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Mental health gap widening



A NEW report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has highlighted some gains in critical areas for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – but reflects devastating statistics in others, particularly in mental health.

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Koiki really is a star



Gail Mabo at Salamanca Place in Hobart.



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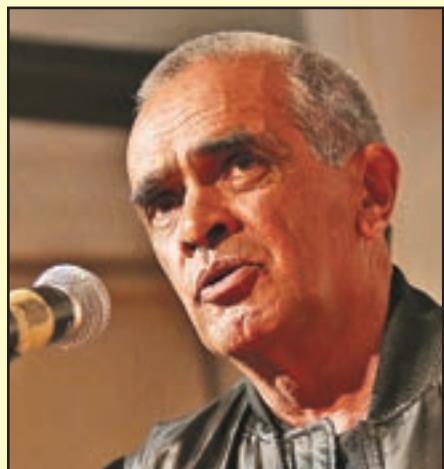
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My FAMILY

Isobel Morphy-Walsh – Broadford, Vic



HERE I am (in the middle) with my younger sister Hanna and my father Larry Walsh.

We're Taungurrung people – part of the Kulin nation – from Broadford, which is near Seymour, north of Melbourne.

Our family has always been based on country and strong in our culture.

We're pictured here getting ready to do a dance workshop at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

The three of us have only recently formed our dance group, working as part of the Tanderrum group of the Kulin nations. We all love doing it and sharing our culture.

Dad has been a storyteller for a very long time. He's an Elder of the Taungurrung people and he's got a wealth of knowledge to share with

young and old alike – and he gets a real buzz out of doing it.

Hanna has been dancing longer than any of us – about five or six years. She also works in the local post office.

I'm working in early childhood education and I'm also studying law and creative arts at La Trobe University. Down the track I hope to be a lawyer, but we'll see what happens there.

Our mum (and Dad's wife) Vic Morphy is non-Indigenous, but she got permission from the Elders to learn and teach weaving, and that's what she's done with us girls. We spend a lot of time weaving in the traditional way.

That's also why we girls have hyphenated surnames.

Our family is very close and very happy on country. We love our people and we love our culture.

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OUR CHILDREN



YOUNG fellas paint up as part of this year's eighth annual Aboriginal Power Cup Australian rules football carnival, played this month in Adelaide. More than 400 students from across South Australia took part in the three-day carnival, which also included education, health, employment, culture and personal identity programs. See page 34 for our coverage of the event. *Picture: Peter Argent*

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Dalai Lama in visit to Uluru



TIBETAN Buddhist spiritual leader the Dalai Lama visited Uluru and met with traditional owners in central Australia last

weekend. Mutitjulu community board member Craig Woods told the *Koori Mail* that traditional owners had been pleased to invite the Dalai Lama to their home.

"One of the positive things is that often special people come to the community to see Mutitjulu (the community near Uluru) for themselves," Mr Woods said.

"I'm sure wherever the Dalai Lama would go, he would like to meet the indigenous people from the area.

"It was very good. He talked about how Indigenous people can look to the future, embracing education opportunities and taking control of the community."

Before the visit, Uluru-Kata Tjuta board chairman and traditional owner Sammy Wilson said he was interested in hearing what the Dalai Lama had to say about Tibetan people and sharing Anangu culture.

"We're taking him on one of our popular walks, the Kuniya Walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole,



The Dalai Lama greets traditional owners, from left, Judy Trigger, Rita Okai, Daisy Walkabout and Sammy Wilson at Uluru.

where he'll learn more about our culture, the plants and animals of this place," Mr Wilson said.

"Along the way he'll have a

sit down with us and park rangers under a traditional shelter, called a wiltja, so we can all talk and listen together."

The Dalai Lama also delivered a talk at Ayers Rock Resort.

"When I was in Australia last time, I saw Uluru from

above, from the air, and I felt strongly to visit the people who have always lived in this important place," the Dalai Lama said in a statement.

Punishment is too slow, says Mirrar



THE Northern Territory Government is taking too long to punish those responsible for a radioactive spill on

Aboriginal land in Kakadu, traditional owners say.

They have set their sights on the NT Department of Mines and Energy, which has investigated the 2013 spill of up to 1.5 million litres of acidic slurry from a collapsing leach tank at the Energy Resources of Australia-operated Ranger uranium mine.

But the department is yet to share its report with stakeholders, despite a request six months ago from the Office of the Supervising Scientist.

The Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation, which acts for the Mirrar traditional owners, says the delay is "completely unacceptable", especially given ERA was able to restart operations at Ranger a year ago.



Equipment at the Ranger uranium mine in Kakadu.

"Members of the investigative taskforce as well as the general public are still waiting for the regulator to release its report, let alone prosecute the mining company," corporation chief executive Justin O'Brien said.

The traditional owners want the Government to impose a fine, or declare an operational breach for the spill.

The Environment Centre NT claims ERA breached its operating conditions, and in particular a section of the *NT Mine Management Act* which requires "no unauthorised release of waste or contaminant".

A department spokeswoman said the incident was still being investigated. — AAP



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Surfer Soli carves way to title

BYRON Bay (NSW) man Soli Bailey is pictured on his way to victory at the Australian Indigenous surfing championships at Bells Beach, Victoria, on Friday, May 29. Bailey, a former Australian pro

junior champion, was unstoppable throughout the event, winning every heat on his way to the final, knocking out reigning champion Otis Carey (Coffs Harbour, NSW) in the semifinals. He beat 2012

champion Russell Molony (Central Coast, NSW) in the final. *Picture: Liam Robertson/Surfing Victoria*
● See our sports section for a full report and more great pictures.

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Enoch takes top Sydney Festival role



THE Sydney Festival has announced Noonuccal Nuugi man

Wesley Enoch will take over as director from Lieven Bertels, who finishes his term in 2016. Mr Enoch will have a three-year tenure from 2017-2019.

He is currently the artistic director of the Queensland Theatre Company and has previously been artistic director of Kooemba Jdarra in Brisbane (1994-97) and Ilibijerri in Melbourne (2003-04).

No stranger to the Sydney Festival, Mr Enoch has directed six projects for the festival over the past 15 years including *The Sunshine Club* (2000), *Eora Crossing* (2004), *The Sapphires* (2005), *Nargun and the Stars* (2009), *I am Eora* (2012) and *Black Diggers* (2014). He has also worked with almost every major theatre company and festival in the country and



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– Wesley Enoch

toured shows internationally.

Mr Enoch said he was thrilled about the appointment.

“Excited is too inadequate a word for how I’m feeling,” he said. “I have had a long love affair with the Sydney Festival and its audiences.

“I’m totally thrilled to return in the role of festival director. The festival is a huge family of people who give their time,

resources, money and talent and I want to meet every single one of them.

“Festivals provide a huge cultural canvas and help re-imagine a city, helping it think creatively and see things differently. I’m looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting started.”

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High point for the Mabo family

By JILLIAN MUNDY



GAIL Mabo, the daughter of the late Eddie Koiki Mabo, says her father would have been "chuffed" at having a star in Australia's most iconic constellation named

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Ms Mabo said that with her father's seven children, 49 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, the Mabo name was not going to die off.

"It's only going to get bigger," she said.

Ms Mabo would also like to see Mabo Day celebrated as a national holiday.

"At the end of the day, he was a man from a small island who stood up against a greater power and won, so let's celebrate that," she said.

During National Reconciliation Week, Ms Mabo, who lives in Townsville, spoke about the Mabo case, the impact on her family when she was growing up, and the ongoing legacy of her father.

TV producer Rachel Perkins' multi-award winning film *Mabo* has just been

Gail Mabo speaking in Tasmania: "The next fight is constitutional change; it's the treaty."



screened in Burnie, Devonport and Hobart. Last week she spoke in country Victoria.

Ms Mabo wants to educate people about her father, what he was doing, and his fight, and encourages all Australians to see *Mabo*.

She encouraged the audience in Hobart to keep up the fight.

"The next fight is constitutional change; it's the treaty," Ms Mabo said.

"Questions have to be asked, answers have to be given and the level of how that happens is up to people, and people power is pushing to get answers given before the referendum.

"As Indigenous Australians, what rights do we have after constitutional change? Can we debate that before it is even developed?

"I have questions I want answered.

"If anything they are dodging the bullet. I sit and ponder what are our rights are after that happens.

"People have to be informed. Ill-informed people make wrong decisions; informed people make the right decisions, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people."

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Mental health crisis extent highlighted



A MAJOR report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has highlighted

devastating statistics regarding the mental health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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"What this report highlights is that while there are areas such as infant mortality, where we are slowly closing the gap, there are areas where there is a lot of work

to do – like mental health and incarceration rates," he said.

"The report again illustrates just how badly we are failing young Aboriginal people. Aboriginal teenagers aged 15-18 are five times more likely to take their own lives than others of the same age.

"This is a truly devastating statistic which has huge impacts throughout Aboriginal communities. There needs to be a concerted effort to improve the mental health and social emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal people, and concrete Closing the Gap targets introduced to reverse these terrible trends and offer hope to Aboriginal young people."

Mr Cooke said Aboriginal people also still have a life expectancy at least 10 years less than other Australians.

"The report shows that 31% of the health gap is due to socio-

economic factors, such as employment, education and higher-than-average levels of poverty," he said.

"Providing Aboriginal health care for Aboriginal people has also been proven time and time again to be the health model that makes the biggest gains in closing

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Ms Gillies said the lack of a renewed strategic framework on social and emotional wellbeing, delayed for three years, means

that even when services are funded to deliver mental health programs, they are "working blindfolded".

"The mental health needs of our people are significantly higher than those of other Australians," she said.

"In 2011-12, nearly one third of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults had high or very high levels of psychological distress, almost three times the rate for other Australians."

Ms Gillies said it was time to return responsibility for Indigenous mental health to the Department of Health and for there to be greater control over the design and implementation of mental health programs by the Aboriginal-controlled health sector.

For information and help about youth mental health visit www.headspace.org.au/

● For urgent problems, young people can call Kids helpline on 1800 55 1800 and adults Lifeline on 131 114.

Arnhem Elder recognised



GUNBALANYA Elder Timothy Nadjowh has been appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to the Indigenous communities of West Arnhem Land and to the visual arts.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said it was an honour to be part of the award ceremony in Gunbalanya, as Mr Nadjowh embodies the highest ideals of achievement and service that the Order of Australia confers.

"Mr Nadjowh's contribution to Indigenous affairs since the late 1960s, specifically his role in facilitating the establishment of outstations which have enabled Indigenous people to live on country in West Arnhem Land, makes him a worthy recipient of this award," Senator Scullion said.

"As founder of Gumarrirrbang and Goomadeer outstations, Mr Nadjowh travelled long distances to deliver essential items to residents of the area."

Goomadeer Outstation, the first decentralised Indigenous community in the West Arnhem Region, has been running since the late 1960s.

During that time, Mr Nadjowh worked closely with the late Alfred Wilson OAM, in the construction of airstrips throughout Arnhem Land, to ensure access to these remote areas.

"Exceptional individuals like Mr Nadjowh have been an integral part of delivering practical change on the ground for Indigenous people throughout Arnhem Land," Senator Scullion said.



Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion with Gunbalanya Elder Timothy Nadjowh who received the Order of Australia.

Honoured Roach has his platform



CELEBRATED

Aboriginal songwriter Archie Roach admits he was in two minds about accepting a Queen's Birthday honour, asking

himself "How many First Nations people have received the award?"

But the musician hopes to use it as a platform to unite Australia.

He's been appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the performing arts and as an advocate for social justice.

When Roach released his debut album *Charcoal Lane* 25 years ago, his song *Took The Children Away* became an anthem for the Stolen Generations and the struggles facing Indigenous Australians.

The song traces Roach's own experience of being taken from his family at age three, and won him two ARIA awards and an international Human Rights Achievement Award.

The 59-year-old says music has the power to draw people in, more than someone banging their fists on a soapbox. "It's a great catalyst for change," Roach said. "It doesn't change governments but it can change people."

Roach says music has helped him process pain and loss.

In 2010 Roach's partner and collaborator Ruby Hunter died, aged 54. Later that year he suffered a stroke and in 2011 he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Roach returned to the stage in 2012, lifting himself up through gospel with the album *Into The Bloodstream*.

"It can be a good therapy... a good way to come through darkness and hard times," he said.

Nyikina Elder Lucy Marshall, from Derby in WA, was awarded the AM for significant service to the community as an Elder and leader, as an advocate for Indigenous Australians, and as a

Archie Roach performs with Leon Gieko last year in Melbourne. Picture: Jillian Mundy



mentor to women in Derby.

Former National Native Title Tribunal president Graeme Neate was also appointed AM, for significant service to the law as a leading contributor to Indigenous land rights, and to legal education.

AIATSIS principal

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) principal Russell Taylor, a Kamilaroi man, received the same honour. He was recognised for his significant service to the community as a cultural leader and public sector executive in the field of Indigenous

affairs. AIATSIS Council deputy chair Bob Tonkinson said the recognition was well deserved and an acknowledgement of Mr Taylor's significant personal contribution to the institute among his many other public appointments.

Other Indigenous people to receive honours included Hazel Green, who was recognised for her service to the Indigenous Community, including as the chair of the Armidale Aboriginal Elders Congress for six years, and Yawuru Elder Teresa Isaacs, who was honoured for service to Indigenous health in Western Australia. — with AAP

Dirty politics claim as Tas service funds cut

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) has accused the Abbott Government of dirty politics for redirecting funding for its legal service to the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services (VALS).

Under the controversial decision announced last week, VALS would deliver services to Tasmanian Aborigines.

TAC state secretary Trudy Maluga labelled it a political decision to divide and conquer, by pitting Aborigines against Aborigines.

The TAC service has operated for 40 years, achieving significant

reforms and never being in breach of funding guidelines. But unless the decision is overturned, the service will struggle to continue.

"The decision should be reversed and the TAC should continue to deliver the Aboriginal legal service," Ms Maluga said.

"We encourage VALS to do the right thing and not sign the contract and accept any monies."

Ms Maluga is also calling on Aboriginal people Australia-wide to help with a campaign to reinstate funding, by urging the Federal Attorney-General's Department restore funding.

The Tasmanian legal service offers a holistic approach, including a youth diversion program, a 24-hour call-out system as recommended in the



TAC state secretary Trudy Maluga

Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody report, monitoring, support and cultural education of Aboriginal detainees

in punitive institutions, law reform initiatives, and legal education specifically tailored to Aboriginal people.

It has been instrumental in achieving Stolen Generations compensation, Aboriginal heritage protection, the return of land to the Aboriginal community, the repatriation of human remains and other cultural items from overseas institutions, more and better housing under Aboriginal control, improved education and employment opportunities, law reform such as changes to the *Fisheries Act* allowing Aborigines to collect shellfish and other seafood without permit payments, changes to the *Coroner's Act* to tribally bury repatriated remains and

decriminalisation of drunkenness.

Ms Maluga described it as a humane service that does not look at its clients as mere files.

Aborigines in Tasmania and Victoria have taken to social media to air their disgust at the Attorney General's funding decision.

As the *Koori Mail* went to press, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre was garnering support from politicians and high-profile legal practitioners, including two former Tasmanian premiers, to campaign against the decision.

The *Koori Mail* was unable to contact VALS or Federal Attorney-General George Brandis before going to press.

(Jillian Mundy is on the State Committee of the TAC.)

Palm Islanders lodge court action

By ALF WILSON



LEGAL action launched against the State of Queensland by Palm Islander Lex Wotton, his wife Cecelia and his mother Agnes is scheduled to begin on September 7.

The hearing has been set down for 20 days with sittings on Palm Island, Townsville and Brisbane.

Mr Wotton was described as the ringleader of a riot on Palm Island on November 26, 2004 when the police station, barracks and courthouse were torched.

A week earlier, on November 19, Mulrunji Doomadgee died in custody at the Palm Island Police Station. He had visited family in the morning and was healthy.

When the autopsy was released days after, Palm Island residents, frustrated by what they said was a lack of an appropriate investigation, marched



Flashback to December 2004 and Lex Wotton sits outside the Townsville police station as a 2000-strong street march goes by in support.

on the police station, leading to the torching.

Mr Wotton was sentenced to six

years' jail in November 2008 for his involvement in the unrest. He was released on parole on July 19, 2010, but

a gag order on his involvement remained in place until July last year.

The legal action brought by Mr Wotton and others alleges police discrimination following the death and riot.

It claims police unlawfully entered homes and held unarmed residents at gunpoint when arresting alleged participants in the riot.

The Wottons lodged the action on August 9, 2013, after several well-attended public meetings were held on Palm Island.

A large advertisement published in local media at the time advised that anybody who may have been affected by the event could be a potential member of a class action.

"Class members in a class action are not individually responsible for the legal costs associated with bringing the class action. Only the applicants are responsible for the costs," the advertisement read.

Levitt Robinson Solicitors is acting for the Wotton family.

Child detention 'at crisis point'



DETENTION of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children around the nation has reached a crisis point, with the worst rates in Western Australia, Amnesty International says.

In a report released last week, the human rights group said Aboriginal youth in WA were 52 times more likely than others to be in detention.

Indigenous youth make up about 6% of people aged 10 to 17 in WA, but represent 79% of all young people in detention. Figures for children aged 10 to 13 are even more disturbing, with almost 90% of those in detention Aboriginal.

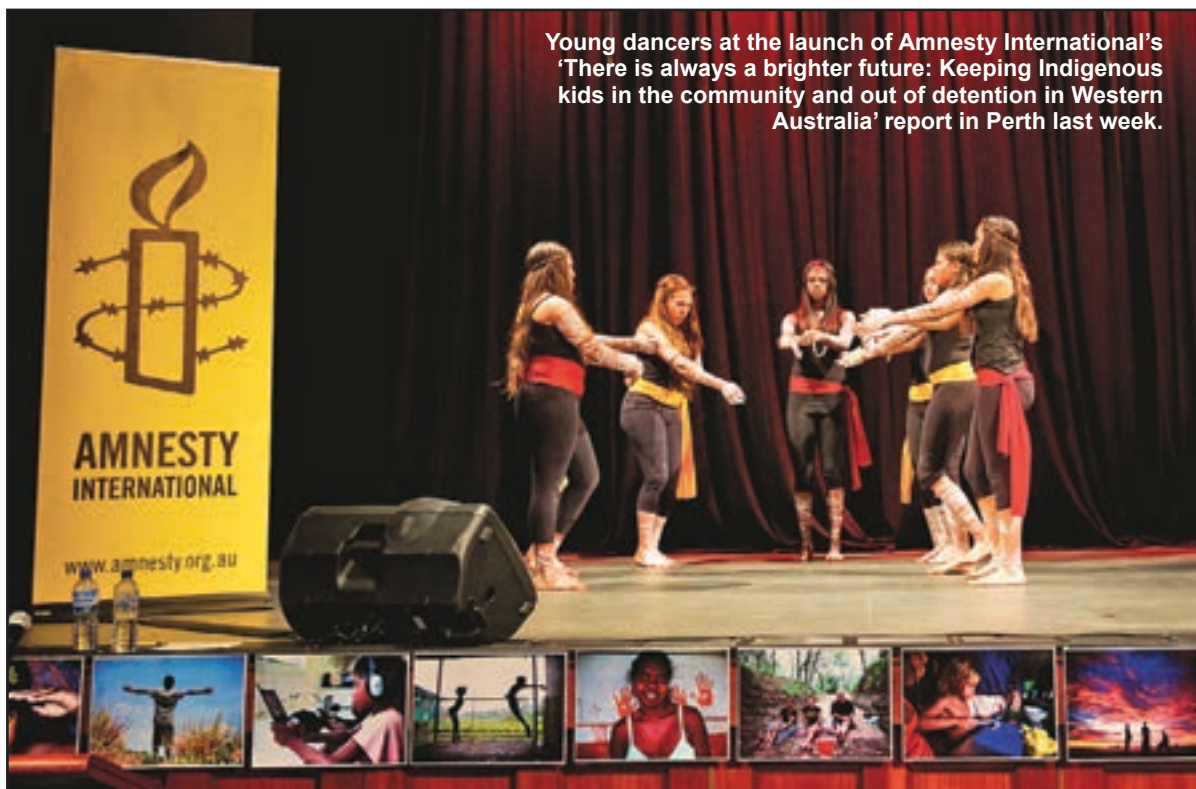
"Unless the extremely high rate of Aboriginal youth detention is urgently addressed, an increasing number of Aboriginal young people will move into the adult justice system," the report says.

Amnesty says reasons for the alarming statistics include a failure to support Indigenous community-led programs, police 'discrepancies' in dealing with youths, enforcement of bail conditions, mandatory sentencing laws, and inadequate diagnosis and support for people with foetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

The research found that when police made contact with children committing alleged offences, they arrested Indigenous people 66% of the time rather than issuing a caution, compared with only 41% of the time for non-Aboriginal children.

Amnesty International says there is also a lack of adequate non-custodial sentencing options, particularly in regional and remote areas.

Amnesty Indigenous rights manager Tammy Solonec, a Nigena woman from Derby in the Kimberley, has launched a petition to try to convince WA Attorney-General Michael Mischin to scrap mandatory detention for children.



Young dancers at the launch of Amnesty International's 'There is always a brighter future: Keeping Indigenous kids in the community and out of detention in Western Australia' report in Perth last week.

"During my time as a lawyer I've watched too many Indigenous kids get locked up – only to spiral into a life of crime and disadvantage," Ms Solonec said.

"Everyone has a right to be treated equally. But when an Indigenous child is 52 times more likely to be locked up than a non-Aboriginal child, we know the law is not being applied equally.

"Real solutions"

"This campaign is about real solutions, led and delivered by Aboriginal people."

Ms Solonec said that if children are given a chance instead of being locked up, their lives can be turned around.

"I remember speaking with Sarah [not her real name] from the Fitzroy Valley in WA," she said. "Her parents split when she was about 10. After

this she grew up without a mother, moving between the homes of various family members. She smoked, she drank, and when she was 16 she assaulted someone.

"Sarah was lucky. After the assault she was steered away from trouble when the Aboriginal-led Yiriman Project took her out on country with women Elders.

"She is now employed at a local Aboriginal organisation and is planning to start her own business. Sarah says that her future is promising because of her involvement as a teenager with the Yiriman Project women's program."

Amnesty International secretary-general Salil Shetty recently visited Australia for the release of a new report, 'A brighter tomorrow: Keeping Indigenous kids in the community and out of detention in Australia'.

He called on the Government to

support Indigenous-led justice reinvestment programs in response to the soaring overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in detention, who are incarcerated at 24 times the rate of other kids across the country.

"Australia has a long and tragic history of removing Indigenous children from their families and communities," Mr Shetty said.

"I'm inspired by the innovative work Indigenous communities are doing across Australia to bring up a new generation of young people, but the Australian Government needs to catch up and fund the programs that have been shown to work in keeping Indigenous kids out of prison, and making communities safer. It's a win/win situation for all Australians." – With AAP

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Native title deal closer



A MAJOR \$1.3 billion native title deal covering a large part of Western

Australia's South West region is a step closer to being implemented.

After most of the members of the principal Noongar native title claim groups backed the deal at meetings earlier this year, six Indigenous land use agreements were signed recently.

There had been strong opposition to the agreements by sections of the local Aboriginal community.

The agreements will now be filed with the National Native Title Tribunal, which will determine whether they can be registered and become law.

The State Government hopes they can start to be implemented by mid-2016, notwithstanding any objections that may be lodged.

Under the deal, Noongar people will surrender their native title rights in an area of about 200,000 square kilometres spanning from Jurien, north of Perth, to Ravensthorpe in the Goldfields-Esperance region, in exchange for \$1.3 billion worth of land, finance and benefits to be distributed over 12 years. – AAP



Dreaming Award winner Kahl Wallis, of The Medics. Picture: Israel Rivera



Fellowship winner Reko Rennie in Taylor Square, Sydney. Picture: Soren Solkaer

Foley wins Red Ochre for pioneering work



Brenda L Croft with her fellowship award.



ACTIVIST, artist and academic Gary Foley has been awarded the 2015 Red Ochre Award at the Australia Council's eighth National Indigenous Arts Awards, held recently at the Sydney Opera House.

Awarded since 1993, the \$50,000 prize acknowledges an artist's outstanding contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts at a national and international level.

Artists Brenda L Croft and Reko Rennie each received fellowships, providing \$45,000 a year for two years to create a major project.

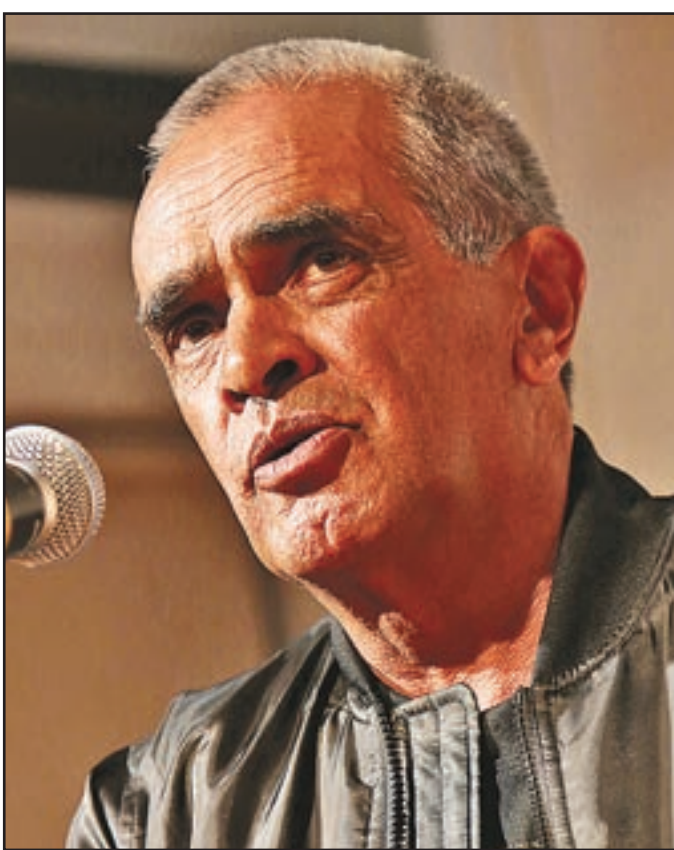
Singer-songwriter and front man of The Medics Kahl Wallis received the \$20,000 Dreaming Award for an artist aged 18-26 to create a major body of work through mentoring or partnerships.

Australia Council board director Lee-Ann Buckskin said Dr Foley was chosen as this year's Red Ochre Award recipient for his pioneering work in theatre, television, film, arts, culture and academia.

"Gary Foley has been at the forefront of Indigenous arts, beginning with his acting debut in the revue *Basically Black* in 1972, various films and television series," she said.

"He has left a lasting legacy across Australia's cultural and political landscape and is in the unique position of not only being part of history but also shaping it.

"He also helped establish Redfern's Aboriginal Legal Service, the Aboriginal Medical Service in Melbourne and in 1983 was the first Aboriginal director of the Aboriginal Arts Board of the Australia Council.



This year's Red Ochre Award winner Gary Foley.

"In 2004 after a stint as senior curator for Indigenous cultures at Museum Victoria, he successfully entered academia as a senior lecturer at the University of Melbourne and Victoria University.

"He suffered a serious heart attack two years ago and, despite ongoing poor health, he was this year promoted to Associate Professor in History at Victoria University, where he continues to teach and conduct a major research program.

"Gary has led an extraordinary life, which began in northern NSW, where he was expelled from school at 15, to receiving the University of Melbourne's prestigious Chancellor's Award for Excellence in 2014 for his PhD in history."

Ms Buckskin said Brenda L

Croft was an award-winning artist who had been an influential part of the contemporary arts and cultural sectors for three decades as an arts administrator, curator, academic and consultant.

"Brenda's two-year fellowship project, *Solid/shifting ground*, is an experimental, multimedia collaborative art project, building on her research into her Northern Territory homelands of Kalkarindji and Daguragu, which she first visited and created work about 25 years ago," Ms Buckskin said.

"The work reflects her mixed heritage – Gurindji/Malngin/Mudpurra on her father's side and Anglo-Australian/Irish/German heritage on her mother's – and includes audio, film and

stills from local sites and personal memories of the journeys of her father and his contemporaries from the Stolen Generations."

Reko Rennie is enjoying success in Australia and overseas after unveiling work this month at the 56th Venice Biennale in the exhibition *Personal Structures – Crossing Borders*. His work also features in *Indigenous Art: Moving Backwards into the Future* currently showing at the National Gallery of Victoria.

Ms Buckskin said his fellowship project would involve hand-painting a 1970s Rolls-Royce and filming a video narrative around north-west NSW towns to accompany it.

"The Rolls-Royce will feature three symbols – a crown, symbolising the sovereign status of Aboriginal people as the original inhabitants of Australia; a diamond, which represents a family crest and Reko's connection to the Kamilaroi/Gamilaroi people; and the Aboriginal flag, to pay respect to all Aboriginal people," Ms Buckskin said.

For his Dreaming Award project, Kahl Wallis will work with family members in Cairns to explore his family heritage.

"Kahl will record his first full-length solo album, infused with traditional language, songs and stories, and make an accompanying documentary about his journey exploring his family roots," Ms Buckskin said.

"He will work with several family members, including his uncle Jimmy Wallis, the last in his family to speak the Wuthathi language, and Uncle Bunna Lawrie, the original frontman and songwriter for the legendary Indigenous band Coloured Stone."

Long road to recognition

By MICHELLE WHITE



IT'S taken 100 years, but the Winmar family in Western Australia say they have finally been given the recognition they deserve for their contribution to the Wheatbelt town of Quairading.

The local council and the State Government have renamed a local street Winmar Road.

It's the first time a Noongar family has been given the honour in the town.

More than 50 family members turned up to a civic ceremony at the Shire of Quairading council for the official unveiling of the newly gazetted Winmar Road.

As the oldest family member living in town, Basil Winmar did the official honours, cutting the red ribbon. He was joined by local parliamentarian Mia Davies and Shire Freeman (an honorary title given for community service) Don Brown.

"I'm very happy for the Government to recognise our Winmar family; my dad, brother, sister and I all worked for this shire," Basil said.

"My dad worked for them for more than 20 years. So did I."

A delegation of Winmar family members has been lobbying the Shire of Quairading for more than two decades for some sort of local acknowledgement.

Many streets, parks and public facilities in Quairading bear the names of non-Indigenous farmers or townfolk.

The Winmars have always vehemently believed they deserved the same recognition.

The family said that the name Winmar comes from a Noongar name known as spirit hand (wiern



Proud Winmar family members and supporters point to the new road sign in the Western Australian Wheatbelt town of Quairading.

marr). They traditionally hail from Mount Stirling, a prominent landmark in the heart of the Wheatbelt. However, they have lived and worked in and around the town of Quairading ever since it was formed more than 100 years ago.

Generations of the Winmar family have served the region, either by clearing land, working the farms or serving the shire.

In 1910, Bill Winmar, Bernie McHenry and Richard Wilkes started working for the shire and were provided with three Native Welfare houses in town. They worked there until they retired.

In their submission for

recognition to the Government, the family stated they believe their family has made the largest contribution to any shire in WA.

In March this year, the Shire of Quairading received formal notification that the re-gazetting of a main road in town had been officially approved.

Decree

The decree said it was in recognition of the contribution of past Elders Bill, Bruce, Charlie and Fred Winmar.

The Winmar family, their friends and supporters in town all gathered outside the council offices, where Aboriginal flag was raised and flew beside the

Australian flag for the first time to cheers from the group.

Then it was off to the newly named road for more pomp and ceremony.

Basil's sister Iris was so delighted when she first saw the street sign that she jumped for joy! "At long last we got recognition," she said.

"I am so proud. Our parents and all our family members were hard-working people. We built this town."

Winnie McHenry (nee Winmar) said it was a proud day for all.

"After 20 years, we finally got the road. Our father, his father before him, our two grandfathers

they all worked on the shire. It's about time we had recognition for our family," she said.

Winnie herself worked for the Shire of Quairading for 20 years, as did her late husband.

Elder Richard Wilkes, who is related to the Winmars by marriage, says the suggestion that the Winmars be officially acknowledged in town first came from the Noongar Progress Association 50 years ago.

That committee has since long gone, but the subsequent generations of the Winmar family never gave up their fight for recognition.

And now, at long last, they have it. Winmar Road.

Bowraville hope raised



THE families of three Aboriginal children murdered at Bowraville have welcomed new NSW Government moves they hope will bring justice.

Clinton Speedy-Duroux, 16, Evelyn Greenup, 4, and Colleen Walker, 16, were all killed at the northern NSW community in the early 1990s.

A man who had been close to the Indigenous community was acquitted of the deaths of Evelyn and Clinton. He is a suspect in the death of Colleen, whose body has never been found.

