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Prison crisis



TRAGICALLY, more than 24 years after the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, the situation appears to be getting worse.

Last month, a 59-year-old Aboriginal man died in custody in the Darwin watch house.

In April, less than three hours after being remanded to the ACT's Alexander Maconochie prison, young Aboriginal man Steve Freeman was the victim of a severe assault. He was taken to Canberra Hospital and placed in an induced coma.

And in NSW, Aboriginal children are now 44 times more likely than other kids to be in

detention, according to figures released by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

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Dream result for Tigers at the 'G



INDIGENOUS opponents Richmond's Shane Edwards (in black strip) and Essendon's Courtenay Dempsey battle for the ball at last Saturday night's Dreamtime at the 'G clash at the MCG. The annual clash – the centrepiece of the AFL's Indigenous round – drew a crowd of almost 84,000. The Tigers took this year's battle, downing Essendon 10.12 (72) to 78.11 (59). See our report on page 71. Picture: Peter Argent

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My FAMILY DAVINA MILERA – Adelaide, SA



HERE I am with three of my four children at the Sorry Day commemoration in Adelaide.

I am Narungga on my father's side and Adnyamantha on my mum's, so I come from a very large extended family across South Australia.

We're all happy living in Adelaide, where we're close to friends and family.

My hands are pretty full with my children, who range in age from 21 down to six. But I am doing a course in IT at Tauondi Aboriginal Community College here in Adelaide, and when I'm finished I hope I can put it to good use. And I play social netball when I get the chance. It's good to get a bit of exercise.

We're all really pleased right now because my oldest, Kiara, has just been selected as a writer for the

upcoming ABC television series of *Black Comedy*. Not too bad for a 21-year-old! She entered a competition for the job through facebook and is now signing up to write for what is a deadly TV show. We couldn't be happier for her.

My middle two, Kalari, 16, and Liam, 13, both go to Woodville High School, near where we live in Devon Park. They're good kids and I want them to work hard and get a good education.

Then there's my youngest, Latrell, who's six. He goes to Brompton Public School and gets a bit spoiled in the family.

We're a happy mob, and living in Adelaide is perfect for us.

● Pictured above: Davina Milera with three of her children, from left, Kiara, Kalari and Latrell.

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OUR CHILDREN



THESE young dancers from Palm Island's Bwgcolman State and St Michael's Catholic schools entertained visitors during the Indigenous Leaders Forum held on the community.

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The stage is set for *Head Full of Love*

A PLAY about an unlikely friendship between an Aboriginal and a white woman will be staged in western Sydney next month.

Head Full of Love tells the story of Tilly Napuljari and Nessa Tavistock, two women who meet in Alice Springs in the lead-up to the Beanie Festival.

The women, played by Paula Delaney Nazarski and Annie Byron, realise they are not so different as they make a beanie for the annual event.

The play comes as Alice Springs prepares for this year's Beanie Festival from June 19-22.

Head Full of Love will be at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith on June 13.

Details at

www.thejoan.com.au

● Pictured left: Annie Byron and Paula Delaney Nazarski in a scene from the play.

Taskforce on the way for stolen wages

By ALF WILSON



MEETINGS are being held this week across Queensland to form a taskforce that will assist the State Government

to promptly pay outstanding stolen wages to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Meetings have been held in Townsville and Rockhampton, and are scheduled for today (June 3) in Mackay, Brisbane (tomorrow, June 4, at QCU Building Level 2, 16 Peel St) and Cairns (4pm, June 5, Serbian Cultural and Information Centre, 67 Greenslopes St). A date is still to be confirmed for a meeting on Thursday Island.

In April, the *Koori Mail* reported exclusively that the Queensland Government was creating a \$21 million fund to pay stolen wages.

The meetings are being sponsored by the Queensland Council of Unions (QCU).

QCU spokesperson Lara



Waiting and hoping: Stolen wages claimant Kenlock Auda from Boigu Island at a meeting on the issue.

Watson said the taskforce would make recommendations to the Government on eligibility criteria and funds allocation.

"The Government is seeking nominations for the Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce from people with knowledge or personal experience of stolen

wages issues, community consultation or engagement skills and/or experience in leading or representing their community," she said. "The taskforce will include regional members able to represent communities."

A representative of the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) will attend the meetings to provide information and answer questions on the taskforce and reparations scheme.

Indigenous people who have worked on stolen wages in the past have been contacted through their union office and advised of the meetings.

About 7500 Indigenous Queenslanders still have stolen wages owing from when they worked as virtual slaves up until the 1970s. Some have been paid a part of their claims, but all are now elderly and frail and many fear they may die before the remainder is forthcoming.

Most are ill and struggling financially.



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Aaron socks it to 'em

THE Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands fielded players in the 2015 South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sport Association (SAPSASA) football tournament at West Beach in Adelaide with more than of 800 young football talents from around the state. The APY Lands players excited fans and opponents alike, always having a large number of spectators at their games. *Koori Mail* correspondent Peter Argent captured this shot of APY's bootless Aaron Badnoch-Peters dashing out of defence.

New chair for Healing Foundation



KUNGARAKANY (NT) man Professor Steve Larkin (pictured) has been elected as chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

Prof Larkin replaces Daurareb (TSI) man Charles Passi, who stepped down after chairing the national organisation since January 2013.

Prof Larkin is pro vice-chancellor Indigenous leadership at Charles Darwin University and a member of the beyondblue board. He has extensive experience working with urban, rural and remote Aboriginal communities on behalf of the Northern Territory Government and in the areas of social health, substance misuse and prisoner health while employed by the Commonwealth Department of Health.



"The Healing Foundation is playing a key role in building and sharing knowledge about the trauma affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and what works in Indigenous healing," Prof Larkin said. "In particular, we are working to prevent trauma being passed down to yet another generation, working with Stolen Generations members and their descendants to create their own healing responses, supporting healing for men and women in the community, and providing trauma-related workforce education and training."

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Parker wins peace award



YUWALLARAI (NSW) woman Kirstie Parker dedicated her Australian Peacewoman

Award to two strong black women: her mum, Pam Parker (nee Lamb), and the late activist Faith Bandler.

Ms Parker was presented with the inaugural award by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) at a ceremony in Canberra last week. Other recipients were anti-nuclear campaigner Helen Caldicott, United Nations legal adviser Anne Gallagher, and director for International Law and Policy at the International Committee of the Red Cross, Helen Durham.

Ms Parker, who is co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, the Close the Gap steering committee and the National Justice Coalition and a former editor of the *Koori Mail*, said receiving the award was very humbling.

"It also made me very proud to see Aboriginal women acknowledged as working towards a more peaceful and just world," she said.

Ms Parker paid tribute to WILPF, saying the organisation and its members stood "shoulder



Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Australia president Barbara O'Dwyer, secretary general Madeleine Rees, and Kirstie Parker with her Australian Peacewoman Award, which was presented in Canberra last week.

to shoulder with my people on many occasions when our human rights have been threatened and compromised".

"More than simply chronicling the support that WILPF has shown my people, I want to tell you how it makes us feel, what it means. In short: the world," she said.

"We are a tiny minority in our own lands – less than 3% of the Australian population – but, still, we are mighty.

"Nurtured by country and the

warm embrace of culture, and knowing that there are many good people – women and men – standing with us."

Ms Parker said she dedicated her award to her late mother, Pam Parker (nee Lamb), and Faith Bandler, whose actions had shaped her life.

"For Mum, the gaps were insurmountable. She died at the age of 54, struck down by diabetes and kidney failure and suffering a stroke before passing away some six months later in a palliative care unit surrounded by people up to four decades older than her," she said.

"But that's not her whole story. She taught herself to read while a domestic servant, cooking and cleaning for a white pastoral family. She went on to carve out a niche for herself as a jillaroo, cook, taxi driver, community liaison officer, small business owner, and university student."

Ms Parker said she was proud to work for Congress and to advocate for the rights of Australia's First Peoples.

"We need to build a new legacy, a better one where all Australians – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people too – are happy, healthy and have their human rights respected," she said.

David's in the running for record

Palawa man David Bailey has been running up to 60km a week in preparation for the national 100km event on the Gold Coast this weekend, where he hopes to set a record in his age division.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



PALAWA (Tasmanian) man David Bailey is aiming for the male under-24 record in the National 100km Championships on the Gold Coast this Sunday, June 7. The 24-year-old, who described himself as a "once pudgy self-conscious kid who preferred to sit in front of the TV on his Playstation", is hoping to break the seven-hour-40-minute mark.

"I definitely think it is within reach. It will be a national record if I do that. It's 100km – anything can happen," Bailey told the *Koori Mail*. "All you can do is just turn up on the day, and what happens happens."

"I never place too much expectation on myself. I just go out there and run and ask myself if this is the best I can do on the day, and if I say yes – then that's enough for me."

The event will also give the athlete – described by his peers as arguably Tasmania's premier runner – an Australian ranking for the first time.

Bailey took up running after entering a local fun run in 2009 on Flinders Island, where he grew up.

Encouraged by his mother, and quietly wanting to get back to the fitness levels of his childhood when he played a bit of football and tennis, he finished the 5km distance he previously considered impossible to run – and won.

He's taken out the Flinders Island Running Festival every year since, with the exception of 2011, when Olympic runner Steve Moneghetti entered the race and Bailey finished runner-up.

"I started at the shorter distances and found out I was pretty good at running," he said. "I've got a real love for running and changed my lifestyle completely."

"You turn yourself into a runner, I guess."

It's a part of my life that's inseparable now. It's turned my whole life around."

It would be fair to say Bailey is addicted. These days he's up and training at 4am, every day of the year, running an average of 20km a day – and some days 60km.

He won the Bruny Island 64km ultra-marathon last December, holds the course record for the Convicts and Wenches 50km ultra-marathon, winning in 2014 and 2015, and has run in just about every fun run in Tasmania, as well as competing in runs on the Gold Coast and in Melbourne and Sydney.

"It's all about fun"

"It's all about fun; if you end up in front, that's a bonus," he said.

There's also the bonus of having two legs the same size since taking up running.

As a result of a motorcross accident at age 13, Bailey suffered lymphedema, causing one leg to swell severely. Usually

a permanent and serious condition, training reduced Bailey's swelling – much to the surprise of specialists – and before long he ditched the track pants he wore to hide his swollen leg, donning shorts like every other runner.

And then there are added psychological bonuses.

"There's no way I could have had the confidence or got through study like I did without my running. It is a stress reliever and something that I really enjoy," he said.

"I just want to keep improving. I don't compare myself against anyone else. It's about getting that 100% out of myself. I just want to keep running for as long as I can and get the best results that I can."

June is shaping up as a big month for Bailey: With a law degree under his belt, he is in the final weeks of a legal practice course, and is due to be admitted as a lawyer at the end of the month.

Fears realised with NT death in custody



THE death in custody of an Aboriginal man two weeks ago is exactly what an Aboriginal legal aid group says it feared would happen when the Northern Territory introduced paperless arrests.

The Northern Australia Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) has mounted a High Court challenge against paperless arrests on the grounds that they are inconsistent with the separation of powers.

The new system, introduced in October, is intended to reduce paperwork for police by allowing them to hold someone for

four hours without charge.

A 59-year-old Aboriginal man arrested for drinking in public died in the Darwin watch house last month. He was arrested about 6pm and was found dead in his cell during a routine inspection three hours later.

NAAJA principal lawyer John Hunyor said the man's death was exactly the sort of thing they were concerned about when the Government introduced this regime.

"Paperless arrests mean more Aboriginal people are going to be held in police custody more often

and for longer than otherwise, and that inevitably increases the risk of tragedies like this occurring," he said.

The new system had reduced police accountability because people arrested are not entitled to

"What the law does is not reduce the amount of paper but give police a window in which they can simply hold someone for any reason they choose."

apply for bail or to appear quickly before a court.

"The regime, ironically, only applies to minor offences, so someone accused of serious

offences actually has more rights than someone arrested under this regime," Mr Hunyor said.

He said on-the-spot fining was introduced so people would not be arrested for minor offences.

But the new system only applies to on-the-spot fine matters, delaying what police would have otherwise done at the time of arrest.

"What the law does is not reduce the amount of paper but give police a window in which they can simply hold someone for any reason they choose," Mr Hunyor said.

NT Justice Minister John Elferink said he was "thoroughly satisfied" with how the system operates and said police are more accountable than ever before.

It was about "getting people out of circulation" earlier, he said.

"The person making an idiot of themselves and causing a minor disturbance at 11 o'clock is invariably the person you end up arresting at 2 o'clock in the morning for much more serious offences," he told ABC radio.

Mr Elferink said the man who died had a pre-existing medical condition, which was identified by watch house staff when he was assessed after his arrest.

The NT Coroner will investigate. – AAP

NRW launched on Gold Coast



NATIONAL Reconciliation Week (NRW) was launched on May 27 at Dreamworld on the Gold Coast, where the latest Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Impact Measurement Report was released.

The launch, attended by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt, included a video message from Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

National Reconciliation Week is bookended by two important anniversaries. May 27 marks the date of the successful 1967 referendum, when Australians voted overwhelmingly in favour of removing racist provisions about Aboriginal people from the Constitution. National Reconciliation Week ends on the anniversary of the High Court Mabo decision on June 3, 1992.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed said RAPs were helping to drive social change and create opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"The report highlights the power of RAPs as a catalyst for action," he said.



Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, Queensland Treasurer Curtis Pitt and Dreamworld chief executive Craig Davidson at the launch of National Reconciliation Week at the Corroboree Centre at Dreamworld on the Gold Coast.

"Our 600-plus RAP organisations have employed almost 30,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and contributed \$55 million towards education scholarships, and \$42 million worth of pro-bono (free) support.

"These findings are proof that RAPs have helped to create a dynamic community to redress

disparities in employment, education and health."

Events have been held across the country, including barbecues, talks, tree plantings and heritage tours.

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Michael McLean and Michael Long on the Long Walk.

Big names join in 2015 Long Walk



IN 2004, former Essendon AFL star Michael Long walked more than 650km from his home in Melbourne to Canberra to meet with then Prime Minister John Howard to speak about the lives of Indigenous Australians and putting them back on the national agenda.

Now, every year, thousands of people join Mr Long for a community celebration and free concert in Federation Square and then walk to the MCG for the Dreamtime at the 'G game. The game, between Essendon and Richmond, is the centrepiece of the AFL's Indigenous Round, which is timed to coincide with National Reconciliation Week.

As well as the Long Walk and his stellar playing career, Mr Long also sparked the AFL into introducing its racial vilification

policy, the first of its type in Australian sport.

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews and representatives of his Labor Government joined this year's Long Walk, which had a theme of 'Together 2015'.

Mr Andrews said the Long Walk highlights the need for a dedicated commitment to address the inequality still faced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Northern Territory senator Nova Peris and former Olympian Cathy Freeman also joined the Long Walk, as did Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins and Sports Minister John Eren.

Archie Roach headlined the free concert, which featured appearances by Jayden Lillyst, Kinja, Illana Atkinson, Philly, Johnny Lovett and the Indigenous Hip Hop Project.

Goodes tells critics to 'take a chill pill'



SYDNEY Swans AFL star Adam Goodes says the reaction to his goal celebration against Carlton had been

extremely surprising and called on critics to "take a chill pill".

The dual Brownlow Medallist ran towards Blues fans after he kicked his first goal in the second term of the Swans' AFL 60-point win at the Sydney Cricket Ground, during last weekend's AFL Indigenous round, and said he intended to direct his actions at the Carlton faithful.

"It's a war cry dance, so it would be silly to do it to my own supporters. It's a dance that I haven't been able to perform with the Indigenous All Stars," the 2014 Australian of the Year said.

"I haven't had an opportunity to show that passion, and that pride about being a warrior and representing my people and where I come from."

Reaction – and overreaction – to Goodes' dance was swift. Football commentator Eddie McGuire, who infamously made

racial slurs about Goodes two years ago, wasn't impressed.

"We've never seen that (celebration) before and I don't think we ever want to see it again to be perfectly honest, regardless of what it is," he said on air at half time.

On *Fox Footy*, Goodes' former teammate Barry Hall was also critical.

"I understand he's very proud of his heritage and where he's from, but I don't like to see this," he said.

Commentator Dermott Brereton, who has admitted he used to use racial vilification to unsettle opponents during his playing days, also gave Goodes a serve.

"The significance of these war dances is they come from another era and they are significant in the fact that it's between two tribes who do it before they go out and kill each other," Brereton said, shaking his head.

"Is it a great thing to have in this day and age? I don't think so."

Social media lit up with comments both praising and



Cartoonist Danny Eastwood's comment, page 20

condemning Goodes, whose Wikipedia page was hacked with pictures of monkeys and racist comments.

Goodes suggested his critics should understand the background before opening their mouths.

"There was nothing untoward to the Carlton supporters," he said. "It was actually something for them to stand up and go, 'Yep we see you, and we acknowledge you – bring it on.'"

"My teammates loved it; the Carlton players loved it.

"For everybody else, take a chill pill, understand what I was

doing, and if there were Carlton supporters offended by what I was doing, I'm sorry, but it was a war cry.

"Is this the lesson we want to teach our children: that when we don't understand something we get angry and we put our back up against the wall (and say) 'Oh that's offensive'? No. If it's something we don't understand, let's have a conversation.

"This is something that a lot of Aboriginal people are proud about. You ask any New Zealand person about the Haka. Do you think the Wallabies find that offensive?"

Goodes said his inspiration behind the war cry was an Aboriginal representative youth side made up of teenagers from across Australia, the Flying Boomerangs.

"It's something these kids came up with for us to all embrace, and hopefully one day you might see us do the war cry at an AFL game, but from the reaction last night, it looks like that might be a fair way away," Goodes said.

The veteran player said he hoped the attention surrounding his own actions wouldn't negatively affect the rest of the Indigenous players competing last weekend.

"It's the Indigenous Round. What are we saying to those other Indigenous boys who are going to run out over the next three days, if they had something planned?" Goodes said.

"Are they going to go out and represent and be proud? I hope so.

"I want people to go out and represent because we have so many different cultures in this country."

A rejuvenated Goodes has been amongst the Swans' best players in their latest two wins, over Hawthorn and Carlton, and the two-time premiership player admits he is frustrated by the intense focus on matters other than how his team is performing.

"It would be nice to talk about football, because I actually love it," Goodes said. – *With afl.com.au and AAP*

More of our kids held in detention

By RUDI MAXWELL



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander kids in NSW are now 44 times more likely than other children to be in detention. The number of juveniles in detention in NSW increased dramatically in the past six months, following changes to bail laws in September last year.

And more than half of juveniles in detention are Indigenous, according to figures provided by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

The National Justice Coalition has recently launched the #ChangeTheRecord campaign to try to address the disproportionate number of Indigenous people in jails across the country.

National Justice Coalition co-chair Kirstie Parker told the *Koori Mail* the situation would continue to get worse until politicians showed "more guts and more brains".

"The NSW figures are shocking at a time when we already know that the number of our people, especially kids and women, ending up in jail is increasing over time," she said.

"But a rapid increase in such a short time should shock people and has to send a

message to the NSW Government that they are coming at this the wrong way.

"The ChangeTheRecord campaign is advocating for smarter justice and safer communities by using smarter approaches to dealing with problems in a socially and economically smart way."

NSW Greens MP and Justice spokesperson David Shoebridge said the NSW Government should be "hanging its head in shame" at the fact that young Aboriginal people are 44 times more likely to find themselves in jail than other children in the state.

"Late last year the Coalition and Labor joined together to degrade this state's bail laws in response to yet another law-and-order campaign run by radio shock jocks and tabloid newspapers," he said.

"They removed the presumption of innocence and greatly expanded the list of offences where bail is automatically refused.

"The main reason the number of Aboriginal young people being jailed has surged is the new bail

laws are seeing more and more bail refusals.

"We need to make a collective commitment to addressing this gross discrimination against Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system."

The NSW adult prison population increased by 8.6% between September 2014 and March 2015, reaching a new record high in March of 11,363.

The increase is attributable to an increase in prisoners on remand (unconvicted prisoners awaiting trial or sentence). Between September 2014 and March 2015 the number of adult prisoners on remand increased by 23.3% (from 2819 to 3476). Over the same period, the number of sentenced prisoners rose by just 3.2% (from 7642 to 7887).

The increase in adult remand numbers since September 2014 was higher for Indigenous prisoners (up 28.9%) than for non-Indigenous prisoners (up 21.6%).

The total number of juveniles in custody rose substantially over the same period (up 23% from 252 to 310). The increase was significantly higher for Indigenous juveniles (up 34.2%) than for non-Indigenous juveniles (up 14.4%).

The number of juveniles on remand rose by 72% (from 93 to 160) between September 2014 and March 2015. Over

this same period, the number of juveniles serving a sentence in custody fell slightly (down 5.1%).

Ms Parker said there had been a lack of political leadership on the disproportionate rates of Indigenous incarceration for many years.

"We count on our politicians to be smart and to be fair, and in this case we know the number of juveniles on remand is too high – it's terrible to think that we are imposing a pre-emptive strike against our kids," she said.

"ChangeTheRecord is about changing the narrative, the historic record but also the legislative record and that includes reactive and stupid policies that put more of our people behind bars, not less.

"No-one is questioning that when people have their day in court, if convicted of a serious offence, that they will face a serious penalty, but ruining people's lives, taking people away from families and communities for low-level, low-grade offences is impossible to justify."

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Katie Beckett has won the Balnaves Foundation award for Indigenous playwrights. Picture: Brett Boardman

Balnaves winner plans play on 'new stolen generation'

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN Katie Beckett had her daughter Pepper 10 weeks premature, she was concerned that her beautiful, tiny bub might have health worries.

But, after only a week in hospital, nurses and other medical staff pressured Ms Beckett, a young mother, into taking her baby home.

"Within a week Pepper caught a cold, had problems with her respiratory system, turned purple and stopped breathing," she told the *Koori Mail*. "We were just lucky that we got her breathing again and rushed to hospital.

"Again, we were sent home after a week, and then a few days later, Pepper got sick again and stopped breathing. So it was back to hospital.

"Then, the next thing I knew, nurses and doctors were telling me if I didn't come to a particular appointment they'd call DoCS (Department of Community Services) to get people to come to our house to do inspections and see if I was a fit parent."

Fortunately, Pepper has recovered and is now a happy and healthy five-year-old and Ms Beckett was able to prevent DoCS notification – but the experience left her wary and suspicious.

And not all Aboriginal parents are able to fight the system so effectively.

Last week, Ms Beckett, who is also an accomplished actor, was awarded the \$20,000 Balnaves Foundation award for Indigenous playwrights. She plans to write a play about the "new stolen generation".

"At first I didn't quite believe it. I'm still kind of pinching myself," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Going to help"

"It is definitely going to help. As an artist you get used to struggling, so it will be good to have money to go and develop my play and not worry about rent or what me and my daughter are going to eat this week."

Ms Beckett is clearly passionate about her chosen topic. "In NSW 10% of Aboriginal kids are in care and only 1.6% of other kids – that's a significant jump and it's hurting the future of our families and culture," she said.

"Have we not learned from the Stolen Generations? There are still people trying to find their way home.

"I know that I did nothing wrong. My stepmother warned me before I had Pepper, that because I was Aboriginal, young and on welfare, I would be a target – and she was right but that's completely unfair.

"Where's the justice, where's the fairness? It was nothing but institutionalised racism.

"They say you can't write about something unless you experience it. As an Aboriginal mother, I'm still fearful about my kid being taken.

"When I'm getting Pepper ready for school, I have to make sure there are absolutely no stains on her clothes. White kids might show up at school a bit dirty, but for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents, we have to make sure our kids are perfectly clean.

"I live with constant fear on a daily basis. Say I've had an argument with Pepper about taking too long to put her shoes on, I'm fearful she might say something to a teacher, that then leads to something.

"Why do I need to think or feel that on a daily basis?"

Call for inquiry into ACT bashing



LEGAL and health organisations have called for an independent inquiry into the violent

bashing of an Aboriginal man in custody in the Australian Capital Territory. Less than three hours after being remanded at the ACT's Alexander Maconochie Centre on April 27, Steven Freeman was the victim of a severe assault and was taken to Canberra Hospital, where he was placed in an induced coma for almost a week. It is unclear at this stage whether he has irreversible brain damage.

Canberra-based Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health Service chief executive Julie Tongs said the public has a right to know what happened, and that an independent inquiry would provide much-needed answers to Mr Freeman's family.

"There are so many unanswered questions," she said.

"How is it that three hours after a healthy young man was placed into custody, he found himself severely beaten and in an induced coma?"

"Mr Freeman's family, the Aboriginal community, and the broader ACT community should be told the full facts of what happened.

"An independent inquiry will do just that."

ACT Justice Minister Shane Rattenbury told the *Koori Mail* he had received detailed briefings from ACT Corrective Services about the incident involving Mr Freeman.

"I fully understand the concerns of the individual's family and those of the broader Aboriginal community," he said.

"I am advised that the ACT Police investigation into this matter is ongoing, and ACT Corrective Services is fully assisting in this process.

"Once these processes have been completed, I will be in a better position to consider what further actions may be required."

Ms Tongs said an internal investigation wasn't sufficient.

"It risks not being transparent or impartial," she said.

"It is in the public interest that when things go tragically wrong like this, that the Government is publicly held to account."

Human Rights Law Centre senior lawyer Ruth Barson said



Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health Service chief executive Julie Tongs

international human rights law requires that an independent investigation be held in instances of harm and mistreatment within a prison.

"People in prison are in a vulnerable position and the Government has a duty to protect them," she said.

"The United Nations is clear that where a prisoner's human rights might have been violated, investigations must be prompt, thorough and effective, and they must be conducted by an independent and impartial body."

In the ACT, people on remand who have not yet been found guilty are supposed to be held separately from sentenced prisoners.

"Accountable"

"It is vital that the ACT Government uphold human rights standards, be accountable for the safety of prisoners in their care, and be transparent when a critical incident occurs," Ms Tongs said.

An ACT Justice and Community Safety Directorate spokesperson told the *Koori Mail* that ACT Corrective Services was working closely with ACT Policing to assist the investigation.

The spokesperson said all CCTV footage and other evidence which relates to the incident had been passed on to ACT Police.

In answer to questions about whether correct procedures were followed and whether any Corrections Staff were being investigated about the incident, the spokesperson said that, as an investigation was under way, they could not comment.



Singer Casey Donovan and Sue Pinkham at the Pathways to Recovery Forum, held on Sorry Day, at the Guringai Festival in Sydney. Picture courtesy of Community Care Northern Beaches

'Story of Place' the theme for Guringai Festival

By NATALIE CROMB



THE 15th Guringai Festival started on Sorry Day, May 26, on Sydney's Northern Beaches and will continue throughout Reconciliation Week and until the end of NAIDOC Week next month.

Founded in 2001, the festival aims to raise awareness of Australia's First Peoples living in the northern Sydney and Northern Beaches region.

This year's festival theme 'Story of Place' continues the cultural practices of storytelling while educating the community about the land and its history, while celebrating diversity and the beauty of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander culture.

Festival founder Susan Moylan Coombs, a member of the Stolen Generations, was MC at the Pathways to Recovery forum which opened the festival.

Aboriginal singer Casey Donovan performed her hit song *Listen with your heart* to open the forum.

The opening event featured many speakers including Northern Sydney Local Health District director of Aboriginal health Peter Shine, poet and author Lorraine Magee Sippel, Stolen Generations member Caroline Glass-Pattison and her daughter Jessica Pattison.

Mr Shine discussed health concerns for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Ms Glass-Pattison and her daughter spoke about strategies to move beyond trauma in the pursuit of wellness.

After an emotional day for those attending and speakers, Ms Moylan Coombs thanked all for their input. "We can be happy, we can be well," she said. "Our culture and its holistic methods can get us there."

Casey Donovan sang Pharrell Williams' hit *Happy* to turn a solemn event into one of joy and hope.

The event was sponsored by Community Care Northern Beaches and Partners in Recovery.

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Who says clowning around doesn't pay?



Circus Oz performers Dale Woodbridge-Brown and Olivia Porter. Picture: Rob Blackburn



KAMILAROIman Dale Woodbridge-Brown makes his living by clowning

around. Now in his fourth year with the acclaimed Circus Oz, Mr Woodbridge-Brown travels the world, putting smiles on the faces of audiences wherever he goes. He grew up in the small cotton farming town of Mungindi on the NSW/Queensland border, where at about the age of 16 he started doing gymnastics and "won a few medals". Later, when working as a secretary at an Aboriginal legal service, he read something about ACPA – the

Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts in Brisbane. "I auditioned and started dance training and found I had a love for dance and also being an acrobat," Mr Woodbridge-Brown said. He was invited by Circus Oz to take part in their

"That was one of the funniest weeks of my life: 11 blackfellas trying to make each other laugh, just clowning about."

Blackflip program, a week-long intensive workshop with the possibility of a three-month contract at the end. "That was one of the funniest weeks of my life: 11 blackfellas trying to make

each other laugh, just clowning about," he said. Mr Woodbridge-Brown has never looked back, recently becoming a fulltime company member. His speciality is clowning and acrobatics, but he also performs on the flying trapeze and the Chinese (static) pole, which he described as "a very aggressive form of pole dancing". Mr Woodbridge-Brown and the rest of the Circus Oz crew are preparing for their upcoming Melbourne show called *But Wait... There's More*, which will be followed by a regional tour of Victoria and NSW. *But Wait... There's More* runs from June 17 until July 12 in Melbourne.

Legal battle over mine

By ANDY PARKS



REPRESENTATIVES from the Wangan and Jagalingou (W&J) people have issued a Federal Court challenge aimed at stopping Adani's \$16.5 billion Carmichael coal mine in Queensland's Galilee Basin. The National Native Title Tribunal ruled in April that the mining leases could be granted and that there was no evidence the mine would impact on the W&J's way of life. But Adani's Burragubba, speaking on behalf of the W&J Family Council, announced a two-pronged approach to stopping the mine. "First, we announce that we

have filed an appeal and judicial review in the Federal Court of Australia," he said. "This court action challenges the decision of the National Native Title Tribunal that the Queensland Government may issue mining leases for Carmichael. "This challenge is unprecedented in the history of Native Title Tribunal decisions. If necessary, we will take our case all the way to the High Court." Mr Burragubba told the *Koori Mail* the legal action was about who had the right to make decisions over the land. Adani has been negotiating with other people connected with the Wangan and Jagalingou native title claim. "This is not about land use



Adrian Burragubba announces plans by Wangan and Jagalingou people to try and stop Adani's Carmichael mine.

agreements, it's about our animals, trees, plants, water and totems," Mr Burragubba said. "We are fighting to protect our lore ... There has been no free and

informed consent from our people. "On the Wangan and Jagalingou native title, there are two names but one claim. Nobody can say I can't speak on that country." Mr Burragubba said the W&J Family Council represents nine of the 12 family groups that have a native title claim over the area of the proposed mine. "That's where I take my instruction from. They have never consented to having this mine," he said. The second part of the campaign to stop the mine – which would be one of the biggest coal mines in the world if it goes ahead – is a world tour to meet with investment banks in the US, Europe and Asia and First Nations groups in North America.

"This disastrous mine needs billions of dollars of finance if it is to ever go ahead," Mr Burragubba said. "We will communicate to the banks that we do not consent to Carmichael, and the reasons we cannot allow this mine to go ahead. "We will remind them that any bank that funds Carmichael will be breaching important human rights principles to which they are signatory; principles requiring that projects that affect Indigenous owners have their consent. We'll urge them to honour their obligations and commit to ruling out funding." Economic analysts have said the mine would only be viable if coal was at \$100 a tonne. Currently it is bringing about \$60 a tonne and showing no sign of rising.

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The program currently operates in 75 communities across Australia. It is a two year home-based early learning and parenting program that empowers parents and carers to be their child's first teacher. The program builds the confidence and skills of parents and carers to create a positive learning environment to prepare their child for school. It also offers some parents and carers a supported pathway to employment and local community leadership.

Organisations wishing to apply should demonstrate:

- experience working with families, children and the local community,
- links to early childhood education, child care, schools and other community, family and children's services.
- provide managerial support to the program coordinator, provide office space and a child friendly group meeting space.

Interested organisations can download the EOI Application forms from www.hippyaustralia.org.au

All enquiries should be directed to HIPPY Australia on 03 9445 2400 or 1300 990 907 and/or email hippyaustraliaEOI@bsl.org.au - HIPPY Australia is open Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm (AEST).

Completed applications must be received by 5pm (AEST) 26 June 2015 (Friday). Only fully completed applications will be assessed.

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The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Youth get it right



IN a brightly-graffitied Alice Springs skate park, a young hip-hop crew rap and bop confidently as a camera circles them.

But these aren't professional musicians. They're young people in rehab, using music to express what they've learnt about interacting with the law.

The Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS) has teamed up with the BushMob rehabilitation centre and Desert Pea Media to run workshops last week for the kids receiving treatment for drug and alcohol abuse.

The film *Know Your Rights* uses songwriting and filmmaking to teach young people how to interact with police and respect others in what can be a tense and racist environment, says Desert Pea Media creative director Toby Finlayson.

"The kids are totally amazing," he said. "They're totally engaged. It's full energy up here."

"It's a language young people speak already, this genre of music, so it becomes a non-confrontational way for them to talk about what's going on in their lives and what they want to see changed, and challenging a lot of things that are quite emotional and difficult."

Jai, 14, travelled to Alice Springs from Darwin several weeks ago to receive treatment at the centre and was elated to be shooting on set.

"It's been a lot of fun," he said. "It's like a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

Jai said he liked BushMob so much that he would ask to stay for another month when his 16 weeks were up.

"A lot of us here have been stealing, or break and entries or taking drugs or something else, you know, and we've all come here to sort ourselves out," he said.



BushMob youth show what they can do at the Alice Springs skate park. AAP image

"It's really good here because you learn a lot, too; they take you out to the bush."

BushMob founder Will MacGregor started the centre 16 years ago to combat petrol sniffing, alcohol and marijuana abuse. He says there are not enough services for young people with addiction problems outside hospital-linked clinical treatments.

"The idea was to get these young people out bush for a day or two days a week, whatever we can afford, be on country, talk about use in a non-program way, a more family way," he said.

"(We) eat good food, have a swim, go for a walk and remember there's another choice in life than lying around sniffing."

The clinic has 16 beds, one or two of which are always taken by a young person from interstate seeking treatment.

Poor choices

Mr MacGregor said young people took risks and made poor choices while going through adolescence, and the program was "about being around reasonable adults who can give you their perspective on what you may or

may not be doing with your life".

He said they helped the kids clear their heads to then examine the decisions they had made, and they did it from a local Aboriginal perspective.

BushMob runs a horse culture healing program directed by two initiated Arrernte men, who take the patients on regular rides along the Todd River for barbecues and a chat.

"It's pretty much, 'F*** you, I'm not getting on that horse,' to 'I'd like to have a go,' and then 'I'd like to have my photo taken,'" Mr MacGregor said.

