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My FAMILY

Ollie Ralph (nee Pyke), Wamba Wamba/Muti Muti woman from Swan Hill (Vic), living in Somerset, Tasmania



THIS picture was taken at a family gathering for my 70th birthday. It was later in the night, so everyone wasn't there. I'm the one in the middle with my great niece Kiara on my knee.

I had family travel from Hobart, Swan Hill, Western Australia and a young girl from Darwin for the occasion. It was lovely; it was awesome.

Some of them I had not seen them since they were young children.

When I was sick with cancer I never thought I'd reach 70.

My Aunt Jess turns 100 in September, so we'll be having another family reunion then in Bordertown, South Australia.

If I behave, hopefully I can reach 100 too.

There were six girls and a boy in my family, and I'm the bubba. We were brought up by my father in Swan Hill (northern Victoria).

I'm the only one still alive. I'd have to be the head of the family I guess. I think all the nieces and nephews are just thrilled to have someone around they can look up to –

although some of them are only a bit younger than me.

There's lots of great and great great nieces and nephews too. I've lost count. I think if you put us all together we'd fill a football ground.

I came to Tasmania for a bit of a look in 1967. I arrived a few days before the big bushfires.

Tasmania is home now, although I still call my beloved Murray (River) home too.

I've got two boys and two girls of my own, and we've always been there for each other.

My own mother died when I was only two or three weeks old, but I had a very good teacher in my father on how to raise children.

After I separated from my husband, and went out on my own, the love that my children and me had for one another and that we still have, made us richer than any money can. I think I've done pretty well.

Not a day goes by without someone texting me and telling me they love me, or me telling them I love them. It's so important to stay in touch. – *As told to Jillian Mundy*

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OUR CHILDREN



ABORIGINAL girls from Lismore Heights Public School in far northern NSW performing at Lismore's annual NAIDOC celebration day. Hundred of people turned out at the Lismore Showground for an event which included traditional games, arts and crafts, displays and information stalls. See more from the day in our next edition.

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Beanies there, won that



WILLOWRA (NT) woman Julie Kitson models one of the winning entries at this year's Alice Springs Beanie Festival. Founded 19 years ago, the festival has become a major central Australian event, with people from communities across a huge area making beanies – almost 7000 of them this year – for display and sale. Workshops were held at eight communities this year, and the festival, at the Araluen Centre in Alice, featured spinning, weaving and other workshops run by community women. Planning is already under way for the 20th anniversary festival next year.

Redfern site fight in court



THE stoush over planned development of The Block at Redfern in Sydney is scheduled to continue on July 10 in the NSW Supreme Court.

The Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC), which wants to develop the site, is taking legal action against Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy (RATE) founder Jenny Munro, who with others is occupying the proposed development site.

The AHC argued at a Supreme Court hearing on June 19 that it needs clear access to the land in order to start construction of the \$70 million Pemulwuy Project, which includes a commercial centre, gym, shops, accommodation for 154 university students and 62 affordable homes for Aboriginal people.

Ms Munro and RATE supporters say they hold grave fears for the future of Aboriginal housing if AHC does not prioritise Aboriginal homes over the commercial aspects of the project.

At the June hearing, RATE lawyers were granted time to prepare their case.

AHC will legally be able to demolish the embassy should it succeed in court.

NT Govt says no to call for grog register



THE Northern Territory Government has rejected a call for the reintroduction of the Banned Drinker Register (BDR). The call was one of 23 recommendations in the 'Alcohol, Hurting People and Harming Communities' report handed down last week by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs.

Members of the committee travelled around Australia for more than 18 months hearing about alcohol-related harm in

Indigenous communities.

Other recommendations included:

- placing coordinated action on the harmful impacts of alcohol on the agenda for the 2015 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting;

- the introduction of a national minimum floor price on alcohol; and

- banning the promotion of alcohol on free-to-air television before 8.30pm with no exemptions for sport broadcasting.

The BDR, a system where all customers were asked to

present photo identification before buying alcohol and those on the register were banned from purchasing, was introduced by the then NT Labor Government in 2011.

It was abandoned by the incoming Country Liberal Government in 2012. At the time there were 2500 people on the register.

Committee on Indigenous Affairs chair Sharman Stone said it appeared the BDR had been doing a good job.

But that was rejected by NT Attorney-General John Elferink, who said the register "had no track record".



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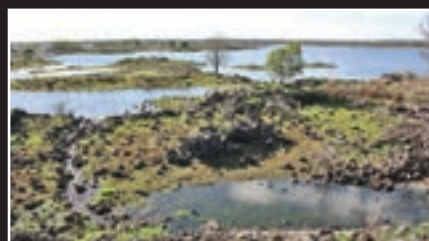


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6600-year-old 'village'

These fishtraps are on the site of a 'village complex', described as almost suburban in places, that's at least 6600 years old.

Find out where in our report on page 19



Miss NAIDOC Perth Kristy Ninyette



Miss NAIDOC runner-up Taliah Payne



Miss Photogenic Talisa Stratton



Miss Kwobardak Ashlee Humphries

Miss NAIDOC winners named



BALLADONG woman Kristy Ninyette has been crowned this year's Miss NAIDOC Perth.

The flight attendant was one of 15 young women from around Perth vying for the honour.

The Miss NAIDOC title has been hotly contested over several years in the Western Australian capital, with winners named in several sections.

Runner-up this year was Taliah Payne, a Nimanburru woman who works as a support officer.

Miss Photogenic was Talisa Stratton, a Yamatji woman and training administrator.

And Miss Kwobardak was Ashlee Humphries, a Noongar woman who works in administration. Kwobardak means pretty/beautiful in Noongar

language, and Miss Humphries was voted most popular among the Miss NAIDOC contestants.

All title holders will perform public duties during NAIDOC Week and beyond.

Miss Ninyette, who works for Virgin Airlines, dreams of becoming a professional

actor. She says her goal is to manage a human resource team in employing Indigenous people.

"I wish to raise awareness of the barriers that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people face when finding sustainable paid employment," she said.

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It's time to get ready for NAIDOC



NAIDOC Week is here again, with the national celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture to be marked officially from July 5-12. Events large and

small will be held in hundreds of centres around the country, with Adelaide the national focus city this year.

The annual NAIDOC National Ball and Awards presentation will be held in the South Australian capital on Friday, July 10.

This year's theme is 'We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate', which highlights Indigenous people's strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. It was chosen to highlight and celebrate the anniversary of the 'handback' of Uluru to its traditional owners on October 26, three decades ago.

National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell said this year's theme was an opportunity to pay respect to country, acknowledge those who work on preserving land, sea and culture and to celebrate sacred and significant places.

One award winner has already been named, with Elaine Chambers, a Kuku



We all Stand on Sacred Ground:
Learn, Respect & Celebrate

This year's NAIDOC Week logo.

Yalangi/Koa woman from Brisbane, taking out the National NAIDOC Poster Competition.

Some events have already been celebrated, while others will be held later in the year. A listing of events can be found at www.naidoc.org.au

Weight over for challenge winners



LOOKS like members of the Eurobodalla Scale Busters, from Batemans Bay on the NSW south coast, will have to find a new name.

That's because they've won the first round of the NSW Knockout Health Challenge, aimed at tackling obesity in Indigenous communities.

Same goes for runners-up Healthy, Black and Deadly, from Newcastle, and third-placed Dead or Deadly, from Nowra.

They were among 33 teams to take part in the George Rose Challenge, the first stage of this year's event.

The weight-loss campaign is a joint initiative of NSW Health and NSW Rugby League, which invites Aboriginal communities to participate in a fun and effective program to lose weight.

The second round, the Julie Young Challenge, is now under way, with winners announced on September 14.

And winners will soon be named in the Kyle Saunders Challenge, for teams to design a three-minute workout video that demonstrates teamwork, strength, stamina

and rugby league skills.

Eurobodalla Scale Busters' Ivan Goolagong said the challenge was hard, but totally worth it.

"Our top team of 20 lost a combined total of 150kg," he said. "And the \$20,000 we won we're putting back into local health program for our people."

"We'd all encourage our mob to get involved and get healthy."

Twelve teams in the George Rose Challenge had a total team weight loss of 3% or greater.

Obese

Announcing the winners, NSW Assistant Health Minister Pru Goward said 57% of Aboriginal people are overweight or obese compared to 52% of other people. "The winners ... have shown that through commitment and a team approach it is possible to lose weight and adopt a healthier lifestyle," she said. "More than 800 people from communities across NSW are participating in this year's Knockout Challenge. Weight loss at this level can lead to a 30% reduction in risk of developing type 2 diabetes."



The NRL's Laurie Daley with George Rose Challenge winners, from left, Kelly Jones (Dead or Deadly), Ivan Goolagong (Eurobodalla Scale Busters) and Trevor Archibald (Healthy, Black and Deadly).

Recognition moves a major step closer



A REFERENDUM giving Indigenous Australians proper recognition in the Constitution has moved a major step

closer with the tabling in Parliament last week of a long-awaited report.

All major parties and groups have welcomed the final report of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, which comes after a long period of consultation and meetings.

The committee, headed by Indigenous WA Liberal MP Ken Wyatt, wants a referendum to be held at the "highest chance of success" – a change from committee's progress report which flagged a vote in 2016.

It also wants a specific section ruling out racial discrimination, a suggestion favoured throughout the inquiry process.

Mr Wyatt said the changes won't single out Indigenous people or hand them extra rights, but will correct the "contextual silence that is currently so deafening in the Constitution".

"The referendum cannot and must not fail," he told Parliament.

The committee proposes scrapping section 25, which allows the states to prevent people from voting on the basis of their race, from the Constitution.

It also wants to erase section 51 (xxvi), known as the "races power",

What the committee recommended

- That a referendum be held when it has the highest chance of success,
- Both houses of Parliament sit for a full day to debate the recommendations,
- Repeal of section 25 of the Constitution, which allows states to prevent people from voting on the basis of race,
- Repeal of section 51 (xxvi), known as the race power, but retain a persons power so Government can make laws for Indigenous Australians,
- Amend the human rights laws to include United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,
- Hold constitutional conventions to build support for a referendum,
- Hold Indigenous-specific conventions, with delegates selected to participate in national conventions.

Options for text in the Constitution – new section 51A and 116A

- 51A would retain power to make laws for Indigenous people,
- 116A prevents the Commonwealth, state or territory from discriminating on the basis of race, colour or ethnic or national origin,
- Does not preclude the making of laws for the purpose of overcoming disadvantage, ameliorating the effects of past discrimination, or

while retaining a 'persons power' that recognises Indigenous Australians and allows laws to be made for their benefit. The race power currently allows governments to make

protecting the cultures, languages or heritage of any group.

The committee considers this option legally sound, broad and it had the overwhelming support of Indigenous people throughout the inquiry.

New section 80A

- Retains power to make laws for Indigenous people 'but so as not to discriminate against them'. The committee considers this option legally sound, clear in meaning, narrow and offers protection from discrimination.

New section 60A

- Give power to make laws for the 'peace, order and good government of the Commonwealth' with respect to Indigenous people,
- Provides the law must not discriminate 'adversely' against Indigenous people. The committee considers this option legally sound, clean, both narrow and broad, and limits the capacity for the federal government and states and territories to discriminate.

(Source: Joint Select Committee into Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples report tabled in Parliament on June 25, 2015.)

special laws for any race.

The committee offers three suggestions for new text in the Constitution. Each requires the recognition of Indigenous people as the First Australians, respect of

Indigenous cultures, languages and heritage and acknowledgement of their relationship with their traditional lands.

There's a suggestion for a new section – 116A – that

constitutionally rules out racism. It would say federal, state and territory governments 'shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, colour or ethnic or national origin'.

The options will be considered by Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten during an upcoming constitutional recognition summit with Indigenous leaders.

Labor and the Greens hailed the report as a milestone in recognising Indigenous people in the Constitution.

Cape York leader Noel Pearson said cross-partisan support for constitutional recognition of Indigenous people "opens the way for this important national conversation to progress".

"I strongly support the committee's recommendations for Indigenous constitutional conventions," he said.

"An all-in Indigenous convention should be preceded by Indigenous conferences around the country. This will go a long way to ensuring that Indigenous voices are heard and that non-Indigenous views can be then be informed by the wishes of Indigenous people."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said urgent bipartisan agreement was needed on the way ahead, as well as a consensus on the question to be put to the Australian public in a referendum. – with AAP

Calls for more action to

Focus on targetting 'scourge'



Uncle Albert Abdul-Rahman with criminologist Jay Barrett at the ice meeting in Townsville.

Users share their stories in Townsville

By ALF WILSON

MORE than 80 Indigenous people attended a recent Townsville meeting of people who have a family member affected by crystal methamphetamine (ice).

Meeting coordinator Suzanne Highley said some former ice users attended and told their stories.

"One young fellow got up and said that education about the effects of ice use needed to be done at all schools," she said.

"In many years he had only seen one such session."

Ms Highley said a speech by Melbourne-based Janice Ablett, who in July last year founded 'The Ice Meltdown Project' in response to the growing epidemic in her community, was well received.

"Her concern, coupled with her non-judgmental approach and unconditional love, prompted her to reach out to her community to try to bring awareness to the growing social problem," Ms Highley said, adding that Ms Ablett's presentation included effective treatment methods.

Ms Highley said there had been a meeting in Townsville during April attended by police, politicians and community groups and that more meetings were in the pipeline.

An epidemic of use is causing major problems around Australia, prompting Prime Minister Tony Abbott to establish a national ice taskforce.

Ms Highley said the plan was to create a Townsville taskforce, but added that may take several more meetings.

"We want to ensure that people



Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart speaks at an Indigenous Leaders Forum on Palm Island.

from all walks of life have an input and then we can form our taskforce," she said.

During a recent Indigenous mayors forum on Palm Island, Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart spoke about ice.

"It is an emerging problem that needs to be tackled," he said.

"99% of people are law abiding and it is the 1% who aren't who don't respect authority we have to focus on. We need information from the public to tackle this together."

Commissioner Stewart said addicted ice users in remote communities often had to move to cities to ensure they could maintain a supply.

"The average price of one gram of ice is \$600 so there is profit for dealers," he said.

By RUDI MAXWELL



ABORIGINAL leaders, communities and health workers are calling for more to be done to stem the tide of 'ice' misuse by Indigenous people and to help with rehabilitation.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) is proposing to organise a national ice roundtable in Canberra in the next few months.

Associate Professor Ted Wilkes, a Nyungar Elder who works with the National Drug Institute at Curtin University in Perth, told the *Koori Mail* that there needs to be a concerted effort to help address issues surrounding ice.

"We're not as prepared as well as we should be and appropriate treatment and rehabilitation methods need to be developed quickly," he said.

"I believe governments are a long way behind the eight ball in the way we Aboriginal Australians need to be supported to prevent what is a scourge, really."

"There is a lot of aggression and behaviour surrounding this drug that has the potential to traumatise our people."

"As far as rehabilitation goes, we're not seeing an appropriate effort to address the needs of Aboriginal people, or the broader community."

So what exactly is ice and why are people so concerned?

Ice, also known as crystal meth, meth, crystal or shabu, is the purest form of methamphetamine (which also includes speed) readily available in Australia. It is a stimulant, which speeds up the function of the brain, heart and nervous system.

Ice usually looks like clear or white crystals, but impurities can cause it to be other colours and it can come in powdered form. It is usually smoked in a pipe or injected (although it can be snorted or swallowed) because those methods give users a quicker rush.

The NSW Health Department says that because of its purity, ice is more powerful than speed and when used puts a greater strain on the body. Its use can, therefore, be much more dangerous.

It has stronger side effects than other amphetamines and a worse comedown. During a comedown, the user may feel physically and emotionally drained. Some users may

experience a 'crash' – negative feelings associated with coming down.

Some of the more worrying side effects include becoming hostile or aggressive, risk taking, and psychosis (a severe acute mental disorder in which thoughts and emotions become so impaired that contact with reality is lost).

Because ice is a stimulant, it can keep people from sleeping, sometimes for days at a time.

Long-term use of ice can cause mental health problems including psychotic episodes. It can also exacerbate existing mental health problems.

People use crystal meth because it gives a huge rush and can make them feel excited, powerful and confident.

Repeated use can – and does – lead to

addiction. If used when pregnant it can cause complications with the birth, miscarriage, and health problems for the baby.

According to the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey, conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 2012-2013, amphetamines are the third most common type of illicit drug used by Indigenous people, after marijuana and sedatives (not including opiates, like heroin).

There have been reports that the use of ice in remote Aboriginal communities is increasing and with it the potential for devastation on small populations.

The Federal Government's National

Ice Taskforce has been visiting regions across the country and there's no doubt that the use and misuse of crystal meth is growing.

Last week, Queensland police arrested 16 people alleged to have been involved with a multi-million-dollar ice trafficking operation in far north Queensland.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council public health medical adviser Dr Mark Wenitong said his organisation was taking a pre-emptive approach to try to halt the spread of ice in Aboriginal communities.

"We really do need to activate our young people, because those aged 15-30 are the ones who would be our main target group," he said.

"We have fantastic young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, we have the smartest kids around, and need them to

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address the rise of ice

The Glen turning lives around



Chief executive at The Glen Joe Coyte with the rehabilitation centre's head mentor, Matty Simms. Picture: Tony Santos

BY BRITTA LYSER

ICE (or crystal methamphetamine) doesn't discriminate. It's cheap and readily available and affecting communities across the country.

According to a recent Australian Crime Commission report, addiction rates have nearly tripled in a three-year period.

That's why the work of The Glen is so important.

Started by Cyril Hennessey in 1994, The Glen is an Indigenous drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre at Chittaway Bay on the NSW central coast. It has a total capacity of just 32 beds, used mainly by Indigenous men, but, like the drug ice, The Glen doesn't discriminate and won't turn clients away based on race, colour or creed.

Its doors are open to anyone willing to address their issues and try to tackle their addictions through its program and holistic approach.

The program involves the 12-step Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous programs approach, and is enhanced by mandatory work assignments and a market

garden managed by Indigenous chef Kylie, who provides the clients with seeds, and takes on two clients at a time to train in basic food preparation and hygiene.

The centre also has chickens and promotes a sense of sustainability and pride for the clients.

The program is divided into two separate parts – initial admissions, and the transitional section, devoted to clients who have been in residence for longer than three months.

Activities

Mentors encourage a wide range of physical and therapeutic activities including painting and basketball aimed at stimulating the mind, body and spirit, particularly in the most difficult first three months.

With Indigenous clients coming from across NSW, demand for beds is high.

The Glen chief executive Joe Coyte said in 2014 more than 40% of admissions were for ice, compared with 2010 when the most common addictions were alcohol, followed closely by cannabis.

Mr Coyte said the prevalence of ice is forcing The Glen to re-evaluate its

programs and how it services its clients.

"If the community doesn't come together and take action now, more and more lives will be ruined and lost to drug and alcohol problems," he said.

Recently, community leaders, law-enforcement officials and health workers met for a series of ice summits in NSW, including in the Hunter and Central Coast regions, in an effort to develop strategies on how best to tackle ice and its many associated problems.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Leslie Williams recently visited The Glen, saying she was impressed with the work being done there.

Ms Williams encouraged communities to make submissions to the National Ice Taskforce. "We have to acknowledge that ice is right across the board and impacts a whole range of things, including health and wellbeing, and there's obviously incarceration," she said.

"It is devastating and I think it is going to have to be a whole-of-community and whole-of-government approach for us to really see some serious impact on this particular issue."

'Let's work together'



Associate Professor Ted Wilkes



Dr Mark Wenitong

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mobilise so they can take control of these issues further."

While the Federal Government has started a fear campaign regarding ice, Apunipima decided to sit down with local young people and talk to them about what messaging they believed would be effective.

It has used social media and local Indigenous celebrities to talk about ice use, including North Queensland Cowboys star Johnathan Thurston, former Cairns Taipans basketball player Kerry Williams and hip hop band The Last Kinection, which just happens to include Dr Wenitong's children Naomi and Joel Wenitong.

"We know the message is getting out there because we got about 28,000 hits in the first two weeks," Dr Wenitong said.

"Around 70% of people who use recreationally don't become ice addicts, but you can't tell who is going to go down that path.

"Our messaging has centred around encouraging people to be the strongest person they can, focussing on family and cultural values. We know from previous research done in Cape York that the main reason people give up marijuana is for family. So we're building on that, using role models to support families.

"We're saying, 'You be the best Aboriginal person you can, culturally, socially, academically and in sports – and if you want to be like JT (Thurston), you want to get to the top, then you need to focus on



Cartoonist Danny Eastwood's take on ice – see page 20

achieving excellence and you can't do that if you're using ice."

"I think we often treat young, drug-taking people as if they're stupid and they're not.

"Some people will get dragged into trying ice once, recreationally, and have a good time. We just want them to be able to think through: 'Is this worth it or not?'

"And then there are people who've had a hard time and using makes them feel good – why wouldn't you use something to stop feeling bad?

We also need to ramp up our social and emotional programs and do things in our communities to help people believe in themselves more, to get through hard times without

having to use anything else."

Assoc-Prof Wilkes also believes that for any drug strategy to be effective in Indigenous communities you have to look at underlying social factors and trauma.

"There are a lot of young fellas trying to get educated and get a job and a lot of old fellas who are lost," he said.

"There are two reasons Aboriginal people misuse and use drugs: to recreate and medicate. And when we use to medicate we leave ourselves vulnerable and some of us overdo it.

"We all need to own this issue and make sure we come together."

Assoc-Prof Wilkes said that for ice strategies to be effective for Indigenous people, Aboriginal people

needed to have control and there needed to be an understanding of all the issues and trauma that affect communities. He said it was important to follow the three pillars of drug strategy: minimise harm, minimise and diminish demand, and diminish supply.

"I don't think it's in our interests to create fear in our communities; this is a drug that needs to be put in a place where we can look after ourselves," he said, adding that the upcoming NACCHO summit was a perfect opportunity to develop direction and strategy.

"This is a health issue, not a criminal issue; something which we use to medicate and consequently health suffers. Obviously if people commit crimes while on ice they need to be accountable to society, but there should be efforts not to unnecessarily increase the incarceration rate of our people.

"Lots of our people need an appropriate compassion coming through our leaders to be able to make a meaningful life, and we're not getting that.

"Ice is one of lots of other drugs, but alcohol and tobacco are still our biggest killers, so we need to put all in context.

"Ice is a bit scary, but let's not fear it. Let's get in there and all work together."

● For more information on drug use and misuse and treatments, contact your local Aboriginal medical service or doctor.

Tears of joy as Yaegl people succeed



THERE were tears, laughter and joyous shouts when

the Yaegl people were awarded two of their native title claims at Yamba on the NSW far north coast last week.

Elder Lillian Williams dragged herself from her hospital bed to be present at the Federal Court hearing, held on the Yamba headland.

"We've waited a long time for this day," she said. "And we pay tribute to our ancestors who came before us and never forget that they led the way for us, the Yaegl people."

"They taught lore and culture and that you don't walk away. We're tribal people. It's a beautiful day with lots of family here. We respect each other and our land and if you respect our Yaegl country, it will look after you."