Amid claims of police incompetence and racism, the families said the justice system – particularly wording in double jeopardy law (where a person cannot be tried twice for the same offence) – had failed them.

But their ongoing campaign led to a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry brought on by Greens

Upper House MP David Shoebridge.

The State Government has now agreed to implement recommendations from that inquiry, and appointed respected former Supreme Court judge James Wood to investigate the double jeopardy law. He must make his report and recommendations by November.

Pleased

Family members are pleased with the developments.

"We're very happy with the outcome, but there's still a long way to justice," Evelyn's aunt Michelle Jarrett said. "This has given us more hope."

Clinton's sister-in-law Leonie Duroux, who was very happy with Mr Wood's appointment, hoped it would lead to a retrial.

Clinton's aunt Helen Duroux said: "We understand this is just another step in our 25-year fight, but we want to make clear that we will not rest until we have

achieved justice for our precious children."

Helen Duroux said about 30 family members and supporters had been left with more confidence after a meeting this month with new NSW Attorney-General Gabrielle Upton and Mr Shoebridge.

She also reiterated the families' gratitude to many for their support.

"We wish to give our sincere thanks to Detective Inspector Gary Jubelin and his NSW Police team, Professor Larissa Behrendt and her colleagues at the UTS Jumbunna House of Learning, David Shoebridge MLC, and the team at (law firm) Allens Arthur Robinson for their ongoing commitment to seeking justice for our families," Helen Duroux, speaking for the families, said.

"Without their commitment and support, we would not have been able to achieve what we have achieved to date."

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Myall Creek remembered



AN act of unspeakable evil 177 years ago was commemorated at Myall Creek in far northern NSW on June 7.

But rather than recrimination, the massacre of 28 Aboriginal people at the site was marked with ceremony and reconciliation by more than 200 people.

They were taking part in the annual Myall Creek Memorial service of commemoration, held on Wirrayaay country near Bingara.

It was there in 1838 that 11 stockmen murdered the Aboriginal people, who were camped peacefully on the Myall Creek station.

Hanged

Their foul actions were eventually to lead to seven of them being hanged – an event claimed as the first and only time that white Australians have been executed for murdering Indigenous Australians.

A memorial to the massacre was unveiled in 2000, and services have been held there every Queen's birthday long weekend since.

Memorial supporter and descendant of those who were murdered Sue Blacklock described this year's service as very special.

The scene at this year's Myall Creek Memorial service of commemoration in northern NSW.



"It was a beautiful day with many people attending," she said. "We were very pleased with the outcome. People came from across the region and Sydney, and we were honoured to have a

performance by singer Roger Knox, the Koori King of Country, and his band."

The guest speaker this year was Aboriginal academic Professor John Maynard, from the University of Newcastle.



A plaque at the Myall Creek site on Wirrayaay country.

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NSW network is celebrated



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) has released a new resource to celebrate the achievements of the state's land rights network.

The *Our Story, Our Rights, Our Future* booklet was launched at a breakfast seminar held at NSW Parliament to discuss the successes of land rights and its importance for future generations.

It is 32 years since the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* was passed by the NSW Parliament.

NSWALC chair Craig Cromelin said the seminar was an important opportunity to remind people of how far the land rights network had come in building an economic base for Aboriginal communities in NSW.

NSWALC is the largest Aboriginal organisation in Australia, with more than 23,000 members, and the land rights network has been self-funded since 1998.



At the seminar, from left, NSWALC chair Craig Cromelin, Greens NSW spokesperson for Aboriginal Affairs Jan Barham, Christian Democratic Party leader Fred Nile and NSWALC Western Region councillor Des Jones.

Under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, NSWALC and the network of 120 local Aboriginal land councils are able to lodge claims over unused and unneeded Crown land.

"Successful claims allow Aboriginal communities to create and manage their own

wealth base and also encourage cultural, social and spiritual revitalisation," Mr Cromelin said.

"Under our economic development strategy, NSWALC is investing \$16 million over five years to support local Aboriginal land council initiatives to grow

our economy and build skills in the network.

"The economic activity generated by the land rights network is securing an economic future for Aboriginal people throughout NSW and this development is benefiting the broader economy now and into the future."



Public Art Opportunity

Applications are now open for emerging and established Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to be part of an exciting new CBD redevelopment, the Shields Street Heart project. The new design will include a substantial Indigenous art component, with a major commission as well as smaller works incorporated into the landscape design.

To apply for these opportunities please contact the Public Art Project Manager, Simon Suckling, on s.suckling@ Cairns.qld.gov.au or call 07 4032 6614. Information is also available on www.cairns.qld.gov.au (Major Projects).

Applications close 30 JUNE 2015

Course aim is to revive languages



SECURING the future of what he calls "Sleeping Beauty" languages is the aim of a new international online course run by University of Adelaide linguist Professor Ghil'ad Zuckermann.

"Out of 330 Australian Aboriginal languages only 13 – that is 4% – are alive and kicking, spoken by all children," he said. "We ought to revive languages that were subject to linguistic killing."

'Language Revival: Securing the Future of Endangered Languages' is a new MOOC (massive open online course) to be taught by staff at the University of Adelaide's Department of Linguistics.

Prof Zuckerman said the program is the first of its kind for language revival anywhere in

the world. "Why is this important? It's because language defines who we are – it has to do with our cultural autonomy, intellectual sovereignty, social identity, personal wellbeing, mental health, one might say our soul," he said.

"Language is much more than mere communication."

"Sorry record"

Prof Zuckerman said that given Australia's "sorry record of linguistic killing", we should aim to become world leaders in language revival.

The course, which has more than 1300 people enrolled worldwide, is a five-week program that will explore how languages can be reclaimed, revitalised and reinvigorated.

One week looks at Hebrew, which Professor Zuckerman said

was not spoken for 1750 years and is the most successful example of a language revival.

Another week looks specifically at the case of Kurna, an Aboriginal language from around Adelaide. The last known speaker died in 1929 and it was effectively dead until a group of people began reclaiming it in the 1990s.

Prof Zuckerman said in order for a language to be reclaimed, it requires a considerable effort from custodians and linguists.

"My dream is to have hundreds of Aboriginal linguists not dependant on whitefellas," he said. "At the moment it (language revival) is controlled by the Aboriginal custodians with the assistance of linguists. I hope we can get more Aboriginal people trained as linguists."

For more information, go to www.edx.org/course/



Adelaide University Linguistics and Endangered Languages chair Professor Ghil'ad Zuckerman: "My dream is to have hundreds of Aboriginal linguists not dependant on whitefellas."

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Concern at maternal death rate



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander women are dying at more than twice the rate of other Australian women from

complications of pregnancy and childbirth. There were 105 maternal deaths between 2008 and 2012, including women who died while pregnant or within 42 days of the end of pregnancy, according to research by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, released recently.

That equates to a mortality rate of 7.1 deaths per 100,000 women who gave birth.

The report says those at increased risk were aged over 40, obese or of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

It shows the maternal death rate among Indigenous mothers was 13.8 deaths per 100,000 women who gave birth – more than double that for other women (6.6 deaths).

“The increased risk of death in Indigenous mothers remains a major concern,” report author Professor Michael Humphrey says.

The leading causes of death among all pregnant women and new mothers are cardiovascular disorders and

psychosocial deaths related to mental health, domestic violence and substance abuse.

Of the 16 women who died of psychosocial reasons, two were murdered, one died of a drug overdose, another had an adverse reaction to medication and 12 committed suicide.

The report found the risk of death from psychosocial conditions for Indigenous women was five-fold that for other women during the period between 2000 and 2012, while the risk of cardiovascular conditions was four times higher.

It said antenatal care early in pregnancy was particularly important for Indigenous women for the detection and management of chronic disease.

“Services need to be aware of the higher rates of depression and suicide risk in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women compared with non-Indigenous women,” the report said.

Prof Humphrey said the figures should be interpreted with caution because of the small numbers and rare occurrence of maternal deaths.

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“The increased risk of death in Indigenous mothers remains a major concern.”



Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations chair Darren Perry (second from left) with other board members on the banks of the Macquarie River on Wiradjuri country.

Leaders angered by water buy-back plan



A NEW bill to limit the buy-back of water in the Southern Murray Darling Basin has

Indigenous leaders fuming about the lack of consultation.

The Federal Government has introduced a bill to Parliament to cap the amount of water buy-backs for the environment at 1500 gegalitres (GL), which was one of its election promises in 2013. The Basin Plan, which became law in 2012, calls for 2750 GL to be returned to the rivers.

Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations

(MLDRIN) chair Darren Perry said any decision that makes it more expensive or more difficult to secure adequate water to sustain culturally significant landscapes could have a detrimental effect on Aboriginal people.

“We are also concerned that an overreliance on infrastructure and works to achieve environmental outcomes entails increased impacts on significant landscapes and cultural heritage sites,” he said, citing a weir that had been built on Ngintait country near Mildura.

Mr Perry said MLDRIN represents 46 First Nations in

the Murray Darling Basin.

“We should be the first point of contact (for consultation), but apart from a conversation with (parliamentary secretary for the environment) Bob Baldwin, there’s been nothing. That’s not proper engagement,” he said.

“First Nations across the basin want to see our rivers returned to health and we should be consulted directly on any measure which could affect that. The free, prior and informed consent of traditional owners should be sought on these important matters that affect our ability to care for country.”



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Threat to advice line



A 24-HOUR legal advice line for Aboriginal people in NSW and the ACT faces closure because its current funding runs out on June 30.

The Custody Notification Service (CNS) has been running since 2000 and was set up in response to a recommendation from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody that police must notify the Aboriginal Legal Service whenever an Aboriginal person is detained or arrested so they can receive early legal advice and a welfare check. This is legislated under NSW law.

Acting chief executive of Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT Kane Ellis said the plan to de-fund the service is based on a false economy.

"The cost to run the CNS is nearly the same as holding two

juveniles in detention for one year, yet the CNS assists over 15,000 Aboriginal people each year with early legal advice and an RU OK welfare check," he said.

"The Government is achieving huge savings by having this service. Court, bail and diversion costs are down while the cost of assisting a vulnerable person in custody with health and welfare assistance is simply immeasurable."

Mr Ellis said the CNS is more than just a phone line, "it's a lifeline".

"Every time our lawyers speak to an Aboriginal person being detained they check upon the welfare of the person by asking 'Are you OK?'" he said. "Often

people aren't OK. Threats of self-harm or suicide are common. Our lawyers are skilled at hearing ideation (forming ideas) or real threats of self-harm or suicide.

"The lawyer notifies the police and the vulnerable person in custody is made safe."

could run this essential phone line as cheaply and effectively as we do," Mr Ellis said.

"Without the CNS, more Aboriginal people will go to jail."

The service has been funded by the Federal Government since 2007 through one-off grants.

A spokesperson for Federal Attorney General George Brandis said the funding arrangement was "another example of ad hoc and opaque allocations of Labor without providing funding sustainability and certainty".

The spokesperson also said the NSW Government currently contributes no funding towards the implementation of its own regulation and that state matters comprise the majority of cases

undertaken by the ALS.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion released a statement encouraging the NSW Government and the Attorney General's Department "to work collaboratively to ensure this service continues to deliver for Indigenous people in NSW".

NSW Attorney General Gabrielle Upton said the service had historically been funded by the Commonwealth.

"I acknowledge that the CNS is an important service and I have written to Attorney-General Brandis requesting that the Commonwealth continue to fund it," she said.

"The NSW Government will fight to ensure the most vulnerable have access to fast, fair and efficient justice."

A petition to save the notification service can be found at chn.ge/15JMYMj

"No other service provider could run this essential phone line as cheaply and effectively as we do. Without the CNS, more Aboriginal people will go to jail."

The cost to run the service is \$526,000 a year, which pays for six lawyers working around the clock and one administration officer.

"No other service provider



At the Tabulam Southern Cross Distance Education school are, front from left, teacher's aide Alex Torrens, Eddie O'Conner and Jermaine Avery and, back from left, Tyrone Avery and teachers Rob Roberts and Matt Larsson.

Education program helps students go the distance

By ANDY PARKS



AN innovative program to keep Aboriginal kids in education when things aren't working out in formal school settings is getting good results in Tabulam, northern NSW. The Southern Cross Distance Education program is run by the NSW Education Department, and its curriculum is in line with the state's Board of Studies.

But smaller groups and more flexibility make it easier for kids

who might be having trouble with regular high school.

One of the coordinators at Tabulam, Rob Roberts, said that as well as keeping kids in the education system, they were able to do "some of the nurturing stuff".

He said that really getting to know the students on a personal level was one of the keys to the success of the program.

There are currently several students from the nearby Jubullum community, with the youngest in Year 7 and the oldest about to start the Higher School Certificate.

The classroom is a converted shed with a mural painted by the students. Inside is a weights bench, and there are lots of opportunities for sport and outdoor learning.

Mr Roberts said a lot of the teaching comes from discussions about current events in the news or things happening in the community.

"I suppose it's incidental learning, but there's also an understanding that if you don't complete a task, you can't go on to the next level. So people will step up and say, 'I can do this,' which builds confidence," he said.



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Yellomundee Regional Park – Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (the proponent) seeks registration from local Aboriginal groups and people with respect to an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

An AHIP is required for the works and activities associated with the Shaw's Creek Aboriginal Place which will be occurring within the boundaries of the Yellomundee Regional Park, Yarramundi.

The purpose of Aboriginal community consultation is to assist NPWS in the preparation of an application for an AHIP and to assist the Chief Executive of the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) in their consideration and determination of the application.

The NPWS invites the appropriate local Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge for the Shaw's Creek Aboriginal Place to assist in this process of Aboriginal community consultation.

All registrations of interest should be received by NPWS no later than 15 July 2015 and sent to:

Att: Vickii Lett, National Parks and Wildlife Service, PO Box 198, Richmond, NSW, 2753. Alternatively registrations can be received by email to vickii.lett@environment.nsw.gov.au

Please be advised that the details of all parties who register an interest in the project will be forwarded to OEH and the Local Aboriginal Land Council unless it is specified that these details should not be released.

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Applications are sought from Aboriginal people either residing in, or working for Aboriginal Organisations in local government areas of Penrith, Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains and Lithgow to become a member of the Nepean Blue Mountains Aboriginal Cultural Inclusion Committee.

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

Local Community Information Sessions will be held in each local government area to provide an opportunity for information and questions about the Committee and process for applying.

Further Information:

For dates and venues of Community Information Sessions, to hear more about this Committee, or to obtain a copy of the Terms of Reference, please contact Wendy Jopson on (02) 4722 7380 or wendy.jopson2@facs.nsw.gov.au

To Apply:

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Members of the climate action group in front of Parliament House in Canberra call for Climate Summit action by the Federal Government.

Climate right for action, says group



IT SOUNDS like the start of a bad joke, but a nun, a firefighter and a farmer went to Canberra the other day. They were joined by a monk, a Muslim and others – including an Aboriginal person – to call on the Federal Government to step up climate change action.

They held a seat at a breakfast table for Prime Minister Tony Abbott, asking him to join them to discuss Australia's position at the United Nations Climate Summit in Paris this December.

The Indigenous representative was 18-year-old Vanessa Farrelly, an Arrernte woman from central Australia, who is also a member of the Indigenous Climate network SEED.

Ms Farrelly said climate change will affect everyone, but it won't affect everyone equally.

"Indigenous communities will be hit first and worst because of general disadvantage, but also because of where most people live," she said.

"Outback areas will be affected by droughts and ancestral sites will be destroyed, and in coastal areas like the Torres Strait, they will be affected by rising sea levels."

The group has collected a petition with 70,000 signatures calling on the Government to set strong, science-based pollution reduction targets.



Arrernte woman Vanessa Farrelly: "Indigenous communities will be hit first and worst because of general disadvantage, but also because of where most people live."

Ms Farrelly said that although the Prime Minister's chair remained vacant, they were able to speak with staffers from his office, as well as staff from Environment Minister Greg Hunt's and Deputy Liberal Leader Julie Bishop's office.

The group is calling on the Australian Government to commit to pollution reduction

targets that put Australia on track to zero carbon pollution by 2050. This means strengthening Australia's 2020 pollution reduction target to achieve a 25% reduction from 2000 levels; setting new post-2020 targets to reduce pollution to 40-50% below 2000 levels by 2025; and 60-80% below 2000 levels by 2030.

Royal commission in Warrnambool



THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse moves to Warrnambool in Victoria this week. A community forum organised by South Western Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA) and the Gunditjmarra

Aboriginal Cooperative is being held today (June 17) at the city's Lighthouse Theatre.

Over the course of the week, survivors of child sexual abuse in Warrnambool will have the opportunity to tell the royal commission of their experiences in a private session with a commissioner.



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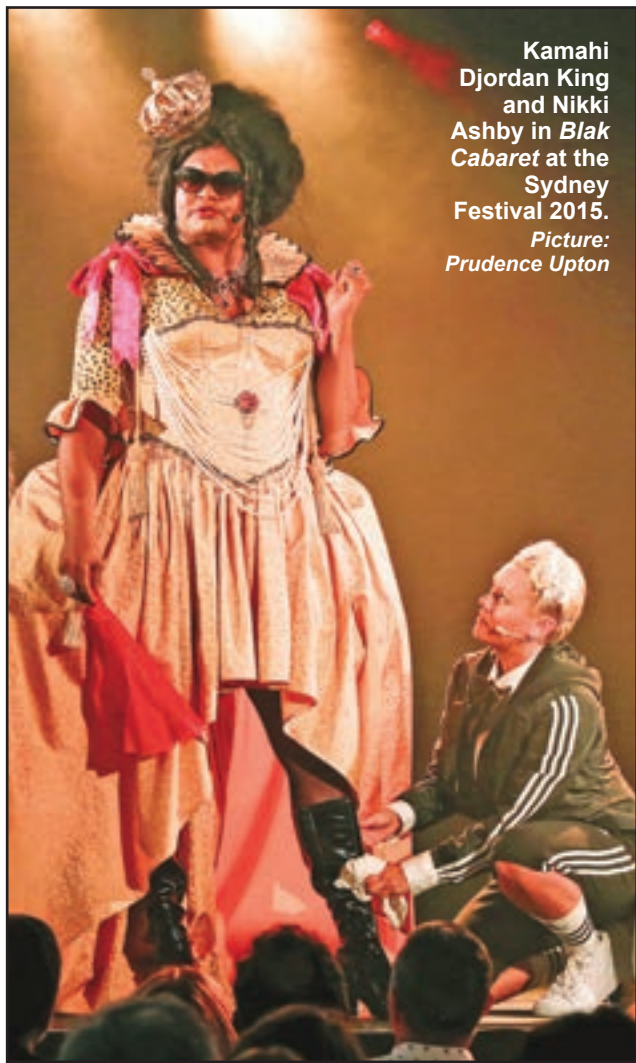
In the 2015-16 Budget, the Australian Government announced changes to the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record system (PCEHR). The system currently allows individuals to opt-in to an eHealth record providing them, and those involved in their healthcare with timely and secure access to their key health information. Proposed changes are intended to improve individual and healthcare provider participation in the eHealth system by making it easier to use, increase the value of the clinical information, and support trials of an opt-out system. Changes also include a change of name from PCEHR to *My Health Record*.

As part of the Government's public consultation, the *Electronic Health Records and Healthcare Identifiers: Legislation Discussion Paper* is now available for comment. The discussion paper outlines proposed changes to the legislative framework of the PCEHR system and Healthcare Identifiers Service. The purpose of the discussion paper is to encourage discussion and feedback on the proposed legislative changes. The discussion paper can be found at www.ehealth.gov.au.

Regardless of your role in the health system, whether you are a healthcare provider, organisation, or an individual, your feedback is important to ensure any changes to the PCEHR system and Healthcare Identifiers Service best meet the needs of all Australians. The submission process is open until 5.00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Wednesday 24 June 2015.

Submissions will be made public and shared with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory government agencies to inform consideration of the legislative changes. Submissions that are intended to remain confidential should be clearly marked as such and submitters should be aware that confidential submissions may still be subject to access under Freedom of Information law.

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Ashby in *Blak
Cabaret* at the
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Reconciliation plan No 2 for Sydney Festival



THE Sydney Festival celebrated National Reconciliation Week by launching its second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Having launched and implemented its first RAP in 2013, a spokesperson for festival said the great majority of goals was achieved.

"We learnt a lot in the first 12-month period, and both our successes and mistakes informed our strategy for this next stage of our plan," the spokesperson said.

"We are committed to working towards improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians by creating and fostering an organisational environment that cherishes respect, creates opportunity and builds cultural awareness.

"We have set ourselves new measurable goals, at the same time as maintaining ongoing successful initiatives and we look forward to the successes of this plan as part of the ongoing journey for this organisation and our community."

McLaren set for new book

By ANDY PARKS



KAMILAROI (NSW) author Philip McLaren says he is getting ready to write his "John Grisham novel". (Grisham is a major US legal thriller author.)

Mr McLaren has recently taken up a position as an adjunct professor at University of Technology, Sydney in the Indigenous Research School, Jumbunna.

He is using the research skills and resources of UTS to dig into real-life cases that will be used as the basis for his fiction; a sequel to 2007's *Utopia* that will be set in an Aboriginal legal centre.

In particular, Mr McLaren said he has become intrigued with the case of Jack Congo Murrell, an Aboriginal man who was found not guilty of murder in a landmark trial in 1836, despite confessing to the crime.

"It's fascinating. I think it was the first trial by media that happened in Australia," he said.

"People were writing in to the *Sydney Gazette* saying, 'How can you put this man on trial? Where are you going to get a jury of his peers? He doesn't even speak the language.' I don't know, but it may have all been sent in by his lawyer to whip up public sentiment."

Aboriginal QC

In Mr McLaren's fictitious legal centre, there is an Aboriginal QC (senior barrister) and a multicultural mix of young, dedicated lawyers, similar to what he experienced at Sydney's Redfern Legal centre.

Mr McLaren, whose works have been translated into several languages, has built a particularly strong following in France, where he sells five times as many books as anywhere else and where he is often recognised in clubs and cafes.

As part of the research process he is also spending time in court, and said he wants to show how "the law is an ass" and how Aboriginal people are often unfairly arrested for petty crimes.



Award-winning author Phillip McLaren is setting his new novel in an Aboriginal legal centre. Picture: Joanne Saad

Mr McLaren's first book *Sweet Water* – *Stolen Land* won the 1992 David Unaipon Award for an unpublished manuscript by an Indigenous writer, and each of his books since has cemented his reputation as a world-class storyteller.

He came to writing late in life after being an artist, musician, rugby player and television designer, among other things.

He has recently returned from San Francisco, where he was the only Australian author to take part in a new writers' festival.

"I love these things. The main reason (I went) is to try to crack into the American market again," he said.

"I've had a couple of goes... There was a (movie) deal with a Hollywood studio that was bizarre, but it didn't get made. But it (America) is such a giant."

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of the following item on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Further details on all the nominated places below can be viewed at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx

NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Office, Stanmore

Written submissions on the abovementioned listing is invited in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place by 15 July 2015.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann Hamilton on (02) 9873 8565 or maryann.hamilton@environment.nsw.gov.au

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The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec), is recognised as the peak NSW Aboriginal organisation providing child protection and out-of-home-care policy advice and advocacy on issues affecting Aboriginal children, young people, families and carers. AbSec is a not-for-profit community organisation funded primarily by the NSW Department of Family and Community Services. The Board of AbSec is now seeking to appoint a new Chief Executive Officer.

Reporting directly to the Board, the Chief Executive Officer will provide strategic leadership for AbSec leading a lean, dedicated team and operating within a tight budgetary environment. The Chief Executive Officer will be accountable for the delivery of high quality services within funding guidelines, consistent with the strategic framework set by the Board. Key challenges will include the implementation of a new strategic plan, positioning Aboriginality is a prerequisite for this position.

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Chief Executive Officer The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (NSW)

AbSec as a key influencer in advising Government agencies on issues impacting child protection, developing alternative sources of funding, building the capacity of the Aboriginal NGO sector, managing the impact of NDIS on the sector and managing relationships with member agencies, communities and Government.

Candidates will need to be experienced or aspiring Chief Executive Officers with a strong depth of experience in human services, particularly child protection, in the Aboriginal services sector. This experience may have been gained in either the not-for-profit / NGO sector or within Government. A strong skillset in strategy and policy is required, as is advocacy and relationship management at a senior level. Assured and inspired leadership is needed with the ability to work to a Board, manage media relations and geographically dispersed stakeholder relationships with a genuine connectedness with local communities.

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Dancers at Mabo Day celebrations on Thursday Island.
Picture: Aaron Smith, Torres News



People gathered at the park on Thursday Island.

Mabo Day celebrated

By ALF WILSON



MABO Day celebrations were held in the Torres Strait and north Queensland cities on June 3.

That date is the anniversary of the historic High Court native title win by Mer (Murray island) man Edward 'Koiki' Mabo in 1992, and the day also marks the end of National Reconciliation Week.

That date has since been known as Mabo Day, and this year the largest north Queensland celebration was held on Thursday Island (TI) in the Torres Strait, with other events on Mer, Poruma, Erub and Boigu islands and in Townsville.

More than 500 people took part in the TI celebrations, which included a street march, speeches, dancing by a Kaurareg team from the Northern Peninsula Area, and the TI Meriam Dancers.

Another highlight was a re-enactment of Captain James Cook's landing on

Possession Island in 1770.

Torres Shire Mayor Pedro Stephen, Anglican bishop Saibo Mabo and Adhi Dimple Bani, the elder brother of MC Gabriel Bani and the tribal leader of the Wagadagam tribe of Mabuyag Island, gave speeches.

Gabriel Bani told the *Koori Mail* it was one of the biggest ever Mabo Days on TI.

"Mabo Day is my day; Mabo Day is your day," he said. "We had a big crowd and it was about unity. Families of the original plaintiffs were there."

Mr Bani said the people of the Torres Strait had also celebrated their flag on May 29.

Meanwhile, in Townsville the celebrations for Mabo Day were held on June 6 at the PCYC. The free community event included feasting, guest talks from Elders and community leaders, traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dances, kup muri feasting (kai kai) and music from the Torres Strait islands.



Proud of Eddie Mabo: From left, Wakusai Akee, Margaret Gabey, George Gabey, Jack Mabo and Gibra Sambo during Mabo Day on TI. Picture: Aaron Smith, Torres News



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STRATEGIC REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

Call for nominations

The State Government has announced plans to improve infrastructure and services investment to enable better education, health and wellbeing, and employment outcomes for Aboriginal people living in regional and remote areas. Long-term reforms will be developed and implemented in collaboration with Aboriginal communities, service providers and other levels of government.

Strategic Regional Advisory Councils will be a key driver of reform. A Council will be established for each of the Kimberley and Pilbara regions. Membership will include relevant heads of State agencies, senior representatives from the community services sector and Commonwealth Government, and regional Aboriginal leaders.

Each Council will provide advice on, and identify opportunities for, changes that could be made to government expenditure, policies, programs and governance to improve Aboriginal outcomes in its region. As part of their role, Council members will be expected to identify and engage with relevant stakeholders in the reform process.

Applicants will be considered against the following criteria: their commitment to improving outcomes for Aboriginal people living in regional and remote areas; experience and knowledge of regional and remote service delivery; and ability to advocate for positive change at a regional and local level. Selection and remuneration of members will be in accordance with Public Sector Standards.

The State Government is seeking to fill eight (8) Aboriginal leader positions – four (4) in the Kimberley and four (4) in the Pilbara. Terms of appointment will be for up to two years.

Nomination forms and further information can be obtained by contacting: Keith King at 08 9222 2674 or keith.king@cpfs.wa.gov.au

Forms are also available at www.daa.wa.gov.au

To apply, please submit a completed application form, resume and one page statement outlining your interest in becoming a member, including any relevant professional and personal experience.

Completed applications can be lodged electronically at SRAC@cpfs.wa.gov.au or sent to:

Keith King
Department for Child Protection and Family Support
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Applications close 5pm Friday 26 June 2015.
Late applications will not be accepted.

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The New Horizons Wellbeing Warriors go for a morning walk on their team training day.

Hundreds weigh in and take Challenge

By BRITTA LYSTER



HUNDREDS of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW have banded together in an effort to tackle chronic illness and obesity in Indigenous communities.

Participants in the NSW Knockout Health Challenge will undertake a 12-week health and fitness program in partnership with NSW Rugby League and the Aboriginal Health Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI).

With more than 900 people on board and in its third year, the four-pronged challenge is being spearheaded by former NRL premiership winner George Rose, who is all too familiar with the effects of chronic illness and obesity.

Other ambassadors include Manly Sea Eagles under 20s player Kyle Saunders, Belmont police officer and former Jillaroos representative Julie Young, and former

East's player Ronnie Gibbs.

Statistics indicate that at least 80% of chronic diseases are preventable by addressing risk factors such as an unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and smoking. The Knockout challenges representatives from 35 teams to live better, make healthier lifestyle choices and ultimately lose weight.

2.5 tonnes

The 24 Indigenous people in the New Horizons Wellbeing Warriors have already lost a combined total of more than 70cm off their waistlines, after initially weighing in at a combined total of more than 2.5 tonnes when the challenge started in March.

It is the first in a series of four challenges aimed at reducing their total body weight by 10-15% by the annual Koori Rugby League Knockout, held on the first weekend of October.

Each team that signed up for the Challenge received a \$1000 start-up grant to go

towards personal fitness equipment and training.

New Horizons, a health and wellbeing organisation, has also invested in the Wellbeing Warriors' team fitness, allowing each team member up to one hour of work time each week to focus on health and exercise.

Wellbeing Warriors team captain Thomas Franks said he's interested in getting back into a healthy lifestyle and reducing his waistline.

"If each individual could lose just a few centimetres off their waistline then they have 30% less chance of getting type-two diabetes, which is a big health risk for our mob," he said.

More than \$20,000 of grant money is up for grabs for the team with the highest percentage of weight loss at the end of the George Rose Challenge. It will be used to go back into local Indigenous communities.

Challenge details are at www.facebook.com/nswknockoutchallenge page.

Fine, ban for Wirrpanda



FORMER AFL player David Wirrpanda has been fined \$900 and disqualified from driving for 10 months after

pleading guilty to drink-driving.

The 35-year-old was pulled over by police for a random breath test in Perth's Leederville on April 10 after a West Coast victory over Carlton.

He returned a blood-alcohol reading of 0.154, more than three times the legal limit.

Wirrpanda publicly

apologised, admitting his actions were unacceptable and saying he was prepared for the consequences.

Wirrpanda did not appear in Perth Magistrates Court, but his lawyer Robert Owen made an endorsed plea of guilty on his behalf, describing his behaviour as a "silly choice".

"He assures both himself and the court that it will never happen again," he said.

Wirrpanda, who is a road safety advocate, was also ordered to pay court costs of \$150.80.

Born in Victoria, Wirrpanda was drafted to the Eagles as a 16-year-old and was part of the club's 2006 AFL premiership team.

He played 227 games for West Coast before retiring in 2009.

Wirrpanda launched a charitable foundation in 2005 that provides mentoring programs to empower Aboriginal people.

Last year, the father-of-two pulled out as a Nationals candidate in the rerun WA Senate election. — AAP

Bus becomes art on wheels



Local residents and officials with the new bus in Casino.



A 30-SEATER bus has been transformed into a mobile artwork with a range of artists from the Casino area (northern NSW) contributing to the project. The bus is the latest in the Travelling Art program funded by Transport for NSW.

Local Jambama artists Charlie Caldwell and Jai Walker worked with Arts Northern Rivers Indigenous arts development officer Mark Cora and TAFE Lismore graphic design student Adrian Harrington to create the work, that features images and

stories from the artists' land. Indigenous students from Casino High School also participated in the development stage of the project, guided by Mr Walker and Mr Caldwell. The Casino bus is the largest vehicle to be used in this project and will offer a high-profile moving canvass for the artists' work to be seen across the region. "The project is a fantastic opportunity to not only get local Aboriginal artists' work seen by the local community, but to generate a sense of pride for the wider Aboriginal community," Mr Cora said.

Bourke, Wilcannia services funded



YOUTH transport services in the western NSW centres of Bourke and Wilcannia have received NSW Government funding.

Bourke's Boomerang Bus and Wilcannia's Wings Drop In Centre transport service have been funded until June next year.

The Bourke patrol, managed by PCYC, runs on Fridays and Saturdays from 6pm to midnight. Wilcannia's service, operated by Maari Ma Health, operates Monday to Friday and focusses on taking young people to after-school activities.

The Government says the patrols increase the safety of young people on the street after school and at night.

Reconciliation at Netball Australia



NETBALL Australia has started developing its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The organisation has established a RAP working group that includes former Australian international players Sharon Finnan and Marcia Ella-Duncan and current ANZ Championship player Josie Janz-Dawson.