"It's about being around something bigger and stronger than yourself, and if you can have some kind of understanding of that animal, then you'll understand yourself better."

Later this month, the kids will be taken on a two-week horse-riding camp on country with Elders at the Santa Teresa community.

Jai, for one, can't wait. "I've always wanted to do that sort of stuff," he said.

"I reckon it'll be real fun, just riding horses day after day."

"It's real nice, just to get away from the usual stuff." — AAP



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Yuendumu service to continue



A LAST-MINUTE funding announcement by the Federal Government has saved the Yuendumu

Childcare Service.

The service was on the verge of having to close in May because of a funding crisis, but the Commonwealth will now provide \$1.6 million over the next 30 months to ensure it can continue.

Central Desert Regional Council president Adrian Dixon

said childcare services in remote communities were every bit as important as in Darwin, Adelaide or Melbourne.

"Getting the early years right is really important so that kids grow up strong and they're prepared for school," he said.

"Equally important is providing support to parents so that they can work or study. This is great news for Yuendumu."

Central Desert Regional Council chief executive Cathryn Hutton said recognition of the real cost of delivering childcare services to remote communities

was long overdue.

"We are hopeful that the Government, through the Prime Minister's renewed focus on childcare, will similarly invest in the operations of childcare centres in Nyirripi, Yuelamu and Atitjere," she said.

In 2014 the Government spent about \$4 million to build childcare facilities in Nyirripi, Yuelamu and Atitjere, but the former Department of Education (now Social Services) has so far declined to commit the additional funding necessary to operate the centres.

Indigenous business to benefit



THE Federal Government has released its new Indigenous Procurement Policy guidelines,

which include a purchasing target of 3% of government contracts by 2020.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said Indigenous businesses are about 100 times more likely to employ an Indigenous person than other businesses.

"Overwhelmingly, Indigenous businesses are small businesses," he said. "This policy is about creating opportunities for these Indigenous small businesses to flourish and grow."

Indigenous business certifier Supply Nation has set up a new online directory, Indigenous Business Direct, which lists businesses that are more than 50% Indigenous-owned.

Opportunities

Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry said the new policy would create opportunities for the wide range of Indigenous businesses and suppliers.

"Indigenous Business Direct is a portal that will enable Indigenous businesses to easily register and be easy to find for government and non-government buyers," she said.

"We are seeing a growth in Indigenous businesses, which I hope will continue."

Federal Finance Minister Mathias Cormann said each year the Government buys goods and services worth billions of dollars. "This policy seeks to harness that purchasing power to drive real change for Indigenous people," he said.

"Whether through direct contracts or as part of the



Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry is excited about the opportunities the Federal Government's new procurement policy will provide for Indigenous businesses.

supply chain of some of Australia's biggest companies, this policy will ensure that Indigenous businesses are showcasing the products they have to offer."

The policy includes mandatory processes to consider Indigenous businesses for certain contracts. All agencies subject to Commonwealth procurement rules will be required to meet these targets.

Supply Nation is welcoming new Indigenous suppliers to either apply for recognition (50% Indigenous ownership) or to become a Supply Nation Certified Indigenous business (51%+ ownership, management and control).

The Indigenous Procurement Policy guidelines apply from July 1. They are available at www.dpmc.gov.au/ipp

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ACCC warning on scammers



SCAMMERS are getting more sophisticated with ways to specifically target Aboriginal people, according to Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Northern Territory director Derek Farrell.

The ACCC recently released its 2014 Targeting Scams Report, which revealed that Indigenous people were robbed of \$740,000 last year through a range of deceptive and often illegal practices.

Mr Farrell said that figure is likely to be "the tip of the iceberg" because many people don't report being scammed.

Much more than half of the scams were internet-based – accounting for losses of over \$650,000 – with a common scheme when a person is told they have won some money and they have to provide bank details to receive it.

"But there have been others where a person is told they are owed compensation because of the way the government treated their grandfather.

Indigenous people robbed of thousands

Some involve the use of language and quite detailed knowledge of kinship," Mr Farrell said.

"It's quite nasty and targeted in some situations ... Aboriginal people tend to take people at their word and deal with people in good faith. So this is

"These things spread very badly in a community so we are warning people to be very careful," he said.

"When scammers steal your details, they can use them for all sorts of crime such as making unauthorised purchases from your bank accounts, taking out loans or carrying out other illegal business under your name."

Mr Farrell said that if in doubt about a particular offer, people should call the National Indigenous Hotline on 1300 303 143.

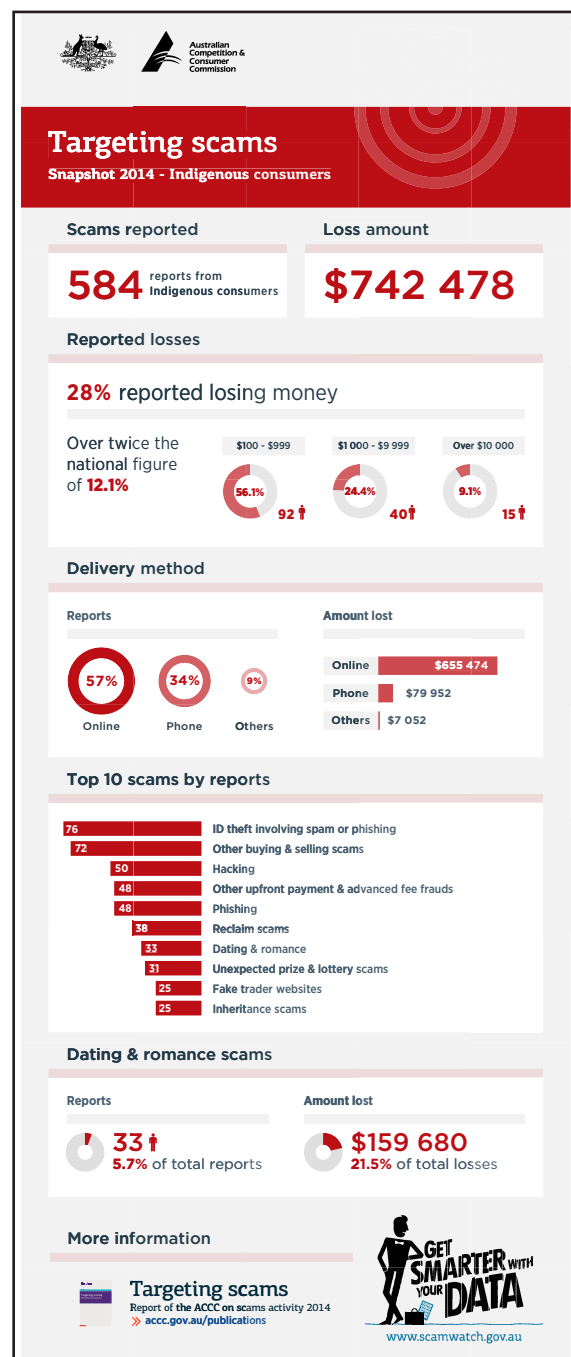
There's also more information and videos on their facebook page – www.facebook.com/ACCC

● Pictured at right: A graphic showing the ACCC's Targeting Scams Report findings.

"These things spread very badly ... so we are warning people to be very careful"

a huge abuse of trust."

Mr Farrell said another scam was a person being told they could benefit from a particularly great deal if they give over friends' or family members' phone numbers.



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Traditional owners help protect coral



THE people of the Torres Strait are looking after coral.

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has launched a

long-term coral monitoring program for the Torres Strait, establishing sites at Poruma, Masig, Ugar, Erub and Mer.

The program has been developed with Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), Commonwealth

Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

Traditional owners have offered their support for the program, which will help protect local reefs.

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said the coral monitoring will build on previous surveys and will assist the TSRA to identify changes in coral reef health.

"It is essential to monitor and protect our natural resources,"

he said. "The Torres Strait's coral reefs are a biodiversity hotspot in tropical Australia and are important to Torres Strait Islanders' culturally and for economic development.

"By surveying the sites, the TSRA can now collect data to create benchmarks then comparing and recording any changes in coral reef health at the monitoring sites over time."

TSRA rangers and staff have been trained in the various survey techniques.



Warraber ranger Mark Pearson and Australian Institute of Marine Science scientist Michelle Jonker record the results of their coral monitoring. Picture: Tristan Simpson



From left, Brad Hall, Alexa Morcombe, Gordon Yuline, Gloria Jacob, Fiona Hook, Michael Thompson and David Stock at the launch of a new book about the Nyiyaparli people and country in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

Nyiyaparli people's history in new book



A NEW book celebrating the history of the Nyiyaparli people of the Pilbara region of Western

Australia has been launched at South Hedland.

Kakutungutanta to Warrie Outcamp; 40,000 years in Nyiyaparli Country was produced by the Nyiyaparli community with Caroline Bird and Edward McDonald.

The content is drawn from traditional Nyiyaparli knowledge, research from archaeology and historical publications, and almost a decade of archaeological field surveys, excavations and ethnographic surveys in Nyiyaparli country to identify important heritage sites at Fortescue Metals Group's Christmas Creek and Cloudbreak mines. Fortescue provided

expertise and funding towards the completion of the book.

Kakutungutanta to Warrie Outcamp; 40,000 years in Nyiyaparli Country features images of the land, culture and local people. It will be distributed to schools in the Pilbara region and available at the National Library of Australia, tourist centres in the Pilbara and as an e-book on the Archae-Aus website.

Commission requirements under attack



SOUTH Australia's royal commission into the nuclear fuel cycle has been accused of putting barriers in the way of community participation, particularly for Aboriginal people, those from remote areas and people with language difficulties.

The Conservation Council says the royal commission requires all submissions to be typed and not handwritten and says they must be sworn in front of a justice of the peace.

Conservation Council SA chief executive Craig Wilkins says the requirement to find a JP will make it difficult for many in remote areas, and especially

for Aboriginal people, to present their views.

"Requiring a member of the public to travel to a JP and swear an oath before they can lodge a submission is a highly unusual, unnecessary and surprising restriction which will stop people getting involved," he said.

"Barriers"

"Rather than creating a genuine community conversation, barriers like this will directly prevent a large number of South Australians from participating and submitting their views."

But the royal commission has defended its processes, saying it required an oath of affirmation because it intended

to act on written submissions as evidence.

A spokesman also urged anyone having difficulties making a submission to get in contact and help would be provided.

He said the commission also understood the concerns raised by those living in regional and remote areas and had appointed a regional engagement manager.

"The manager will work closely with communities in regional and remote parts of the state and provide information, advice and culturally appropriate support to ensure that every South Australian who wants to make a submission to the royal commission can do so unimpeded," he said. — AAP

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The Children's Facilities Capital Program grants round is now open with expressions of interest closing on 7 August 2015 for major infrastructure grants, applications for minor grants closing on 17 July 2015.

Application guidelines and forms can be downloaded from:

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Enquiries about the application process can be directed by email to:

childrens.capital.program@edumail.vic.gov.au

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- Parramatta: Mantra Hotel, cnr Parkes Street and Valentine Avenue, Parramatta to select Members for the ALS Central South Eastern Zone

Northern Zone:

- Grafton: Gurehlgam, ALS Office 18-26 Victoria Street Grafton and
- Tamworth: ALS Office 78-80 Brisbane Street Tamworth to select Members for the ALS Northern Zone.

Western Zone:

- Cobar: Aboriginal Land Council - 23 Railway Parade, Cobar
- West Wyalong: Masonic Hall – cnr Court and England Streets, West Wyalong to select Members for the ALS Western Zone.

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Kiara College student Jay McLean plays didgeridoo in Times Square, New York City.

Dream time for WA pair



TWO Aboriginal students from Kiara College in Western Australia spent a week in New York recently after winning the

inaugural AUSUM 'Bizcamp' program. Jay McLean and Dakota Baker run a business called Baldja Moort, an Aboriginal traditional dance group that performs at schools, festivals and events.

The idea was developed as part of the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success program.

"Imagine a dream in your mind that is never going to come true and then all of a sudden it happens," Jay said.

"I never thought I would be able to play the didj in Times Square, but I did."

Dakota said the trip opened his eyes to see how close Native American culture is to his own, and how much of it has been decimated. "I never thought we would have the opportunity to represent our culture overseas, but when the opportunity presented itself we rose to the challenge," he said.

AUSUM chief executive Liz Prescott said the boys had been able to connect with other students from around the world and showcase their Aboriginal traditional culture business.

Kiara College students Dakota Baker and Jay McLean show their work to US Consul General to WA Cynthia Griffin.



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Leaders urge action



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander leaders have called on the Federal Government to work with them on pursuing economic development on native title land and commit resources to the process.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and fellow Human Rights Commissioner Tim Wilson convened a meeting of Indigenous leaders in Broome last month to explore the challenges and opportunities of property rights after native title.

Participants of the Indigenous Leaders Roundtable determined that the Australian Human Rights Commission should lead and facilitate ongoing dialogue on these issues.

"Many participants of the roundtable voiced their disappointment in what the native title system has delivered in the past 20 years," Mr Gooda said.

"They expressed concern about the limited outcomes from current processes for recognising and protecting our people's rights to land and



Participants at the Indigenous Leaders Roundtable in Broome, Western Australia, last month.

resources, citing the closure of WA communities as an example."

Mr Wilson said the Human Rights Commission would continue to work with Indigenous leaders to progress reform.

"We will represent what Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people wish to achieve and to remove the obstacles that stop self-determination being realised," he said.

Proposals

Mr Gooda said any proposals from the Indigenous Leaders

Roundtable would require the consent of native title holders before being implemented.

"We are committed towards achieving constructive reform that is respectful of native title and protects the inherent rights of Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander peoples," he said.

Commonwealth Attorney-General George Brandis also attended the roundtable gathering to hear participants' concerns about native title and property rights for Indigenous people.

What is wanted

The Indigenous Leaders Roundtable called on Government to engage with them on:

- enabling communities to build on their underlying communal title to create opportunities for economic development;
- ensuring Indigenous people have the governance and risk management skills and capacity to successfully engage in business and manage their estates;
- financing economic development in the Indigenous estate, including developing financial products to underwrite economic development;
- rectifying the existing processes for compensation for extinguishment of native title and considering how addressing unfinished business could leverage economic development opportunities; and
- promoting opportunities for development on Indigenous land, including identifying options to provide greater access to resources on the Indigenous estate.

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Singer-songwriter Angela Rule.

Rule's story will feature on NITV



A NEW season of the NITV/ScreenWest production *From the Western Frontier* hits the small screen this week. The show features contemporary, positive and inspirational stories from Western Australia. On Sunday, June 7, it will feature singer-songwriter Angela Rule.

Ms Rule always had a talent for singing and songwriting, but at the age of 17 her path to pop stardom was put on hold when her father was killed in a one-punch incident.

As the eldest of nine sisters, Ms Rule sacrificed her musical ambitions and took on the responsibility of supporting her grieving mother and eight sisters.

Now, ten years later, she is making her mark in the pop world. Drawing deeply on her life experiences, Ms Rule has created a repertoire of songs which she performs to crowds around Perth.

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30 years up for Barunga Festival



THE Barunga Festival will mark 30 years this Queen's Birthday long weekend (June 5-7).

The festival, the first in the Top End dry season, will feature rapper Briggs along with Paul Kelly, Gurrumul, Sammy Butcher and Neil Murray (ex-Warumpi Band).

Festival director Mark Grose said Barunga has a strong history of showcasing the Katherine region and supporting remote Indigenous communities to come together and celebrate the positive aspects of community life through football, basketball, softball, music (contemporary and traditional) and traditional arts and culture.

To see the full program, go to www.barungafestival.com.au

Historian set to research figures



A HISTORIAN working with the Aboriginal community in La Perouse, Sydney, has been awarded a \$30,000 NSW Government fellowship to

research the history of little-known influential Sydney Aboriginal figures.

Paul Irish will integrate historical research, verbal history and archaeology while working closely with the Eastern Zone Gujaga Aboriginal Corporation based in La Perouse.

"His project will be presented through public talks at local historical societies and Aboriginal community venues, and an exhibition and a series of biographical maps showing how Aboriginal people lived and the influences on their way of life over time," NSW Arts Minister Troy Grant said.

Research subjects include influential Aboriginal individuals engaged creatively with the Europeans and the economy in Sydney including Thomas Tamara, Johnny Malone, Biddy Giles, Ellen Anderson, Kate Foot and William Rowley.

Regatta will help beat trachoma



THE annual Henley on Todd Regatta in Central Australia aims to raise \$100,000 this year for the Fred Hollows Foundation's campaign to end trachoma by 2020.

Trachoma is an eye infection that can cause blindness. In Australia, it is only found in remote Aboriginal communities.

The regatta – the only dry river bed boat race in the world where competitors carry their boats – started in 1962 when Rotary Club members met for a picnic at 16 Mile Creek outside of Alice Springs, where over a few beers they discussed ways to raise money for charity.

This year's Henley on Todd will be held on August 15.

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Premier urged to act

By JILLIAN MUNDY



OVER recent months, Tasmania's Premier and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Will Hodgman has

vowed to "reset the relationship with the Aboriginal community". It's an initiative welcomed by Aborigines and they are encouraging him to get on with it.

"My government wants real, tangible outcomes to recognise Aboriginal people, close the gap on disadvantage and to connect to country and culture," the Premier said.

Last week, a motion was passed unanimously in the Tasmanian Parliament for an inquiry into recognising Aboriginal people as Tasmania's First People in the state Constitution.

Trudy Maluga, state secretary of the state's first and most politically active Aboriginal organisation, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC), has dubbed constitutional recognition a symbolic gesture.

"We want more than a symbolic gesture," she said.

"Stop the talk and do the walk, Will, that's what we want.

"If we reach a common ground deal to protect heritage in (the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area) it would definitely reset the relationship, and if Tasmanian Aborigines achieve land returns in his term that would definitely go



Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre land and heritage project officer Andry Sculthorpe explains heritage and land management issues to Will Hodgman during the Premier's recent visit to the organisation.

toward resetting the relationship."

Mr Hodgman has visited nine Aboriginal sites and Aboriginal organisations since the start of the year.

He said the visits have raised a number of opportunities to forge a new relationship between his Liberal Government and the Aboriginal community, including

dual names, Aboriginal tourism enterprises and discussing joint land management and possible land returns.

Strained relations

Tasmania's Liberal Government came into power last year off the back of strained relations between the Tasmanian Aboriginal people

and the outgoing Labor-Greens government.

The Hodgman Government's relationship with Aboriginal people started on a bad footing, when it attempted to come good on an election promise by Liberal MP Adam Brooks to reopen vehicle tracks through an area considered to be one of the world's greatest

archaeological regions due to its Aboriginal heritage in the north west of the state.

Despite a Federal Court interim injunction being granted in December 2014, which effectively blocked vehicular access to the disputed tracks, Aboriginal land managers have recently reported extensive and continuing vehicular damage in the remote Arthur Pieman Conservation Area.

It has been reported that Mr Hodgman wants "to stamp out the behaviour".

The matter is due back in court in August.

Ms Maluga says that while the Premier attended a large community meeting at the TAC in March, he needs to back up his words with action.

"He says he doesn't want the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area matter in court, but he hasn't made any substantial offers to prevent that from happening thus far," she said.

"Since that meeting he still says he wants to reset the relationship and talk land returns, but he has not gone any further with that conversation. He hasn't kick-started things.

"Kim Booth (Tasmanian Greens leader) before he retired wanted to add an amendment to the Constitution to start treaty negotiations, and the Labor-Green Government did close those tracks down in 2012."

Jillian Mundy is a member of the State Committee of the TAC



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ACT agreement in place



Australian Capital Territory Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives at the signing of the new agreement in Canberra.



THE Australian Capital Territory Government has signed an agreement with elected representatives and community leaders from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Chief Minister Andrew Barr said the agreement underpins a shared commitment to reconciliation and a partnership approach to working together.

"The agreement contains important actions set against

key focus areas, all aimed at strengthening families and improving quality of life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in areas such as employment, economic independence and health," he said.

"Authority"

"The agreement also recognises and values the traditional custodians, through the United Ngunnawal Elders Council, as the authority of local Aboriginal culture."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Yvette

Berry thanked the contributors to the agreement for their commitment to the project.

"It's far more than ink on paper," she said. "The true value of this document is that it is alive. It has clear intent. It is a shared commitment and a pathway to guide the way we do things in future."

"While the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body is already enshrined in legislation, this agreement sets out clearly agreed principles, focus areas and actions for our work over the next three years."

Changes to aged care from July 1



THE Federal Government says changes to aged care will give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people more choice and control of their care options.

It says that from July 1, the Consumer Directed Care program will allow people to live in their own homes and communities for as long as they can. Aged care services such as cleaning or preparing meals, or transport can be provided in the home to give older people more options to live independently.

Indigenous people are encouraged to access information about aged care from the My Aged Care website (myagedcare.gov.au) or by calling the My Aged Care contact centre (1800 200 422). Inquiries to My Aged Care can also be placed by a carer, family member or trusted representative.

Commonwealth Games gets RAP



THE 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games will include a reconciliation action plan (RAP), the Queensland Government says.

Treasurer Curtis Pitt made the announcement to coincide with the beginning of National

Reconciliation Week.

"The plan will have a specific focus on enabling Indigenous arts and cultural businesses to benefit from the games, as well as providing employment opportunities," he said. — AAP

Experts address rheumatic illness



EXPERTS have met at The University of Sydney to address acute rheumatic fever (ARF) and rheumatic heart disease (RHD) in Australia. Both preventable

conditions usually found only in less developed countries, ARF and RHD are hitting Indigenous communities in Australia due largely to social disadvantages found there.

In the Northern Territory in 2010, the prevalence rate of RHD among Indigenous people was 26 times the national rate.

Price appointed to violence panel



NORTHERN Territory Aboriginal MP Bess Price has been appointed to a national panel aimed at reducing violence against women.

Ms Price, the NT Minister for Women's Policy, said she would use her voice to raise critical issues facing women and children in communities.

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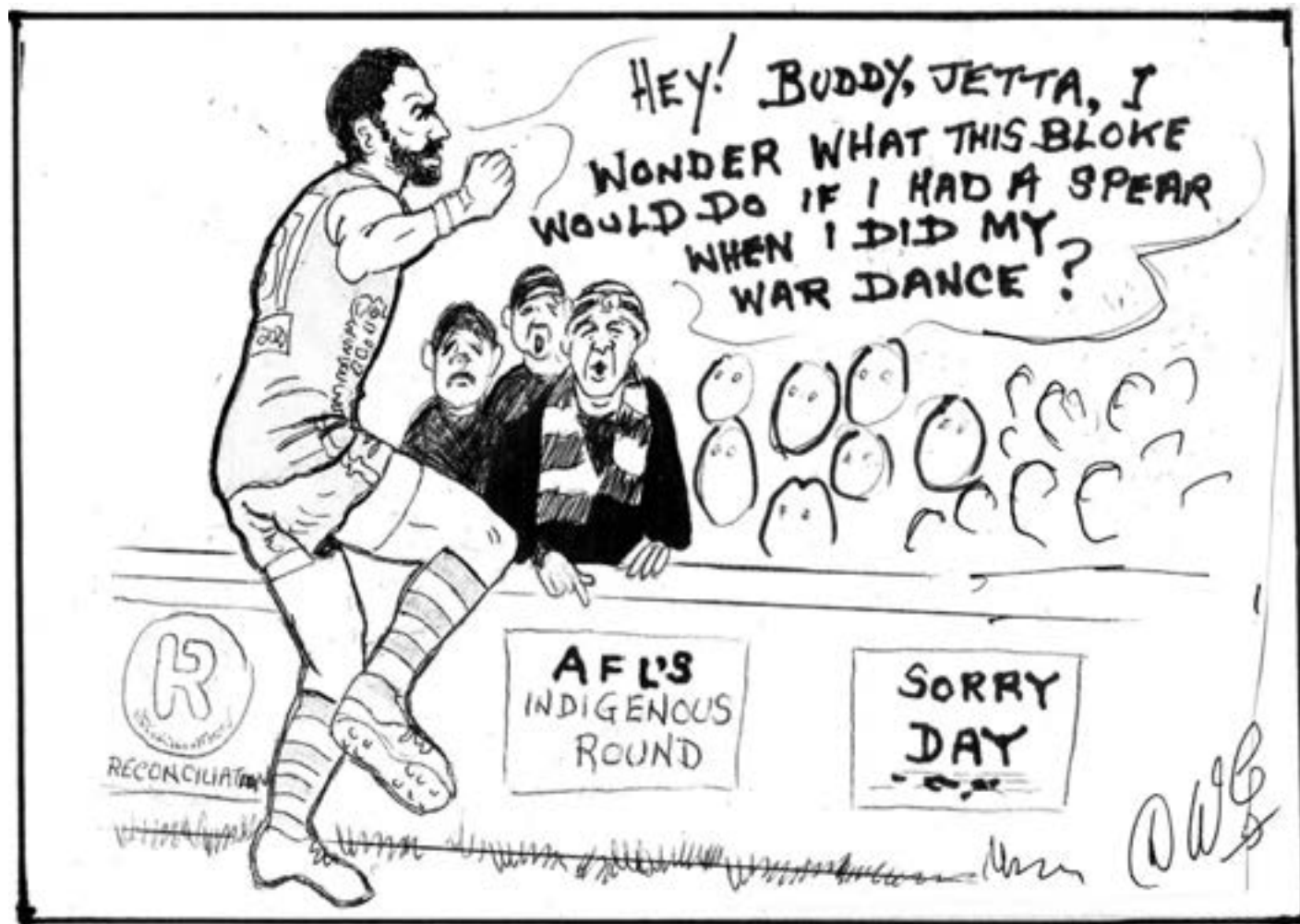
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Uncle Jim Berg, another Victorian Elder in Uncle Lenny Tregonning, and artist and bush tucker chef Cassie Leatham Harrap.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
I'd ensure our youth get a proper education. It's the key to the future for Indigenous Australians.

Quote



"Is this the lesson we want to teach our children: that when we don't understand something we get angry and we put our back up against the wall (and say) 'Oh that's offensive'? No. If it's something we don't understand, let's have a conversation."

– Sydney Swans AFL player Adam Goodes

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There's a hell of a long way to go

HOW many more Aboriginal people have to die before governments take real action to address the shockingly high rates of Indigenous incarceration?

How many more Aboriginal kids have to be locked up before governments work out different approaches are needed?

And why do right-wing shock jocks shouting and flouting their ignorance about 'law-n'-order' hold more sway over policy than rigorous research and internationally proven approaches to crime and rehabilitation?

It's been more than 24 years since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody report was tabled in Federal Parliament.

But, tragically, a 59-year-old Aboriginal man died in the Darwin watch house last month, after he'd been arrested for drinking alcohol in public.

In NSW, Aboriginal kids are now 44 times more likely than other children to be in custody.

And the recent huge rise in juvenile detention in NSW is mainly of kids on remand – that means they haven't even been found guilty.

Aboriginal children, women and men are paying the price for bad policy and spineless politicians, who would rather pander to right-wing shouty white men than try and find solutions that actually help people.

So, Adnyamathanha man Adam Goodes, whose mother is a member of the Stolen Generations, celebrates kicking a goal during the Indigenous Round of the AFL – which is held during National Reconciliation Week – with a war dance and is attacked by racists.

And, of course, Adam Goodes



responds, as he always does, with grace and intelligence: "You ask any New Zealander about the haka. Do you think the Wallabies get their back up and feel that's offensive?"

National Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day provide perfect opportunities to reflect. While many of the recommendations in the Bringing Them Home report have never been implemented, on May 26 – Sorry Day – we pay tribute to the pain, suffering, strength and resilience of the Stolen Generations.

And National Reconciliation Week is defined by two anniversaries: the 1967 Referendum on May 27, and Mabo Day on June 3.

We can reflect on how far Australia has come since the overwhelming support in 1967 to remove racist provisions about Aboriginal people in the Constitution.

And that the fiction of Terra Nullius was officially brought to light thanks to the fighting spirit of Torres Strait Islander man Eddie Mabo.

But, looking at the tragic and foreseeable situation unfolding in our prisons and at the way one of our best-known faces is treated when he celebrates his culture, it's obvious there's a hell of a way to go.

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Uncle Herb Patten with a gum leaf, his musical instrument of choice:
“By age nine I was performing in concerts and entertaining people. I loved it then, and I love it now.”

The leaf player

WHEN it comes to the almost-lost art of gumleaf playing, there's none finer than Herb Patten.

After more than 65 years of making music by blowing on a leaf, the 72-year-old Victorian Elder reckons there's not much left for him to master.

Listen to him play some old-time favourites and you'll be in no doubt he's right. (Search 'Herb Patten' on Youtube and find out for yourself.)

Generations of Aboriginal Victorians have enjoyed – and marvelled at – his skill.

And more recently so have tens of thousands of other Australians after Uncle Herb's phenomenal success in the inaugural *Australia's Got Talent* TV show back in 2007.

What was regarded by many as something of a novelty entry

in the nationally televised talent contest soon turned deadly serious, with Uncle Herb drawing thousands of votes – and fans – around the nation. He was only narrowly pipped into second place.

That success, the Gumnai/Kurnai and Djadjawarung (both Victoria groups) man says, was the pinnacle of his gumleaf-playing career.

But there's still one thing he's hoping to achieve. More on that later.

Herbert Patten was raised in and around the East Gippsland region of Victoria.

He was five years old when he saw his great uncle Lindsay 'Hobbs' Thomas playing the gumleaf.

“So I decided to have a go and found I had a natural

talent,” he told the *Koori Mail*.

“Hobbs was a member of the Lake Tyers Gumleaf Band and he taught me a lot.

“There were several gumleaf bands back then, with the peak of popularity from the 1920s to the 1940s. Hundreds of people were playing the gumleaf.

“By age nine I was performing in concerts and entertaining people. I loved it then, and I love it now.”

Uncle Herb left school at 13 and pursued a range of jobs around Victoria, from labouring to tuna fishing and truck driving. The one constant was his gumleaf playing.

Later in life he settled down, had a couple of kids and took on more settled work – at the Aborigines Advancement League and Aboriginal Hostels in Melbourne, among others.

Uncle Herb's been married to Lorraine Bunta-Patten for more than 30 years.

He's written a book, *How to Play the Gumleaf*, released a couple of CDs, and his work and other facts about gumleaf playing have been archived by Monash University. His efforts and dedication have also led to him being awarded a Master of Arts degree through RMIT.

Now he's working on an app about gumleaf playing.

“By doing what I've done there'll always be a fairly comprehensive record of gumleaf playing in Australia,” he said.

Uncle Herb reckons there's only about 20 gumleaf players left in Australia.

“There are other leaf players around the word – especially in

China,” he said. “I'd love to visit these people and make music with them.”

Which leads to the one thing Uncle Herb's still hoping to achieve.

“I'd love to get all the remaining gumleaf players together and form a group, just like they did in the 1930s and 40s,” he says.

“It's not really known if gumleaf playing was an Aboriginal tradition or something more recent.

“I'd like to think our people had been making music from Australia's native leaves for thousands of years, but it's the \$64,000 question – no-one really knows.

“Nonetheless, I'd love to get a group of 10-15 players together, just like the old days. That'd be really something.”

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PLANS are under way to bring detailed illustrations depicting Aboriginal people and their cultural objects back next year to the shores where they were created.

The illustrations, by French artists Charles-Alexandre Lesueur and Nicolas-Martin Petit, were made on an 1800s expedition to Australia.

About 600 pieces, including illustrations of plants, animals and mapped coastlines, will be exhibited in six Australian museums, including the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG).

TMAG curator of Indigenous Cultures Zoe Rimmer, who will be working on the Tasmanian Aboriginal component of the touring exhibition, says the works are particularly important to her people.

"They are the only images we have of our people, culture and cultural objects before the British invasion," Ms Rimmer told the *Koori Mail*.

"And they are also important because of language, and because the French are renowned for being so methodical and precise with both their drawings and their record keeping.

"The French basically invented anthropology, they had more scientists on board than soldiers.

"Their sole purpose was study – mapping and learning about the people."

The Mayor of the French city of Le Havre, Édouard Philippe, said the 1500 drawings in total, whose permanent home is the Le Havre Museum of Natural History on the north-west coast of France, are a treasure, and he is sure that everyone will look at them with "eyes that sparkle with awe".

The works are fragile, and will be rotated with 100 on display at each museum.

Vital references

Much of the revived Tasmanian Aboriginal language palawa kani is from word lists recorded on the Baudin expedition. Images from the expedition have been vital references in the revival of traditional Tasmanian Aboriginal practices, including creating kelp water carriers and bark canoe making.

"They are the only images of the bark canoes we have," Ms Rimmer said.

In October 1800, French explorers aboard two ships, the *Géographe* and the *Naturaliste* left Le Havre for Australia.

They spent six weeks with Tasmanian Aboriginal people in early 1802, which has been documented as a friendly and peaceful exchange, recording language and culture, flora and fauna as well as collecting cultural objects and specimens.

Several places in contemporary Tasmania bear French names as result of this expedition, which followed the *D'Entrecasteaux* visit in the 1790s.

Known as the Baudin expedition, the vessels also visited Port Jackson and spent time with local Aborigines, and sailed past South Australia and Western Australia, mapping the coastline.

Once the sketches and water colours arrived back in France in 1804, many were reworked, their compositions sometimes changed to combine several sketches into one artistic scene. In some cases artistic liberties have obviously been applied, and etchings made for prints – some of which were widely distributed.

Ms Rimmer is excited about the arrival of the original illustrations. She said they are likely to be closer to reality.

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Restore spirituality and family values

WE are facing a period in Australian and world history that is defined by being very much against the values of the family and the values taught by great spiritual teachers such as Jesus Christ as well as those imbued in Aboriginal spirituality.

The policies of many of the elected governments reflect the deterioration of values in Australia and the world. Their policies are actually very anti-family because they are built on the belief that the entire population is not one large family that is united and intrinsically connected.

Many of the elected mainstream governments choose to define families as individual units that exist very separate from one another.

This is not only divisive, it causes Australia and the rest of the world to more and more resemble the heartless and anti-Christ energy of the United States of America, which is not only a nation at war with itself and at war with other countries but, most significantly, at war with its environment. It is a place where a poor man who has had his finger cut off goes to a hospital only to be refused medical treatment because he does not have the money to pay for it to be surgically reattached. Now that isn't the work of a society with



Australia must restore family values, says letter-writer Leon Lester.

strong family values or the values taught by Christ or any of the great spiritual teachers that have come to this earth; it's the work of a man that is utterly brainwashed in believing he is not part of the one human family.

When you put family first, you begin to look after everyone in the family. There is no division from one person to the next.

Parties from the right side of politics attempt to persuade

people into believing they somehow represent the family, but they actually represent individual greed, family division and an anti-Christ mentality. They see people as separate from each other and, most certainly, the environment.

This is the basis of ego and someone without values; it is an erroneous belief in separation.

Christ and all the great spiritual teachers, as well as

Aboriginal spirituality and, more recently, the work of quantum physics speak of reality as a world that is united not divided, where everything is intrinsically connected to everything else.