Yaegl people celebrate the Federal Court's native title determination on country in Yamba last week.

The first Yaegl claim, over land, waters and estuaries of the Clarence River from Harwood to Yamba, was lodged in 1996, making it the oldest case in the Federal Court.

The second, covering 1400 square km of the Clarence Valley, was lodged in 2011 and was the shortest land claim determined in NSW.

Billy Walker, whose

mother Della Walker was one of the people who lodged the first claim, said there was still unfinished business, with the Yaegl sea claim yet to be determined.

"I feel overwhelmed, uplifted, relieved – words can't really express how it feels to have this piece of paper," he said.

"My mother's dreaming was about our reef and

we've fought to protect that. "We have a long way to go to achieve all our aspirations and it's been a long, painful process but this has given hope to Yaegl people for the future."

ALRC backs Act changes



THE Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) says recommendations in its review of the *Native Title Act* will reduce difficulties for Indigenous people in establishing their connection to traditional land and waters.

The ALRC's 18-month inquiry, officially launched this week, looked into connection, authorisation and joinder (the joining of issues) requirements in the Act, and how these had been handled by the courts in the 20 years since Mabo, with an aim to improve the functioning of the system.

The report of the inquiry is now with the Federal Parliament.

ALRC president Professor Rosalind Croucher says the original purpose of the *Native Title Act* to recognise and protect native title will be "substantially enhanced" by the 30 recommendations, if they are accepted by Parliament.

The inquiry, led by Professor Lee Godden, heard that over time proving connection to country has become complex and overly technical and, as a consequence, the process for determining native title is too often slow, lengthy and expensive. The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples said that high evidentiary

requirements prevent many Indigenous people from regaining control of their traditional lands.

The ALRC's key recommendations focus on amending the definition of native title in the Act to clarify that traditional laws and customs, which underpin native title rights and interests, can adapt, evolve and develop without losing the quality of being considered 'traditional'.

One recommendation recognises that these laws and customs are not frozen in time and that any development does not lessen a claim of connection to traditional lands and waters. Another is to acknowledge that traditional laws and customs do not have to have continued, uninterrupted, since the time of 'sovereignty', nor is acknowledgement of these laws and customs required by each generation since that time.

The ALRC says the reforms focus on the core elements of native title and introduce flexibility in the evidence required for connection, which it believes will improve the process for native title claimants.

In coming to its recommendations, the ALRC analysed evidence from 162 consultations and 72 submissions from people and organisations involved in the native title system nationwide.

The report is publicly available from the ALRC website www.alrc.gov.au

Court grants native title



NATIVE title has been recognised over large areas of NSW and Queensland in recent weeks.



The Federal Court held on-country sittings to approve determinations in

far western and northern NSW and areas in Queensland.

The rulings came as the annual National Native Title Conference was held in far north Queensland. (See pages 32-33.) And the Australian Law Reform Commission released the findings of a review into the *Native Title Act*. (See report at left.)

Hundreds of people were at Yamba, on the NSW north coast, for the court's approval of the Yaegl land claim. (See separate report on this page.)

Also in NSW, last month the court approved the Barkandji claim, which covered five local Aboriginal land council areas –

Broken Hill, Dareton, Wilcannia, Mutawinji and Menindee.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council welcomed the ruling, saying it was further proof that native title and land rights could coexist and work in NSW.

In other decisions in Queensland:

- The Juru people's rights and interests over 7570 hectares of land and water in between Bowen and Ayr were recognised by the court;

- The Federal Court approved native title over lands and waters spanning more than 16,700 square kilometres on Budjiti land in Queensland's south-west corner; and

- The court granted recognition to the Boonthamurra People as native title holders over more than 23,400 sq km of land and waters in Queensland's south-west region.

In a separate matter, the Banjima people of Western Australia celebrated after the Federal Court dismissed a WA Government appeal over part of their native title determination.

The State appealed on two areas, with the main appeal over the Banjima people's connection to the northern portion of the area (around 25% of the total claim).

Banjima country includes areas around Karijini National Park and the asbestos mining town of Wittenoom. Banjima country extends west towards Tom Price, and east towards the town of Newman.

The Banjima people lodged their first claim in 1998 and have been in litigation with the WA Government since 2011. Native title was determined in August 2013, but the State appealed in March 2014.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Simon Hawkins said the appeal was unnecessary, and "a further example of the WA Government's litigious nature when it comes to native title".

"The Banjima appeal was a complete waste of taxpayer money. The decision is a defining moment for the future of claims in the Pilbara," he said.

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New developments in Qld Stolen Wages campaign

Wait until next year

By ALF WILSON



STOLEN Wages claimants will have to wait until early next year for any payment of outstanding money.

That follows a series of meetings at Palm Island, Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay, Brisbane and Cairns last month at which

details of the formation of a Reparations Taskforce were made public.

That taskforce will be made up of 10 Indigenous representatives from throughout the state who will liaise with the Government on payment of a new \$21 million fund for claims.

Nominations for the taskforce have just closed, with membership to be announced soon.

Lara Watson, a Brisbane-based field officer for the Queensland Council of Unions, told the *Koori Mail* that nominations would go to the Queensland Cabinet in early August.

"Once the Cabinet's decision is made, I hope we will know as soon as they choose (the taskforce)," she said.

Consultations

Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Curtis Pitt said the taskforce would conduct consultations and make recommendations to the Government on the scope, eligibility criteria, fund allocation and claim process.

"I expect to receive recommendations later this year so the reparations scheme can formally commence in early 2016," he said.

All Stolen Wages victims are elderly and concerned they may not be alive to collect what they are due.

"I may be dead by then," one of them, Alice Barney-Niki, told the *Koori Mail*.

Irene's staying fit so she'll be alive to collect her due



Irene Watson, complete with thongs, on one of her walks. "I fear that many of my brothers and sisters will die before they get their money."

SHE may be 68, but that hasn't stopped Irene Watson walking around Palm Island virtually every day.

Why? Because she wants to keep fit so she can be alive to collect her final Stolen Wages payment.

It has been a long wait, but Ms Watson reckons it will be worth it when the money is paid so she can have some justice.

"I am in good shape and very fit for an old lady. The Stolen Wages non-payment keeps me motivated," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Ms Watson lives at Butler Bay on Palm Island, and the walk – she always does it in thongs – to the town area is about 4km.

"Sometimes I walk there and back three times. It certainly keeps me fit," she said.

"I would recommend regular exercise for anybody, but especially my Indigenous brothers and sisters."

While mindful that Indigenous people die on average much younger than others, Ms Watson says she has lived a healthy life.

She also knows that many of her Indigenous brothers and sisters end up in aged-care homes well before they are 70.

Born on Palm Island in 1948, Ms Watson's father George Watson was from Cherbourg community, while her mother Pansy Dosoetto hailed from Chillagoe in far north Queensland.

Punishment Island

"They were sent to Palm and Dad used to get taken over to Punishment Island near here for a week at a time because they considered him a troublemaker," she said with a tear in her eye.

In 1957, George Watson was one of the seven men who were part of a strike on Palm Island for which they were severely punished. The seven were branded as troublemakers and removed from Palm Island on June 14 of that year.

"We were sent to Cherbourg, but all came back later on," Ms Watson said.

"I have four brothers and two sisters and there are only a couple of us left. It makes me sad to think about it. But their actions have led to things being better for people here now."

On her return to Palm, Ms Watson worked at the hospital and in the dormitory, as well as on cattle stations at Julia Creek, 600km from Townsville.

"I was paid only a small amount then, and although I did get some money in the first round of Stolen Wages payments, that was years ago," she said.

"I fear that many of my brothers and sisters will die before they get their money." – by Alf Wilson

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Tiwi people about to reap rewards



IT'S been a long time coming, but the Tiwi Islands is about to reap the benefits of its tree plantations. Harvesting is under way, with the first shipment of Tiwi woodchips to Japanese paper mills expected later this month.

Tiwi land-owning groups invested \$16 million of their own money to keep the islands' forestry project going, establishing Tiwi Plantations Corporation (TPC) after the collapse of Great Southern Plantations in 2009.

It took another \$14 million in government and bank loans and grants – which should be repaid by 2018 – to get the equipment needed to harvest the first trees.

"Tiwi people will finally see the benefits flowing from this project, including lots of jobs for Tiwi people on their own land and money we can invest for the future," TPC chair Cyril Kalippa said. "Tiwi leaders have a long-held vision of using their land to create wealth and get off welfare."

"For Tiwi people to live on their land without government handouts, we have to create economies, jobs and get a good education for our children. It's been a bit of a roller-coaster ride to get here, but at last there is light at the end of the tunnel."

Mr Kalippa thanked Tiwi people for their patience with delays in the project.

"For a long time, people have seen their money going into the ground, now we

hope they can see it growing on trees," he said.

The first trees to be harvested are on Munupi land near Pirlangimpi, on the north of Melville Island.

TPC has an agreement with Plantation Management Partners to run the 30,000 hectares of plantations on the island. It has sales and purchase agreements with Japanese company Mitsui for the woodchips. The Tiwi company Port Melville Pty Ltd has an agreement with Singapore company Ezion to operate Port Melville and rebuild the wharf that collapsed in 2007.

The project is expected to provide 80 to 100 jobs and generate \$140 million of export revenue in its first five years.

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Tiwi Land Council chair Gibson Illortamini with Tiwi workers Des Brubacher, Victor Puruntatameri and Michael Wilson with the first acacia logs to be harvested on the Tiwi Islands. *Picture: Glenn Campbell*

TAC issues warning

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) has warned the Federal Government's decision last month

to award Aboriginal legal service funding for Tasmania to the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS) may be a sign of things to come. "This could well be the tip of the iceberg for the Abbott Government, and have a domino effect in getting rid of all our community-controlled organisations throughout Australia," TAC acting chief executive Pat Turner warned.

VALS chief executive Wayne Muir has confirmed his organisation signed a five-year funding contract, and measures are in place, which includes significant assistance from Legal Aid, to begin operations in three locations in Tasmania today (July 1). Mr Muir said VALS applied for the funding after being contacted by the Commonwealth, a number of individuals and four Tasmanian Aboriginal organisations, whose identity he would not reveal, because VALS feared



High-profile legal professionals and politicians have rallied behind the TAC including former Tasmanian Premier Lara Giddings and former judge Pierre Slicer.

the contract would be awarded to a non-Aboriginal provider.

He said that when the current "feeling" died down he would be more than happy to work with the TAC. "We understand the upset. If the shoe was on the other foot we would be upset too," he said.

It's a major blow to the TAC, whose legal service has been operating for 42 years, offers a range of integrated services, has been instrumental in significant

legislative reform, has long-standing professional relationships with Tasmania's justice system, employs 15 staff and has 606 open cases, many now in the courts.

Ms Turner spoke of one of those relationships, where an arrangement is in place for a TAC legal field officer to be notified whenever an Aboriginal person is arrested and put in the lock-up, as recommended in the final report of the Royal Commission into

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

She said there have been no Aboriginal deaths in custody in Tasmania since.

The TAC believes an interstate provider will be unable to duplicate community control and self-determination in the delivery of service, because they lack local knowledge and long-standing trust.

It rejects claims by the Attorney-General's Department of ongoing concerns about compliance, saying

it has never been in breach.

Ms Turner said the TAC was working to keep the Aboriginal Legal Service in palawa hands.

High-profile legal professionals and politicians have rallied behind the TAC's push to have the funding decision overturned.

Former judge Pierre Slicer, who helped set up the TAC legal service, has offered to come out of retirement to help on the campaign.

Tasmanian Law Society president Matthew Verney said the decision had been made without proper consideration, and he warned of more incarceration.

Tasmanian Greens leader Cassie O'Conner says it is the most disrespectful decision to ever come out of Canberra and a blow to Aboriginal self-determination.

Former Tasmanian Premier Lara Giddings said the decision was an attack on the TAC, and that Mr Abbott was trying to muzzle it.

Ms Turner encourages people on mainland Australia to sign and circulate a petition on change.org

Comment has been sought from the Attorney-General.

*Jillian Mundy is on the State Committee of the TAC.

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WA action on justice



Protesters on the Swan Street Bridge in Melbourne last Friday. AAP image

Hundreds march



ONE woman was arrested during a peaceful protest in Melbourne last Friday against the closure of remote Aboriginal communities.

The protest was one of several around the country aimed at keeping pressure on Government over moves to close communities, especially in Western Australia.

In Melbourne, peak-hour traffic was disrupted as about 500 people took to the streets.

The Warriors of the Aboriginal Resistance, who hosted the event, say protests around the country will send a message to government that people have a right to stay on their homelands.

Protesters met on the steps of Melbourne's Flinders Street Station before walking to Swan Street

Bridge, where they held a smoking ceremony. Elders read poems and others gave speeches while those in the rally waved Aboriginal flags and chanted "always was, always will be, our land".

Meanwhile, in Darwin last Friday about 100 people rallied to protest against the Federal Government's Northern Australia white paper and the proposed handing over of essential services delivery for remote communities to the Northern Territory Government.

The Community Solidarity Action NT Group marched on Parliament House in Darwin to deliver a letter to the Government expressing concern about the defunding of Indigenous services and the Developing the North policy which they say will detrimentally affect native title rights and access to award wages. — with AAP



THE Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) has welcomed new Government moves to tackle the state's deaths in custody

rate and the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the justice system. WA Premier Colin Barnett unveiled a new strategy last week in the wake of ongoing concern over Aboriginal justice issues and the death in custody last year of Aboriginal woman Ms Dhu in a Pilbara police cell.

He identified three areas of focus including the creation of safer custody environments, avoiding incarceration for low-level offending, and supporting prevention and diversion initiatives that keep people out of the justice system.

The premier also announced a ministerial working group to oversee action.

"It's been a long time coming, but we're optimistic that if properly resourced and committed to, the proposed reforms can play an important role in reducing the numbers of

Aboriginal people within the justice system," ALSWA chief executive Dennis Eggington said.

He said a genuine commitment to fixing the relationship between the state and First Nations People was "a must".

"We're not playing a game of Monopoly where if you get caught, you go straight to jail," Mr Eggington said.

"Commitment"

"More cautions, diversionary programs and a commitment to justice reinvestment need to be available for Aboriginal people in the first place.

"This would also involve WA Police repairing their relationship and policing practices with Aboriginal people, and WA abolishing mandatory sentencing laws which have a significant impact on the total number of Aboriginal people imprisoned in Western Australia."

The legal service also urged the Justice Ministers Working Group to recommit to, and implement, outstanding recommendations from the Royal

Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Inquiry report 'Doing Time – Time For Doing: Indigenous Youth in the Criminal Justice System' and the recently released Amnesty International Report 'There Is Always A Brighter Future: Keeping Indigenous Kids In The Community and Out of Detention in Western Australia'.

It said these reports had important recommendations which could be quickly implemented.

"As a WA citizen, I welcome any initiative which might lead to a better future for our people because as it currently stands, WA is locking up Aboriginal people at a higher rate than keeping them in school," Mr Eggington said.

"ALSWA looks forward to the progress of the reforms and offers its support and expertise to the working group in implementing them."

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Troops providing assistance in Titjikala



SOLDIERS have arrived in the Northern Territory community of Titjikala as part of the annual Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme (AACAP).

Under the program, which aims to improve environmental, health and living conditions in remote Indigenous

communities, soldiers carry out much-needed work in remote communities.

This year, Titjikala, south-east of Alice Springs, will receive new infrastructure including a waste water treatment system and duplex housing under the program.

Veterinary assistance, health education and clinical treatments will also be provided in the community, as well as training

courses in food preparation, multimedia and basic numeracy and literacy.

Assistant Minister for Defence Stuart Robert said a contingent of about 150 soldiers from the 6th Engineer Support Regiment would undertake the work.

"Our soldiers will provide several health, training, arts, culture and sporting initiatives in collaboration with

a number of other agencies," he said.

"AACAP has successfully supported 40 Indigenous communities across Australia over the past 18 years, and the continued momentum provided by the army in partnership with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet will yield significant results for Titjikala and Australia more generally."



Looking deadly: Donna Corrie at front with Yarrabah course participants, from left, Florence Given, Errol Choikee, Paul Bounghi, Karen Neal, Bernice Yeatman and Jessimine Dabah. Alberta Dabah was absent.

Yarrabah course more than just looking good



SEVEN young people from Yarrabah have changed their look, health and attitudes after completing a deportment, grooming and self-care course.

The course, run by Dee's Deportment, Grooming and Self-Care in nearby Cairns, was designed especially for participants at the north Queensland community.

Dee's owner Donna Corrie and her son Shakir Vaughns said the result of the 10-week course had been "overwhelming".

Ms Corrie said the course,

supported by Yarrabah's Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service, was not just about make-up or dress.

"It's more of an educational sort of aspect of training as well, with deportment and grooming, teaching participants about the importance of skin care, hair care and so on," she said.

"Holistic"

"I look at it as a holistic health approach, covering deportment, posture and mannerisms. We go into health and fitness as well."

Participant Bernice Yeatman praised the course.

"I walked in with this footy shirt and shorts and thongs, but the

program changed me and made me more confident for myself and my community," she said.

"I had support from my mentors as well as from my group.

"We are holding our heads up high, not just for ourselves but for our families and friends as well."

Gurriny Yealamucka's Tamar Patterson and Paul Neal, who work with youth, said the idea for the course was the result of feedback from a forum last year.

Mr Neal said Ms Corrie's course fitted with what local youth wanted. "Donna's grooming and deportment was what we were really looking for and we actually engaged the youths," he said.

Family in appeal to top court



A WESTERN Australian Aboriginal family has asked the High Court for permission to appeal against a

decision that they pay legal costs to the State Government following an unsuccessful Stolen Generations test case.

Human Rights Law Centre senior lawyer Ruth Barson said the High Court application concerned important issues around access to justice.

"It's vital that the threat of crushing legal costs do not prevent important public interest legal cases from being brought," she said.

Donald and Sylvia Collard, aged in their 80s, and seven of their children who were forcibly removed in the 1950s and 60s, sued the WA Government in 2013 for the damage caused as a result of their removal.

Despite losing their claim, the WA Supreme Court ruled that the family's case was "so rare and exceptional" that they shouldn't have to pay the state's legal costs. But the WA Government successfully appealed the costs decision.

The Human Rights Law Centre and the WA Aboriginal Legal Service have now helped the Collard family to start the process of appealing

that decision in the High Court – the highest in the country.

"Legal cases on issues of public importance, like redress for past policies of forced removal, are an important part of our legal system," Ms Barson said.

"While appropriate safeguards around litigation are vital, the ability to bring cases of public importance should not be restricted to the wealthy."

Critically important

WA Aboriginal Legal Service chief executive Dennis Eggington said bringing the test case was critically important for the WA Aboriginal community, particularly given a Stolen Generations test case was successful in South Australia.

"Aboriginal people should have access to justice, particularly on such important public interest matters," he said.

"Aboriginal people bringing important public interest legal cases shouldn't face the threat of enormous legal costs being awarded against them.

"The Collards' case was about shedding light on this grief, and achieving some sense of justice."

The High Court will rule on the appeal later this year.

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Concern over fate of music centre

Mer anger at heritage snub



ADELAIDE University is considering changes to The Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) that many fear will spell the end of the school.

CASM, established in the early 1970s, has fostered the talents of seminal bands such as Coloured Stone, Us Mob and No Fixed Address. More recent graduates include hip-hop artists Lady Lash and Jimblah, and singer-songwriter Corey Theatre.

Thirty-four students are now enrolled in CASM foundation, diploma and advanced diploma courses.

The university says changes will "reinvigorate CASM, with a renewed focus on excellence in Indigenous research and education".

But lecturer Ashley Turner, who has been at CASM since 1996, is deeply concerned.

He said the centre "grew out of an understanding that music does wonderful things for human beings and for community".

Mr Turner, a National Tertiary Education Union delegate, said the proposed changes would result in the end of all three courses, with Aboriginal people expected to apply for mainstream degree programs.

He said all staff positions would be "disestablished", with a new director's position created to focus on turning CASM into a smaller, research-orientated centre that would be self-funded through competitive grants.



The Hilltop Hoods support the online campaign to 'save' CASM.

"CASM has always been very engaged with community activities. I can't imagine how that could continue," he said.

An online petition, to be presented to deputy vice-chancellor Professor Pascale Quester, had attracted many hundreds of signatures.

A spokesperson for the University of Adelaide said: "The Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) was established in 1972 to support the study of Aboriginal music with a strong research focus. In recent years, CASM has drifted away from that original direction to offer sub-degree music programs for a small group of students."

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Federal Government announced that the Murray (Mer) group of islands in the Torres Strait

will be considered for the national heritage list without bothering to consult with traditional owners.

Mer Gedkem Le (the cultural heritage body that covers the island group) deputy chair William Bero told the *Koori Mail* that the first traditional owners knew of the Government's proposal was when they read a story in *The Australian* newspaper.

"We were just dumbfounded. There's been no consultation at all," he said. "Would I be able to take my son fishing if this thing gets up?"

"We have fishtraps that our people have used for hundreds of generations that we still use and that need maintenance. If our islands are listed under national heritage can we construct new parts and rebuild when we need to because of erosion?"



William Bero

In answer to a question at the National Native Title Conference in Port Douglas, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion claimed he knew nothing about the proposal, and would get his office to look into it.

However, two weeks before the conference, Environment Minister Greg Hunt and Senator Scullion issued a joint press release announcing and praising the initiative.

"I am pleased that the place that led to the decision by the High Court in 1992 to overturn the fiction of terra nullius is included on the

Australian Heritage Council's new work plan," Mr Hunt said.

"The inclusion of the islands ... on the work plan is the beginning of a process towards possible recognition of this important place as nationally significant for its association in what came to be known as the Mabo decision."

Senator Scullion was quoted in the release as saying the land ownership system at the centre of the Mabo decision was determined by the spiritual ancestor called Malo and the laws he created, known as Malo's Law.

"Over 20 years ago, the High Court, in the Mabo decision, found the Murray Islands demonstrated evidence of a system of land ownership that pre-dated the arrival of British sovereignty and fundamentally changed the relationship between Australia's First People and their fellow Australians," he said.

Mr Bero said it was shocking that the Government could take such a step with no consultation regarding the birthplace of native title. "It's unbelievable," he said.



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Tiwi College students Emelio Moreen, left, and Ethan Ullungura attend the launch of the Tiwi calendars with Tiwi traditional owner Bernard Tipiloura and the CSIRO's Barbara McKaige.

Knowledge in calendars



THE CSIRO and Tiwi traditional owners have united to produce two calendars of Tiwi knowledge. One calendar focusses on the three major and 13 minor overlapping Tiwi seasons, while the other highlights key Tiwi plants and animals.

The development of the calendars came from a desire

to document seasonal-specific knowledge of the Tiwi Islands, north of Darwin in the Northern Territory, in an appealing format to students and the broader community, as well as a concern about the loss of knowledge as older people pass away.

"Our children need to learn about culture. They need to become strong Tiwi people and I want to show them the ways to do that," senior Elder

Bernard Tipiloura said.