Netball Australia chief executive Kate Palmer said the development of a RAP aligns with the national sporting body's strategic vision to ensure that everyone in Australia values their connection with netball.

Minister supports Indigenous targets



POLITICAL parties should have targets for recruiting Indigenous candidates, Queensland's first female Aboriginal minister says.

Housing and Public Works Minister Leanne Enoch says parties have targets for female candidates contesting winnable seats at elections and they should do the same for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"This is not about tokenism; this is about cut-through, this is about recognising the urgency of seeing more Indigenous people in all political parties and in our Parliament," she said. – AAP

Submissions call by Tassie inquiry



MOVES to recognise Aboriginal people as Tasmania's first have progressed, with a call for submissions to a parliamentary inquiry. Community consultation is an important part of moves toward

reconciliation, head of the Lower House Standing Committee on Community Development Guy Barnett, said in a statement on Thursday. The deadline for submissions is July 17, with the committee due to hold hearings in August. – AAP

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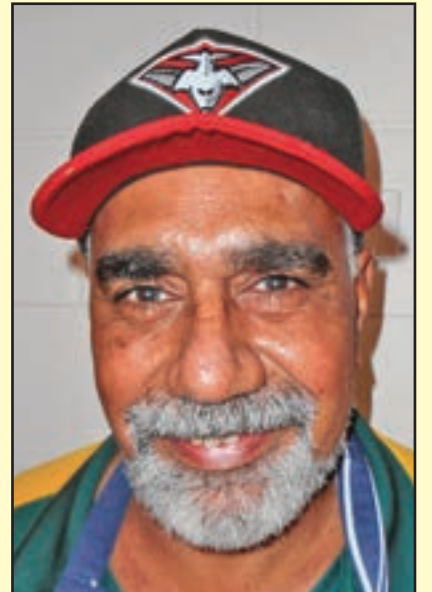
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Aboriginal Hostels cook From Tennant Creek, NT, but working in Darwin

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Magpie geese and kangaroo.

Favourite other food?
Seafood and bush tucker generally.

Favourite drink?
Coffee and water.

Favourite music?
Country and rock 'n' roll.

Favourite sport?
AFL – I support Essendon, and rugby league – I support Parramatta.

What are you watching?
My health.

What are you reading?
Newspapers – the NT News and the Koori Mail.

What do you like?
Hunting.

What don't you like?
Ignorant people.

Who would you most like to meet?
Boxer Muhammad Ali.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My family and, if I could, my late mother's father and my late father's mother.

If you could, what would you do to benefit Indigenous Australians?
I'd insist on a good all-round education for our young ones. It's important to know reading, writing and 'rithmetic. And I'd also instil a sense of respect in our youth.

Quote



"The economic activity generated by the land rights network is securing an economic future for Aboriginal people throughout NSW and this development is benefiting the broader economy now and into the future."

– NSW Aboriginal Land Council chair Craig Cromelin

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Unquote

Youth being failed in so many ways

AUSTRALIA is failing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in so many different ways.

Three major reports covered in this edition of the *Koori Mail* show that Indigenous young people continue to be seriously let down by different levels of government and bad policies.

Two reports released by Amnesty International last week show the historic high levels of Indigenous children in detention continue to rise.

But more important than the shocking statistics, the reports both provide solutions to start addressing the situation.

And guess what? The solutions are driven by community involvement that need support by government, both at a policy and funding level.

Time after time it's been shown that when you have a community coming up with ways to solve its own problems, then they are much more likely to succeed. And, of course that makes perfect sense.

But, equally, time after time we see governments setting an agenda from the top and then creating policy to fit ideology.

There are parallels in health, too.

A recent report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare showed that the gap in mental health, suicide and imprisonment between Indigenous people and other Australians was widening.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation



OUR SAY

(NACCHO) chair Matthew Cooke and the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council have both called for more control to be given to Indigenous organisations.

"Providing Aboriginal health care for Aboriginal people has also been proven time and time again to be the health model that makes the biggest gains in closing the gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Mr Cooke said.

While historically Australian conservative governments have claimed to be in favour of 'small government' – where interference in individual lives is kept to a minimum – when it comes to Indigenous affairs it seems that they just can't help themselves.

If governments continue to impose their 'solutions' to Aboriginal 'problems', they are destined to have the same disappointing outcomes.

But it's not the people in those positions of power who suffer the consequences.

It's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who suffer – and that's more than disappointing. It's a shameful disgrace.

Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

VICKIE Roach has the kind of infectious laughter that draws you in as she tells the incredible story of her life. Sitting at one of Bondi's most exclusive vantage points overlooking the surf, the irony is not lost on her that only a few short years ago her outlook was considerably less scenic.

Behind bars for a string of offences dating back to the mid-1970s, the Yuin (southern NSW) woman was already a product of the system when she was taken from her Aboriginal mother at two and placed with a well-meaning foster family. Today, she has no bitterness or resentment towards the family, but she says their indifference and detachment made it impossible for her to ever be included or feel at home. As she grew, so did the divide between them.

"They weren't ever violent but I don't think they liked me very much," she said. "It wasn't a very loving or warm home. I started running away at nine and I was 13 when I got away for good. I wasn't like them and could never be a real part of the family."

Ms Roach was always the square peg in a round hole – trying to fit into to a family that neither had the time nor inclination to find out what this strange little black girl was all about. So she made up her mind early on that she'd just live her life on her own terms and bide her time until she could escape.

At 13, Ms Roach's school friends took up a collection for her journey, enough to get her a train ticket to Lismore in northern NSW, where she hitchhiked her way to Nimbin, sampling all the love and peace vibes that the small community had to offer. It was a carefree time and she soon met some new friends and continued travelling to Melbourne, Canberra, and finally Sydney. She found solace in the underworlds of the city, a community of people that gave her a purpose and identity for the first time.

Ms Roach's experience of the juvenile justice system was so bad that, when she was arrested at 15, she lied about her age and gave a false name rather than face 'juvie' again. Her first experience in an adult jail was terrifying. However, by then, she was well immersed in the seamier side of life. Too young to receive government benefits, she turned to prostitution.

"I had to figure out how to support myself," she said. "I was squatting and I got into drugs and that was the biggest thing that happened back then. I had my first shot of heroin and that was the start of my habit."

Like any former addict will tell you, the overwhelming feeling of that first rush pulled Ms Roach into a space where the daily darkness and hardships of life faded away. And once it had its hold on her, it would not release her for decades.

"I was terrified of needles, but someone asked if I wanted a shot," she says. "They said I was too young and, of course, that made me want to do it more. I remember the first time. It felt fabulous. It's just easy on everything; all the tension just goes."

"Pretty scary"

"I was 17 when I got done for self-administration of heroin. The cells they put me in at first were pretty scary; they were underground with concrete floors and cement walls, like dungeons, but with lights that never turned off. Your bed was a pallet and you were given these smelly, unwashed grey army blankets. I went to jail for six months."

"I got out for four months then I went back in again for credit fraud. After that, it was 10 years before I went back inside. I got married, got off the dope and had a son."

Ms Roach had earlier reconnected with her birth mother but that, too, was fraught with the impact of the pair's early separation – her mother was a member of the Stolen Generations – and any chance Ms Roach had of developing a strong, loving bond was lost. She still feels that loss today, and admits her own approach to parenting was influenced by the loss of her mother.

Life continued to be a struggle. Her marriage breakdown, a string of violent relationships and an acrimonious custody court case where an alcoholic ex-partner was awarded full custody of her son eventually broke Ms Roach, and her hard-fought battle to stay clean was lost again.

"They took my little boy away from me," she said. "I'd been clean for six years and the judge looked at me and said, 'I appreciate



Vickie Roach: "They took my little boy away from me."

Hard road leads to a better life

your effort to get off drugs but a leopard never changes its spots.' He knew my ex was a violent alcoholic, but he still gave him my beautiful boy.

"I wasn't allowed to see my son very often and things just started to fall apart. Then I was back into it again. For about six months I hit it hard. We had a system in place. I'd go shopping with these cards with a bodyguard.

"Jail again"

"I landed in jail again and things were pretty bad. After I got out I had nowhere to go. My dealer wouldn't do business with me unless I had a minder because I'd been robbed with his money. He forgave the debt and I went back into business selling dope."

Ms Roach went from drug deals and using into the arms of a violent abuser.

"He bashed the living Christ out of me," she said. "He tied me up with jumper leads

and slashed all my clothes off and kicked the living shit out of me with steel-cap boots. He rolled me up in a sheet and tried to put me into the boot of his car and I thought, 'That's it, I'm gone.' But the cops turned up just in time."

It wasn't the first time Ms Roach had been hospitalised by the violence, but it took her three years of the constant cycle of abuse to get away for good.

"I tried so many times to run away from him but just couldn't get away," she said. "He was in a gang in New Zealand and killed another member in a fight. He was a savage fighter and had smashed a pool cue in half and stabbed someone through the eye. He was in hiding and could never go back home."

Knowing that wherever she ran, he would always track her down, and eventually kill her, Ms Roach took a huge leap of faith and went to the only place she knew she'd be safe. She was already living on borrowed time.

"I stowed away on a ship to New Zealand and that's how I left him," she said. "I happened to be sitting in a pub by the wharves where I knew several merchant seaman and that night I was on a ship to New Zealand and stayed there for three years. It was pretty scary. I had no papers or documentation. I didn't exist."

It was the longing to reunite with her son that led Ms Roach back to country, and eventually she landed a job in an advertising agency and gained full custody of her son. She admits, though, that reconnecting with her 11-year-old wasn't easy after he'd lived with his violent father for most of his life. They began a lifelong journey towards reclaiming their stolen bond that continues today.

Ms Roach's journey continued in the same hectic fashion it had her entire life – periods of getting clean and on track interspersed with using again, and stints in jail for petty crimes. Threaded throughout was the black cloud of domestic violence in every relationship she found herself.

It was the final violent man that sealed her fate – for good and bad.

On the night of December 14, 2002, Ms Roach was forced into a 'smash-and-grab' at local convenience store by her partner. A dangerous police chase ensued, ending in a fiery explosion.

"I hit another car and the driver was badly injured, both cars burst into flames," she said. "The cops had started chasing us and when I tried to pull over he bashed me and I eventually crashed."

The 21-year-old man in the other car was left with burns to 45% of his body and Ms Roach, also badly injured, received a six-year sentence while her ex-partner disappeared while on bail.

Redemption

The devastating incident was also Ms Roach's redemption.

"When I went away that last time, things had already started to change for me. I started studying sociology, philosophy and literature," she said. "I've always been an avid reader and had a strong sense of justice, and started talking with the lawyers and activists who were coming into the jail."

"When I was young, I felt like I had no power to do anything. All I could do was rebel in my own way and run away. But my focus shifted while I was inside. And I knew for certain that something had to be done about Indigenous incarceration."

In 2007, Ms Roach was instrumental in a High Court challenge that struck out legislation banning prisoners who were serving three years or less from voting. Now 56 and on the other side of the law, she is a passionate advocate for change in the criminal justice system.

"Nothing is being done because there has been no will to do anything," she said. "Governments are too scared to do anything because they're worried about alienating the voters. And there's nothing to be gained from a purely punitive approach; it doesn't deter crime."

"I'd like to see more diversionary approaches to family violence like the Koori Courts, like a circle of Elders."

"There will always be people that society has to be protected from, and they have to be somewhere secure where they can't harm other people, but why does it always have to be a jail? I'd like to see alternatives that don't make things worse for the offender."

These days, Ms Roach is a passionate advocate for change and a writer, connecting with all those who will listen to her plea for change in the criminal justice system, including speaking at national and international conferences.

She's served her time and has no need to look back, but on the odd occasion she does, she reflects on a full life, with some mistakes made along the way. But she's proud of the changes she fought hard to make.

Ms Roach remembers with wryness something her foster mother said to her when she was only a little girl.

"She used to tell me that I had bad blood and my mother did too," she said.

At that, Ms Roach lets out a final raucous laugh and does what she's done her entire life – shrugs it off. She knows after all that every life is worth fighting for, that every person holds the key to recovery and redemption, if only the system will allow it.

Soprano's opera dream closer



Wiradjuri soprano Shauntai Batzke is staging two benefit concerts to help raise funds so she can attend a workshop in New York with one of the world's most prestigious opera companies, the Metropolitan. Picture: Jorge De Aroujo

By RUDI MAXWELL



WIRADJURI (NSW) soprano Shauntai Batzke has been accepted into a workshop with the Metropolitan

Opera House in New York, one of the most prestigious opera companies in the world.

But she needs some assistance to get there.

Ms Batzke and musical friends are holding benefit concerts in Sydney and Melbourne to raise funds.

"I've always wanted to go to New York and it's been my dream since I first started singing opera to perform on the Metropolitan Opera House stage," she said.

"And I've been successful with my application, so that dream is starting to be fulfilled."

Ms Batzke is the 2014 and 2015 recipient of the Harold Blair Opera Scholarship at the Dame Nellie Melba Opera Trust, and a developing artist with Yorta Yorta opera singer Deborah Cheetham's Short Black Opera Company.

"Harold Blair, Australia's first Indigenous opera singer, launched his career in New York and it looks like I will be following his footsteps by taking this incredible opportunity," she said.

Ms Batzke has a background singing gospel and had never even heard opera until a chance meeting with Ms Cheetham.

"I did a workshop, and through that I learned a little about classical music, but really I had no idea," she said.

"I never imagined singing opera. I didn't even know who Puccini was, now he's my favourite composer."

"I fell in love with the genre

and the whole experience."

Ms Batzke has since studied a Bachelor of Music degree at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, moving from Sydney with her husband and dog to develop her skills and talent.

"Opera takes lot of dedication. You have to learn different languages, techniques, stage craft, you need to be an actor and be able to sing without a microphone so you can project your voice in large concert halls, work with an orchestra, be led by a conductor," she said.

"It's a very intricate genre and extremely challenging."

"I fell in love with Puccini, firstly, because *La Boheme* (*The Bohemian*) is my favourite opera. No matter how many times I listen to it, it still makes me cry."

"The story, music, melodic movement, harmony, vibrato and passion Puccini puts into his music, and the nuance and language is so romantic and passionate."

"There's so much romance. That speaks to my spirit and my heart. If I could sing Puccini for rest of my life, I'd be happy."

Concerts

Ms Batzke is staging a concert at the Paddington Uniting Church in Sydney on Saturday, June 27, and in Melbourne at the Joan Hammond Recital Room at Melbourne University on Friday, July 3.

"In the week before the Sydney event, I'll be sending out a special code for community members to make it accessible to everyone," she said. "If you've never been to an opera, come and have a listen to what it's about."

For concert bookings go to www.trybooking.com

Alice Dixon honoured

By PASCOE BRAUN



INSPIRATIONAL Indigenous leader the late Alice Dixon Newchurch has been honoured at a special

event in Adelaide.

In 1992, a tree was planted in Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga to honour her life and memory. Ms Dixon was known throughout Australia and internationally for her work and commitment to raising awareness of the underlying issues surrounding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths in custody.

She lived her life with immense passion and drive for social justice and equality for all peoples.

In 2001, it was found the tree was unlikely to survive and a decision was made to replace it. Another tree was planted on National Sorry Day, May 26, 2001, with up-lighting and a guard to protect it.

With approval from the Dixon Family, the replacement was removed during the recent Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga stage one redevelopment with the intention of creating a new



The late Alice Dixon's daughters Peta, Tricia and Suzy Dixon Newchurch with some of the Dixon kids at the unveiling of a memorial to Alice Dixon at Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga.

memorial, which would include a plaque, sculpted seating under and around the tree and the planting of a red flowering SA blue gum.

The sculpted seating was fashioned out of the base of a red gum tree, encircling the memorial tree and depicting the joining of hands as Ms Dixon loved to "talk with her

hands". It was created by wood sculptor Ant Martin, who has helped to save dying trees around Adelaide.

Lord Mayor Martin Haese said Adelaide City Council was pleased to work with Ms Dixon's family on the new memorial.

Alice Dixon's daughter Suzy Dixon Newchurch said

the event was a proud moment for her family.

Many members of Adelaide's Indigenous community were at the unveiling and subsequent barbecue.

Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga is noted for being the place where the Aboriginal flag was first flown.



Memorial service MC Pascoe Braun with Adelaide identity Aunty Lorraine Wilson.



On page 24, Bangarra Dance Theatre's Stephen Page writes on why we need more leaders like AFL star Adam Goodes.



Sorry Day at Cootamundra High

On Tuesday, May 26, Cootamundra High School marked Sorry Day in a number of ways.

In the morning our Wiradjuri Elder Uncle Bob Glanville and his grandson Peter Beath welcomed us to country and this was followed by morning tea with many of our Indigenous students and some of their parents.

Two of our students cooked a

delicious cake the day before and iced it especially for Sorry Day.

In the afternoon, just before the end of school, all the students, staff, some Elders and parents gathered on the oval.

The Cootamundra Shire Council cherry picker with two teachers on board and a plane from our local South West Aviation with the local *Cottamundra Herald* photographer on board then

filmed the school community forming the word 'Sorry' (pictured above).

As a result of our activities, the students and people of the town of Cootamundra are now much more aware of the importance of Sorry Day.

MONIQUE HARDY,
Year 9, Cootamundra High
School, NSW

Reverse the cuts

Ngoppon Together Murray Bridge SA Reconciliation group is extremely concerned at the effect of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) Budget allocations on the local Ngarrindjeri community of Raukkan and on all other SA Aboriginal communities.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has repeatedly said that he "has no intention of closing Aboriginal communities". However, South Australian leaders of communities are accusing the Federal Government of making their communities unviable so that closure is the only option.

Under the IAS, South

Australian communities are to receive less than 10% of the funding they need. Some sizeable, well-established communities reportedly will receive nothing at all!

Members of the Opposition spoke in Federal Parliament on May 25, rightly decrying the shocking cuts of the last year's Budget.

However, there seems to be little knowledge of these current savage Budget cuts to communities and community-controlled organisations.

Agreement between the Federal and the SA governments on essential services for SA

Aboriginal communities (the municipal and essential services funding) may have been reached in April, but no town or community can survive on just power, water, sewerage and other essential services.

After June 30, communities are set to lose many programs and jobs. Why?

As one SA Aboriginal community leader summed up – "I don't think the advancement strategy is actually interested in advancing Aboriginal communities!" Ngarrindjeri Elder Margaret Crompton added: "Forcing assimilation – that's what it's all about."

Ngoppon Together affirms the obvious: All Australians are entitled to services, and First Nations peoples in Australia are entitled to live on country. It's not a question of a lifestyle choice.

Ngoppon Together calls on Senator Scullion to resume his responsibilities by reversing these decisions and directly funding SA communities with what they need.

The alternatives are all too obvious. One of our Aboriginal members sums it up in one word: "Chaos!"

MICHELE MADIGAN on
behalf of Ngoppon Together Inc
Murray Bridge, SA

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POETRY

We're All Broomed Out

The Aboriginals In The Town Of
Broome
Have Been Told That There Is No
More Room
Awoken By Security Guards At Five
Now They Wish They Weren't Alive.

Move On Your Way Is What Is Said
And Get Off Your Hard And Rocky
Bed
Go Where? Is Now The Question
Tell Me Of All Your Smart
Suggestions.

They Said, "We'll Close All Small
Communities"
And There'll Be No Immunity
Disappear Quick Is What They're
Saying
Even While To God, We Are
Praying.

There's No Place For You On Your
Land
And We Surely Won't Lend A Hand
We're Driven Like A Herd Of Cows
And It's Not Tomorrow This Is Now.

Such Bitter And Nasty Persecution
Is Their Easy Simple Solution
Would They Do This To Their Mums
Yet They Do This Like It's Fun.

But Now Everyone's Aware
That This Government Does Not
Care.

Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW

Not my PM

Hey Prime Minister Tony Abbott of
Australia
What's this nope, nope, nope from
your mouth
The refugees on my TV daily crying
Dying drowning babies, mothers
fathers
Elderly children, an horrific
inhumanity
And you have the nerve to speak
Oh you say they have to come to
Australia
Not through the back way
You stupid, uncompassionate man
How in the hell can they do that?
They are fleeing being slaughtered
In their country, so they escaped
To live or die on the way
Hoping they survive and not be
murdered
With hope of love, compassion, life
And the two a...holes nodding their
heads
Behind you on news like puppets
last night
Do your children and wife and the
rest of your cold, inhumane Liberal
Government agree with you?
Are you going to church this
Sunday, you hypocrite?
And why didn't you go to Indonesia
When the two Australians faced
execution
Thanks to the Federal Police and
Howard Government
Who set them up, all nine kids in
Bali prison
You have a problem with refugees
and boats
You are like a parrot repeating on
and on the same words
Of barbaric actions.
You are not my PM, and never
will be.
Amen.

EMELIA GYPSY FIRE CARUANA

Myall Creek a symbol of hope

THIS year I again went on my pilgrimage from Sydney to Myall Creek for the June 7 ceremony and commemoration of the massacre there.

Myall Creek, for me, is a symbol of hope. You would think it was a place of grief only, remembering the fallen, not only of June 10, 1838, but also the fallen in the World Wars whose names are on the walls of the memorial hall.

It seems appropriate that the hall is the place where we begin our walk to the 1838 memorial on the hill, and the place we return to for lunch, catered for by the Myall Creek CWA.

There is grief in remembering, but in walking through the past Myall Creek has emerged into a much bigger place, big enough for everyone, evident in the hundreds of people who come of diverse races, ages, political beliefs, locals and those from far away. It is a place that is hopeful and inspiring.

In the words of (African American poet) Maya Angelou, 'History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.'

This year we were lucky to hear Aboriginal singer Roger Knox and his band.

GRAEME CORDINER
Gladesville, NSW



People gathered at this year's Myall Creek massacre commemoration in northern NSW.

WA needs to grow up

THE facts are that the Barnett Government has continually failed in regards to Aboriginal issues in the state of Western Australia in the past year and longer.

It is of no surprise that an Aboriginal member of the Liberal Party has been honoured with trinkets and baubles.

This reminds me of the cotton farm owners who used slaves to work the land to make wealth for themselves and had the house slaves to keep the field slaves under control. The same miserable existence was for the black Aboriginal ancestors of Western Australia.

It is no mistake that this award is given on Western Australia's Invasion

Day, that is celebrated by so many.

Let us not forget the pain and suffering of our Aboriginal ancestors on this day of shame.

I remembered the Aboriginal ancestors who suffered and died on Wadjemup and are still buried in our sacred land and waterways. I remembered the suffering and dispossession.

I remember the destruction and desecration of Aboriginal ancestors' graves and our sacred spiritual dreaming and sacred sites that are continually desecrated and destroyed by mining developers and the WA Government together with the mismanagement of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* that is supposed to protect and

preserve our sacred land and waterways.

What a pathetic way to honour us, the Aboriginal people of WA, who have existed here since the beginning of time.

Some people have no sense of what being a human is. No conscience. No compassion. No soul. How do they sleep at night when they continually commit these atrocities on their fellow human beings?

What did you remember?

Why did they use this day?

What will you think about next year on this happy day for some, but tragic and horrific day for others?

Changing the name from Foundation Day to 'Western Australia Day' changes nothing.

This is not a celebration, it's a massacre.

Here in WA we have the highest incarceration rate and the highest suicide rate of Indigenous peoples on the planet.

Always was, always will be Aboriginal sacred lands and waterways.

Grow up WA. You are a disgrace and the world is watching you. You won't get away with it forever.

Jangga Meenya Bomunggur (the smell of the white man is killing us).

IVA HAYWARD-JACKSON
Chairperson, Rottneest Island Deaths Group Aboriginal Corporation, WA

Goodes' dance does us proud

RECENTLY, Bangarra had the pleasure of helping the AFL launch its Indigenous round at our Walsh Bay (Sydney) studios, in the company of (AFL stars) Michael Long, Adam Goodes, Lewis Jetta and Lance Franklin.

AFL commissioner Sam Mostyn spoke brilliantly about the pioneers in the game who fought for the rights of Aboriginal people to be able to play this national sport, and how the Indigenous round was a way of starting a conversation about changing the Constitution to recognise Australia's First Peoples.

Three of our dancers performed at the launch, and with that dance they shared stories, knowledge and culture. They painted up in ochre and performed to music featuring traditional language.

Dance is such an important part of how Aboriginal people

express our culture and so it was entirely appropriate to see Adam Goodes perform a traditional dance at the SCG.

What was disappointing was to hear the crowd's response. The Indigenous round was part of National Reconciliation Week and to see an Aboriginal player booed for expressing his culture in the year 2015 is a huge step backwards for all Australians.

Dance, like football, transcends language. It's visceral and comes from the gut, and Adam's dance was a joyful expression of triumph.

Are we uncomfortable with the notion of an Aboriginal man being a success? Is that where the booing comes from?

Here is an Aboriginal player displaying his heritage with pride and being unapologetic for where he comes from.

Adam said he was taught the dance by the Boomerangs under



Stephen Page

16 football team, and he hoped that seeing him perform their dance made them feel proud of who they are. This is so important

to inspiring and nurturing our next generation of Aboriginal leaders.

Bangarra has an outreach program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary school students called Rekindling, where we go to communities and work with Elders and young people to reconnect them with their culture through dance. The outcomes are amazing, and the feedback overwhelmingly positive.

It seems like a small step, but it's all connected. More than 300 young people have taken part in Rekindling, and if those kids were watching Adam, they would have been cheering extra loudly.

To the supporters who booed Adam, and the commentators who have since criticised his dance, please take the time to understand our culture and why stories and dance are such an important part of who we are. As Adam himself said: "Is this the

lesson we want to teach our children: When we don't understand something, we get our backs up against the wall, 'Oh, that's offensive'? No. If it's something we don't understand, let's have a discussion."

We need more leaders like Adam Goodes who ask the uncomfortable questions and unapologetically put Aboriginal success in the spotlight. We will see faster change when it's not just our mob, but every Australian doing the same.

Stephen Page is a descendant of the Nunukul people and the Munaldjali clan of the Yugambeh Nation from south-east Queensland. He has been artistic director of Bangarra since 1991 and is one of Australia's best-regarded choreographers.

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Rising to the challenge



Jo Mitchell

FOR a smoker, taking time out for a cigarette may seem like an easy way to relax and step back from the stresses of daily life – but smoking comes at a high price. One in five Aboriginal people dies from smoking-related illnesses, which are the biggest cause of preventable death in Aboriginal communities.

While smoking rates across NSW are gradually declining, they still remain very high among Aboriginal people. In 2013, smoking rates in Aboriginal communities in NSW reached 36.8%, more than double the smoking rate of other people.

Quitting smoking isn't easy and it often takes a number of attempts before someone



Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council chief executive Sandra Bailey addresses the launch of the Strategic Framework for Aboriginal Tobacco Resistance and Control in NSW.

gives up for good. Nearly two-thirds (62%) of Aboriginal smokers have tried to quit in the past 12 months – mostly due to encouragement from family and friends, or a desire to improve health and fitness or to cut out the expense of buying cigarettes. Every attempt to quit brings a smoker closer to quitting for good.

The addiction to nicotine, socialising with other smokers and stressful life events such as grief, loss, unemployment and living in poverty, are among the many factors that can challenge smokers who are trying to quit.

Long-term smokers may feel less inclined to try to give up, believing the damage has already been done. However, quitting smoking provides health benefits no matter how long a person has smoked.

NSW Health and the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) have jointly developed and recently launched a new framework to help health service providers reduce smoking prevalence and the harmful impacts of tobacco use among Aboriginal people.

The Strategic Framework for Aboriginal Tobacco Resistance and Control in NSW aims to:

- increase the number of Aboriginal people who quit smoking;
- increase the number of smoke-free homes and workplaces; and
- shift Aboriginal community attitudes away from smoking being the norm.

It also aims to discourage people from taking up smoking, particularly young people

and children, as statistics show that 10% of Aboriginal smokers had taken up smoking by age 13.

The framework will complement other NSW Government initiatives for Aboriginal communities outlined in the NSW Tobacco Strategy 2012-2017 such as 'Quit for new life', a smoking-cessation program for women having an Aboriginal baby, and the development of a smoking-cessation phone app for Aboriginal people. These culturally-relevant strategies aim to help smokers quit and protect people from harmful second-hand smoke.

In addition, individuals trying to quit can access help from a range of services, including health professionals (doctors and nurses), who may suggest medications, quit groups and the Quitline telephone service (phone number 137 848).

Aboriginal smokers have identified a number of strengths of the Quitline including confidentiality, access for people who are socially isolated or in remote areas and ongoing support during attempts to quit. Quitline also has dedicated Aboriginal counsellors.

Reducing smoking rates in Aboriginal communities is a challenge that must be tackled by individuals, communities and governments. It will take commitment and determination to prevent deaths caused by smoking-related illnesses and help close the health gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Dr Jo Mitchell is the executive director of the Centre for Population Health, NSW Health. This column was provided by the NSW Health Department.

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.

Mine fight city-bound



TRADITIONAL owners and artists from the remote Parnngurr community in Western Australia are taking their campaign to stop the Kintyre uranium mine to Sydney.

The mine, owned by Canadian company Cameco, has been given conditional approval by both the Federal and State governments. Some Martu traditional owners have given their support to the mine, but others have serious concerns about Cameco's safety record and the potential effects the mine could have on their country.

Parnngurr Aboriginal Community (PAC) chair Muuki Taylor, a senior Martu man and artist, said Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt had made a bad decision to approve the mine and ignored concerns from traditional owners.

"We are close to the proposed mine and we travel through there, hunt and camp," he said.

"That area is important to us."

PAC deputy chair Jimmy Williams said

that even though Parnngurr is the closest community to the proposed site, Cameco has not come out and talked to them.

"We don't want a mine at Kintyre or at Lake Disappointment, but they are not listening to us," he said.

"Uranium is not safe. We are concerned about the water and bush foods..."

"There was no unanimous decision for Kintyre to go ahead as the company says there is. The Parnngurr community has always opposed the Kintyre uranium mine..."

"The company has not come and talked to us, showed us the plans (or) explained what they are proposing."

A delegation of Martu people are making their way to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney where they will host an exhibition opening on June 22 and a performance by Antony Hegarty from the band Antony and the Johnsons to try to raise the profile of their campaign against the mine. Hegarty spent two weeks in Parnngurr in November 2013 and wants to support the Martu campaign against the Kintyre mine.



Performer Antony Hegarty sits with Parnngurr artists during a visit in 2013.

Federal Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce meets the Green Army team at Jubullum, northern NSW.



Jubullum's Green Army meets Joyce



BARNABY Joyce got a lesson on how to catch turtles in the Rocky River from Uncle Harry Walker, a Wahrlabal man from Jubullum in far northern NSW.

The Agriculture Minister was helicoptered in to the community, which sits at the eastern edge of his New England electorate, to have a look at a new Green Army project.

It is the first all-Aboriginal project of its type in NSW and currently employs nine people who identify and remove weeds and rehabilitate sections of the riverbank.

Mr Walker told stories of growing up on the Rocky River, camping, fishing and playing, and also being told by his Elders how to pull out the weed known as cat's claw, which they said would one day poison the water hole.

The Rocky River is a tributary of the Clarence and is used as a swimming and recreation spot all year round by the 300 people living at Jubullum, west of Tabulam. It is also the source of their drinking water.

The Green Army project has been funded for five years, with participants on rotating six- or 12-month contracts.

Team leader Gladys Bell said it was a

fantastic thing for the community because there had been no real employment opportunities since the CDEP program was closed about five years ago.

"It's exciting... It gives young people the chance to work and we can show the little ones how to look after country," she said.

"And you should see them all with their big payday smiles on Wednesday."

Benefits

The Green Army project is being run by a group called Conservation Volunteers. Regional manager Libby Gardiner said the program had obvious benefits for the health of the river, but there were also many positive social outcomes.

"And the opportunities for personal growth of the participants is fantastic," she said.

Participants will also come out with a certificate in Conservation and Land Management.

Mr Joyce said the Green Army project gave people a sense of pride to be able to work on their country and to get some skills they could take with them.

"You have to give people the opportunity to get their first job, so they can take those skills with them," he said.

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The Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council (WAAAC) has eight members who collectively and individually provide expert advice to the State Government's Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet Sub-Committee, which is chaired by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and includes the Deputy Premier and Ministers for Regional Development, Corrective Services, Police and Mental Health.

The State Government recognises that fresh thinking and innovation are needed to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people in Western Australia, and will work collaboratively with WAAAC members to achieve this.

Members of the WAAAC elect their own Chairperson who becomes a member of the Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee, which comprises the chief executives of key State Government departments including Health, Education, Premier and Cabinet, Treasury, Regional Development, Police, Child Protection and Family Support, and Aboriginal Affairs.