If Australia is to turn the corner from descending further into chaos, it must restore its family values and rediscover its spirituality.

LEON LESTER
Hunters Hill, NSW

Not the way to deal with terrorism

THE Federal Government's move to revoke, as a punitive measure, the citizenship of Australians "engaged against Australia's security interests" is not the way to go about dealing with terrorism.

It strikes at the very essence of equality that citizenship by birth or adoption provides in terms of rights and responsibilities to Australians of all ethnic backgrounds.

For migrants, who are almost 50% of our

population, and their Australian-born children, citizenship means security and deeper commitment to the welfare of the nation.

If any Australian has been found guilty before a court of law, he or she should be dealt with accordingly and, if guilty, serve their sentence in Australia.

The Government's proposal would introduce two classes of citizens and thus a gross discrimination in a nation that should

guard its unifying multiculturalism fiercely.

National unity and security is best served when Australia pursues a policy of peace and non-interference in other countries' affairs and when laws and policies are effectively supportive of the fundamental rights of all Australians to ethnicity, culture and language.

GEORGE ZANGALIS
Hawthorn East, Vic

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POETRY

A trusted friend?

You almost seem like a
trusted friend
You've been around so long
Never did know your name
You shielded it so well.

Why did you do that?
But then you embraced
And kissed so intimately
It was then that I saw you.

I knew your name in an
instant
And why I felt the emotions
I did
I thought you were a natural
part of me
But now I know you are
DEPRESSION.

And there you stand in all
your nakedness.

BRUCE DOCKER
Brisbane, Qld

More like a disgrace

I was cruising up in
Queensland
Wanted by the Jacks
And then everything got
hectic
And I was pinched
And brought straight back.

Yeah back to NSW
Where my time had just
begun
Slotted down in a cell in
Grafton
No longer on the run.

I waited several months
To face the District Court
In relation to a badly gone
wrong rort.

18 months the judge man
said
My blood went cold
For I thought I was dead
For going to jail was really
no fun.

But my life wasn't over
It had only just begun
And my dear old mum
Sitting in the court
With her dear old tear-stained
face
Hey fellas I didn't feel like
a hero
More like a mere disgrace.

KENNETH MORRIS
Sydney, NSW

Creating real change

SINCE 2000, Reconciliation Australia and its partners have worked to make positive changes in businesses, schools and the community. At its core, reconciliation is a driver for social change, and following National Reconciliation Week all Australians can reflect on the impact the reconciliation movement, in all its forms, has had on employment, education and health.

In 2012, the Australian Institute of Health and Wellbeing released a report analysing Indigenous employment data compared to other Australians. The rate of Indigenous men of working age was 59%, compared with 85% for all Australian men. For Indigenous females, the employment rate was 42% compared to 69% for all Australian women.

Employment is more than a job, it's a place to feel valued in society, and it connects many of us to a sense of purpose and meaning.

At Reconciliation Australia, we are continuously warmed by stories of goodwill. In 2000, Australia was at a tipping point of turning the goodwill into action. Hundreds of thousands of Australians had walked across bridges in support of reconciliation, they had written their name in a

sorry book and participated in a sea of hands.

There is no discounting how important the symbolism of those events were – they raised awareness and created opportunities for people to talk about tackling the harder problems that have plagued Australia's history and caused a 'them' and 'us' divide.

Since those significant acts, the landscape of Australian employment, cultural understanding, procurement and community-based partnership is vastly different – thanks in large part to Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs).

Reconciliation Australia now works with more than 1000 companies, community groups and schools to develop RAPs. These plans give everyday Australians an entry point into the reconciliation system that they would otherwise not be able to navigate through.

Goodwill can only get us so far. A RAP is a blueprint, developed in close consultation with a working group to meet the needs of that organisation. No two RAPs are the same; they meet the individual needs of each business, school and community, giving way to developing genuine lasting relationships between Aboriginal



Justin Mohamed

and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians.

There is no fast tracking reconciliation. Over the past 15 years at Reconciliation Australia we have learned that reconciliation takes patience; changing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment figures takes leadership; changing the culture of a workplace takes commitment, but the results released in our

latest RAP impact report show the positive results.

The RAP impact statement, released at the launch of Reconciliation Week on the Gold Coast, measures the impact RAPs have had.

The monetary impact is a key feature of the statement, not because it speaks to millions of dollars, but because of the real impact that has on families. The report reveals that 29,500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have been employed by RAP partners. This number reflects the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in RAP organisations as of December 2014.

This is not about producing a glossy magazine. Every single RAP partner is committed to improving the lives of Indigenous Australians. That is why RAPs are so powerful.

More than 2.4 million Australians work or study in an organisation that has a RAP – that is a big impact. That is 2.4 million Australians who work or study in an environment that is committed to working towards a just, equitable and reconciled Australia.

Earlier this year a video of a young Aboriginal girl, Jasirah Bin

Hitam, walking on to a beach with a blindfold and a sign reading *I trust you. Do you trust me? Let's hug* went viral on social media.

Australia's history is marred with mistrust. Trust is one of the biggest indicators of the impact of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

Interestingly, the impact statement reveals that people who work or learn in an organisation with a RAP have a far higher trust of each other, have less prejudice towards each other, have far greater intercultural interaction and have more pride in Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and cultures.

A RAP is not just a glossy brochure that sits in the foyer of some of the country's biggest companies, smallest community groups and local schools – it creates real change for all Australians.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed is a Gooreng Gooreng man from Bundaberg in Queensland. He worked with Victorian Aboriginal communities for 20 years before being elected as Chairperson of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

Long game we must win

This is an edited version of the speech by Linda Burney* at the recent Recognise event in Bourke, western NSW.

I WANT to firstly, as we do in our culture, tell you a bit about myself so that in the Aboriginal way, you can place me – because for us, of course, place is the most important thing; where our feet stand on our ground, where we're from, who we're related to, and where we fit in the Aboriginal world.

My people are from the Murrumbidgee end of Wiradjuri territory, so way down south in the Riverina irrigation area around Griffith, Leeton, Wagga – and my people of course hold a special part, a significant part in the story of this nation.

The Wiradjuri were the first inland nation that took the brunt of British colonisation. In 1823, the only time in colonial history, Governor Brisbane – thank heavens he didn't stay here too long, got a city named after him, but he didn't do much for our people in 1823. Because of the resistance led by Windradyne, that great Wiradjuri warrior, martial law was declared in Bathurst; the only time in colonial history. And over that four months of martial law, 1000 men women and children of the Wiradjuri were murdered.

And this, of course, was where the art of poisoning waterholes and flour began as part of the story of colonisation.

But Wiradjuri people, like you out here, stand firm in who we are and what we believe in, and I have many, many shoulders that I rest on as a Wiradjuri person.

A few months ago in Sydney, Faith Bandler died and I want to talk a little bit about her. She was an amazing woman.

Faith was not Aboriginal as many people thought. Her father was blackbirded from Vanuatu from the island of Ambon when he was 13; brought out here as a slave to work the sugar fields up in Queensland and, of course, Faith's part in our story is that she was one of the really important people who worked towards the 1967 referendum.

And at her funeral I talked about Faith understanding what the long game was. And that's what you're participating today in, you Bourke mob, you Bre mob, Engonnia mob, wherever you're from.

This walk towards, this march towards, this relay towards, recognition is like the 1967 referendum. It's the long game and we will not get recognition in the Australian Constitution at the referendum unless we are all part of that long game – both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

Referendums are hard to carry. You've got to get the majority of people in the majority of states, and that is why what Recognise is doing across this country, building the case, building the understanding, and building the recognition that we can no longer



Linda Burney

have a Constitution which is the foundation document of this nation without it being a truthful document.

A lot of you know me and you know what I've done in my life and you know that I don't take a backwards step.

But this step requires many things. It requires the heart and the soul of Australia getting behind it; it requires bravery; it requires, above all, people standing up and explaining why we can no longer as a nation have a Constitution

that has racial implications in it.

We can no longer have a Constitution that does not tell the truth.

One of the foundation planks of reconciliation is the capacity for the nation to own its truth; is the capacity for a nation to tell the truth. And we are limited in our country by our Constitution because it does not tell the truth, and that's why Recognise, that's why the referendum that will come has to be carried – because we won't get another chance for a very long time.

It takes a long time for referendums to come along and this has to be our time. I've spent my entire adult career and life in the pursuit of truth, in the pursuit of justice and in the pursuit of equity – particularly for our kids in schools.

But I've also spent my entire life making sure that we as a nation understand our truth, that what happens in our schools is truth-telling.

And I'll finish on this story: Why is this so important to me personally?

I remember as a 13-year-old girl, I was the only Koori kid in the A Class at Leeton High School and we were doing social studies, and the new topic that day was the exotic people of the world. We did the Bedouins, the Eskimos (which of course is the wrong name), and the Aborigines – and I was taught that we were the closest example of stone-age man on earth today; I was taught we

were savages. I was taught that we had no culture and I wanted to turn into a piece of paper and go through the crack in the floor of that school classroom.

I am so happy I had that experience because it is what has spurred me on to do the sorts of things that I hope I have done okay in education.

Can I just finish up by saying this. We are an amazing nation and the turnout here in Bourke is a testament to that. But we can be more amazing if we have a Constitution that reflects one of the most joyous things that we celebrate together – the oldest continuing surviving culture on this blue planet.

It gives you goose bumps when you say it: the oldest continuing surviving culture on this blue planet. And wouldn't that be a wonderful thing to have in the document that is the foundation document for how our society and our governments work.

**Wiradjuri woman Linda Burney was the first Aboriginal person elected to the NSW Parliament, when she won the seat of Canterbury for Labor in 2003. She is NSW Deputy Opposition Leader and Shadow Aboriginal Affairs Minister. Ms Burney is a former teacher, activist and high-level public servant who has represented Australia at various United Nations forums. In 2014 she received the NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award.*

Illuminating stuff...

Arts Yarn

Our monthly arts column
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Museums & Galleries of NSW

This edition we launch *Arts Yarn*, our new partnership with Museums & Galleries of NSW. We will publish this arts column about Indigenous artists and provided by Museums & Galleries of NSW every month.

ONE of the distinguishing features of Aboriginal artists today is their strong affinity with materials. Through thousands of years of heritage they have dragged their pigments from the earth, whipped and thrashed bark into string and yarn and mat, and carved and sculpted and wrought.

And today, this immense skill set and relationship with materiality is turned towards contemporary art expression, resulting in a range of exquisite objects and artworks.

The Euraba Artists and Papermakers collective is made up of Kamilaroi women working in Boggabilla (north-west NSW) who have been producing high quality,



An image from *Illuminate*, the multimedia exhibition by Euraba Artists and Papermakers. Picture courtesy of Euraba Artists and Papermakers, by Kate Ford

uniquely Australian paper and paper-based artworks since 1998. They make paper from collected cotton fabric, some of which has been made in the region. Much of their art deals with stories of their country, in particular the fish and animals of the river system.

And now they have built themselves a home.

Achingly Australian, their stand-alone corrugated shed squats, shanty-like, emitting soft light and chatter as you draw near. Titled *Illuminate*, the little hut reads as a metaphor on several levels; the opacity of

the handmade paper serves as projection screen for a series of four films, each projected onto one face of the corrugated cubic shed.

Viewed against the paper corrugations, the films are muted in colour – the direct relationship between home and country filtered by the intervention of white Australia, imposed Christianity and hardline racism.

As the moving image flicks across vertical corrugations, ideas of incarceration and of being locked in and locked out simultaneously urge the viewer on a long journey towards the future.

Close examination of the paper walls reveals each sheet as unique. Fibres reach out, twist and hold each other, tightly meshing and embedding these stories of origin and destiny into a single layer. Each sheet is white and delicately sullied with fleck, barb and grass seed. A perfect metaphor for a mission home.

Illuminate has been displayed at the Art Gallery of NSW, and this month opens at The Incinerator Art Space in Willoughby.

Lead artists involved on the project include Aunty May Hinch, Leonie Binge, Lola Binge, Donald Cubby, Paul Mackie, Matthew Priestly and Jonathan Jones. The project was collaborative, with involvement from community members, and supported by Beyond Empathy, Armidale, and Moree Plains Gallery.

The Euraba Artists and Papermakers are now working on a project called *Miri*, and with artist Judy Watson are exploring ideas about landscape and working them into their paper. *Miri*, a regional partnership project with Moree Plains Gallery, will open at Boomalli, in Sydney, on August 22.

The group has work in collections at the Moree Plains Gallery, exhibits across the country and regionally in NSW, and has worked with the Art Gallery of NSW and the Museum of Contemporary Art. They participated in the Biennale of Sydney in 2012 and have been finalists in the Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize.

Article sourced from Museums & Galleries of NSW (M&G NSW) through its column *At Home: Aboriginal artist of NSW published online at www.mgns.org.au*

M&G NSW is a not-for-profit organisation supported by Arts NSW and assisted by the Australia Council.

Are you an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation?

Are you interested in providing support to an Aboriginal person with disability and their family in your local area?

Want to know more?



The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) is running a project aimed at building up an Aboriginal community controlled sector to deliver supports for Aboriginal people with disability, their families and carers across NSW.

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

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

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

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



AIATSIS Council member John Maynard and Julie Nimmo, of NITV.



Indigenous Land Corporation chair Dawn Casey and actor Jack Thompson.



Chair of Parliament's Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Sharman Stone MP and University of Canberra chancellor Tom Calma.



Former AIATSIS chairperson John Mulvaney and AIATSIS councillor Geoffrey Winters.



At the launch in Canberra, from left, Federal Education Minister Christopher Pyne, AIATSIS chairperson Mick Dodson, Governor-General Peter Cosgrove, Lady Cosgrove, AIATSIS deputy principal Michelle Patterson, AIATSIS Foundation president Rachel Perkins and AIATSIS principal Russell Taylor.

AIATSIS behind new foundation



THE Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Foundation has been launched by Governor-General Peter Cosgrove.

"AIATSIS has dedicated itself to preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of Indigenous Australians, and the collection it holds is by any measure, a national treasure," Sir Peter said.

"It is a collection (that) tells us who all of us are, and it is a collection we need to fully appreciate and understand as the nation grows into its own future."

At the launch, Federal Education Minister Christopher Pyne announced the inaugural AIATSIS Foundation president, award winning filmmaker,

Arrernte woman Rachel Perkins.

In her first speech as foundation president, Ms Perkins spoke about why she believed in the AIATSIS Foundation and why she has dedicated herself to support it.

"I have just finished a personal project, recording all that was left of Arrernte women's Dreaming stories in song in our country in Alice Springs," she said.

"Knowledge"

"There are about 5000 Arrernte people and we realised there are only about 10 ladies who hold, in living memory, the Dreaming stories in song. In our cultures, we use song to transmit this knowledge.

"Although we recorded many of our songs, we also realised how many songs we had lost. This story is not unique; it is

a story that resonates in Indigenous communities across much of Australia.

"This story is at the heart of my commitment to the foundation, why it is so important to me. We will develop a comprehensive and urgent plan to identify, gather, safe-keep and share the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage of this nation.

"We will raise funds to illuminate and repatriate the AIATSIS collections, the world's largest and most significant collection of Indigenous Australian culture and history.

"It will be a foundation for all Australians and we need the help of corporations, universities, philanthropists, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and as many supporters as possible."

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Education Award

Bray Park State School for BRING IT ON

Partnership Award

Kalwun Development Corporation and Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing for Jellurgal Cultural Centre

Premier's Reconciliation Award

Queensland Theatre Company and Sibelco Australia for Black Diggers

Visit www.qld.gov.au/reconciliation to find out more about the winners and finalists

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Supply Nation Connect 2015 in Sydney



Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry with Dion Devow from Darkies Design.



Supply Nation relationship specialist Richard Smith at the conference day.



NAISDA dancers at the Supply Nation gala dinner.



National Indigenous TV presenter Karla Grant with Supply Nation's 2015 Certified Supplier of the Year award winners from Young Guns Container Crew.

Getting down to business



Sydney, last week.

The event included a trade show, which featured 80 Indigenous businesses, as well as a two-day

MORE than 1300 people attended Indigenous business certifier Supply Nation's Connect 2015 event in Randwick,

conference and gala awards night.

Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry said corporate and government representatives had been able to get a look at the breadth of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

"People were able to hear from speakers and attend workshops, and the trade show was a great

opportunity for suppliers to showcase their goods and services," she said.

"There was a great atmosphere, a lot of buzz, a lot of people looking to expand connections.

"The feedback has been really positive and I'm confident that there will be new opportunities for members and suppliers. It's been a great couple of days."



Supply Nation board chair Leah Armstrong, left, with Inside Policy managing director Natalie Walker and 33 Creative's Mayrah Sonter.



Marcus Lee and Donna Lee at the Marcus Lee Design booth at the Connect 2015 trade show.

Qld winners named



THE Brisbane Broncos Rugby League Club is among the winners of this year's Queensland Reconciliation Awards. The Broncos were recognised for mentoring Indigenous students to complete Year 12 and transition into further study, training or employment. The awards were presented at a ceremony last week in Brisbane.

Act for Kids, a child protection charity, was recognised as the winner of the Community category, for providing safe and nurturing care for children in remote far north Queensland communities as part of its SafeKIDS Program.

Other winners included Bray Park State School and the Kalwun Development Corporation and Department of National Parks Sport and Racing.

The Premier's Reconciliation Award was presented to Queensland Theatre Company and Sibelco Australia for their landmark production *Black Diggers* which tells the stories of Indigenous soldiers who served in World War I.

Queensland Premier Anna Palaszczuk praised the winners for taking positive steps towards reconciliation.

"Since its inception in 2003, the Queensland Reconciliation Awards has consistently recognised outstanding projects and initiatives advancing reconciliation," she said.

"It's exciting to see such a

diverse range of industries represented in this year's awards, including sport, child protection, education, training and the arts."

Awards ambassador NRL star Johnathan Thurston also commended the work being done in Queensland to bridge the gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

"I would like to congratulate all recipients of this year's awards. Your hard work and determination in advancing reconciliation and building cross-cultural understanding within your community and workplace is inspiring," the North Queensland Cowboys star said.

The winners

Business category supported by Indigenous Business Australia: Brisbane Broncos for Brisbane Broncos Mentoring Program

Community category supported by Arrow Energy: Act for Kids for SafeKIDS Program.

Education category supported by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance: Bray Park State School for BRING IT ON.

Partnerships category supported by QGC: Kalwun Development Corporation and Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing for Jellurgal Cultural Centre

Premier's Reconciliation Award: Queensland Theatre Company and Sibelco Australia for *Black Diggers*.

The winning projects each receive a cash prize of \$5000. Visit qld.gov.au/reconciliation to find out more about the 2015 winners and finalists.



● Above: Reconciliation Qld co-chair Peter Jackson and Bray Park State School principal Maree Mortlock with students from the school, which won the Education Category for its BRING IT ON campaign.



● Left: Queensland Ambulance Service received the highly commended award in the Education category. At the presentation, from left, Mark Whitby, Evan Kaddatz, Lavin Keyes, Richard Murgha, Claine Underwood, Assistant Commissioner Rod Sheathe, Krystal Smith and Patricia Murray.

Celebration held at Coraki



LUNCH by the bank of the Richmond River on a sunny day seemed a good way to celebrate Reconciliation Week for the kids of Coraki Public School in north-east NSW. The name Coraki is derived

from the Bundjalung word Gurigay meaning 'the meeting of the waters', and the town was once the busiest port on the river.

The Aboriginal community of Box Ridge is on the edge of town and Bundjalung Elder Russell Kapeen, who is also chair of the *Koori Mail*

board, thought it was time Coraki had its own Reconciliation event.

Mr Kapeen and Richmond Valley Mayor Ernie Bennett spoke to students from the 5/6 class (all pictured) about the need to come together and show respect to each other.



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Uncle Boydie's Dream Team members, from left, David Jack, Abe Schwartz and Alf 'Uncle Boydie' Turner, with Reconciliation Victoria co-chair Keith Stove and Victorian Local Governance Association president Sebastian Klein.



Shearwater Festival coordinator Dr Laura Brearley, Phillip Island Nature Park senior ranger Graeme Burgan, singer Kutcha Edwards, Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages executive officer Paul Paton and Bass Coast Shire Council's Josie Kent.



● Above: Smith Street Dreaming Festival representatives Yarra City Mayor Phillip Vlahogiannis, Kirsty Baird, Snr Sgt Peter Beckers, Colin Hunter Jnr, Maree Foelz and Haeng Lim.

● Right: The Victorian Local Governance Association's Jan Farrell (second from left) and Chelsea Ayling (right) with Reconciliation Victoria staff Michelle Isles and Emily Chauvel Byrne.



Vic HART entrants praised

Pictures by JAMES HENRY



THE Community HART Awards, which recognise Victorian local government and community organisations working for reconciliation, were announced at the Korin Gamadji Institute in Richmond during National Reconciliation Week.

Reconciliation Victoria acting statewide coordinator Deb Chapman said the diversity of entrants showed there are many ways communities can work toward reconciliation.

"It was clear through the variety of entrants that communities and councils carefully tailor programs that will work and have impact at the local level," she said.

"There's no one-size-fits-all approach to reconciliation and it is not something which can be achieved through tokenistic events or policies. The 2015 entrants showed how true reconciliation can only come from having two-way conversations in order to develop mutual respect and understanding."

Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) president Sebastian Klein said the awards had again attracted a strong field of entrants, which was testament to the ways local communities are working to achieve reconciliation.

"This was a celebration of passionate and dedicated individuals

who have come together in partnership to bring about mutual understanding and respect between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people," he said.

"This year a number of councils had chosen to nominate community groups in their municipality, many of which are volunteer-based and run on minimal funding.

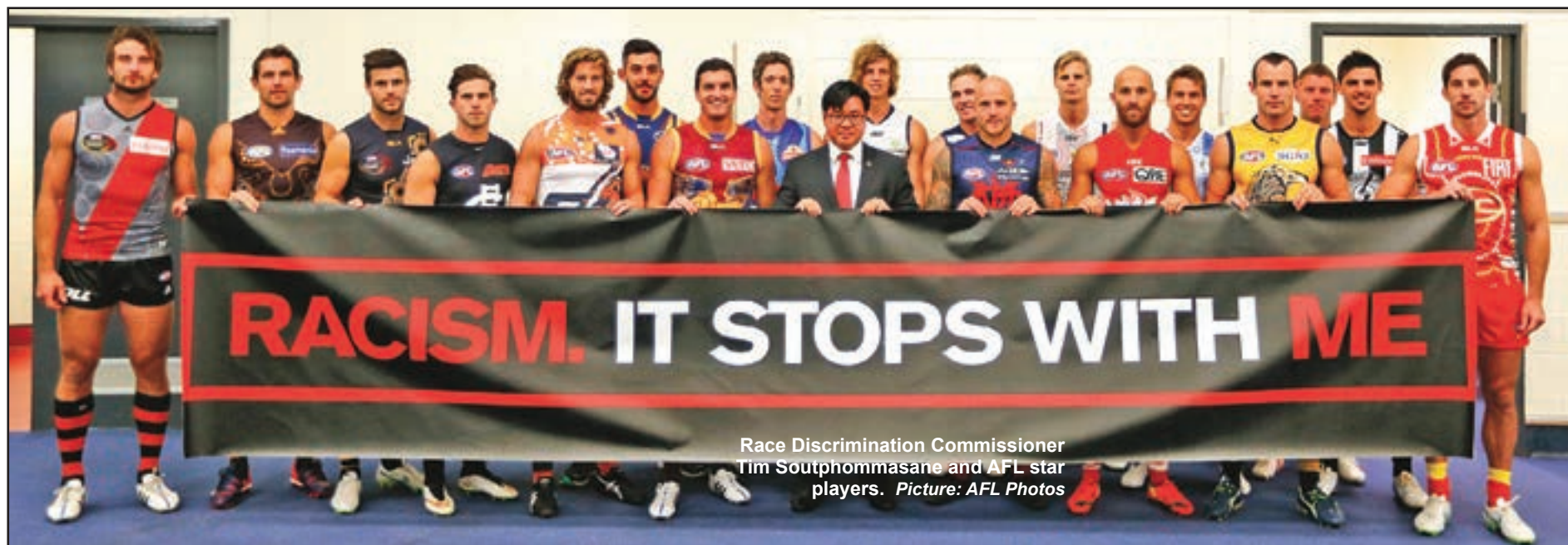
"It is heartening to see councils actively recognising the enormous effort these groups put in and also congratulating them on the significant results achieved."

Winners

The 2015 Community HART Awards winners were: Shearwater Festival Working Group for the annual Shearwater Festival on Phillip Island (community category, nominated by Bass Coast Shire Council) and Yarra City Council for the Smith Street Dreaming project (local government category).

Highly commended were Geelong's Deadly Dancers and Corrina O'Toole; Uncle Boydie's Dream Team, Darebin City Council and the Western Regional Local Government Reconciliation Network – comprised of Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and Wyndham City.

The Community HART Awards began in 2014 and are a partnership between the VLGA and Reconciliation Victoria.



Race Discrimination Commissioner Tim Soutphommasane and AFL star players. Picture: AFL Photos

AFL renews pledge to tackle racism



DURING National Reconciliation Week, the Australian Football League renewed its commitment to tackle racism.

As part of the AFL's Indigenous Round, star players from all 18 AFL clubs pledged support for the 'Racism. It Stops With Me' campaign.

Race Discrimination Commissioner Tim Soutphommasane said about one in five Australians have experienced verbal racial abuse

and around 5% cent have experienced physical assault because of their race.

"To have a representative from each AFL club stand up and say 'It stops with me' sends a very powerful message that racism is unacceptable in our community," he said.

Top players from each club pledged their support for the campaign when they came together on AFL Captains Day.

The 'Racism. It Stops with Me' campaign has received support from more than 350 organisations, including 53 sporting

organisations. All major sporting bodies, including the AFL, National Rugby League, Football Federation Australia, Cricket Australia and the Australian Olympic Committee, are formal supporters.

Support

The AFL Players Association and a number of AFL clubs, including Hawthorn, Western Bulldogs and North Melbourne, have also pledged support for the campaign.

AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan said 2015 marked the

20th anniversary of the AFL Racial Vilification Policy.

"It was a landmark moment for reconciliation, promoting an inclusive AFL community built on mutual respect, opportunities and strong relationships with Indigenous Australians," he said.

Dr Soutphommasane said the AFL has played a leading role in addressing racism in sport throughout its history.

"I recall the famous moment in 1993, when Nicky Winmar responded to racial taunts from opposition supporters by lifting up his shirt and proudly

pointing to the colour of his skin," he said.

"Twenty years ago, Michael Long, another brave champion of Indigenous rights, formally complained about racial abuse from a Collingwood player and set in motion powerful change within the code. In 1995, AFL became the first sporting code in Australia to introduce a rule prohibiting racial vilification.

"The legacy of Winmar and Long continues today, with Adam Goodes serving as an inspiring AFL ambassador for 'Racism. It Stops With Me'."

Chamber forum told of best way ahead

By NATALIE CROMB



THE Australian British Chamber of Commerce had its National Reconciliation Week Lunch and

Forum, hosted by Insurance Australia Group (IAG), last week.

During her welcome to country, Aunty Millie Ingram spoke of her hopes for the future of Indigenous people. She said everyone has a part to play in reconciliation and she is looking to a future of greater involvement of the corporate sector.

IAG Personal Insurance chief executive Andy Cornish spoke about the company's community programs. He had high praise for the CareerTrackers and Jawun programs, which he said were "tracking nicely" within IAG.

Participants in the forum were Reconciliation Australia deputy chief executive Karen Mundine, PIC chief executive Jason Eades and Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry, with 33 Creative director



At the forum, from left, Australian British Chamber of Commerce deputy national chairman Paul Lewis, Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry, IAG chief strategy officer Leona Murphy, Reconciliation Australia deputy chief executive Karen Mundine, PIC chief executive Jason Eades and IAG Personal Insurance chief executive Andy Cornish.

Mayrah Sonter as moderator.

Ms Mundine discussed the work being conducted by Reconciliation Australia,

specifically the growth of corporate interest with Reconciliation Action Plans and the fact that, due to the success of

the programs, the "bar keeps getting higher."

She said the burgeoning workload was a good problem to

have because it illustrated the growth in interest.

Mr Eades was pragmatic about corporate involvement in advancing Indigenous communities. "It's simply good business," he said. "Indigenous Australia accounts for 3% of the population and I know business would love to have 3%."

Mr Eades also said that rather than reinventing the wheel, corporations should keep to what their business specialises in and find ways to use it to benefit the Indigenous community.

Ms Berry spoke about opportunities for Indigenous and other corporate bodies to work together.

The panellists agreed that the corporate sector ought to share their failures and successes because it is for mutual benefit in the long-term success of all Reconciliation Action Plans.

"If you hold a mirror up to your organisation and it does not reflect the wider community, there is something wrong and a need to correct that," Mr Eades said.

Website targets child removals



A NEW website that is part of a national strategy to reduce Indigenous child removals across the country has been launched by the Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins. 'Family Matters: kids safe in culture not in care' has been developed by the Secretariat for National Aboriginal

and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), the national peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families, with the Australian Council of Social Service, Families Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak and the Aboriginal Child, Family and

Community Care State Secretariat, NSW. SNAICC chairperson Sharron Williams said the launch coincided with National Families Week.

"This year's theme, Stronger Families, Stronger Communities, resonates with our families deeply," she said.

"We can't have strong children without strong families and we can't have strong

families without strong communities.

"Taking a child from her family is the most serious act. The trauma on the child, the family, the community is profound and lasting. The costs to society are enormous."

For more information, go to www.snaicc.org.au and follow the link to Family Matters from the home page.



Making a difference: Epic Pharmacy founders Stuart Giles and Cathie Reid with Hawthorn Football Club representatives, from left, Jermaine Miller-Lewis, Bradley Hill, Cyril Rioli, Jed Anderson and Shaun Burgoyne.

Epic donation to help Hawthorn close health gap



EPIC Pharmacy founders Cathie Reid and Stuart Giles have donated \$1 million over five years to the Hawthorn Football Club Indigenous Program (HIP) through the Epic Good Foundation. HIP includes a raft of community development mechanisms, including employing a new Indigenous programs officer at Waverley Park (the home of Hawthorn), funding and developing relationships with an Aboriginal football team from Katherine in the Northern Territory and holding an annual community camp in Tasmania.

When Ms Reid visited Lockhart River for the first time in 2014, she saw first-hand the health problems faced by indigenous Australians.

At the same time she noticed how sport was popular with young people regardless of cultural heritage – the kids in the remote Queensland community loved AFL as much as her own son back in Brisbane.

"The link between physical activity and health is well known," Ms Reid said.

"Greatest gaps"

"And one of the greatest gaps between remote communities and urban life is health outcomes, and we can do a far better job as a country in closing the gap.

"One way to improve is via education and if you can encourage kids to stay in school and then perhaps encourage kids to go into health work, hopefully this translates into higher education opportunities and health-based vocations."

The programs will also

include mentoring for young Indigenous people by Hawthorn Indigenous ambassadors Shaun Burgoyne and Cyril Rioli.

"I am looking forward to the mentoring role within the program, through which I'll be able to help develop Indigenous leaders within each community we visit," Burgoyne said.

Rioli said he was excited "with the opportunity to strengthen our current program and commitment to the Katherine region, where we already have established a strong footprint".

Hawthorn chief executive Stuart Fox said the donation would allow the club to extend its Indigenous programs.

"A five-year funding commitment in this space also allows the programs to continue to develop, evolve and grow in this time so we can help effect real change," he said.



TACKLING dementia in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities should be a national priority, according to Alzheimer's Australia chief executive Carol Bennett.

Indigenous communities are affected by dementia at a rate three to five times higher than the general Australian population, and the rates are increasing.

These issues were on the agenda at the recent Continuing the Conversation workshop in Melbourne, which brought together health professionals, Aboriginal aged-care service providers, some Elders suffering dementia and Alzheimer's, and their carers.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dementia Advisory Group (NATSIDAG) chairperson Fred Tanner said dementia often leads to isolation and that there is a lack of cultural awareness for service providers, particularly for people in rural and remote areas.

He said the higher rates in Indigenous communities are in line with other health issues, such as diabetes and cardiovascular diseases, and that diet and exercise play an important part in reducing the risk. "We are living in different world now," Mr Tanner said.

"We communicate more by phone and text, whereas we used to walk down and talk to someone. Keeping the mind active is important.

"Losing language and connection

What is dementia?

Dementia describes a collection of symptoms that are caused by disorders affecting the brain. It is not one specific disease. Dementia affects thinking, behaviour and the ability to perform everyday tasks. It is not a normal part of ageing. Dementia can happen to anybody, but it is more common after the age of 65 years. (Source: Alzheimer's Australia)

to country – those things all have an effect on people."

Mr Tanner said he became passionate about dementia after watching his wife fade away in front of him.

"It's an insidious disease. It's something I care about for the health of my Elders and the broader community," he said.

But Mr Tanner said there is good news in that there are many things people can do to reduce the risk. Even after diagnosis, there are ways of slowing the process.

"There are different types of

Alzheimer's and dementia so it's complex, but the reality is you can do something about it if you have the support networks around you," he said.



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dementia Advisory Group chairperson Fred Tanner.



Brewarrina Clontarf Academy's Charley McHughes with young fellas at a leadership camp in western NSW.

Partnership helps Clontarf



THE Clontarf Foundation has announced a four-year partnership with engineering and construction company BMD Group. The Perth-based foundation's academies operate

nationally, in partnership with local schools and groups, to engage young Aboriginal males in a range of extracurricular activities to ensure their attendance at school, application to studies and dedication to self-discipline. Clontarf Foundation manager of

partnerships and communication Shane Kiely said BMD employees will participate in activities where students will be given the opportunity to practise their social skills, build confidence and increase their understanding of the opportunities available to them.



2012 NT Telstra Community and Government Award winner Nancy Jeffrey from Save the Children, Darwin.

Awards are for women in business



INDIGENOUS women across Australia have been urged to enter the 2015 Telstra Business Women's Awards.

Telstra's Indigenous Directorate general manager Lauren Ganley said the awards have rewarded and raised the profile of thousands of businesswomen for the past 20 years, including past Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander winners like Nancy Jeffrey from Save the Children Darwin. "Indigenous businesswomen in all states and territories, whatever their career or sector, have the opportunity to be celebrated and meet, mentor and support other aspiring business women through their awards experience," she said.

New Awards categories including Start-Up, Entrepreneur and For Purpose and Social Enterprise have been introduced in 2015 because it is important to reflect changes in Australian business.

Categories

"We believe in a broad definition of success, so we've adjusted our awards categories this year to make sure we continue to recognise vibrant business women from all industries," Ms Ganley said.

"In 2015 we'll introduce both Start-Up and Entrepreneur categories that are open to the many inspiring women who've backed themselves and taken the risks to turn their passion into businesses. We've also lowered the age of the Young Woman's category to 29 years and under, to highlight women who are breaking new ground early in their careers."