He said there has been a significant loss of knowledge over the past 10 to 15 years on the Tiwi Islands.

"We're worried that kids are not learning culture so we need to think of new ways to teach them and these calendars will make a huge difference," he said. "I feel very good about them. The more we can do, the better it will be for Tiwi culture."

Centre gets Budget cash



FUNDING for the first stage of the \$20 million Aboriginal Centre of Excellence in Western Sydney is a feature of the 2015 NSW Budget.

Delivered last week, the \$30 million Aboriginal Affairs Budget also includes \$3 million to support OCHRE, the Government's plan for Aboriginal Affairs, which focusses on Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment.

A total of \$10 million has been set aside for the centre of excellence, to be housed at the University of Western Sydney's Penrith Campus in Kingswood. It will provide mentoring and support to Aboriginal school students before helping them move into tertiary education and employment.

Other budget highlights included:

- funding for language and culture nests to support the preservation, revitalisation and learning of Aboriginal languages in communities and schools;
- opportunity hubs that give school students help with jobs through career planning and partnerships with local businesses;
- industry-based agreements to improve employment and enterprise development for

Burney says cuts will hit services

THE NSW Opposition says the state Budget has cuts which will affect Aboriginal people.

Shadow Aboriginal Affairs Minister Linda Burney said these included \$5.1 million from the Aboriginal Housing Office and more than \$6 million taken from Aboriginal health services.

She said there were almost 3000 fewer Aboriginal students studying at TAFE in 2015 compared with last year.

"The Government talks a

big game on closing the gap, but cutting Aboriginal health services will have a drastic negative impact," Ms Burney said.

"In this Budget, we see a range of failures across government – from health care, education and housing – things are getting worse for Aboriginal people."

"It's not enough to talk about improving the lot of Aboriginal people in NSW – the Government must be investing in the services that actually make a difference."

Aboriginal people by offering links between Government, industry and Aboriginal communities – agreements have already been established with the NSW Minerals Council, the Federation of Civil Engineers and the Master Builders Association; and

● improving local decision making so Aboriginal communities can work with the

Government to better prioritise the delivery of services in areas of need.

"This Budget will continue the best-practice work this Government is already doing to empower Aboriginal communities through education, employment and economic development," NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Leslie Williams said.

NT prison rates 'hit new high'



JUSTICE advocates in the Northern Territory say a new high in the average daily imprisonment rate shows the Government has no alternatives to jail for criminals committing minor offences.

The North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency says new figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show that for the first time, the NT's imprisonment rate has exceeded 900 people per 100,000.

Chief executive Priscilla Collins said that since March, the NT has recorded the largest increase in imprisonments in the country.

The national rate is 194 people per 100,000. In the NT, it is 904 per 100,000. Western Australia had the second-highest imprisonment rate of 273 per 100,000. The great majority of these prisoners are Indigenous.

Ms Collins accused the NT Government of "going for broke" with skyrocketing incarceration rates.

She called on the Government to invest in alternatives to prison, such as diversion, rehabilitation

and therapeutic programs, and justice reinvestment.

"All they really have is the lock-'em-up approach," she said.

Ms Collins said mandatory sentencing laws took power away from magistrates to hand down appropriate sentences.

"They're talking about a tight fiscal budget; well, if you want to address the budget, reduce your incarceration numbers," she said.

"Alternatives"

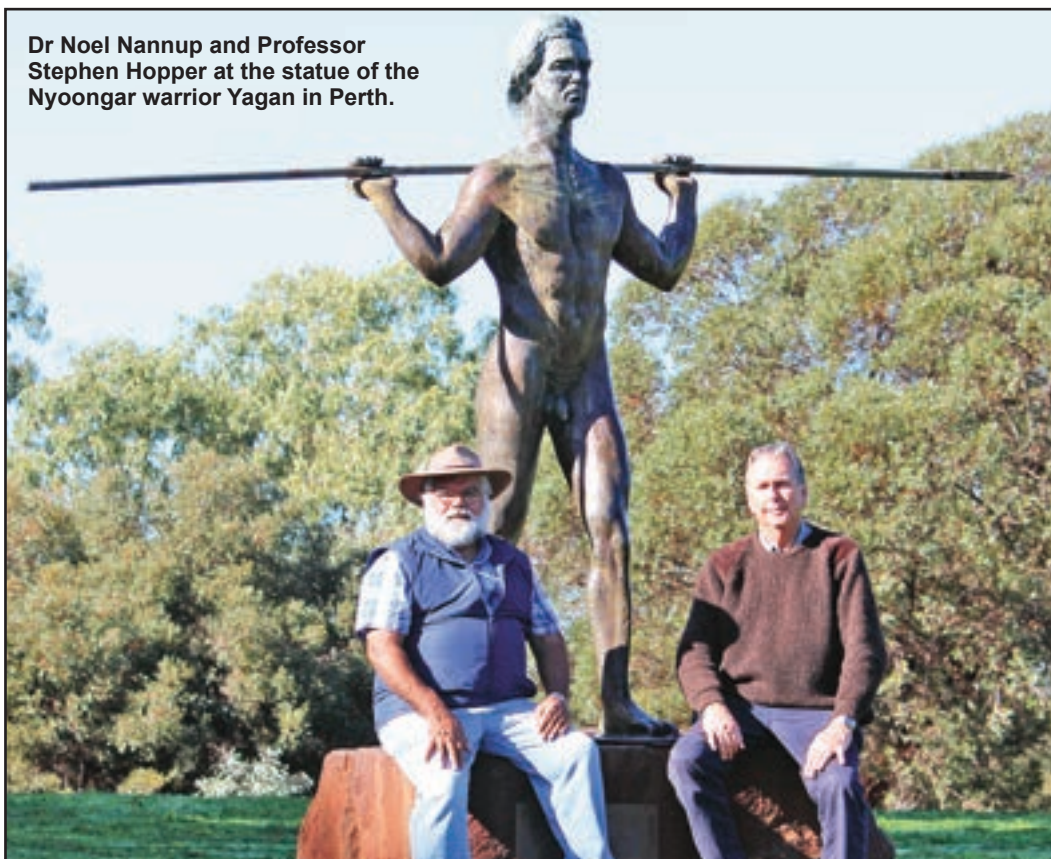
"If you're looking at the fact that over 60% of people in jail are there for six months or less, they're on minor offences, then look at alternatives."

Ms Collins said the community did not understand that jailing more people did not improve safety.

It costs more than \$100,000 a year to keep an adult prisoner in jail, and about double that for a juvenile.

"That's coming out of taxpayer money; that money could be diverted to more hospitals, more education, more training, more employment, rather than just locking them up," Ms Collins said. – AAP

Dr Noel Nannup and Professor Stephen Hopper at the statue of the Nyoongar warrior Yagan in Perth.



Walking together...



A NEW documentary *Walking Together – Belonging to Country* (Djena Koorliny Danjoo Boodjarang) celebrates the similarities between Nyoongar and Western scientific understandings of the formation of Nyoongar land, across the south-west of Western Australia.

Using animation to take viewers through a 300-million-year journey, the film features Edith Cowan University Elder in Residence Dr Noel

Nannup and flora and fauna expert Professor Stephen Hopper, from the University of WA.

During the film, both men share knowledge of ancient and modern plants and animals and land use as they walk by the Swan River, from its source to the ocean.

Walking Together – Belonging to Country is directed by Dr Glen Stasuik (*The Forgotten, Wadjemup*) and produced by actress and writer Irma Woods (*Bran Nue Dae, Her Party, Mad Bastards*) with the assistance of Lotterywest.

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The not-for-profit conservation group's training program, supported by BHP Billiton Iron Ore, involves Indigenous groups completing Certificate I and II training in Conservation and Land Management. The training is undertaken as part of project activities on country.

Greening Australia Pilbara program manager Mike Clark said training was now

being done with ranger groups at Jigalong, Punmu, Parngurr, Ngurawaana and Nyangumarta, as well as a women's ranger team at Parngurr, and the Martu Farm in Newman.

From Greening Australia's base in Newman, staff travel to Jigalong, Punmu and Parngurr for greening projects in community areas and house yards. The organisation says all activities are undertaken with local people.

● **Pictured: Yamatji Marlpa rangers on a training course, from left, Nathan Hunter, Augie Badal, Lindsay Hunter, Lynette Wilridge, Aquinal Nardi, Kerri Hunter Roberta Hunter and Ian Hunter.**



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Forum to aid young



VICTORIA is to have an Aboriginal Children's Forum designed to reduce the number of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care. State Families

Minister Jenny Mikakos says she will chair the forum, which will include Aboriginal community leaders, chiefs of community service groups that provide services for Aboriginal children, and government representatives.

The forum will meet quarterly at different places around the state. Each will be co-chaired by the chief executive of a local Aboriginal community-controlled organisation.

Ms Mikakos says the focus will be on the participation of Aboriginal people in the development of policy and service delivery while building the capacity of Aboriginal communities to manage and drive change.

Key areas of attention will be:

- reducing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care;
- working on providing support for vulnerable Aboriginal children and young people; and
- promoting stronger Aboriginal families.

"We want to see fewer Aboriginal kids in child protection and more in kinder and happy families, giving them the support to do their best," Ms Mikakos said.



Victoria's Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People Andrew Jackomos says the Aboriginal Children's Forum is the way forward.

● See page 24

Minimbah is back



THE Minimbah Pre-school Primary School Aboriginal Corporation is out of special administration. The corporation, based in Armidale, northern NSW, was placed under administration late last year after the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations identified areas of concern.

But registrar Anthony Beven said the corporation was now on a sound footing.



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Coroner calls for suicide strategies



SPECIFIC strategies are needed to address the disproportionate suicide rate of Indigenous youth, Queensland's Coroner has recommended.

Coroner Terry Ryan made the recommendation when he delivered his findings from an inquest into the deaths of two 16-year-old boys who were among six young people to take their own lives in Mackay in 2007 and 2008.

Since the deaths, the issue of youth suicide has received greater attention, but Mr Ryan pointed out no data showed a reduction.

The annual suicide rate for Indigenous children aged 10-17 is more than six times higher than for other youth in Queensland.

In his findings, Mr Ryan said marginalised youth, such as the two 16-year-old boys, were unwilling to deal with welfare services, which needed to better accommodate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The boys, who can't be named for legal reasons, both had criminal histories, depression and were estranged from family members.

The first boy took his own life after prolonged paint sniffing after he was assaulted by his sister while under the influence of solvents.

The second boy had been deeply

affected by the suicide of a friend and was assessed as not suffering from a mental illness despite several episodes of self-harm.

Mr Ryan found authorities had failed to intervene before the boys were expelled from school, were exposed to alcohol and drugs and ended up on a "seemingly inevitable trajectory into the criminal justice system".

"It appears that when confronted by an unwillingness by the families to engage, Child Safety simply closed their files," he said.

"A continued failure to respond early to childhood neglect, loss and trauma will continue to ensure that such young men will accumulate all of the significant risk factors for suicide."

Mr Ryan recommended the Queensland Suicide Prevention Action plan include specific strategies aimed at addressing the disproportionate suicide rate of Indigenous youth.

He also recommended the Mackay community's effective response to the suicide cluster, which resulted in a greater coordination of prevention services, be considered for the action plan. — AAP

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.



People involved in the documentary, back from left, NPWS manager David Nalder, Uncle Doug Kirk and Thomas Duroux and, front from left, Leanne Nicholls, Dianne Duroux and Helen Duroux.

Documentary tells of life on the fringe



IT has been many months in the making, but the Aboriginal people of

Tenterfield in far northern NSW now have a feature-length documentary about something very close to their hearts.

Living Our Way – Stories of Life on The Common tells the story of the town's fringe camp, commonly known as Curry's Gap.

Just on the edge of Tenterfield, The Common was home to many Indigenous and some other struggling families from the 1930s to the 1980s.

The 80-minute film, a joint effort of Moombahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council and the NSW National Parks

and Wildlife Service (NPWS), shares many of the stories from those Aboriginal families.

Moombahlene's Helen Duroux and NPWS Tenterfield area manager David Nalder, a Quandamooka (south-east Qld) man, who were the driving forces behind the film, are delighted with the result.

Delighted

So are the 200-odd people who turned out for its official launch recently in Tenterfield.

"Many Aboriginal people in Tenterfield wanted the story of The Common preserved," Ms Duroux told the *Koori Mail*.

"We wanted to record firsthand experiences of life there and to create cultural awareness for our people

and our children, before it was too late."

So experienced filmmakers Vera Hong and Craig Bender were contacted last year and the recording process started.

Many hours of work later, and following extensive interviews with local Elders and Indigenous people from across northern NSW who have connections to The Common, the film is finally a reality.

"It's great," Mr Nalder said. "Curry's Gap is now under the control of the NPWS, and we were delighted to be part of this project."

"The film will be a valuable education tool as well as a vital part of local history. Everyone can be very pleased with the outcome."

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'Village' 6600 years old

Fishtraps at the Budj Bim cultural landscape.



The Budj Bim lake where Gundjtmara (Victoria) aquaculture infrastructure has been dated at 6600 years old, one of the oldest remaining pieces of construction in the world.



GUNDJITMARA people and archaeologists have scientifically verified one of the world's oldest and largest aquaculture systems, made at least 6600 years ago.

The Budj Bim cultural landscape, part of the traditional lands of the Gundjtmara people and centred around Budj Bim (Mount Eccles) near Portland, Victoria, provides archaeological evidence of a village complex on a scale that could be described as almost suburban in places.

Gundjtmara Elder Denis Rose told the *Koori Mail* that for the past 12 years the Gundjtmara, backed by teams of archaeologists, historians and independent experts, have been gathering scientific evidence to support a nomination for the area to be included on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

This process is now in its final stages, with the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape expected to be included on Australia's tentative list of World Heritage nominations at the next available opportunity.

"It's really important for people to understand that this idea we were nomadic doesn't apply to all Aboriginal communities. Plenty of our communities were utilising resources," Mr Rose said.

"We had lava flows here in this part of Victoria around Budj Bim, an absolutely reliable water

source with a huge catchment, plenty of resources, wetlands and creeks that are associated with the lava flows."

Gundjtmara Elder Ken Saunders said his people were "engineers of aquaculture".

"We weren't nomads," he said. "We didn't wander aimlessly all over the bloody place and go walkabout. We had an existence here. We

used to trap eels here and use the eel traps. And some of the young fellas today still use the traps. I still eat the bloody things today."

Gundjtmara people have been modifying the wetland system along the Budj Bim lava flow for the systematic farming, trapping and harvesting of eels for thousands of years, building a highly productive aquaculture system that provided the economic and social base for many thousands of Gundjtmara people who lived along the Budj Bim lava flow in large villages of stone huts, made from basalt.

The remains of hundreds of these circular stone huts provide evidence of permanent settled communities. Along with the extensive aquaculture systems these sites are unique to the area around Lake Condah and Budj Bim.

"With the eel traps, and the fish trap systems, one thing we probably didn't know was the extent of them, they stretch quite a few kilometres in places," Mr Rose said.

"Our people weren't just putting rocks across a creek, they were creating dams, weirs, channels, so we have a vast aquaculture system for growing and farming fish, rather than just trapping.

"The scientifically-accepted date is 6,600 years – there aren't many things built on this planet that old, they predate the pyramids by a few thousands years. We contend it is the world's oldest aquaculture system still in existence."

Mr Rose said, if successful, the World Heritage listing could help enhance protection of the area, promote better awareness and understanding of Gundjtmara culture and promote economic opportunities through tourism.

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Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Family and friends listening to country music.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
I work in disability services, so I'd make sure our people are getting all the support they need in that area.

Quote



"We all need to own this issue and make sure we come together."

WA's Associate-Professor Ted Wilkes on the ice drug "scourge".

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Unquote

Ice users need our compassion

THE most effective healers are those who practise empathy and compassion.

And we'll need a lot of both if we are to come up with effective strategies to combat ice misuse by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and help with rehabilitation.

"Ice is a bit scary, but let's not fear it. Let's get in there and all work together." Those are the words of Associate Professor Ted Wilkes, a Nyungar Elder who works with the National Drug Institute at Curtin University in Perth, and it's an approach that's impossible to argue with.

It can be difficult to know what to do when someone you love or care about starts misusing drugs or alcohol.

And if the substance, like ice, causes users to behave violently or aggressively, it can be downright frightening.

But the only way to help people who are struggling with drug misuse is to help them help themselves. That doesn't mean enabling (creating an atmosphere in which an addict can comfortably continue unacceptable behaviour) but it does often involve a lot of listening.

No-one can force someone else to change – it has to come from within. But it's much more likely to stick if there's support, empathy and compassion.

People misuse drugs for myriad reasons but it usually comes down to blocking out pain. And Indigenous people often have more pain than other



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Australians because the traumas resulting from colonisation and dispossession are still being felt acutely today.

That means Indigenous people are often more vulnerable to drug misuse.

And it means that we need specific strategies and support to help Indigenous people who misuse drugs; strategies that are owned and implemented by Indigenous people and organisations.

Good on NACCHO for putting the idea of an Indigenous ice summit on the table.

The National Ice Taskforce has held sessions in regions across the country and is due to report in the coming months. While, hopefully it will come up with effective strategies, it's a great move for Indigenous people to go on the front foot and come up with specific ideas for Indigenous people and communities.

After all, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been looking after one another for tens of thousands of years. Ice might be a modern problem, but the way to find answers is rooted in generations of knowledge and wisdom.

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Comedian Andy Saunders. He's cracking jokes and blowing stereotypes out of the water, here and abroad.



This man's not your average comedian

By JILLIAN MUNDY

THE drive behind the career of comedian Andy Saunders is no laughing matter. He is out to smash stereotypes and provoke thought with his stand-up routines and suite of hilarious characters.

Saunders has been spreading his talent further and further afield as his star rises in the stand-up scene, and next month he will be the first Aboriginal comedian in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Roadshow Asia.

"It's all about provoking thought, not about getting the attention. It's about changing mind sets," the Biripi (NSW) man told the *Koori Mail*.

"If you're from a minority, I think it would be an injustice to not unpack stereotypes and have a look at making fun of them and showing people just how

ridiculous they actually are.

"I like to be as stealthy as possible with some jokes, and I like people to be able to drive home and think, 'Oh shit, that bastard, he made me learn tonight, while I was laughing.'"

Saunders appreciates comedy is one the most valuable tools to get through to people.

"I believe, and my grandmother believed, that when a human being's laughing, they are at their most vulnerable," he said.

"You could change their mind on anything when they're laughing.

"Or you can borrow a spare 20 off them.

"What we do, is we take stereotypes and we blow them out of the water.

"My grandparents taught me

the most valuable lesson – it's human to be different, but it's humane to accept the difference. If you can live by that it can get you a long way. It got me through for sure."

The funny man from Taree, NSW, says his path to comedy

"My grandparents taught me the most valuable lesson – it's human to be different, but it's humane to accept the difference. If you can live by that it can get you a long way. It got me through for sure."

began as a four year old – in the lounge room. "My Nan used to say, 'This party's boring. Can you get up and do some dancing or singing or tell a joke?' and I'd just do it," Saunders recalled.

The father of two entered the stand-up scene about 15 years ago, but for much of that time he has happily seen his career take a back seat to parenthood.

"I've got back on the scene for the last two years, and it's started to blow up a little bit. I'm sort of dumbfounded to how big it's getting lately," he said.

WhiteBLACKatcha youtube channel, the creation of Saunders and his cousins Jay Davis and Grant Leigh Saunders, featuring clips of Saunders playing a suite of characters including the devon-loving Frankie Jackson and the boney Koori zumba instructor Ray Ray Boy, has attracted nearly half a million views.

He has been touring with the Aboriginal Comedy Allstars since

last year and has taken a starring role in this year's Melbourne International Comedy Festival, while MCing shows and competitions all over the country.

While he says some of his jokes just go south, the ones that get a big 'payload' inspire him want to keep going. Don't be mistaken, the payload has nothing to do with financial reward. It is the roar of laughter.

"The cash is just a bonus that allows me to eat Maggi noodles and not Homebrand," he quips.

Those wanting to see Saunders on stage before he heads abroad, can catch him in Tasmania this week MCing Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Roadshow, at the Devonport Entertainment and Convention Centre on July 2, and at Hobart's Theatre Royal on July 3 and 4.

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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: Vicki Lett, National Parks and Wildlife Service, PO Box 198, Richmond, NSW, 2753. Alternatively registrations can be received by email to vicki.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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Tributes flow for Jimmy Wright



TRIBUTES have poured in for NSW Aboriginal leader Jimmy Wright, who passed away late last month. He was 66.

Mr Wright, a Goori man who lived in the Newcastle region, NSW, held many roles at local, state and national level.

He became involved in the Aboriginal rights movement in the early 1970s, and was the first administrator of Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-op Ltd.

He served on a number of Aboriginal boards and committees including the NSW Parks and Wildlife Advisory Committee, Yarnteen, the NSW Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee, the NSW Police Aboriginal Council and the NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports Council.



The late Jimmy Wright

He was also the NSW Eastern Zone ATSIC commissioner and was inaugural convener of the NSW Aboriginal Health Resource Committee.

NSWALC chair Craig Cromelin described Mr Wright as a giant in the land rights network in the Sydney-Newcastle region and in NSW.

"A tireless fighter for justice who was actively involved in the land rights struggle in the 1970s, Jim would play an instrumental role in the establishment of Local Aboriginal Land Councils in the region," he said.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said Mr Wright dedicated his life to improving the lives of Indigenous people and was greatly respected for his strong family values and commitment to his community.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Leslie Williams said Mr Wright's dedication to his community and his people would be missed.

Yankunytjatjara Elder a writer, teacher, leader



YANKUNYTJATJARA Elder Kwementyaye Randall has been remembered as a teacher, advocate for the Stolen Generation, writer and leader.

He also earned the title Tjilpi – which means 'Uncle' – in recognition of his teachings.

He was a traditional keeper of Uluru.

Kwementyaye was born in the Central Desert region to a Yankunytjatjara mother and white father in the late 1920s or early 1930s.

Tjilpi was stolen from his mother when he was around seven years old and never found her again.

He was taken to the Methodist Croker Island Reservation in Arnhem Land, where he was given a new name and birth date.

After a childhood in institutions, Tjilpi moved to Darwin and then Adelaide.

Throughout his life, Kwementyaye worked as an educator and advocate for equal rights of all living things, land rights and responsibility to the environment, Aboriginal cultural awareness and preservation, and community development.

He helped establish many organisations in Darwin including the RRT Pony Club, Boxing Club, Folk Club and the Aboriginal Development Foundation.

As a young man, Kwementyaye worked as a counsellor through his church and led a country music band

Tjilpi wrote anthem for the Stolen Generations

that played in regional Aboriginal communities.

He was also an accomplished actor, performing on stage, in movies and featuring in John Pilger's documentaries, *The Secret Country* in 1985 and *Utopia* in 2014.

In 1970 he wrote the song *My Brown Skin Baby, They Take 'Im Away*, which focussed national attention on, and became an anthem for, the Stolen Generations. That year he also helped found the Adelaide Community College for Aboriginal People, where he became a lecturer.