Members of the WAAAC need to have a proven ability to build effective relationships with decision-makers and community leaders, influence policy and strategy, drive change, and maintain resilience in a challenging environment.

Five positions on the WAAAC become vacant in July 2015 and the remaining three positions in November 2015.

Appointments to the WAAAC will be for a three year period.

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of being a WAAAC member please contact Mr Cliff Weeks, Director General, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, on (08) 6551 8000.

To obtain an application package, email the Community Development directorate, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, at waaac@daa.wa.gov.au.

Completed applications can be lodged electronically at waaac@daa.wa.gov.au or sent to The Administrator, WAAAC Membership Applications, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, PO Box 3153, East Perth WA 6892.

Applications close at 5.00 pm, 26 June 2015.

Please note late applications cannot be accepted.

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Young players beat odds, and adversity



A TEAM of junior players from Brisbane has defied the odds simply by running on to the field for the Chairman's Cup final in the local rugby league competition.

The Souths under-15 B team in the Acacia Ridge competition was undefeated going in to the game, but the struggle to get there had been monumental.

Teenage suicide has taken a huge toll on the community, with four boys from the club taking their own lives since 2012. There have also been other deaths within the close-knit Murri community, including two girls fairly recently.

"For the life of me I don't understand why," said Sue Knight, who took on the role of team manager.

"My boy (Wayne) was due to start high school with one of the boys... To attend your mate's funeral is the hardest thing to watch, and he's seen funeral after funeral."

Mrs Knight, who has survived her own struggles with cancer, took on the job of raising \$1300 to pay the team's registration fees. There was a chance that Souths wouldn't be able to field a team at all if the money couldn't be raised, which would have been another devastating blow to the boys.

"If we didn't get the team up



Brothers in arms: the Souths Junior Leagues Club under-15 B team in Brisbane.

and going to play footy, who knows what would happen with these boys," she said.

Mrs Knight thought she would try to raise the issue of teenage suicide as a way to get sponsors on board. To that end, the local newspaper, the *Southern Star*, ran a story and two people came forward,

donating \$200 each. The rest of the money was raised through raffles, door-knocking and

Chinese, Vietnamese and one Anglo. "We call ourselves the multicultural boys, but we come as one mob," Mrs Knight said.

"The spirit amongst them is amazing. Everyone gave up on them, yet

they're the best team coming.

"My 19 boys have come a long way and I'm proud of them.

"My 19 boys have come a long way and I'm proud of them. They have stayed on the straight road through the loss of their mates."

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The team is made up of Murris, Maoris, Samoans,

They have stayed on the straight road through the loss of their mates."

One of the mothers who lost a son to suicide in 2012 wrote this to share with *Koori Mail* readers: "As a club we have become more aware of the importance of the mental wellness of players ... It has made us aware that as a club we are not only needed to support the physical wellbeing of the boys, but the wellbeing of their mental health ... As a multicultural club, we will endeavour to ensure that our community is inspired with a positive approach and have the support and information that is current. We need to put a stop to teenage suicide."

Mrs Knight also wanted to thank coach Michael Moran, who she said had a huge, positive impact on the boys.

For the record, Souths went down to Logan 28-8 in the Chairman's Cup, but their fighting spirit and pride in themselves will keep their heads high for a long time to come.

● Anyone wanting information or help regarding suicide or mental illness in young people can contact headspace at www.headspace.org.au

● Young people wanting urgent assistance can call 1800 55 1800, and adults Lifeline is 131 114.

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Carmody sings RAP's praises



KEV Carmody (pictured) always said going to university changed his life, so he was happy to be a part of the University of Southern Queensland's (USQ) Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) launch in Toowoomba. Titled *Walking Together*, the document outlined actions and targets as part of USQ's commitment to

support reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

"We've got to have action, and on this one I'm sure we can do it if we all stand together," Mr Carmody said before performing his biggest hit *From Little Things Big Things Grow* for the assembled group of Elders, USQ staff and students and other locals.

Indigenous Veterans Day – Perth



Elder Mort Hansen gives the welcome to country accompanied by Derek Nannup Snr.



The scene during the Indigenous veterans commemorative service at the Flame of Remembrance in Kings Park, Perth.

Service held in Kings Park



Honouring Indigenous War Graves Inc president John Schnaars.



Pat Oakley and her mother Ada Fossa lay a wreath at the memorial in Kings Park.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Association (WA) vice-president Paul Hansen delivers his speech.

Pictures by TASH NANNUP



TRIBUTE was paid to Indigenous veterans in a commemorative service at the Flame of

Remembrance in Kings Park, Perth, on May 27.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Association (WA) president Di Ryder, who was MC for the event, said more than 600 people attended.

"We worked hard to get the event up and running and it was great to see how many kids, how many people, attended," she said.

"For me, it was just marvellous as MC, standing looking out and seeing the recognition and acknowledgement of our Indigenous veterans.

"We honoured our soldiers, who weren't honoured when they came home from war."

Ms Ryder, who was in the army for 21 years, said the result was worth the hard work.

"The Veterans' Affairs Department was marvellous, their in-kind contribution couldn't be measured," she said.

"This was our ninth year and, for me, it was an emotional time. It's been a long time coming, we're not there as far as proper recognition goes, but we're getting there."

Music and performances included school students singing in Noongar language, Derek Nannup Snr playing didgeridoo and the Djinna Marra Moorditj Dance Group.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Association (WA) Inc president DI Ryder, was MC for the service.



Members of the Djinna Marra Moorditj Dance Group with Elder Mort Hansen.

Indigenous Veterans Day – Melbourne



Senior Australian Defence Force officers lay wreaths at the service in Melbourne.



Dignitaries gathered at the commemorative service at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Service honoured

By NEELIMA CHOAHAN



MORE than 200 people braved Melbourne's inclement weather on May 31 to honour the thousands of Aboriginal servicemen and women who fought for Australia. The 10th annual Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service saw relatives of soldiers, dignitaries including Victorian Governor Alex Chernov, and other citizens gather at the Shrine of Remembrance to pay their respects.

The event was opened by Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Committee chair Aunty Dot Peters, who was instrumental in starting the first remembrance service in 2006.

Ms Peters, whose father died on the Thai-Burma Railway in World War II, said it was an occasion to thank "the boys and girls who came home from the war."

"The ones who didn't come home, we can say their body hasn't come back but their spirit comes back on occasions like these," she said. "And that, to me, touches the heart."



Citizens gathered after the service at the Eternal Flame in Melbourne.

Since the Boer War in 1899, more than 5000 Indigenous people have served for Australia in conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said the service of Aboriginal Victorians was an important and valued part of the state's history.

"For too long the contributions of Aboriginal Australians to our war-time history were ignored or dismissed," she said.

"This event is an important opportunity to reflect upon their service and sacrifice. All Victorians should learn more about their stories."

Stories

Ms Hutchins also launched the Victorian Aboriginal Service Research Project, which will collect and collate the personal stories of Aboriginal Victorians who served in the military.

Alice Forsyth (McDonald),

whose brother Mervyn McDonald served in Vietnam for two years, said the ceremony was beautiful.

"It is good to see the sacrifice of the Aboriginal people is being recognised," she said.

The event also saw family members give a portrait of Private Daniel Cooper to the Shrine of Remembrance.

Private Cooper, who served in World War I, was killed in action in France in the Battle of Menin Road in September 1917.

His nephew, Uncle Boydie Turner, said it was terrific to see Private Cooper being honoured.

"I think we should always remember ... (those who) fought and died for their country, but particularly the Aboriginal (servicemen and woman) because they didn't have to go to war and they did," he said.

"Hundreds signed up and went to war. They had nothing to fight for in those days, and it is great to see they are recognised."



Luke Edwards played the clap sticks and Robert Bamblett the didgeridoo during the service.



Students and members of the public pay their respects.



Uncle Boydie Turner and Kevin Russell, the nephew and great-nephew of Private Daniel Cooper, with the World War I soldier's portrait at the Shrine of Remembrance.



Royal Australian Navy Indigenous recruits, front from left, Michael Joe (Kubin), Debra Toby and Ella Banu (Boigu), Dalamatia Tomsana, (Kubin), Stephanie Bann (Thursday Island), Rebecca Marama (Boigu) and Susan Luffman (Thursday Island) and, back from left, Caleb Obah (NPA New Mapoon), Jimmy Savage (Kubin), David Gara (Darnley) and Kevin Lippitt (Townsville).

TSI veteran leads way

By ALF WILSON



WORLD WAR II veteran Bamia Mast led the Indigenous Defence Force Veterans Day commemoration

march in Gordonvale, north Queensland, on May 31.

Young Indigenous Royal Australian Navy recruit Mathew Thompson pushed Mr Mast, 95, in his wheelchair.

Mr Mast is one of a handful of surviving members of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion.

Marchers who gathered at the Gordonvale Railway Station included Vietnam and Borneo veteran Bill Simpson and Torres Strait Islander radio personality Evelyn Levi-Lowah, who was in the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (WRAAC) in Sydney in the early 1960s.

"I was posted to orderly room, administration and eventually gained my corporal stripes there," Ms Levi-Lowah said.

"I was also sent to WRAAC Barracks at Mt Martha in Victoria and also a temporary posting at the army base in Wagga Wagga in NSW.

"I only signed on for three years and was honourably discharged in 1964 to marry St Paul's Torres Strait Islander man Mica Monwell Levi.

"I thank God for the memorable time spent in the WRAAC, and still have close friendships with other ex-WRAAC nationally."

Also marching were young Indigenous navy recruits, other



Bamia Mast, being pushed in his wheelchair, leads the march.

veterans and some family members.

At the park, event coordinator Allison Halliday gave the welcome to country on behalf of her Elders of the Malanbarra Yidinji people.

More than 200 people attended the event, which was sponsored by Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

Address

Yarrabah RSL chapter president Robert Patterson gave the address.

Chaplain Ian Lindsay recited prayers for the proceedings and acknowledged Indigenous service men and women.

Joshua Greenwood, from Gordonvale, played the Last

Post and Reviewing Officer Kevin Savage recited *The Ode*. Bill Simpson organised the march, which also included navy cadets from the Department of Defence Indigenous program.

Ms Halliday said that it was a successful event that honoured Indigenous veterans.

"Athe (grandfather) Bamia Mast turned 95 on May 5 this year," she said. "Athe Jerry Stephen was not present but his daughters were there. Athe Jerry is from Stephen Island in the Torres Straits and now resides in Redlynch and he is 102 this year."

Mr Stephen is believed to be the oldest living member of the Torres Strait Light Infantry.



Women's Royal Australian Army Corps veteran Evelyn Levi-Lowah gets ready to march.



Bamia Mast, at age 95, is one of a handful of surviving members of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion. He's with his son Eddie.

Concerns over NT kids plan



POLICE could be given new powers to detain young people they find wandering the streets at night under a new plan proposed by the Northern Territory

Government. Country Liberals backbencher Nathan Barrett has opened the discussion for a change to legislation that would allow police to "pick up kids who are in an unsafe place and take them to a safe place".

Attorney-General John Elferink said Cabinet would consider the plan.

"If it's the case that we have to grab these young people, bring them into a secure and safe environment, assess them for their need of care ... I'm quite attracted to that proposal," he said.

It's unclear how long the children could be held, with comparisons being drawn with the Government's paperless arrests, which allows police to hold adults for four hours (or longer if intoxicated) without charge if they suspect them of committing a minor offence.

Those laws are now being challenged in the High Court.

Mr Elferink dismissed the comparison as a "deep oversimplification of the issue", but said that if the children were not collected by parents or guardians after a certain point, the children would be taken into care.

When asked whether it was a breach of the child's rights to hold them against their will if they have not

committed an offence, Mr Elferink said: "What about the rights of these kids to be in bed and go to school and be fed by their parents? What about the rights of these kids to be properly looked after?"

Mr Elferink said government often had to step in "because parents fundamentally fail in their most basic duties to their children".

But North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) chief executive Priscilla Collins said she was troubled by the potential power.

"What they're proposing as a safe house is run by a police, so straight away you're criminalising (children)," she said.

"Bad experiences"

"Many Aboriginal people have had bad experiences, so when you have the police out there picking youth up already they feel they're coming into contact with the justice system.

"Then they're being detained against their will, then you're calling their families to pick them up, who are intimidated by the police, and you're setting something up that is terrible because at the end of the day these kids haven't committed a criminal offence."

Ms Collins said there was a lack of proper services for youth diversion, and that successful non-government-run programs such as Balunu Foundation that engaged with young people through a therapeutic model had been defunded by the Government. — AAP

New resource to help NT lawyers, clients



LAWYERS working in the Northern Territory have a new resource to help them provide best practice when working with Indigenous clients.

The second edition of the Law Society Northern Territory's booklet *Indigenous Protocols for Lawyers* has been released to help improve communication.

Former Aboriginal Interpreter Service manager Ben Grimes was a major contributor to the protocols, using his experience as a criminal lawyer in East Arnhem as well as his

background in crosscultural communications.

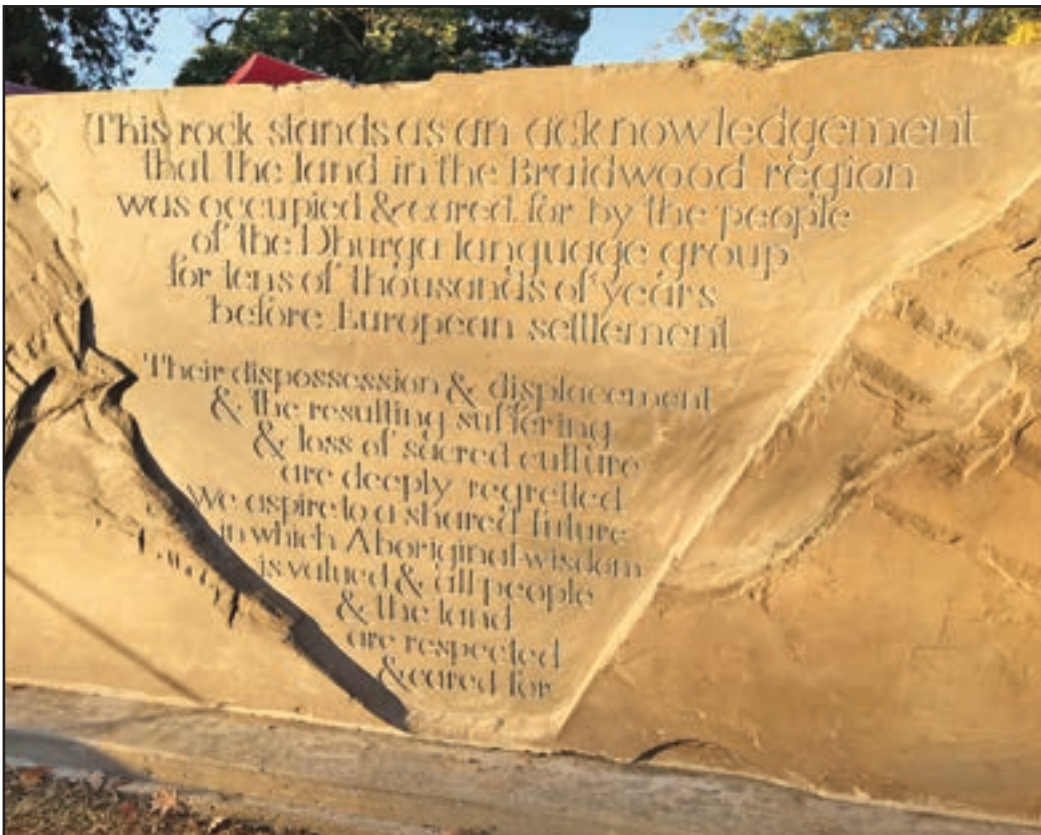
He said about 60-65% of Aboriginal people in the NT have English as their second or third language.

"Poor communication can lead to major problems, including breaches of court orders because people do not understand what is being asked of them," Mr Grimes said.

"We need to make sure our clients very clearly understand the options that are available to them and that we get all the information that we need from them."



Ben Grimes with Law Society NT chief executive Megan Lawton, right, and participant Gabrielle Martin at the protocols launch in Darwin.



Rock-solid recognition: The Dhurga Rock at Braidwood, in the NSW Southern Highlands.

Reconciliation is set in stone



THE NSW Southern Tablelands town of Braidwood

has dedicated a monument to the Durgha traditional owners of the region, with a ceremony during the Two Fires Festival of Arts and Activism.

Created from a monumental piece of Cambrian slate from South Australia's Clare Valley, the Durgha Rock is a reconciliation initiative by Braidwood locals to acknowledge the region's original owners, the Durgha language group of the Yuin Aboriginal nation.

The festival was opened

by Yuin Elder Max Harrison, who spoke of Aboriginal people's long occupation and care of the district.

The Durgha Rock in Ryrie Park was unveiled by longtime *Canberra Times* editor-in-chief Jack Waterford, who quoted Australian author Xavier Herbert, who wrote that until there was a proper acknowledgement of past injustices to Aboriginal people, Australia would remain "not a nation but a community of thieves".

Elder Noel Butler said it was an important community-driven initiative. "Braidwood's healing has begun," he said.

The crowd was

entertained by the Djaadjawan Dancers and the Guluga and Ngaran Ngaran dancers, who blessed the rock with eucalyptus smoke in an ancient ceremony.

Other festival highlights included the inaugural Judith Wright Memorial Address given by NSW Deputy Opposition Leader Linda Burney, who praised the Braidwood community for the "leadership it has shown in its efforts towards reconciliation".

Aboriginal writer and historian Bruce Pascoe moved many in his audience to a deeper level of understanding of the rich and long Aboriginal history of this country.



The Guluga Dancers from Wallaga Lake bless the rock monument. Pictures: Geoff Davies

Wadeye teams score new jumpers



FOOTBALL teams at Wadeye in the Northern Territory will soon have new jumpers.

The NT Government is funding AFLNT to buy the guernseys for all senior and junior sides at the community, south-west of Darwin.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said it was a simple gesture that could lead to positive change for Wadeye using the power of

sport. "We have been told by Wadeye Elders that there is a need in the community to identify good future leaders. What better way than through football," he said.

"Opportunity"

"It is recognised that football can provide the opportunity for young people to develop leadership skills and cut through the divides between skin, clan and language groups.

"Football in particular has strong community support in Wadeye, but a lack of football jumpers has been a factor driving low participation rates in the local competition. We want to change that."

Through the Wadeye Community Activity Grant Program, about \$9000 has been provided to AFLNT to buy the jumpers.

AFLNT regional development manager Patrick McCarthy welcomed the Government's commitment to sport in the

region. "It's been two years since we have seen a structured senior local football competition in Wadeye, and the buy-in from the local community has been fantastic," he said.

"We hope to expand the competition to surrounding communities to include Palumpa, Nauiyu, Peppimenarti and perhaps some others.

"This funding will allow us to buy some new guernseys for the teams."



Three generations with the Wajarri Dictionary app. At front are Wajarri Elders Ross Boddington and Dora Dann, while behind are Godfrey Simpson, who is the voice of the app, Coralie Dann and Antoinette Clinch.

App will help save Wajarri



THE Bundiyarra-Irra Wangga Language Centre in Geraldton has produced a dictionary app for smart phones and tablets to keep the endangered Wajarri

language alive. Wajarri, the traditional language of the Murchison region of WA, is now spoken by fewer than 50 people.

The app provides wider access to Wajarri, ensuring that knowledge passed on from Elders is available and easily accessible for a new generation of speakers.

With English translations and audio of each word that assists users with correct pronunciations, the app is a comprehensive collection of Wajarri language that fits in the palm of a hand.

Language centre linguist Rosie Sitorus stressed the importance of including the spoken word on the app.

"Without hearing the words spoken every day it's difficult to know how to say them correctly," she said.

"The recordings ensure the tradition of Wajarri as an oral

"Having it as an app engages the younger generation; this is the Elders' knowledge they can engage with on a daily basis."

language is preserved. Having it as an app engages the younger generation; this is the Elders' knowledge they can engage with on a daily basis."

The voice on the Wajarri app is that of language worker Godfrey

Simpson, who at age 38 is one of the few younger Aboriginal people who have a solid grasp of the language.

Bundiyarra-Irra Wangga staff consulted with local schools late last year, with students showing enthusiasm for the app.

"With the increasing presence of technology in the classroom, we have to make the information we want students to learn accessible through the platforms they're using on a daily basis," said Edie Maher, a Wajarri language teacher at Geraldton Senior College.

Developed jointly by the Bundiyarra-Irra Wangga Language Centre, and the Bundiyarra information technology and marketing departments, the app boasts a database of almost 2000 words.

Academy is a goal for Sports Think Tank

By ANDY PARKS



THE Sports Think Tank organisation has stepped up its goal of increasing Indigenous participation in sport and creating social awareness that will benefit the community. The group includes

Indigenous sports stars Bo De La Cruz (touch and rugby) and footballer and volleyballer Talisha Harden as ambassadors.

Think Tank members are now hoping to start Australia's first Indigenous rugby academy.

Nicky Muller, the founder and coach of the Highlanders Indigenous Women's football team and also the director of Dreamtime Rugby Union in Queensland, says the combination of promoting social awareness and Indigenous participation, plus a focus on raising the profile of women's sport, is what attracted her to get involved.

She said Sports Think Tank president Scott Williams was "a persistent fella", and he eventually convinced her their goals were aligned and she is now an ambassador for the Think Tank's events and programs.

"Scott's passionate about his rugby tournaments and he wants them opened by traditional owners, with dances before the games start and Indigenous participation on and off the field," Ms Muller said.

The organisation's City v Surf event has become the largest one-day rugby carnival for juniors in

Australia. This year, organisers hope to have about 1700 participants signed up when the two-day event kicks off on July 11 at Carrara's Alabaster sporting precinct on the Gold Coast.

Ms Muller said the Think Tank has already been able to increase Indigenous participation through networking and systems have been put in place to make sure participants are paired with a friend or family member to make the experience a good one. Mentoring programs are also in place.

"He (Scott Williams) listens to the social issues we do have... so more of our mob can play rugby union," Ms Muller said.

"My passion is for our people to reach their goals, whatever it is in life, on or off the field."

With rugby 7s being introduced at the 2016 Rio Olympics and two Indigenous girls already in the Aussie 7s squad, Ms Muller said the time was right for an Indigenous rugby academy.

"It could be a pathway for women to become professional athletes," she said.

More details at www.sports-think-tank.com/



Sports Think Tank ambassador Niccy Muller

Aboriginal Power Cup Australian football carnival



Participants and officials at this year's Aboriginal Power Cup carnival in Adelaide.

Footy and a whole lot more

By PETER ARGENT



MORE than 400 students from across South Australia took part in this year's Aboriginal Power Cup Australian rules football carnival. The three-day affair, held at Port Adelaide, was the eighth time the competition had been held.

While the focus is on nine-a-side football for male and female teams, there are also education, health, employment, culture and personal identity programs.

Launched in 2008, the Cup has expanded to now involve 37 schools, including 17 from regional areas.

This year's ambassadors came from the Port Adelaide AFL Club and included current listed players Chad Wingard, Brendon Ah Chee, Jake Neade, Karl Amon, Jarman Impey, Patrick Ryder and Nathan Krakouer.

AFL Hall of Famer Gavin Wanganeen, 2004 Norm Smith Medallist Byron Pickett and Wade Thompson also joined in.

"It was great to see so many people engaging in the programs," Port Power Aboriginal programs manager Paul Vandenberg said.

"There was a really positive vibe over the three days, plenty of smiles and happy student groups.

"Our feedback from the schools, with this carnival as a major attraction, is the attendance rates have been exceptionally high.

"Happy with the growth"

"The management are happy with the growth and engagement from all parties over this first eight years, and we look forward to this continuing."

The grand finals in the boys and girls competitions were played as curtain-raisers to Port Adelaide versus Western Bulldogs AFL match on June 6 at Adelaide Oval. In those games, Christies Beach downed Riverland in the female section, while Ocean View/Coober Pedy beat Mark Oliphant/Quorn Area School for the male title.



Tareeka Kartinyeri on the attack during the Port Power Cup carnival.



Trent Fazulla on the charge.



Tallulah Bilney in action.



Kobe Broome handballs.

Artist Jandamarra Cadd with his latest Archibald Prize entry, a dot work depiction of stage, television and movie actor Luke Carroll, titled *Storyteller*.



Cadd tries again for Archibald



SUNSHINE Coast Indigenous artist Jandamarra Cadd is continuing his quest for success in the Archibald Prize.

Last year, Cadd was a finalist in the Archibald Prize – Australia's premier portrait award – for his depiction of singer Archie Roach. Now he's just unveiled his latest entry, a dot work depiction of stage, television and movie actor Luke Carroll, titled *Storyteller*.

Cadd says the artwork is a fusion of

traditional artwork with contemporary portraiture.

"I am continually challenging myself to grow in my painting and this year I set myself an even greater challenge. I am really happy with the result, but to know that Luke is happy with it is even more important to me," he said.

"This portrait is done entirely in dots to show that for Aboriginal people the land is their identity. You can view the portrait as a landscape or a portrait, as they are one and the same."

Carroll said he was honoured and

humbled to be the subject of an Archibald Prize entry. "I knew that (Cadd) was going to come up with something amazing, but this has seriously blown my mind!" he said.

"I still can't believe it has been created by only using dots, and the scale of it is absolutely out of this world, crazy!"

This year's Archibald winner, who receives \$100,000, will be announced on July 17.

● Pictured right: Artist Jandamarra Cadd and his Archibald Prize subject Luke Carroll.



UK visit part of program



APPLICATIONS have opened for ACCELERATE, the British Council's leadership program for Indigenous people.

Now in its sixth year, ACCELERATE offers Indigenous Australian artists and arts professionals the chance to develop skills and networks for leadership positions in the creative industries. The program covers a wide range of fields – from music to architecture, fashion to museology.

ACCELERATE is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people with at least five years' experience in the creative industries.

This year, four participants will be selected from around the country to take part in the two-part program, which comprises an Australian leadership intensive and a fully funded trip to the United Kingdom.

The leadership intensive is a three-day training course delivered by visiting British expert Mark Wright, of People Create. It aims to enhance the participants' understanding of their own leadership styles and to provide them with the practical skills necessary to

develop career pathways.

After the training, the recipients will work with the British Council to design professional placements in Britain. Over three weeks this November they will develop their skills in consultation with high-profile individuals and organisations in their artistic fields in Britain.

ACCELERATE 2015 is presented by the British Council and the Australia Council for the Arts in association with other partners.

Visit www.accelerate.org.au for more details. Applications close on July 6.

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Old photos inspire artist's new show



FAR north Queensland artist Nickeema Williams' latest exhibition is

now on show at the Cairns Regional Gallery. Called *Kerker Mar-Asmer (new reflections)*, the exhibition features large-scale drawings inspired by old photographs and interviews she conducted with family and Elders on a recent trip to Thursday Island.

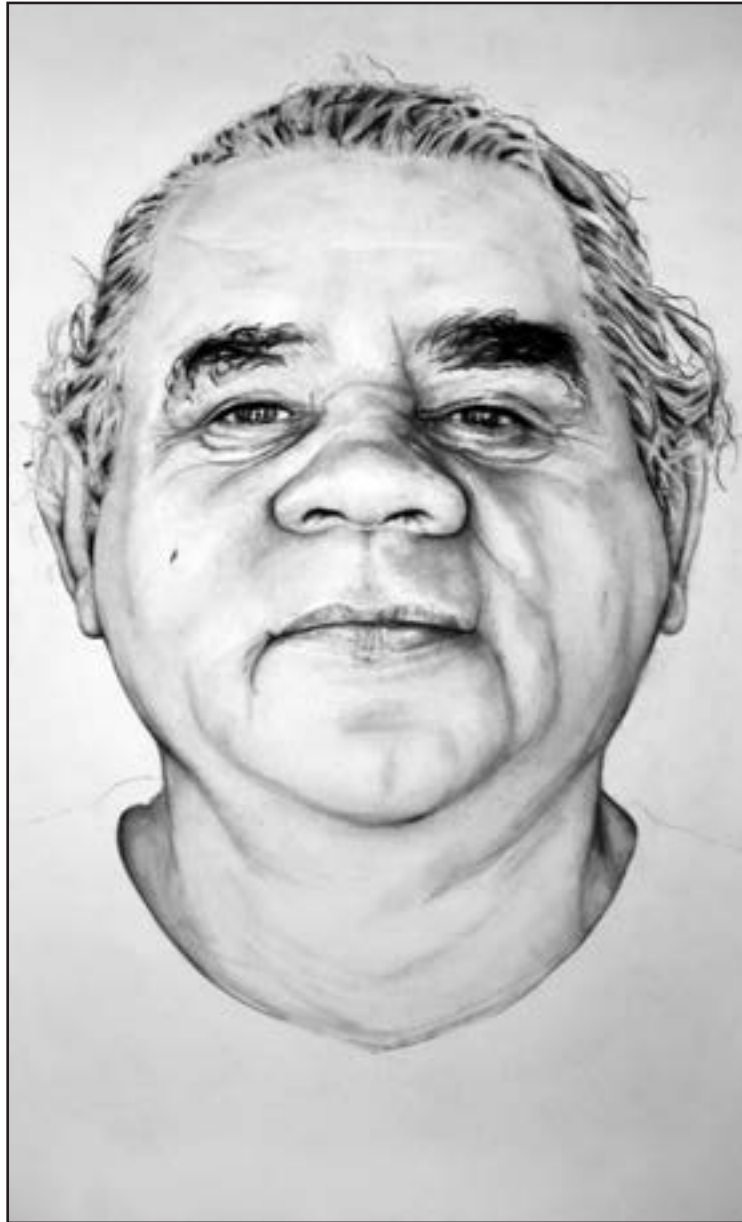
Williams' works explore issues of self-identity, cultural dislocation and new connections through a variety of media.

"I grew up in Cairns, but because it's not on traditional land I wasn't brought up with a lot of tradition or cultural knowledge," she said.

"A lot of my art is about being an Indigenous girl who has grown up away from those things, in an urban society, surrounded by Western influences and still trying to find my identity amongst it all."

The exhibition runs until July 5.

● Pictured: An artwork by Nickeema Williams titled *Brian Williams* 2015.



Exhibition has plenty of heart



WIMMERA artist Gail Harradine's exhibition *Yuleka: Heart of country*

continues this month in Horsham. It is part of the Art is Festival event held in the western Victorian city.

Harradine, a local Wotjobaluk woman, says her works focus on the importance of culture and connection. "This exhibition has enabled me to work in a new larger format, with paintings that are reflective of moments in time that record adolescent experiences in learning culture," she said.

"Some of my larger paintings

have been inspired by young women's spiritual and growth journeys, as a result of spending time with other clans and being welcomed to be part of their journey in learning new cultural skills.

"I love the challenge of learning new ways of exploring connection, and making links with other clans/artists, whether through making a possum skin cloak or capturing cultural stories in mixed media.

"This exhibition has enabled me to challenge myself and express my pride in culture."

The exhibition continues until June 30 at Redrock Books & Gallery in Horsham.



A painting by Gail Harradine titled *Young Women (nan nan gurl)*.

Bungaree's Farm proves a winner



AN Aboriginal arts project staged in a former World War II naval fuel tank has earned Mosman Art Gallery the top honour at the 2015 Museums and Galleries National Awards (MAGNA).

The gallery was also a winner in the Indigenous Project category.

The project, *Bungaree's Farm*, was commissioned to mark the 200th anniversary of Governor Macquarie's allocation of land to Bungaree and his clan at Georges Heights in Mosman in 1815.

The site-specific exhibition was held in the T5 Camouflage Fuel Tank at Headland Park, Georges Heights – the first time the tank had been used for cultural purposes – on land believed to

be part of the original grant to Bungaree's Farm.

The project, which will tour nationally and internationally, is a feature of the 2015 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair in July and is



An image from *Bungaree's Farm*. Picture: Adam Hollingworth

currently being sought by other national institutions, including potential future exhibitions in China and Japan.

Gallery director John Cheeseman said it had been a transformative project.

"This award gives recognition to a powerful and complex series of works which we trust will provide a lasting legacy in influencing and extending contemporary Aboriginal arts practices in Australia," he said.

"We are honoured to be given this award and I am humbled to receive it on behalf of the curator, Djon Mundine, as well as the project's artists, supporters and gallery staff."

Mosman Art Gallery partnered with local, state and federal organisations and groups, including Mosman Reconciliation, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, National Parks and Wildlife Services and Arts NSW, to produce the exhibition.



AN Aboriginal arts centre in western Arnhem Land has had a funding boost of close to \$1 million.

The Injalak Arts Centre officially opened its new interactive visitors centre this month, underwritten by \$100,000 of Northern Territory and federal funding, and over the next six months hopes to begin construction on an \$881,000 new screen-printing facility and cafe overlooking the escarpment and wetlands of Kakadu.