She also said the introduction of the For Purpose and Social Enterprise category recognises that more and more Australian women are leading businesses, including not-for-profits and social ventures designed to deliver positive social and environmental change.

Nominations can be made at womensawards.com or by calling 1800 817 536. Entries are open until June 29.

Posters help to save language



DESPITE the last full speakers of the Nhandu language having died many years ago, the Bundiyarra-Irra Wangga Language Centre in Geraldton, Western Australia, has come up with posters to help keep the language alive.

The Nhandu language was once spoken along a coastal strip 20km-100km wide, extending from the country of the Murchison River, the food bowl of many Nhandu people, to the region around present-day Geraldton.

The posters were launched in Kalbarri last month, and language centre coordinator Jenny Kniveton-Gregory said it was a "big thing for the community".

"The focus over the next two years is to get a Nhandu dictionary compiled and then we will visit schools to talk language," she said.

The last known speaker of the language was Elder Aunty Lucy Ryder, who with her daughter Violet's help, made recordings and a word list of the Nhandu language.

"Our language has been



Team effort: The Nhandu Alphabet Poster has had input from, back from left, Jacko Whitby, Godfrey Simpson and Jenny Clayton, and, front from left, Jenny Kniveton-Gregory, Rosie Sitorus, Leeann Merritt and Colleen Drage.

dying for a long time, and without your language, you have no identity. It gives our Nhandu people a proper

sense of belonging. It is who we are," Ms Kniveton-Gregory said.

The posters are the third in

a series of alphabet posters produced by the language centre, following on from Wajarri and Badimaya.



Gail Coolburra holds baby Ava Ketchup and Rachel Fraser.

Elders' big day on Palm

By ALF WILSON



NATIONAL Sorry Day on Palm Island was held at Ferdy's Haven, near the ocean.

Organiser Martha Marks told the *Koori Mail* that residents wanted to especially cater for the Elders. "The Elders have done so much and we want to really

look after them," she said.

Nancy Murphy said it was good to get together with others.

"There was lots of singing and even karaoke, and they enjoyed it," she said.

There was storytelling, drinks and a barbecue cooked by Patrick Seaton.

Edna Coolburra said that with such an idyllic setting near the sea, it was a wonderful venue.



Edna Coolburra, left, and Martha Marks at the commemoration.



Ann Walsh, Nancy Murphy, Irene Nallajar and Jenny Cannon at the event on Palm island.



Dudley Bostock, standing, with Ralph Watson and Frank Anderson at Ferdy's Haven.



Patrick Seaton cooks up some rissoles for lunch



Chrystal Sumner, left, and Linda Wondunna-Foley from Wirrba Yarlpu at the University of Adelaide.



The Karpany Band was among those providing entertainment during Sorry Day in Adelaide.

Hundreds at Square



HUNDREDS of people turned out in Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga on May 26 for Adelaide's main Sorry Day commemoration. The event,

organised by the Journey of Healing Association of South Australia and the Adelaide City Council, had the theme Stolen Generations – Track Home.

There was live entertainment, a range of stalls operated by community and government

organisations, and a free lunch, which proved popular.

Speakers included Kaurna Elder Lynette Crocker (Ngungki Burka), SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher and Shadow Minister Duncan McFettridge.



Nicole Cook, Josephine Kunde and Jason Ngatokorua, from the SA Court Administration Authority Aboriginal Programs Unit.



SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher speaks at the gathering.



Bessie Rigney, left, and Elly Wilson-Trevorrow at the Ngarrindjeri Land and Progress Association Camp Coorong stand in Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga.



Nunkuwarrin Yunti staff Donna Pickett and Shelly Ward handing out goodies at the health and support service's stand.

Events across nation

In Canberra, a record crowd braved cold and windy weather to march across Commonwealth Avenue Bridge. Picture: Hilary Wadaugh



ON May 26, 1997, the Bringing Them Home report into the Stolen Generations was tabled in Federal Parliament. National Sorry Day is commemorated every year on the anniversary of that date. Events were staged all over the country, to acknowledge the resilience and strength of the Stolen

Generations.

In Canberra a record crowd braved cold and windy weather to march across Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, including Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed and Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service head Julie Tongs.

More than 100 people gathered in Broome, Western Australia, for an event organised by the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples called on governments to do more to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to reunite and help keep families strong and intact.

Congress co-chairs Les Malezer and Kirstie Parker said the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children being removed has increased by about 500% nationally over the past 15 years – from 2785 in 1998 to 13,914 in 2013 – and even further since then.

Mr Malezer praised the strength and resilience of Stolen Generations survivors and their families, as well as the organisations that support them.

"Despite some gains, including the National Apology in 2008, it remains an indictment on successive governments that there has never been a comprehensive response to the Bringing Them Home report and its 54 recommendations," he said.

"The 2008 Apology was an important step, but there is still so much more to do. We look forward to working with our members to continue to support healing and recovery."



More than 130 people gathered in Broome, Western Australia, to reflect on the historic mistreatment of Aboriginal people as part of National Sorry Day. The event, which was organised by the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation, attracted a record crowd including representatives from 24 different organisations and agencies. Pictured is Stolen Generation representative Phyllis Bin Bakar, cutting the cake.



In Coonabarabran, NSW, people joined a Sorry Day march over the Mary Jane Cain Bridge and through the town, including students from all three schools, local police officers, members of the Rural Fire Services and Elders. The march ended at the shire hall, where a welcome to country was given by Gamilaraay Elders Casey Dowd and Maureen Sulter. Gamilaraay Elder Beryl Dowd wrote a poem for the occasion, which was recited by Alynta Sutherland. Picture: Coonabarabran Times

She's found a way past trauma

By NATALIE CROMB



GURINGAI (NSW) woman Susan Moylan Coombs, a successful media executive, is also a member of the Stolen Generations. Despite the trauma, Ms Moylan Coombs found her way to wellness and a joyful life.

She founded and coordinated the Sorry Day event which was part of the Guringai Festival, in Sydney's northern beaches.

"It is okay to visit the trauma, and when with other victims, the trauma brings us together, but we don't want to stay there," she said.

"On Sorry Day it's important to me to be really respectful of the essence of what the day meant but also being aspirational about the future and moving beyond trauma."

Ms Moylan Coombs said she had used the "oldest and most beautiful culture in the world" to heal and reach a sense of wellness.

She has used holistic Aboriginal techniques and bush medicinal

treatments to create a wellness not only for herself but the community around her.

She said with the number of Indigenous child removals continuing to increase, people have a responsibility to teach their children resilience in the face of all the challenges they are yet to face.

"Only a strong sense of culture, identity and wellness will give us strength to rise above," she said.

United force

Ms Moylan Coombs said it was also important to connect with non-Indigenous people to achieve a united force.

"All too often we hear the words from people that they feel lost or need to find themselves, and when they experience the connectedness to the land and environment around them, they realise what they were missing and they realise that's what Aboriginal people have been saying forever and that there is definitely something to learn here; something to value," she said.

Susan Moylan Coombs at the Sorry Day event in Chatswood, Sydney.



Palm Island hosts Indigenous Leadership Forum

Katter backs Gordon

By ALF WILSON



MAYORS or their representatives from 17 Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander shires attended a recent Indigenous Leadership

Forum on Palm Island, along with 90 delegates.

At the forum, outspoken North Queensland federal MP Bob Katter showed strong support for controversial Aboriginal Independent state MP Billy Gordon.

At the recent Queensland election, Labor won 44 of the 89 seats in the Queensland Parliament and the former LNP Government 42.

Independent Peter Wellington agreed to support Labor, while the other two members were the Katter Party's Robbie Katter and Shane Knuth.

When Mr Gordon was sacked from the Labor Party after allegations of domestic violence, he opted to stay on as an independent, despite calls for him to resign.

Bob Katter made a stirring speech to more than 100 people on day two of the forum at the Bwgcolman State School Hall.

"In 42 years of politics I have never seen such a vicious attack," he said.

"(Former Federal Parliament Speaker) Peter Slipper and (former Labor MP and corrupt union official) Craig Thompson were never asked to resign, and the reason Billy was is because of the colour of his skin."

With a hung Queensland parliament, Mr Gordon and Katter's Australia Party MPs Rob Katter and Shane Knuth now have enormous power, if they vote together.

"I never spoke to Rob or Shane about supporting Billy but they did and I am glad," Bob Katter said.

"I'm sure Robbie and Shane will stick with Billy and if they do they've got more power than the Premier of Queensland."

On the first night of the forum the visitors were welcomed to country by Allan Palm Island, and host Mayor Alf Lacey spoke of the importance of such forums.

The forum featured a presentation by James Cook University's Associate Professor Alan Clough, who led a data-gathering project on the effects of Alcohol Management Plans on Indigenous communities.

Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart spoke on the effects of drugs, including ice.

VIP guests

Other VIP guests included Queensland Treasurer Curtis Pitt and Housing, Public Works, Science and Innovation Minister Leanne Enoch.

Mayors in attendance were Alf Lacey (Palm Island), Dereck Walpo (Aurukun), Ken Bone (Cherbourg), Errol Neal (Yarrabah), Cliff Harrigan (Wujal Wujal), Bernard Charlie (NPA), Wayne Butcher (Lockhart River), Philemon Mene (Napranum), Robert Holness (Kowanyama), Fred O'Keefe (Doomadgee), Peter Guivarra (Mapoon), Brad Wilson (Mornington) and Terry Munns (Woorabinda).

Torres Strait Island Regional Council was represented by Deputy Mayor Keith Fell and four councillors. Mayor Fred Gela and Torres Strait Shire Mayor Pedro Stephen could not make it because the Governor General was visiting their region. Deputy Mayor Yen Loban and Cr Allan Ketchell stood in. Hope Vale Mayor Greg McLean was ill and could not attend. He was represented by council chief executive Ross Higgins.



At the forum, back from left, Aurukun Mayor Dereck Walpo, Cherbourg Mayor Ken Bone, Yarrabah Mayor Errol Neal, Wujal Wujal Mayor Cliff Harrigan, NPA Mayor Bernard Charlie, Lockhart River Mayor Wayne Butcher and Mornington Island Mayor Brad Wilson. Front: Napranum Mayor Philemon Mene, Kowanyama Mayor Robert Holness, Woorabinda Mayor Terry Munns, Local Government Association of Qld president Margaret de Witt, Torres Strait Islands Regional Council Deputy Mayor Keith Fell, Police Commissioner Ian Stewart, Doomadgee Mayor Fred O'Keefe and Palm Mayor Alf Lacey.



On Palm Island, from left, Federal MP Bob Katter, State Member for Cook Billy Gordon, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and MP for Townsville Scott Stewart.



From left, Palm Island Shire chief executive and former Mapoon chief executive Ross Norman, Mapoon Mayor Peter Guivarra and Mapoon chief executive Leon Yeatman.



Wujal Wujal Mayor Cliff Harrigan with councillors Alister Gibson, Bob Kulka and Natasha Duncan.



Bart Willoughby provided entertainment at the family day.

Charlotte Christie, Robyne Latham and Len Tregonning at the Koorie Heritage Trust.



Dale Marsh and Johnathan Smith serving out the popcorn at the event.



Cassie Leatham Harrap and Kevin Northway ready to run a bush tucker workshop.

Heritage trust set for move



THE Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne marked its impending move to Federation Square in the city's heart with a family day on May 23 at its soon-to-be-former King Street building.

Locals enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate the move and the closure of the building that has been the trust's base for more than a decade.

Activities included tours, bush tucker workshops, talks, food and entertainment, including a performance by Bart Willoughby. Established in 1985, the trust offers a range of programs and services including the only public collection in Victoria dedicated solely to Koorie art and culture

comprising artefacts, pictures and photographs; an oral history program and a reference library; crosscultural awareness training and tours; exhibitions; the Koorie Family History Service; and a retail shop.

Chief executive Tom Mosby is looking forward to the move.

"We'll be in more compact premises but right in the heart of Melbourne, at Federation Square," he said.

"We'll still be offering the same services we always have in a really great location, and with the possibility of further expansion down the track."

The King Street building has now been closed, and the Federation Square office is expected to be open during July.



Koorie Heritage Trust chief executive Tom Mosby.



Stephen Thorpe, left, and Ronny McGuinness, both from Charcoal Lane, with native fruits and leaves.



Margaret Bates, of the Koorie Family Heritage Service, author Uncle Noel Tovey and Jane Walton, from the Koorie Heritage Trust, at the family day in Melbourne.



Lionel Bamblett and Jennifer Bates, both from the Koorie Family History Service at the Koorie Heritage Trust.



Cherbourg Elders at the Golden Oldies.



Aunty Nellie O'Chin, Aunty Ruth Moffat, Aunty Ruth Hegarty and Rob West at the celebration.



Elders from Burringilly Care Services in South Brisbane at the Golden Oldies gathering.



● Above: Aunty Marina Karecare, Aunty Joyce Summers, Aunty Shirley O'Shea and Aunty Marina Dyson enjoy themselves.

● Left: Angus Rabbit and Band on stage.

Golden Oldies popular

Report and pictures by GILIMBAA



AN event that started more than 20 years ago, the Golden Oldies Celebration, is held on the Mother's Day weekend as a chance for Elders from all around south-east Queensland to get together in a social environment and have a good time.

Event organiser Melissa Cleary said that previously, the only time Elders from the region would see each other was when they were attending funerals. So they decided to organise an event where they could gather in a positive and social environment.

"My nana Hazel Mace started this event by coming together over a cuppa at OPAL House in Brisbane about 20 years ago," she said.

"This event recognises the important role our Elders play in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. It is a day about sharing and reminiscing about the old times and enjoying each other's company."

This year's event, at the Broncos Leagues Club, attracted more than 230 Elders.

The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) sponsors

the event to honour and treat Elders to lunch, entertainment and guest speakers.

IUIH deputy chief executive Jody Currie said the Golden Oldies also promotes good health.

Entertainment at the event was provided by Cherbourg and Brisbane community member Angus Rabbit and musicians.

Queensland Museum Network Indigenous engagement coordinator Alethea Beetson presented photographs from the museum collection.

Images included the Miss Opal and debutante balls of the 1960s and 70s and some of the Elders and community members in their younger days.

Aunty Ruth Hegarty, who gave the opening blessing, said the Golden Oldies was about Elders and older people coming together.

"It's a chance to dress up, and go in there with everyone else, just like you've stepped out of a magazine shoot," she said.

"Elders are living longer now. The cut-off age for this event used to be 50, but now we're living older, they've had to bump up the age to 65.

"If we're going to entertain our old people, this is the way to do it. Have a good time and feel positive, like we're part of one big family."

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Murwillumbah hosts popular festival



Kiala Pearce and Kei-Kei Togo enjoying the arts and crafts.



Solid Mob representatives Jody Irwin and Mook Harrington Snr promoting smoking awareness. These kids did a workout to score the backpacks.

Culture celebrated

Pictures by AZARIA SUSSYER



THE sounds of Aboriginal culture enchanted people at the recent Kinship Culture

Connection festival held at Knox Park, Murwillumbah, in far northern NSW. The festival, organised by local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander TAFE

students, was held to celebrate the Indigenous communities of north-eastern NSW.

Organiser Danielle Blomeley, a Minjungbal woman, said she believed the festival had achieved its aim of bringing together Indigenous and other communities in a fun-filled event involving dance, song, sports, craft and story sharing.

"This event has been an

opportunity for local Indigenous communities to work together and run an event that reflects the strengths and wisdom within our culture," she said.

Opportunity

Committee member Deidre Currie said the festival provided an opportunity where all families could be part of the Indigenous practice of healthy families,

strong values and vibrant culture. She said this was reflected in the family-centred approach to the event, which featured free play activities and entertainment.

Ms Blomeley said the event had bridged the gap between ancient knowledge and the present-day way of life. She said that because Kinship Culture Connection was organised by Indigenous people, it had

emphasised the value of self-determination and the flow-on effect of healing traumas.

"Taking control of one's life and feeling autonomous in one's own decision making leads to personal power and feelings of positivity," Ms Blomeley said.

"This event is a way for us to govern, connect, and share in the beauty of who we are as Indigenous mob."



Edwinea Paulson and her sons Dakoda, Franklyn and William had a ball.



Trish Noel-Borg and Jane Faye with daughters Shaylee Borg and Eleanor Faye.



From left, Aubrey Cora, Phillip Collins and Mark Cora caught up at the festival.



Kerriane Cox was one of the entertainers in Murwillumbah.

Free check for Aurukun kids



AN apple a day helps keep the doctor away. That's was the message for Aurukun school children after they received a free

health screen recently.

Staff from Apunipima Cape York Health Council carried out 127 health screenings for students at the Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy in the Cape community.

Apunipima paediatric registrar Dr Sally Evans gave each child an apple after the screenings, which included an eyesight and hearing screen, height and weight measurements, a dental inspection, tests for iron and sugar levels, and checks of the heart, limbs and skin.

Apunipima maternal and child health worker Johanna Hunt, who coordinated the checks, said children in Cape York receive school screenings as a vital



Apunipima Cape York Health Council staff carried out health checks on Aurukun children.

method of detecting early signs of chronic disease and developmental issues, which allows early prevention measures to be put in place if necessary.

"If children cannot hear, see or have sores on their skin then they cannot learn to the best of their abilities so it is important for us to

be able to identify any potential issues and put in place support or treatment if anything is found to be a problem," she said.

"We are delighted at the level of commitment to the school screen at Aurukun from the community and all of our health partners, and especially thank the principal at

the academy for making this happen.

"The school embraced the fact that children need to be healthy to make every school day count."

The school screenings were in partnership with Queensland Health and the Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy.

Bowel cancer screening kits in mail



INDIGENOUS people aged 50 to 74 are being urged to complete and return bowel cancer screening kits.

Australians in the age bracket have been sent kits in the mail, with health authorities saying this will happen every two years by 2020. It's all part of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program, which aims to cut the high death rate of the disease.

Bowel cancer is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in Australia. It often has no symptoms and can occur in people who have no family history. If found early, up to 90% of cases can be treated.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council public health advisor Dr Mark Wenitong said bowel screening was invaluable.

"We know cancer is on the rise in our communities," he said. "One of the best ways to prevent this disease is to complete the kit."

Once people have completed the test, they simply return the kit using the envelope provided.

For more information on bowel screening or when to expect a kit, visit australia.gov.au/bowelscreening or telephone 1800 11 88 68.

Quit smoking. Break the cycle for good.

Professionally trained Aboriginal Quitline Advisors offer more than you think. The Advisors:

- Provide you with tips on how to help someone in your home quit
- Help you manage withdrawals and cravings
- Call back to see how you're doing and offer support
- Give you information about quit medications and products

Quitline Advisors are available weekdays 7am – 10.30pm and weekends and public holidays 9am – 5pm.

Message services are available after hours.



Breast check program for more women



BREASTSCREEN Australia has expanded its free breast screening program to cover all women aged 50 to 74. This will provide 220,000 additional breast screening services to Australian women over four years, and could possibly detect an additional 600 breast cancers each year.

Indigenous women are being encouraged to get their free breast screen test every two years.

More than 75% of breast cancers occur in women over 50, and 90% of women who get breast cancer have no family history.

Health authorities say a breast screen test is the best way to detect breast cancer early, and with early detection, treatment and management up to nine out of 10 women will survive.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council Midwife Nie Sheehan said having a breast screen was a part of staying healthy and strong in your community.

"A breast check is one of the most important things a woman can do for her health," she said.

"It provides peace of mind for your health and wellbeing and can potentially save your life."

Ms Sheehan said the process of having a breast screen was easy and something that women should not be afraid of having done. She said the procedure was safe, private and in a comfortable environment, and was over in minutes.

BreastScreen Australia has clinics around Australia, as well as mobile clinics that visit Indigenous communities.

Indigenous women can call 13 20 50 to find out where their local BreastScreen Australia clinic is, or when a mobile clinic is coming to their community next.

For more information, call 13 20 50 or visit www.cancerscreening.gov.au

New app for alcohol and other drugs



THE Australian Indigenous Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre has developed a new app (pictured). Called AODconnect, it provides access to a national directory of culturally appropriate

alcohol and other drugs (AOD) treatment services for Indigenous people.

The app was designed for the AOD workforce or any health professional working in the sector.

It is also useful for those looking for a specific Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander AOD service by state, territory and/or region through an interactive map of Australia or by listing.

The app has two filter options: focus (Indigenous, mainstream with Indigenous focus, or mainstream); or treatment categories (counselling and referral, harm reduction and support groups, outreach, mobile patrols and sobering up, residential rehab, withdrawal management, and young people).

AODconnect is currently available for iOS devices (iPhones and iPads). It can be downloaded from the iTunes Apple store.



Aboriginal researcher is awarded doctorate



George Institute Indigenous researcher Chris Lawrence has been awarded a doctorate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.



CHRIS Lawrence has become the first Aboriginal student from The George Institute for Global Health to be awarded a doctorate (PhD). His research thesis uncovered new ways to improve the health of Indigenous Australians.

"My PhD means a significant achievement not only for me, but for my family and the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that I interviewed and who were involved in my research. To them all, I am indebted," the new doctor said.

The doctorate, presented through the University of Sydney, was titled *Influences on food and lifestyle choices for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians; an Aboriginal perspective*. Focussed on diet, nutrition and lifestyle choices, it reported findings from research he conducted as an Indigenous research fellow working as a member of the Kanyini Vascular Collaboration.

"Guide practitioners"

"This research will guide health practitioners as they consider the social factors of health when diagnosing and providing treatment, care and support," Dr Lawrence said.

"The information will hopefully improve the lives of many people in communities across Australia."

Co-chairs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Committee at the George Institute, Gamilaraay woman Julieann Coombes and Professor Rebecca Ivers, said Dr Lawrence's achievement was a significant outcome for the research program in Aboriginal health at the George Institute.

They said training the next generation of Aboriginal health researchers was a critical aspect of the program.

Grog programs unit welcomes budget funding



THE Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programs Unit (CAAAPU) has welcomed funding in the Northern Territory and Federal budgets to support alcohol rehabilitation

services. CAAAPU chairperson Eileen

Hoosan said the continuation of federal funding in the short term, combined with renewed commitments from the NT Government to mandatory treatment facilities, would allow the unit to continue offering vital rehabilitation services to Aboriginal people in central Australia.

CAAAPU is the primary provider of culturally appropriate alcohol rehabilitation services in central Australia, delivering counselling and treatment services at its Alice Springs residential facility.

"We were very pleased to see the NT Government's commitment of \$7.9 million towards the construction of a purpose-

built alcohol mandatory treatment (AMT) secure assessment centre and for the expansion of treatment services in Alice Springs," Ms Hoosan said.

"CAAAPU has been in discussions with the NT Government about expanding our AMT service and co-locating assessment and treatment services.

"This will ensure patients receive cultural as well as medical support from the time they enter the AMT system."

– CAAAPU chairperson Eileen Hoosan

"This will ensure patients receive cultural as well as medical support from the time they enter the AMT system.

"Co-location will mean a more seamless and less disruptive transition for clients into the mandatory treatment programs; culturally appropriate support

to clients; and better access to language speakers and family connections.

"Removing the assessment centre from a criminal justice precinct into a health service delivery environment in a therapeutic delivery setting will also reduce the risk of client trauma.

"We look forward to continuing negotiations with the NT Government around the AMT services and acknowledge their support and commitment to giving Aboriginal people options in dealing with the effects of alcohol addiction.

"Unfortunately CAAAPU was unsuccessful in attracting funding to allow the continuation of residential rehabilitation services for

women. CAAAPU is running day programs for women but we are hoping to attract funding in the future to allow us to again offer full residential programs that cater to women and their children wanting to recover from alcohol abuse."

They went, they saw, they learnt



EIGHT Indigenous artists from far north Queensland communities have just returned after a visit to creative arts centres in Brisbane, Sydney and

Canberra. The artists, from the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) and Yarrabah, travelled with UMI Arts employees Teho Ropeyarn and Jaivan Bowen as part of UMI's Exhibition Ready Alumni 'Go See' Career Development Program.

Now in its second year, the Go See program is a part of a three-year partnership between UMI Arts and the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation with Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council art centres.

Go See is designed to assist in developing an artist's career through engagement with museums and galleries throughout Australia.

UMI Arts' Indigenous member artist participants this year were Philomena Yeatman, Michelle Yeatman, Valmai Pollard, Andrew Garrett Jun, Agnes Mark, Vincent Babia, Susan Kennedy and Geraldine Yorke.

They visited major galleries where they saw major collections, behind-the-scenes activities, made contacts and met arts administrators.

● **Pictured:** This year's UMI Arts Go See participants and staff after an interview on 98.9FM radio in Brisbane. *Picture: 98.9FM*

Award aims to unearth talent



NOMINATIONS are now open for this year's Triple J/NIMA Unearthed

award to find the best unsigned talent in the country.

The award 'unearthed' Thelma Plum in 2012, Robbie Miller in 2013 and hop-hop performer Philly in 2014.

The NIMAs (National Indigenous Music Awards) are the pre-eminent awards for Indigenous music, and the awards ceremony concert has grown to become a popular family event.

Frank Yamma, The Painted Ladies and B2M have been added to this year's line-up, with the concert to be staged at the Darwin Amphitheatre on July 25.

Unearthed award entries must be received by July 5. Full details at and forms at nima.musicnt.com.au



Debut album for last year's winner

LAST year Melbourne-based rapper Philly (pictured left) was named unsigned Indigenous Act of the Year by Triple J and the National Indigenous Music Awards.

He has just finished laying down tracks for his debut album, *Not My Life*, which will be out next month. The first single, *Dream Chaser*, has been released to coincide with Reconciliation Week and, understandably, Philly (aka Phillip Murray) is feeling pretty good about where things are at for him at the moment.

"I've always been a big believer in chasing your dreams and doing what you love," he said.

"The whole idea (for the song) is talking about the reality of chasing dreams; the

struggles you have to face. But if you believe enough and push through, you will succeed."

Philly said that as a young kid, his dream was to be a professional basketball player. But when that didn't work out he turned to music.

His last song *We On* featured Geelong player Steven Motlop and seemed to be all about a young kid dreaming of being an AFL star. But Philly said it had a more universal message.

"We never mentioned footy... It was reaching out to anyone chasing a dream in all sports," he said.

Philly, 23, was born in Nowra, southern NSW, but was raised in Mildura by a local Elder.

Bancroft's art in exhibition at Blacktown



ONE of Australia's leading Aboriginal artists, Bronwyn Bancroft, features a new set of works in her solo exhibition *Riverstones and*

Ramifications, now at Blacktown Arts Centre.

The exhibition is an exploration of Bancroft's life in the bush and the city, featuring large-scale paintings on paper, canvas, photographic collages and family memorabilia.

An installation of axes, flints and riverstones from Bancroft's Bundjalung (northern NSW) country, handed down through her family, will also feature.

Bancroft describes the series as a culmination of her life's experiences.

"I live in two places: my traditional lands at Lonsville in northern NSW (Bundjalung nation) and inner-west Sydney," she said.

Bancroft said the purpose of the new work is to highlight different notions around her sense of place and connection to country as an Aboriginal woman, while creating a visual representation of a contemporary Aboriginal existence.

She has also been working with Aboriginal artist and long-time Blacktown resident Adam Hill on a project called *Take A Walk With Me*.

The concept is guided by local aspiring Aboriginal artists in their senior years at Blacktown Girls and Mitchell high schools.

Riverstones and Ramifications runs until July 18 (Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm). Entry is free. Details at www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Unaipon deadline draws near

NOMINATIONS close on June 19 for this year's David Unaipon Award for unpublished Indigenous authors.

The award is an opportunity for aspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors to gain exposure to the publishing industry, as well as gain financial support and professional opportunities. It carries \$10,000 in prizemoney and the winner will have their winning manuscript published by University of Qld Press (UQP). In addition, up to three mentorships are available for shortlisted entrants through the Queensland Writers Centre.

The award was established by UQP in 1989 to recognise unpublished Indigenous authors and their writing. It is now one of the 12 award categories that make up the Queensland Literary Awards.

Previous winner Ellen van Neerven's

winning manuscript *Heat and Light* was published last year through UQP, and she has been shortlisted for the 2015 Stella Prize. She received a 2014 Queensland Writers Fellowship to write her next book *Days of Extinction*, and also works as a senior editor at State Library of Queensland with the black&write! Indigenous writing and editing project.

Ms van Neerven said the David Unaipon Award has been of great value to Indigenous people and the literary landscape of Australia.

"Vital stories about this country have been unearthed, and new voices have been heard," she said. "I think being a writer is one of the ways Indigenous Australians can speak out and show our strength and vitality. I encourage all to give it a go."

For more information, including application forms, see qldliteraryawards.qld.gov.au



Previous David Unaipon Award winner Ellen van Neerven.

Entries open for Parlt Prize



ENTRIES are now open for the rich Parliament of NSW Aboriginal

Art Prize. Aboriginal artists born in or living in NSW are eligible for the \$40,000 prize, with entries open until July 31.

The annual event is one of the largest art prizes on offer for Aboriginal artists in Australia. It is judged by an independent panel of experts.

Celebrated young Aboriginal artist Nicole Foreshew was awarded the last year's prize (her winning entry is pictured at right), becoming the first to do so for a photographic work. Her work *It comes without seeking 1* reflects the increasingly diverse nature of the prize, which in 2014 also featured textiles, digital installations, jewellery and sculpture alongside more

traditional mediums such as drawings and paintings.

Finalists will be exhibited at Parliament House throughout October, and their works will go on show in regional galleries next year.

The winner will join the likes of Foreshew, Roy Kennedy, Esme Timbery, Danny Eastwood and Karla Dickens, and the work will become part of the permanent collection of the Parliament of NSW.

In addition to the main prize, entrants can also choose to be considered for the UNSW Faculty of Art and Design Aboriginal Arts Residency Award.

For more information on eligibility criteria and for full terms and conditions, visit www.campbelltownartscentre.com.au or contact Campbelltown Arts Centre on (02) 4645 4100 or by email to megan.monte@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au



Boomalli's \$300 event this month



BOOMALLI Aboriginal Artists Co-operative will hold its \$300 Day fundraising appeal this month. Under the annual event, artists donate artworks costing over \$300 to the arts organisation.

Boomalli is still urging more artists – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – to give works for the annual appeal.

The cooperative is aiming to have more than 300 donated works for its fundraiser, which starts today and continues until June 14.

Boomalli says all sales will help it to continue to provide high quality exhibitions and workshops for artist members.

Boomalli is at 51-59 Flood Street in the Sydney suburb of Leichhardt, or can be contacted on (02) 9560 2541 or by email on boomalliartgallery@gmail.com

Artists and supporters who have pledged donations include Lola Binge, Thelma Bartman, Jessica

Birk, Shirley Amos, Tracey L Bostock, Euphemia Bostock, Sharon Smith, Blak Douglas, Jeannie Elizabeth Hayes, Charmaine Davis, Jake Soewardie, Jasmine Sarin, Greg Weatherby, Graham Toomey, Deborah Taylor, Jai Walker, Oral Roberts, Danny Eastwood, Jenny Fraser, Jeffrey Samuels, Nicole Monks, Bronwyn Bancroft, Jessica Johnson, Anni



Lola Binge's work *People Coming Together* is part of Boomalli's \$300 Day appeal.

Jane Linklater, Chico Monks, Jason Wing, Charlie Aarons, Robyn Caughlan, Michael Huxley, Peter O'Doherty, Sian Macphedron, Kathryn Miller, Cherie Christenson, Gabrielle Bates, Cate Osborne, Arone Meeks, Kim

Carpenter, Luke Close, Marlene Millers, Neville McKenzie, Nola Jones, Paul Bidwell, Ron Adams, Shari Hussein, Steve Smith, Sharon Hickey, Teena McCarthy, Tom Love Day, Uncle Ed Walker, Vicki Caughlan, Jason Trindall, Noni Cragg, Michelle Riley, Lynn Daryl Smith, David Cragg, Edwina Wrobel and Sandra Williams.

Honorary doctorate for Page



BANGARRA Dance Theatre artistic director Stephen Page has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Creative Arts by the University of Technology Sydney.

The award recognises Dr Page's career accomplishments and contribution to Indigenous culture in Australia.

The internationally acclaimed choreographer and artistic director of the Bangarra Dance Theatre for the past 25 years has also developed a close association with staff and students at the UTS Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning (JIHL).

Born in Brisbane, Mr Page is a descendant of the Nunukul people and the Munaldjali clan of the Yugambeh Nation from south-east Queensland. Since joining Bangarra in 1991 as artistic director, he has expanded the company's reputation, touring Australia and the world.

Dr Page was named NSW Australian of the Year in 2008 in recognition of his work in bringing Australia's cultures closer together through the performing arts and his commitment to developing a new generation of Indigenous storytellers by mentoring emerging artists.

JIHL director Professor Michael McDaniel said Dr Page's award was fitting given his outstanding contribution to professional practice in the performing arts and promotion

of social justice, particularly among young Indigenous people.

"Working with the dance company, Stephen has brought Indigenous cultural experiences of an international standard to audiences across Australia and around the world," Prof McDaniel said.

"He is an outstanding cultural leader, at the creative heart of Australia's only major Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts company.

"He has maintained a commitment to, and close contact with, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the country and has engaged young people in their culture and in the performance of dance as a way of storytelling.

"Stephen has fostered a new generation of Indigenous dancers and choreographers, particularly through education and outreach programs to the Indigenous and broader community, while also developing new choreographic works. He has been the primary mentor of Indigenous dance at an elite level in Australia."

Dr Page said he was honoured to be recognised by UTS.

"We're both committed to nurturing the next generation of Indigenous artists and leaders," he said. "I've fostered a life-long love of learning and connecting people through storytelling, and I hope that inspires young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to strive for excellence."



Stephen Page at the conferral of his doctorate with University of Technology, Sydney Chancellor Professor Vicki Sara. Picture by Terry Clinton

Jessica takes TAFE award



JESSICA Maher, from Taree, has been named Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year at this year's NSW North Coast TAFE student recognition awards.

Ms Maher was recognised for both her studies in the Certificate IV in Community Services Work and her achievements in the community and the workplace.

She said that on "day one" of her employment at a childcare facility she "fell in love" with her role and wanted to gain more knowledge and experience

so she could deliver a better service.

North Coast TAFE director of the Aboriginal Learning Circle Heather McGregor said Ms Maher stood out as "the complete package".

"She was very strong across the board and able to rise above some difficult challenges in her life," Ms McGregor said.

"All in all, we were impressed by her ability to stay focussed whilst balancing work, study and family responsibilities and at the same time making meaningful contributions to social justice, equality and high quality services in her community."

Doomadgee, Mornington Island children to benefit



MORE than double the national average of five-year-old children start school unprepared each year in Doomadgee and on Mornington Island in

far north Queensland, according to the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). But that's set to change for the better thanks to a Save the Children scheme being funded by United Way Australia and the Queensland Department of Education, Training and Employment to help Save the Children halve this rate.