After years of searching, Kwementyaye finally found his Yankunytjatjara people and lived on country at Mutitjulu, near Uluru, for many years.

Kwementyaye served as Northern Territory Legal Aid Service director and

helped to establish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander centres at the Australian National University, Canberra University and Wollongong University.

In recent years, despite failing health, Kwementyaye was a strong critic of the Northern Territory Intervention.

Friends, family and admirers have remembered Kwementyaye's strength, leadership, gentle spirit, twinkling eyes and calm and measured way of speaking, even when he was strongly critical.

He published four books, including his autobiography, *Songman* (2003), and three children's books, *Tracker Tjuginji*, *Stories From Country*, and *Nyuntu Ninti*.

In 2006 he collaborated with filmmaker Melanie Hogan on *Kanyini*, which detailed Kwementyaye's teachings about connectedness and spirituality and was voted best documentary at the 2007 London Australian Film Festival.

Following the film, Kwementyaye was invited to speak at locations across the globe, presenting teachings based on the Anangu Kanyini principles of caring for the environment and each other with unconditional love and responsibility. According to his website Kanyini.org, his philosophy "calls Indigenous people to reclaim their Aboriginal identities and regain lives of purpose, so that the relevance of ancient wisdom to modern living is understood".



On page 26, Victoria's Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People Andrew Jackomos praises the establishment of the state's Aboriginal Children's Forum.

Nature's laws take precedence

AS they were in 1788, the diverse peoples of the pan-continental Aboriginal Civilisation are light years ahead of the fledgling Western civilisation in terms of their environmentally and socially integrated land and water management traditions.

The First Nations' holistic interacting cultures, based on nature's physical and meta-physical laws, harmonise into the landscapes and natural ecologies of their territories through their kinship and totemic systems and have been sustained with integrity over millennia.

The national and international legal reality is that Aboriginal people have continuing sovereignty, dominion and ultimate title over their ancestral homelands.

The realisation of this is now dawning on the most wilfully ignorant politicians, none more so than Tony Abbott, the self-declared Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

First Nation states are composing their 'Declarations of Independence' – each will have their own specific clauses, but the Euahlayi, Murruwarri and Nyoongar Swan

River declarations provide a broad template for all.

One clause that will be included in each is that Mother Nature's laws take precedence over human laws.

The inevitable and perhaps imminent Australian republic should integrate into the First Nation states and not the other way around, as the 'Recognise' campaign would have it.

MAUREEN BRANNAN
Cloyna, Qld

Search for Shadforth

I AM a caseworker with the Link-Up SA Program of Nunkuwarrin Yunti Inc.

I'm seeking to contact Albert Steve Shadforth, who was born on June 15, 1921, in Burketown.

If anyone knows of his whereabouts or has information about him, can they please contact me at elizah@nunku.org.au or on (08) 8406 1600.

ELIZAH HART
Adelaide, SA

The ideal role model

IT was only at the University of NSW law faculty graduation on June 11 when an honorary doctorate was conferred on Adam Goodes that I realised the man was not only an accomplished sportsman but a dedicated campaigner for Indigenous education, equal rights and social justice.

He is an ideal role model for the young generation of all communities who make up the Australian multiracial mosaic.

It is a fitting that Australia's premier university honoured him that way.

RAJEND NAIDU
Glenfield, NSW



Will Australians be condemned?

I RECENTLY read an article about black South Africans being removed from their homes and lands during the apartheid period in South Africa.

Amongst the excuses for the forced removals was that the Government was eradicating 'black spots'; 'there was overcrowding'; 'the settlements were not properly planned'; there was supposed to be a 'high crime rate'; and 'the land was needed for other purposes'.

As a result of these forced removals, families were evicted from their lands, children had their schooling disrupted (some permanently), many older people never recovered from the trauma, and their removals left a lasting bitterness in South Africa.

It is hard for me not to draw comparisons between what happened in South Africa in 1968 and what is being proposed for the Aboriginal communities in Australia in 2015.

Perhaps the real reason why governments feel that black people can be removed from their homes is that they are deemed to be different to the wider society and don't fit into governments' plans.

Will Australians be condemned by the world in the same way the South African Apartheid regime was in 1968?

MARGARET BENSON
Burnie, Tasmania

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POETRY

In memory of our sister

Just little girls with big brown eyes
A head of chocolate hair, and that trademark cheeky smile
We lived a street away, after school we would play
Not a care in the world, we were just little girls.

And then there were the weekends to Tabrett
I'd follow you to Pop's
To the shed up the back we'd go, play schools or pretend to box
Not a care in the world, we were just little girls.

As we got older, we'd listen and confide
Sometimes we'd laugh, sometimes we'd cry
But we didn't care, that's what sisters do
Our bond had no boundaries, a sister's love true.

Then you grew your wings, left without a goodbye
You broke my heart, and for the first time ever made me cry
A day doesn't pass without a thought of you
About them carefree days doing what little girls do.

Why you couldn't have stayed is beyond me
You were somebody's baby, and everyone's
Kristy Leigh.

KELLY GRIFFEN

In memory of our sister
Kristy Leigh Scholes
26.05.1981-23.06.2005
Love you always
Narnie, Kylie, Cecily, Berna, Melissa, Kelly, Libbi, Ngara, Emma, Nakeeta, Kyah, Diane, Suzanne, Peta, Merinda, and all her aunties, uncles, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.
Loved and missed by many.

Editor's note: Kristy Leigh Scholes was murdered by Malcolm Naden, who is serving a life sentence for his horrific crimes.

This is the way forward



Andrew Jackomos

THE rapidly increasing overrepresentation of Aboriginal children in the Victorian child protection system driven by family violence must not be allowed to continue.

So that's why I applaud the recent announcement by Victorian Minister for Families and Children Jenny Mikakos about the establishment of the Aboriginal Children's Forum.

This is the first major Aboriginal policy initiative in Victoria in many years.

The coming together of the State Government and children sector representatives from both the Koorie and broader Victorian

community in the Aboriginal Children's Forum is fundamental to developing a response that should see less children coming into care and better outcomes for those in care.

Many committed Aboriginal workers and successful initiatives across Victoria are making a difference to our children.

We need to build on these initiatives and their wisdom to change how we collectively drive innovative policy, child protection practices and strengthen Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to play a greater role. I congratulate Minister Mikakos for her goodwill in

responding to calls from the Aboriginal community for the opportunity for government to sit and talk with both Koorie and non-Koorie sector organisations as partners together in driving change for the better.

We must not only change the negative subculture of male-perpetrated family violence in many of our communities that is driving our children from their homes, but we must also change the culture of child protection practices, and review programs and initiatives both within government and community that are clearly not working and dragging out the time many of our children spend in

out-of-home care.

The first task for the Aboriginal Children's Forum should be the development of an Aboriginal Children's Partnership Agreement, much like the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, that is based on equitable partnerships, transparency, respect, honesty, a commitment by all parties to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and that of Aboriginal self-determination.

This is the way forward.

● **Andrew Jackomos, an Aboriginal man, is Victoria's Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People.**

Magna Carta and the rule of law – myth or meaningless?

KING John of England sealed the Magna Carta at Runnymede (in England) on June 15, 1215, but just how relevant is it for our First Nations Peoples 800 years on?

Regardless of whether the Magna Carta is a myth or not, we look at it as a starting point for the evolution of a rule of law that protects the citizens from executive power.

But for our peoples, that rule of law itself is a myth because we still fail to be protected from the overreach of executive power.

A sophisticated system of Aboriginal law existed in this land before the colonisation of the British.

Colonisation effectively displaced that system of law, but it was not completely displaced for Aboriginal people. Our people continued to practise Aboriginal law while also being subject to Australian law, and because there is a monopoly over force, the reality is that Australian law takes precedence.

In the framework of governance, law and order in society is based on the legal narrative of the rule of law, which has been evolving for almost a millennia. Western legal scholarship argues that the protection it offers affords an effective model for the administration of justice.

Despite changes in the modern Australian nation, this country is still incarcerating Aboriginal people at a high and grossly disproportionate rate as when Europeans first arrived.

How tragic it is that this country finds it easier to keep a young Aboriginal person in jail, rather than in school?

There's no doubt that Australia's incarceration rate of its First People's challenges this country's right to label itself as an egalitarian state, a state based on the principle of justice for all.

This indicates a rupture in the justice system and in particular the

social contract between First Nation groups and government.

Fundamental to the rule of law is its evolution. It does not sit in a vacuum outside of the social pressures of the time.

If the same legal and social dysfunction is occurring over 200 years after the Western rule of law came to this land, there is clearly a need for a better evolution of that rule of law.

So how can the principles of the rule of law evolve so that the social contract can be effective?

The principle of equal justice embodies the notion of equality before the law and is an aspect of the rule of law. It is a fundamental element in any rational and fair system of criminal justice.

The principle is an essential safeguard for Aboriginal people whose overrepresentation in the criminal justice system is due, in large measure, to that shared background of suffering a 230-year history of dispossession from our own lands, discrimination and disempowerment, and exclusion from society.

But Aboriginal incarceration levels are not just a law and justice issue.

The continued insistence on legitimising such a fundamental wrong is a major contributor to Aboriginal disadvantage and, in turn, the shameful incarceration rates our communities endure.

One of our challenges is changing the mindset of people who actually feel safe in the knowledge that our jails are full of Aboriginal people.

How do we revert to a community that cares and wants change?

Because we have never been passive or the poor victims of this failed relationship, the anger and



Dennis Eggington

resentment runs deep. Not all Aboriginal people in custody are freedom fighters; it is true that some have committed serious crimes which deserve serious penalties. However, it is almost inevitable that offending takes

number of things.

Firstly, the rule of law has not been a fixed thing; it has evolved as philosophy, and power has changed over the last millennia according to the social needs of the time.

Secondly, the rule of law excluded Aboriginal peoples because we were not considered as possessing the capacity to be considered individuals, and in any event, were not subjects of the Commonwealth of Australia until about 50 years ago.

Indigenous Australians struggled to have many first generation human rights acknowledged throughout much of the 20th century. Importantly, with respect to Indigenous people, the Australian Constitution has historically been a document of exclusion.

The key to changing this dynamic is the principle of self-determination, which has been embedded into the rule of law in many other nation-states and is a recognition of the historical rupture of colonisation and its continuing effects.

Government policy, whether from the right or the left of the spectrum of Australian politics, has had the effect of disempowering Aboriginal people. Whether it is

the army steamrolling through remote communities, as was the case during the Intervention in

the Northern Territory, or it is creating a system of reliance of welfare, in both cases Aboriginal communities are disempowered and disengaged.

Self-determination as a principle operates on every level that the rule of law is administered.

If we are to address incarceration rates, then change must be embedded in the fabric of Australian law.

Our rights of self-determination should be recognised in the Constitution. It is imperative that measures are taken that allow Aboriginal people the autonomy to determine our own fates.

Lord Denning described the Magna Carta as "the greatest constitutional document of all time", but I would argue that the great charter's original purpose as a peace treaty between the barons and the king is more relevant to us.

Rewriting the social contract in a form of treaty between the First People and the Settler Society has much merit. This could be driven by the intent and articles in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

This concept of united peoples has always held a strong position. Give, take, mutual respect, caring for one another, sharing the resources and wealth of the land. These are traditional Aboriginal values that should underpin our country's way of operating.

There are a number of undeniable truths: Australia was and had been settled and occupied for tens of thousands of years before the so-called European discovery.

Aboriginal ownership and occupation were swept away in a tide of death and destruction. No peace deal or treaty was entered into.

We survived and this inherited history continues to create a repugnant pathway to the modern Australian state.

We continue to look for ways to overcome Aboriginal disadvantage, and the declaration gives a clear way forward.

In the meantime, I hope that Australia can find its humanity and have the moral fortitude to want this to happen.

● **Dennis Eggington is chief executive of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA, a position he has held since 1997.**

"Our rights of self-determination should be recognised in the Constitution. It is imperative that measures are taken that allow Aboriginal people the autonomy to determine our own fates."

place against a background of serious disadvantage and poverty.

Restorative justice, justice reinvestment and therapeutic jurisprudence are vital in reforming our law-and-order policies. They will contribute to ensuring our citizens are being healed and can contribute to a better society and a better way of life for themselves.

The historical dynamic with respect to the rule of law reveals a

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Catholic ministry head steps down



VICKI Clark has stepped down after 25 years as the head of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Victoria. The Mutthi Mutthi (Victoria) woman has been a social justice campaigner and is co-chair of Reconciliation Victoria.

She said that among her achievements, she was most proud of the Opening The Doors Foundation which she helped to found in 2001. The foundation continues to help hundreds of Aboriginal children stay in school every year.

Ms Clark will remain as a trustee with Opening The Doors, but intends to resign her position with Reconciliation Victoria later in the year.

Winning works will go on show



THE winning works in this year's Schools Reconciliation Challenge art competition for primary and secondary school students across New South Wales are going on show this month.

The challenge, organised by the NSW Reconciliation Council, is designed to invite discussion about reconciliation in Australia, with the resulting ideas and concepts made into artworks in the classroom.

This year's theme, 'Homegrown Heroes', was designed to get students thinking about reconciliation and heroes of the national reconciliation movement.

The 18 winning artworks will be exhibited at The Rocks Discovery Museum in Sydney from July 7.

For more information phone (02) 8095 9600 or email info@nswreconciliation.org.au

Fire awareness is on NSWALC radar



A NEW partnership between the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) aims to increase skills and awareness of fire danger in Aboriginal communities.

Statistics show Aboriginal communities in NSW are more likely to have a fire incident than the state average.

"There is an urgent need to train and resource local Aboriginal firefighters," NSWALC chair Craig Cromelin said.

"It's so important for everyone to learn basic skills on what to do in an emergency situation, like learning how to find an exit, because it can save lives."

Sessions have been held in Batemans Bay, Bega, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Kempsey, Moree, Moruya, Narooma, Nowra, Orange, Sydney, Tarro and Wollongong with more scheduled for Lightning Ridge, Bourke and Tamworth.

Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive



NSW Aboriginal Land Council members, including chair Craig Cromelin, centre, hear from Fire and Rescue NSW instructors.

Annette Steele said the partnership would save lives.

"When there's a fire, unfortunately there's not

always a big red fire truck in front of someone's yard,"

she said.

"So having people with that

first response awareness to protect themselves and their families and their properties is important."

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The rock shelter in Western Australia's Weld Range and, at right, Ansell Egan and Annie Carson excavating at Yalibirri Mindi.

WA rock shelter secrets revealed



A ROCK shelter in the Weld Range has provided evidence of the oldest human occupation yet in the Mid-West region of Western Australia. A research project undertaken by the University of Western Australia and Wajarri traditional owners has found evidence to suggest that ancestors of Wajarri native title claimants have been in the Mid-West region for more than 30,000 years.

Samples for radiocarbon dating were

collected by traditional owners and archaeologists during an excavation at a Weld Range site, 50km north-west of Cue, in May last year. The Weld Range is home to National Heritage-listed Wilgie Mia Aboriginal ochre mine.

Wajarri Elder Colin Hamlett said it was exciting to confirm that his people had been living in the Mid-West area for 30,000 years as determined from charcoal associated with stone artefacts at the Yalibirri Mindi rock shelter.

UWA archaeologist Vivienne Brown said

that until now the Mid-West region had been an enigma.

"The history of Aboriginal occupation to the north in the Pilbara, south at places like Devil's Lair and to the east in the Western Desert has been well established for many years, but the handful of excavated sites in the Mid-West are all relatively young," she said.

"This new date from Yalibirri Mindi rock shelter pushes back regional occupation by 20,000 years and is enormously important for the archaeological community."

Homes available for Broome mob



EIGHT homes will be made available for shared-equity purchase by members of Broome's Yawuru community. Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd (NBY) is partnering with the Kimberley Development

Commission and Western Australian Government mortgage lender Keystart in the program to increase Aboriginal home ownership opportunities.

WA Housing Minister Colin Holt described the program as a significant opportunity for Aboriginal people. "This is Keystart's first foray into direct partnership with an Aboriginal company in order to increase Indigenous home ownership among low-to-moderate income earners," he said.

Under the program, first home owners will be able to access a housing package valued at up to \$530,000 on land owned by NBY.

\$180,000 for Vic regional justice



VICTORIA Attorney-General Martin Pakula says \$180,000 is available for implementation of Regional Aboriginal Justice Plans across the state.

Developed by Victoria's nine Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committees (RAJACs), the plans outline community-based responses to local justice issues for Indigenous people, aligned with the Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

The plans promote participation in cross-agency and partnership forums to address disadvantage faced by the Indigenous community.



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Notice to all members (shareholders) of the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust

Audit of the Register of Members ("shareholder register")

The Board of the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust is currently undertaking an audit of the Register of Members, more commonly referred to as the "shareholder register", in preparation for the election of a Committee of Management to take over from the Board by 1 October 2015.

Applications for the transfer of shares by Members will close on **21 August 2015**. No share transfer applications will be accepted after this date.

State Trustees Ltd and the Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria are assisting the Board with the audit of the Register of Members for the period since **August 2002**, when the last official entry was made to the Register.

If you or your family would like more information on:

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Children getting connected in the desert. Picture: Ngaanyatjarra Media

From Dreamtime to Cloud time



initiatives such as the Ara Irititja Project.

Run through the Pitjantjatjara Council, Ara Irititja – which translates as 'stories from a long while ago' – is collecting material and stories from the Anangu lands in the north-west of South Australia and building a multimedia database to maintain and share culture and language.

"It's a fantastic project which relies on Cloud technology," Indigenous Remote Communications

THE arrival of broadband technology in some remote desert communities has led to

Association (IRCA) manager Daniel Featherstone said.

He said the tradition of passing on stories by word of mouth would be carried on through the internet and new technology.

"The biggest limitation on that is lack of good internet services, so once the NBN's long-term satellite comes in, these things are going to take off," Mr Featherstone said.

Alliance

The project has the backing of the Broadband in the Bush Alliance, run through IRCA.

Alliance member Kelly Robinson, who lives at Warburton near the Gibson Desert, praised new technology. "Broadband

makes remote not remote," she said.

"In old times we would see a smoke signal and maybe walk 100km. Now with a mobile phone we can get that message straight away."

Mr Featherstone said Facebook was becoming a popular method of communication in remote communities.

"In most of the desert communities people don't have a street address, they don't have a phone number, they don't have an email address," he said. "So Facebook has become such a critical part of communicating with each other."

The Broadband in the Bush Alliance will meet again in Darwin on July 15 and 16.

ABA funding for projects



A TOTAL of 37 Northern Territory organisations will receive financial support for more than 40 projects under the latest round of funding from the Aboriginal Benefits Account (ABA). The ABA is a special account established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* to distribute royalty-equivalent money generated from mining on

Aboriginal land in the NT.

Employment projects were the priority for the latest allocation, which totals \$15 million.

Recipients include the Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation Language Centre, which will build a multi-purpose office complex, and Aboriginal-owned and operated Bradshaw and Timber Creek Resource Company, which will establish a village to accommodate workers.

Art centres in Yuendumu and Santa Teresa will also be extended to encourage more tourism.

And the Institute for Aboriginal Development Aboriginal Corporation has been funded to reprint dictionaries and resources on 15 Aboriginal languages of Central Australia.

A full list of the recipients is at <http://www.dpnc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/>

The next round of ABA funding will open in September.



● Above: Stolen Generations members and their families gather at Wuggubun in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

Stolen Gens gathering in Kimberley



SIXTY Stolen Generations members and their families and friends travelled from across the Kimberley region in Western Australia for what was a joyful gathering in the community of Wuggubun. Many of the people battled ill health and frailty to make the two-day trip, which was organised by the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation (KSGAC).

KSGAC staff said that despite their painful shared history, the Elders' faces filled with joy when they saw each other.

"It was an honour to be part of the occasion and bring together our Elders in a safe and welcoming space for them to reconnect, relax and enjoy each other's company," KSGAC chairman Mark Bin Bakar said. "For many of them, it may be their last chance to be part of this gathering so it was very important they had the opportunity to see each

other again while their health allows." "Seeing the joy on their faces made the trip so worthwhile and meaningful."

Elders and guests took part in yarnning circles, enjoyed musical entertainment, created a hand-stamped banner and listened to a presentation by Elder Sam Lovell.

KSGAC recorded the Elders' stories and videoed their oral histories including a recording of one singing a song from their childhood.

"We must continue this program of collective healing so those who want to be involved feel part of something special," Mr Bin Bakar said.

"After all, we inherit our Elders' history and pain, so the more we can create a sense of belonging for them the more we can all have a sense of country, family, humanity, dignity, pride and sincere love.

"One Elder, Mrs Biddy Trust, said that love is the most important message and that we must embrace to overcome pain, hurt and suffering."

Tangentyere call on better safety



TANGENTYERE Council has called on all sectors of government to recognise and support the efforts of Alice Springs Town Camp residents to improve community safety. The council is the major service delivery agency for the 18 housing associations, known as town camps, in Alice Springs.

Tangentyere chief executive Walter Shaw said the so-called Town Campers had been putting forward suggestions to improve community safety and visitor management for many years.

"There has been a historical reluctance to take up our community-led suggestions, but there are indications this attitude may hopefully be changing," he said.

"Community safety isn't just about a tough law-and-order approach ...

Town Campers have been saying for some time (it's) about working together to improve living conditions, effectively manage visitors and issues of homelessness and overcrowding, and support Town Campers efforts to manage alcohol in their own homes."

Pivotal role

Mr Shaw said Tangentyere has a pivotal role to play, and he thanked the NT and Federal government agencies that recently met with them "in a spirit of goodwill and co-operation".

"They are small steps and progress may be slower than we'd like, but they are important," he said.

"I am hopeful the issues and solutions we are putting forward to the bureaucrats will be recognised and supported ... so we see some real improvements in living conditions and community safety."

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Learning on Country leads to zoo jobs



THREE men from Murray Bridge aim to pursue their passion for conservation after securing work through a partnership between oil and gas company Santos and Zoos South Australia.

Through the Santos-led Aboriginal Learning on Country Program (ALoC), the trainees had the opportunity to secure work at Monarto Zoo, near Murray Bridge, and gain the qualifications needed for fulltime roles.

The three are Leon Dodd, a Ngarrindjeri man from Meningie, David Wilson, a Wirangu/Kokatha man from SA's far west coast, and Michael Holland, a Bunganditj man from South-East Kingston.

Mr Wilson said that with limited employment opportunities in Murray Bridge other than unskilled low-income jobs, and with a passion for working on the land and conservation, all the men jumped at the chance to



At the trainee presentation ceremony were, from left, Department for Education and Child Development education manager Ian Walton, trainee Leon Dodd, SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher, trainees Michael Holland and David Wilson and Zoos SA chief executive Elaine Bensted.

participate in the program.

Mr Dodd described the program as "life changing".

"I had no idea how much there was to learn. This program has taught me so much," he said. "I

already had the cultural knowledge which was taught to me by my parents and grandparents, and that is complemented by what I have learned doing the diplomas."