The centre is owned and operated as a non-profit organisation by the Kunwinjku people.

The NT Government has provided funding as part of a tourism campaign.

"I've always believed there are economic opportunities in every community, but identifying what those economic opportunities are is sometimes a challenge," NT

Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

Injalak Arts is already an economic hub for Gunbalanya, and with a new screen-printing space it will triple output to more than 100 metres of fabric a day, mentor manager Felicity Wright said. "If you look at what externally-generated income comes into this community, you'd have to look pretty hard; Injalak is pretty much it," she said.

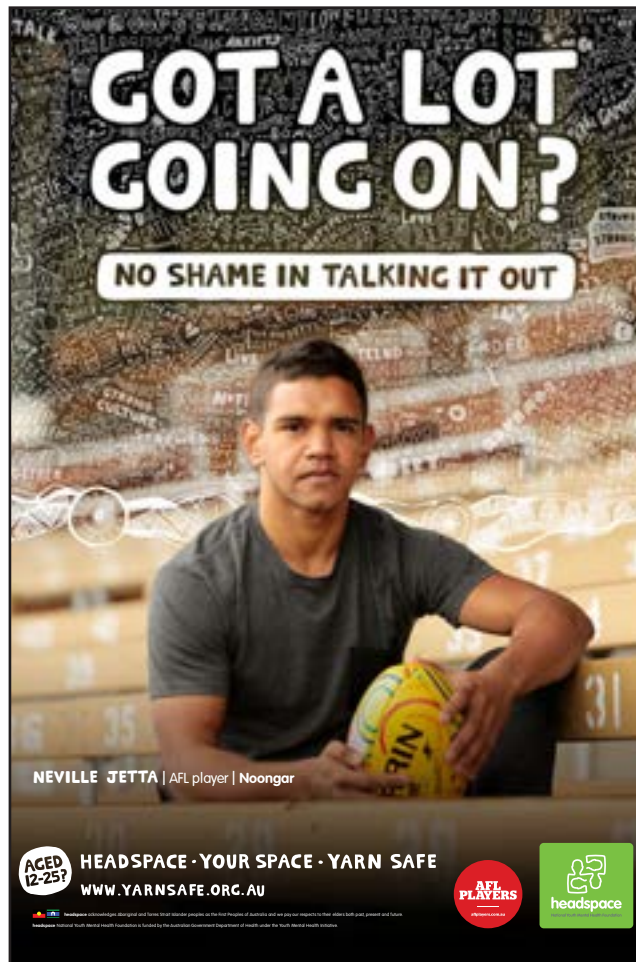
On track

The centre is on track this year to top \$1 million in self-generated income, and is struggling to keep up with domestic demand, so does not yet export its paintings, fabrics, carvings and weavings, Ms Wright said.

Injalak Arts chairwoman Donna Nadjamerrek said she was proud of the new plans.

"We're doing it for the sake of the future and beyond. It's not just for now," she said. — AAP

Stars back Yarn Safe



Melbourne's Neville Jetta featuring on a Yarn Safe poster.



AFL Indigenous stars Cyril Rioli (Hawthorn), Chad Wingard (Port Adelaide) and Neville Jetta (Melbourne) are backing the message of the National Youth Mental Health Foundation headspace Yarn Safe campaign: 'If you've got a lot going on – there's no shame in talking it out'.

Yarn Safe is the first youth-led national Indigenous mental health campaign, telling young people there's no shame in talking about problems affecting their mental health and wellbeing.

The campaign includes a video with the three young men talking about their culture and identity, the pressures they experience, the important relationships in their lives, and how they deal with stress.

Wingard said he was a great supporter of Yarn Safe. "The stress that you can get, it can really bottle up and take over you and really destroy you as a person if you don't get it out," he said.

"I had some people that I was comfortable talking to and it felt safe. Headspace is a great place to go to elevate

your problems and get help."

Headspace chief executive Chris Tanti welcomed the players' commitment to the Yarn Safe campaign.

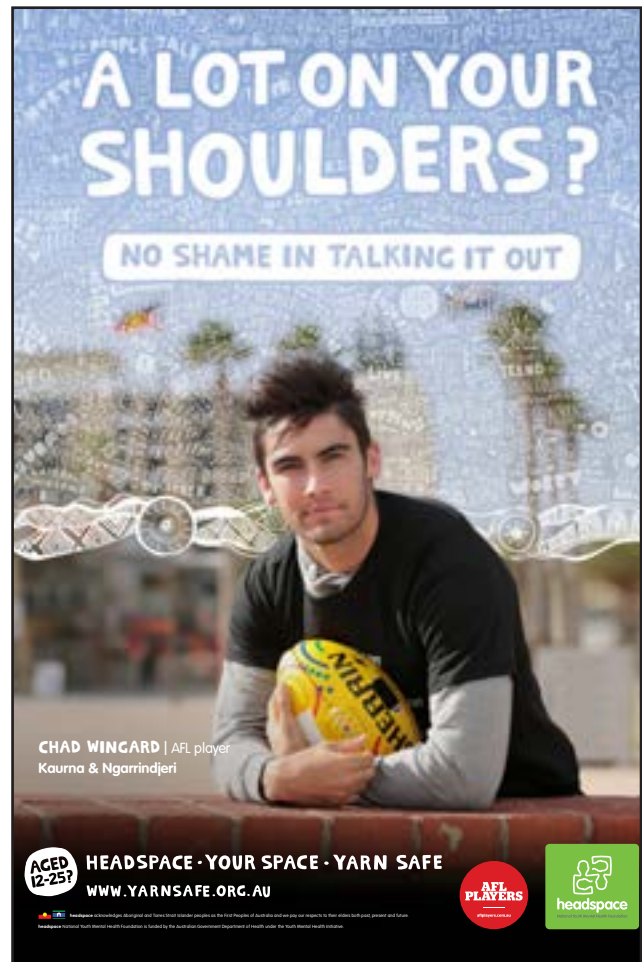
"Two years ago, headspace set out on a path that had not been traversed before – to create an engagement campaign that would encourage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to seek help when needed," he said.

"Already headspace has seen dramatic increases in the number of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people walking through our doors, increasing from 7.6% to almost 10% in just a few months.

"Headspace has an ongoing commitment to culturally sensitive practice and evaluation and we will continue to ensure that more young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel comfortable to talk to us.

"We're thrilled that Cyril, Chad and Neville are not only lending their support to Yarn Safe, but have openly discussed their experiences."

For more details or if you need to talk, go to www.yarnsafe.org.au



Port Adelaide's Chad Wingard on a Yarn Safe poster.

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Anti-smoking superhero D-Warrior spreading his message in Yarrabah.



THE far north Queensland regional health team has joined forces to spread the 'don't smoke' message at events in Yarrabah, Cardwell, Tully, Innisfail and Mareeba. Health services involved

included Yarrabah's Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation and Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service, Cairns' Wuchopperen Health Service, Mamu Health Service in Innisfail and Mareeba's Mulungu Medical Centre. Gurriny Yealamucka health

promotion officer Alicia Hari said ridding communities of smoking was a priority for the community-controlled health service.

"It's about creating awareness of the effects of smoking and we recognise that, yes, there are a lot of smokers in Yarrabah and we

want to try and get the message out there to quit or not take up smoking in the first place," she said.

"It shows that we're coming together as a community and approaching it that way and kind of stamp it out of the community."

Mamu Health Service's

Brett Ambrum said the organisations worked well together, with each having a display at events.

A highlight of the day in Yarrabah was a visit by D-Warrior, an anti-smoking superhero.

His message was simple: "Don't smoke."

Bowel cancer kits in mail



INDIGENOUS people are being encouraged to complete and return bowel cancer screening kits they receive in the mail.

Under a new Federal Government scheme, all Australians aged 50 to 74 will receive a free bowel cancer screening kit every two years by 2020.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should get a bowel screening kit with instructions and an information booklet in the mail, starting in the year they turn 50.

Indigenous actor and comedian Anthony Newcastle says if people receive a kit, they shouldn't ignore it or put off doing it until later.

"If you get a bowel cancer screening kit sent to you, don't shove it in the bottom drawer in the bathroom or straight in the bin. Just get it done, and post it back," he said.

Health authorities say it is important that people do the test every time they receive one, because there are often no signs that someone has bowel cancer, and it can occur in people who have no family history of it.

For more information on bowel screening or when to expect a kit in the mail, visit australia.gov.au/bowelscreening or telephone 1800 11 88 68.

Priority call for mental health



INDIGENOUS mental health must be made a national priority with a new 'Closing the Gap' mental health target. That's among the findings of the National Mental Health Commission Review into mental health program and services.

The review also recommends a dedicated Indigenous mental health plan based on the renewed National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing.

"By every measure, Indigenous mental health is significantly worse than that of other Australians. It's time Indigenous Australians had a dedicated mental health plan to close this gap," National Mental Health Commissioner Professor Pat Dudgeon said.

Prof Dudgeon, a Bardi (WA Kimberley) woman, said the plan needed to be

culturally appropriate, take account of the unique historical and social determinants of the mental health problems of Indigenous Australians, and recognise the connections between poorer mental health and the poverty and discrimination faced by Indigenous Australians.

"Just like for other Australians, mental

"By every measure, Indigenous mental health is significantly worse than that of other Australians. It's time Indigenous Australians had a dedicated mental health plan to close this gap."

health problems are intertwined, often in negative cycles, with problems including unemployment, alcohol and drug use, and violence in Indigenous communities," she said. "These issues also contribute to the appallingly high rates of imprisonment among our young men and women.

"A focus on improving mental health through dedicated planning could be a circuit breaker in many of these problem areas."

Prof Dudgeon said an Indigenous mental health plan would aim to close mental health service gaps by providing specialist Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander mental health services, much-needed social and emotional wellbeing and mental health teams in Aboriginal medical services, and ensuring general population mental health services are accessible and able to work effectively with Indigenous Australians.

Prof Dudgeon said a key recommendation of the review was the call for a national target to reduce suicide and suicide attempts by 50% over the next decade supported by the establishment of 12 regions across Australia to trial the foundation of a national whole-of-community approach to suicide prevention.

Education being put to good use



TORRES Strait Islander Alister Bartholomew is putting his university education to good use. The 41-year-old from Buderim, in south-east Queensland, recently completed a combined arts and education degree at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC), and is now working as a community partnerships officer with the Department of Education and Training in Maroochydore.

"My current role is to help teachers embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into the school curriculum and also develop and strengthen partnerships between schools and the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families," the husband and father of two said. "My mother was born on Saibai Island in the Torres Strait but I grew up in Brisbane where there is a strong TSI community attached to the Anglican Church, and attended Kelvin Grove State High School."

Mr Bartholomew was working as the leading hand at Tondoon Botanic Gardens in Gladstone when

he decided to create better prospects for his family by undertaking a degree.

"I chose to study at USC so my family could live on the beautiful Sunshine Coast and we could be closer to extended family in Brisbane and because I knew USC offered great support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students," he said.

"I'd had a few conversations with

family and friends about the commitment required to complete a degree. It wasn't easy and I couldn't have done it without the support of my wife Kylie, but I'm very glad I did it."

Mr Bartholomew made use of USC's Buranga Centre, a drop-in centre and study space for Indigenous students, and the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS).

"My ultimate goal is to encourage, to mentor, to help and

serve my community via the noble and rewarding profession of teaching," he said.

Applications are now open to start studying at USC mid-year. For more information visit www.usc.edu.au/midyear or contact student administration at information@usc.edu.au or (07) 5430 2890.

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Torres Strait Islander Alister Bartholomew receives his degree from University of Sunshine Coast chancellor John Dobson. *Silver Rose Photography*

Bond centre open



With the Bundjalung Kunjil Dance Troupe at the opening of the new Nyombil Centre are, from left, Scott Prince, Narelle Urquhart, Daniel Hamilton, Jason Murray, Glendon Woosup and Preston Campbell.



IT'S a good thing Bond University's new Indigenous student support service, Nyombil Centre, has opened. The Gold

Coast-based university has recorded a 64% increase in Indigenous enrolments during the past three years.

More than 100 people attended the opening, including Gold Coast Titans NRL greats Scott Prince and Preston Campbell, Gold Coast Suns AFL representatives, local Indigenous Elders, and Bond staff and students.

The event, held during Reconciliation Week, featured a smoking ceremony and dance performance by the Bundjalung Kunjil Dance Troupe.

Bond University pledged to expand its Indigenous student engagement and participation in 2012, launching its Indigenous Scholarship Program.

This year, 55 Indigenous students are enrolled at Bond, with almost half on scholarships.

Nyombil Centre manager Jason Murray said the new facility would cater to the ongoing growth of Indigenous student enrolments and support the university's Indigenous community.

"We have students from literally right around Australia, including Alice Springs, the Torres Strait and Tasmania, and when they move such a long way from home to a metropolitan area, it can feel quite isolating," he said.

"Our mission is to provide them with a community network to make that transition as easy as possible, with cultural and pastoral support, as well as academic support.

"Because Bond is a small university, we are able to offer a personalised and transformative experience."

Support

Nyombil will provide community and academic support, including one-on-one tutoring, two dedicated tutorial and group study rooms, computers, printers and a kitchen.

Mr Murray said the new facility was double the size of that originally opened in 2012, to support the growth in enrolments.

"Bond's retention and completion of Indigenous students is well above the national average, so much so that there is not much difference between our non-Indigenous and Indigenous student bodies – and that's what our aim is, to close that gap," he said.

Groote Eylandt to QUT move made easier by scholarship



MOVING to Brisbane has been a big step for first-year QUT student Tahlia Fatnowa, who left her family on

Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria to follow her dream to learn.

Ms Fatnowa's move has been made easier thanks to financial support from QUT's annual Tim Fairfax AC Learning Potential Fund Scholarship, specifically for financially disadvantaged students from rural and regional Queensland and the Northern Territory.

She was one of 24 young students to be awarded the \$5000 scholarship by Mr Fairfax, a pastoralist and philanthropist who is also chancellor of QUT.

Studying a double degree in Creative Industries and Human Services, Ms Fatnowa hopes to one day return to her Northern Territory roots and practise art therapy.

"Art therapy is about using visual art and music to express yourself," she said.

"Research has shown that it is really effective when working with Indigenous communities and youth."

Ms Fatnowa said it had been a challenge to leave her parents and five sisters to move Brisbane, but it had been made easier by the scholarship.

"It has taken a lot of the worry out of the move, because it costs a lot to find a place to live and to get ready to go to uni," she said.

"I have been able to set myself up, buy a computer and

Tahlia Fatnowa with QUT chancellor Tim Fairfax.



now I feel like 'hey, I can really do this'."

The scholarships have been established thanks to a

significant donation to the QUT Learning Potential Fund by Mr Fairfax. They are awarded through the university's equity

program, the QUT Learning Potential Fund, a perpetual fund which has provided more than 24,000 scholarships and

bursaries to low-income students since 1999.

Applications for the 2016 scholarships open in September.

Big symposium for Melbourne



SPEAKERS from around the world will feature at a major indigenous education symposium in Melbourne next month.

Local experts will also speak at the Yapaneyepuk – Walking Together To Make A Difference – the International First Nations Education Symposium, from July 27-29.

The findings of a significant research project developed with Aboriginal people that showcases the importance of the integration of wellbeing, academic studies and culture as foundational to the learning, growth and development of Aboriginal children will be detailed at it.

Sponsored by the Ian Potter Foundation and universities, and organised by Worawa Aboriginal College in Healesville, the symposium is targeted at education leaders, teachers, policy makers, community workers, academics and community leaders.

For more information, contact Yapaneyepuk convener Pam Russell at pamruss@bigpond.net.au or 0412 312 950.

More graduate at Eora College



ALMOST 120 students from Sydney TAFE's Eora College have just graduated in courses ranging from

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural arts, music and media to foundation and Aboriginal studies.

Among them was Shaquille Robinson, who completed the Certificate IV Training and Assessment.

Ms Robinson's work takes her across NSW, educating Aboriginal women about their civil law rights.

She says undertaking the course meant she is able to implement what she has learnt for the benefit of her clients. "The things that you learn at

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Sydney TAFE will be of real benefit to you all your life," Ms Robinson said. "Having that TAFE certificate behind

you and the experience of studying at Sydney TAFE will boost my career."

Ms Robinson says she hopes to undertake further study, particularly in the areas of mental health and the law.

Eora College assistant director Danny Allende said Sydney TAFE would "continue to have a strong presence in the local community".

"I feel a great sense of pride when I see our graduates leave with qualifications that are so highly recognised by industry," he said.

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.

Until July 4: Dwayne Everettsmith 'Beyond Surrender' tour, with special guest Sietta. Details: (08) 8941 8066. For performance times, venues and pricing visit www.dewayneverettsmith.com

Until July 6: ACCELERATE program applications open. The program, run by the British Council, provides Indigenous Australian artists and arts professionals with skills and networks in leadership positions within the creative industries. For full details visit www.accelerate.org.au

Until 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 lead-up 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 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



Artists Christopher Bodsworth and Diania O'Neill put the finishing touches on one of the artworks in the *Standing on Sacred Ground* exhibition at The Gallery in St Kilda.

Recovery centre artists show work



WORKS by Indigenous painters from a Melbourne alcohol and drug rehabilitation cooperative feature in an upcoming exhibition at The Gallery in St Kilda Town Hall. Clients from the Ngwala Willumbong Co-Operative's two St Kilda-based recovery centres, Galiamble and Winja Ulupna, have contributed up to 40 artworks to form the *Standing on Sacred Ground* exhibition, which runs until July 8. The artworks were created during clients' art therapy sessions.

Galiamble Men's Recovery Centre manager Mark Hammersley, who has been running art therapy classes for nearly eight years, says it's an effective way for people to heal, even if they don't realise it at first.

He said an older client initially rejected the idea of art therapy, but since then he's picked up a brush and created 64 artworks in only three months.

"It's an alternative to talk therapy. Some people find it difficult to talk and some people find it much easier to explore themselves through art," Mr Hammersley said.

"It helps with their self-esteem. People enter a meditative state when they paint and it helps them access a higher power. I believe that."

City of Port Phillip Mayor Amanda Stevens said her council was proud to host artworks from Ngwala Willumbong.

"This exhibition gives many of the contributing artists the opportunity to display their works publicly for the first time, helping not only their personal but also their professional development," she said.

"Some artists also made their first sales during a recent exhibition at the Elwood Learning Centre, highlighting their potential for making significant contributions to Indigenous artwork."

Until June 25: *Eora Art* exhibition. Featuring artworks by students from Eora TAFE College. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-57 Flood St, Leichhardt from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until June 27: *Tjintu Wiru - Beautiful Day*, an exhibition of new paintings from Tjala Arts in Amata, South Australia. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo on Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.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 Nginyanhi 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.sydney.edu.au/museums

Until August 7: NAISDA Dance College audition applications open. 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 21: NT Intervention/

Stronger Futures anniversary march and rally. Includes guest speakers. Held at the Town Hall Sydney, George St, then a march to the Block, Redfern, starting from 3pm. Free event. Details: Alex on 0449 184 801 or Cathy on 0422 385 852 or visit www.stoptheintervention.org

June 22: Taree High School NAIDOC Week Celebration. Held at Taree High School, 8 Albert St, Taree from 8.30am-2pm. Details: Jaycent Davis on (02) 6552 1166 or 0455 063 374.

June 23-26: *Gayi Nginyang 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, Kariang, daily at 12.30 and 6.30pm. Cost: Gold coin donation on entry. Bookings are essential. Details: (02) 4340 3100 or visit www.naisda.com.au

June 24: Eileen Byers Deadly Fun Run. Join Byers in a 3km walk/run as she prepares to run in the New York Marathon. Held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Casino, starting with registrations at 10am. Details: Mick Rees on (02) 6162 4750 or 0427 308 500 or visit www.imp.org.au

June 24: ACOSS-NCIE Media Forum 2015. Share experiences through dialogue and showcasing innovative models. Held at The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE), 166-180 George St, Redfern from 9.30am-5pm. Cost: \$120 members and \$150 non-members. Details: Fernando on (02) 9310 6209 or email Fernando@acoss.org.au or visit www.conference.acoss.org.au

June 25: Lismore City Council NAIDOC Celebration Day. Includes information stalls, traditional games, a talent showcase and much more. Held at the Lismore Showground, Alexandria Parade, North Lismore from 10am-2.30pm. Details: Jodi Sampson on 1300 87 83 87.

June 27: Sydney benefit concert. A night of opera and musical classics with Indigenous soprano Shaunta Batzke and friends.

Held at Paddington Uniting Church, 395 Oxford St, Paddington from 6.30-8.30pm. Cost: \$45 adults, \$35 conc (includes lights refreshments). Booking: www.trybooking.com/139341. Details: 0407 967 749 or visit www.gofundme.com/shauntaibatzke

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 at Pinjarra (WA), featuring actor Kelton Pell. Held at The Studio, Sydney Opera House. Cost \$30 a person. Details: (02) 9250 777 or visit www.sydneypoperalhouse.com

July 5-12: Ballina NAIDOC Week celebrations. Includes an exhibition, march, flag-raising and speeches, a cook-up, sports day, stalls and more. Held at various locations around Ballina. Free event. Details: Emma Walke on 0439 115 002

July 5-12: Lismore NAIDOC Week celebrations. Includes flag-raising and morning tea, blue light disco, kids' activities, sport day, young NAIDOC workshop and parade and NAIDOC ball. Details: ● Continued next page

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Tracey on (02) 66232 783 or email tracey@familiesnorth.org.au

July 6: NAIDOC in the City. Held at Hyde Park North, Sydney, from 11am-3pm. Free event. Details: (02) 9265 9333 or visit www.sydneynaidoc.com.au

July 18: Western Sydney NAIDOC dinner-dance. Includes live music, door prizes and more. Cost: \$45 a person, and tickets must be bought by 9am, July 13. Details: (02) 9830 0600 or visit www.workersclub.com.au

July 22-25: University of Technology Sydney Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Conference. Includes guest speakers, workshops discussion, planning and networking. Held at University of Technology, Sydney, 15 Broadway, Ultimo. Conference fees apply. Details: email atsi@nus.asn.au or visit www.atsicon2015.eventbrite.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 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 5: *Kerkar Mar-Asmer* (new reflections) exhibition. Works by Nickeema Williams, a young artist whose works explore issues of self-identity, cultural dislocation and new connections through a variety of media. Held at Cairns Regional Gallery, 40 Abbott St, Cairns on Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat, 10am-5pm and Sun, 10am-2pm. Free entry.

Details: (07) 4046 4800 or visit www.cairnsregionalgallery.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 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

June 20: Print making with Glennys Briggs. Design and create your own linocut print. Held at Kuril Dhagun, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane from 10am-4pm. Cost: \$60, bookings required. Details: (07) 3840 7666 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/kuril-dhagun



Participants show the works they created in an arts skills development workshop at Warraber. More workshops will be held across the Torres Strait this month.

Art workshops in Torres Strait



ART skills development workshops are being held at Torres Strait communities this month.

Open to all, the free workshops offer training in basic art skills including painting, screen-printing and 3D design.

They are being run by former Tagai TAFE teacher Diane Abiad.

The workshops are part of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Culture, Art and Heritage Arts Development Initiative.

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said they were offered regularly to support the development of a skilled and professional Torres Strait Islander arts industry.

"Through art skills and product development

workshops, the Culture, Art and Heritage Program facilitates training to build skills in communities and create economic opportunities for artists," he said.

"The current art skills workshops aim to support the unique talent and creative abilities of Indigenous artists and to build on skills to support the creation of works that are of a saleable quality."

Workshops have already been held on Saibai and are currently under way on Thursday Island. They will be held on Iama from June 23-26 and Mer from June 30-July 3.

For more information or to register interest, contact TSRA arts development officer Diat Alferink on (07) 4069 0872 or email diat.alferink@tsra.gov.au

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June 17-July 3: Art skills development workshops. Open to all community members to attend, offering training in basic art skills including painting, screen-printing and 3D design. Held at Thursday Island, Iama and Mer. Free. Details: Diat Alferink on (07) 4069 0872 or email diat.alferink@tsra.gov.au

July 17: *Whichway Uncle* performance. As part of the 2015 Queensland Music Festival, some of Australia's most respected Indigenous artists come together to celebrate the essential roles of grandfathers, fathers and uncles. Held at Brisbane Powerhouse, 119 Lamington St, New Farm, at 1pm and 7pm. Cost: \$35/18. Details: (07) 3358 8600 or visit www.powerhouse.org

October 10-11: Woorabinda Warriors Cup Rugby League Carnival, capped at 16 teams. To be held at Saleyards Park, Rockhampton. Cost: Team

nomination \$1500. Nomination close on September 18. Details: murritime@hotmail.com

Northern Territory

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 19-22: Alice Springs Beanie Festival. 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 more details visit www.territoryday.nt.gov.au

July 31-August 3: 17th annual Garma Festival. The largest annual celebration of Yolngu (Aboriginal people of north-east Arnhem Land) culture. For tickets and event information visit www.garma.com.au or (02) 8945 5055.

Victoria

Until June 30: *Yuleka: Heart of Country* exhibition. Featuring artist Gail Harradine, the exhibition is about the importance of culture and connection. Held at Redrock Gallery, 65 Firebrace St, Horsham on Mon-Thurs, 9.00am-5.00pm. Free gallery entry. Details: Gail on 0458 672 176 or visit www.redrockbooksgallery.com.au

Until July 8: Ngwala Willumbong Cooperative: *Standing on Sacred Ground* exhibition. Featuring up to 40 artworks from

two St Kilda-based recovery centres. Held at The Gallery, St Kilda Hall, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (03) 9510 3233 or visit www.portphillip.vic.gov.au

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 27: Shauntai Batzke Melbourne Benefit Concert. A night of opera and musical classics with Indigenous soprano Shauntai Batzke and friends.

Held at Joan Hammond Recital Room, Room 109, Faculty of the VCA and MCM, University of Melbourne, 234 St Kilda Road, Southbank from 4-5.30pm. Cost: \$25 adults, \$20 Conc (includes lights refreshments). Booking: www.trybooking.com/140476. Details: 0407 967 749 or visit www.gofundme.com/shauntaibatzke

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.

July 3: Epilepsy awareness seminar. Provides current information about epilepsy and seizure first-aid, treatments and self-management strategies. Held at Broome Civic Centre, Hamerley St, Broome from 10.00am-12.00pm. Free. Details: 1300 37 45 37.

South Australia

Until July 12: *Strait Protean* exhibition. Featuring new works by artist Brian Robinson, including painting, printmaking, sculpture and design.

Held at Flinders University City Gallery, State 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



AFL Sportsready chair Steve Bracks, Wurundjeri Elder Auntie Joy Murphy and AFL SportsReady's Ralph White at the RAP launch.



AFL SportsReady's inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan

(RAP) features a pledge for even more job opportunities for Indigenous people.

The plan is a so-called Stretch RAP, which focuses on implementing longer-term strategies, and working towards defined targets and goals.

AFL SportsReady has already started the careers of more than 1500 Indigenous trainees since 2000, and it says its new RAP is a promise to create opportunities for Indigenous people through quality education and employment.

The launch, in Melbourne, included Elders, AFL Sportsready chair Steve Bracks and AFL SportsReady Aboriginal and/Torres

AFL Sportsready scores with RAP

Strait Islander employees, along with more than 100 partners and supporters of AFL SportsReady.

The event also utilised the services of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, with catering supplied by Charcoal Lane, the RAP designed by Marcus Lee and the new program branding designed by Dixon Patten.

Mr Bracks, a former Victorian premier, said AFL SportsReady's commitment to

reconciliation and equality is absolute.

"Our plan puts in place a series of actions and accountabilities that are part of our contribution toward reducing the inequality and disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"Through this Reconciliation Action Plan, AFL SportsReady will work to strengthen relationships, promote

respect and create employment and education opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders."

AFL Sportready executive manager for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Programs Jade Colgan says the Stretch RAP is a "great step forward in continuing to strengthen the work we do and further embed responsibility and ownership across the whole business".

AFL SportsReady's vision for reconciliation is:

- a united Australia where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's heritage, cultures, histories and connection to communities and country are acknowledged and celebrated; and
- a fair Australia where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have the same opportunities and access to education, training and

employment as other Australians.

Reconciliation Australian chief executive Justin Mohamed congratulated AFL SportsReady on its inaugural plan.

"On behalf of Reconciliation Australia, I commend everyone at AFL SportsReady for pushing yourselves with a Stretch RAP," he said.

"Your enhanced commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is a fine example to other organisations within your sphere of influence.

"Thank you for your thoughtful dedication in formulating the RAP; it's a great achievement. I look forward to following your evolving reconciliation journey."

The RAP is at www.aflsportsready.com.au

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Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

CISP KOORI CASE MANAGER

Magistrates' Court
VPS Grade 3.2

\$67,323 per annum + superannuation
Role No: DJ3398

The CISP Koori Case Manager position forms part of the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) and is based at Melbourne Magistrates' Court. The CISP service delivery model features a coordinated, multidisciplinary team based approach that provides for an efficient and effective response to both the court and the accused. The CISP provides a service that aims to stabilise persons with multiple and complex needs and problems, and a history in the criminal justice system. The service delivery model maximises resources by identifying accused persons for appropriate intervention, streamlining processes and systems, and coordinating service delivery.

The aim of the Koori Program is to address the issue of the over-representation of Koori people in the Victorian justice system by working with Koori clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Koori people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

If you have any questions, please contact **Glenn Rutter - Manager, Court Support and Diversion Services** on (03) 9032 0794.

Further information: please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au
Applications close : Sunday 28 June 2015

Department of Justice & Regulation

Regional Youth Support Officers

Multiple locations



- **4 x Positions: Broadmeadows, Bendigo, Dandenong & Geelong**
- **Salary range \$59,656 - \$72,434 plus superannuation**
- **Great opportunity to make a difference in the community**

The Regional Services Network is one of the Department's nine divisions, responsible for delivering frontline operations across seven regions across the state of Victoria. These four Regional Youth Support Officer positions will complement the statutory case management role undertaken by Community Correctional Services, and by prison staff supporting young offenders preparing for transition back into the community. The successful candidates will be working collaboratively with other services to facilitate the best outcome for young offenders aged 18-25 years age within a prison, on community correctional orders or on parole. You will assist with their capacity for economic participation and engagement in education, training and employment.

As our ideal candidate you will have:

- demonstrated experience in youth services within a community setting and engaging actively with young people aged 18-25 years with complex needs
- a practical working knowledge of local youth networks (i.e housing and homelessness, drug and alcohol, mental health, employment/training) within the region.

A qualification in youth work and/or community corrections would be highly regarded. A current Victorian Driving Licence is required for this role.

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Vacancy number: 25150011

Opening date: 12 June 2015

Closing date: 5 July 2015

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Fax: (02) 4997 5750

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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



Health

Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Community Integration Team Clinician (HM1) Aboriginal Identified TFT up to 30/06/2018

Classification: Health Manager Level 1

Location: Wollongong, Tamworth

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time

(up to 30/06/2018)

Salary: \$65,764 – \$88,464 pa

Enquiries: Jeanette Toole, 0408 163 583

Email: Jeanette.Toole@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Reference Number: 257159

Closing Date: 28 June 2015

Aboriginal Health Worker – Primary Health Care (AHEO)

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Officer
Non Graduate

Location: Silverwater Complex

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$47,921 – \$70,582 pa

Enquiries: Lisa Hogan, (02) 9289 5963

Email: lisa.hogan@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Reference Number: 252439

Closing Date: 2 July 2015

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Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, Equal Employment, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

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Legal Support Officer (Aboriginal Targeted)

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Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003P1A

Closing Date: Wednesday, 24th June 2015

Enquiries: Lynne Lee on (02) 9707 4555

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Murray Valley Aboriginal Co-operative Limited

Supporting Our Community



Position Vacant

The Murray Valley Aboriginal Cooperative in Robinvale Victoria, has the following position available. We are seeking an enthusiastic person willing to work with a diverse and committed team in our Kindergarten, the centre is licenced for 25 placements. This position is a full time permanent position.

Kindergarten Teacher

The Kinder Teacher is responsible for the day-to-day running of the MVAC Kindergarten and the development of early childhood kindergarten programs.

- Must hold a Bachelor of Early Years Education
- Must have thorough knowledge of the needs of young children and of the principles of early childhood development including government policy and legislation.
- Must have a current First Aid Certificate Level 2.
- Must have a current Police Check
- Must have a current working with children's check
- Experience in working with children with additional needs.
- Working knowledge of the *Education & Care Services National Regulations (2011)* and *Children's Services Regulations (2009)*.
- Good communication skills.

For full job description and information regarding the application process please contact Merinda Barnfield Early Learning Centre Director via email childcare@mvac.org.au or (03) 5051 8950.