United Way runs the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program in Australia, which provides a free monthly book to children at home from birth until their fifth

birthday. More than 40 million books have been sent to children across the United States, Canada and Britain, including 30,000 books to children in Australia.

Now children from Doomadgee community and Mornington Island

even newborns, is so important because the period before a child turns five is critical for brain and language development."

Save the Children aims to start helping 60 children from Doomadgee and Mornington

Island through the funding, with hopes that more can be assisted.

"We are now looking to register children and find supporters to help fund places for more children to join the program," Mr Sloan said.

"We're thrilled to be supporting Save the Children to start this

program in Doomadgee and Mornington Island."

For information about United Way and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, go to unitedway.com.au or call (07) 3136 5709.

"Reading with young children, even newborns, is so important because the period before a child turns five is critical for ... development."

are also in line to receive them.

"Literacy skills don't develop automatically," United Way Queensland representative David Sloan said.

"Reading with young children,



Indigenous students invited to conference



ALL Indigenous university students are invited to attend the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Conference at the University of Technology, Sydney next month.

The conference, which is being facilitated by the National Union of Students' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Department, aims to bring together Indigenous students and leaders to address issues of relevance to them, including topics such as changes to the Indigenous Tertiary Assistance Scheme.

To be held from July 22-25, the conference will include guest speakers, workshops on building skills in campaigning, policy writing and leadership, and networking.

More details at atsi@nus.asn.au

● Pictured: Indigenous students and supporters show solidarity and support for communities threatened with closure in Western Australia and opposition to Federal Government moves to change the Indigenous Tertiary Assistance Scheme.

Six get scholarships

Mikaela French



SIX Indigenous students at three Queensland universities are the latest recipients under the Arrow Energy Indigenous University Scholarships program.

The scholarships, worth up to \$10,000 a year for each person's course, have been set up to provide access to higher education for members of traditional owner groups in Arrow's areas of operation in Queensland.

Arrow Energy is an integrated coal seam gas (CSG) company that explores and develops gas fields, produces and sells CSG and generates electricity. It has operations around Queensland.

"We have been maintaining 25 scholarships for Indigenous students at six universities around Queensland since launching them in 2012," Arrow Energy's Glenda Viner said.

"As students complete their studies, we add new scholars to replace them."

The latest scholarship recipients are:

- Amarina Smith, a Kabal-Barada woman from Rockhampton who is studying a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Government and International Relations at Griffith University;

- Mikaela French, of Cairns, who is studying a Bachelor of Law Honours at QUT;

- Shekira Cardona, a Barunggam woman from the Dalby area, who is completing a Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at QUT;

- Todd Crawford, a descendent of the Mandandanji people, who is undertaking a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering at QUT;

- Rebekka Taylor, a Bidjara woman, who is studying a Bachelor of Education (Secondary) at QUT; and

- Cindy Holman, a Jirrbal woman from White Rock, who is studying a Bachelor of Education (Primary) at James Cook University.



Todd Crawford

Shekira Cardona



Rebekka Taylor



We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number. Send them to any of the addresses 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

Until June 30: Magabala Books 2015 Australian Indigenous Creator Scholarships entries open. Full details and application forms at www.magabala.com/scholarship. Details: (08) 91921991.

June 3-July 4: Dwayne Everettsmith *Beyond Surrender* tour, with special guest Sietta. Details: (08) 8941 8066.

For performance times, venues and pricing visit www.dewayneeverettsmith.com

June 4-September 28: *Head Full of Love* performing lines national tour. The story of the friendship forged between a black woman from the Red Centre and white Sydneysider, who cross paths in the leadup to the annual Alice Springs Beanie Festival. Details: (02) 9319 0666, for tour dates visit www.performinglines.org.au/productions/

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Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan St, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: National Museum of Australia Go on a Gallery Tour. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, daily at 3pm. Costs apply. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112

Until June 6: BLAKOUT, featuring 13 videos made by five Indigenous artists. Held at Sydney College of the Arts, The University of Sydney, Lilyfield, Mon-Fri, 11am-5pm and Sat 11am-4pm. Free. Details: (02) 9351 1000 or visit www.edu.au/sca



Kevin Kropinyeri will be part of the Emerge Festival Comedy Shindig in Melbourne.

Kevin Kropinyeri ready to Emerge



KEVIN Kropinyeri is one of four comedians taking part in the inaugural Emerge Festival Comedy Shindig in Melbourne on Tuesday, June 16.

Kropinyeri will share tales of growing up, marriage and the challenges of life as an Aboriginal Australian family man. In a multicultural lineup that also includes

an Ethiopian dinner, he will be on stage with Vietnamese Australian Diana Nguyen, Sri Lankan-born accountant-turned comedian Dilruk Jayasinha, and former Raw Comedy winner Nelly Thomas.

Emerge will be held at the Fitzroy Town Hall. Tickets for the comedy night are free, but bookings are essential at www.trybooking.com/HLRM

Until June 14: 300 Dollar Day exhibition. Boomalli's annual fundraising exhibition includes 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

Until June 21: Briemba: Looking for you photograph

exhibition. Showcasing the J W Lindt Collection of photographs. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton, Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

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. Details: (02) 9839 6558 or visit www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/arts

Until July 31: 2015 NSW Parliament Aboriginal Art Prize entries open. Aboriginal artists born or living in NSW have an opportunity to be in the running to win \$40,000. Information and

eligibility criteria on (02) 4545 4100 or email megan.monte@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au or visit www.campbelltownartscentre.com.au

Until August 1: *Dhaga Ngiyanhi Ngann Girra* (where we all meet) exhibition, featuring cloaks made from possum and kangaroo skin, owl, rosella and cockatoo feather headdresses and belts, and other artworks. Held at The Macleay Museum, Gosper Lane, The University of Sydney, Mon-Fri, 10am-4.30pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9036 5253 or visit www.syddney.edu.au/museums

Until August 7: NAISDA audition applications. NAISDA Dance College is looking for the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers. Details: 1800 117 116 or visit www.naisda.com.au to download the NAISDA audition pack.

Until August 15: *We are in Wonder LAND* exhibition. The first national exhibition to explore experimentation in contemporary central and western Australian desert art, it includes landscapes painted in the Albert Namatjira tradition transferred to 1950s-style skirts. Held at UNSW galleries, Paddington, Sydney, Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (02) 8936 0619 or visit www.niea.unsw.edu.au/events

June 5 and 17: Bangarra's Community Night and Koori Kids Day. Special performances for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander audiences to open the national tour. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Tickets fees and charges apply. Details: (02) 9251 5333 or email community@bangarra.com.au or visit www.bangarra.com.au/calendar

June 7: Blak Markets. Includes performances, workshops, talks, cooking, spear-making and more. Held at Bare Island, La Perouse from 9.30am-4pm. \$2 to enter. Details: (02) 9345 4404 or visit www.firsthandsolutions.org

June 9: Yarning about Cancer workshop. Information on cancer, screening, palliative care and more. Held at Grand Pacific Health, Training Room 2, 107 Scenic Dr, Nowra, from 9am-4.30pm. Free. Details: Catherine Wood on (02) 9212 4777 or email cwood@ahmrc.org.au

June 9: Kari Charity Golf Day. Held at NSW Golf Club, La Perouse, from 8.30am (shotgun start). Details: Nikolina Pletikosa on (02) 8782 0300 or visit www.kari.org.au

June 9-13: Wollongong Indigenous Arts Festival. Celebrating Indigenous visual arts, film, dance, music and writing, it includes panel talks, presentations, workshops and arts awards. Held at Wollongong Art Gallery. Free for most events. Details: (02) 4227 8500 or visit www.wollongongartgallery.com

June 11-September 5: Bangarra's Dance Theatre new performance *lore* national tour. Dance stories of land and sea, ● Continued next page

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performances by three artists. Held in Sydney, Canberra, Wollongong, Brisbane and Melbourne. Tickets costs apply. Details: (02) 9250 7250 or visit www.bangarra.com.au/performance/lore

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, Kariong, 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. Cost \$30 a person. Details: (02) 9250 777 or visit www.sydneyperehouse.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 Wednesday of each month. Free. Bookings: www.slq.eventbrite.com Details: (07) 3842 9061.

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, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

Until July 9: Secondary Market exhibition. The gallery will rotate more than 60 artworks through its exhibition spaces. Held at Fireworks Gallery, 52a Doggett Street, Newstead, Tues-Fri, 10am-6pm and Sat, 10am-4pm. Details: (07) 3216 1250 or visit www.fireworksgallery.com.au

June 11-12: Song Stories workshop. Aims to support young, aspiring Indigenous musicians to further develop their lyrics and music. Held at Cairns UMI Arts, 335 Sheridan St, Cairns Free to attend. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

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 through song, dance ceremony and performance. Held at Laura. 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

Until 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



The Merindas will perform in Perth on July 17.

The Merindas to hit the stage in Perth



INDIGENOUS female trio The Merindas will pay tribute to some of Motown's greatest hits as well as performing their own in Perth next month.

The group will be live in concert at the Astor Theatre in the Perth suburb of Mount Lawley on July 17. They'll be joined by Randa & The Soul Kingdom and special guest Phil Walleystack.

The name merinda comes from the Aboriginal Eora (NSW) language, meaning beautiful woman, and is a tribute to their Indigenous heritage.

The Merindas caught their big break in 2012, performing a one-off show for Noongar Radio's premiere of the hit film *The Sapphires*.

They sold out their first show in 2012 and have been performing since.

In 2013 the group was nominated for a Deadly award, and in 2014 their

debut single *Ready To Love* won the Indigenous WAM Song Of The Year.

They have supported major Australian acts including Casey Donovan, Christine Anu and Troy Cassar-Daley.

The Perth show will feature some of Motown's biggest hits. It is also a fundraiser for the singers, who are heading to China later in the year.

More details at www.facebook.com/TheMerindas

Library of SA, North Terrace, Adelaide, Tue-Fri, 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun, noon-4pm. Details: (08) 8207 7055 or visit www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum

Northern Territory

Until June 14: Beanies at SoArt. Held at the Araulen Arts Centre, 61 Larapinta Dr, Alice Springs, every Saturday and Sunday. Cost: \$30 (all material supplied). Details: Marg on 0400 442 945.

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.

June 5-7: Barunga Festival 30th anniversary. A celebration of music, sport and culture includes performances by Paul Kelly, Gurumul, Sammy Butcher, Neil Murray and many more. Held at Barunga community. Admission fees apply. Details: (07) 3132 5331 or visit www.barungafestival.com.au

June 19-22: Alice Springs Beanie Festival 2015. A fun event where Aboriginal and other artists share their culture and exhibit together. Held at Araulen Arts Centre, 61 Larapinta Dr, Alice Springs. Details: 0408 215 700 or visit www.beaniefest.org

July 1: Territory Day Concert. Featuring Jessica Mauboy, with events being held in 15 locations. For details visit www.territoryday.nt.gov.au

Victoria

June 18-July 19: *Both Sides of the Street* exhibition, bringing together artists from different disciplines and with different perspectives on what it means to live in contemporary Australian society. Held at Blak Dot Gallery, 413 Lygon St, Brunswick, Thurs-Sun, noon-5pm. Details: (03) 9380 8810 or visit www.blakdot.com.au

June 28-July 4: Fun4Kids Festival. A week-long annual event featuring more than 80 performances and 17 activity spaces including Aboriginal language

workshops for ages two to 12. Held at Warrnambool Civic Centre. For a full list of prices and activities visit www.fun4kids@warrnambool.vic.gov.au. Details: (03) 5562 4044.

Western Australia

Ongoing: Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company Writers' Group meeting for new and emerging playwrights.

Held on the second Monday of the month at Yirra Yaakin, 65 Murray St, Perth, from 6.30-8.30pm. Details: Irma on (08) 9202 1966 or www.yirrayaakin.com.au

Until September 6: *Post-hybrid: reimagining the Australian self* exhibition. It features works from public and private Western Australian art collections, and explores the ways in which colonisation, Aboriginal culture and migration have contributed to an evolving sense of contemporary Australian identity.

Held at John Curtin Gallery, Building 200A, Curtin University, Kent St, Bentley on Mon-Fri, 11am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 9266 4155.

Happy in the army



PRIVATE Noreen Tamwoy is one of a growing number of young men and women from the Torres Strait Islands and Northern Peninsula Area joining the Australian Defence Force.

She is a member of the army's Six Transport Squadron based at the Lavarack Barracks in Townsville, north Queensland.

"I would recommend a career in the Australian Defence Force to young

people living in the NPA or Torres Strait," Pte Tamwoy said.

The *Koori Mail* spoke with her at a recent public display by the army in Townsville. Pte Tamwoy was working on a Bushmaster armoured vehicle.

"I love my job," she said.

Quietly spoken Pte Tamwoy is from Injinoo, one of five communities on the NPA. She also has family links to Badu Island in the Torres Strait and likes to

get back to the region when she can.

"I have a lot of relatives in the NPA including members of the Pablo and Sebasio families," she said.

Many young people from the Torres Strait and NPA also seek careers in the Royal Australian Navy because of their affinity with the sea.

● Pictured: Private Noreen Tamwoy sitting on one of the army's Bushmaster armoured vehicles.

It's your guide to employment

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- Bendigo based, ongoing, full-time position
- Salary range \$59,656 - \$68,601 plus superannuation

Aboriginal Community Corrections Officers monitor and supervise complex and high profile Aboriginal and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole.

In this role, you will provide culturally appropriate guidance and counselling to offenders, assisting them to participate in programs and community work by developing strong links with Aboriginal agencies and preparing offender reports for the courts and Adult Parole Board.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- an understanding of the Koori community, with proven ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members
- excellent problem solving, influencing and written communication skills, with a keen eye for detail
- experience in case management and report writing.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Sunday 14 June 2015.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

RJCP Case Officer Tjuntjuntjara - Spinifex Lands, WA

- * Excellent salary package of \$114,369 including a host of highly attractive benefits!
- * Experience the Tjuntjuntjara Community - a spectacular part of Australia that most people will never see!

PTAC now has a fantastic opportunity for a confident RJCP Case Officer to join its multidisciplinary team in Tjuntjuntjara, WA. Reporting to the PTAC Program Manager and Board, you will primarily be responsible for managing the RJCP case load. You will do this by ensuring activity supervision and participation of job seekers in planned RJCP projects and activities is on track. You'll be rewarded with an excellent package including relocation assistance, district allowances, subsidised accommodation and so much more!



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The Role

Build capacity to empower community members to actively address issues that impact on the social and emotional health and well being of Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people.

About You

You will have the ability to develop positive relationships and relate to a range of people at all levels including funding bodies, volunteers, staff, school students and Government Departments and experience in delivering programs in community settings and a passion for Aboriginal Community Development.

Benefits

Generous salary sacrifice and flexible work arrangements
Enquiries to Maralyn Marsh (08) 8641 9500

Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This is an act done for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under section 65 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (SA).



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Macquarie University will offer one full-time postdoctoral Research Fellowship to an Australian Indigenous Researcher, commencing 1 January 2016. Full information including the funding rules and application material are available at: Macquarie University Fellowship for Indigenous Researchers (MUFIR)

In addition to salary, the MUFIR recipient will be eligible for up to \$50,000 over three years for project costs.

Eligibility: PhD awarded on or after 1 March 2012, or proposed thesis submission date by 1 July 2015.

Appointment Type: Fixed-term (three years), full-time

Enquiries: See www.research.mq.edu.au/mufir

Package: Base Salary \$83,344-\$89,320 p.a., Level A Step 6 (plus 17% employer's superannuation and annual leave loading)

Applications Close: Wednesday, 1 July 2015 at 5pm EST



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Director, Jaanimili

Opportunity

UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families (UCCYPF) provides quality services and support for many of NSW and ACT's vulnerable populations, including early education and care, disability services, family support and counselling. Jaanimili is the Aboriginal Services and Development Unit within UCCYPF and is part of the organisation's commitment to Australia's First People, leading capacity building with Aboriginal people and communities across NSW and ACT.

Role

- Reporting to the Director UCCYPF and as a key member of the executive team, design and deliver culturally inclusive services that support a strong Aboriginal workforce across UCCYPF
- Lead or partner in the delivery of Aboriginal programs and engage in advocacy on Aboriginal specific issues
- Develop strategic and operational plans and grow the impact of Jaanimili internally and externally

Experience

- Tertiary qualified and commercially astute with experience managing multi-disciplinary teams ideally gained in community services, child or family sectors
- Aboriginal heritage with proven cultural and people leadership skills
- Collaborative with strong communication and relationship development skills and the ability to engage key stakeholders including government and community organisations

To apply confidentially, please register your interest at careers.futurestep.com and enter keyword LW166.

For further information contact:
Erin Giuliani on (02) 9006 3431 or
Carolyn Soddy on (02) 9006 3468



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Talent with impact



Are you an experienced professional who is passionate about making a difference in the lives of Aboriginal people who are affected by drugs and alcohol and related issues?

We are an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation based in Bundjalung Country in Alstonville NSW. We provide a residential program for men over the age of 18 years experiencing drug & alcohol issues and related harms that includes family violence and other negative behaviours. We also provide outreach family health & wellbeing services to partners and family members of residents.

We currently have 2 Aboriginal Specific vacancies and 1 Aboriginal Specific expected vacancy to fill.

Successful applicants will have a strong role in the continued development and implementation of culturally safe programs and services, and act as mentors and role models to other team members and clients. They must be able to represent Namatjira Haven in a positive way in the community.

The positions require experience in running groups and case managing clients to fulfil the goals needed to improve quality of life for the client, family and community. Feedback from our men suggests "they need a role model, someone that practices what they preach".

These positions are paid above award and a generous Salary Sacrifice scheme is offered.

Applicants must fill out our application form and address the selection criteria as outlined in the information pack available from our website www.namatjirahaven.com or by phoning Admin on (02) 6628 1098.

Applications close on Monday the 22nd of June at 5pm.

Some limited assistance can be provided where a successful candidate needs to re-locate to take up a position.

Residents A&OD Case Workers (Aboriginal Male)

5 Days per week rotating roster. Full Time - hours negotiable
(1 current vacancy and 1 expected vacancy)

Family Health & Wellbeing Case Worker (Aboriginal Female)

4 days per week. Part Time - hours negotiable

Namatjira Haven Ltd considers being an Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under Section S14 & S31 under Anti-Discrimination Act 1977(NSW).

Namatjira Haven Ltd considers gender is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under S31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977(NSW).



LIAISON OFFICER

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

- Make a difference in Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Full-time or part-time negotiable, flexible and attractive employment conditions
- Located in Camberwell, travel in Melbourne and regional Victoria

A fantastic opportunity exists for a motivated, experienced individual to promote Relationships Australia Victoria's (RAV) services within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community across Victoria. RAV is a valued provider of specialist family services, providing high quality and comprehensive services that assist families and children to overcome challenges grow and thrive.

Reporting to the CEO, you will be responsible for helping RAV continue to connect and build effective, meaningful relationships within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. You will strategically and operationally play a lead role in developing, implementing and supporting RAV's policies, programs, services, events and engagement with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community across Victoria.

As our ideal candidate you will have:-

- Demonstrated knowledge of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, having worked in a similar organisation and capacity previously,
- A comprehensive understanding of the issues affecting relationships for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community,
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate, engage and collaborate with all stakeholders,
- Proven organisational skills with the ability to prioritise and manage own workload to meet timeframes and job related expectations, and,
- Ability to develop, implement and communicate relevant policies, procedures, tools and resources to raise awareness.

Based in Camberwell, you will travel to our offices throughout Melbourne and regional Victorian locations. This role is open to potential employees interested in working either fulltime or part-time, negotiable and we will adjust the responsibilities for the role accordingly. The successful applicant will be required to undertake a satisfactory National Police Check and Working with Children check and will have a current driver's licence.

For further information about this great opportunity, visit our website www.relationshipsvictoria.com.au. Please send your confidential written application with a covering letter, resume or CV and response to the key selection criteria in the job description to, Human Resources at careers@rav.org.au. If you have a specific query in relation to this position, please call Sharon Greenhill, Senior Manager Human Resources on phone (03) 8573 2222 or contact Karen Milward, RAV's Aboriginal Advisor, ph. 0407 867 863.

Closing date Friday 26th June, 2015

This is an Aboriginal designated position, classified under the Equal Opportunity Act (2010) Section 12 - Special Measures. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Chief Executive Officer IBA Tourism Asset Management

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a progressive, commercially focused organisation which fosters partnerships with Indigenous Australians, government agencies, private sector business and industry to facilitate home ownership, business ownership and wealth creating investments. IBA's diverse tourism and hospitality portfolio is managed to deliver commercial outcomes as well as non-financial social, economic and community development outcomes, including Indigenous employment, while also providing opportunities for Indigenous enterprise development and investment opportunities.

IBA has established ITAM (IBA Tourism Asset Management) as a wholly owned operating entity accountable to the newly-established ITAM Board, to build a vibrant new Australian experiential tourism brand and business, based on Indigenous cultural content and the unique environmental aspects of the assets. The Chief Executive Officer will build a new and original management platform and develop an Indigenous tourism portfolio brand strategy to generate sustainable returns from its growing portfolio of assets, which has a current revenue base in excess of \$40 million.

Please send an application quoting **Ref No 67775** to Watermark Search International. Email: search@watermarksearch.com.au Tel (02) 9233 1200. We will reply to the email address used for your application. Closing date: 21 June 2015.

Candidates will need to demonstrate proven senior executive leadership capability to drive strategy and deliver operational outcomes, with experience in start-ups, including assets and brands, brand creation and roll out, and capex strategy and management. Leadership experience in managing a portfolio of assets in the tourism / hospitality sector, with exposure to mergers and acquisitions, divestments and joint ventures, and the economic evaluation of assets, would be preferable, but not essential. Well developed financial and commercial acumen will be required, together with strength in sales and marketing, with a successful track record as an entrepreneurial, innovative and dynamic leader.

In addition, candidates will need to demonstrate to the Board an understanding of and / or professional engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples or other native cultures, to inform the development and realisation of a unique Indigenous experiential tourism brand, driving commercial results while also delivering non-financial community development outcomes. We encourage applications from Indigenous Australians.



Department of Health & Human Services

Practice Leader, Aboriginal Family Decision Making (AFDM)

- Practice Leader (Aboriginal Family Decision Making)
- Preston location - 0.5FTE
- Opportunity to make a difference

An outstanding opportunity currently exists for a highly motivated individual to join the vibrant Preston based team in the capacity of Practice Leader, Aboriginal Family Decision Making (AFDM) on a part time basis. The AFDM will work collaboratively with practitioners and teams to strengthen case practice with Aboriginal children and families, subsequently providing effective service delivery and support to Practitioners within the team.

In this role, your social work, psychology or welfare qualifications will be welcomed into a supportive and hard-working team who share a common goal. You understand that small changes can have a real impact.

Successful candidates will be rewarded with the following:

- Ongoing Professional Development
- Supervision by Leaders in the field
- Exposure to innovative Social Work Practices

Make the decision to pursue a fulfilling professional career and help our families. This is an exciting time to join the team.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers or contact **Pauline Scala on 03 9479 0580**

Job Reference No: **DHHS/N/00440548**

Applications close: **Thursday 11 June 2015**

For more information about the Department of Health & Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health & Human Services recruitment process.

Aboriginal Australians are encouraged to apply.

For information and support contact 1300 092 406 or aboriginal.recruitment@dhs.vic.gov.au



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Service Clerk (Administrative Officer Level 2)

Ref: 250675 – Peri-Operative Services Permanent Full-Time, at Bankstown Hospital
Enquiries: Mimoza Stojanovska, (02) 9722 8320
Closing Date: 17 June 2015

This is a targeted position in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and greater consideration will be given to suitable Aboriginal applicants, in order to improve access to employment and career opportunities. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

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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).



**Bullinah Aboriginal
Health Service (BAHS)
Ballina**

BAHS is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service that provides comprehensive primary healthcare services to the Aboriginal Communities in the Ballina and surrounding regions

We are seeking suitably qualified people to fill the following full-time positions:-

1. Medical Receptionist

2. Female Aboriginal Health Worker.

Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service considers that being Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander is a general occupational qualification for these positions under Section 14 of the Anti - Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

For further information on these positions, please contact the Practice Manager, Marilyn Bailey on 02 6681 5644 or via email to: pm@bullinahahs.org.au

For a Selection Criteria please email adminsUPPORT@bullinahahs.org.au

Written applications containing:-

1. Résumé
2. Statement addressing the Selection Criteria
3. Referees

Please send to:-

CEO (Marked Confidential)
BAHS
P.O. Box 148
BALLINA NSW 2478

**Applications Close
5pm Friday, 19th June 2015**



Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

Female Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Child & Family – Shellharbour

Temporary Part-Time – 14 hpw until 10/4/16 with

the possibility of an extension

Enquiries: Joan Stort, (02) 4295 2418

Reference ID: 250165

An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date: 7 June 2015

Apply online at:

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NATSIHWA
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Worker Association

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association (NATSIHWA) is the national peak body representing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker (ATSIHW) workforce.

NATSIHWA Secretariat is based in Canberra, which allows for an increased capacity for the peak body to represent and ensure the ATSIHW workforce have an impact and participate in the development of National Health policy.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Canberra Based

The CEO will be responsible for providing direction and leadership to the NATSIHWA Secretariat to meet the outcomes of NATSIHWA's Strategic Plan. This includes working collectively with the Board and in particular the Chairperson.

You will take a key role in the ongoing management of relationships with key stakeholders (government, NGO's, peak health organisations); and be responsible for managing the relevant funding agreements.

You will have demonstrated senior management experience including liaising with Boards and negotiating with government, as well as effectively managing staff with a collaborative and hands on approach as well as sourcing of future funding for NATSIHWA.

If you have a commitment to improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and a working knowledge and understanding of the ATSIHWA workforce, then this is a tremendous and genuine opportunity to ensure the succession and the continuation of the ATSIHWA workforce.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encourage to apply.

CORPORATE SERVICE MANAGER Canberra Based

Reporting to the CEO, the Corporate Services Manager will be responsible for ensuring the effective operations of NATSIHWA through management of the following areas: finance, administration, facilities, human resources, quality assurance, risk management and Occupational Health and Safety. The Corporate Services Manager has a high level of responsibility for ensuring the financial and compliance aspects of NATSIHWA business are sound.

To be considered for the role, you must have demonstrated an ability to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, knowledge and understanding of not-for-profit organisations in particular Government funding criteria and an ability to lead and manage an administrative and financial team.

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples to apply.

For further information please contact Kate on 02 6163 7500 or email: kate@f2frecruitment.com.au Resumes can also be sent to: kate@f2frecruitment.com.au.

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 17 June, 2015.



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NORTHERN TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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Case Worker

Administrative Officer Level 5

Remuneration Package Range: \$83 257 - \$87 519 (including salary \$71 985 - \$75 734)

Location: Darwin Don Dale Youth Detention Centre

Ongoing vacancy

As a case worker at Don Dale Youth Detention Centre, you will be responsible for the delivery of case management and welfare services to young people in detention within a holistic framework. This includes the development and implementation of assessments and case plans, engagement in interventions and group work, and the preparation of reports for the Courts and Parole Board.

To be successful in this role, you will need to be a skilful, communicator and negotiator who has knowledge of or experience in case management and culturally appropriate interventions as they apply to young people and experience in delivering therapeutic programs with a demonstrated understanding of and sensitivity to Indigenous cultural issues.

Further information regarding this vacancy contact Mary Culhane-Brown Manager Youth Justice Programs on email Mary.CulhaneBrown@nt.gov.au or phone 8944 8601

The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce.

All equal employment opportunity (EEO) groups are encouraged to apply.

Quote Vacancy Number: 3358

Closing Date: 11th June 2015



NT16366

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Australian Government

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Project Manager

Section: Indigenous Partnerships

Branch: Great Barrier Reef Operations

Classification: APS 6 \$76,751 - \$87,327 plus superannuation

Position Number: 474

Location: – Townsville

Duration: Ongoing

Closing date: 24 June 2015, 5.00PM AEST

Plan and implement major projects within the group with particular focus on assisting with the delivery of the Land & Sea Country Indigenous Partnerships Program within the Great Barrier Reef region. Liaise extensively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who identify as Traditional Owners of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, Indigenous Communities and their representatives bodies to ensure they are kept properly involved in Marine Park management, in particular the traditional use of marine resources.

NOTE: This is an 'identified position'. As an 'identified' position part of all of the duties impact on Indigenous Australian people and/or involve interactions with Indigenous Australian communities or their representatives. Applicants will therefore need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and societies."

For further information relating to this position and instructions on how to apply please visit:

<http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/about-us/careers>

Applicants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the "Advice to Applicant's" link on the webpage above.

Applications that do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

For further general information please contact:

Karin Gerhardt, Manager

Tel: 07 47500871 or 0418450028

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Justice

CLIENT OFFICER VICTIMS SERVICES

- x 1 Ongoing Full-Time
- Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 1-2, Salary (\$57,256 – \$62,245), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading (pro rata for part-time)

Responsible for providing a wide range of administrative support and clerical duties in accordance with established guidelines and service standards. Being responsive and professional in the provision of a diverse range of clerical, accounting and telephone service in a client focused environment.

Applying for the role:

To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00003OJV

Closing date: Wednesday, 17 June 2015 (11.59pm)

Contact: Martin Pollock (02) 8688 6187
email: martin_pollock@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Health

South Western Sydney Local Health District

Program Coordinator – Aboriginal Mental Health (HSM Level 2)

Ref: 252192 – Perm F/T 38hpw at

Mental Health, Liverpool

Salary: \$86,451 – \$102,538 pa

Enq: Patrick Parker

Ph: (02) 9616 4069

Closing Date: 16 June 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:
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Health

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Clinical Midwifery Specialist Grade 2 – Temporary Identified Aboriginal and Female

Royal Hospital for Women, Randwick

Enquiries: Elizabeth Cox (02) 9382 6019

Ref No: 251489

Closing Date: 15 June 2015

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
seslhd.recruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
or send application to:
Recruitment Unit,
Ground Floor Admin Building No. 2
Prince of Wales Hospital
Randwick NSW 2031

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



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.

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www.wurli.org.au



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- **Play a crucial role to support sustainable social change in a dynamic environment.**
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We are looking for a person with excellent administration and coordination skills to support the Associate Director of Australian Programs and the Active Citizenship Unit (ACU). You will be responsible for developing and managing information systems, supporting financial reporting, ensuring coordination across the team and its five workplaces, supporting program development and implementation through calendar management, minute taking, assisting with program reporting, and assisting with logistics for events and activities.

Selection Criteria:

- Sound administrative and organisational skills
- High-level secretarial skills
- Effective time management skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
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Applications close: Sunday 14 June 2015

Appointment to this position will require a satisfactory clearance of a police check. Oxfam Australia is committed to the safeguarding of children and young people.

To be eligible for this position, you must have the legal right to work in Australia.



Australian Government

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has primary responsibility for Indigenous affairs and Commonwealth Indigenous-specific policy and programmes across Australia. This reflects the Government's priorities of ensuring better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with a particular focus on getting children into school, getting adults into jobs and making communities safer.

Business Support Officer

Location: Broome, WA

Programme Officers – Various Opportunities

Various locations across NSW, WA, NT and QLD

Advisers (Engagement) – Various Opportunities

Various locations across NSW, WA, NT and QLD

Senior Advisers (Engagement) – Various Opportunities

Various locations across NSW, WA, NT and QLD

The PM&C Regional Network comprises 12 regions across Australia, each reflecting unique cultures and languages. The PM&C Regional Network leads engagement with communities, other stakeholders and government agencies to drive outcomes in the Government's Indigenous policy areas.

About the Opportunities

There are currently a number of opportunities available within the Regional Network in locations across Australia. These roles are part of a team responsible for the ground level delivery of Indigenous-specific policy and programmes across Australia.

These are identified positions and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. As these positions will work closely with Indigenous communities, an understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and an ability to communicate sensitively is essential for these roles.

Closing Date: Thursday 11 June 2015

How to Apply

For further information visit "Careers at PM&C" at www.dpmc.gov.au/pmc/careers or contact our recruitment team on **02 6271 6000**.

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Reconciliation
AUSTRALIA

Seeking tomorrow's leaders

RAP Program Officer

Full-time position

Position Sydney based

Reconciliation Australia (RA) is an independent, national not-for-profit organisation promoting reconciliation by building relationships, respect and trust between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our vision is for everyone to wake to a reconciled, just and equitable Australia.

This is a role like no other. You will foster organisations across the country to build relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and drive jobs and business. You will be able to knuckle down and get on with the job to:

- Review and advise on Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs)
- Build relationships with leading corporates, governments and NGOs
- Develop, promote and manage events around Australia.

As part of this exciting role, you will receive:

- Competitive salary, around \$57,500 + super
- Active training and support to fulfill your potential and exceed your own expectations
- Freedom to manage and own your projects.

Our highly respected RAP program involves over 1,100 of Australia's leading organisations.

We are committed to assisting and improving Australian organisations to realise their vision of reconciliation through meaningful, yet practical, plans to develop relationships, show respect and increase opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Reconciliation Australia strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

For further information about Reconciliation Australia, job description and selection criteria go to our website www.reconciliation.org.au or call 02 6273 9200

Applications close: 5pm Friday 26 June 2015

Please email resume and covering letter addressing selection criteria:

HR Manager
Reconciliation Australia
PO Box 4773
KINGSTON ACT 2600
jobs@reconciliation.org.au



Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre

Administration and Information Officer

Identified Aboriginal Female
Full time (70 hours p/f)

Wirringa Baiya is a NSW state-wide, gender specific community legal centre. Wirringa Baiya is an Aboriginal specialist service, which works primarily with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, children and youth.

Wirringa Baiya is seeking to employ an Administration and Information Officer. This person must have excellent administrative and organisational skills and an understanding of issues that impact on the Aboriginal community, especially the impact of domestic and family violence and sexual assault on victims and the community.

The rate of pay is based on Pay Point 3 Level 1 (or neg depending on skills), as per the SCHADS award. Hours may be worked over a ten-day or nine-day roster. Salary packaging is available. The centre is located in Marrickville.

Being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under sections 14 & 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Applicants must address all of the selection criteria contained in the job pack.

Please contact the office for a job pack on (02) 9569 3847 or email Christine_Robinson@clc.net.au

Applications close:
Friday 19th June 2015, 5pm.



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.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council

ABN 17 304 066 465
Ph: (02) 4997 5733
Fax: (02) 4997 5750
PO Box 30, 16 Mustons Rd
KARUAH NSW 2324
Email: karuahaboriginal@bigpond.com



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

KARUAH Local Aboriginal Land Council
(Attractive Salary Package and Benefits)

The Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council (KLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO will be required to assist and support the KLALC Board in implementing the KLALC's community business plan.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and an understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of financial management principals and practices. An in-depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including social housing, would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer - Dave Feeney, by email: karuahaboriginal@bigpond.com or on (02) 4997 5733 and 0439 248 219.