For Mr Holland, a highlight was working in remote areas of SA doing the pitfall surveys, where they capture native fauna in small pit traps and record their progress.

"We visited an area where there had been a recent bush fire to monitor the rehabilitation of the site, and spending time in the bush was great", he said.

Manager Aboriginal participation at Santos Kerryne Liddle said support for the program was a way to help local Aboriginal people learn more about conservation and land management close to where they live and on land that is most important to them.

"It is great to work alongside an employer like Zoos SA who shares our passion for helping Aboriginal people transition into meaningful work, and making sure that they are well placed and confident to take on fulltime employment," she said.

"David, Michael and Leon have worked hard to get their qualifications and secure fulltime work, and have done an incredible job encouraging young people to stay in school.

"This is exactly what the program is about and the response has been fantastic."

NLC caution on plan for north



THE Northern Land Council has cautiously welcomed the Federal Government's new White Paper on Developing Northern Australia. The paper details the Government's plans and policy ideas for the region over the next two decades.

"It's a matter of immediate comfort that the paper does not attack the basic integrity of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*," NLC chief executive Joe Morrison said.

"The paper does favour more township leases in the Northern Territory, but it appears to allow for some flexibility about the entity which would hold the head lease over a township on Aboriginal land.

"The NLC remains opposed to the Federal Government model which would vest township leases with a



NLC chief executive Joe Morrison

Commonwealth officer, the executive director of township leasing.

"However, I note that the paper

suggests a head lease could alternatively be held by a community entity. As long as that sort of entity was representative of Aboriginal traditional owners who would hold the head lease over a township, the NLC could be prepared to consider such an alternative model."

The paper proposes the delegation of some land council functions to Aboriginal corporations to facilitate local decision making, but Mr Morrison said the NLC is already moving down that track within its own structures.

He also welcomed the commitment of money to bring native title claims to finality and to fund local native title corporations. But, he said, a proposal in the paper to simplify native title processes must not be a guise for diminishing communal decision making and the rights of native title holders.

Rally on anniversary of NT Intervention



STOP the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS) has held a rally to mark the eighth anniversary of the Northern Territory Intervention.

The intervention started in 2007 when then prime minister John Howard deployed troops into Aboriginal communities in the NT after allegations of sexual abuse and violence on communities.

The policy, opposed by many, was continued by the subsequent

Labor Government and is ongoing.

Speakers at the STICS Sydney rally on June 21 included Wangkumurra Elder Uncle Albert Hartnett, who has firsthand experience of child removal, Murri writer and poet Uncle Ken Canning, Kamileroi man Kyol Blakeney, and human rights and social justice campaigner Gerry Georgatos.

They said there have been many detrimental social outcomes as a result of the intervention, which has been supported by politicians from Labor and the Coalition.



Uncle Ken Canning speaks at the Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney rally in Sydney.

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MDWg Language and Culture Centre workers with the award, from left, Stephanie Woerde, Rita Boombi and Glenda Grange.

Language program wins



A NATIVE language program for young children in Western Australia's Kununurra area has won the Organisation Award at the 2015 HESTA Community Sector Awards.

The program, run by the Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring (MDWg) Language and Culture Centre, has been recognised for its role in revitalising the endangered local Miriwoong language, through activities with young children such as storytelling, songs, games, and arts and crafts.

MDWg chairperson Rita Boombi, who is also directly involved in the program's delivery, said more than 200 children had taken part in the program through

partnerships with local childcare centres, as well as primary and secondary schools.

She said children in the program have benefited from a stronger sense of self-esteem and wellbeing, and show a more positive attitude towards learning and attending school.

Evaluation

A recent project evaluation showed that staff of partner organisations strongly believe in the relevance and meaningfulness of the program for the children in their care.

Similarly, all children taking part in the program found it enjoyable and important to be regularly learning the Miriwoong language, with 90% of children saying their participation made

them feel a greater sense of pride.

Program facilitator Stephanie Woerde said the initiative had not only made a positive difference in the lives of the children involved in the program, but also to the Miriwoong Elders, and the broader community.

"There is now an increased knowledge of the local Miriwoong language in the community, providing greater assurance that it will continue to be part of community life for generations to come," she said.

The MDWg Language and Culture Centre received a \$10,000 development grant, courtesy of awards sponsor ME. Ms Boombi said the grant would allow the program to publish more books for children and for others in the community who would like to learn the language.

Packer money to help youth



INDIGENOUS education organisations around Australia are the latest to benefit from the Crown Resorts Foundation's and Packer Family Foundation's \$200 million National Philanthropic Fund.

The foundation has a goal of providing opportunities for young Indigenous people, while supporting Indigenous education programs is a key priority of the \$200 million National Philanthropic Fund.

Both foundations said the Indigenous education organisations selected as partners were chosen for their commitment to work with parents and communities to establish the trust and sense of security that enables children not only to benefit from a consistent school-based education, but to thrive in such a setting.

Recipients are the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience, Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation, Aurora Indigenous Education Foundation, The Aspiration Initiative Academic Enrichment Program, Clontarf Foundation, and Mt Druitt Street University – Noffs Indigenous Schools Project.

Anangu group gets contract



THE Regional Anangu Service Aboriginal Corporation (RASAC) has won a contract worth more than \$150,000 to construct a new landfill site on South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the contract will boost Aboriginal employment in the region.

"RASAC will undertake the construction work at Yunyarinyi (Kenmore Park) as part of the APY Waste and Landfills program, which is managed by the South Australian Government," he said.

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher said the contract will raise the profile of the work being undertaken by Aboriginal-owned and managed organisations in South Australia.

Isaacs to chair WA lands trust



WESTERN Australia's Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) has a new leader. Aboriginal issues veteran Dr Robert Isaacs will take on the role at the trust, which holds almost 10% of WA's land, on which about 10,000 Aboriginal people live.

WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier said he has asked Dr Isaacs to focus on Aboriginal home ownership through land tenure reform on the ALT estate.

"I am confident Dr Isaacs will utilise his broad experience and widely held respect to advance the cause of Aboriginal people on this important board," he said.

Mallee service aids gamblers



A NEW gambler's help service in the Mallee region of northern Victoria is providing targeted support for Indigenous people with gambling-related issues.

Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) said its gambler's help and financial counselling service was among three Indigenous-specific initiatives in regional Victoria funded by the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation.

People wanting to access the services can contact the MDAS Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team on (03) 5018 4100.

Inland seafarers or good swimmers?

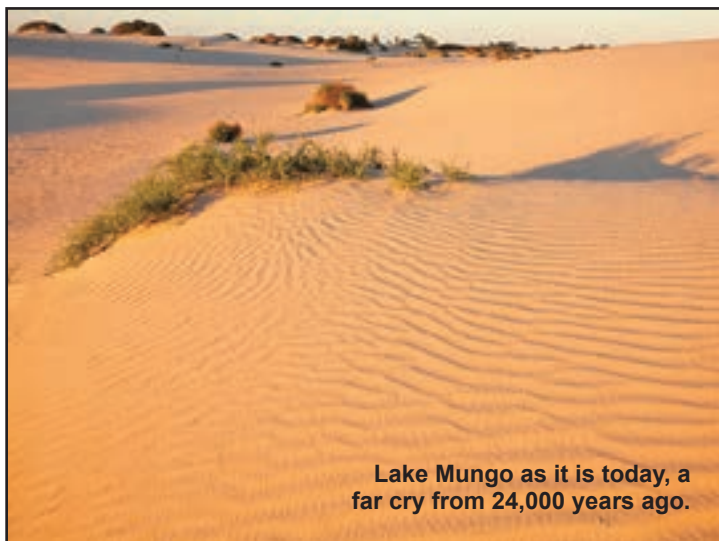


EARLY Aboriginal people were either quite accomplished inland seafarers or pretty good long-distance swimmers. That's the thinking of researchers following the release of an international study on Lake Mungo, in far western NSW.

The study found Lake Mungo, which has been dry for the past 15,000 years, once held 250% more water than thought previously, and was connected to a neighbouring lake for a brief period before the peak of the last ice age.

The findings of the study, led by geologist Dr Kathryn Fitzsimmons from Germany's Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, La Trobe University archaeologist Dr Nicola Stern, and geologist Professor Colin Murray-Wallace from the University of Wollongong, have been published in the journal *PLOS One*.

Lake Mungo is significant as



Lake Mungo as it is today, a far cry from 24,000 years ago.

the home of Australia's oldest known human remains.

Dr Stern said the mega lake was so large about 24,000 years ago before the peak of the last ice age that water levels rose by five metres, creating an island between Lake Mungo and the adjacent lake. While it cut off Aboriginal people from their usual hunting grounds, artefacts

found on the island – such as stone tools, burnt bones and multiple hearths – showed that people repeatedly visited the island to exploit its food resources.

Dr Stern said discovery of the mega-lake showed climate and landscapes can change suddenly and dramatically, and that people seemed to adapt

pretty quickly to such changing conditions.

The study also revealed variation in the shorelines of the main lake compared with the former mega-lake, indicating possible warping by recent tectonic activity.

Lake Mungo's archaeology documents human behaviour over the past 50,000 years, while its sediments illustrate environmental change over 100,000 years. This provides a unique record of interactions between people and their environment over time.

Dr Fitzsimmons said there was no evidence for watercraft use in Australia between original colonisation of the continent more than 45,000 years ago, and 6000 years ago.

But she said that although no evidence of boats was found during the study, "repeated visits to the island may represent indirect evidence for a resurrection of water-faring technologies following a pause of at least 20,000 years".

National Native Title Conference



Michael Mansell, Les Malezer, Geoff Clark and Murrandoo Yanner attended the conference in Port Douglas.

Major issues on the table

By RUDI MAXWELL



MORE than 700 people travelled to Port Douglas on Cape York for the National Native Title Conference last month to discuss challenges and successes around native title for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

About 150 speakers addressed a range of issues before an audience that included delegates from native title prescribed body corporates (PBCs), land councils, native title holders and applicants, lawyers, academics and anthropologists.

Cape York Land Council chairman Richie Ah Mat officially opened the conference, which was organised by AIATSIS (the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies) with a blunt assessment of the highlights and lowlights of the native title system.

"One of the drawbacks of native title is that we are not land owners in the modern sense," he said.

"The system restricts opportunities for economic activity. We need reform because, by itself, native title is not enough.

"We know that what is needed for one native title holder is not the same for all the others, so a one-size-fits-all system won't work.

"But it is our right as traditional owners to decide who can explore and who can mine on Aboriginal land."

Much of the discussion at the conference centred on the challenges facing native title holders in developing economic opportunities on their land.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion announced that the Federal Government would contribute \$20 million (over four years) for native title corporations to support training and commercial opportunities.

In a panel session that included members of the national working group on Indigenous land administration and use, former Kimberley Land Council head Wayne Bergmann called for land tenure reform and changes to the *Native Title Act* to address inefficiencies.

Quandamooka woman Valerie Cooms backed support for PBCs and other native title corporations, but advised caution when it came to legislative reform.

"It seems that the best part of the *Native Title Act* was when it was introduced in 1993," she said.

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The conference included North Queensland Land Council representatives, front, from left, Phil Rist, Patricia Dallachy and Annette Hooligan. Back, from left, Abe Muriata, Kara Dunn, Karman Lippitt and Gary Mooney.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda gives the Mabo lecture at the conference.



Barrister Tony McEvoy, Cape York Partnership's Zoe Ellerman and Cape York Land Council principal legal officer Adam McLean.



The Kuku Yalanji Dancers perform at the opening ceremony.



Cape York Land Council chairperson Richie Ah Mat speaks at the opening ceremony.

held on Kuku Yalanji Country



Catching up at the conference, from left, Gail Mabo, Arthur Ah Chee, from the South Australian Native Title Services Ltd, and AIATSIS council member Rachel Perkins.



From left, Colin Enoch, Dewayne Mundraby, Dale Mundraby and Vincent Mundraby at Port Douglas.



Cape York Partnership founder Noel Pearson speaks about his blueprint for Indigenous communities to obtain lasting economic, social, political and cultural reform.



From left, Amanda Meredith, Vanessa Ross, Christine Royan and Cheryl Buchanan.



Ngunnawal (ACT region) man Rob Williams addresses the youth forum at the national native title conference. Picture: AIATSIS

Youth have their say



THIS year's national native title conference included a youth forum, to enable young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across the country to meet, network and discuss issues of importance.

Ngunnawal man Rob Williams, who works for AIATSIS (the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies) and has recently earned his degree in archaeology, told the *Koori Mail* it was a great opportunity for young people to have their say.

"We talked about leadership and why getting involved in native title is important," he said.

"It was great to have a cultural experience at Mossman Gorge.

"I talked about engaging with traditional teachings and ideas and moving away from this idea of purely financial gain.

"I think we can measure success in other ways than simply financial gain, like teaching younger people to make the right decisions and really putting our own personal agendas aside and thinking more about the collective.

"We talked about cultural security and having a place where we can feel culturally safe, which can be our land, the essence of who we are as Indigenous people and our spirituality."

700 hear latest in Port Douglas

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"Since that time governments have seemed determined to whittle away our rights."

Similarly, Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) chair Dawn Casey said she believes it is

possible to work within the current Act and get good and positive outcomes for native title holders.

"I think people need to fully explore what is available in the Act," she said.

"The Act doesn't necessarily

help everyone and certainly that's one of the reasons why the ILC was set up.

"Experience"

"Based on my years of experience, when people tend to amend or change legislation,

it becomes vulnerable to weakening it. For example I think our Indigenous voice has been weakened by demolishing the ATSIC legislation, when it could have been reformed.

"I think the issues that have come out in the last couple of

days are around lack of funding for PBCs. There's been some wonderful gains within the current *Native Title Act*.

"I believe the issues are around lack of funding and having people resourced properly to build capacity."

Mine contract is worth \$85m



PILBARA Native Title group Wirlu-murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (Wirlu-murra) and mining services provider Thiess Pty Ltd (Thiess) have entered a new joint venture to provide maintenance work at Fortescue's Solomon mine in the Pilbara.

The contract, worth \$85 million over three years, is to undertake maintenance of non-processing infrastructure such as camps, administration offices, water bores and dewatering infrastructure.

"The benefits that will arise out of this joint venture are significant for the Yindjibarndi people," Fortescue chief executive Nev Power said.

"There will be opportunities for Yindjibarndi apprentices, trainees and qualified tradespeople, providing career pathways that lead to long-term, sustainable employment."

The new contract builds on the existing \$75 million contract Wirlu-murra already has in place for earthworks and road maintenance for Fortescue with an Eastern Guruma business.

Grant to help record stories



THE stories and traditions of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people of north Queensland will be preserved thanks to an \$11,000 grant to the Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation.

Federal funding will underwrite the corporation's Eastern Kuku Yalanji Bama Bloomfield Track Cultural Heritage Stories project, where traditional owners' stories will be recorded and videos will be created for visitors.

The stories project was one of 30 from around Australia to receive funding under the Government's Community Heritage and Icons Grants Programme.

Commission for Vic artists



VICTORIA-based artists Steaphan Paton and Megan Cope have been awarded the Koorie Artwork Commission for the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Melbourne Museum.

Their installation *Transcendence*, an interactive artistic landscape, will feature in the gallery entrance.

Mr Paton and Ms Cope said they wanted to emphasise the cultural significance of the Birrarung (Yarra River) to the Aboriginal community and a continued connection to the land through story and knowledge.

The installation asks audiences to engage with the work by sitting on two large shield-shaped volcanoes and lava sculptures at ground level.

Funding deal for NT group



ABORIGINAL Resource and Development Services (ARDS) has signed a new three-year funding agreement with the Northern Territory Government.

ARDS creates jobs for Indigenous people and broadcasts safety messages to East Arnhem Land communities during emergencies on Yolngu Radio.

Yolngu Radio provides jobs for about 20 permanent Indigenous employees and 50 to 100 contracted workers in roles such as broadcasting, educational radio content, translation and multimedia production.



Weed Warriors Rip Harrison and Joe Stewart, of the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council work crew deal with crofton weed at Pambula Beach.

Weeds are no match for warriors



THEY'RE known as the Koori Weed Warriors, and for the past seven years they've been on the job protecting country from invading flora and rubbish.

They are Protecting the Wilderness Coast project workers – members of Merrimans, Bega and Eden local Aboriginal land councils who work on land in the Bega Valley Shire on the NSW far south coast.

The warriors, working with local Landcare groups and others, have eradicated highly invasive species and collected tonnes of rubbish.

Twice a year the crews patrol the Bega Valley Shire coastline and their efforts, coordinated by local botanist Stuart Cameron, have taken a heavy toll on bitou bush, crofton weed and lantana infestations.

Bega Valley Council vegetation management coordinator Lyall Bogie said the Koori workers' efforts had made a real difference in protecting local coastal zones.

"We are lucky to have a stretch of beautiful coastline in the shire, and next time people enjoy a stroll on one of our pristine local beaches they should give thanks to the Koori Weed Warriors who work hard to keep them that way," he said.

Mabo settled in residency



BONETA-MARIE Mabo has become the first recipient of Queensland's kuril dhagun Indigenous Artist in Residence

Program. During her three-month residency, Ms Mabo will work with State Library of Queensland collection staff to develop a new body of artwork for the kuril dhagun exhibition space, formulating a creative project around the theme 'unsettled'.

Queensland's Science and Innovation Minister Leeanne Enoch congratulated Ms Mabo, a descendant of native title campaigner Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo.

"The program gives Queensland's Indigenous artists a unique opportunity to connect their personal cultural knowledge and artistic practice with State Library's collections and original materials," Ms Enoch, who is an Aboriginal woman, said.

Controversial

Ms Mabo is a contemporary visual artist, working mainly with oil paint to create works that focus on controversial themes.

"During my residency I intend to research the way Aboriginal people, more specifically Aboriginal women, have experienced censorship through historical and continued imposition of non-Indigenous systems and institutions," she said.

"I want to focus on our



Artist Boneta-Marie Mabo with Queensland Science and Innovation Minister (and Quandamooka woman) Leeanne Enoch.

nation's historical events that are commonly viewed as exclusively 'Aboriginal history', but still have an effect on our broader society today.

"I would like to create a work that expresses the seriousness and long-lasting impact of historical atrocities, and brings them into the consciousness of mainstream society."

Visitors to the State Library will be able to see and talk with

Miss Mabo in her temporary studio in kuril dhagun on level 1 of the State Library building at South Bank from July 6 to October 2.

She will also host a portrait drawing workshop at State Library as part of her residency.

At the end of the residency, Ms Mabo's work will be on display in kuril dhagun's exhibition space.

Drivers will get welcome



DRIVERS will be in no doubt that they are on

Wadawurrung land, west of Melbourne. That's because 22 'Welcome to Wadawurrung Country' signs have been installed on major roads in the area bounded by Anglesea, Werribee, Bacchus Marsh, Beaufort, Streatham and Derrinallum.

The signs, which recognise the traditional owners of the land, were developed with the Wadawurrung people.

"The signs celebrate Aboriginal culture and recognise the symbolic importance of the area to the Wadawurrung people," Victoria Roads Minister Luke Donnellan said.

Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation cultural heritage spokesman Sean Fagan said the signage "is extremely significant to Wadawurrung people".

"It has given the Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation a great opportunity to work collaboratively with the Victorian Government to promote recognition and respect for Wadawurrung people as traditional owners," he said.

Healthy tucker – and savings – for Gundoo



THEY'RE eating much better at Gundoo Day Care in Cherbourg these days – and saving money while they're at it.

Instead of hooking into softdrinks and fatty foods, kids and staff at Gundoo are hoeing into fruit and vegies – and loving it.

The changes came about after a dietician was called in to make sure meals met national standards.

Those changes met with plenty of initial resistance.

"A few looked at what we gave them and thought, 'Do I have to eat this?'" Gundoo director Jacqui Tapau said.

"They then tried eating it and thought, 'Oh yeah!'"

"Our nutritionist said they'd refuse it at first, but if we kept serving it up to them they'd try it."

This has been the case, and Gundoo now has one meat-free day a week.

"The kids love it," Ms Tapau said.

"Even staff enjoy it. A few are cooking it at home."

The changes have also halved the centre's food bill.

As the children hoe in they're told about healthy eating and why it's so important for their bodies and ability to concentrate when they go to school and start work.

"Our communities have too many cases of diabetes and disease," Ms Tapau said.

"We're teaching children healthy living so they get into habits early that will give them a great life."

Ms Tapau hopes parents and carers embrace the changes at home, and



Early childhood educator Tallara Watson gives Gundoo Day Care's Melba Bird, 1, some healthy tucker.

stop sending in meat pies, sausage rolls, chips and other unhealthy choices with their children.

"We understand parents are busy, but having your family eat healthier

will make life easier, save you money and give your children a brighter future," she said.

"And a healthy breakfast will set them up for the rest of the day."

Inquiry to look at reparations



THE NSW Legislative Council has supported the establishment of an inquiry into reparations for the Stolen Generations.

There was unanimous support in the Upper House for the inquiry after a motion from Greens MLC Jan Barham.

"This inquiry is an opportunity for us to examine what we have achieved in addressing the intergenerational harm caused to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to take a thorough look at what still must be done," she said.

"This inquiry has the opportunity to engage directly with Aboriginal people, communities and organisations to learn about what we should do to deliver genuine reparations."

The inquiry terms of reference include consideration of the NSW Government's response to recommendations from the 'Bringing Them Home' report into the Stolen Generations, along with considering options for new policy and legislation.

4WD vehicle for Peppimenarti



PEPPIMENARTI-based Durumu Arts Aboriginal Corporation has secured a four-wheel-drive vehicle on long-term loan from the Northern Territory Government.

The Aboriginal-owned-and-run art centre, west of Katherine, assists artists in the production, marketing and sale of fine arts products including painting, weavings, prints and works on paper.

The vehicle loan has been made possible under the NT Government's Community Benefit Fund program. Last year, the fund provided five major grants, 181 small grants as well as 11 vehicle gifts and three long-term loans.

Durumu will use the vehicle for a variety of functions during the Top End's Dry Season – the busiest time for the centre.

Ant eradication project a winner



TIWI Islanders' work to eradicate tropical fire ants has been recognised with a United Nations Association of

Australia World Environment Day Award. The Tiwi Tropical Fire Ant Project on the island group north of Darwin won the Biodiversity category of the awards.

The project, run by Tiwi Land Rangers, the CSIRO and Tiwi Plantations Corporation, has achieved some of the world's largest pest ant eradications. It is part of a long-term research program led by CSIRO's Dr Ben Hoffmann looking at best options for managing pest ants in remote areas of northern Australia.

The tropical fire ant is a major pest of agriculture and horticulture around the world. It gets its name from the burning sensation that results from its powerful sting, which can also



David Austral, Dr Ben Hoffmann and Willie Rioli with the award.

result in shock for people allergic to wasps, ants or bees.

Since 2003, Dr Hoffmann has been working with the Tiwi Land Rangers and the Tiwi Plantations Corporation to eradicate the ants from Melville

Island, the second largest island in Australia. Two of the three areas where tropical fire ants have been eradicated are the second and fourth largest ant eradications ever achieved – 252 and 59

hectares respectively.