Closing Date: 26th June 2015 at 4pm.

Board Directors

Realise the vision and purpose
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As a result of the pending retirement of experienced and committed Non-Executive Directors, Interrelate is now seeking to appoint two new Board Directors who will enhance the broad skills set already in place and who will promote the vision and purpose of the organisation.

As a Director, you will ensure the Board actively promotes the values of the organisation and delivers:

- Effective governance of the organisation;
- Clear strategic direction;
- The review, approval and monitoring of the business plan and annual budget;
- Compliance with legal and regulatory requirements at director and organisational levels; and,
- Effective risk management by identifying, monitoring and mitigating internal and external risks.

With relevant tertiary qualifications, you will be a leader in your chosen field - clinical, academic or business – and will bring sound commercial decision-making, mature confidence, deep integrity, and the ability to commit both time and "heart" to the successful future and growth of the organisation. Experience with or interest in children and family services, or previous experience in not-for-profit organisations would be highly regarded. High level communication skills and the ability to build strong stakeholder relationships are essential. The Board would welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates, or candidates with culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Ongoing professional development is encouraged and supported. Applications are sought from across NSW, but Board meetings are held at the organisation's offices in Norwest Business Park, Baulkham Hills.

For further information please contact:

Judith Carpenter on 02 9558 5102, or send a confidential resume to: resume@jassoc.com.au



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Part-Time Fixed Term 28hrs per week. Salary \$68,553 – \$73,427 (pro-rata) plus salary sacrifice package

We require a solicitor with experience in family law and care and protection to provide early intervention legal services to clients of the Lismore Family Relationships Centre (FRC) and Family and Community Services (FACS).

Provision of legal services will occur in partnership with the FRC and Legal Aid, the position is funded for a 12 month fixed term, at 4 days per week. (With possible extension for a further 12 months)

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To obtain a Job Kit email nrclc@clc.net.au, download from <http://northernriversclc.org.au/> or call 66211000.

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ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER (Aboriginal Targeted)

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Government of South Australia

Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Project Firefighters

FIRE MANAGEMENT

VARIOUS STATE WIDE LOCATIONS

9 month contract, September 2015 – May 2016

\$45,488 p.a. (OPS1)

Vacancy No: 2015-4196

\$48,367 – \$52,352 p.a. (OPS2)

Vacancy No: 2015-4198

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Enquiries to:

The Recruitment Officer, Fire Management, DEWNRFireManagement@sa.gov.au, ph: 8124 4833.

To apply and for more information visit the Jobs SA website:

www.jobs.sa.gov.au and search by vacancy number.

Applications Close: 5pm 3 July 2015

Persons from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are strongly encouraged to apply.

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OUR HEALTH,
OUR FUTURE



Chief Executive Officer

Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service Board of Directors wishes to appoint a Chief Executive Officer. This unique role provides an exciting and challenging opportunity to work with indigenous communities within the East Pilbara region of Western Australia. The Chief Executive Officer will be based in Newman, but will be required to visit and liaise with the four remote clinics in Jigalong, Parnngurr Punmu and Kunawarritji. This is a great opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the East Pilbara regions of Western Australia. Some of the benefits of this position include:

- Excellent remuneration package
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- Flexible family friendly work environment
- Professional development opportunities
- House and vehicle provided
- Work with Indigenous communities in the spectacular East Pilbara region
- Highly attractive opportunity for someone with a desire to close the gap and make a difference in Aboriginal health

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing date: 12.00 noon Tuesday 30 June 2015

For a copy of the section criteria and an application pack please call or e-mail Andrew Webster (08) 9227 1631 or application@ahcwa.org

Salary and employment conditions will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be negotiated with the successful applicant. It is an essential requirement for this position to undertake a National Police Check.



Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

KOORI COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

KOORI Court Unit

VPS Grade 3

\$59,656 per annum plus superannuation

Role No: MC2195

The position of Koori Community Engagement Officer is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

The aim of the Koori Community Engagement Officer is to assist in reducing the issue of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Victorian justice system by working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service assists Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention. Details of the purpose of this surface are outlined in the position description.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Court Services Victoria Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant you may wish to contact Melissa Harrison, Koori Employment Adviser to seek advice on; the application process or further information about the Koori Staff Network- (03) 9032 0716

If you have any questions, please contact Travis Lovett (03) 9032 0941

Further information: please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close : Sunday 28 June 2015

Cairns
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Research Grants Officer

Ref. No. 15225 – Cairns

Employment type: Full-time; continuing

Salary: Higher Education Worker Level 6 - \$70,237 - \$76,073 per annum

Applications close: 28 June 2015

Grounds & Maintenance Assistant

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Employment type: Full-time; continuing

Salary: Higher Education Worker Level 2 - \$46,880 - \$48,750 per annum

Applications close: 21 June 2015

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Department of Justice & Regulation

Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer



- Make a difference in the Koori community
- Ongoing, full-time position based in Dandenong
- Salary range \$59,656 - \$72,434 plus superannuation

Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officers work autonomously to establish and coordinate services between the Aboriginal community and the Sheriff's Office. Based in Dandenong, but working across the South East Metropolitan Region, in this role, you will:

- develop community awareness towards Sheriff's Officers and their duties
- provide advice, referral and practical assistance to the Koori community and individual community members about resolving outstanding infringements
- manage complex Sheriff's issues in the community relating to fines and explain to community members their rights and obligations
- establish effective communication networks between Sheriff's Officers, local Koori community members and other government and non-government agencies.

As our ideal candidate, you will have a good knowledge and understanding of the Koori community and the issues affecting it, along with excellent interpersonal skills. Experience in case management and report writing would be an advantage.

A current drivers licence is essential.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Sunday 28 June 2015.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.



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The Role

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Selection Criteria

You will have experience in

- Leading evaluations in collaboration with external consultant/s and internal staff and overseeing implementation of key recommendations.
- Leading strategic thinking in relation to the engagement with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and work in relation to Indigenous people's rights.
- Understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young

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Koori Liaison Officer

- Student Support Services
- Part Time Ongoing
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The successful candidate will have demonstrated experience and knowledge of Koori culture and the ability to proactively support Indigenous students studying at Box Hill Institute.

Applicants must meet qualifications and experience requirements as stated under the key selection criteria in the position description to be selected for interview.

Like to know more? Contact Julie Hotton on (03) 9286 9897.

Applications close: 9am, 24 June 2015

For position information and to apply online go to: www.boxhill.edu.au/jobs

Applicants must complete all aspects of the online application form including providing responses to the key selection criteria.

Please note: Box Hill Institute Group reserves the right to withdraw an advertised position at any stage.

NURSE EDUCATOR

Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program Support Service (ANFPSS)

The ANFP is a nurse-led home visiting program that supports mothers expectant with an Indigenous child, based on an internationally recognized model and adapted to the Australian Indigenous context. The ANFP is managed by Abt JTA and we now seek an experienced Nurse Educator to play a crucial role on the program.

Overview

Established in Australia in 2008, The Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (ANFP) is a part of the Australian Government's commitment to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with particular focus on maternal health and early childhood development. The program includes 18 critical model elements of the internationally recognized Nurse Family Partnership Program with over 30 years of research showing compelling evidence of its effectiveness in improving pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and parental life course. You can find out more here: <http://www.anfpp.com.au/>

In the interests of fidelity to the international best-practice model the ANFPSS has developed and maintains:

- A comprehensive workforce development program including recruitment, training, reflective practice and professional development
- A suite of branded communications and collateral adapted to the Australian context
- A comprehensive data collection system and monitoring frameworks supporting individual performance, program management and the analysis of program activities and outcomes
- Service planning and quality improvement processes reflecting a commitment to continuous quality improvement at all levels
- A network of program champions and leaders who provide technical resources and advice in specialist areas.

The Opportunity

The role of Nurse Educator is to support engagement by staff of the program in a diverse range of professional activities. The position will directly support the nurse supervisors at all sites where the program is operational. A key role of the position is to monitor fidelity to the key program elements and to support the teams delivering the program to adhere to these elements. The ANFPSS Nurse Educator will fulfil responsibilities described in the following broad categories:

- Support to Nurses with respect to program fidelity;
- Coordinated delivery of training inputs of the ANFPSS within budget;
- Engagement with relevant national nursing bodies as appropriate;
- Documentation of technical deliverables in a way that supports routine reporting;
- Continuous Quality Improvement (including curriculum development);
- Championship of the Australian Nurse – Family Partnership Program (ANFP) model;
- Professional development and support of externally employed teams;
- Support and mentoring of staff in remote sites (including how to use the e-learning platform);
- Risk Identification and development of strategies to manage the risks identified;
- Maintenance of excellent relations with the ANFPSS team, the ANFP Primary Health Services and the Commonwealth

We are seeking a Nurse-educator to join our expanding program, based in Brisbane but with frequent travel to regional Australia and occasional travel overseas.

For further information and application

Please review the position description. For further enquiries please contact Stephen Kennedy direct on +617 3114 4631. Applications should be submitted online via our website including a covering letter and CV.

Applications close 5pm, Monday 22 June 2015.



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Applicants must provide proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage. Please visit <http://www.defence.gov.au/APS Careers/infoforapplicants/submitted-applications.htm> for more information.

Positions will be advertised over two periods:

22 June - 17 July 2015

3 - 28 August 2015

How to apply

For more information, Applicant Information Packs (including selection criteria and application instructions), and details of the positions available visit: www.defence.gov.au/apscareers.

Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by the due date in the Applicant Information Pack, which will be either 11.30 pm (AEST) Friday 17 July 2015 or 11.30 pm (AEST) Friday, 28 August 2015. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens and prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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HEALTH & WELLBEING COORDINATOR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Program (ATSIPP)

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The Role

The Health & Wellbeing Coordinator role leads the planning, design, implementation, management of the agency's engagement in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health policy. A key responsibility of this role is to manage our range of Indigenous health partners and small grant recipients which we fund. A key responsibility of the role is to manage our range of Indigenous health partners and small grant recipients which we fund. Additionally the role will contribute to two major public campaigns; Close the Gap and Change the Record by ensuring our program work with partner organisations complements our public campaign work.

Our health & wellbeing work aims to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations to develop and implement solutions to improve health outcomes and contribute to closing the gap between

Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. A strong understanding of Indigenous health policy and Aboriginal community controlled health sector would be highly regarded. The position also contributes to organisational learning around youth engagement with other Units/Sections and other Oxfams.

Selection Criteria

You will be able to demonstrate experience in:

- Leading an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People Health and Wellbeing program with various partners and ensuring a strong link to campaign work such as Close the Gap (Indigenous health) and Change the Record (Indigenous incarceration).
- Leading strategic thinking in relation to engagement in the field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health policy based on support for Indigenous people's rights.
- Leading the development of operational plans in accordance with an organisation's Strategic Plan and policies including facilitation of

collaboration with other Units, partners and community members as appropriate.

- Ensuring the effective design, appraisal, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health and wellbeing projects in accordance with program policies and the program management framework.

We can offer you

- A base salary of \$70,482 plus superannuation and access to generous NFP tax concessions (specifically, a salary packaging scheme offering up to \$21,100 of your salary tax free).
- The opportunity to match your career to a compelling cause.
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Apply now

- Please visit <https://www.oxfam.org.au/my/jobs> for application details
- To apply, please submit your CV, cover letter and a response addressing the required selection criteria outlined above in this ad
- Applications close: Sunday 19 July 2015 11.59pm

Appointment to this position will require a satisfactory clearance of a police check and/or Working with Children 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 and undertake a police check.





Aboriginal Health Manager

Closing the Gap (CTG) P/T- F/T (Penrith office)

Wentworth Healthcare Limited has an excellent opportunity for an Aboriginal Health Manager to manage the CTG Team and Program.

Responsibilities include:

- Operational management of the CTG Team
- Coordinate services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Maintain relationships with service Providers

Experience managing teams/ projects and an understanding of Aboriginal health issues are essential.

For more information, and to apply, visit www.nbmmml.com.au.

Wentworth Healthcare Limited acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we work and acknowledges Elders both past and present.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.



Health

South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Trainee (Dental Assistant), Temp F/T

Ref: 251436

Enq: Asha Patel (02) 8788 4265,
or Helen Orcher (02) 8738 5933

Closing Date: 1 July 2015

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. Failure to do so may result in your application being culled.

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Ngunnawal Centre

Student Support Officer

UC6, Salary Range \$73,313 - \$78,918 pa, plus Super

***This position is an identified position for
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders.***

The University of Canberra has demonstrated a long standing commitment to improving access and equal opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Ngunnawal Centre which officially opened in 1991, provides education and development programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and has been a key partner in contributing towards positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at University of Canberra.

The Ngunnawal Centre is seeking a Student Support Officer to develop and implement a range of pastoral programs and initiatives and provide individual case-management in relation to student welfare matters for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The Student Support Officer also co-ordinates the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS), which is designed to improve students' academic success.

Operating under the general direction of the Director - Ngunnawal Centre, the successful applicant will have the appropriate tertiary qualification or extensive relevant work experience. We are looking for a self-starter with excellent knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures.

This position is an identified position for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

To be considered for this position your application must



Indigenous Homelessness Support Worker

28 hours per week – SCHADS 4

Tweed Valley Women's Service is currently seeking an experienced human services worker to join our creative and dynamic domestic and family homelessness team in Tweed. The purpose of this role is to provide culturally informed support, advocacy and guidance to families at risk of homelessness as a result of domestic and family violence.

Applications close 12 noon Friday 10th July 2015. No late applications will be considered. All applications can be:

1. Faxed to 02 66725279 marked confidential
2. Posted to PO Box 407, Murwillumbah, 2484
3. Emailed to manager@tswomen.org.au

This is an Indigenous specified position, which requires proof of Aboriginality. Applications MUST address each of the selection criteria as outlined in the position description. Please contact Carol Graham (02) 66724188 or info@tswomen.org.au for an application package.

Tweed Valley Women's Service is a dynamic and creative service based in the Tweed Shire. We provide a range of resources, education and services that increase safety and wellbeing of women and their families.

**For further information please contact Tracy Asby,
Executive Officer on 02 66724188.**



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.

"Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation dedicated to improving the health and the quality of life of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients in order to create the opportunity to reach levels of health similar to non-Indigenous Australians.

We have modern facilities and friendly, multi-disciplinary team based in Katherine, Northern Territory. We offer a rich cultural experience, attractive salary package, six weeks annual leave, extensive professional development support, leave loading, generous salary sacrifice provisions, and much more."

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



include your resume and responses to the selection criteria. The selection criteria questions are included in the position description which can be found on the University of Canberra website.

Please note applications that do not provide a written response addressing your claims against the selection criteria will be considered incomplete and will not be assessed.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo Working with Children and Vulnerable People Check.

The University is an EO employer offering excellent conditions and benefits including generous superannuation.

Recruitment and application questions: please contact the Managed Recruitment team on 02 6180 8000 or email recruitment@managedrecruitment.com.au quoting **ref No 0206**.

To apply and for the Position Description: the position description is available from The University of Canberra website. <http://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/work-at-uc/vacancies/all>

Closing Date: 11:59pm, Monday 29 June, 2015



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Chifley Local Area Command, Bathurst

Clerk Grade 3/4

Permanent Full-Time

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00003P04

Salary Package: \$77,341. **Salary:** \$64,008 – \$70,087. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 6, Clause 28 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, driver's licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- For your application to be considered you **must**
 - attach an up-to-date resume; and
 - supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application or via attachment.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) and Work with Children Check prior to commencement.
- **Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.**

Enquiries: Rachael Bailey – Local Area Manager on (02) 6332 8668

For the Selection Criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply – please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00003P04

Closing Date: Sunday 28 June 2015



SECURITY OFFICER

Aboriginal targeted position

NSW Police Academy

Education & Training Command, Goulburn

Security Officer Grade 2

Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00003P1L

Salary: \$855.30 per week

Job Description:

The Security Officer performs safety and security services for the New South Wales Police Force in an ethical, efficient and cost effective manner for all Academy sites, facilities and persons therein. The Security Officer will perform duties with an emphasis on customer service delivery, whilst adhering to legislative and other corporate requirements including the NSWPF Corruption Resistance Plan, Code of Conduct and Ethics, Work Health and Safety Legislation, EOI and Anti Discrimination and the Principles of Cultural Diversity.

Job Notes:

- **Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.**
- Temporary employment/appointment under *Section 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990* for up to 12 months.
- Applicants **must** hold the following
 - a current driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months
 - a current Grade 2 – Security licence
 - a current Senior First Aid Certificate
- The successful candidate will be required to attend a medical examination and satisfy the inherent physical nature of the position.
- For your application to be considered, you **must:**
 - Give written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application; **or**
 - Attach a document addressing each of the selection criteria to your application; and
 - Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- **Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.**

Enquiries: Sergeant Tony Wade on (02) 4828 8785

For the Selection Criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply – please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00003P1L

Closing Date: Sunday 28 June 2015

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Students set for national Indigenous Games



TWELVE University of Southern Queensland (USQ) students will compete at the National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games (NITESG) in Newcastle later this month.

USQ vice-chancellor and president Professor Jan Thomas said the university was delighted that eight Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Toowoomba and four from Fraser Coast would compete at the national event.

“These students have been busy training for touch football, basketball, netball and volleyball

competitions as well as fundraising to cover their travel and accommodation expenses.”

The Games began in 1996 as a joint class project between 13 students enrolled at the University of Newcastle.

The first Games were attended by around 30 students and have since grown to host hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary students from universities throughout Australia.

This year the NITESG will host 32 teams. Students will enjoy competing in the sports as well as immersing themselves in cultural and social activities.



Paul Shillingsworth, of Hervey Bay, is among the 12 USQ students who will compete in the 2015 National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games.

 GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29						
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Exploration Licence	28/2532	ATRIPLEX PTY LIMITED	33BL	78km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 50' S Long: 122° 29' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2534	ANGORA BLUE PTY LTD	43BL	76km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 49' S Long: 123° 33' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	31/1084	LAMONT, Eugene Gerald	1BL	113km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 7' S Long: 122° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	47/3192-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	5BL	88km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 3' S Long: 117° 16' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	63/1743	AUSQUEST LIMITED	3OBL	31km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 7' S Long: 122° 6' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1744	AUSQUEST LIMITED	5OBL	89km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 10' S Long: 120° 50' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	77/2296-I	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	6BL	123km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 119° 8' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4948	SAYONA MINING LIMITED	9BL	107km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 18' S Long: 127° 56' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4949	SAYONA MINING LIMITED	21BL	106km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 22' S Long: 128° 8' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5975	CORY, Bradley Craig	131.10HA	23km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 121° 27' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	24/4967-8	ASR RESOURCES PTY LTD	332.23HA	21km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4030	MADIGAN, Michael Francis	188.65HA	6km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
		EASTERN GOLDFIELDS MINING COMPANY PTY LTD				
Prospecting Licence	27/2224	MOORES, Bruce	58.78HA	54km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2359	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	124.13HA	125km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 120° 0' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2043-5	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	599.60HA	100km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 122° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8573	GAHAN, Nicholas Justin	145.81HA	29km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
		RHIND, Robert John				
Prospecting Licence	39/5550	JOHNSTON, Matthew Wade	196.43HA	78km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 122° 14' E	LEONORA SHIRE
		CARMODY, Anthony Brett				
Prospecting Licence	51/2835-S	CROASDALE, Graham	3.00HA	104km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 45' S Long: 118° 0' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	52/1514	INGRAM, Richard Barrie	9.44HA	127km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 36' S Long: 117° 51' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1369-71	SANDSTONE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	564.87HA	4km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 119° 20' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1372	SANDSTONE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	108.06HA	17km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 119° 22' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1675	LEYLAND, Michael Terrence	58.22HA	14km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/2006-7	AVOCA RESOURCES PTY LTD	312.29HA	30km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 0' S Long: 122° 0' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4301-2	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	260.10HA	77km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 119° 7' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Retention Licence	16/1	MOUNT FINNERTY PTY LTD	816.62HA	60km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 120° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Retention Licence	16/2	MOUNT FINNERTY PTY LTD	4136.04HA	62km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 120° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Retention Licence	47/8-I	DRAGON ENERGY LTD	631.17HA	34km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 48' S Long: 117° 29' E	ASHBURTON 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 retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 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: 17 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 **17 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. 17 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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Kids have a beach ball



Janeeka Currie, Carmel Booker and Keisha Mitchell at the Great Lakes boogie board clinic.



Lakes boogie youth development and coaching clinic on the NSW mid-north coast.

The event was organised by Boogie Youth, a community organisation set up to inspire, educate and motivate the next generation through ocean-based activities.

Biripi community member Dominique

Clarke told the *Koori Mail* the Boogie Youth program gave local Aboriginal and non-Indigenous youth an opportunity to participate in body boarding, water safety, first aid to lifesaving techniques and how to care and respect the land and water through recycling and conservation.

"Aboriginal people have a strong spiritual connection with land and water and it was great to see the program acknowledge and promote the cultural significance of the location of the program, land where it was held and the traditional owners – the Aboriginal

people," she said.

"The program was well organised and was inclusive, regardless of their skills in body boarding.

"Feedback from the young girls from Taree who participated was all positive.

"I know the girls loved it.

"It was a beautiful gesture to give all participants a board and wetsuit to call their own."

Other Boogie Youth clinics will be held at Maroubra in August, Forster and Central Coast in September, Port Stephens in October, and Wollongong and Coffs Harbour in November.



Some of the participants and instructors at the Great Lakes boogie youth development and coaching clinic. Pictures: Thomas Donnelly Photography



Kobi Simon on a small wave.



Nick Ping, Kobi Simon, Shaiye Leon and Kelan Currie.

Meninga signs three-year deal

MAL Meninga has left the door ajar to coach the Kangaroos in the near future despite signing a three-year contract extension with the Queensland Rugby League.

The new deal will keep Meninga tied to the Maroons until the end of 2018, but the coach was careful with his words and warned it wouldn't necessarily mean he would see out the three

additional years.

"What it means is I've got the ability to coach for another three years," he told reporters in Brisbane.

"But again, I think I'm honest enough and the players are honest enough with me whether I go those three years or not.

"It depends on success. It's a results-driven game, particularly Origin." – AAP



Government of Western Australia
Department of Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION

To Take Interests in Land to Confer Interests under Written Law **LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) – sections 165 & 170** And To Compulsorily Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests **NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) – section 29**

Land being required for the purposes of the grant of an estate, interest, right, power or privilege in, over or in relation to land under a written law, I, the Honourable Donald Terrence Redman MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE:

- (a) in accordance with section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997 (WA)* (LAA) that in relation to the land required as described under each heading "PARCEL OF LAND" in the Schedule:
- (i) it is proposed to take, pursuant to section 165 of the LAA, those interests specified in the Schedule for the purposes of making the proposed grant(s) specified in the Schedule;
 - (ii) the purpose of the proposed grant(s) for which the land is proposed to be designated is as specified in the Schedule;
 - (iii) it is proposed to make a grant or grants out of the interests proposed to be taken as specified in the Schedule;
 - (iv) the reasons why the land is suitable for, or is needed for, the proposed grant are as specified in the Schedule;
 - (v) the date from which the land is likely to be required is as specified in the Schedule ; and
- (b) in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* (NTA) that the taking of interests in land as specified in the Schedule will involve the compulsory acquisition of any native title rights and interests in relation to that land.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND

DESCRIPTION OF LAND REQUIRED: Lot 40 on Deposited Plan 194459 (Land) Whole Volume 3162 Folio 542
LOCATION OF LAND: Approximately 11 km South East of Newman town centre, immediately adjoining Capricorn Roadhouse (Roadhouse) situated on the Great Northern Highway.
NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the Land other than interests of the Crown.
PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED: For amalgamation to support expansion of the adjoining Roadhouse.
PROPOSED GRANT: For amalgamation of the Land with the adjoining freehold Lot 101 on Deposited Plan 77330 pursuant to section 87 of the LAA.
REASONS WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT: Lot 40 immediately adjoins freehold Lot 101 and is required to enable the proposed expansion of the Roadhouse facilities existing on Lot 101.
DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: The day after the final date on which objections may be lodged under s175 of the LAA.
DoL FILE: 00524-1999-05RO DoL REF.: 143409

FOR ALL PARCEL(S) OF LAND

Particular statements for the purposes of the LAA:

MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING THE LAND: Section 172 of the LAA provides that a person may not enter into a transaction affecting the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in section 172(7).

Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void: section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in writing and in accordance with section 172(5) of the LAA.

MINISTER'S APPROVAL TO ANY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAND: Section 173 of the LAA provides that a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the above land to be commenced or continued except with the prior approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Section 175 of the LAA provides that certain persons with particular interests in the land which are affected by the proposed taking may lodge a written objection to the taking of interests in the land (not relating to compensation). While section 175(2) of the LAA generally requires objections to be lodged within sixty (60) after the date of registration of this Notice by the Registrar of Titles or the Registrar of Deeds, as appropriate, at the Western Australian Land Information Authority (Landgate) for the purposes of this Notice I will allow objections to be lodged within 3 months after the notification day as described below. Objections can be served at the following address:

Department of Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth, 6872 or Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth, 6000

Michelle Ziatas, Senior Project Officer, Pilbara, (08) 6552 4627

PLAN OF LAND REQUIRED MAY BE INSPECTED AT: Department of Lands, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth, 6000 on Mondays to Fridays between 8.30am-5pm, except public holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Roberts, Senior State Land Officer, Native Title Unit, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth WA 6000 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4628

Particular statements for the purposes of the NTA:

CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA TO WHICH THE ACT RELATES: The area to which the taking of interests in land the subject of this Notice relates is that described under each heading "PARCEL OF LAND" in the Schedule by reference to parcel description ("LAND REQUIRED") and general location and approximate boundaries ("LOCATION OF LAND"). As noted above, a plan of the land required is also available for inspection as described above.

NATURE OF THE ACT: In relation to the land required as described under each heading "PARCEL OF LAND" in the Schedule, it is the taking of interests in land which involves the compulsory acquisition of any native title rights and interests in relation to that land. The taking is for the purpose of making the grant(s) specified in the Schedule.

NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF PERSON BY WHOM THE ACT WOULD BE DONE: Minister for Lands, Department of Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth, 6872

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 30 June 2015

NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Under section 30 of the NTA, persons have until three (3) months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this Notice. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA.

PRESCRIBED DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Ziatas, Senior Project Officer, Pilbara, or by telephoning (08) 6552 4627.

Dated this 25th day of May 2015

DIRECTOR GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
For and on behalf of the Minister for Lands, under delegation

Kyah's golden double



Indigenous player Kyah Simon celebrates her second goal against Nigeria in the FIFA Women's World Cup match in Winnipeg, Canada, last Saturday (Australian time). Australia won 2-1 to stay in contention. Picture: Getty



MATILDAS coach Alen Stajcic has saluted the toughness of his Women's World Cup squad after their 2-0 win over Nigeria in Winnipeg, Canada.

Kyah Simon scored a brace to ensure Australia's World Cup destiny is in their own hands heading into their final group match with Sweden this morning (Wednesday AEST).

Simon, one of three changes to the line-up that lost 3-1 in a spirited showing to the United States, took the glory with a goal in each half.

Indigenous goalkeeper Lydia Williams was another player brought in for this match.

The Matildas had plenty of contributors against a disjointed Nigerian side that struggled to create chances.

Lisa De Vanna was crucial in the Matildas' opening goal, bustling past two defenders and releasing Simon just as she was hacked down by a third.

Simon finished well on her non-preferred left boot past Nigerian goalkeeper Precious Dede.

In the second half, Sam Kerr turned provider, flicking a ball over the African defence which Simon lashed home with her right.

The Matildas move from Winnipeg, the host of their first two matches, to Edmonton for the clash with Sweden.

For Simon, the two goals she scored against Nigeria made the long road from injury worthwhile.

Serious injury

In October 2013, Simon lasted just minutes of a friendly match with the United States, tearing her anterior cruciate ligament.

She missed the 2014 Asian Cup before finally stepping back on a football pitch last November as the Matildas began to ramp up their preparations for this World Cup.

Thankfully for the national team, she hadn't forgotten how to score and showed as much against Nigeria.

Coming into the Matildas' line-up for Michelle Heyman as the team's central forward, Simon struck a goal in each half.

Simon was overwhelmed on the final whistle. "I'm quite speechless," she said.

"I always love scoring for my country and to get two in one game, it's definitely a highlight of my career."

Displaying her team-first attitude, Simon was focussed on the team's ability to bounce back from their first-up 3-1 loss to the United States.

"It takes a lot of character and a lot of hard work to get back and win that second game," she said.

"All credit to the girls – we fought to the end."

It is not the first time Simon has overcome major injury, as her long-time mentor and now coach Stajcic said after the match.

"I've known Kyah since she was 14 or 15; I brought her into my program at the NSW Institute of Sport," he said.

"She had a broken leg and was out for nine months.

"She could barely jog and run when she came back ... to see a kid with that resilience, toughness, I knew she was a world-class player back then."

Stajcic said despite the brace, Simon's best could be yet to come in Canada. – 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
77/2146	MAJEKA MINERALS PTY LTD	466730	196.40HA	12km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 119° 3' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 17 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on **17 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 (Cth)*. 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.

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. 17 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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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

RICHMOND RIVER AREA UNREGULATED WATER SOURCES

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL** for a 75mm centrifugal pump to be used at the following locations:-

Lot and DP	Water Source/ Management Zone	Stream	Description
Rd reserve adj Lot 3 DP878025	Tuckean Area Water Source/Tuckean Management Zone	Marom Creek	Lindendale Rd
Rd reserve adj Lot 6 DP755720	Tuckean Area Water Source/Tuckean Management Zone	Gum Creek	Dalwood Rd
Rd reserve adj Lot 2 DP576619	Tuckean Area Water Source/Tuckean Management Zone	Gum Creek	Marom Creek Rd
Rd reserve adj Lot 2 DP830884	Alstonville Area Water Source/ Alstonville Management Zone	Unnamed Watercourse	Gap Rd
Rd reserve adj Lot 18 DP836656	Alstonville Area Water Source/ Alstonville Management Zone	Houghlahans Creek	Houghlahans Creek Rd
Rd reserve adj Lot 5 DP613829	Alstonville Area Water Source/ Alstonville Management Zone	Emigrant Creek	Watsons Lane
Rd reserve adj Lot 2 DP792931	Alstonville Area Water Source/ Alstonville Management Zone	Maguires Creek	Howards Lane
Rd reserve adj Lot 3 DP740590	Broadwater Area Water Source	Empire Vale Creek	Empire Vale Rd
Rd reserve adj Lot 4 DP808286	Broadwater Area Water Source	Unnamed Watercourse	Keith Hall Lane
Rd reserve adj Lot 15 DP1120857	Alstonville Area Water Source/ Alstonville Drains Management Zone	Rogers Canal	Whytes Lane East

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A6110)

Any queries please call (02) 6676 7881, Melissa Hundy, Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

MARTHAGUY CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **DUNCAN JAMES PRIESTLEY** for 2 x 660 mm Axial Flow pumps on Marthaguy and Qua Qua Creeks on Lot 31 DP 752564, Parish of Bungey, County of Ewenmar, for irrigation on Lot 1 DP 235981 and Lot 31 DP 752564.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, P O Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.(A006123)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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Pair played big part

By PETER ARGENT



NORTHERN Territorians Shaun Edwards and Anthony McDonald-Tipungwiti played their part in Essendon beating Richmond in the second annual Victorian Football League (VFL) Sir Doug Nicholls Cup match.

The game was played at the Tigers' home ground, Punt Road Oval, just over the hill from the Melbourne Cricket Ground, as a part of the AFL's Indigenous Round.

The Doug Nicholls Cup honours this former Fitzroy and VFA club Northcote footballer who was a pioneer in campaigning for Indigenous rights from the middle of the 20th century.

Governor

Sir Doug Nicholls became Governor of South Australia.

Broadcast live on free to air television, the VFL clash was controlled by the Bombers.

Essendon was the dominant team, kicking six goals to one in the opening term and going on to win by a comfortable 44 points.

AFL listed player Shaun Edwards was among the best performers for the Bombers, being a link player, giving the side speed and creativity.

He finished with 18 disposals, including 10 creative handballs, took 10 marks, and kicked a goal.

Tipungwiti was used in a role as a small defender. He showed poise and composure with the ball and side dash from the back half, finishing with 13 touches.

Pastor Sir Doug Nicholls is an

icon and a pioneer for Aboriginal people on and off the football field.

At just 163cm (5'2"), Nicholls, along with being skilful, was well proportioned and lightning quick. He was recruited by the Carlton Blues, but did not play because of the racist attitude of the other players.

From there, he moved to the VFA competition, playing with the Northcote Football Club over five seasons and was a member of their 1929 premiership team.