***Aboriginal Identified**, "An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. An acceptable form of documented verification is a Confirmation of Aboriginality letter, provided to you by a local Aboriginal organisation that includes a common seal from that organisation."*

Applications can be forwarded via email to karuahaboriginal@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

CEO Recruitment Panel
Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 30
Karuah NSW 2324

Applications close: Friday 30th June 2015

Aboriginal Care Coordinator
Kununurra, WA

*** Fantastic salary package, including a base salary circa \$57K plus super & allowances!**
*** Enjoy a great work/life balance & explore the magnificent sights of the Kimberley!**

Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services (KAMS) now has an exciting opportunity for an **Aboriginal Care Coordinator** to join their multidisciplinary team in Kununurra, WA. This is a full time role, with negotiable working hours. Reporting to the Clinical Nurse Manager - KRS Dialysis Unit, you will be **primarily responsible for establishing and implementing effective care coordination services within the region**. Your salary package will include district allowances, accommodation allowances, electricity allowances, 5 weeks leave and more! **Please Note: This is a 6 month maternity leave contract, commencing July 1st, 2015.**



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Apply Online
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Trainee Dental Assistant

Fixed Term Full Time
Closes 07/06/2015

Ref No: 13082



PENINSULA HEALTH

For full details, please visit:
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Winner - 2007 and 2009 Premier's Award - Metropolitan Health Service of the Year



CHRONIC DISEASE REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

We are seeking a highly motivated Registered Nurse to be a member of our Chronic Disease Program and enhance the holistic primary health care services provided to the Aboriginal people of the Katherine Region.

The successful applicant must be a Registered Nurse who is committed to working in collaboration with other team members to improve health outcomes and who has a successful working background in Chronic Disease Management.

To be successful you must have a current AHPRA registration, have the ability to multi-task and most importantly have a real passion for working with Aboriginal people.

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For more information on these exciting roles and a copy of the selection criteria, please contact HR Manager, Joanne Connop on (08) 8972 9331 or hr@wurli.org.au

Please be advised a minimum 'C' class NT Drivers Licence, Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card) and a satisfactory Criminal History Check are essential to apply for this position.

Local Indigenous people with close ties to the Katherine Region are encouraged to apply. Previous applicants need not apply.

Applications close COB: Friday 26th June 2015.

www.wurli.org.au



Health

Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Multidisciplinary Mental Health Worker (Allied Health Level 1/2, RN, Psychologist & AHEO Grad)

Ref ID: 254785

F/T at Camperdown Mental Health

Enquiries: Joanne Blake, (02) 9515 9000

Closing Date: 12 June 2015

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*

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: 19 June 2015

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*

Female Aboriginal Immunisation Liaison Officer (RN, AHEO Grad/Non Grad)

Ref ID: 252773

F/T or P/T at Camperdown Population Health

Enquiries: Fiona Steele, (02) 9515 9420

Closing Date: 19 June 2015

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander and being female are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under section 14(d) and section 31(2h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre Inc.

CENTRE MANAGER

If you like a real challenge and want to make a real difference this is the job for you.

We are seeking a highly motivated and experienced manager with a passion for empowering our Indigenous youth so that they may have an alternate pathway in life to the criminal justice system.



Tirkandi Inaburra is an early intervention centre for fourteen (15) Indigenous male youth 12-15 years of age. The Centre delivers a culturally based residential program aimed at strengthening cultural identity and resilience and empowering its young participants to reach their full potential in life. The Centre is located on 780 hectares of Crown Land near Coleambally in the south-west of NSW and the successful applicant will be required to live on site in housing which is provided.

The Centre Manager has overall day-to-day responsibility for the management of the Centre, the performance of staff and the welfare of its participants. The successful applicant in this position is also required to lead, co-ordinate and facilitate the business planning processes, develop policies, programs and systems required to support the operations at the Centre and to monitor and report operational and financial performances to the funding bodies.

We are committed to achieving a diverse workforce and strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Application Package can be obtained from Tirkandi Inaburra's Acting Centre Manager, Liz Edwards on (02) 69544800 or email admin@tirkandi.org.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: The Chairperson, Tirkandi Inaburra, PO Box 134 Coleambally NSW 2707 or email admin@tirkandi.org.au

Applications close: Friday, 19th June, 2015 at 5pm

Recommended applicants will be required to have a 'Working with Children Check number' and will be subject to a further Criminal Records Check.

MOGO ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

32 Sydney St, Mogo, NSW, 2536
P: (02) 4474 5229
F: (02) 4474 5219
E: mogolalc1@bigpond.com



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Salary – \$70,000 per annum (plus Superannuation) Full Time

The Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Mogo LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Tracey, by email or on 0400 421 509.

Applications can be forwarded to scbookkeeping@dodo.com.au or marked **"Confidential"** and posted to:

The CEO Recruitment Panel
Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council
32 Sydney Street Mogo NSW 2536

Applications close Friday 12th June 2015

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Family & Community Services

Client Services Officer (Targeted)

Clerk Grade 2/4
Department of Family and Community Services
Housing NSW
Northern Sydney District
Job Reference Number 00003M4T

About us

Housing is a business stream within the Department of Family & Community Services. FACS Housing is one of the largest providers of social housing in the world, providing a range of housing solutions to meet the needs of today's community. FACS Housing provides safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities for those most in need so that they can live with dignity, find support if needed and achieve sustainable futures.

About the Opportunity

Client Service staff are the public face of our business. The primary purpose of this role is to provide critical services and quality housing advice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, tenants and stakeholders, including those with complex needs.

Some of your key duties will include:

- Work directly with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and their advocates to provide advice and assistance on housing options based on assessment of eligibility and client need and in keeping with relevant legislation, policies and procedures.
- Work collaboratively with internal specialists and external service providers and make referrals where additional support requirements are identified to better meet Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander client needs.
- Manage tenancies and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients to maintain successful tenancies.
- Support tenancy and community participation initiatives to contribute to harmonious neighbourhoods and stronger communities.
- Manage client information to ensure confidentiality, accuracy and integrity.
- Monitor property condition and facilitate maintenance and minor modifications where necessary to meet client needs.

Essential Skills

To be successful in this role, you will have outstanding customer service skills, demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal social, cultural and economic issues and demonstrated team membership and collaboration skills, as well as an ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

Job Notes

This is a full-time ongoing role in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. A current Australian driver's licence is also a requirement for this role.

To apply, please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au quoting Job Reference Number 00003M4T

Salary range: \$60,582 – \$70,087 pa plus superannuation and annual leave loading

For enquiries: Please contact Amy Parry on (02) 9476 7119

Closing date: 12 June 2015 at 11:59pm

Senior Leader, Community Engagement

Clerk Grade 7/8

Full-time temporary up to 30 June 2018

Position number and location: Bourke High School (171923)

Total remuneration package valued to: \$105,363 p.a. (salary \$85,868 to \$95,050 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

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, <http://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 Bourke High School. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Applicants must address their suitability to the following pre-screening questions.

1. Provide an example and description of when you had to plan, prioritise and project manage a high workload with a program and/or initiative? What processes did you follow? What were the outcomes? **300 word maximum**
2. Briefly outline a situation where you had to successfully act with integrity while influencing and negotiating with a wide range of people and/or stakeholders? **300 word maximum**

Essential requirements:

Aboriginality

Current driver's licence and capacity to travel.

Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Inquiries: Rob Bourke (02) 6872 2522

To **apply online** please visit the JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 171923

Closing Date: 17 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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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

GUNDAGAI ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **AE & WR BARTON** for 2 bores for irrigation purposes on Lots 220 & 157 DP757248 County Wynyard, Parish South Gundagai. (A006114).

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 and to specify the grounds of objection. (A006114)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer.

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Note:

- Require capacity of the work for water supply work approvals advert only.
- For water use approval advert the purpose for which water is to be used under the approval.

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

PEEL ALLUVIUM GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for amendment of an existing WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL (90CA814586) has been received from **ROSTRY PTY LIMITED** for an additional (existing) Water Supply Work/Bore on Lot 88 DP755350 County of Parry, Parish of Woolomin.

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.(A6136)

Any queries please call (02) 6701 9620, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY COMBINED APPROVAL has been received from **WESTERN MURRAY IRRIGATION LIMITED** to increase the capacity of the pumping plant at the Coomealla Pump Station located on Lot 2, DP 1004848, Parish of Mourquong, County of Wentworth. It is proposed to increase the pumping capacity from 276 ML/day to 346 ML/day.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to the NSW Office of Water, PO Box 363, Buronga, NSW, 2739 within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A6077)

Any queries, please call (03) 5051 6218, Don Reid, Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

ABERCROMBIE RIVER ABOVE WYANGLA WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **RODERICK HOARE** for 10 weirs (total capacity 1.75 ML) on Lots 56 & 65 DP 753012, Parish of Binda, County of Georgiana.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 291, FORBES NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A006091)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808, Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z03936

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

GOULBURN FRACTURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a REPLACEMENT WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ROKEBA NOMINEES PTY LTD** for the conversion of an existing, authorised bore to commercial aquaculture use. 30//1092455, Parish Jerrara, County Argyle for aquaculture.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, P O BOX 309, Nowra, NSW 2541, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006150).

Any queries please call (02) 4428 9140, Wayne Ryan, Water Regulation Officer.

Z04080

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **ANGELO MACRI** for an irrigation bore on Lot 280 DP 704439 Parish Tenningerie, County Cooper.

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. (A6141)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700 Simon Maffei, Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **CASBAR PASTORAL COMPANY P/L** for a bore on Lot 60 DP57751721, Parish Naunton, County Cooper for a water supply for Irrigation purposes.

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. (A6151)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER LACHLAN GROUND WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **MORAITIS PTY LIMITED** for a Bore (capacity 18ML/day) on Lot 11 DP 755139, Parish Bellingerambil East, County Nicholson, for Irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, P O Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A005801)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z04093

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER NAMOI GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **AUSTRALIAN GRAIN TECHNOLOGIES PTY LTD** for a 355mm diameter bore, on Lot 126 DP 754944.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 382 Narrabri within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A6148)

Any queries please call (02) 6799 6626, Peter Cuell, Water Regulation Officer.

Z04067

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **SG & DJ INVESTMENTS PTY LTD** for a bore, for irrigation purposes on Lot 82 DP750899 County Boyd, Parish Peter.

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. (A006144)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer.

Z04063

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **ROBERT SHANE FRASER** for a bore, on Lot 216 DP576441, Parish Pullega, County Urana for a water supply for Irrigation purposes.

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. (A6149)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700. Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

Z04065

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

CHAFFEY WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL** for an existing Weir on the Unregulated Peel River, Crown Land fronting Lot 7019/96514 for water supply for Town Water Purposes.

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. (A3832)

Any queries please call (02) 6701 9633 Chris Binks, Water Regulation Officer.

Z03937

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval has been received from **WILLIAM DAVID PROCTER AND JENNIFER ANNE MCRAE**, for a bore on Lot 1 DP575634, Parish Djallah, County Sturt for a water supply for Irrigation purposes.

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. (A6122)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

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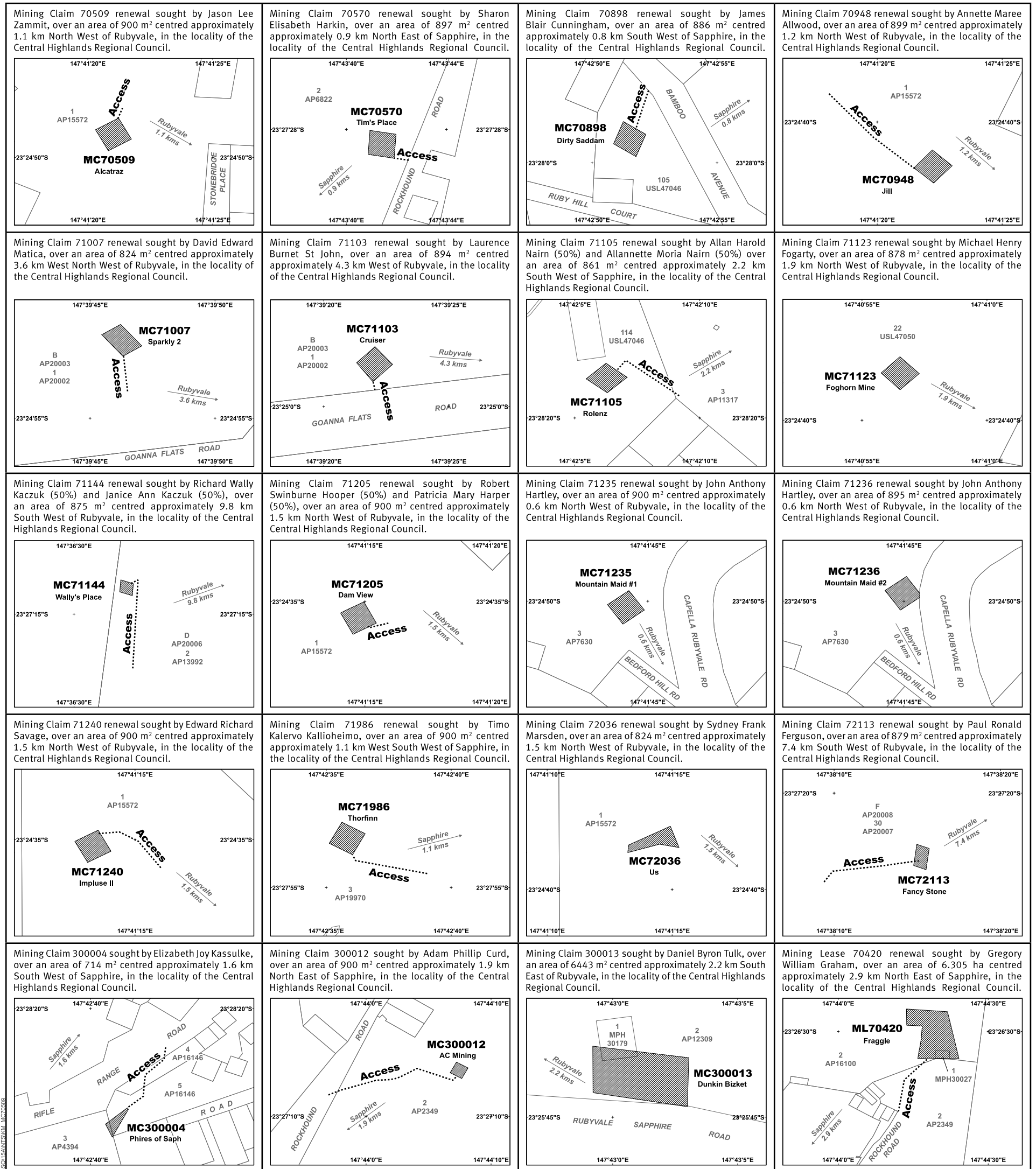


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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS AND RENEWAL OF A MINING LEASE AND MINING CLAIMS

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 MC300004, MC300012 and MC300013 and the renewal of MC70509, MC70570, MC70898, MC70948, MC71007, MC71103, MC71105, MC71123, MC71144, MC71205, MC71235, MC71236, MC71240, MC71986, MC72036, MC72113 and ML70420 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 ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) 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 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: 24 June 2015



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	04/2401	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	137BL	52km E'ly of Broome	Lat: 17° 52' S Long: 122° 43' E	BROOME SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2696	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	10BL	31km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 18' S Long: 117° 23' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2697	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	17BL	28km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 117° 38' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2698	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	29km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 16' S Long: 117° 24' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2699	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	39km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 20' S Long: 117° 19' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2700	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	8BL	26km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 117° 34' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2702	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LIMITED	9BL	114km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 116° 38' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2704	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	68km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 8' S Long: 115° 56' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2705	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	17BL	78km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 17' S Long: 116° 2' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2712	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	89BL	94km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 58' S Long: 117° 17' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1461	POLAR METALS PTY LTD	7BL	34km SE'ly of Wdgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 41' S Long: 121° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	21/189	ANGORA BLUE PTY LTD	51BL	26km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 117° 58' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/198	ROLFE, Antony John	2BL	46km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	24/199	ASR RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	42km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 121° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2533	SUMITOMO METAL MINING OCEANIA PTY LTD	69BL	104km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 122° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2536-7	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	338BL	60km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 124° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/947	SELGA, Mark	4BL	11km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 120° 56' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/951	CHEN, Xingpeng	42BL	22km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 121° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/471	NEWMONT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	70BL	92km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 120° 7' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1101	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	6BL	101km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 122° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1207	ENTERPRISE GOLD PTY LTD	28BL	63km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 121° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2877	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	14BL	45km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 48' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2924	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	13BL	6km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3055	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	99BL	134km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 123° 6' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3056	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	1BL	145km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 41' S Long: 123° 1' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3057	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	97BL	127km N'y of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 123° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1852	DESERT FOX RESOURCES PTY LTD	18BL	102km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 123° 9' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1868	WRASSE RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	114km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 122° 34' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1871	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	14BL	161km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 52' S Long: 124° 14' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1872	KALGOORLIE NICKEL PROJECT PTY LTD	16BL	45km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 48' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1876	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	143BL	108km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 122° 58' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4496	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	18BL	12km SW'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 23' S Long: 119° 25' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4540	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	42BL	56km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 119° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1067	VINCI, Leon Phillip	4BL	11km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 52' S Long: 120° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1068	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	128BL	131km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 29' S Long: 121° 17' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3219	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	13km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 18' S Long: 117° 44' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3220	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	11BL	94km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 34' S Long: 116° 53' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3245	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	25BL	44km SW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 51' S Long: 117° 24' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3249	KALAMAZOO RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	116km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 40' S Long: 116° 27' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3255-1	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	5BL	28km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 119° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3261	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	50km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 21' S Long: 119° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3264	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	103km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 118° 43' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3265	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	16BL	146km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 28' S Long: 119° 16' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1843	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	67BL	39km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 120° 53' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1019-1	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LTD	35BL	101km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 118° 48' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/476	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	20BL	16km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 56' S Long: 117° 55' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/479	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	9BL	79km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 118° 37' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2112	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	15BL	29km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 117° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2118	BAROLA RESOURCES LTD	2BL	22km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 116° 43' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1737	ATRIPLEX PTY LIMITED	57BL	84km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 58' S Long: 122° 37' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3359	ANGORA BLUE PTY LTD	8BL	66km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 1' S Long: 123° 24' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3367-1	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	70BL	74km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 59' S Long: 121° 11' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4687	POTASH WEST NL	170BL	46km Sw'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 115° 44' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4688	INDEPENDENCE NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	42BL	29km NE'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 16' S Long: 118° 28' E	MERREDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2286	MARSH, Leon James	2BL	117km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 119° 18' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2290	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	54BL	40km NE'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 16' S Long: 118° 37' E	WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2292-1	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	19BL	134km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 119° 3' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4858	LAMBOO RESOURCES NO.1 PTY LTD	4BL	3km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 15' S Long: 127° 40' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4945	EMX - NSW 1 PTY LTD	200BL	74km SW'ly of Wyndham	Lat: 15° 53' S Long: 127° 36' E	WYNDHAM-EAST Kimberley Shire
Prospecting Licence	24/4829-30	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	315.36HA	31km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4831	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	178.89HA	55km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4867	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	193.54HA	35km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4943-4	LACCOS, Kevin John	369.96HA	53km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 4' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4962	VINCENTI, Terry Charles	191.47HA	43km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4963	VINCENTI, Barry James				
Prospecting Licence	24/4963	BARTLETT, Peter John				
Prospecting Licence	24/4963	VINCENTI, Terry Charles	81.66HA	42km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4963	VINCENTI, Barry James				
Prospecting Licence	24/4963	BARTLETT, Peter John				
Prospecting Licence	24/4966	MINERAL AND GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	179.48HA	27km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2319-20	ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	318.05HA	35km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 47' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4023-5	MINERAL AND GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	424.42HA	12km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4026	LACCOS, Kevin John	9.92HA	34km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2216-8	SAUNDERS, Frederick Charles	27.84HA	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2222-3	MINERAL AND GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	268.24HA	23km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1275-S	PRICE, Kevin Leslie	6.55HA	62km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 3' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1276-S	PRICE, Kevin Leslie	5.45HA	60km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 1' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1277	TURNER, Christopher Wayne	120.00HA	81km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 122° 15' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	30/1126	SAGGERS, David Malcolm				
Prospecting Licence	31/2079	AUSTRALIA MENZIES EMERALD PTY LTD	179.20HA	45km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 120° 34' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2079	MCCAION, Vincent	199.61HA	110km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2079	SIMMONS, Bevon Russel				
Prospecting Licence	37/8568-70	CREW, Ross Frederick	592.12HA	14km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4167	ROBERTS, Brian Thomas	19.52HA	16km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5536	BREWER, Gerard Victor	201.07HA	51km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 50' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5538	BREWER, Gerard Victor	189.59HA	61km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5539	BREWER, Gerard Victor	187.05HA	51km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 50' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5540	BREWER, Gerard Victor	200.10HA	51km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 49' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2941	ZEUS MINING PTY LTD	119.05HA	19km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 25' S Long: 118° 28' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2942	THE KOP VENTURES PTY LTD	120.72HA	52km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 1' S Long: 118° 42' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2943-4	THE KOP VENTURES PTY LTD	241.52HA	40km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1633-4	AUSTRALIAN COAL PARTNERS PTY LTD	323.94HA	95km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 119° 21' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1365-6	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	223.30HA	102km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 118° 46' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2061	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert				
Prospecting Licence	59/2061	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	23.47HA	63km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 117° 4' E	PERENJORI 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: 3 June 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 **3 September 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. 3 October 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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Aussie rugby sevens girls qualify for Rio Olympics



THE Australian women's sevens rugby union team has qualified for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic

games after impressive performances in overseas tournaments.

Pool B wins over Russia (29-7) and China (48-0) at the Amsterdam Sevens in the Netherlands on May 24 meant that Australia had qualified for the Women's Sevens World Series Amsterdam quarterfinals and could not be caught by the teams outside of the top four in the 2014-15 Women's Sevens World Series standings.

Rugby sevens will be making its

debut at the Rio Olympics in August 2016, with Rugby XV's last appearing in the Games in 1924.

A try in the final 30 seconds saw the Australian women beaten in the Cup final at Amsterdam.

After seeing off Russia 31-0 in the quarterfinals and then getting the better of England (26-0) in the semis, they met Cup-final heartbreak against Canada (20-17).

Elsewhere, New Zealand were confirmed as 2014-15 Women's Sevens World Series champions for a third time in succession, while England secured the fourth automatic Olympic qualification spot with a nail-biting victory over the USA in the winner-takes-all third-fourth-place play-off.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MITAKOODI / MAYI PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Mitakoodi / Mayi People are the descendants of:

1. Minnie;
2. Thomas 'Tiger' Mitchell;
3. Dinah;
4. Topsy,

in accordance with Mitakoodi / Mayi traditional laws and customs.

This Notice invites all persons who are members of the Mitakoodi / Mayi 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: QSNTS 31-33 Commercial Rd, Mount Isa, Queensland

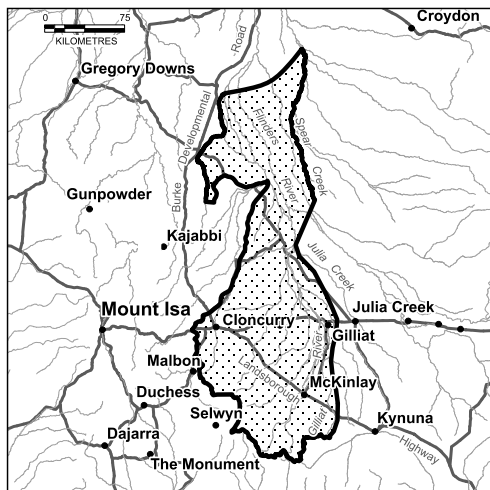
The **purpose** of the Meeting is to authorise the making of a new native title determination application (**Application**) pursuant to the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**Act**), seeking the recognition of native title rights and interests over Mitakoodi / Mayi traditional lands and waters.

Matters proposed for discussion and (potential) 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 Mitakoodi / Mayi 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 Mitakoodi / Mayi Application is approximately bounded: in the north by Dismal Creek and the Gkuthaam & Kukatj People Native Title application area; in the east by the Takalaka Native Title Determination Area, Spear Creek, Gilliat River and Eastern Creek; in the south by the Selwyn Range and Mount William; and in the west by the Kalkadoon Native Title Determination Area; and includes the towns of Cloncurry and McKinlay as shown on the map below:

(To avoid any doubt, the proposed area is wholly within the Southern and Western Queensland Region.)



All members of the Mitakoodi / Mayi People (as described above) are invited to contact Diana Healey, Community Relations Officer, at Queensland South Native Title Services on free call 1800 663 693 to register their intention to attend the Meeting and/or information session.

Map indicative only

There will be an opportunity for Mitakoodi / Mayi People to discuss in detail the proposed Application at an **information session** on 12 June 2015 at the time and location below:

Date: Friday 12 June 2015

Time: 9:30am Registration for Meeting 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Venue: QSNTS 31-33 Commercial Rd, Mount Isa, Queensland

QSNTS regrets to advise that it is not able to assist with travel and accommodation costs for attending the Meeting or information session; however video-conferencing facilities will be available at QSNTS's Brisbane office and potentially Rockhampton and Townsville at sites to be confirmed. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to attendees.



Government of South Australia
Department of State Development

PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCES

(Section 29)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of South Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy, C/- Energy Resources Division, Department of State Development, Level 6, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 has received the following Petroleum Exploration Licence applications (PELAs) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*:

Number: PELA 639 (ex CO2013-A)

Area: 627 km² approx.

Applicant: Senex Energy Limited

Number: PELA 640 (ex CO2013-B)

Area: 3,443 km² approx.

Applicant: Strike Energy Cooper Pty Ltd

Number: PELA 641 (ex CO2013-C)

Area: 1,950 km² approx.

Applicant: Bridgeport (Cooper Basin) Pty Ltd

Number: PELA 642 (ex CO2013-D)

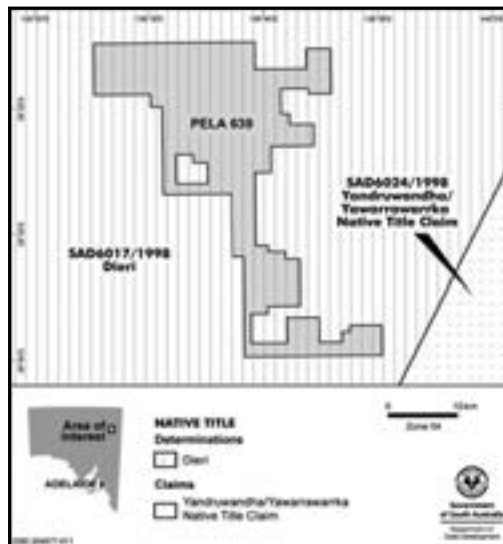
Area: 3,114 km² approx.

Applicant: Senex Energy Limited

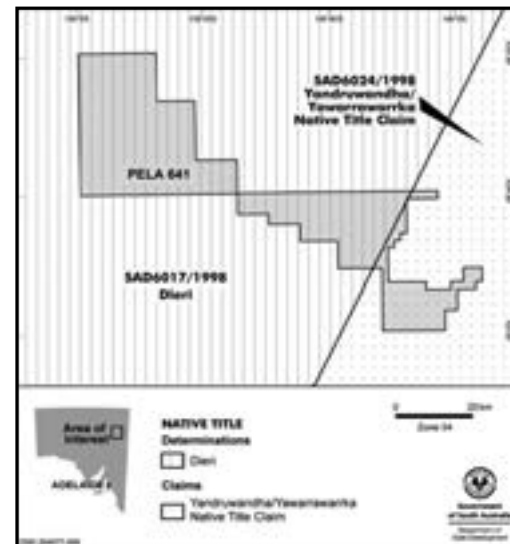
Locality:

Coordinate descriptions for the application areas are available from the Department of State Development via the address below. GIS data is also available via the South Australian Resources Information Geoserver (SARIG) at: <https://sarig.pir.sa.gov.au/Map>

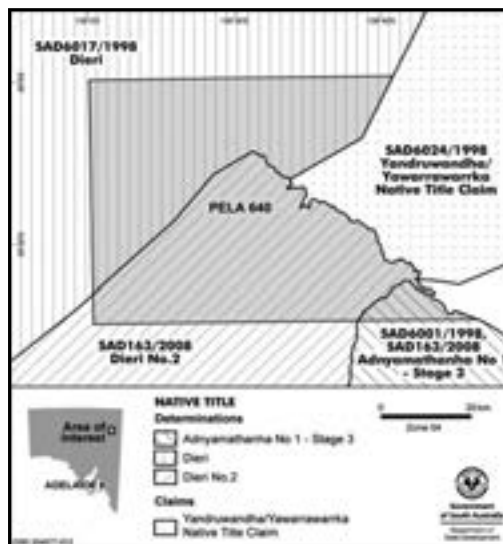
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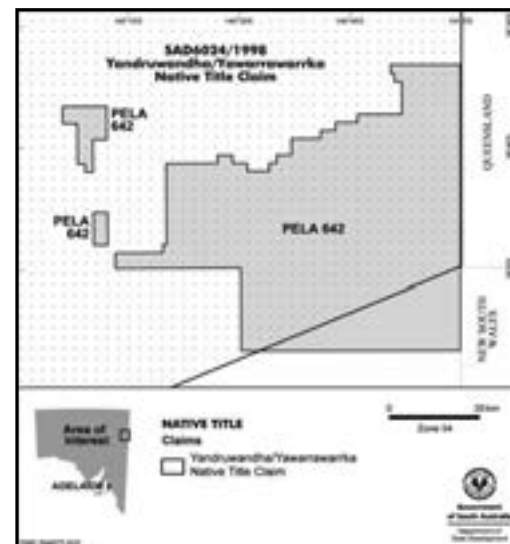
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Nature of the acts:

Grant of an Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum for a term of five (5) years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for a further two (2) five (5) year terms. The *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* also provides a holder of an Exploration Licence with a right (subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*), to apply for a Production Licence where a discovery that warrants production is made. Production Licence rights include the right to undertake regulated activities under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* to enable the petroleum to be produced, processed, transported and marketed. The act may also include the grant of appropriate Production, Retention or Associated Activities Licences emanating from the issued Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* or any substituting legislation as well as any Speculative Survey Licences outside of but abutting the licensed area necessary for the recovery of petroleum within the licensed area.

Notification day:

10 June 2015

Native title parties:

Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until three (3) months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the area covered by the Exploration Licence application.

The three (3) month period closes on 10 September 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*. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, NSW 2000, telephone: (02) 9227 4000. Any negotiations conducted in respect to the Exploration Licences will include matters relating to the conduct of any future production and associated infrastructure and facilities and the issue of the necessary licences or authorisations to undertake these activities (including associated exploration activities) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*.

The Exploration Licences will be granted if, by the end of the period of four (4) months after the notification day (i.e. 12 October 2015) there is no native title party in relation to the area of the Exploration Licences.

For further information about the acts (including spatial data or plans of the PELA areas), contact the General Manager Licensing and Legislation, Energy Resources Division, Department of State Development, Level 7, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000, or telephone (08) 8463 3203.

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Matt Sing in hall of fame



Trade & Investment
Resources & Energy

Exploration Licence No. 8260 (Act 1992)

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 minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 64 units situated at Ardlethan, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Riverston Tin Pty Ltd (ACN 164 404 988) is the holder of Exploration Licence No 8260 (Act 1992) for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources and Energy. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

Anthony Roberts, 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 Program, Trade and Investment NSW, (02) 4931 6578.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **18 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.



MATT Sing, Ty Williams, Johnathan Thurston and Matt Bowen have been named in the

North Queensland Cowboys' 20-year team to mark the club's 20th anniversary as a National Rugby League (NRL) club.

And Sing and Paul Bowman became the first inductees to the Cowboys' Hall of Fame.

The pair also featured in the club's 20-year team.

Bowman made his debut for the Cowboys in their inaugural year of 1995 and went on to play 203 games for the club over 12 years.

He was the first player to represent the Cowboys 200

times and still works with the club as high-performance boss.

Sing arrived in 2002 and scored 73 tries in his 104 games at North Queensland – still the fourth highest try tally for the club.

They both featured in the 20-year team selected by former Cowboys coaches Grant Bell, Tim Sheens, Murray Hurst, Neil Henry and current mentor Paul Green.

Cowboys' 20-year team: Matt Bowen, Ty Williams, Brent Tate, Paul Bowman, Matt Sing, Johnathan Thurston, Nathan Fien, Matthew Scott, Aaron Payne, Paul Rauhihi, Luke O'Donnell, Gavin Cooper, Travis Norton. – AAP



Cowboy Matt Sing leaving South Sydney players in his wake in Sydney in August, 2006. Picture: AAP



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
26/172	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	466914	213.80HA	15km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/291	RUBICON RESOURCES LIMITED SILVER LAKE (INTEGRA) PTY LIMITED	466417	257.46HA	46km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
77/2146	MAJEKA MINERALS PTY LTD	464912	20.90HA	12km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 119° 1' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 3 June 2015

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th), 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 **3 September 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* (C'th). 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. 3 October 2015**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

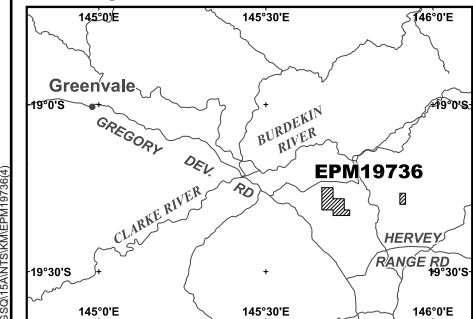
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

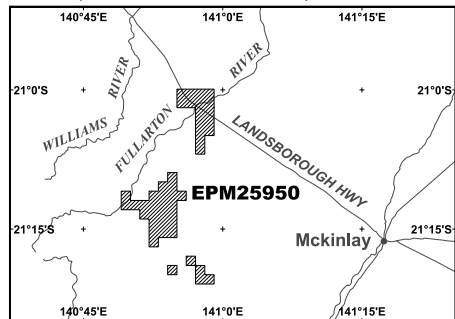
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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* (C'th) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

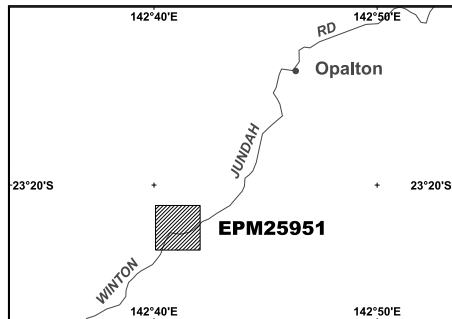
Exploration Permit 19736 sought by RMA Energy Limited, ACN 123 776 652, over an area of 17 sub-blocks (55 km²), centred approximately 94km East South East of Greenvale, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



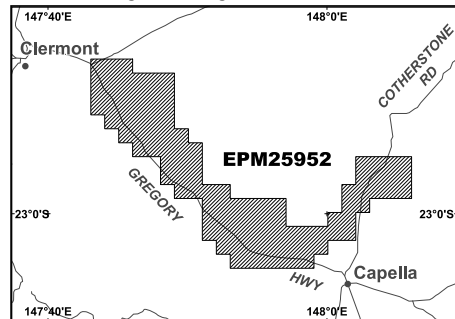
Exploration Permit 25950 sought by Sandfire Resources NL, ACN 105 154 185, over an area of 46 sub-blocks (147 km²), centred approximately 38km West North West of Mckinlay, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council and Mckinlay Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 25951 sought by Noel Edward Kerr, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 16km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 25952 sought by Khalkeus Pty Ltd, ACN 602 554 969, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (315 km²), centred approximately 20km North West of Capella, in the localities of the Isaac Regional Council and Central Highlands 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* (C'th) 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* (C'th), 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 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: 24 June 2015



Kids take the plunge



INDIGENOUS children at Trangie, in Central Western NSW, have taken to swimming like ducks to water, with 28 now registered with the

local swimming club.