Tiwi Land Rangers supervisor and mentor Willie Rioli said the ants were most likely introduced to the Tiwi Islands in barge cargo from Darwin.

"We now have introduced biosecurity protocols and monitoring that will help prevent pest ants arriving on the Tiwis," he said. "But we need to make sure the ants don't leave Darwin in the first place – that's why quarantine is so important."

Mr Rioli said the control of tropical fire ants could not have been achieved without the support of the Tiwi people.

"The work involved at least 53 inspections of every household at Pirlangimpi on Melville Island for 10 years," he said. "The residents of Pirlangimpi have been fantastic – we couldn't have done it without them."

Infestations at Yapilika and Milikapiti are still being targeted.

Reconciliation plan at Mildura



MILDURA Rural City Council in northern Victoria now has its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The RAP is designed to strengthen ties with Aboriginal people and organisations, and increase awareness among council staff.

Launching the plan, Victoria Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said the RAP was an example of the understanding across all levels of government that more needs to be done to support Aboriginal people by enabling access to services and job opportunities.

She said governments at all levels need to "spend more time working with Aboriginal people for outcomes that are owned by Aboriginal people".

Nominations open for award



NOMINATIONS are now open for the Western Australian Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer of the Year award. The title is one of 11 making up the annual WA Education Awards, which will be presented on November 30.

The awards are designed to recognise the state's best public school teachers, leaders and support staff.

Nominations close on August 21 and finalists will be named in September.

For more information and to nominate, go to www.education.wa.edu.au

People move in at Galiwinku



RESIDENTS from Galiwinku in the Northern Territory have moved into the first cluster of temporary transportable houses following the devastation caused by tropical cyclones Lam and Nathan.

More than 80 houses in the community on Elcho Island in the Top End were left severely damaged by the cyclones earlier this year.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said the transportable houses would give affected residents suitable, comfortable accommodation until they can move back into their homes.

"The accommodation has been designed to be fully self-contained and is being progressively installed in a number of agreed locations across the Galiwinku community," he said.

The last of the transportable homes should be in place this month.

Boomanulla is in liquidation



THE Federal Court has placed the Aboriginal Corporation for Sporting and Recreational Activities (ACSRA) – better known as Boomanulla – into liquidation.

The Canberra-based sporting institution was placed in administration late last year, and Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations Anthony Beven said that after investigations, there was no alternative but to liquidate its assets.

ACSRA had held the leasehold title to Canberra's Boomanulla Oval for the past 30 years and encouraged the participation of Indigenous people in sport at a local, state and national level.

Government and Indigenous groups are working with the liquidator in the hope that Boomanulla Oval is not lost to the community.

NLC fears over miners' failure



THE collapse of two iron ore mines in the Northern Territory has devastated the aspirations of Aboriginal traditional owners and hit job and economic hopes, the Northern Land Council (NLC) says.

The Western Desert Resources mine and the Sherwin Iron mine went into receivership last year, and a full meeting of the NLC has heard of the disappointment of Indigenous people in neighbouring communities.

"Traditional owners entered into good faith negotiations and gave their consent. They are now left out of pocket and the promise of jobs for Aboriginal workers in the Ngukurr area has gone," chairman Sam Bush-Blanas said.

\$200,000 for jobs in mining



THE Queensland Government has promised \$100,000 to help get more Indigenous people into mining jobs.

The Government has renewed a jobs partnership with the Queensland Resources Council, which has also committed \$100,000.

Treasurer Curtis Pitt said a new memorandum of understanding would focus on ways to get more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into work in the resources sector.

The partnership has been in place since 2007. – AAP

New-look base for Magabala



AUSTRALIA'S longest-established independent Indigenous publishing house Magabala Books has a new-look home.

The publisher, based in Broome, Western Australia, moved into renovated premises including

a new bookshop late last month.

Established in 1987, Magabala has published more than 100 titles.

Its building revamp was designed by Broome's Engawa Architects and built by Tjallara Construction.

Magabala Books publishes work by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

authors, storytellers and illustrators across the country.

Magabala says the contemporary design of the bookshop will raise its profile. Authors and illustrators will have functional spaces for activities and the outdoor area offers a space for community events.

They're thinking big in Yarrabah



Mayor Errol Neal



YARRABAH Aboriginal Shire in far north Queensland will increase in size and population if a proposal by the shire's council

is accepted by the State Government. Yarrabah currently has an area of about 160 sq km on Cape Grafton, east and south-east of Cairns.

Yarrabah Mayor Errol Neal said the areas of Green and Fitzroy

islands, Giangurra, Bessie Point and False Cape had been removed from Yarrabah's jurisdiction during World War II, and it was now time to return them.

"Good faith"

"Not only is the boundary change appropriate in a practical and jurisdictional sense, it would also demonstrate good faith on the part of the State Government as a positive step in reconciliation and closing the gap," he said.

"The Government's support of the proposal would help towards healing by showing respect for the sovereignty of Aboriginal local government."

Mayor Neal said the only way to proceed under current legislation was for the Local Government Minister to propose the change to the Queensland Change Commission.

He said common interest and cultural ties were issues that supported the expansion.

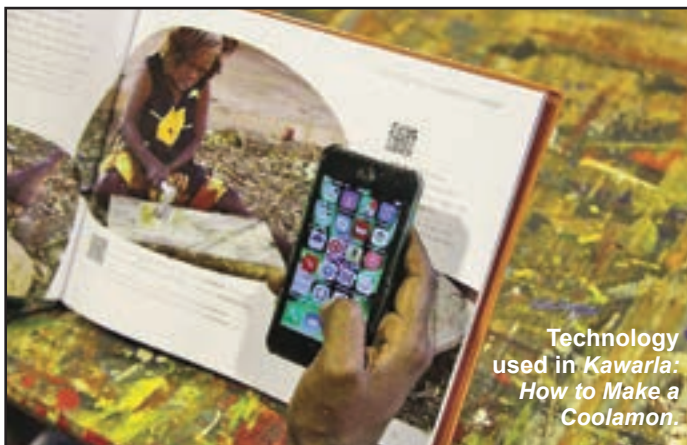
Audio book to help preserve Gurindji



AN innovative audio book developed by a researcher from the University of Queensland (UQ) aims to help preserve the Gurindji language of the Northern Territory.

Dr Felicity Meakins, from UQ's School of Languages and Cultures, worked with Gurindji Elders Biddy Wavehill and Violet Wadrill to create the book, *Kawarla: How to Make a Coolamon*. "The audio is linked to the book's text through QR codes, which can be played through smart phones, allowing the reader to hear the words as they were spoken," Dr Meakins said.

"It means that Gurindji



Technology used in *Kawarla: How to Make a Coolamon*.

Elders will continue to be heard long after they pass away, and younger generations will still have access to their knowledge.

"Most Indigenous languages

were traditionally only spoken, not written, which means developing a book like this will bring new life and longevity to the language, history and

culture of the Gurindji people."

The Gurindji people are from the NT's Victoria River District, about 900km south-west of Darwin.

Dr Meakins' work as a linguist focusses on the documentation of Australian Indigenous languages in the area and the effect of English on them.

"Across Australia, just 40 of the original 250 Indigenous languages once spoken remain," she said.

Dr Meakins said she hoped the work would help preserve the Gurindji language and perspective.

"After all, it's our history on the line – and it's through language that we communicate it," she said.



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Growing up our healthy, happy kids



The project team visiting and learning from OVAHS staff, from left, Jenni Rogers, Jane Cooper, Hayley Williams, Bev Russ, Annie Wilson and Christine Armit.

OUR children are our future which is why it is important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to grow up healthy happy bubs.

We know that alcohol can affect the development of a baby, which is why National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has partnered with Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) and Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) to develop resources and training to prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

The resources and training will be developed as part of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention and Health Promotion Resources (FPHPR) Project and will be rolled out to New Directions Mothers and Babies Services (NDMBS). This project is funded by the Department of Health.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder describes the range of effects that may occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy, which include fetal alcohol syndrome, alcohol related birth defects and alcohol related neurodevelopmental disorder. Each condition and its diagnosis is based on the presentation of characteristic features which are unique to the individual and may be physical, developmental and behavioural.

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Some encouraging signs, but gap widening in many areas of Aboriginal health: AIHW Report

AUSTRALIA'S peak Aboriginal health body has called for more health funding to be directed to Aboriginal community controlled health organisations on the back of a new report that shows a widening gap in cancer rates and mental health issues in Aboriginal people compared to other Australians.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Chairperson Matthew Cooke said the 2015 report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reflected encouraging gains in some critical health areas but a growing chasm in other areas that needed to be urgently

addressed. Mr Cooke said the 150 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services around the country continue to make the biggest inroads to improve Aboriginal health and must be supported and expanded if these statistics are to improve.

"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.

"The report again illustrates just how badly we are failing young Aboriginal people. Aboriginal teenagers, our 15-18year olds, are

five times more likely to take their own lives than other Australians of the same age.

"This is a truly devastating statistic which has huge impacts throughout Aboriginal communities.

"Concerted effort"

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 youth."

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

than non-Aboriginal people.

"The report shows that 31 per cent of the health gap is due to socio-economic factors – such as employment, education and higher than average levels of poverty," he said.

"There is no quick fix for these issues, however as the largest employer of Aboriginal people in many communities, Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations provide an important means of lifting health and wellbeing in their local communities and breaking the cycle of poverty, incarceration poor mental health and social emotional wellbeing.

"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.

"Such reports as (this) cause us to renew our call for ensuing Aboriginal health funding is targeted where it will have the most impact for Aboriginal people – in advancing and expanding the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector."

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Johnathan Thurston joins Apunipima anti-ice campaign

Don't let ice put your life on the rocks – give it the boot. Ice isn't deadly, it's fatal and can destroy our mob. On the footy field I kick goals in life and by joining this campaign, I hope to do my bit for Indigenous communities and help them kick ice out of their life. – Johnathan Thurston: rugby league footballer with the North Queensland Cowboys

ONE of Australia's coolest rugby league stars has added his voice to Apunipima Cape York Health Council's anti-ice campaign.

Apunipima launched its social media campaign on the potent drug in April this year to help tackle the issue of ice in Cape York communities, and to help bring awareness of what ice can do to individuals, families, friends and communities.

North Queensland Cowboys NRL star Johnathan Thurston supported the campaign in an effort to help stop the ice epidemic.

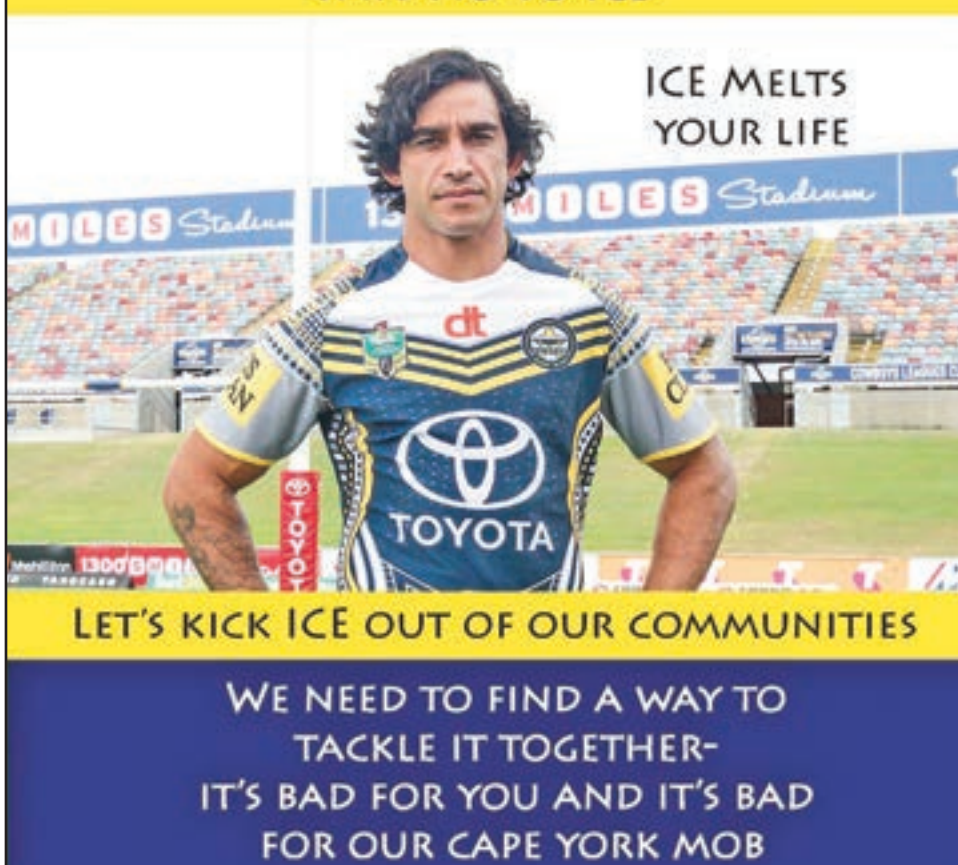
Thurston will feature on a poster (pictured) with a key message about ice. The poster has information on where to get help if you or someone you know is using the drug.

"Don't let ice put your life on the rocks – give it the boot," the NRL star says.

"Ice isn't deadly, it's fatal and can destroy our mob. On the footy field I kick goals in life and by joining this campaign, I hope to do my bit for Indigenous communities and help them kick ice out of their life."

Thurston has joined three well-known public figures in Apunipima's fight to help tackle ice in Cape York. These are Intrust Super Cup rugby league player Davin Crampton (Tweed Heads Seagulls),

COWBOYS' LEGEND JOHNATHAN THURSTON
SAYS NO TO ICE



CQUniversity Cairns Taipan Kerry Williams and hip-hop group The Last Kinection (featuring Naomi Wenitong) to help spread

the message and 'Say No to Ice'.

Each of the four celebrities feature in a poster created specifically for the campaign

and which will be used intermittently on Twitter and Facebook.

Ice can be called 'shabu', 'glass', or 'crystal meth' and is the purest form of 'speed', from the methamphetamine family of drugs. It looks like small white (or blue) crystals and can be smoked, injected, or even eaten.

Apunipima Public Health Medical Advisor Dr Mark Wenitong said the campaign targeted youth and adults. He said it is known that ice is in communities and is easy to buy in places like Cape York, Weipa, Cooktown and Cairns.

Dr Wenitong said it was vital to create awareness about the drug to tackle the issue.

"We want our people to have lives of hope, and ice is crushing hope out of young people and families," he said.

"We have enough problems in the Cape just with mortality and morbidity associated with chronic disease, and when you add ice to the list, it's very scary.

"Some people take this drug for fun and while it has feel-good properties, it's bad for your body and mind and that's how people get easily hooked. It will make things worse for you.

"It causes an intense high and is easily addictive. Users think it's cheap because it doesn't cost too much at first, but once you are hooked the price goes up."

● Need help or worried about your friend? Want more information? Go to your local health clinic or see your local Health Worker. For anonymous support contact Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 or the Alcohol and Drug Info Service on 1800 177 833.

Strong Hearing, Strong Start

"Ear disease is a chronic process that occurs over the most important period of a child's upbringing that is during their learning, growth and development. If we don't get onto it and we don't be persistent with it, kids are going to miss out on their education. If they miss out on their education it changes their whole life outcomes."

DOCTOR Kelvin Kong is one of the few Indigenous surgeons in the country, and now an ambassador for the Care for Kids' Ears campaign.

Being an ear, nose and throat specialist working in and visiting numerous Indigenous communities over his career, Dr Kong is as experienced as any person when it comes to dealing with and discussing what he himself defines as the 'travesty of ear disease' in Indigenous communities. Dr Kong is now an ambassador for the Care

Raising awareness the key to improving Indigenous ear health

for Kids' Ears campaign, part of the Australian Government's commitment to improving eye and ear health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for better education and employment outcomes.

He also mentors Indigenous medical students and is a highly valued member of many boards and committees in the Indigenous health sphere. He believes that a significant aspect of the ear health "travesty" exists in how easily ear problems can be identified and treated, and yet far too many Indigenous children are continuing

to have their hearing and health impaired through lack of awareness.

"I think as health professionals it is our duty of care to ensure that ear health is a major focus," he said. "The simple fact is that it's very easy to look at someone's ears, and very easy to get a hearing test done, and very easy — in any points of contact that we have with someone — to make sure the ears and hearing is checked.

"If we make sure that every health professional advocates for that, then it becomes second

nature. We need to get that type of mentality started."

As well as providing targeted ear health information for teachers and parents, the Care for Kids' Ears resources include materials designed specifically for health professionals and organisations, including a consultation tool, ear health information, key messages to share with parents and carers, guidelines on Otitis Media, posters, information booklets and flyers.

"These resources allow the power of information to be placed in the hands of the carers and parents, not only the health

professionals, which is vitally important," says Dr Kong.

"In terms of communicating with community, it comes down to common sense. That is, we need to translate information directed to the community and directed to the health professionals at the level that they need.

"Once that information is disseminated in the appropriate manner, it sits within the power-brokers of the community, the parents. When that happens, things get pushed forward, and that is such a powerful message and where the Care for Kids Ears' resources become extremely useful in giving that power back to the community."

The Care for Kids' Ears resources for Parents and Carers can be downloaded or ordered from the Care for Kids' Ears website: <http://www.careforkidsears.health.gov.au/>



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It's *Redfern AMS Now* in a new NACCHO video project

WORK has started on *Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands for health futures*, a 20-episode series that will highlight how investing in Aboriginal community controlled health will lead to generational change and Close the Gap.

Speaking at the launch of the series, NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs said as Redfern AMS was the first Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service in Australia, she thought it was appropriate that NACCHO partnered with the Redfern community to produce the first pilot.

"The purpose of the 'project' will be to showcase our members the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) on the role and function ACCHOs are making in the health system and towards the Close the Gap as part of our stakeholder engagement in all settings, as there is a lack of understanding by many politicians, bureaucrats the general public and even our own community which we hope to improve through this initiative," she said.

NACCHO has engaged NITV and a team of communication professionals led by Julie Nimmo (NITV) and Colin Cowell

(NACCHO Media) to record and edit interviews with Aboriginal health leaders, ACCHO health professionals and community members in 20 urban, rural and remote member locations throughout all states and territories of Australia.

Ms Briggs said that each episode would be about 30 minutes and follow a standardised question-and-answer format that would achieve a number of communication objectives including:

- highlighting success stories that our ACCHOs are making towards Closing the Gap targets and key priorities in areas such as Early Childhood development

- highlighting how ACCHOs achieve this is by working in collaboration with national partners and stakeholders to address the expansion of our health services and to meet the growing health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in urban, rural and remote Australia.

"We will be launching the series at NACCHO's AGM in November and negotiations are under way to broadcast the series on NITV" Ms Briggs said.



Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service chair Sol Bellear and NITV director Julie Nimmo.

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NACCHO hosts Canberra event



NACCHO chair Matthew Cooke, Health Minister Sussan Ley and NACCHO chief executive Lisa Briggs.



RAAF Elder Harry Allie, Rebecca Halliday and Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues Rachel Siewert.



THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) hosted a Close the Gap breakfast at Parliament House in Canberra recently.

NACCHO chair Matthew Cooke said the release of the Close the Gap report reinforced why continued investment was needed in programs that are improving outcomes for Aboriginal people.

"It's a tricky time for many of our mob working in Aboriginal affairs," he said.

"Our health services have been fortunate to win government funding for another three years and we thank Health Minister Sussan Ley and Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash for ensuring that our member services can provide that continuity of care to the many thousands who rely on them for primary health care.

"However, it's still unclear if many of the specific health programs our services run have been approved under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy now managed under the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

"I refer to preventative health programs which reduce smoking, that improve maternal health, that address chronic disease and promote social and emotional wellbeing. Programs that save lives.

"I am hoping we will get some clarity on the fate of these."

The event was attended by Aboriginal health workers from around the country, politicians and Royal Australian Air Force representatives.



Federal Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash and Lowitja Institute chief executive Romlie Mokak.



Close the Gap architect, doctor and former politician Brendon Nelson with Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council deputy chair Ngiare Brown.



NACCHO's Colin Cowell with Canberra University chancellor and long-time Indigenous health and rights campaigner Tom Calma.



Goondir Health Service chief executive Floyd Leedie and Aboriginal Health Council of WA chairperson Michelle Nelson-Cox.



Phil Peterson, Barry Smith and Roy Ah-See, representing Yerin Aboriginal Health Service, with John Singer, from Nganampa Health Council.



NACCHO Healthy Futures Report Card is released

Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations a model of good practice

"Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations continue to be the best way to provide primary care to Aboriginal people and are making the biggest gains in closing the gap. The report card launched recently shows that Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations continue to improve in all areas that measure good practise in primary health care. This means our services are achieving good health outcomes for the Aboriginal people they serve."

— NACCHO Chair
Matthew Cooke

ABORIGINAL Community Controlled Health Organisations continue to improve on all key performance indicators that measure good practice in primary health care.

At the launch of the Healthy Futures Report Card, NACCHO Chair Matthew Cooke said the report showed that Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations were improving in all 16 key performance indicators.

"Aboriginal people have shown time and time again that they prefer community controlled services because of the unique and culturally appropriate environment they provide. Demand for these services is growing at an extremely high rate of 6 per cent per year," he said.

"This shows that we need to continue to invest in this model for primary health care which is proving to be so effective. We welcome Ministers (Sussan) Ley and (Fiona) Nash's recent recognition of the important work of community controlled health services by guaranteeing government funding for another three years.

"With this increase in demand we are also experiencing a chronic shortage of health workers in many of our services and long waiting lists for special care, so funding certainty for our services is essential."

But Mr Cooke said that preventative health programs as well as primary health care are needed to close the gap.

"Chronic disease is way out of proportion for Aboriginal people compared with other Australians," he said.

"We also need preventative



programs which address risk factors for chronic disease, such as by reducing smoking rates.

"Many of these core preventative programs fall under the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Indigenous Advancement Strategy, and unfortunately it is not yet clear whether they will be approved.

Indigenous Australians.

2. The National Key Performance Indicators (nKPIs) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care collection, covering the period December 2012 to December 2013. Indicator-related information is collected on chronic disease prevention and management, and maternal and

contacts with multiple health workers.

● Made 3.7 million client contacts, including contacts with health staff and drivers who facilitate access to primary care, and referrals to other health services where ACCHOS provided transport services.

In December 2013, ACCHOS saw an estimated 212,679

the delivery of primary health care services by supporting continuous quality improvement activity among service providers. The nKPIs include 16 indicators that measure 'processes of care' performed for clients (such as tests, procedures or Medicare claimable services), and five outcome measures.

'Processes of care' are largely under the control of health services, and indicate good practice in primary health care.

In the December 2013 period, the proportion of clients who received processes of care rose for 10 indicators out of 16, covering: antenatal visits prior to 13 weeks of pregnancy; birthweight recorded; those aged 0-4 and 25 and over with a Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) health assessment; those with type 2 diabetes or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) who were immunised against influenza; smoking status or alcohol consumption recorded; and those with type 2 diabetes who received a General Practice Plan or Team Care Arrangement.