In 1932, Nicholls had a second crack at the VFL, joining the Fitzroy Lions.

Expecting the same racial vilification he had experienced at Carlton, he sat by himself in the change rooms at Brunswick Street, but he was welcomed and befriended by club great Haydn Bunton Senior.

In just his third year of senior football, 1934, he finished third in the prestigious Brownlow Medal (competition's best and fairest award) count.

During the next year, Nicholls was the first Aboriginal footballer selected to play for the Victorian interstate team.

Knee injuries forced him to retire in 1939 and he was back at Northcote in the VFA as a non-playing coach in 1940.

Also an elite level sprinter, he won the Warracknabeal Gift in 1928 and to earn a living in the summer months, he would fight with Jimmy Sharman's boxing troupe, a travelling carnival sideshow in which Sharman offered his fighters to take on allcomers.

Later in life, he became the 28th and first Aboriginal Governor of South Australia (1976-1977).



Anthony McDonald-Tipungwiti

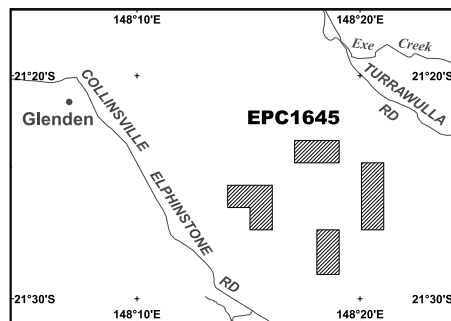


Shaun Edwards

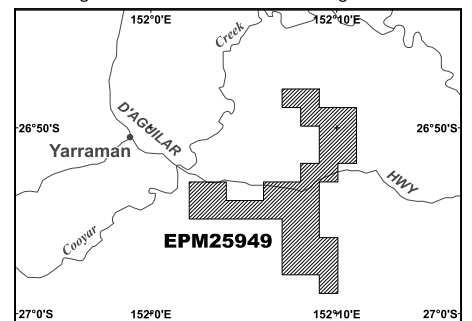
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR COAL AND MINERALS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Coal and Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

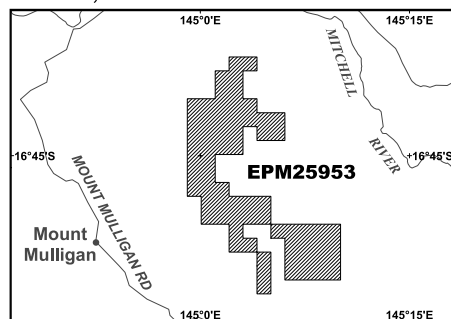
Exploration Permit 1645 sought by Area Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 132 643 193, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (32 km²), centred approximately 20 km South East of Glenden, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



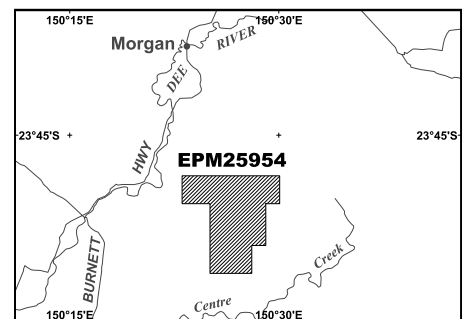
Exploration Permit 25949 sought by PX3 Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 100 808 982, over an area of 32 sub-blocks (98 km²), centred approximately 15 km South East of Yarraman, in the localities of the Toowoomba Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council and Somerset Regional Council.



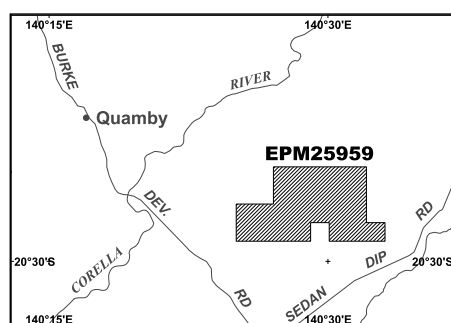
Exploration Permit 25953 sought by Northeast Mining Co Pty Ltd (50%) and NQ Goldfields Pty Ltd (50%), ACN 133 001 877 and 601 953 995, over an area of 68 sub-blocks (223 km²), centred approximately 22 km North East of Mount Mulligan, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



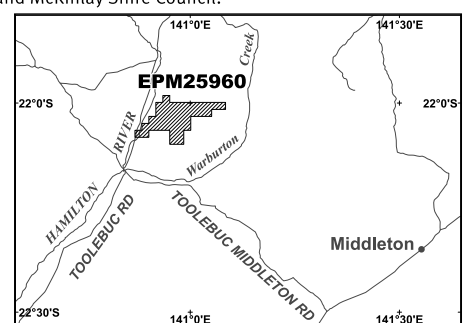
Exploration Permit 25954 sought by Ironridge Resources Limited, ACN 127 215 132, over an area of 32 sub-blocks (100 km²), centred approximately 23 km South of Morgan, in the localities of the Rockhampton Regional Council and Banana Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 25959 sought by CST Minerals Lady Annie Pty Limited, ACN 136 930 222, over an area of 24 sub-blocks (77 km²), centred approximately 23 km South East of Quamby, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 25960 sought by Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 108 925 284, over an area of 38 sub-blocks (121 km²), centred approximately 70 km North West of Middleton, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for coal or minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an 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: 8 July 2015

Deloraine's turn to taste win

Story and pictures by
JILLIAN MUNDY



DELORAINE took out the Northern Tasmanian Football Association's Aboriginal match with a 19 point win over Rocherlea, earning them second spot on the ladder, in a match that coincided with the Australian

Football League's (AFL's) Indigenous Round. It was only the second time in the seven-year history of the match, which celebrates the contribution of Aboriginal footballers in Northern Tasmania, that Rocherlea had come off second best.

It was a high-intensity, fast-paced grassroots match, with the lead changing several times earlier in the game, and plenty happening on and off the field.

Former Melbourne AFL player Aaron Davey made a guest appearance for Rocherlea and was one of the stars until he copped a hard knock to the head in the dying seconds of the first half, leaving him concussed and unable to play for the rest of the match.

Local Aboriginal brothers, Deloraine coach Rory Mansell and this year's Neil Maynard

Medallist half forward Rulla Kelly-Mansell were hot, taking plenty of impressive marks and between them booting seven of their team's 11 goals.

Neil Maynard, who chose the recipient of the best-on-ground medal, said the choice was not real hard.

"The best and fairest votes for Rocherlea were a difficult call, but I was very impressed with Rulla (Deloraine). He played a very good game and being a left footer is his biggest skill," he said.

"He knows exactly where the ball goes and where to get it, and provides plenty of leads down the forward line," said the former Northern Launceston player, who clocked up 323 games for his club.

Former Bangarra dancer Rheannan Port and Olympic athlete Kyle Vander Kuyp spoke of their careers and attitudes at a pre-match function. Rocherlea players donned a specially designed Aboriginal match jumper and young Aboriginal dancers performed in a pre-match ceremony, which included smeared ochre on the foreheads of players as a symbolic gesture.

The final score was Deloraine 11.13 (79), Rocherlea 9.6 (60).

Best on ground Rulla Kelly-Mansell takes a mark on the 50m line. While this mark only resulted in a point, his coach and brother Rory Mansell followed with a goal moments later.



Deloraine coach Rory Mansell led his team in a tough game in the ruck. He is pictured here addressing his troops at quarter-time.



● LEFT: Guest speakers Rheannan Port and Kyle Vander Kuyp with their children Khayle and Kyochre, are pictured here with Rocherlea chairman Graeme Gardner and the specially designed jumper that his players wore for the match.

● RIGHT: Rocherlea match manager, pakana women Carolyn Wright, from Launceston, holds the commemorative coin that she tossed.



Rocherlea long-serving forward Daniel Maynard.



● FAR LEFT: Former Melbourne AFL player Aaron Davey was a guest player for Rocherlea.

● LEFT: Rulla Kelly-Mansell is presented the best on ground Neil Maynard Medal from the man himself – Neil Maynard.

● RIGHT: Dancer Akillies Everett smears ochre on the forehead of guest player Aaron Davey at the pre-match ceremony.



He's a 100-gamer

By CHRIS PIKE



JARRAD Oakley-Nicholls might not have had the chances in the Australian Football League (AFL) that he hoped, but has put together a stirring stint in Perth that has now reached 100 games with the 27-year-old continuing to do some outstanding work as an Indigenous role model as well.

Oakley-Nicholls began his West Australian Football League (WAFL) career in 2005 when he played two games with East Perth and was one of the most exciting talents in the country.

He was subsequently taken with selection No 8 in the AFL Draft later that year by Richmond.

He spent four years with the Richmond Tigers, but played just 13 AFL matches before then being delisted at the end of 2009 and then returning home to East Perth in 2010.

Rookie

Following a strong season with East Perth again in 2010, he was picked up by West Coast as a rookie-listed player and remained there for two years, and while he didn't add to his 13 AFL matches, he continued to play terrific football in the WAFL with the Royals.

He has been back full-time with East Perth since 2012 and played an important role in the Royals team that has made the past two WAFL grand finals despite the losses in those deciders to West Perth and Subiaco respectively.

Oakley-Nicholls admits to growing up dreaming of playing with East Perth and to play 100 WAFL games, and now he has achieved that, he is deservedly proud of the effort and his name will forever be on the No 16 locker at the Royals as a result.



Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls in action for WAFL club East Perth.

"I'm happy about the milestone, especially with it being with East Perth.

"I played my first game here and now to play my 100th game with the Royals means a lot to me," Oakley-Nicholls said.

"It's a milestone I set myself to reach as a young fella. I always

wanted to play 100 games in the WAFL and get my name on a locker. East Perth has always been good to me.

"They gave me an opportunity to play my first league game as a 17-year-old in 2005 and have showed nothing but faith in me ever since. Even when I came

back after being delisted by Richmond, the club was very supportive in getting me back on the right track.

"I was initially pretty disappointed about being delisted, but they got me back in the right head space and I even got the opportunity to go on West Coast's

list as a rookie because of their support."

While Oakley-Nicholls has played the majority of his WAFL career as a lively half-forward, his greatest asset to East Perth has been his ability to play in any position on the field.

At different times he has done well as a defender capable of providing plenty of run and drive off half-back while he can also spend time in the midfield, and even occasionally this year he has been used a pinch-hit ruckman.

Oakley-Nicholls has enjoyed the chance to play a variety of roles throughout his career.

"I did it a little bit as a junior, but last year and especially this year I have played nearly every position on the field," he said.

Trust

"That's thanks to the coaching staff for taking that risk and allowing me to play down back, play in the forward-line, the midfield and even the ruck a little bit. They've had that trust in me to be able to hold up in those positions."

Despite not playing the amount of AFL games he would have liked, Oakley-Nicholls credits his time as a professional footballer with helping him turn into the man and WAFL footballer he is.

His WAFL career speaks for itself, but Oakley-Nicholls has thrown himself fully into his role working with the Wirrpanda Foundation to help the Indigenous youth across Western Australia.

"I don't lose any sleep over my time in the AFL and maybe not playing as many games there as I would have liked, because I gave it my all," Oakley-Nicholls said.

"Injuries didn't help, but I'm not using that as an excuse. I got as much out of being at that top level as I could and I tried to bring that back into my everyday life and WAFL footy."

Origin return on Ferguson's mind

BLAKE Ferguson says he'll need to show form for the Sydney Roosters to have any hope of selection for State of Origin game three.

Former NSW representative Ferguson makes his NRL return for the Roosters against the Warriors last Saturday after being sidelined since March with a foot fracture.

Ferguson said he felt he was coming back into Blues Origin calculations at the time of his injury following his 22-month exile from the game after being sacked by Canberra for off-field issues.

While he could come into the reckoning for the final game of this year's Origin series in Brisbane, Ferguson said he must now start again and his immediate focus is on helping the Roosters.

— AAP

Touch footy contact details

THE contact details we provided for the Brisbane touch football carnival at Nudgee College on July 16 were incorrect.

The correct details are: pauls@footprintsinc.org.au

Paul Sears also can be contacted on (07) 3252 3488.

Cowboys take their message to Cloncurry



NORTH Queensland Cowboy rugby league player Scott Bolton and under 20 player Braden Uele last week

visited schools at Cloncurry, in western Queensland.

They delivered TryTime! seminars at the two state schools and St Joseph's Catholic School. They also took time out to involve students in ball skills.

Bolton and Uele flew to South32 Cannington Mine, where they were met by Sgt Mick Maguire of the Cloncurry PCYC, and driven to Cloncurry.

It then was back to Cannington Mine for the flight back to Townsville.

On the way they visited the Walkabout Creek Hotel (of Crocodile Dundee fame) at McKinley.



Rugby league players Braden Uele and Scott Bolton with Cloncurry State School students Clay Kunde, 16 (Year 11), Tristen Rankine, 14 (Year 9), Gold Titans player Kierran Moseley's sister Lexie Hudson, 14 (Year 9) and Harley Aitchison, 15 (Year 10).

Cape-Torres team wins Marlins trial

By ALF WILSON



A CAPE York-Torres side beat Cairns 22-14 in a women's North Queensland Marlins rugby league selection trial at Vico Oval, Cairns, on May 30.

The Cape York-Torres side, coached by Karl Adams was: Jessica Jia, Irene Bani, Ashleigh Higgins, Bakoi Bon, Ayesha Kepa, Ella-Faye Hosea, Ruby Nandy, Sarah Sailor, Madelyn Oberleuter, Ashleigh Singleton, Elsja Mosby, Angie Nadredre, Lucretia Creek, Louise Sailor, Samantha Kris, Kyla Barham, Milli-Anne Tamu, Matilda Gowa.

The Cairns, side coached by David Scott, also included players of TSI descent and some from Cape York and was: Lahtiffa Benjamin, Florence Griven, Lily Solomon, Jaquelyn Oberleuter, Amelia McLean, Frances Whap, Asta Naden, Melainna Fa'Aofo, Vleta Miller, Kama Mairu, Bianca Ambrym, Raelee Singleton, Stephanie Mooka, Alicia Sebadi, Irene Kelly, Rosie Parsons, Ruth Benjamin, Claire Oberleuter.

For Cape York, Ashleigh Singleton scored

two tries, with singles to Ella-Faye Hosea and Sarah Sailor. Jessica Jia kicked three goals.

For, Cairns Kama Mairu scored two tries and Jaquelyn Oberleuter one. Stephanie Mooka booted the goal.

Coach Adams said the Cape-Torres team came together in Cairns the date before the game, with players travelling from Moa Island, Thursday Island, Bamaga, Weipa and Coen.

Due to same late withdrawals, a few Cairns women made up the numbers.

Mostly strangers

The women trained on Friday night, with this being the first time most of them had met each other.

The next morning, they had a light run on the esplanade before taking the field that afternoon.

The game was played in miserable Cairns conditions, with the rain setting in for the majority of the first half.

The Cairns team came out firing a lot of possession, this leading to Cape Torres having to defend up to six continuous sets as the conditions caused a lot of drop ball.

Cairns went in for two early tries.

Punishing defence by Cape's Ashleigh

Singleton was outstanding in the first 15 minutes.

The game then turned in Cape-Torres' favour, led by Angie Nadredre and some great runs by Sarah Sailor.

Cape-Torres led 12-8 at the break.

In the second half the rain stopped and Cape-Torres stepped up another gear.

Cape-Torres captain Elsja Mosby played herself into a North Queensland jersey with some great charges up the field.

After the game, a Marlins team was selected to compete at the State Titles at Southport on June 6-7.

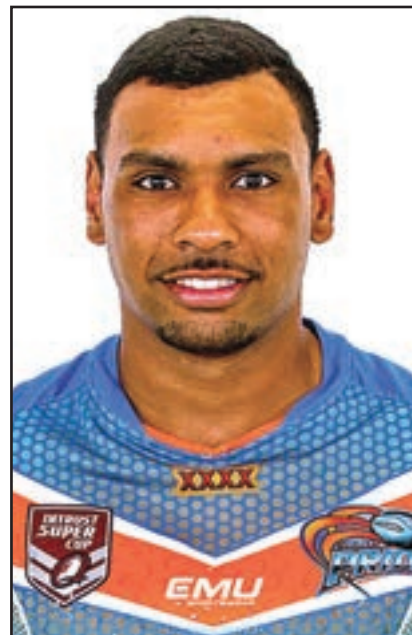
Indigenous players made up the nucleus of the team.

Lahtiffa Benjamin, Angie Nadredre, Frances Whap, Libby Cook-Black, Stephanie Mooka, Elsja Mosby, Manatu Nelliman and Rothana Baira were picked in the Marlins.

Lahtiffa, Stephanie, Francis are from Cairns; Libby, Rothana and Manatu from Townsville; and Angie and Elsja from Cape York.

Up against more experienced sides, the Marlins lost both matches.

In their first match they lost 18-48 to the Centrals and were beaten 20-14 by South East Queensland in their second game.



Denzel King

North Qld team undefeated at state titles

By ALF WILSON



CAPE York's Denzel King starred for the North Queensland Marlins team that won the Queensland Rugby League Divisional Championships at Owen

Park, Southport.

Marlins won both their matches and King was outstanding in their 42-10 thrashing of South East Queensland first up, scoring three tries.

Other try scorers were Samsen O'Neill, Regan Verney and Gavin Bennion. Phil Ramage kicked four goals.

In their second match, the Marlins beat South East Queensland Poinsettias 36-18.

Karmon Power, Grant Rovelli, Jardine Bobongie, Aaron Jolley, Regan Verney and Grant Cooke scored tries. Phil Ramage kicked six goals.

Final competition points were: Northern Marlins 9, SEQ Poinsettias 5, Central Crows 3.5, South East Queensland 2.5.

Player of the carnival, Jardine Bobongie (Northern Marlins).



● LEFT: The Cape York-Torres side that beat Cairns 22-14 in a North Queensland Marlins rugby league trial in Cairns on May 30.

● BELOW: Some of the North Queensland Marlins players who took part in the Queensland Rugby League state titles on the Gold Coast, from left, Stephanie Mooka, Angie Nadredre, Elsja Mosby, Asta Naden, Jaqueline Oberleuter, Latiffa Benjamin and Frances Whap. The Marlins lost both their games.



Peris praises Indigenous recognition

THE Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) has officially recognised Australia's Indigenous people in its constitution.

Hockey gold medallist Nova Peris, now a Labor senator, said it was an historic moment.

"We are very unique in our values and our traditions and to be included in such a constitution of the Australian Olympic Committee is historic and it's quite significant," said Senator Peris.

Meanwhile AOC boss John Coates said he was encouraged by the attitude of IOC president Thomas Bach towards a mooted bid to host the 2028 Olympics in Brisbane, when the IOC boss visited Australia late last month.

"He wanted us for 2024, but there is good support (from him)," Coates said. — AAP

Home team wins Island of Origin

Story by ALF WILSON
Pictures by AARON SMITH
Torres News



A STAR-studded Wahmere took out the men's final and Dedeyal Gummas the women's division at the 2015 Island of Origin rugby league series on Thursday Island.

Six men's teams and two women's sides battled it out for honours over the Queen's Birthday long weekend at Ken Brown Memorial Oval.

Thursday Island was bursting at the seams with visitors.

Local team Wahmere beat Northern Brumbies from the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) on the mainland 32-4 in the men's decider.

Wahmere led 22-4 at halftime and champion halfback Steve Singleton and elusive fullback Sam Bann each scored two tries.

Peter Mills and utility Maipele Morseu

also scored tries.

Kailu George kicked three goals and Ishmael Soki landed one.

For the Brumbies, Peo Baira scored the try.

In the semifinals, Wahmere defeated Badu United 36-6 after leading 22-0 at halftime and Northern Brumbies rolled Boigu Island's Imaigi Bau 20-10 after holding a 10-0 advantage at the break.

Quality players

It was not surprising that Wahmere won considering they had players of the calibre of Singleton, Bann, Maipele Morseu and his brother George, Matt Bon, Aiona Nona, James Binawel and others.

Veteran Singleton may be aged well over 30, but is still one of the most sought after players for All Blacks carnivals around North Queensland and beyond.

The other sides were Kailag Thurud Wap, from Yorke Island, and Warr Kes, with Eastern island players.

Referee Rod McCrae said there was

some unbelievable talent on show and just one player was sin-binned throughout the carnival.

Award winners: highest try scorer, Brian Yoelu Jnr and Eddie Prior; highest pointscorer, Ishmael Soki; best forward, Rewalti Davis (Imagi Bau); best back, Stanley Daniel (Imagi Bau); best forward finals, Matt Bon (Wahmere); best back finals, Maipele Morseu (Wahmere); player of carnival, Patrick Ropeyarn (Northern Brumbies)

In the women's final, Dedeyal Gummas, from Moa island, beat Badu United 16-6.

Women's award winners: highest try scorer, Isa Matthew (Badu United); highest point scorer, Isa Matthew (Badu United); best forward, Latoya Moses (Dedeyal Gummas); best back, Francesca Sagigi (Dedeyal Gummas); best forward finals, Sarah Sailor (Dedeyal Gummas); best back finals, Ella Faye Hosea (Dedeyal Gummas); player of carnival; Ella Faye Hosea (Dedeyal Gummas).



Shane Edwards drives Richmond forward in their Dreamtime at the 'G game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Richmond's Indigenous Round jumper was designed by a cousin of Edwards'.

Picture: Peter Argent

Edwards models his game on Shaun Burgoyne



RICHMOND midfielder Shane Edwards modelled his game on three-times premiership half-back Shaun Burgoyne, but in the process he has become one

of the Tigers' most important centre square players.

Edwards, who is in his ninth season at Punt Road, leads the Tigers for centre clearances this season and has lifted his clearance average from 3.26 in 2014 to 5.0 this season, reports afl.com.au

"Coming from Adelaide, I always looked up to Shaun Burgoyne," Edwards said.

"He was one of the best players in the competition and still is now, so I tried to model my game on him.

'So bloody good'

"It's pretty hard though because he's so bloody good."

Edwards spent a large chunk of his career as a small forward and took on a coaching role pre-season, leading drills with the club's young forwards.

Despite his increased centre square role, he has still managed to average one goal a game this season.

The Indigenous Round Dreamtime at the 'G clash with Essendon was a special one for Edwards, whose cousin designed the jumper that Richmond wore.

It also presented a chance for the Tigers to cement their strong form for the previous fortnight at a packed MCG, with the Victorian powerhouses averaging crowds of 64,203 in the past 10 years when they meet.

"It's been 11 years since the first Dreamtime game between these two clubs and it's just a great honour to run out and I'm grateful for the opportunity," Edwards said.

Thunder back on course



THE Northern Territory bounced back from consecutive defeats to conquer the Gold Coast Suns by 74 points in unseasonal wet conditions at TIO Stadium, Darwin.

On a special weekend when the Australian rules community celebrated the Indigenous Round, it was fitting that the Thunder produced their best all-round effort for the 2015 season by defeating the Gold Coast Suns.

The Suns jumped out of the blocks and led four goals to one 25 minutes into the first quarter, but were unable to kick another goal as Thunder kicked 14 unanswered majors.

The Thunder entered the mid-year break in fourth position with a 5-2 win loss ratio. They were to host reigning premiers Aspley at TIO Oval last Saturday.



The winning Thursday Island Wahmere men's team.



The winning Dedeyal Gummas women's team.

Grevsmuhl's journey

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

ONE of life's toughest lessons is that adversity can be the pathway to success.

I am certain that as a youngster Chris Grevsmuhl would have been glued to the TV in Hughenden, in north-western Queensland, watching State of Origin dreaming of one day playing for the Maroons.

When he was contracted to play for the Cowboys, he probably thought that that pathway was open for him.

After a devastating injury and a season playing for the North Sydney Bears that provided him a potential lifeline to the National Rugby League (NRL), he was probably just hanging on to the hope of playing one game at the top level.

There are many who believe he is close to selection for the Maroons no matter what the result.

His story is one of perseverance and resilience.

He looks back on his journey so far and understands that the setbacks and injuries in one sense have been the making of him.

Knee injury

As a 20-year-old, he suffered a knee injury so severe, it threatened the very purpose of his life to that point.

That was the reality he faced two years ago.

Now he believes it was a blessing in disguise.

Having played a huge role in the Cowboys' NYC team over four years, an ACL injury just three games into the 2013 season would spell the end to not only his season, but his stint at North Queensland.

Uncontracted, a visit to Townsville from South Sydney coach Michael Maguire encouraged Grevsmuhl to sign on the dotted line to try his hand at the Rabbitohs.

While he spent all of last season biding his time in the NSW Cup with North Sydney, Grevsmuhl has made a position



Indigenous players celebrate after Chris Grevsmuhl, second from left, scored a try against the NRL All Stars match at Cbus Stadium, on the Gold Coast, last February 13. Picture: AAP

in the Rabbitohs' first-grade side his own this year.

Yet I know his position in the All Stars was under threat because some of the coaching staff at Souths thought he was not ready for the challenge.

It was his performance in this game that set the platform for his successes so far this year.

Looking back, Grevsmuhl said his knee injury two seasons ago enabled him to narrow his focus and get his career back on track.

Big picture

"My knee injury was good because it made me think of the big picture. I'm just grateful for everything that has happened and being able to learn how to work hard again and get back to where I wanted to be and play first grade," he said.

"Hard work pretty much gets you where you want to be. The knee injury definitely put me on the right track and enabled me to get some perspective about my rugby league career.

"It's all I've ever wanted to do

with my life, is to play in the NRL. I think the knee injury was a blessing that it happened at the time it did because it made me work hard and try and do everything perfectly."

Grevsmuhl had his coach Maguire to thank for giving him the chance to succeed in the top grade.

"He pretty much told me there was an opportunity at the Rabbitohs and if I was willing to work hard, he'd like me to come to the club and I jumped at the occasion," Grevsmuhl said.

"I was chuffed for him to come up and see me. I believe he is the best coach in the game and he did a whole lot for me and my family since that visit.

"I have no regrets... none at all.

"I love it down here and I have a good bunch of mates and I'm living in Sydney with my partner, so I'm just very happy with where I am today."

At the same time, he misses his family and understands their role in his success.

When Grevsmuhl's mum was

sitting in the stands to watch his NRL debut earlier this year, it was more than just another game.

It represented the sacrifices and hardships the Grevsmuhl family had made to help Chris get to that point.

Multiple sclerosis

His mum Nerida was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis when she was pregnant with Chris.

"It meant a lot to Mum," Grevsmuhl said.

"She hasn't been well for a long time. She sacrificed a lot. To finally get to do one of my dreams, it's been wonderful for her, especially getting to come to my debut in Brisbane.

"To be playing consistent football in first grade, it's a big deal for my family. I am sure she gets a lift out of it.

"Only a small percentage of people get to make it in the NRL.

"For myself, I go out there every week to do it for my family and my friends and myself.

"I am sure it's a big deal for

her to be able to see her son on television and cheer for him every week."

When he first relocated to Townsville to pursue his rugby league dreams, his family was central to making the opportunity work.

"My grandmother retired to move to Townsville with me," Grevsmuhl said.

"My grandfather retired to also send me to Townsville.

"Mum wasn't well and she actually moved with me first.

"Then my grandmother took over and moved away from Pop for four or five years.

Always there

"Whenever I needed anything, they were there."

Grevsmuhl deserves every bit of success that comes his way.

His pride and passion for his people was obvious in the All Stars game.

His love for his family is what drives him every day.

His real journey may well have just begun.

Mickey O in AFL Hall of Fame



MICHAEL O'Loughlin is one of six former Australian Football League (AFL) players and officials to have been entered into the AFL Hall of Fame.

The *Koori Mail* columnist was joined by Brisbane triple-premiership player Jason Akermanis, North Melbourne dual-premiership player Peter Bell, former Adelaide chairman Bob Hammond, St Kilda Brownlow medallist Neil Roberts and prolific

Subiaco goal kicker Austin Robertson.

The induction of the six takes the Hall of Fame's membership to 263 former players, officials or media representatives who are deemed to have made special contributions to the game.

Former St Kilda and Sydney great Tony Lockett, the greatest goal kicker in VFL/AFL history, became the 26th Legend of the Hall of Fame at a gala ceremony at Crown Palladium, Melbourne.

Lockett was inducted into the Hall of

Fame in 2006 when he famously drove down to Melbourne from his country New South Wales home, accepted his award then made the return trip the same night.

He joins the likes of Ron Barassi, John Coleman, Alex Jesaulenko, Jock McHale and Jack Dyer in the exclusive club.

Lockett holds the all-time goals record with 1360 goals from a decorated 281-game career between 1983-2002, which included topping the century mark in six separate seasons.

For the record:

Michael O'Loughlin's career:

- 303 games for Sydney Swans 1995-2009, kicking 521 goals
- Two games for South Australia, kicking five goals
- Four games for Australia
- Sydney Swans premiership 2005
- Sydney Swans best and fairest 1998
- Sydney Swans leading goal kicker 2000, 2001
- All-Australian 1997, 2000
- Fos Williams medallist 1998
- Indigenous Team of the Century

Indigenous All Stars coach Michael O'Loughlin in Alice Springs in 2013 ahead of the game against Richmond. Picture: Brierty Justin



Inas Global Games coming to Brisbane



BRISBANE has been named as the host city for the 2019 Inas Global Games.

The Games – a weeklong event featuring nine sports (athletics, basketball, cycling, futsal, swimming, tennis, table tennis, rowing and taekwondo) – will attract more than 1000 of the world's elite athletes with an intellectual disability.

The opening ceremony will be on October 19, 2019.

Inas – the International Federation for sport for para-athletes with an intellectual disability – awarded the fifth Inas Global Games to Brisbane following a bidding process by Ausrapid.

The Games will be held across a number of sporting venues such as the Chandler Velodrome, Brisbane Entertainment Centre, Chandler Swimming Complex, QE11 Stadium and QSAC.

Mark of a champion

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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He was in a special way an important part of my career.

There is no doubt the rivalry between the Swans and the West Coast Eagles when Judd played there was one of the great battles – not only in the AFL – but in modern Australian sport.

Both teams used to relish that rivalry and the memories of some of the clashes are still fresh in my mind.

They were equally fresh in his mind when he looked back at his career.

"They were my favourite memories of my footy career," Judd said.

Goodes text

"They were really special battles. I got a text from Adam Goodes and I wrote back saying how special it was for me."

Judd was an opponent who commanded and earned your respect.

Chris was a game changer. He changed games because of his unique package of talents.

But he also was a catalyst for a new type of football, and footballer.

His 279 games left a giant footprint on two clubs and Australian football.

From his first game at West Coast, it was evident that Judd was something special.

He was an instant star and by his second year, was already destroying teams in a manner we had not seen from a player of his age under the draft system.

Judd was at the vanguard of

a movement towards much larger midfielders, who could accelerate and 'spread' from contests.

In his Carlton coach Brett Ratten's view, he was a footballer who took what 190cm Anthony Koutoufides brought to football – size and power in trenches – and added speed, longer sprints and those changes of direction.

"The long running and speed took it to a new level," said Ratten.

"He could do it for 50-60-70 metres and repeat."

If his career ended sadly, with an injury, it was fitting that his final contest was against Patrick Dangerfield, a successor of sorts.

Judd's point of difference was that he could win inside balls – as if he was a taller Greg Williams or Sam Mitchell – extricate himself from congestion and accelerate into space.

In those Eagles years, he had a turbo charge.

Injuries

By the middle of his Carlton career, as injuries slowed him, he became more of a stoppage workhorse – carrying, as he did, the Blues on his back.

In boxing terms, Judd's early career can be likened to the precocious Cassius Clay, his last five or six years to mature Muhammad Ali, when the champ had lost some speed and had to rely on wits and will.

That Judd chose the Blues, ahead of the other clubs, for his

return to the East Coast was logical.

Judd chose Carlton, citing the opportunity to help be part of a climb upwards.

Carlton power brokers saw his recruitment as necessary in reviving the Carlton brand, recruiting members and bringing professionalism to a club that was so bereft of leaders, it appointed him captain before he had played a game.

But for Judd himself, the challenge was all about the football.

History will record that the Blues did rise into the finals for three years, winning elimination finals in 2011 and 2013, but did not have the ability to progress further.

Essential

Carlton insiders from that time, though, feel the recruitment of Judd was absolutely essential, given the position of the then struggling club.

"What Judd did for the footy club – he gave them hope," said Ratten, who said Judd was needed to fill "the leadership void" and set standards.

Judd could only carry Carlton so far, as the Blues struggled in other areas.

He also commanded equal attention off the field.

If he was not an attention seeker, Judd's carefully chosen words – written or spoken – always counted, and he was willing to go against the prevailing football correctness.

He questioned football's stance on illicit drugs and other

issues. "He's always had those different views," said Eagles CEO Trevor Nisbett.

"He's his own man."

