkin are searching for a new Redbacks coach following the split with Darren Berry, who departed after the Redbacks finished last for the fifth time in six Sheffield Shield seasons.

The panel is believed to have a short list of candidates. - AAP

First steps to NY



Members of the 2015 IMP squad in Canberra for their first camp: back row, from left, John Leha, Jaeme Bird, Daniel Lloyd, Eileen Beyers, Chris Guyula, Alicia Sabatino, Aaron West, Dwayne Jones; front row, Jacinta Gurruwiwi, Harriet David and Jessica Lovett-Murray.



THEY arrived in Canberra as strangers, from regional and remote Indigenous communities across the country, and left as a family of brothers and sisters

bound by common goals - to lead, inspire, achieve and succeed.

The 2015 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) squad of 11 Indigenous Australians spent an intense five days at the Australian Institute of Sport, starting their Certificate III in Fitness, a compulsory requirement of the IMP program, as well as completing running training and technique sessions, and participating in the 10km event at the Mother's Day Classic - the furthest distance run by most of the squad members.

Weighty challenge

Marrickville representative John Leha, was 170kg when he accepted he needed to change. He is now down to 145kg as he gets ready to run a full 42.195km marathon in just six months, following in the footsteps

of 43 other IMP graduates.

He highlighted IMP founder Rob de Castella's passion for helping Indigenous Australians and epitomised the enormity of the six months ahead.

"I feel blessed to have been selected in this team," he said.

"For Rob to be so genuinely invested in not only the squad, but our families, communities and our people, it's absolutely incredible.

"We all have a huge challenge ahead of us, but to be going through it with 10 other Indigenous Australians who have all bonded over the past five days to become great friends, will be a life-changing experience and I can't wait.

"I want to be a role model for my family and my community. Being part of IMP will allow me to do that, provided I put in the hard work, which is unquestionable.

"Bring on the next six months. I'm very excited."

The Governor-General, Peter Cosgrove, met the IMP 2015 squad at its Canberra camp.

Sir Peter Cosgrove addressed the group at the Australian Institute of Sport ahead of the 10km Mother's Day Classic.

The IMP, a not-for-profit organisation established in 2009 by world marathon champion Robert de Castella, annually selects 12 young Indigenous people to train for the New York Marathon and inspire current and future generations of Australia's Indigenous communities.

Welcomed by G-G

The Governor-General is the inaugural patron of the IMP, which uses the marathon to create Indigenous leaders and champions.

De Castella said it was a great honour to have the attendance of the Governor-General at the first camp for 2015.

Members of the squad have returned to their home communities, armed with their personalised training program to prepare them for their next big challenge - the Gold Coast Half Marathon in July.

IMP coach Mick Rees said the next

seven weeks were crucial ahead of the squad's half marathon.

"The half marathon, 21.1km, is their biggest running challenge to date and this period between camps will be tough," he said.

"They really have to dig deep, stay consistent to their training and maintain focus.

"We can't wait to see all 11 even runners cross the finish line at the Gold Coast.

"IMP is about celebrating Indigenous resilience and achievement and I'm already incredibly proud of this mob. The best is yet to come."

The full 2015 squad is: Daniel Lloyd, 29 (Adelaide, SA), Chris Guyula, 19 (Gapuwiyak, NT), Aaron West, 29 (Queanbeyan, NSW), Dwayne Jones, 23 (Myatt community, NT), John Leha, 30 (Marrickville, NSW), Harriet David, 25 (Cairns, Qld), Jessica Lovett-Murray, 27 (Melbourne, Vic), Jaeme Bird, 21 (Cowra, NSW), Jacinta Gurruwiwi, 19 (Galiwinku, NT), Alicia Sabatino, 27 (Thursday Island, Qld), Eileen Beyers, 30 (Coombell, NSW).



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World Ironman next for Heath



INDIGENOUS Marathon Project (IMP) graduate Nat Heath defied paralysis and medical advice to

take out first place in his age category at the Port Macquarie Ironman on Sunday, May 3.

In 2010, Heath lost sensation in his body from the neck down and was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, an autoimmune condition where a person's nerves are attacked by the body's own immune defence system.

His doctors advised it would be unlikely he could participate in any kind of endurance sport, or return to the same fitness he once had.

That was all the advice Heath needed to prove them wrong.

"I used the diagnosis as motivation to get better," he said.

"I took it as a challenge to prove to the doctors, my friends and family that I could get my fitness back."

Resilience

Fast-forward two years and Heath was selected in the 2012 IMP squad and ran the 2013 Tokyo Marathon following the cancellation of the New York Marathon in 2012 – another setback that demonstrated Heath's resilience and ability to overcome obstacles.

In 2014, he became the first IMP runner to run a sub-three-hour marathon, blitzing the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival Marathon in 2:54.0.

Just eight months later, Heath took out the Port Macquarie Ironman in his age category (30-34) in 9:28:08, qualifying him for the World Championships in the world's most iconic and prestigious ironman race – the Hawaii Ironman on October 10.

He worked his way through the field, exiting the swim in 18th position, then steaming to fifth place in the bike leg before bringing it home in the run with a time of 3:18 to take out the top spot in his age group.

Heath shed tears of relief when



Proud Indigenous man Nat Heath crosses the finish line in the Port Macquarie Ironman race in 9:28:08 to qualify for the World Championships in Hawaii in October.

he crossed the finish line.

"It was a real sense of relief. I had two goals last year. One was to run a sub-three-hour marathon and the other was to qualify for Kona (Hawaii)," he said.

"I worked so hard for this. I put a lot of pressure on myself to achieve the goals I set for myself and I couldn't be happier. I'm

really looking forward to tackling Kona – the biggest ironman event in the world."

19th overall

Heath finished the Port Macquarie Ironman in the top 3% of the field, claiming overall 19th position overall from 674 athletes.

Heath's passion, dedication

and commitment to contributing to the lives of Indigenous Australians is obvious.

The IMP provided Heath with the self belief and confidence to relocate from his home town of Newcastle, NSW, where he worked at the University of Newcastle's Wollotuka Institute, to accept a lower-paid position in

Sydney as program manager for the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME).

People close to him say he possesses an incredible capacity to inspire others and become a role model, proving that no challenge or adversity is too great if willing to set goals, work hard and let nothing stand in the way.

● **Imparja Cup gets extensive makeover: See page 66**