For the remaining six indicators, the number of Indigenous regular clients who received processes of care rose, but the number of eligible clients also rose. As a result, the proportion of clients who received the care did not increase.

ACCHOS showed improvement for two of the five outcome indicators:

● The proportion of clients with BMI recorded who were not overweight or obese

● The proportion of clients with type 2 diabetes whose HbA1c result was less or equal to 7 per cent.

The proportion remained stable for the remaining three outcome indicators: Babies with normal birthweight, clients who have never smoked, and clients with type 2 diabetes with blood pressure less than or equal to 130/80 mmHg.

Health outcomes are influenced by the work of primary health care, however, they are also influenced by a range of other factors such as education, employment, income and housing.

Download the report in full from the NACCHO Healthy Futures <http://www.naccho.org.au/resources-downloads/>

"Aboriginal people have shown time and time again that they prefer community controlled services because of the unique and culturally appropriate environment they provide."

"We're urging the Government to urgently provide funding certainty for these essential preventative programs.

Summary

This report on Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations presents information sourced from a variety of data sets, but mostly from two main data collections:

1. The Online Services Report (OSR) collection for 2012-13, which provides information on staffing, clients and episodes of care provided at primary health services funded to provide to

child health. The nKPIs aim to improve the delivery of primary health care services by supporting quality improvement activity among service providers.

In 2012-13, 141 ACCHOS participated in OSR data collection processes. During the year, these ACCHOS:

● Provided services to over 316,000 clients, about 252,000 of whom were Indigenous

● Provided over 2.4 million episodes of care nationally, with around 2.1 million of these being for Indigenous Australians. An episode of care is a visit to the health service, and may include

Indigenous regular clients. ACCHOS providing nKPI data saw more regular clients in December 2013 than they did one year before. There were 124 ACCHOS that provided valid data on the number of Indigenous regular clients in December 2012, June 2013 and December 2013. At these ACCHOS, the number of clients increased by 6 per cent over the period from 183,435 in December 2012 to 194,521 in December 2013.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care nKPI are aimed at improving



AMA expresses concern about imprisonment and health problems

IMPRISONMENT is rarely good for health, particularly if you are an Indigenous Australian.

But, tragically, Indigenous people are far more likely to be locked up than other Australians, exacerbating health problems and sending many into a downward spiral of illness and premature death.

The figures are stark.

These matters will be considered in the Australian Medical Association's (AMA) Indigenous Health Report Card, which will be released later this year and are reported here.

In 1991, the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody identified extraordinary rates of incarceration among Indigenous Australians compared with the rest of the community, and established a link with poor general and mental health.

But, despite the Royal Commission's recommendations, the situation has gotten significantly worse.

Among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the adult

imprisonment rate soared 57 per cent between 2000 and 2013, while juvenile detention rates increased sharply between 2000-01 and 2007-08, and have fluctuated ever since at around 24 times the rate for non-Indigenous youth.

Currently, almost a third of all prisoners are Aboriginal, including 48 per cent of juveniles held in custody.

Not only that, but the rate of reoffending is astronomical. In fact, repeat offending and re-incarceration is a large contributor to the high rate of imprisonment.

Shocking though these statistics are, they do not begin to describe the suffering and distress experienced by incarcerated Indigenous people, their families and communities.

Mental illness and mental health problems, including alcohol and drug abuse, contribute significantly to their rates of imprisonment and recidivism.

Being incarcerated, in turn, exacerbates existing conditions in prisoners. And, without appropriate and effective treatment



Federal AMA President Associate Professor Brian Owler with NACCHO Chair Matthew Cooke at a recent Parliamentary event in Canberra.

within prison, mental illness and mental health issues are a major factor in poor outcomes for people released from prison, including suicide, death from overdose or injury and reoffending.

Social disadvantage and a history of upheaval culminating in trauma and

grief clearly contribute to the high level of imprisonment among Indigenous Australians.

Many studies published since 2000 have highlighted that Aboriginal people already have a higher prevalence of significant psychological distress when compared to

the non-Aboriginal population, disrupting social and emotional wellbeing and causing post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and substance abuse.

Alcohol is well-known as a common precursor to offending among Indigenous Australians, with indications that it could be a factor in up to 90 per cent of all Indigenous contacts with the justice system.

Once incarcerated, Aboriginal prisoners are at greater risk of developing or exacerbating a mental illness. Ninety-three per cent of Aboriginal women in jail, and 81 per cent of men, have some form of mental illness.

Altogether, 30 per cent of Aboriginal women and 20 per cent of Aboriginal men in jail have attempted suicide, and 33 per cent of Aboriginal women and 12 per cent of Aboriginal men suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

It is apparent that there is a complete lack of appropriate services to meet complex social, cultural and health needs.

A clearer understanding of some of the drivers of

incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women is needed, as are better interventions through culturally appropriate health and disability services before entering custody, during imprisonment, at the time of release and post-release.

There are several things that can and should be done to end this vicious cycle of illness, abuse and incarceration for Indigenous people, including making it much easier for Indigenous offenders to get into diversion programs for alcohol- and drug-related offences; establishing Indigenous-specific diversion programs linked to Aboriginal community controlled services; improving the level of health services for Indigenous prisoners; comprehensive health screening for those entering prison, and channelling them into appropriate treatment; and research and develop performance indicators to guide effective health services for Indigenous offenders.

Diabetes screening for patients in correctional centres a success

DIABETES screening may be introduced for all Aboriginal people in NSW correctional reception centres, following a successful clinical trial of 'point of care' testing by NSW Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network (JHFMHN).

Type 2 diabetes is the leading cause of end stage kidney failure in Australia's Indigenous population, and poorly managed diabetes also increases the risk of heart disease and other chronic illnesses.

Justice Health's Aboriginal Chronic Care Program (ACCP) conducted a trial of HbA1c (red blood cell) screening between September 2014 and February 2015 in 17 correctional centres, including two juvenile detention centres, using a new point of care testing system, Roche cobas b 101.

The test, done using a finger prick, can measure average blood sugar levels

over longer periods than traditional blood sugar tests. Higher HbA1c levels mean patients have a greater chance of developing diabetes-related problems.

The aim of the ACCP trial was to establish whether the screening system could help 'close the gap' in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health disadvantage by increasing access to and delivery of health care for patients in custody and improving management of patients with complex conditions.

An evaluation for JHFMHN reported that during the six-month trial specially-trained clinicians tested 272 Aboriginal patients and found 7.3% (20) had higher than normal HbA1c levels. These 20 were then screened by doctors at either Broken Hill Correctional Centre, the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre or the South Coast Correctional Centre, and followed up state-wide. Of the patients with high HbA1c

levels, four were newly diagnosed as diabetics and two of these were found to have multiple chronic conditions. Five were found to have other newly diagnosed chronic conditions.

One patient, who had always refused testing and had no idea he was diabetic, agreed to have the HbA1c test after a clinician described how simple it was. He was then referred to a medical officer and given medicine for diabetes and is in a stable condition.

Successfully managed

Another patient who had high HbA1c was also found to have very high cholesterol in his blood. He had his diabetes symptoms successfully managed and was then treated for high cholesterol.

The JHFMHN evaluation report said point-of-care HbA1c screening for Aboriginal patients in custody had been

shown to be successful. It had also received positive feedback from clinicians for its fast turnaround, convenience and ease of use.

The report recommended the system be installed in all NSW correctional reception centres to promote early intervention for diabetes management in Aboriginal people in custody.

Report author, ACCP chronic care coordinator Elizabeth Johns, said it was hoped Justice Health could begin a roll out to all correctional reception centres soon and then roll it out to all NSW correctional institutions.

"It's a good opportunity to screen them while they're there," she said. "So if something's picked up, they will have a referral (to a doctor) ready to go."

Ms Johns said all staff in Justice Health received cultural awareness training in a program called 'Respecting the difference'.



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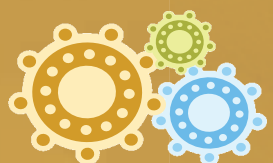


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A great fit for Bourke

AT the crack of dawn every Tuesday and Thursday, a group of committed people in Bourke, western NSW, come together for an outdoor group fitness program called BourkeFit.

Led by the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service (BAHS), BourkeFit currently has 60 people registered in the program.

BourkeFit sprang from a small pilot program in August 2014. It ran for 10 weeks and was only open to 12 Aboriginal people. After the 10 weeks, clear feedback from participants was that they wanted the program to continue all year round. The participants also suggested opening the group to anyone in the local community who wanted to attend.

BAHS staff run the group fitness sessions in the morning.

BourkeFit Trainer Payden Samuelsson said: "Initially we thought no one would get up in the morning, but there are no prior commitments. In the afternoon people are chasing kids around and things."

It is also encouraging that the BourkeFit participants ages range from 15 to 70, with about 15-20 people attending regularly each session.

BAHS staff work with participants individually within the



BourkeFit participants ready for one of their program sessions in the western NSW town.

group, tailoring the sessions according to the participant's age and physical activity abilities.

BAHS Accredited Exercise Physiologist Nicola Lee said: "Participants really enjoy the sessions. Many not only use the program to get fit and to lose weight but also for the social aspect of exercising with people."

BourkeFit Aboriginal community member Reg Kelly said: "I am ready for any challenge BourkeFit has to offer as it makes me feel better about myself. It motivates me to look forward to the future which includes a healthier lifestyle and the challenges ahead."

Another participant, Helen

Keane agrees. "I can now jog at intervals without gasping for air! I am more motivated to achieve tasks in my day and not only do I feel healthier physically but also mentally," she said.

Over winter, BourkeFit will run sessions in the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC). But as momentum grows, BAHS is

looking to increase the sessions to three times a week and potentially add new elements to the program.

It's a win-win situation as PCYC will be open five mornings a week. The program could look at increasing the session to three times a week. The PCYC has also given BourkeFit free use of the indoor basketball court.


BourkeFit keeps people motivated through a range of incentives, such as participants receiving a BourkeFit t-shirt at their 10th session. It is a great community initiative that is working towards creating a healthy community.

Local school teacher Tristan Marshall said the benefit of BourkeFit was that the program is simple and inclusive. "What is happening is great for our community and allows everyone a free outlet to keep up their own health and wellbeing," he said.

"The exercise can be modified for different ability levels, however most try their best to do what is set out."

● **People interested in joining BourkeFit or wanting to know more about the program can contact Nicola Lee or Payden Samuelsson at Bourke Aboriginal Health Service by phone (02) 6872 3088.**

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New guide to lowering smoking rates in Aboriginal communities



Presenters at the launch of the ATRAC Framework: A Strategic Framework for Aboriginal Tobacco Resistance and Control in NSW.

NSW Health and the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) have launched a new framework that aims to reduce smoking rates in Aboriginal communities across NSW.

The ATRAC Framework: A Strategic Framework for Aboriginal Tobacco Resistance and Control in NSW, launched at the Aboriginal Health College of NSW, is a best practice guide for health service providers who develop and deliver services to reduce smoking rates among Aboriginal people.

NSW Health Executive Director of the Centre for Population Health Dr Jo Mitchell said tackling high smoking rates among Aboriginal people was a key priority for NSW Health.

"Smoking rates among Aboriginal people in NSW are unacceptably high, reaching 36.8 per cent in 2013, which is more than double the smoking rate of the general population," she said.

"This Framework will encourage best practice approaches to tobacco control in Aboriginal communities with the aim of lowering rates of smoking and associated chronic disease.

"It aims to achieve this by building strength and capacity across government, health service providers and community

organisations to deliver culturally appropriate tobacco control programs and services."

AH&MRC CEO Sandra Bailey said smoking was a leading preventable cause of poor health and early death among Aboriginal people.

"With one in five Aboriginal people dying from tobacco-related illnesses, we need to work hard to reduce smoking rates," she said.

"This Framework will help health professionals deliver culturally relevant programs to the community.

"The development of the Framework has been a joint effort, and we look forward to working together to reduce the number of smokers and people affected by second-hand smoke."

The objectives of the Framework are to:

- Increase the number of Aboriginal people who quit smoking
- Increase the number of smoke-free homes and workplaces
- Shift Aboriginal community attitudes away from smoking being the norm
- Prevent the uptake of smoking, particularly by young Aboriginal people.

For more information, see the ATRAC Framework on the NSW Health website.

NACCHO committed to tackling smoking

Talking About The Smokes (TATS) is a model for how to do a large national epidemiological project in partnership with Aboriginal communities, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the Aboriginal community-controlled health service (ACCHS) sector. Research has not always been done well in or in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, which can make undertaking research with the sector challenging. The TATS project, however, has always felt like a full and respectful partnership between the ACCHS sector and research organisations, and between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people."

– NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs

THE peak Aboriginal health organisation welcomes the Federal Government's decision to continue investing in programs that reduce smoking in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

NACCHO Chair Matthew Cooke said it was good news the Government had committed to fund Tackling Smoking programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

But he said he was concerned there was no indication in the announcement of how much funding would be provided, after the Government last year cut funding for existing programs by a third – or \$130 million over five years.

"Smoking is responsible for one in every five deaths among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Mr Cooke said. Smoking rates among Aboriginal people are two-and-a-half times that of non-Indigenous Australians – 43% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are daily smokers. In some communities that estimate is as high as 83%.

"However, a new report shows that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander smokers are just as likely as other Australian smokers to want to quit and have recently tried to quit, but are less likely to make sustained attempts to quit.

"The report suggests that there are approaches that will work and that do work.

"If the Government is serious about meeting Closing the Gap targets to halve Indigenous smoking rates by 2018 we need more funding, not less – and we need to see programs that are targeted,

benchmarked and tailored for Aboriginal people, run by Aboriginal people."

Mr Cooke said health programs making the biggest gains in Closing the Gap in Indigenous health and reducing smoking rates were developed and are run by Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations.

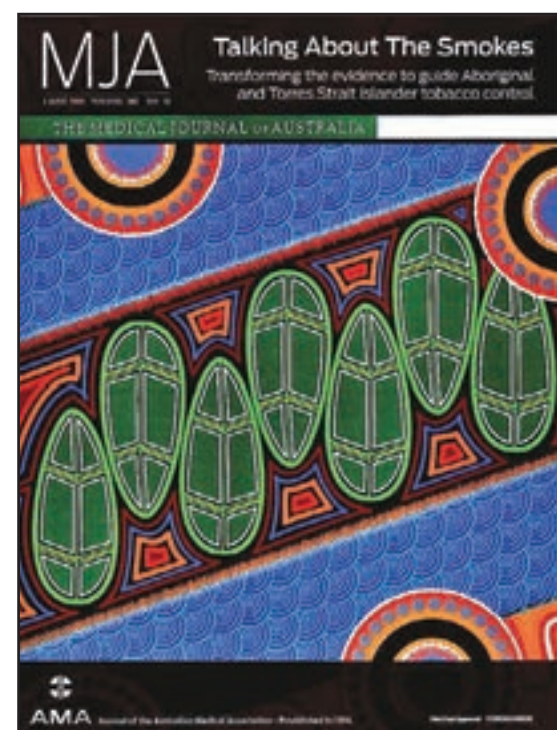
Mr Cooke welcomed the focus on performance monitoring and evaluation in the new funding round.

"Previously, the Department of Health lacked internally appropriate mechanisms to measure the success of the Tackling Tobacco Programme," he said.

"I'm pleased the redesigned program will focus on accountability and local knowledge, allowing service providers to make decisions on how they tackle smoking in their region."

The study, Talking About the Smokes, led by a national partnership that includes NACCHO, interviewed 522 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members in 35 locations, as well as 645 staff of local Aboriginal community controlled health services.

The findings are available at <https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2015/202/10/supplement>



The cover of the Medical Journal of Australia's Talking About The Smokes publication.



Latest from the Lowitja Institute



New Report Focuses on Improving the Patient Journey for Aboriginal People

HEALTH care is delivered in specialised segments, but mostly succeeds or fails as a package. Tracking patients' experience, or journey, through the system is an effective way to evaluate how and why the package works – or doesn't.

Focusing on South Australia and the Northern Territory and building on earlier research, the Managing Two Worlds Together Stage 3 study analysed some of the critical segments and gaps in the Aboriginal patient journey. It produced practical tools that can be used by health professionals, patients and their families to identify what support is needed, and how coordination, communication, collaboration and cultural safety can be improved. Better patient journeys will deliver better health outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Lowitja Institute CEO Romlie Mokak said: "The Institute is committed to supporting the translation of research into practical outcomes that will have a real impact on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people."

Funded by the Institute, this research was conducted by a team from Flinders University, the University of Adelaide, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia (AHCSA), and SA Health, working closely with patients and their families, and with health care practitioners in city, rural and remote health sites.

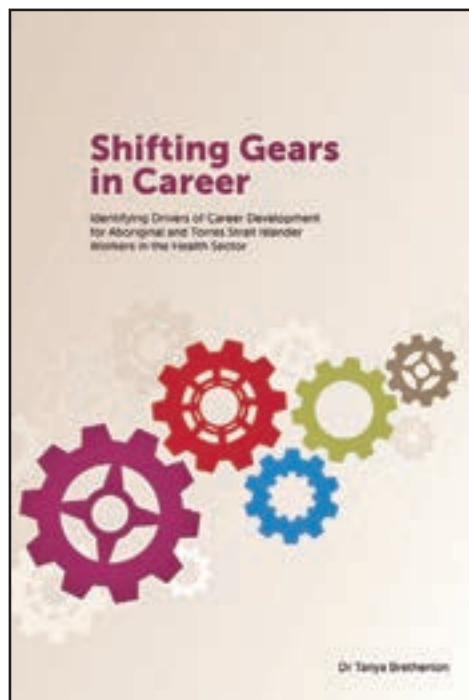
The study report, workbook and case studies on cardiac, renal, and maternity care as well as city sites and remote and rural sites are at: www.lowitja.org.au/lowitja-publishing.

Career Development and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workers in Health: Do policymakers need a new approach?

Creating sustainable career pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers in the health sector requires more



At the Tarrn doon nonin Award ethics hub award event (see details below) from left, Janet Stajic of SAHMRI, John Singer and Dr Rosie King, of AHCSA, and Patricia Anderson and Romlie Mokak, of the Lowitja Institute. Picture: Peter Casamento



than the provision of opportunities for skill development.

The Shifting Gears in Career: Identifying Drivers of Career Development for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workers in the Health Sector report, released by the Lowitja Institute in February, argues that policymakers need to amend current approaches to health policy development in order to address the career challenges facing a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers across the health sector.

The report presents a conceptual framework comprising five key drivers of change for career opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers in the health sector: Policy frameworks, Workplace process, Individual characteristics, Intermediary behavior, Professional association interventions.

The report and a policy brief are at www.lowitja.org.au/Lowitja-publishing.

Tarrn doon nonin Award for Excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Ethics

DOING ethical health research in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander settings means doing research in ways that are culturally safe and ethically acceptable for all involved – research participants, community organisations and other interested community members, as well as the research team.

It involves Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities influencing what, why, how and when research is done, as well as how it is used.

The Institute is proud to have offered, for the first time, an award that recognises and upholds respectful ethical practice in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health: the Tarrn doon nonin Award for Excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Ethics, which was announced on Close the Gap Day, 19 March. Tarrn doon nonin is the Woiwurrung language term for 'trust'.

The winning project, which received a \$10,000 grant to further its work, was Next Steps for Aboriginal Health Research: How research can improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia, an AHCSA project.

Dr Rosie King from AHCSA said: "By asking the South Australian Aboriginal community what they thought research should focus on, we learned a lot about their health needs and about their view on life and community. People told us they want research to focus on their everyday health and wellbeing needs, but importantly they also want approaches that respect and engage with a view of life that is holistic and interconnected with cultural, spiritual, social and physical factors across the lifespan."

EthicsHub

Also on Close the Gap Day, the Lowitja Institute launched EthicsHub, an online resource to support individuals and organisations conducting and participating in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research.

The Institute believes that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research should be approached with the utmost of principle. We must continually look to improve the way we involve the beneficiaries of research in the research process.

Genuine consultation must occur, from start to finish. The research community must understand what this means, and should have a good understanding of how to do work in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contexts.

As new researchers become engaged with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, they should be well informed of the principles and ethics of working in this space.

This online resource aims to provide guidance for researchers, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, supervisors and students, ethics committees – indeed anyone involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research: www.lowitja.org.au/ethics





Greater coordination and priority need for Aboriginal mental health

QUENSLAND'S peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health body has called for a rethink on the way Aboriginal mental health services (known as Social and Emotional Wellbeing services) are designed, delivered and funded, describing the current arrangements as "inefficient, uncoordinated and undermining of community efforts".

The Qld Aboriginal and Islander Health Council's comments were in response to a report, The health and welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples: 2015, released by the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare. The report found that the gap in mental health, suicide and imprisonment between Indigenous people and other Australians was growing.

QAIHC spokesperson Sandy Gillies said all evidence pointed towards increasing mental health problems for Aboriginal people, and the ongoing suicide epidemic in so many communities meant the need for a reassessment of mental health services was urgent.

"The Abbott Government has carved off Aboriginal mental health services from the Department of Health and handed it to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, thereby undermining the ability of a coordinated approach to our health," said Ms Gillies.

"This goes against all the evidence linking mental and physical health.

"Aboriginal Medical Services are being



forced to apply for mental health program funds under the auspices of the PM&C's Indigenous Advancement Strategy with no coordination with the Department of Health. This is a recipe for waste and inefficiency."

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.

"Major gaps"

"Despite this, there continue to be major gaps in services providing mental health promotion, detection and care and treatment."

Ms Gillies' comments mirrored those of

National Mental Health Commission Chair Professor Allan Fels, who recently said there was an urgent need for "Australian governments to support and partner with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander mental health leaders and experts to initiate and help implement the systemic changes needed to close the mental health and suicide gaps".

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.

"The sector has proved its capacity time and time again to provide the best possible outcomes for Indigenous mental health; programs like the Yarrabah Family Life Promotion Program which dramatically reduced suicide in that community," she said.

"QAIHC itself has just completed a pilot suicide prevention program partnership with the (NRL) Titans across 10 sites in Queensland which had very positive engagement and participation by community members. However, that program has ended now because of a lack of funding."

As part of its recommendations, the National Mental Health Commission's review into mental health programs and services has called for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander mental health to be made a national priority with a new 'Closing the Gap' mental health target.

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New maternity service for Collarenebri and Mungindi

A MUCH-NEEDED outreach maternity program that provides antenatal services to Aboriginal women in two isolated rural communities in NSW has started. The service allows Aboriginal women to access comprehensive antenatal care on country and closer to home, and to receive timely referrals to specialised perinatal services.

The NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) has worked closely with Hunter New England Local Health District (HNE LHD), Western NSW Local Health District (Western LHD), Pius X Aboriginal Health Service, and South West Hospital & Health Service to establish a new

GP-obstetrician and midwife service for Aboriginal women and babies in Collarenebri and Mungindi.