He created debate when he said that footballers were not role models I am glad he used his retirement as an opportunity to clarify this last statement as it has often been misinterpreted.

"I just don't think someone's occupation is relevant to whether or not they're a good role model," Judd said.

"That's not to say there aren't plenty of players who are great role models. But to slap it on every footballer because of their title is just something I questioned over the journey."

"I still acknowledge any player who derives their earnings from the public, who own the game, needs to act in a way befitting public office."

He's right on target here in the balance between responsibility and opportunity.

I have always encouraged players to take the opportunity to make a difference because kids will always look up to players – whether or not they see themselves as role models.

Widely tipped to find a post-career niche in the corporate world, Judd did not "think football will ever be too far from my life".

As an independent soul, football never owned Chris Judd, who always thought beyond the square and the oval.

He is a true champion who has left behind a great legacy.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Candice Love steadies as she shoots for goal.

One passion – two sports

By PETER ARGENT



BASKETBALL is her first love, but Candice Love, 25, is no slouch on the netball court.

During the June long weekend, she was a member of the A grade

River Murray Netball Association team playing in the annual South Australian Country Championships at Netball SA Stadium at Mile End, Adelaide.

The River Murray side was unbeaten going in to the finals, but ran into a rampant Western Border League side in the decider, and were beaten.

Basketball first

"Netball is really my second sport," Love told the *Koori Mail*.

"My first passion has always been basketball.

"This is the first time I've represented the River Murray side at senior level, as I'm usually away playing 'hoops'.

"A few years back, I played some under 17s representative netball for the River Murray."

In basketball, Love plays as a guard for the Eastern Mavericks in

the Australian Basketball League – now called the Premier league.

This is the same Premier League club as fellow Unity College student and 2014-15 WNBL title-winning player with the Townsville Crocs her cousin Alex Wilson plays for.

There is a strong sporting connection in her immediate family as well: Her younger brother Brad Hartmann is a Geelong-listed AFL player, who is playing for SANFL club Sturt.

For the powerful River Murray netball combination, Love played dual roles – being used at centre court or a goalie.

Love started playing A grade netball in the River Murray Netball Association as a 14-year-old and has excelled.

"(I'm) back at the (Jervois) Bloods this year where I have been wearing the 'C' bib, but I can also play as the goal attack or goal shooter," Love said.

"Over the country carnival, our coach Matt Hood used me in both areas of the court.

"Versatility has always been a strong part of my game.

"I have enjoyed being a part of this elite netball program.

"Next time it would be nice to go

one better and win the title."

Her River Murray Netball Association coach Matt Hood called Love a smart netballer with a competitive streak.

"On Monday afternoon, Candice went from our presentations straight to a basketball game," Hood said.

"She started her junior netball at Meningie and after getting married, moved to Murray Bridge.

"She is what you'd call an all-round sporting talent, being able to play in goal and through the mid court.

Impact player

"A smart netballer who reads the game well, Candice is an impact player."

From a basketball perspective, Love had a strong junior career, playing for the SA country in several age divisions, and also played in the state side at the under 18s nationals in Launceston, Tasmania.

Each Saturday during the winter, Love will play netball in the afternoon and then travel to a basketball fixture at 6.30pm.

She is married to Owen, a Sydneysider, who previously played NEAFL football with the Swans reserves.

Brondello, who led the Mercury to their championship win.

Brondello has also convinced 2014 Opal guard Leilani Mitchell to return to the Mercury after a five-year stint with the New York Liberty and a season away in 2014.

Mitchell, who has an American father and a Thursday Island-born mother, got her start with the Mercury in 2008 and was the league's most improved player two years later. – AAP

playing in the WNBA season has climbed to eight from three last year, when a number were busy preparing for the world championship.

Half of those playing will be contesting their debut WNBA season, including Melbourne Boomers captain Tess Madgen and Townsville Fire centre Cayla Francis who will join the Mercury.

The debutants will be under the watchful eye of countrywoman and 2014 coach of the year Sandy



LEILANI Mitchell is one of several Australians taking part in the US Women's National Basketball

Association (WNBA) 2015 season that began last weekend.

The WNBA season is littered with Australian talent, including three Opals joining the Phoenix Mercury's campaign to win back-to-back premierships.

The number of Australians

Eileen plans fun run



NSW North Coast mother and 2015 Indigenous

Marathon Project (IMP) runner Eileen Byers is already imprinting her inspirational footprints in her local community, organising a Deadly Fun Run to encourage active and healthy lifestyles.

The event will be a family friendly 3km run or walk on Wednesday, June 24, at Queen Elizabeth Park, Casino, at 10.30am.

Casino is up the road

from Byers' home community of Coombell.

All finishers in the Casino Deadly Fun Run will receive a Deadly IMP medal.

"I wanted to hold an event in my local community so others can share the joy I found in running and hopefully inspire a few others to take it up regularly," Byers said.

The invitation is open to family, friends and kids to show their support for Byers' IMP marathon adventure.

Details: marathon@imp.org.au



The two faces of Adrian Dodson-Shaw – after running in the 2014 New York Marathon and competing in the 2015 North Pole Marathon.

Adrian wows his audience



HE endured the searing summer heat of Broome,

WA, with temperatures reaching 40 degrees centigrade, to prepare himself for one of the world's toughest marathons – the North Pole Marathon.

Last April, 2014 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) graduate Adrian Dodson-Shaw became the first Aboriginal man to land at the North Pole. He was also the first Aboriginal man to run the North Pole Marathon, a near 90-degree centigrade turnaround in weather conditions.

With a wind-chill factor, the mercury headed south – the thermometer reaching close to minus 50 degrees.

Dodson-Shaw recently shared his story at the Qantas Reconciliation Partnership Forum in Sydney as part of Reconciliation Week.

His story touched the hearts of many in the room. Text messages were sent from one end of the room to the other between employees, tears flowed and acknowledgement of his incredible journey was given.

"It was a great opportunity to share insight into my time with IMP and how it changed my life. I

went from being a binge drinker and lacking direction, to wanting to be an example for my family," he told the audience.

"I originally tried out for IMP in 2012 and missed out. But I didn't give up. I turned 30 in 2014, the cut-off age to be selected in the program.

"So I gave it one last shot, I was selected and, as they say, the rest is history.

"I feel so privileged to have experienced the New York City Marathon and the North Pole Marathon.

"I am particularly passionate about visiting schools and talking to the kids, inspiring them and encouraging them to set goals. After all, they are our future."

Trying to explain to his own two young sons just how long his epic 8hr 23min run through the North Pole was took some creativity.

"I had to put it in a context they'd understand so I told them when they woke up, got ready for school, went to school, had recess and lunch, then came home, watched cartoons and got in bath, Daddy was probably still running," he said.

"That's when they realised how far it actually was. Now they associate anything to do with snow to the North Pole. It's had a big effect on them."

Chance for Mariah Williams to cement place



MARIAH Williams will get the opportunity to cement her place in the Australian women's hockey team when the Hockeyroos contest the World League Semifinal tournament in Antwerp, Belgium this month.

The Parkes (NSW) Indigenous forward is the only player yet to experience a major international event.

"Mariah has performed well over the past six months and was well in contention for our World Cup squad a year ago before she succumbed to injury," coach Adam Commens said.

The Australian squad also includes

another Indigenous player – Brooke Peris (NT).

With qualification for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro on the line, the Hockeyroos will go into the Antwerp tournament with their strongest available line-up.

First major tournament

Livewire forward Williams has been called up for her first major FIH tournament following strong displays against China in Sydney and at the Hawke's Bay Cup in New Zealand in April.

Williams and fellow forward Kathryn Slattery are two of only three members of the side who were not part of the

Hockeyroos' World Cup or Commonwealth Games successes in 2014.

Coach Commens said of the selection: "We've opted for players who we have seen perform under pressure at high level tournaments in the past.

"Our objective is to win the tournament and that remains the objective for all of the competitions we enter, but qualification for the Olympic Games is front of mind.

"It has been a highly competitive selection. We've picked this squad on past and recent international performances, as well as recent training form.

Australia must finish in the top three of the ten-team competition, which runs from June 20 until July 5, to qualify for the

2016 Olympic Games.

The Hockeyroos have been drawn with rivals New Zealand Black Sticks, hosts Belgium, India and Poland in Pool B.

The Netherlands, Korea, Japan, Italy and Azerbaijan make up Pool A.

Round-robin

Teams play their pool opponents once each with the top four in each pool qualifying for the quarterfinals.

The other World League Semifinal tournament, featuring the likes of Argentina, Germany, Great Britain, China and USA. Began in Valencia on June 10. The top three nations from that tournament will also qualify for the Olympic Games.

Johnson sidelined



Michael Johnson is chaired from the ground after his 150th match for the Dockers in Perth in March, 2013. That game was against the West Coast Eagles. He didn't get the chance to be chaired from the field in his 200th game. He left the field with an injury and the Dockers' 2015 undefeated run came to an end. Picture: AAP

By CHRIS PIKE



MICHAEL Johnson's 200th Australian Football League (AFL) game with Fremantle might

not have gone to plan, with the Dockers losing their first game of the 2015 season and him tearing a hamstring, but the milestone was a great achievement for a passionate man who hasn't always had an easy road.

The 30-year-old has turned himself into one of the best key defenders in the AFL and as he approached his 200th AFL game against Richmond at Domain Stadium, Perth, he was arguably in career-best form with the then unbeaten Dockers.

However, his 200th game milestone didn't go to plan with the Tigers beating Fremantle by

Dockers lose the script on day of celebration

27 points to hand the Dockers their first loss of the season and Johnson tearing a hamstring in the opening minutes that will now leave him sidelined for up to 10 weeks.

Just to reach 200 games is a terrific achievement and he becomes just the ninth Fremantle player to do so behind Matthew Pavlich (323), Shane Parker (238), Luke McPharlin (234), Shaun McManus (228), Aaron Sandilands (226), David Mundy (220), Paul Hasleby (208) and Antoni Grover (202).

He always grew up dreaming of playing with Fremantle so to

now be a 200-game player with the club is better than Johnson could have dreamed, even if he had to do it the hard way coming off the rookie-list, and with some hiccups along the way, including a six-game club-imposed suspension back in 2010.

Two more years

But he wouldn't change anything about the journey that now has him up there as one of the Dockers' best players, even with at least two seasons of his career still to go. He's contracted until the end of 2017.

"It's one thing I'll look back on

when I do retire, as 200 games is a lot of football in the AFL," Johnson said.

"Fremantle is the team I supported as a youngster and to be named along with those other players who have played more than 200 games is something special. There are some great names who have played 200 games for this club."

Johnson has long been a key player in Fremantle's defence, but so far this year in the absence of Zac Dawson and Alex Silvagni, he has had to play on some of the best AFL forwards rather than his usual role of sweeping across half-back.

He feels he is continuing to improve as a player despite now having turned 30 and he will hope to help lead Fremantle back to a second grand final in three years later this season.

"Over the past few years I think

I've played my best footy and it's great to see the club has a bit of confidence in me," Johnson said.

"I am turning 31 this year, so to have the club have confidence in me and sign me up for another few years is good. Hopefully, I can still contribute on the field and off the field and keep developing as a player."

Fremantle coach Ross Lyon will obviously miss Johnson over the next 10 weeks, but is looking forward to getting him back in time for the finals to close out 2015.

"It's really disappointing but it happens. We're really optimistic and we'd rather think he'd be back sooner rather than later," Lyon said.

"He's really important to us, so we acknowledge that but we've got to hold up our end of the bargain and play some really good football in his absence."

Bound for Brisbane



THE 2015 male National Indigenous Development Squad has been named.

Cricket Australia also announced that female Indigenous cricketers Jacinta Goodger-Chandler (Victoria) and Samara Williams (WA) had won cricket scholarships.

The National Indigenous Development Squad, consisting of Australia's most talented Indigenous cricketers, will be based at the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane from July 3-14.

The squad will play matches against the Australia's world championship-winning women's team – the Southern Stars – and the National Performance Squad, which comprises some of the country's best emerging male players.

The Indigenous squad will be coached by NSW Indigenous team captain and coach Jeff Cook, assisted by former Victorian Bushrangers and Melbourne Stars coach Greg Shipperd and former Australian all-rounder James Hopes.

Cook and national talent manager Greg Chappell



Samara Williams

selected the squad based on performances over the past 12 months at club and representative level.

A 50-over match against the Southern Stars at Allan Border Field on Saturday, July 4, will be the first match of the Indigenous squad's program.

That contest will be followed by four matches against the National Performance Squad.

"For the players selected, this is recognition of their fine performances over the last 12 months at club and representative level, and at



Zac Chapman

the 2014 Imparja Cup," Cook said.

"The two weeks at the Bupa National Cricket Centre will give the players a real taste of Australian Cricket's high-performance setup.

"It will give them all a great opportunity to test themselves against high-calibre opposition, and help them further understand what is required to take the next step in their cricket development.

"Nothing would make us prouder than seeing an Indigenous player earning a



Brendan Doggett

Baggy Green cap one day, which is why programs like these are so important."

Cricket Australia last week also announced Samara Williams and Jacinta Goodger-Chandler as the recipients of the 2015 Female Indigenous Scholarships.

Talent camp

Williams and Victorian Goodger-Chandler will attend the Australian Under 18 Talent Camp at the Bupa National Cricket Centre from September 24-27.

The camp will be overseen by former Southern Stars coach Cathryn Fitzpatrick.

The 2015 National Indigenous Squad: Brendan Smith, Lain Beckett, Nathan Price (NSW), Brandon King (NT), Brendan Doggett, Cameron Trask, Preston White (Qld), Ayden McGregor-Baptista, Luke Lavender (SA), Ryan Lees, Zac Chapman (Tasmania), Ben Abbatangelo (Victoria), D'arcy Short, Dane Ugle (WA).

● Jonte Pattison has been selected in the National Performance Squad. He will represent the National Indigenous Development Squad when available.

National Indigenous Development Squad match schedule:

July 4 v Southern Stars – Allan Border Field, 10am

July 6 v National Performance Squad – Allan Border Field, 10am

July 8 v National Performance Squad – Allan Border Field, 10am

July 11 v National Performance Squad – Allan Border Field, 10am

July 14 v National Performance Squad – Allan Border Field, 10am

Abbatangelo joins Vic cricket squad



BEN Abbatangelo has been named in Cricket Victoria's Futures League Academy winter squad.

Abbatangelo is the Victorian Imparja Cup captain and plays Premier cricket with Northcote.

This latest initiative is aimed at bolstering the pathway between Melbourne grade cricket and the Commonwealth Bank Bushrangers.

The Victorian state selection panel led by chairman Andrew Lynch has selected 20 players to participate in the new high-performance pre-season program.

The squad will train together at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) once a week on a Thursday throughout winter under the tutelage of Victoria's high-performance coaches.

Players will complete around 15 sessions that will be a combination of skills, strength and conditioning and performance management sessions.

Players were included based on a combination of strong Premier Cricket performances, identified potential and a balance of various skill-sets.

In addition to those selected, there are also a number of talented Premier cricketers



Ben Abbatangelo

spending the winter playing in the UK who were therefore not considered for selection.

"The program is aimed at providing identified Premier cricketers with high-performance training opportunities, in excellent facilities, with access to a variety of quality resources," High Performance Academy coach Jarrad Loughman said.

"It's a great opportunity for these players to further develop

their games over the winter in preparation for the Premier Cricket season.

"In addition, they are also staking their claim for Futures League selection and possibly beyond this summer.

"The icing on the cake in the pre-season will be the potential for some of these players to showcase their skills in Bushrangers trial matches in the lead-up to the Matador Cup."

Darwin hosts cricketers



AUSTRALIA'S best school age cricketers are embarking on a new era of competition in

Darwin as part of Cricket Australia's National Player Pathway initiative.

Players at the Australian 15 and Under School Sport Australia championships, which end this Friday (June 19), are the first to be exposed under the new-look pathway scheme that is designed to provide talented players with a clear playing direction as they progress through the ranks of elite cricket.

Cricket Australia national talent manager Greg Chappell is at the Darwin tournament which features teams from NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, the ACT and NT.

As part of the partnership between School Sport Australia (SSA) and Cricket Australia (CA), participant costs such as a levies, uniforms and flights are subsidised to reduce the financial impost on players and their families.

For the first time, an Australian Under 16 team (to play in the National Under 17 titles in October) will be selected primarily from the championships.

Former Queensland Bulls

coach and Australian batsman Stuart Law, who was previously a batting and high-performance coach at the Bupa National Cricket Centre, will mentor the National Under 16 team.

Cricket Australia and SSA have also appointed Leumeah High School teacher James Allsopp as the assistant coach to Law for the under 17 titles.

Allsopp has worked extensively in school representative sport as well as with the Cricket NSW Academy since 2009, and more recently as a specialist wicketkeeper coach for the NSW Breakers.

He will take charge of the Australian Under 16 squad, with Law to mentor him, for an international series in Bowral in November.

The school talent pathway has provided several opportunities in the development of current Australian players, according to Greg Chappell.

"Players like Mitchell Marsh and Josh Hazelwood played in the 2006 championship," he said.

"Since then, they have progressed through their respective state under-age and first-class system and have represented Australia in all three formats, including being part of a World Cup winning squad and our current Ashes squad."



Shantelle Thompson's hand is raised in victory at the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation (IBJJF) world championships in Los Angeles.

Our latest champion



BARKINDJI woman Shantelle Thompson is Australia's newest

Indigenous world champion.

The Victorian is the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation (IBJJF) world super heavy blue adult female world champion after winning the title in Los Angeles, California, on Friday, May 29.

She also picked up a bronze medal – in the adult female open weight division.

On her way to winning her world title, Thompson had three tough matches against women who were 10-15kg heavier than her.

She told the *Koori Mail* that for the past 18 months, she had been doing a lot of wrestling and had won an Australian national wrestling title.

Surprisingly, Thompson had no intention of competing in the IBJJF world titles.

But eight weeks before the event, her partner hurt his knee

and pulled out of the event.

"We decided five weeks before the competition that I would take his place," she said.

"In those five weeks I did a training camp that consisted of training twice a day up to four hours a day for six days a week, covering strength and conditioning sessions, technical sessions and hard training sessions," she said.

Her day started at 5am and finished at 10.30pm,

Sacrifices

"I did not see my three kids from Monday to Thursday. I did all this while being a support worker for members of the Stolen Generation and their descendants at Connecting Home," Thompson said.

She travelled to Los Angeles on May 26. It was her first solo overseas trip.

She said the journey wasn't just about competing in the world championships – it was also about being a Barkindji warrior and making her actions louder than words.

"I wanted to break through barriers that have been holding me back for a long time and also get rid of a few ghosts that have haunted me for a long time," she said.

"It was my way of saying to myself that I deserve to do this; I am good enough and I can be the best in the world.

"I took some sand from my special spot on the Murray River, and before each match I did my visualisation, connected with my spirit and I rubbed some of the sand in my hands.

"This made me feel connected with my inner warrior, culture and I knew I was going into battle with my ancestors, family and culture beside me and behind me."

Thompson is back in training for the next competition in Los Angeles in October.

"I will also be doing some study/professional development with First Nations community around trauma and attending a three-week wrestling camp in Canada if I can raise the money," she said.

Murri carnival finds a backer



QUEENSLAND'S peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health body has welcomed funding for the annual Murri Rugby

league Carnival to be held in south-east Queensland later this year.

The funding was announced by Federal Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash.

Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council CEO Matt Cooke said Senator Nash had committed \$175,000 towards four days of sport and health promotion.

The annual Murri carnival is expected to attract 1600 players and an estimated 30,000 family and supporters to the Redcliffe venue.

"This is great news and I need to acknowledge the strong work of Senator Glenn Lazarus who worked hard to secure these funds; he's proved to be a solid supporter of our efforts to combine health and footy," said Mr Cooke.

"QAIHC has been working with the Arthur Beeton Foundation and the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health's Deadly Choices program to deliver the Murri Rugby League Carnival 2015.

"The carnival is a drug- and alcohol-free event and with a strong track record of delivering

health promotion and educational messages around positive lifestyle and behavioural choices."

Despite being primarily about rugby league, the carnival is arguably south-east Queensland's premiere Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community health event and has become an integral part of contemporary cultural connectedness for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across Queensland.

Mr Cooke said that since the inaugural event in 2012, there had been a steady increase in participation by player and spectators.

Won by Kulpiyam

Last year's carnival was won by Badu Island side Kulpiyam after they actually lost the final 24-16 to defending champions Southern Dingoos.

But Southern Dingoos were subsequently disqualified for playing a suspended player in the final at Redcliffe's Dolphin Park on September 28.

Kulpiyam then went on to beat NSW Rugby League Knockout champions Walgett 30-22 in the Murri v Koori Interstate Challenge on the Gold Coast on February 12.

That gave them bragging rights as the best non-elite Indigenous rugby league team in Australia.

Three in rugby 7s for Pacific Games



THREE Indigenous players are in the Australian women's sevens rugby union squad for next month's Pacific

Games in Port Moresby, New Guinea.

They are Mahalia Murphy (Sydney), Taleena Simon (Sydney) and Tanisha Stanton (Newcastle).

The Games will run from July 4-18.

Countries represented in the 15th Games will be American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Guam, Marshall Islands, FS Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, Nueu, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Samoa, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu, Tokelau

and Wallis and Futuna.

More than 3000 athletes will compete.

For the Australian sevens rugby team, it will be a golden opportunity to push for Olympic selection.

Of the 12 players heading to PNG, only two were part of this year's Australian team at the World Series tournaments. The other ten, including the three Indigenous girls, will be out to impress selectors heading into the Rio Olympics next year.

The Australian team secured qualification for the Rio Games with a remarkable victory at the recent London 7s and a strong performance at the Amsterdam 7s.

Mahalia Murphy recently scored three tries while playing for the Australian Jillaroos against New Zealand in a rugby league match.



Mahalia Murphy
Picture: NRLphotos



Tanisha Stanton



Taleena Simon Picture: Ben Appleton/www.photofix.com.au



Wayne Caberry (Mogo, NSW) sets himself to climb to the top of the wave. He finished second to Robbie Page in the Masters division. Pictures: Liam Robertson/Surfing Victoria



Otis Carey (Coffs Harbour, NSW) showed his usual aggressive style, but was eliminated by eventual winner Soli Bailey in a semifinal. Carey is one of Australia's best freestyle surfers. He won this event last year.

Young guns supreme



FORMER Australian pro junior champion Soli Bailey (Byron Bay, NSW) has been crowned Australian Indigenous men's surfing champion.

With multiple lay days at Victoria's famed Bells Beach throughout the week, the competition was finished in pumping 4-6ft waves on the final day – June 29 – of the event waiting period.

Bailey was unstoppable, winning every heat on his way to the final, knocking out reigning event champion Otis Carey (Coffs Harbour, NSW) in a semifinal.

The final saw Bailey pitted against Russell Molony (Central Coast, NSW), where Bailey score the highest wave of the day, a 9.77(out of a possible 10).

Bailey scored a heat total of 17.77 (out of a possible 20) to claim the title.

Molony could not find the waves needed, finishing with a heat total of 8.00.

"I am so rapt just to be here with all the different tribes, it didn't really matter if I won or lost," said Bailey.

"This event is so much fun. It's a really relaxed event and everyone is just so happy to be here. It means so much to all of us.

"I am one of the youngest guys in this comp, so I am just constantly learning off all of the guys like Russ and Pagey and Otis."

Robbie Page took out the Masters men's division for the third year in a row. The former Pipe Masters champion showed his composure in the solid swell

with a series of under the lip turns and big carves.

"I feel blessed and I feel privileged to be able to wear the title of Australian Indigenous Masters champion," said Page.

"I'm proud to be back again with all of the boys. They are all standouts in their respective communities.

'Special'

"To be able to surf Bells in the 6ft range with only three other guys out is a special thing that we are all grateful for."

Page locked in one of the highest waves of the day with a 9.60 in the final.

Second was Wayne Caberry (Mogo, NSW), with Matthew Molony (Central Coast, NSW) third.

The women's division was won by 13-year-old Wollongong (NSW) surfer Summer Simon, who beat defending champion Amber Hamer (Currumbin, Qld).

Simon, locked in a heat total of 9.50 to Hamer's 6.76.

Hamer had one last wave on the siren, however she fell just short of the required score.

Simon, who has competed throughout the Surfing Australia's Junior Pathway, was ecstatic to take out the final.

"I'm feeling really good. It is my first time down here so I am stoked to win," she said.

The next Indigenous surfing event is the Banaam title in October at Fingal, in far northern NSW.



Amber Hamer (Currumbin, Qld) was seeking her third women's crown in a row, but came up against rising 13-year-old Summer Simon in the final and was beaten.



The newly-crowned Australian women's Indigenous surfing champion, Summer Simon, 13, (Wollongong, NSW) with beaten finalist Amber Hamer (Currumbin, Qld).



Summer Simon in action.



A proud Robbie Page after his Masters win.



Soli Bailey after winning the Australian Indigenous surfing title.



● ABOVE LEFT: Robbie Page performs one of his trademark manoeuvres on his way to victory in the Masters event.

● ABOVE: Russell Molony was in the mix to win, but the 2012 winner was beaten in the final.

● LEFT: Sunshine Coast surfer Simon Knox made it as far as the quarterfinals. He picked up \$200 when he won best wave of the day in the expression session. He finished second in Newcastle recently at the Wandiyali ATSI Indigenous Classic.



Daniel Geale falls under the ropes after being knocked down by Miguel Cotto, of Puerto Rico, during the fourth round of their fight in New York on Saturday, June 6. Geale said later he had been caught off guard by Cotto. *Picture: AP*

Retire? Not yet

Geale to hang around for more action in the ring



DANIEL Geale has declared he's not even close to considering retirement despite being bitterly disappointed over his brutal knockout loss to

World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight champion Miguel Cotto in New York.

Geale was dropped twice by the Puerto Rican power puncher in Brooklyn on June 6 before enduring a barrage of body blows and head shots.

The lopsided contest was the 34-year-old's third straight loss in the US and mirrored last July's knockout

defeat at the hands of Kazakhstan's Gennady Golovkin.

He admitted he'd been caught off guard by Cotto.

"I had my plans in place, but things don't always go to plan," Geale told Sky Sports radio.

"I'm disappointed with how things went, but it's not the end of the world and I'll definitely be back."

Geale rubbished any suggestions he may have boxed on too long.

"I'm only 34, (so) that's not really something that I'm thinking about too much at this stage," he said.

"I just want to spend a bit of time with my family, just try and relax and recover a little bit and see where it takes me.

Time out to recover

"We'll just take a few days, just recover and relax.

"There's still fights in Australia. I'm at the stage where I'm not ready to hang up the gloves quite yet, but we'll see where we're at."

Geale conceded that dropping more weight for the Cotto bout than previous fights had not served him well.

There was some pre-fight concern the

Tasmanian might have had difficulty making the catch weight, which favoured the smaller and stockier Cotto.

"I came down a fair bit further than I had done previously in other fights," Geale said.

"At the time I was trying to convince myself that I felt good. It's hard to say whether it did that much, but I still didn't win the fight though.

"I've been able to maintain a bit of weight for a long time, and I guess coming down that extra little bit – especially later in my career as well – it doesn't help in any way."

Geale was taller, had a longer reach and weighed substantially more than the stocky Cotto.

Size did not matter for Cotto, the first Puerto Rican boxer to win world titles in four different weight classes.

Cotto's trainer Freddie Roach said before the bout they would attack Geale's body and that is what happened, with Cotto connecting with 32 body shots in the four rounds.

"I caught him with a really hard left hook," Cotto, describing the power shot to Geale's nose and mouth that left the Australian flat on his back the first time, said.

Cotto backed up, striking Geale with his trademark left hook to the face.

The knockdown came with 2:28 left in the fourth round, Geale slowly got up and let referee Harvey Dock count to eight before agreeing to continue the fight.

Geale, who was weakened substantially by trying to make it below the middleweight catch weight of 71.2kg, valiantly attempted to fight on, but exactly one minute later after a flurry of punches, he fell to the canvas.

When Dock got to eight in the count this time, Geale indicated he had had enough.

Geale has lost three of his last five fights.

Cotto has his eye on a pay-per-view super fight later this year with one of boxing's rising stars, Mexico's Canelo Alvarez.

Golovkin, who was at the fight, is also pursuing a fight with Cotto.

"I've had 44 fights in my entire career," Cotto said.

"Canelo is just going to be another one." Cotto replied, "Why not?" when asked about fighting Golovkin.

The 34-year-old Cotto's record stands at 40 wins (33 knockouts) and four losses while Geale, also aged 34, drops to 31 wins (16 KO) and four losses. – *With AAP*



Bailey sweeps all before him at Bells



Byron Bay surfer Soli Bailey shows the kind of form that swept him to victory at the Australian Indigenous surfing championships at Bells Beach, Victoria, on June 29. Bailey was unstoppable, winning every heat on his way to the final, knocking out reigning event champion Otis Carey (Coffs Harbour, NSW) in a semifinal and disposing of former champion Russell Molony (Central Coast, NSW) in the final. Picture: Liam Robertson/Surfing Victoria
● See page 62 for more on the surfing titles.

'Fab five' for Qld



QUEENSLAND have five Indigenous players in their line-up for tonight's second State of Origin rugby league match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground

– NSW have none.

The only NSW Indigenous connection tonight is their coach Laurie Daley.

Turning out for the Maroons tonight will be Greg Inglis, Justin Hodges, Will Chambers, Johnathan Thurston and Sam Thaiday.

Dane Gagai is on Queensland's extended bench.

NSW's only Indigenous player in the opening Origin encounter in Sydney on June 17 – Andrew Fifita – has been dropped to make way for returning Blues captain and Fifita's Cronulla clubmate Paul Gallen.

Queensland can clinch the Origin series with a win tonight.

In the eyes of many Queensland fans, that would mean that 'normal service' has been restored.

Controversial Manly playmaker Daly Cherry-Evans has a chance at redemption in Queensland fans' eyes after replacing injured Maroons halfback Cooper Cronk.

Cherry-Evans caused an uproar north of

Blues overlook Indigenous possibilities

the Tweed River a fortnight ago when he reneged on a four-year Gold Coast deal to stay at Manly.

A low point came when the Maroons playmaker was booed at Queensland's spiritual home Suncorp Stadium at Manly's NRL loss to Brisbane.

The Queensland team for tonight is: Billy Slater, Darius Boyd, Greg Inglis, Justin Hodges, Will Chambers, Johnathan Thurston, Daly Cherry-Evans, Matt Scott, Cameron Smith (c), Nate Myles, Aidan Guerra, Sam Thaiday, Corey Parker. Interchange: Michael Morgan, Josh McGuire, Matt Gillett, Jacob Lillyman. Extended bench: Josh Papalii, Dane Gagai, Korbin Sims.

NSW: Josh Dugan, Brett Morris, Josh Morris, Michael Jennings, Will Hopoate, Mitchell Pearce, Trent Hodkinson, James

Tamou, Robbie Farah, Aaron Woods, Beau Scott, Ryan Hoffman, Paul Gallen (c). Interchange: Josh Jackson, Trent Merrin, Boyd Cordner, David Klemmer.

Johnathan Thurston doesn't buy the notion that Greg Inglis performed poorly in State of Origin I, saying critics need to look for more than razzle dazzle.

Inglis was underdone for the series opener, having suffered from tonsillitis during the week.

The superstar was also nursing an ongoing knee issue and failed to provide his trademark spark in Queensland's 11-10 win at Sydney Olympic Park.

Inglis was 'very down' on himself after the subpar showing, but Thurston believed there was still plenty to like about the 28-year-old's output.

"He still had a great game for us," Thurston said.

"There were a couple of errors that we don't normally see out of him.

"I suppose the media and fans are used to him scoring tries and when that doesn't happen they think he's had a bad game.

"In fact he did a really good job for us."

Thurston, who knows the pressure that comes with being one of the best rugby league players in the world, suggested there were too many "harsh critics" of Inglis

after Origin I.

That included the man himself.

"I know he wasn't too happy with his own performance, but he did an outstanding job for us," Thurston said.

"He is 100% now... having a full preparation and training with us the whole week will help."

Veteran forward Sam Thaiday agreed, saying Inglis played as well as could be expected in Sydney given he was in hospital for three days leading up to the clash.

"He was on a drip... he was pretty damn sick," Thaiday said.

"You could see that on the field, but the fact he played just shows his courage and his determination.

"If he can get through this week unscathed and not sick, I'm sure he'll have a blinder."

Maroons captain Cameron Smith noted it was wrong to expect too much of Inglis last month.

"It wasn't an ideal build-up," Smith said.

"When the big fellow's well prepared and his head is right, he's really hard to stop.

"We don't really want to try and get him into the game, we want him to be in the game and take it upon himself to get himself involved." – With AAP

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