Before the start of a push to attract Aboriginal children to the sport, there were just four of them.

The rapid increase in numbers is largely due to efforts by Swimming NSW to introduce Indigenous Trangie children to swimming.

Club official and local teacher Adine Hoey said that without the support of

Swimming NSW, new families would never have been able to afford the costs associated with registration.

"Not only are these children learning to be competent swimmers, they are making new friends and their families are assimilating within our club, taking on tasks at time trials and carnivals and socialising with families and building positive acquaintances," she said.

"The Trangie club has also been supported by NSW Sport and Recreation, with funding to aid the costs associated with our Indigenous children participation in squad training and also learn-to-swim intensive courses.

"The culmination of Swimming NSW and NSW Sport and Recreations support over the past two years in Trangie has made an enormous difference to the children of our small town.

"We now have these Indigenous kids participating at a club level and achieving beyond my expectations."

Ms Hoey said that nine of the Indigenous children made it past their school carnivals, going to regional level, while two went to state carnivals.

One went to the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) carnival and the other to the NSW Combined High Schools (CHS) carnival.

● **LEFT:** Some of the Trangie Swimming Club children. Indigenous participation in the local swimming club has flourished under a program backed by Swimming NSW and NSW Sport and Recreation.



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	77/1278-I	CLIFFS ASIA PACIFIC IRON ORE PTY LTD	758.59HA	10km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 119° 36' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 3 June 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 **3 September 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. 3 October 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

KOA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The **Koa People** are the descendants of the following ancestors:

1. MaryAnn Watson
2. Zoe Button
3. George Mitchell
4. Topsy Mitchell aka Katie of Cork Station
5. Nancy Chambers
6. Jack Chermside
7. Charley Riley
8. Jacob Chermside
9. Lois Tighe/Tye
10. Maria Creed
11. Timothy Creed
12. Valentine Mingo
13. Minnie Winton
14. Jack Watson
15. Tommy Watson
16. George Watson

This notice invites all members of the Koa People (as described above) to a Native Title **Authorisation Meeting** at the time and date below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 4 July 2015

Time of Meeting: Registration 9.30am – Meeting Start 10.00am

Venues:

The meeting will be held simultaneously (on the same date and at the same time as above) at the following two locations which will be linked together electronically:

Venue #1: QSNTS Brisbane Office Level 10, 307 Queen Street, Brisbane, QLD

Venue #2: QSNTS Rockhampton Office Level 5, 34 East Street, Rockhampton, QLD

The Purpose of the Authorisation Meeting

is to authorise a native title determination application ('the Proposed Koa People Application') relating to the recognition of the Koa People's native title rights and interests over the lands and waters (depicted in the map above) encompassing the headwaters of the Diamantina River, including the town of Winton. The preceding description and the map above are indicative only and the precise boundary of the claim, which will fall wholly within the area for which QSNTS performs the functions of a representative body, will be provided at the Authorisation Meeting.

The Koa People at the Authorisation Meeting will authorise:

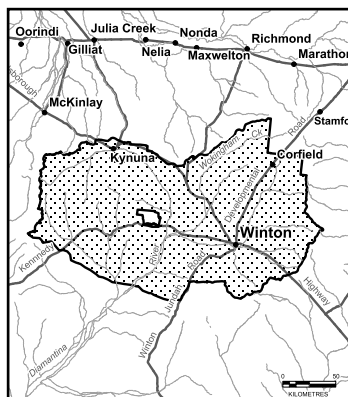
- An Applicant to make the Proposed Koa People Application and deal with matters arising in relation to it under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth);
- The role of the Applicant and the extent of its authority;
- A boundary description for the Proposed Koa People Application; and
- A description of the native title rights and interests to be claimed under the Proposed Koa People Application.

Information Session

To assist members of the Koa People to prepare for the Authorisation Meeting and to make informed decisions at the Authorisation Meeting, an information session will be held on **Friday, 3 July 2015** from **1.00pm to 4.00pm** at the same venues (simultaneously in Brisbane and Rockhampton via electronic link) as the Authorisation Meeting.

All Koa People are invited to contact QSNTS's Client Relations Unit on freecall **1800 663 693** to register their intention to be present at the Information Session and/or Authorisation Meeting.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the Information Session or Authorisation Meeting. However, lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants at each venue on each day.



Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 10 June 2015



National Native Title Tribunal



DI2015/001 Batchelor ILUA

Northern Territory

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area is about 10 sq km and comprises all land and waters within the Town of Batchelor.

Relevant LGA: Coomalie Shire

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

3.1 (a) The Parties consent to the surrender of any native title rights and interests in the Land held by the Warai and Kungarakany Groups, whether or not this surrender is a Future Act. (b) The Parties agree that the surrender of native title under this Agreement is intended to extinguish all native title rights and interests in the Land held by the Warai and Kungarakany Groups. 3.2 (a) The Parties agree to the validation

of all Prior Acts (if any) done invalidly by the Territory. 3.3 (a) Subdivision P (Right to Negotiate), Part 2 of Division 3 of the NTA is not intended to apply to any Future Act described in this clause 3. 'Land' means all land and waters within the boundary of the Town of Batchelor in the Northern Territory of Australia as depicted at Annexure A [of the agreement] and defined by the proclamation published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. G37, 20 September 1977.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

The Northern Territory of Australia	c/- Department of Attorney-General and Justice GPO Box 1680 DARWIN NT 0801
Gabriel Hazelbane, Ada Calma, David George Yates, and Kaye Felice McGuinness.	c/- Northern Land Council GPO Box 1222 DARWIN NT 0801
Northern Land Council	

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Northern Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne, Vic, 3001** by **10 September 2015**.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Lisa Jowett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Shared country, shared future.

There's nothing like experience

Montana Dawe was one of 17 Dubbo secondary school students who spent a week in Sydney courtesy of the University of Western Sydney Fields of Dreams Aboriginal Aspirations program. During that time, she spent two days work experience with Swimming NSW. Here's what she said of her time there:

MY name is Montana. I'm 16. I am a descendant of the Kooma people from south-west Queensland. Sport is something that I'm passionate about and love. My inspiration would have to be Stephanie Rice and James Magnussen.

I make it to state levels and have been able to travel to places for swimming and meet other people.

My mum and I have always been able to connect more with swimming and she really supports me with it and loves seeing me when I have achieved something in swimming. Mum is always proud. My dad enjoys watching



Montana Dawe

me swim and is always very proud with the result I get with swimming and I'm very proud to have them.

Swimming is what I love. It's my time where I can focus on myself and what I'm doing and

the concentration that I need.

I've been swimming all my life and have stopped at certain ages, but from as long as I can remember, swimming is what I have done as my main sport, which is then followed by a few other sports. Swimming is a way of connecting and every time that I race (no matter if I win or lose) I still get the sense of achievement.

If it's not a win, it's a PB and even when it's not, but close to one, I'm proud of that.

When I swim, it's all about focussing on the technique. At times I struggle at training, but I still continue and drive through the pain.

Swimming is the most common thing I can connect with family as I have a big swimming family background.

As I am 16, most swimmers might stop at my age or just feel they don't want to do it any more, but for me, although going through Year 11 and 12 is tough and requires concentration, school shouldn't be the reason that makes you quit.

I enjoy swimming and even though it might not be my main focus in life to go to the Olympics, it's something I will keep doing even when I go to university.

The main reason why I haven't given up swimming is because I want to be able to say that although I have an Aboriginal background from my dad's side, it's showing that Indigenous people continue chasing their goals and keep doing the sport they love because it's always going to be something to have in life.

For the past couple of days, I have been doing work experience with Swimming NSW and have been able to get the insight of what it's like to work with sport and event

management and the dedication and commitment that is required.

I was able to get the experience to help me get a closer look at what I might do in university.

As I love sport, it's something I would want to have a career out of. Swimming NSW is a huge sport management process.

The most important thing that I got out of my time at Swimming NSW was having the experience and seeing what it's like.

The past two days have been a huge enjoyment.

Thank you to the University of Western Sydney and especially the Fields of Dreams program for also helping to provide this opportunity.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WANGAN AND JAGALINGOU PEOPLES

AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Wangan and Jagalingou Peoples have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*.

The **WANGAN AND JAGALINGOU PEOPLES** are described as the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

1. Billy and Lucy (parents of Jimmy Tarpot, Mary Ann Alboro and Mary Ellen)
2. Daisy Collins
3. Nellie Digaby
4. Dan Dunrobin (also known as Dunrobin, Christopher Dunrobin and Dan Robin)
5. Frank Fisher (Snr) of Clermont
6. Annie Flourbag
7. Jimmy Flourbag
8. Katy of Clermont
9. Charlie McAvoy of Logan Downs
10. Liz McEvoy of Alpha
11. Maggie of Clermont (also known as Maggie Miller and Nandroo)
12. The Mother of Jack (Girrabah) Malone and Jim (Connee) Malone
13. Mary of Clermont (also known as Mary Johnson)
14. Mornitja

This Notice invites all members of the Wangan and Jagalingou Peoples to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Sunday 21 June 2015

Venue of Meeting: Tavernetta Function Centre, 144 Dorville Road, Carseldine

Time of Meeting: 9.00 am (Registration) for a 9.30 am start

The purpose of the Authorisation Meeting is to:

1. Authorise an Applicant to replace the current Applicant (*this may involve expanding the number of people who together will be the Applicant and may or may not include those people who together are currently the Applicant*);
2. Authorise the new Applicant to make application under s66B of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* to replace the current Applicant;
3. Determine the role of the Applicant and the scope of their authority;
4. Authorise the disbanding of the Family Representative Group.

Information Session – Saturday 20 June 2015

To assist members of the Wangan and Jagalingou Peoples claim group to prepare for the Authorisation Meeting and to make informed decisions at the Authorisation Meeting, an information session will be held in advance of the Authorisation Meeting at the time and location below:

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Details of what will be discussed at the information session will be provided to members of the Wangan and Jagalingou claim group who have provided contact details to QSNTS.

All **Wangan and Jagalingou Peoples** who intend to attend the Authorisation Meeting on Sunday 21 June 2015 should also attend the information session on Saturday 20 June 2015.

All members of the Wangan and Jagalingou Peoples native title claim group who intend to attend the Authorisation Meeting and information session are requested to contact, Richard Spome, Community Relations Officer, or QSNTS's Client Relations Unit on **1800 663 693** to register their intention to be present at the meeting.

Queensland South Native Title Services regrets to advise that it is unable to assist attendees with travel or accommodation assistance, however morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meetings.



Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 10 June 2015



National Native Title Tribunal



QI2015/012 Iman People and Local Government ILUA State of Queensland

Description of the agreement area:

About 14,020 sq km approx. 75km north-east of Roma

Relevant LGA: Banana Shire Council and Central Highlands, Maranoa and Western Downs Regional Councils

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

39.2 [...] the right to negotiate [...] does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.

45.1 The Parties consent to any Activity [this term has the widest possible meaning and includes ground disturbing activities, grants and approvals] which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 7 [a copy of which can

be obtained from the Tribunal upon request]).

45.3 Where the conditions in the immediately following sub-clause are satisfied, the Parties consent to any Activity which has a High Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 8 [a copy of which can be obtained from the Tribunal upon request]).

45.4 The conditions are that the Local Government proposing the Activity satisfies one of the following:-

(a) The Local Government

i) gives a Notice to the Native Title Party or the Native Title Party's Representative in accordance with paragraph 46.1(a); and ii) completes Consultation in accordance with paragraph 46.1 (b).

(b) Where the Activity involves a capital work dealt with at a Capital Works Forum [...], the Local Government:

i) gives a list of capital works involving the Activity under paragraph 61.6(e); and ii) consensus is reached under paragraph 61.6(f) about the Activity being carried out.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Patrick Silvester, Kenny Waterton, Eve Fesl, Richard Doyle, Eddie Waddy, Graham Anderson, Cynthia Kemp, Arwa Waterton, Bradley Curtis, Dena Marie Dodd-Ugle, Heidi Anne-Marie Lawson, Stuart White, Jason Jarro and Bevan Tull on behalf of the Iman People #2
C/- Michael Owens
PO Box 1989
Aitkenvale QLD 4814

Banana Shire Council and Central Highlands, Maranoa and Western Downs Regional Councils
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GPO Box 12543
Brisbane QLD 4001

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area covered by the agreement may wish, in response to this notice, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. **The application must be made by 10 September 2015.** If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Shared country, shared future.

Woorabinda won't clash with Bindal



THE Woorabinda Warriors Rugby League Carnival at Rockhampton on October 10-11 will not clash with Townsville's Bindal carnival.

The *Koori Mail* reported in our May 6 edition that the two All Blacks carnivals would clash.

But Bindal officials have moved their carnival to October 23-25 at the Townsville Sports Reserve.

They were the only

Qld Cup comes to Cherbourg



QUEENSLAND Cup rugby league came to Cherbourg last weekend when the Ipswich Jets took on the Souths Logan Magpies.

It was a big day of rugby league, with Cherbourg

dates available for use of the Sports Reserve.

The Woorabinda carnival will be the first one organised by the Warriors in a number of years and will be held at Saleyards Park, Rockhampton. Teams will play for the Woorabinda Warriors Cup.

Nomination packages can be requested from murritime@hotmail.com or by contacting Woorabinda president Joel Cameron or secretary Lesley Bligh. Nominations (\$1500) will close on September 18.

taking on Wondai in junior matches from 9am.

Two local A grade matches were played before and after the Queensland Cup game.

Kingaroy and Monto clashed in the early match and Cherbourg took on Mundubbera in the late game.

Now it's NSW v Qld women



INDIGENOUS players are sure to figure in rugby league's Women's Interstate Challenge to be played this month in north Queensland.

The match will feature members of the Australian Jillaroos, who will be competing against each other rather than for the national team.

The state of female rugby league continues to expand, with the recent Test between the Jillaroos and the New Zealand Ferns attracting a significant television audience, particularly across Sydney and NSW.

Four Indigenous players – Mahalia Murphy, Tallisha Harden, Latoya Billy and Casey Karklis – were members of the Jillaroos squad.

Harden also has played rugby sevens for Australia and Queensland and is a former Australian indoor volleyball representative.

The Jillaroos' win against the



Latoya Billy

Kiwis, coupled with strong viewership, bode well for another exciting clash on June 27 in Townsville, where NSW will be looking to take their first win against Queensland in 16 appearances.

The Women's Interstate

Challenge will be played before the Cowboys and Sharks match (round 16) at 1300Smiles Stadium.

Jillaroos coach Steve Folkes said he expected the game to be another great occasion for female rugby league.

"The Interstate Challenge is an exciting and important fixture in the elite women's rugby league pathway," said Folkes.

"To have the Women's Interstate Challenge played at a world-class venue before an NRL match shows the profile and interest that the game and female rugby league participation continue to develop."

The sides will be announced soon, with the game streamed live on nrl.com from 2.45pm. Tickets to the match are on sale now through tickets.nrl.com

There are more than 180,000 women and girls playing rugby league in Australia, with a 30% increase in club registrations last year.

Buddy back to his best



CARLTON showed some fight in the first match of the post-Mick Malthouse era, but were sunk by a seven-goal barrage from Lance Franklin, losing by 60-points in the Australian Football League (AFL) match at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Friday.

Trailing by 63 points at the last break, the Blues went goal for goal in the last quarter, winning it by three points, but couldn't prevent the Swans logging a comfortable 19.8 (122) to 9.8 (62) victory.

It was a fourth straight win for Sydney, but interim Carlton coach John Barker could also salvage something from his team's effort.

They were coming off successive 78 and 77-point thrashings, the midweek sacking of Malthouse and the unavailability of star midfielders, Chris Judd, Bryce Gibbs and Marc Murphy.

Franklin, who had gone goalless in two of his previous three games, notched his biggest haul of the season and eclipsed his six-goal effort in the corresponding fixture last year.

It was an appropriate way for the AFL's Indigenous Round to start.

It shaped as a productive night for Franklin after he kicked the Swans' first three goals after Carlton opened the scoring with two behinds.

That was their last lead of the night as they were forced into defence mode for much of the night.

Franklin gave 50-game milestone man Simon White a torrid time in the first quarter.

The Blues were virtually non-existent as an attacking presence in the first half.

Sydney had almost double the inside 50s at halftime, with Carlton notching just two goals from their 17 entries.

Carlton fans had to wait 26 minutes of both quarters for their sole goal of each term.

Coach impressed

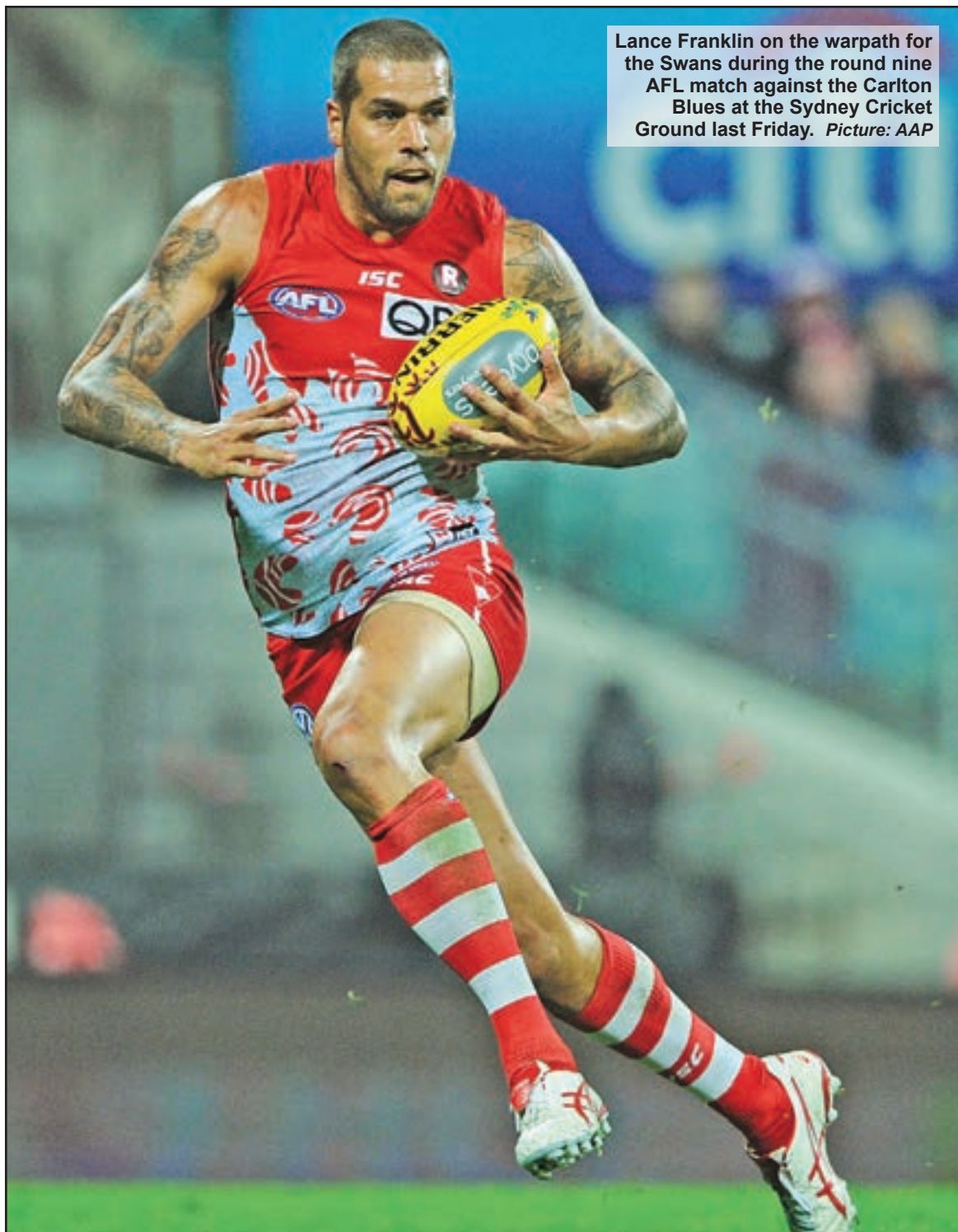
Sydney coach John Longmire praised Franklin's all-round performance and the way his team performed coming off the hard win over Hawthorn six days earlier.

"We thought they would come out and do a few different things and attack the ball hard, which they did and to come away with a ten goal-win, we were happy," Longmire said.

Goodes was booed again by some fans as he was the previous weekend.

"If there was anything at all regarding racial connotations to it, that would be really disappointing, but I don't know," said Longmire.

When interim Carlton coach John Barker was asked about Goodes's goal celebration he said: "He's passionate about his people and there's nothing wrong with that." – AAP



Lance Franklin on the warpath for the Swans during the round nine AFL match against the Carlton Blues at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Friday. Picture: AAP

Origin – Island style

Story and pictures by
ALF WILSON



OUTBOARD-powered 'tinnies' will line the beach on Thursday Island during the Island of Origin rugby league carnival to be held at Ken Brown Memorial Oval from June 5-7.

It will have the atmosphere of the NSW-Queensland rugby league State of Origin match, but will have a distinctive Torres Strait flavour.

Fans come from other Torres Strait islands and travelling in 'tinnies' is a popular mode of transport.

Up to 10 men's and five women's teams look set to compete, coming from many Torres Strait islands and the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), on the mainland.

Thursday Island is taking over as the venue from Badu Island, which had hosted the previous four carnivals.

Men's teams are likely to include Badu United, Masig, Mabuiag, Dabu Titans, Thursday Island, Alau (from NPA), Saibai, Boigu (Imaigi Bau), Magun Warriors (Yam Island) and Warraber.

Likely women's teams are Badu United, St Paul's (Deddeyal Gummas), Yam Island, Warraber

Island and Sundown Sirens (Thursday Island).

The men's teams nominated so far are Boigu Island Imaigi Bau, Badu United, Thursday Island Wahmere, Yorke Island's Kailag Thurud Wap and Northern Brumbies, from the NPA.

Women's teams are St Paul's Deddeyal Gummaz and Badu United.

Sundown Sirens have not entered for the past few Origins and won the final in 2011.

"The draw will take place at Thursday Island two nights before the carnival when nominations are completed," an Origin committee member said.

Darts as well

The carnival will also feature a darts competition and is being organised by Badu's Kulpiyam Youth and Sport Incorporated.

The last time Thursday Island hosted the Island of Origin was in 2009.

No carnival was held in 2012 due to a lack of volunteers and financial constraints.

Many of the visitors will billet with family and friends.

The Island of Origin and Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island later in the year are the two most popular sporting events in the Torres Straits.



Badu Islanders setting off from Thursday Island after another football carnival. Picture: Alf Wilson

Prince pays visit to Torres Strait

Story by ALF WILSON
Pictures by AARON SMITH – *Torres News*



FORMER State of Origin and Australian Test rugby league star Scott

Prince competed at the 10th annual Battle of the Islands' touch football carnival on Thursday Island.

It was contested by 14 men's and women's teams.

Sides represented Thursday Island, Badu, Boigu, Poruma, Moa and Warraber islands.

The 35-year-old Prince lined up for the eventual runners-up, Badu side Kuruwai Warriors.

Mount Isa-born Prince played 53 National Rugby League (NRL) matches for the North Queensland Cowboys (1998 to 2000), 50 for the Brisbane Broncos (2001-03 and 2013), 73 for the Wests Tigers (2004-06), and 124 for the Gold Coast Titans (2007-12).

During his 300 NRL games, Prince scored 1054 points from 67 tries and 389 goals and

shone when the Wests Tigers beat the Cowboys in the 2005 grand final.

His wonderful representative career included five games for Queensland in the State of Origin, four for Australia, three for the Prime Minsters XIII and four for the Indigenous All Stars.

In the touch footy carnival, the men's and women's finals were close encounters.

Thorby's Crew from Thursday Island defeated Badu team Kuruwai Warriors 8-7 in the men's decider.

In the women's climax, Storms beat Kuruwai Warriors 9-7.

Official L J Shibusaki said the competition was held in rounds instead of pools. This allowed every team to compete against each other in qualifying matches.

Men's player of the final was Jason Norford and the women's player was Kobi Nona.

Ryan Shibusaki, from Townsville, was the men's player of the carnival, and Hagiga Mosby took out the women's award.

Women's rookie of the carnival was Allanah Phineasa, with Ceddy Nona the men's winner.



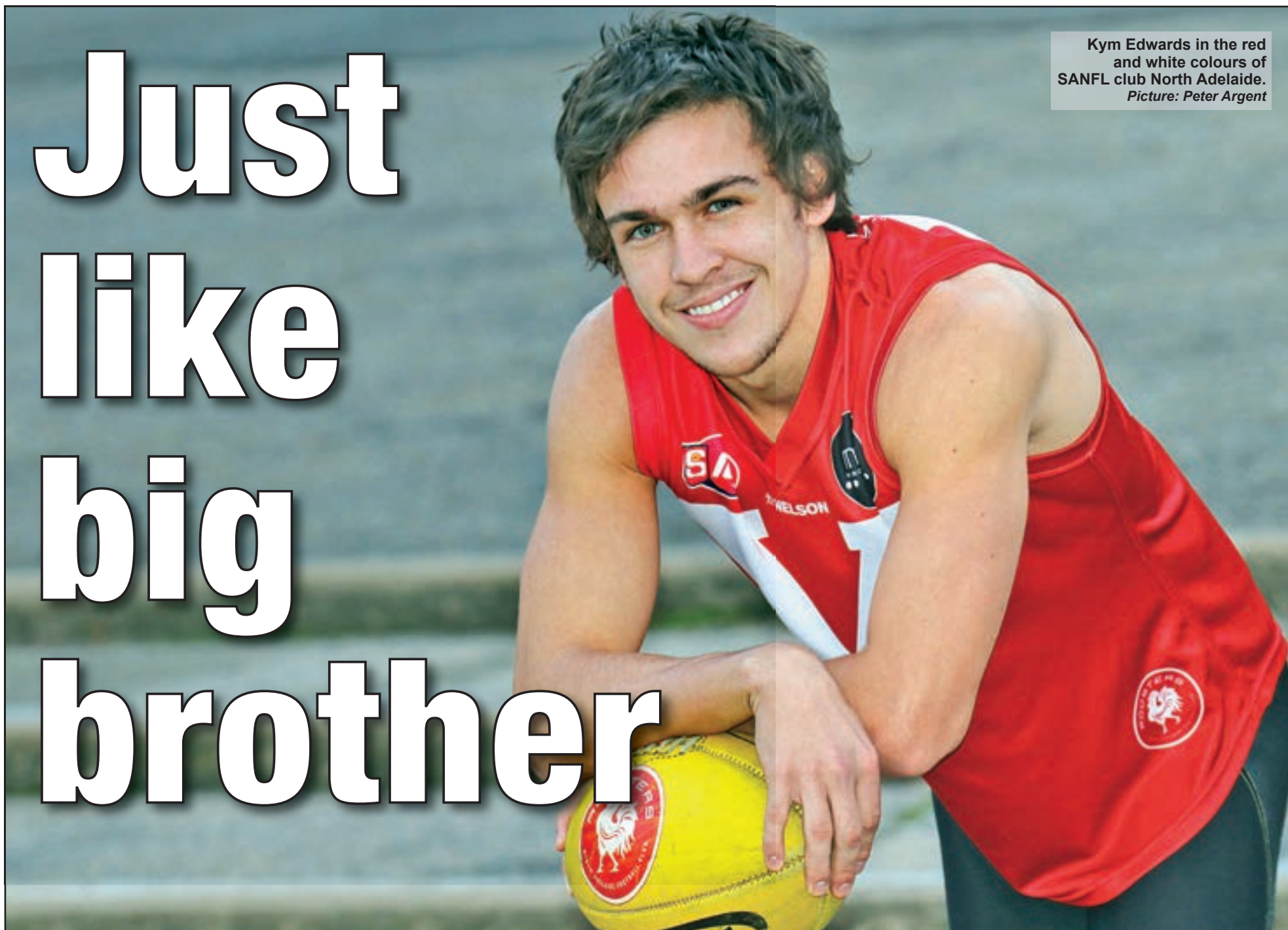
● ABOVE: The winning men's team Thorby's Crew.

● LEFT: The winning women's side the Storms.

● FAR LEFT: Men's runners-up Kuruwai Warriors, with Scott Prince back row, fourth from left.

Just like big brother

Kym Edwards in the red and white colours of SANFL club North Adelaide.
Picture: Peter Argent



By PETER ARGENT

HE'S needed to be patient, but, at 22, Kym Edwards has finally followed in his older brother Shane's footsteps, becoming a South Australian National Football League (SANFL) top-level player.

"Like Shane, my home club is the Golden Grove Kookaburras and we started our footy there," Kym Edwards said.

"Yes, I've had to bide my time – the first senior pre-season was in 2012.

"So this is my fourth season at North Adelaide since I came up from the under-age programs.

"There was a real step-up in pace and intensity playing at league level."

His form in the reserves demanded his promotion, with Edwards working industriously for his initial opportunity.

In his game before promotion, he collected 32 disposals and even more critically, he hit targets at 90 per cent efficiency.

Solid performance

Making his league debut for the Roosters in the Saturday, May 16, round-six clash with West Adelaide, Edwards produced a solid first-up performance, grabbing 18 possessions and engineering a pair of clearances.

North went down by 76 points.

Edwards' older brother, Shane, 26, who played league footy a North at 17, is now a 150-plus game Australian Football League (AFL) veteran with Richmond.

In the year the older Edwards sibling was drafted to the Tigers in 2006, he played 10 SANFL games with the Roosters.

Shane and Kym have their Aboriginal heritage through their mother, Tara.

Fellow Indigenous talents who were also wearing the red and white in the North-West Adelaide clash included



Shane Edwards playing for Richmond in the AFL round eight match against Port Adelaide at the Adelaide Oval on May 24.
Picture: Peter Argent

Michael Clinch, Marlon Motlop, Derick Wanganeen, Jay Shannon and Joe Anderson.

Edwards has the best of both worlds, as on his father Greg's side, he has added to a strong family legacy in the SANFL that goes back four generations to before the

start of World War II.

His dad, known through the football world as 'Meggsy', is the CEO at Prospect and has his own football tale of success and sorrow.

He played 42 games with Central District with the SANFL between 1980 and 1982

and was first and so far only Central District player at league level to have kicked the full forward's 'holy grail' – a 100-goal league season, a feat he achieved in the 1982.

The following year, at the height of his career, he lost the sight in one eye in a trial game.

Candidates for next AFL draft

WAFL stars make every game count

By CHRIS PIKE



SHANE Yarran and Marlon Pickett have followed similar paths to become star West Australian Football League (WAFL) players and

both could very well end up drafted into the AFL later this year.

Subiaco forward Yarran and South Fremantle attacking defender Pickett have not only cemented themselves as strong contributors at club level in the WAFL over the past two years, they also represented Western Australia for the first time in a state game on Saturday, May 23.

The WAFL representative team played the SANFL side at Perth's Lathlain Park in the 2015 state game and it was WA who beat South Australia 18.13 (121) to 11.10 (76).

Yarran and Pickett played key roles in the victory for the Sandgropers.

Yarran has been the league's leading goalkicker in 2015 and was WA's main attacker during the state game.

He delivered a terrific first half, kicking three goals to help set up the eventual 45-point victory.

South Australian coach Graham Cornes focussed his defence on shutting down Yarran in the second half and while he succeeded with that, it freed up the rest of the WA forward line to get loose and secure the victory.

Rewarded

Pickett, meanwhile, was rewarded for his outstanding and eye-catching form so far this season, running from defence for South Fremantle. He showed flashes of what he was capable in the state game.

He enjoyed the chance to represent WA for the first time.

Yarran and Pickett weren't the only two Indigenous players to take part in the state game either.

Kirk Ugle represented the WAFL for the first time, with the Swan Districts small backman doing well defensively, helping WA to the victory.

Former Port Adelaide AFL player and Swan Districts and Peel Thunder WAFL player Marlon Motlop lined up for South Australia and was one of the SANFL's best players with 24 possessions.

However, Yarran and Pickett had plenty of interest surrounding how they would perform in the contest as both continue a similar journey towards the AFL.

Unfortunately, their journeys haven't been without some hurdles with both spending significant time in prison in their late teens and early 20s.

Pickett originally started his WAFL career at colts level with Swan Districts before his troubles, but once he became a free man, he joined South Fremantle and by midway through the 2013 season, his football was doing his talking.

That helped give his life some guidance as well and with things settling off-field, his football took off and he delivered some outstanding performances late in the season at league level with the Bulldogs, and then finished off 2013 helping lead South Fremantle to a reserves premiership.

Quiet year

The 2014 season didn't really take off as he would have hoped on the field for Pickett, but life was settled and coming together off the field, and he continued to play solid football.

What was missing was settling into one position and that has now changed in 2015 with a new coach arriving at the Bulldogs with Todd Curley replacing Paul Hasleby.

After spending the early parts of his career as a wingman and half-forward, Pickett has settled into a role in the defence where he can use all of his natural athletic gifts with his remarkable ability to run and carry the football, and set up attacks for his team.

That has seen Pickett attract plenty of attention and now that he has represented WA as well, if he continues to perform strongly for the rest of the season with South Fremantle, the 23-year-old could very well find himself on an AFL list next year.

And the same can be said for Yarran, who continues to star at Subiaco. Upon being released from prison, Yarran spent a season playing country football with South Mandurah in 2013 and then was recruited by Subiaco in 2014.

He immediately looked at home as a dangerous and skilful forward, and went on to kick 39 goals for the season and helped Subiaco to win the WAFL premiership.

And now the 25-year-old has taken his game up to an unstoppable level in 2015 as by far the best forward in the competition.

Already, Yarran has kicked 30 goals in seven games this season with the league-leading Lions, and he has a proven ability to kick goals from marking, on the lead and at ground level.

He has all the tools in the world to play in the AFL if given the opportunity later this year.



South Fremantle defender Marlon Pickett in West Australian colours in the game against South Australia on May 23.



Shane Yarran playing for Western Australia against South Australia in Perth on May 23.

Touch football carnival born out of informal gathering



A TOUCH football tournament involving some of Brisbane's less privileged people will be held at St Joseph's Nudgee College on July 16.

Coordinator Paul Sears, from Footprints Inc, is expecting more than 30 teams to take part.

It is being billed as a community touch tournament, inviting people to promote community wellbeing by linking people together.

The tournament has grown out of an informal weekly touch football gathering in Brisbane's New Farm Park that started with some of Brisbane's street people.

They have since been joined by shift workers and backpackers and anyone else wanting a game.

According to Aboriginal man Gerard Bargo, the New Farm Park touch football has been running for about six years – 'rain, hail or shine'.

"We play with guys who live on the streets of Brisbane who find it hard to

cope," he said. "So we fill in the time and play touch footy."

Footprints has come on board to organise the Nudgee College tournament.

Student volunteers

The college offered to host the tournament and students will act as volunteers – cooking and refereeing.

Registration will be free and a barbecue lunch will be provided. Teams must register by July 3.

People can register individually or as a team of between seven and 10 players.

The tournament will run from 10am to 1.30pm.

Organisers have some sports bibs teams can wear if they do not have uniforms.

Those providing their own uniforms need to have colour-coded T-shirts or singlets.

Contact details: Paul Spears (07) 32542 3488 or email pauls@footprints.org.au

Fighting for experience

By JILLIAN MUNDY



BOXERS from Cunnamulla and Gympie, many of them Aboriginal, who travelled to Tasmania last month for a

Queensland versus Tasmania tournament, have lapped up the experience.

While all the Murri boys were undercards on Tasmanian

Boxing League's Saturday night 'Big Bash' hosted by the Brighton Boxing Club, near Hobart, their trainer and coach Ross Mitchell said it was good preparation for next year, when they are planning to compete in New Zealand.

"It's put them in good stead for New Zealand, gives them a bit of idea what it's like to travel away," he said

It was the first time the boys had competed interstate, and for

some of them, the first time they had been on a plane or seen snow.

Two of the Murri boxers from the Queensland team stepped out of the ring victors – Michael Nelson from Cunnamulla, and Alex Tramacchi, from Gympie, in their respective 63.5kg and 67kg weight divisions.

Minimum weights Larry Mitchell, from Cunnamulla, and Theo Hart, from Hobart, both Aboriginal boys, put on a good

show for the crowd with a determined and very close fight, with Hart winning in front of his home crowd.

Feature bout

Added to the night's program was a bout between Wongamarra man Daniel Parkinson, from NSW, and Didier Mwaka, from Tasmania, for the Trans-Tasman Trophy.

With Parkinson having defeated Mwaka in the

Australian Amateur Boxing League National Titles last year, it was somewhat of a grudge match. This time Mwaka punched his way to a convincing win.

The Queensland team are all members of Global Boxing clubs.

Global boxing was formed in 2001 with the aim to see a unified boxing organisation in Australia that has streamlined rules and regulations for amateurs and professionals.



Queensland coach Ross Mitchell with cousins Larry and Billy Mitchell and Michael Nelson, who won convincingly in the 63.5kg division bout, from the Ross Mitchell Boxing Club in Cunnamulla.



Theo Hart, left, from Hobart, won the 48kg division against Cunnamulla's Larry Mitchell. Pictures: Jillian Mundy



Terry Tramacchi, right, from Gympie, was runner-up to Tasmanian Beau Woods in the 67kg division.



Billy Mitchell, from Cunnamulla, anticipates his upcoming bout in a 32kg division bout.

Hammond continues on winning way



CAMERON Hammond has continued his march towards an Australian title with a fourth-round knockout win over Fijian-born Sydneysider

Jese Ravudi on the Queensland Sunshine Coast on May 23.

Another Aboriginal fighter, super-flyweight Brad Hore, won his fight on the same card.

Former Australian amateur champion Hammond has won all of his 12 professional fights (six by KO) since

debuting in December, 2012.

The Hammond-Ravudik fight was to be a 10-rounder.

They were fighting for Hammond's World Boxing Association (WBA) Oceania welterweight title.

The three judges had Moree-born Hammond behind on points before he sent Ravudi to the canvas.

Ravudi was counted out after being knocked down for the second time.

Hammond is ranked number two welterweight in Australia behind champion Jeff Horn, who has had 10

fights for nine wins (seven KOs) and one draw.

Australian champion Hore was having just his sixth professional fight when he took on Indonesian Afrizai Tamboresi for the vacant World Boxing Foundation (WBF) Asia Pacific super flyweight title.

Tamboresi was having his fourth pro fight, having won the previous three.

Hore was well in front on all of the three judges' scorecards to gain a unanimous points decision over 10 rounds.

Hore lives at Caloundra, on the

Sunshine Coast, and was having his third fight at The Sands Tavern in Maroochydore, just up the road from where he lives.

He won the Australian bantamweight title in his third fight when the referee applied the third knockdown rule in the third round of a scheduled 10-rounder against Philippines-born Sydneysider Roberto Lerio.

In the amateur ranks, southpaw Hore represented Australia at the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games and the 2002 and 2006 Commonwealth Games.

More than symbolism

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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From left, Lewis Jetta, Adam Goodes and Lance Franklin in the Sydney Swans Indigenous Round jumpers designed by Goodes' mother Lisa Sansbury. Picture: AFL Media

THE Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous Round is more than a celebration of Indigenous culture and the central role of the game for many of our people and communities.

It is a time for us to take stock of where we are as a game and society, as to how far we have come on social issues, and, just as importantly, how far we have to go.

Some people believe events such as these are merely symbolic.

I believe symbolism is important if key messages are being delivered.

But it is real change that we are after and this requires leadership.

And those leaders are sometimes left exposed to unwarranted criticism and personal attack that impacts on their private lives and on the lives of those close to them.

I write this at the time of the Indigenous Round when we have focussed on the Recognise Campaign that aims at having our peoples formally recognised in the Australian Constitution.

The AFL is hoping more clubs will sign up to support the Recognise Campaign as our game provides social leadership in this area.

But it comes at a time when

one of our current leaders in Adam Goodes continues to attract unwarranted attention and jeering from opposition crowds.

It was great to see Michael Long come out in support of him, as we all should.

I wrote about Michael's pivotal role in this space in a previous column.

Long said he was disappointed when Adam Goodes was jeered during Sydney's win over Hawthorn and believes people should show respect for the Swans veteran as a 'great Australian'.

Unclear

It is unclear whether the reception Goodes received from parts of the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) crowd was related to his Indigenous heritage or his prominent role in the 'Recognise' movement.

Many football fans have commented on social media that race had nothing to do with it.

Whatever the reason, Long suggested the behaviour was unwarranted.

"I think people have got to look at themselves and think 'Why am I doing this?'" Long said.

"I was pretty disappointed to hear that from the spectators. 'Here's a young man, a brilliant young man, a leader. You've got to respect that.'

"He's had his challenges. People haven't walked in his shoes, but he's trying to do his part in society. No doubt, recognition is a passion and part of that. People don't see some of the great work that he does off the field.

"I know the man. He's got a great heart. He's a great Australian. We need to support these people because they play an enormous role in society."

Goodes said he didn't know why he was booed.

"You'd have to go around and ask all those Hawthorn supporters what their problem is with me. It's disappointing... To still think it's happening, yeah, it's incredibly disappointing," he said.

"It affects my family, it affects my partner and my friends who are at the game. They're just trying to understand why."

The crowd response did not deter the 357-game 35-year-old, who is starting to regain some vintage form.

Goodes thanked former

Indigenous players for their work in paving the way for what has become the racial and religious vilification policy.

"You only have to look back 20 years. It wasn't so easy for those trailblazers," he said.

"People like Michael Long, Gilbert McAdam, Robbie Ahmat, Scotty Chisholm, and Nicky Winmar, of course, have taken a stance, and it's made it so much easier for the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander footballers to come through without that stress.

"For us to go out there and feel equal and run around and just play footy, it's a blessing in this day and age.

Working environment

"What we've actually got now is a working environment where everyone can come to work and not worry about being judged about your sexuality, your race, your beliefs – that's a working environment everyone should be able to enjoy."

That is why we should support him no matter what, and why the Recognise campaign is so important.

While 90,000 Indigenous children are part of various

schemes around the country to help with education and playing AFL, only half of the clubs have signed up to support the Recognise Campaign for wider Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

For many, such an act may well only be symbolic or even tokenistic.

But for others, it is an important sign and respect and acknowledgement of our ancestors being the First Peoples of this nation we now know as Australia.

That is why Goodes put his public profile to the cause.

It is far more than symbolism. That is why he would have taken so much pride in running out against Carlton in the Indigenous Round wearing a specially designed guernsey created by his mother, Lisa Sansbury.

"It's just a huge honour, and Mum still finds it hard to believe that we get to run around wearing her guernsey design, so she's very chuffed," Goodes said prior to the game.

So she should be. Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Port Adelaide's Nathan Krakouer runs away from Kangaroos player Drew Petrie during the round three AFL match at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, last April 18. Picture: AAP

Second chance

Krakouer is back from the dark side

By CHRIS PIKE



VERY rarely does anyone get a second chance in professional sport, but that's exactly what Nathan Krakouer now has in the Australian Football League (AFL) with Port Adelaide, and the 27-year-old is determined to take advantage of it.

Krakouer was with Port Adelaide between 2007 and 2010 and over that time cemented himself as one of the premier players in the competition coming off the half back line with his sublime kicking skills and pace setting him as a cut above the opposition.

That made him a player that the Gold Coast Suns threw a lucrative three-year offer at ahead of the 2011 season as they entered the AFL, and Krakouer jumped at the opportunity to become a leader at the new franchise.

However, 13 games into the 2011 season and Krakouer grew disillusioned with the game, and walked away from the club, the AFL and the lucrative contract he had signed.

The result was a two-year stretch that saw him base himself on the outskirts of Kalgoorlie, in Western Australia, while playing some amateur football and working in hard labour jobs, and falling into the trap of being led astray by some bad influences.

The last thing that looked like happening for the lost soul and overweight footballer was an AFL comeback, but then an out-of-the-blue call from his original AFL club Port Adelaide came just before Krakouer went right off the rails.

Return to SANFL

The club made him an offer to return to Adelaide and trial for a return with Port Adelaide's SANFL team. He took up the offer, trained hard over the pre-season and then ended up having an outstanding 2014 season with the Magpies in the South Australian state league.

His work to get himself into top physical condition, his work with the club's Indigenous program and his playing some terrific football meant that the Power decided to give him another chance in the AFL.

Krakouer has been so desperate to make the most of a second chance.

He worked his way off Port Adelaide's

rookie-list and has earned a regular spot in the Power's AFL team.

Krakouer made his return in the round three victory over North Melbourne, where he picked up 17 possessions. He then had 18 disposals in a win over Hawthorn and 10 in the local derby win against Adelaide.

While the next three games were losses to West Coast, Brisbane and Richmond, Krakouer still continued to make a solid contribution as part of his remarkable comeback story.

Two years ago, Krakouer was in rural WA, working some unpleasant jobs and not living the best lifestyle and his professional football career looked a far distant memory.

But now he is back playing good football in the AFL and he is proud of where he's come, and having seen how easily it can all be lost, he is determined to not take anything for granted this time.

"I had plenty of doubts about coming back and about whether I'd still be able to match it in the AFL. It means a lot to me, but it's hard to fully understand and appreciate it right now because I'm stuck in living the moment and making the most of the chance I've been given," Krakouer said.

"When I take a step back and look at what I've done, I guess I might see it, but right now I don't want to take anything for granted. I didn't know what I had until this opportunity. Not many people get a chance like this so I want to take in as much as I can."

At the time when Krakouer grew disenchanted with playing in the AFL at the Gold Coast in 2011, it seemed the easiest decision in the world to walk away.

He then spent two years where not only did he not miss the AFL, but he couldn't bring himself to even watch it on TV. However, he learned that living the normal life wasn't easy either and he could have found himself in some dark places if he continued how he was.

And while it was a tough decision to move back to Adelaide and give top-level football another go, he's proud of himself for doing that and making a success of it.

Mixed up

"Everything was mixed up together and I'd had enough of it. I just wanted to get as far away from AFL football as I could and that's what I did, but then I realised I'm still in my mid-20s and I can't be doing this sort of work for another 20 years," Krakouer said.

"It was the hardest thing I've ever done, to come back. It was weird at first but straight away there were lots of little handshakes and hugs from all the boys.

"It made me feel welcomed back and I wasn't sure what it was going to be like, but that was a relief. The game has changed a lot and it's a different game to the one I was playing before when I was first here at Port. You can't stop thinking for one second any more."

Qld rugby celebrates Indigenous participation



QUEENSLAND rugby union hooker Saia Fainga'a last Friday launched the Reds Indigenous Round with the unveiling of the playing jersey to be worn in their match against the Chiefs at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on Saturday, June 6.

The Reds Indigenous Round was launched at Ballymore and Fainga'a was joined by Indigenous Queensland women's sevens player Tallisha Harden and Queensland Reds Indigenous Program participant Paul Cobbo.

Fainga'a is one of a number of Indigenous program ambassadors for Queensland Rugby and he said the Indigenous Round match was something he is always proud to be a part of.

"Rather than having a strictly rugby focus, it's great to see the Queensland Reds Indigenous Program delivering educational and employment results and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout Queensland," Fainga'a said.

Achievements

"It's a special occasion for the Reds to host an Indigenous Round and acknowledge the achievements of the program and its participants and as players it's something we're proud to take part in."

"Given our Indigenous heritage, the event holds a lot of meaning for (twin brother) Anthony and I."

The Indigenous Round match follows National Reconciliation Week and will feature several Queensland Rugby initiatives, including Queensland Rugby's Indigenous Business Breakfast at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition tomorrow (Thursday) and the Future Indigenous Leaders Program Leadership Camp in Brisbane.

Participants from leadership camp will



Queensland hooker Saia Fainga'a, centre, is joined by Indigenous Queensland women's sevens player and Classic Wallabies' Exchange general manager Tallisha Harden and Queensland Reds Indigenous Program participant Paul Cobbo to launch the Reds' Indigenous Round jumper. *Picture: Sportography-QRU*

travel from communities across the state, including Cherbourg, Woorabinda and Yarrabah.

They will also attend the Indigenous Round match between the Reds and the Chiefs, where they will form the run-on tunnel, play in the Rookies2Reds half-time

games and experience an inner-sanctum tour.

The match-day jerseys will be auctioned, with profits going to the Queensland Reds Indigenous Program Education Scholarship. Bids can be placed at

www.redsonlineauction.com.au

A retail replica jersey, training tee and singlet (adult sizes only) featuring the Reds Indigenous design will be available for sale at the game and through the Reds online shop at www.shop.redsrugby.com.au

Provisional squad named



CRICKET Australia has named 28 players who are in line to be selected in a 14-

man squad for a series of one-day matches in Brisbane in July.

Five West Australians are in the provisional list.

Gosnells pair Michael Bailey and Darcy Short, Midland-Guildford all-rounder Bevan Bennell, Rockingham-Mandurah batsman Dane Ugle and Port Hedland teenager Craig Jones are in the initial squad.

The final squad of 14 will play four one-day matches against the Commonwealth Bank Southern Stars and the National Performance Squad from July 3-15.

The selection of five WA players comes on the back of the state's back-to-back Imparja Cup success in Alice Springs.

Bailey, 22, was the WA skipper for both Imparja Cup titles, while Bennell, Short, Ugle and Jones were all part of the 2015 triumph.

Warnbro product Ugle, 28, along with 17-year-old Jones, were named in the 2015 Black Caps for team of the tournament.

Jones narrowly missed selection for the WA Under-17 squad at last season's National

Championships, but took nine wickets at the Imparja Cup. He was also the 2014 Charlie Sandstone Memorial Cricketer Scholarship winner.

Ugle was the fourth top scorer at the Imparja Cup and enjoyed a breakthrough season at Rockingham-Mandurah scoring 330 first grade runs, including a century.

Bennell memorably hit the winning runs in the 2014 Imparja Cup final and was a key figure in this year's success.

Bailey and Short had strong seasons for Gosnells, who reached the Perth District Cricket first grade grand final.

Short finished as the competition's ninth top scorer with 626 runs at an average of 34.78, including two centuries.

Bailey made 457 runs for the Hawks including four half-centuries.

The squad was selected in conjunction with Cricket Australia national talent manager Greg Chappell and National Indigenous Squad head coach Jeff Cook.

Players will also have access to the BUPA National Cricket Centre facilities and specialist coaches in Brisbane.

The provisional list is: Djali Bloomfield (ACT), Brendan Smith (NSW), Tyran Liddiard (NSW),

Jonte Pattison (NSW), Lain Beckett (NSW), Chris White (NSW), Josh Lalor (NSW), Nathan Price (NSW), Brandon King (NT), Gene Norman (NT), Brendan Doggett (Qld), Preston

White (Qld), Cameron Trask (Qld), Tyrell Sinclair (SA), Ayden McGregor-Baptista (SA), Charlie Holmes (SA), Luke Lavender (SA), Zac Chapman (Tas), Brad Smith (Tas), Ryan Lees (Tas),

Damon Egan (Vic), Josh Eaton (Vic), Ben Abbatangelo (Vic), Craig Jones (WA), Bevan Bennell (WA), Michael Bailey (WA), D'Arcy Short (WA), Dane Ugle (WA).

'Dizzie' misses England job



JASON Gillespie has missed out on being appointed England's cricket coach, with the job going to another Australian – Trevor Bayliss.

Australian coach Darren Lehmann says the appointment of Bayliss will ensure the upcoming Ashes series will be fiercely competitive.

Bayliss was confirmed as the new coach of the Old Enemy by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on Tuesday of last week.

The former NSW batsman, who has previously coached Sri Lanka as well as NSW and Twenty20 franchises the Sydney Sixers and Kolkata Knightriders, said it was an honour to take on the England role.

Under his guidance, Sri Lanka rose to number two in the Test rankings and reached the 2011 World Cup final.

Speaking on the eve of Australia's three-day tour match in Antigua, Lehmann congratulated the 52-year-old and said it would make a tough Ashes campaign even tougher.

"He did a great job for us when he took the reigns in the international T20s against South Africa last year, winning two-one," Lehmann said.

"A trademark of Trevor's teams are that they are well prepared and this just serves as another reminder to us that this Ashes will be a tough contest."

Bayliss will have just over a month to prepare for the Ashes, which start in Cardiff on July 8.

Bayliss was confirmed as England's new coach the day after it emerged that he had become the ECB's preferred choice ahead of Gillespie.

His pedigree in limited-overs cricket was a key factor in his favour ahead of Gillespie as England look to overturn their horrendous white-ball form in time for next year's World T20 in India followed by the 2017 Champions Trophy and 2019 World Cup – both of which will be held in England.

Gillespie, who is coaching county side Yorkshire, was believed to be the favourite for the job.

The first Ashes Test against England starts on July 8 in Cardiff, Wales.

Asked if he was disappointed, Gillespie replied: "I think it would have been a good job to have."

"There's exciting times ahead for English cricket and it would have been a great challenge, but it's not to be."

The 40-year-old insisted he had a "wonderful" job at Yorkshire. – *With AAP*

Black and white

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

SO the classy Queensland Maroons won through in yet another classic State of Origin rugby league encounter at ANZ Stadium, Sydney.

Despite NSW winning the series last year, you cannot help but feel that the experience and talent in the Queensland squad will win through.

I make that comment as a proud supporter of the Blues and as an avid fan of the Indigenous players in the Maroons side – including my fellow Koori Greg Inglis.

As always, at this time of year, there is great debate about where the allegiance of Indigenous fans lies.

I am comfortable that a lot of our youngsters from communities in NSW would support Queensland and perhaps even aspire to follow their representative pathway.

Kids will always follow their heroes and it is only natural that they will want to be the next JT, GI or Sam Thaiday.

And after Wednesday night's success, who can blame them?

Fair, equitable

At the same time, the game has to work harder to ensure Aboriginal kids in NSW believe there is a fair and equal pathway for them to represent their state.

Historically, a lot of our people will believe this has not been the case.

A lot will give this as their reason as to why they support the Maroons when it comes to State of Origin.

I can understand that point of view.

On a personal level, I could accept not being selected in the team when I thought I might have been a chance because of the quality of players I was up against.

But then there was the case of Nathan Blacklock.

Everybody knows how close I am to Nathan and I used to share his pain when he was continually overlooked.



Flashback to August 2004, and Nathan Blacklock celebrates after the St George Dragons beat the Manly Sea Eagles at Jubilee Stadium, Sydney. It has always stuck in Blacklock's craw that he wasn't selected for NSW in Origin football, but was good enough to play for Australia. Picture: AAP

'Macca' was an Australian representative, top try-scorer three seasons running between 1999 and 2001, but was never picked for NSW.

"I think I would have had a better chance playing for Queensland in State of Origin," Blacklock said.

"I honestly don't know what it is, hey? I was never given a phone call – no reason whatsoever of why I didn't play.

"Why was I not good enough to play for my state, but could play for my country?"

Blacklock had wanted to play for NSW for as long as he could remember.

His father, Merv, would tell him to keep his head down, keep working.

Had enough

But when Merv died in 2001, just after his son debuted for Australia, Blacklock had seen enough.

He made the switch to rugby union not long after.

"I thought I was wasting my time with rugby league," he said.

"I played for my country... I reached that pinnacle... but all I wanted to do was play for NSW.

"Personally, it really hurt me, and I tried to hide it. But, yeah, it made me change. I had to play for NSW somehow so I played for the (rugby union side NSW) Waratahs."

Nathan also started supporting Queensland. Maroons players and coaches reached out, he says, telling him that if he

were eligible, he'd be first picked.

"I showed my support for NSW and got nothing out of it," he said.

Nathan's passion was more than matched by his ability and I feel it is a real tragedy he did not get to experience the Origin cauldron.

These feelings re-emerge when players of the calibre of Alex Johnson are overlooked in the current era.

Impeccable

His credentials on form would seem to be impeccable.

Playing on the wing for the Rabbitohs, Johnston has scored 28 tries in 29 NRL appearances and recently played for Australia.

He also showed he was capable of performing on the big stage in the grand final and the All Stars clash earlier this season.

But it appears the selectors went for size rather than pure ability, which has often been the case.

However, I believe there may be signs of change to come.

Admittedly, Andrew Fifita was the only Indigenous player in the NSW team for Origin I, but we can be certain that Greg Bird would have been there if not suspended.

Johnston's time will come, as will Blake Ferguson's when he overcomes injury.

There is little doubt that Ferguson would have been in strong contention given his early season form.

Ryan James was also close to selection having been called into camp as a shadow player.

What gives me even more confidence that these players – and the likes of Aiden Sezer and Jack Wighton – will make their debut is that they have all performed well on the All Stars stage.

Laurie Daley as coach of both teams has a clear understanding how these players perform in camp and under big match pressure.

Laurie has also developed elite pathways development camps for NSW and I know there is a strong representation of young Indigenous talent in these squads.

I know this has been a big breakthrough for my good mate Steve 'Bear' Hall and the like of Ronnie 'Rambo' Gibbs, who do so much for our kids in their development squads.

They can point to these opportunities to give kids something to aim for.

The fact that 'Bear' works with Laurie within the Origin team environment is another plus.

We have come a long way since Timana Tahu famously walked out of the state of Origin Camp in protest at a racial slur directed at Greg Inglis by Andrew Johns.

There is still a long way to go, but the NSWRL are at least taking some positive steps.

NSWRL CEO Dave Trodden went on the front foot in response to claims of bias.

"The NSW Rugby League is the only peak organisation in Australia, and I think the only sporting organisation in Australia, (with) a constitutional objective of the organisation to increase and facilitate Indigenous participation in our sport," he said.

"I can't control what people think, but what I deal with is realities, and they're the realities".

That may well be his reality and the ambition of the NSW Rugby League is to be applauded.

But the reality in our communities is that we feel underrepresented.

Little surprise

And when the whole concept of Origin is based on fans identifying with the teams as representing who they are and where they come from, it is of little surprise that so many of us support Queensland.

There were no state barriers 40,000 years ago!

It is my hope that we will see more Indigenous players selected in NSW teams in the near future.

It is my further hope that further down the track we will have young Indigenous Queenslanders supporting NSW because their heroes Jack Wighton, Blake Ferguson, Jack Wighton, Alex Johnson and Aiden Sezer are all playing alongside Andrew Fifita in a dominant NSW team.

Go the Blues!

Motlop now played for two states

By PETER ARGENT



MARLON Motlop has joined a special band of Australian rules players who have worn the state colours of South Australia and Western Australia.

Not bad for a player from the Northern Territory.

He turned out in the South Australian red, blue and gold jumper in the state-league clash against the Western Australian Football League (WAFL) in Perth on May 23.

In 2013, while at the Peel Thunder, Motlop wore the WAFL jumper in a clash against the Victorian Football League (VFL).

"I received a text from Uncle Mark (Motlop) and Dad (Maurice) congratulating me," Motlop told the *Koori Mail*.

"There were very chuffed I've now played state footy for SA and WA.

"It their era, state football was the very pinnacle of the game."

In the contest against the WAFL, at Lathlain Park, Perth, despite the Croweaters' significant 45 point loss, Motlop was among the team's chief possession winners and one of the South Aussies' better performers.

He finished with 24 disposals, 16 kicks and eight handballs, five marks and a pair of tackles.

"It was good to travel to the west and play

against a number of old teammates," Motlop said.

"I like playing on the wide open spaces of Lathlain Oval.

"I was reasonably happy to get my hands on the footy a fair bit.

"I actually started in the back pocket and was asked to give the side run out of defence with Jace Bode and Tom Keough.

"When I was moved to the wing in the final team, I was happy I was able to generate a bit of drive."

In 2013, the WAFL played the VFL in a rural setting at Northam Oval, with Motlop used as a part of the midfield rotations, as well as on a wing.

He has a long history of junior representative football for the North Territory.

This included three seasons at under 12s level, a further trio of adventures with the Northern Territory under 15s, travelling to Perth, Canberra and Albury-Wodonga.

Motlop was a member of the Northern Territory under 16 side that travelled to Queensland and then was a part of the NT Thunders' under 18s program in 2007 as a bottom-aged player before being drafted to the Port Adelaide Football Club.

Marlon Motlop now becomes the only known Indigenous player to have represented Western Australia and South Australia.

Marlon Motlop
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Rivals held scoreless for two quarters, but still won match



THE Northern Territory Thunder kept the Southport Sharks scoreless in the first and third quarters, but still lost their North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) match at Southport.

It was the Thunder's second consecutive loss, having been beaten by the lowly-rated Sydney University a week earlier in Darwin.

Before last weekend's round, the Thunder had slipped to fourth spot on the ladder on 16 points, behind Aspley (24), USW Giants (24) and Sydney Swans (16).

The weather had a big impact on the outcome of the game against the Southport Sharks at Frankhauser Reserve, Southport.

So strong was the wind that just two goals were scored into the wind at one end of the oval.

With the wind at their backs, the Thunder led 3.6 (24) to 0.0 (0) at the first break.

They still led by a point at the main break.

With the wind at their backs in

the third quarter, the Thunder raced ahead 7.12 (54) to 4.1 (25).

But in the final quarter, the Sharks scored 7.5 (41) to the Thunder's 2.1 (13) to sneak home 11.6 (72) to 9.13 (67).

The loss to Sydney University at TIO Stadium a week earlier came as a shock.

Sydney University were near the bottom of the ladder and were not expected to break the Thunder's four-game winning streak.

But the students emerged victors 13.12 (90) to 12.7 (79).

The Thunder last week were to play the Gold Coast Suns at TIO Stadium, Darwin, as part of the North Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service (NAAFVLS) Indigenous Round.

Sixty per cent of the Thunder team is of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent.

The players were to wear their inaugural Indigenous jumpers based on a painting by Clinton Gaykamangu, uncle of star Thunder defender Mitchell Taylor.

The centre circle on the ground was painted with the Aboriginal flag colours.

AFL Indigenous Round



Richmond players lined up in their Indigenous-round jumpers before the game on Saturday night at the MCG.



Richmond's Brandon Ellis with the Yiooken Award for the game's best player

Tigers too good in Dreamtime clash

By PETER ARGENT



A HIGHLIGHT of the AFL calendar since it began in 2005, this year's Dreamtime at the 'G contest – the centrepiece of Australian rules football celebrations during the code's Indigenous Round – was among the best.

In a tight, low-scoring encounter last Saturday night, Richmond 10.12 (72) downed Essendon 8.11 (59).

"We were happy we were able to grind out the victory," Tigers Indigenous player Shane Edwards said.

"Our main goal was to slow them down and I thought we did that for a lot of the game.

"We made the game our style of football and worked them over to get the points."

Presented by AFL heroes Nathan Lovett-Murray and Michael Long, the Yiooken Award for the game's best player went to Richmond's Brandon Ellis for his brilliant 33 possessions, which were pivotal to the Tigers' success.

Edwards, now a 159-game veteran at Punt Road, is in career best form this season. He was dynamic in Saturday night's win, after a best-on-ground performance the previous week against Port Adelaide.

Edwards, who has been on the

Shane Edwards drives the ball forward for the Tigers.



Richmond list for nine years, enjoyed playing in front of the big crowd of 83,804 at the MCG. He has now played in six Dreamtime at the 'G games, missing just one in the past seven years, due to injury.

After nine rounds, Richmond

has propelled its season back into positive territory, now having five wins.

In Dreamtime fixtures, the Tigers with six wins have gone one up on the Bombers.

Essendon's Indigenous player in the fixture, Courtenay

Dempsey, finished a solid game with 15 disposals.

The Richmond jumper for the Dreamtime fixture was designed by Derek Summerfield, a 15-year-old cousin of Edwards. The design titled 'Wlata Tjuta' (meaning many families),

symbolised the reconnection of family members after many years of being taken away.

Each of the AFL's 18 sides had a special jumper for the Indigenous Round, with current and former players involved at different clubs.

Adelaide games record holder Andrew McLeod and Laurie Nona designed the Crows jumper, while player Jarrod Harbrow and Luther Cora created Gold Coast's guernsey.

Former Dockers defender Roger Haydon and Richard Walley came up with the Fremantle jumper, while Lisa Sansbury, the mother of Adam Goodes, produced the Swans jumper.

As mentioned in our previous edition, Barb Wingard, Chad's grandmother, designed the Power top.

Other people who fashioned jumpers were Dixon Patton (logo) for Collingwood, B J O'Toole in conjunction with the Geelong community team and its Aboriginal players (Cats), Jirra Lulla Harvey (Hawthorn), Stephen Hogan (Brisbane), Nathan Patterson (Essendon), Ursula Napangardi Hudson (Melbourne), Peter Farmer (West Coast Eagles), Clive 'Bidja' Atkinson (Carlton), Luke Penrith (Greater Western Sydney), Sarrita King (North Melbourne), Marcus Lee (St Kilda) and Anzack Newman (Western Bulldogs).



Seven-goal haul by Franklin

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Blues' costly error



Queenslanders Will Chambers, Greg Inglis and

Johnathan Thurston celebrate victory after game one of rugby league's State of Origin series against NSW at Sydney's Olympic Stadium last Wednesday night. The Maroons won 11-10. Halfback Cooper Cronk kicked a late field goal to clinch the opening match. Cronk's match-winner came one set after NSW twice ignored opportunities to pot a field goal before missing a third chance on Josh Dugan's wayward shot in the final minutes. Chambers had a splendid game for the Maroons, scoring the only second-half try to lock up the scores at 10-all. Picture: Getty

Jesse's brave fight



INDIGENOUS Australian Jesse Williams says he's a fighter and will battle to return to the National Football League's (NFL's) Seattle Seahawks after

undergoing surgery for kidney cancer.

The discovery of papillary type two cancer comes just as the 24-year-old 191cm tall, 148kg defensive tackle from Brisbane overcame multiple knee surgeries that halted his NFL career with the Seahawks for the past two seasons.

The coming 2015-16 NFL season was supposed to be his chance to finally achieve his goal of putting on a Seahawks helmet and play in an NFL regular season game.

"Although disappointing, I am a fighter and will handle this," said Williams, the 2014 Eddie Gilbert medallist after being judged Queensland's top sportsperson at the Indigenous Sport Queensland awards.

"I am going to focus on my health and fighting this battle with a return to football as my ultimate goal.

"Thank you for your thoughts and support."

Williams was a star at Alabama in college football.

The Seahawks were planning to have Williams help them overcome last year's shattering Super Bowl loss to the New England Patriots when quarterback Russell Wilson threw a potential championship-winning pass that was instead intercepted.

Seahawks support

"Jesse is an extraordinarily tough individual who has overcome a great deal in his life and we will support him in any way possible," Seahawks general manager John Schneider said.

"He is in our thoughts and prayers."

In March, Williams was surprisingly cut by the Seahawks, but they re-signed him soon after to a restructured contract.

In his personal life, Williams and his personal trainer fiancée Sarah Danae Lawrence announced they were expecting a son.

Despite being on the sidelines,

Williams still picked up a Super Bowl ring in 2014 when the Seahawks beat the Denver Broncos 43-8 in the Super Bowl.

After a stellar two years at the University of Alabama, the Seahawks drafted Williams in the fifth round in 2013 and he signed a four-year \$US2.371 million contract.

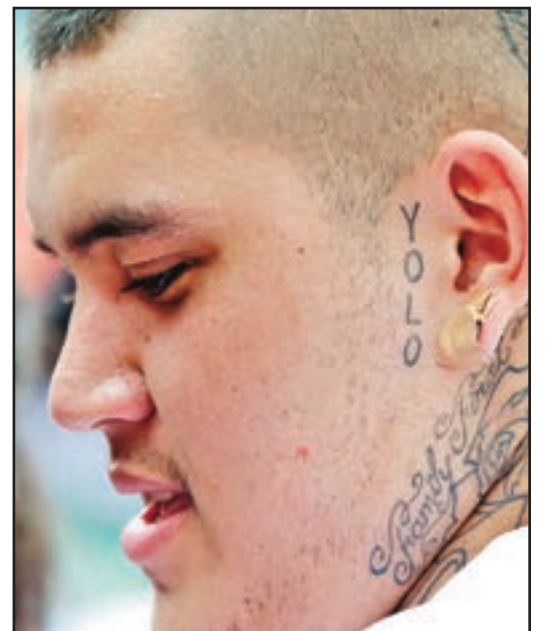
Williams is determined to overcome this latest setback.

"Opportunities are usually Disguised as Hard Work, So most People don't Recognize Them. Lifting is keeping me mentally and physically strong for the rough road ahead. Taking it head on, hope it's ready because I am," he wrote on Facebook on May 26.

On May 22, he posted: "Anyone can give up, it's the easiest thing in the world to do. But to hold it together when everyone else would understand if you fell apart, that's true strength."

On May 19, he wrote: "Feeding off the positive vibes."

A day earlier, he posted: "Ready to fight, appreciate the support. Be back in no time. Don't count me out!" - With AAP



"Feeding off the positive vibes," Jesse Williams wrote on his Facebook page after it was announced that he was battling cancer.

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