The service is funded through the Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Program, which is an Australian Government initiative administered in NSW by RDN. The antenatal health clinics are led by Dr Scott Finlay and Moree District Health Service midwives who provide bi-monthly outreach visits to each town.

Dr Finlay said that the clinics aim to address the immediate needs of pregnant Aboriginal women and infants in these communities and to prevent life-long chronic disease for

the next generation. "As well as improving maternal health outcomes, the service aims to reduce the risk of babies developing chronic disease in adulthood such as type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease," he said.

Collaboration

RDN CEO Dr Ian Cameron commented on how the service has been developed in collaboration with many stakeholders and that support has crossed both LHD and state boundaries.

"This program is a fantastic example of multiple public, private and cross-border agencies

collaborating to bring a rural medical outreach service to these communities in response to their antenatal health needs," he said.

Scott McLachlan, CEO of Western NSW LHD, and David Quirk, general manager of the Mehi Cluster at HNE LHD, both remarked on how having no obstetric services for pregnant women in Collarenebri and Mungindi had presented significant distance and cost barriers to the region.

"Until now, women have had to make a long 280km round trip to Moree for maternity check-ups," Mr McLachlan said.

Mr Quirk added: "Delivery of this service has resulted in access

to antenatal services closer to home and will ensure better continuity of care, resulting in less economic and social stress for these women during their pregnancy."

Pius X Aboriginal Health Service CEO Donna Taylor said: "Importantly, the outreach program supported both the local community and great work done by local GPs, the maternity workforce and Aboriginal health workers."

The free service started in Collarenebri in April and Mungindi in May. The clinics will operate on the third Tuesday of each month, alternating between the two towns.

Growing healthy food and communities

THE right to adequate, affordable food is a key social determinant of good health and a human right. Unfortunately, not everyone enjoys food security and some two million Australians – half of them children – seek food relief each year.

Growing your own food can make a big difference, especially if you grow a mix of bush and other foods most suited to local growing conditions.

For over six years, the Remote Indigenous Gardens Network (RIGN) has worked to promote and support local food production and now is a core program of a new charity called Foodswell.

Foodswell aims to create change toward food security and sovereignty for all Australians – especially in remote and regional Australia – and is very honoured to have Lenore Dembski, Paperbark Woman, as Patron.

A longstanding supporter of RIGN and Foodswell Board member is Chris Thiesfield. A Gooreng Gooreng man and a Traditional Owner from the Bundaberg area of Queensland who owns and operates a recognised Registered Training Organisation, Chris is a passionate horticulturist and hydroponics expert who wants to help build more food enterprises in regional areas for employment, resilience and better health.

Foodswell doesn't build gardens or deliver food relief. It creates programs and facilitates



The Big Lunch guests enjoy meeting Foodswell Ambassador Costa Georgiadis (with beard), who also hosts ABC's *Gardening Australia*.

partnerships that enable people to do what they want to do in more effective ways – for example, by providing practical gardening advice and support, network connections, or assisting scope and deliver social enterprise development options.

"Food miles, expense and the depleted nutritional value of foods shipped over thousands of kilometres just made so little sense and were key reasons I started RIGN," Foodswell founder Anthea Fawcett said.

"Wherever we live, growing 'some' food is important for many

reasons, whether it is for better nutrition, easy exercise, spending time with family, for the environment or to take a little pressure off our back pocket.

"RIGN and Foodswell kick off new conversations via workshops and community programs. We share practical tips, inspiration and gardening technical know-how via our newsletters, website and person-to-person network connections.

"We focus on the good news while also being well aware of the need to help remake some of the 'baggage' that travels with the history of Mission

Gardens and recent 'stop/start' garden projects that come and go in communities."

Another exciting program under way in 2015 is Food, Family, Community NSW, made possible with Australia Post Our Community and Medibank Community Grant support.

Build awareness

This program aims to build awareness and practical support for grassroots initiatives that tackle food insecurity and build social inclusion. It kicked off with The Big Lunch in Inverell, northern NSW, during April.

Held in the spirit of Harmony Day, The Big Lunch was conceived and produced by Foodswell and delivered in partnership with the BEST Employment team.

More than 150 people came together to enjoy a delicious 'pot luck' lunch, local entertainment and to celebrate the BEST Food Garden. This project gives back to the community in many ways including distribution of eggs and produce grown in the garden (at no cost) to elderly and impoverished community members throughout Inverell and Glen Innes.

Across the country,

charities report an alarming growth in demand for food relief, and this demand is not only from traditionally vulnerable groups but, increasingly, also the aged, single parents and the working poor.

For people who live in remote and regional areas, the cost of fresh food is a well known challenge that Foodswell aims to help turn into opportunities for grassroots action and productive fun.

● **Do you have a project or idea you'd like to discuss? If so, contact Foodswell at foodswell01@gmail.com**



Partnership listens to job needs

WHEN it comes to Aboriginal employment, more and more organisations are recognising the need for holistic, long-term solutions which look at the whole of community.

A new partnership between NACCHO, the Central Australian Remote Health Development Services Ltd (CARHDS) and the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) is exploring how training in otitis media and ear health could have far reaching implications when it comes to Indigenous career pathways.

"When you talk about closing the gap, you have to look at the big picture; and employment, education and health are major factors," said Gwen Troutman-Weir, the Senior Career Recruitment Officer with the Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

"This new partnership will enable AES and CARHDS to work together and make sure Aboriginal health workers have the skills, knowledge and qualifications they need to work together to close the gap."

The partnership will offer national two-week accredited training for the Aboriginal health workforce in Ear and Hearing health in Brisbane, Darwin and Cairns.

"It's a national skill set that's been developed for Aboriginal health workers around screening and management of conditions associated with ear health in Indigenous communities. It will provide people already employed in the Aboriginal health workforce with information and systems for preventative strategies," Ms



Participants in the first block of the Ear and Hearing Skillset course held recently in Brisbane by NACCHO.

Troutman-Weir said.

"It will enhance not only their career pathways but also the impact that conditions like otitis media have in our communities. The training will enable those working in health to identify ear health conditions early rather than only at the treatment end."

However, while preventative health

strategies and career progression are important, Ms Troutman-Weir believes the results will be more far reaching.

"From the AES's perspective we're actually doing more than career building with this training we're also looking at what this training will contribute to the community," she said.

"Statistics show that poor ear

management limits our learning because if we can't hear it has a domino effect and it affects our employment and career progression and research even shows that a higher percentage of people incarcerated have a link to otitis media."

As many Aboriginal Health Workers have experienced hearing problems either themselves or within their family, Ms Troutman-Weir believes that they are the best placed to make a difference.

"A lot of Aboriginal Health Workers actually do have a hearing impairment so they are able to put themselves in their client's shoes and ask 'what would I do in this situation?'. They are also able to understand how that would affect someone."

After more than 20 years working in the health sector, Ms Troutman-Weir said she has become passionate about working in employment as she recognises that employment not only changes lives but changes communities.

"There's a great correlation between employment and health," she said.

"It's not just about a job or looking at a career pathway, employment also assists people to put food on tables, to look after their family and to get a better lifestyle."

"In the six months since commencing in this new role in the Brisbane office, we are already seeing great change, that's what keeps me passionate about it because I can see the great difference it makes for our community."

FNQ Aboriginal leaders in bid to avert ice crisis

AN Indigenous-led coalition of leaders and frontline health workers has launched a pre-emptive strike to avert a socially catastrophic explosion of the drug ice use in remote communities.

Mounting evidence of the increasing use of ice and related "psychotic episodes" in the past six months has sparked fears of a reversal of a decade of social improvements under alcohol

PLEASE NOTE: NACCHO is in the process of organising a National Ice Forum in Canberra during August. Details to be announced shortly.

Queensland's Aboriginal mayors and Indigenous-led health and social services are pushing for a zero-tolerance response to suppliers and are already funding grassroots anti-ice campaigns.

Lockhart River Mayor Wayne Butcher, the chairman of the Indigenous Leaders Forum, put the drugs threat on the top of the agenda at a meeting of mayors last month to ramp up the fight in collaboration with police, government and social services.

"We know the threat: it would destroy us, to be honest," Mr Butcher said after a meeting. "There were 17 mayors of Indigenous communities sitting around the table and I asked for a show of hands if they knew that ice was in their community, and nearly everyone put up their hand. It's happened so quick. It seemed like a city problem but it has been sneaking into the communities."

Several mayors are flagging a proposal to evict convicted suppliers of ice from public housing, with reports of at least one suspected dealer recently "chased out" of a community.

Queensland Police Commissioner Ian

Stewart said vulnerable indigenous communities were at a social "tipping point" in a war on ice that he believes can only be won through "true collaboration" between communities, politicians and law enforcement.

"I am not saying it is epidemic yet, but it has the potential," Mr Stewart said. "If we don't cover off before it starts we are all going to be in strife."

"Best thinkers"

Mr Stewart said he had been encouraged by the Indigenous leadership in moving to face the threat. "We have actually got, in my humble opinion, some of the best thinkers and some of the most passionate mayors that we have had in our history," he said.

Mr Stewart warned that the push against drug use also had to involve all members of the communities abandoning a traditional reticence to inform police of criminal activity in the tight-knit communities.

"Their responsibility is not just to talk about this ... if they know stuff within their communities it will only work if they let us know, so we can go out and snuff these things out."

After a decade of leading the fight against Indigenous social dysfunction, including the use of alcohol bans and tough welfare measures pushed by Noel Pearson, Cape York could set the model in the nationwide battle against ice.

Grassroots health groups such as the Apunipima Cape York Health Council are funding front-foot social-media and public-awareness campaigns.

Apunipima chief medical officer Mark Wenitong said: "We don't actually get any substance-abuse funding or anything. We

thought: 'Well, we could sit around and wait for some funding to come through, wait for somebody else to do it, but let's just start doing it.'"

The Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council has reported a "surge in demand" for ice-rehabilitation services, which have been cut in recent years.

The number of dedicated Aboriginal drug and alcohol services had been cut from 11 in 2011 to just five, with reduced state and federal funding.

QAIHC general manager of policy innovation and service development Sandy Gillies said governments needed to boost funding and support for her staff, who were "largely doing it alone".

"There's been a history of governments waiting for health crises to develop before responding and we are determined to be proactive this time," she said.

"We have little experience and knowledge of this drug and are only just beginning to see the impact it is having on already high rates of family violence and incarceration." Ms Gillies said QAIHC and its affiliate, the Queensland Indigenous Substance Misuse Council, would submit a policy paper to the state government that included a call for more training of its workers and increased rehabilitation funding.

Unintended consequence

Increased drug use, particularly with cannabis, appears to have been an unintended consequence of the introduction of alcohol management plans, from 2002.

Under AMPs, alcohol-related violence and injury fell to historically low levels within a few years. School attendance also jumped — helped along with more punitive

measures against parents and guardians who failed to get their kids to class — and the chaotic scenes of public drunkenness subsided.

New research shows that in three AMP communities, two-thirds of males aged 14-47 and 30 per cent of females smoke marijuana on at least a weekly basis, with a large proportion dependent.

Epidemiologist Alan Clough, who has been evaluating the impact of AMPs, said researchers found that cannabis use in the Northern Territory and far north Queensland communities became endemic within four years.

"A similar four-year window of opportunity may therefore be all that is available to reduce the impacts of ice if a demand for it increases," Associate Professor Clough said. "The narrow window could be further reduced given the unknown impacts of this highly addictive drug."

In February, Yarrabah Mayor Errol Neal brought in ice experts for a special meeting he convened in the 2000-strong community, about 60km from Cairns, to "educate and warn" people about the drug. "We have to expose people early," he said.

"Most people don't know what it is or what it looks like but we have been told by our health workers and young people that it is here."

"We think it has had an effect, it seems to have died down a bit and there is a feeling of zero tolerance about (ice)."

Mr Neal said various mayors had been discussing tough measures, including a proposal to evict anyone caught supplying the drug from public housing

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Healthy Black & Deadly win

TORONTO (NSW) team Healthy Black & Deadly has taken first place in the Awabakal Health Challenge, after losing a massive 128kg collectively during the 12-week program. A total of eight teams from the Newcastle and the Lower Hunter took part in a localised version of the NSW Knockout Health Challenge concept, run by Awabakal Ltd. The Challenge tied in with the George Rose Challenge, and the same rules applied, but Awabakal Ltd engaged local people and services to assist participants.

The motivation? Awabakal Ltd wanted to run the program at a local level because there was an obvious need in the community to address chronic disease, but the organisation also saw it as an opportunity to bring community together and rally some 'healthy competition'.

The Awabakal Health Challenge promoted healthier lifestyle choices through better eating habits and physical activity. The aim was to ensure local people gained access to the health services they need, and to promote a positive community program, raising awareness around the negative impact that chronic disease has within the community but, more importantly, to get the message out that



Healthier... and richer: The Healthy Black & Deadly (Toronto) team members celebrate their Awabakal Health Challenge success.

chronic disease is preventable!

The eight teams self-managed their training schedules and decided what would work best in their own community.

The Team Manager is a critical role in keeping the team functioning and motivated. Some teams chose to use gym and swimming facilities. Others used

local sporting grounds and walking tracks.

A key component of the program is to set individual and team goals and monitor this progress.

The Awabakal Health Challenge has been a success because it is run by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people.

Generally speaking, we all know what we need to do to live a healthier life, but we just need that extra support.

The community-based team concept allows communities to engage willing participants, and they encourage each other because they know each other and feel comfortable to train

together and push each other to achieve their goals.

Participants want a fitness and nutrition routine that they can continue with beyond the Challenge, which isn't going to be expensive and fits in with their lifestyle – demonstrating that you don't need to pay lots of money or go to a gym to be fit and healthy.

QUMAX

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The project team visiting and learning from OVAHS staff, from left, Jenni Rogers, Jane Cooper, Hayley Williams, Bev Russ, Annie Wilson and Christine Armit.



Growing up our kids healthy!

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Our children are our future, which is why it is important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to grow up healthy happy bubs.

We know that alcohol can affect the development of a baby which is why National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has partnered with Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) and Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) to develop resources and training to prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

The resources and training will be developed as part of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention and Health Promotion Resources (FPHPR) Project and will be rolled out to New Directions Mothers and Babies Services (NDMBS). This project is funded by the Department of Health.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder describes the range of effects that may occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy, which include fetal alcohol syndrome, alcohol-related birth defects and alcohol-related neurodevelopmental disorder. Each condition and its diagnosis is based on the presentation of characteristic features which are unique to the individual and may be physical, developmental and behavioural.

High rates of alcohol consumption have been reported in both the Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander and the wider Australian population.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are more likely than other women to consume alcohol in pregnancy at harmful levels.

Australian research has reported that maternal alcohol use disorder is a significant risk factor for stillbirths, infant mortality, and intellectual disability in children, particularly in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

Health professionals asking and advising all women of child-bearing age about the consequences of alcohol consumption in pregnancy is an essential strategy in preventing FASD.

Australian women expect health professionals to ask about and advise them on alcohol use during pregnancy.

To reduce the incidence of FASD, it is essential that health professionals understand the importance of asking women of child-bearing age about their level of alcohol consumption, and to be open to discussing how they can help mothers reduce the risk of harm to their unborn child.

Health services delivering the NDMBS program are well placed to implement programs to reduce the number of women, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, consuming alcohol in pregnancy. Where women of child-bearing age are identified as drinking at harmful levels, Health Services can also provide reproductive/contraception advice and

suggest brief alcohol management counselling.

The package of resources developed as part of the FPHPR project will be based on the model developed by the Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service (OVAHS). This will incorporate FASD education modules targeting key groups including:

- Pregnant women who are using NDMBS antenatal services, and their partners and families
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women of child-bearing age
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander grandmothers
- NDMBS staff
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

The OVAHS Model

The Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service model was identified as being 'best practice' in FASD Prevention. The following extract from an OVAHS Maternal and Child Health Services document provides some background.

Over the past seven years the FASD team have become leaders, in Kununurra and surrounding areas, in health promotion activities and education. They have sustained an all of community approach to education about FASD using innovative and imaginative ways to increase community knowledge.

The FASD team prioritises the education and support of antenatal clients and their family; providing sessions throughout their

pregnancy on FASD, alcohol and other drugs and contraception.

The team have developed cultural, gender and age-appropriate program plans and resources which are used when working with individuals, groups, and at community events. These resources are also displayed at places frequented by the community such as other Aboriginal corporations, OVAHS clinic, hospital, local hotels, schools, the picture theatre and supermarkets.

The FPHPR Training

A 'train-the-trainer' approach will be used to enable the participating NDMBS services to have access to the training and support required for services to tailor the resource package to their local community needs and the circumstances of their service.

This will take into consideration their available workforce, staff training and development needs, data and services systems capacity, and stage of readiness for implementation.

The training will provide brief intervention skills, an awareness and knowledge of FASD and strategies to deliver this knowledge to families, communities and other local service providers.

NDMBS staff will be funded to travel and attend training forums. Training will begin May 2016 and be delivered by NACCHO.

● If you are interested in further information on the project, email FASD@menzies.edu.au



Questions arise for the role of Aboriginal Health Workers and community consultation

As an Aboriginal Educator working in health, I've lost count of how many times I've been asked to create a contacts/links/services/etc list for mainstream professionals working with Aboriginal Community.

Honestly, I've been asked so many times to provide a concise and complete list of all the services and programs available, so people can theoretically streamline their workload by avoiding the perceived tedium of searching for appropriate areas to refer to.

Anyone who has ever created one of these lists (many have even poured resources into design and development of websites and other high-end publications) will know the frustration that comes with the endless maintenance and upkeep required just to keep all the information current.

With the high turnover of Aboriginal staff, as well as the constant shift of funding to services, you can bet the whole farm that your list will be out of date and in need of total auditing within a year.

Well, I'd rather not do it any more! Not in the arbitrary 'Can you make me a full list of Aboriginal services, so I don't have to do as much work?' kind of way. I'm happy to address enquiries and questions on a case-by-case basis, focused on the best outcomes for a specific client or family, but I have some serious concerns about the ongoing expectation that healthcare professionals should have all the groundwork done for them and presented on a platter.

The 'too hard' attitude towards Aboriginal health is understandable from a daily grind viewpoint, but if you don't take a long-term approach to it, you are only crushing your own (and that of the community) chances at achieving any sort of 'Gap closing'.

There is a crucial necessity for all mainstream health workers, particularly GPs and other senior doctors and physicians (historically seen as trusted pillars and leaders of Western culture), to step away from their habit of seeking networking assistance, and make some actual community networks and, dare I say it, 'friendships' of their own.

Any Aboriginal consultant worth their salt will tell you that the absolute scaffolding and foundation of any successful Aboriginal program is relationships; proper consultation, genuine and respectful relationship development and upkeep, an acknowledgement of

This article was written by NATHAN LEITCH, a Quandamooka man from south-east Queensland who has lived most of his life in Victoria. He has a background in visual art, but more recently has worked in Aboriginal education and health, focused mainly on delivery of Cultural Awareness training, health promotion, advanced care planning, and service improvement. Nathan, a resident of Northern Melbourne, is committed to supporting and improving the health experiences of local Aboriginal people.

the importance of culture in healthcare... A solid dedication to being a part of the whole community.

The silo of the GP practice is an unnecessary and (probably) arrogant condition. These are not our gods. These are our family doctors in whom we have an automatic level of faith and trust.

I would suggest that the

'Doctor knows best' is the common adage) and return to the ground where the clients of said doctor actually are.

If anything, the strategy of helping everybody enjoy their optimum level of health becomes so much simpler when a doctor can confidently make recommendations and decisions based on a realistic understanding

simple right that the entire nation has been denied. In my work, delivering cultural awareness to healthcare providers, I'm constantly frustrated (but never surprised) at the lack of general knowledge which should be ubiquitous.

Colonialism and a deeply entrenched social ethos of white advancement have left us with a

Aboriginal health, and honestly assess the personal attitudes and opinions which may be directing current practices and professional habits.

To operate within cultural safety is to apply an honest lens to one's own practices, where other cultures are factors (we know that culture is ALWAYS a factor in health).

On a home-team level, I call on Aboriginal services and staff to try to raise the level of available information, within reason. I encourage you to produce resource and service listings, if deemed necessary, but I caution you as to the dangers of

supporting the poor networking habits of your mainstream peers and colleagues.

We know what it takes to achieve cultural safety. We can tell you how to bring great social change and therefore social justice. We have the knowledge and

strength to be regarded as our own experts and spokespeople, regardless of Western definitions of education.

So here's the big secret to unlocking the gate in front of 'the Gap'.

Nationally

These are necessary education reforms, and not absolute solutions. Seeking legitimate education on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture has been made the responsibility of the proactive Australian. (You may have difficulty with these steps if you're not an influential politician, but keep them in mind when considering barriers to Aboriginal health access. Or, you could suggest these ideas to an influential politician. Just a thought!)

- Acknowledge that an insurmountable history of racist atrocities have been perpetrated by the colonisers and subsequent governments

of Australia

- Full disclosure of Aboriginal history in all its beauty, complexities and colonial horrors in the national curriculum, including a national campaign of re-education for the broader public.

Locally

- Develop and nurture relationships* and networks with Aboriginal communities

- Enjoy the support and knowledge you now have access to.

**Relationships are built on a solid foundation of collaboration, communication, and mutual support and respect.*

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trajectory of this ascending respect be levelled out to a parallel, in which the GP (or other mainstream health professional) hold the client in an equal esteem, as co-fixtures in one community.

My most humble apologies to those doctors who already understand all this, and have been delivering excellent healthcare to Aboriginal communities for many years. I'm sure you will agree with me regarding the importance of attitudinal change and a priority of community relationship development and upkeep, especially with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations.

I have read several published articles by doctors such as these, published over the past 10 years,

of an individual and the social and cultural elements that surround them.

There is no single piece of literature that can adequately explain the intricacies of working with Aboriginal community. There is no single website which will provide all the links and secret pathway through the veritable minefield which is Aboriginal health.

What there is, however, is a thriving and generous community of people who just want to be respected and collaborated with.

You won't need a contacts/links/services/etc list if you have a local network of people with real knowledge and skills.

You won't even need to ask so many questions about what

huge deficit, and it's time everybody acknowledged it.

Keeping in mind that GPs are held in such high esteem by the general public, this makes them the prime candidates for reform.

This is a golden opportunity for these already-respected pillars to set a new example, and step into the vastly uncharted waters of genuine community participation.

There will undoubtedly be some GPs who feel they are already very educated, and are already delivering effective healthcare in their practices. However, I challenge these individuals to describe exactly how they are addressing the Gap.

To suggest that all Australians have the same access to healthcare and resources, or to

“To suggest that all Australians have the same access to healthcare and resources, or to say it's a poor people thing rather than a Black people thing, is purely and totally incorrect.”

which are essentially saying the same things I am.

These are not new or controversial concepts. These are well-known directives and concepts which have been making their way slowly throughout the medical industry, and can be clearly aligned with the principles of good general practice.

A serious dedication to developing an understanding of the Aboriginal community will require a willingness to relinquish the 'Fortitude of Doctorness' (an ever-archaic situation in which individual practitioners are allowed to develop habits and systems which serve their own needs more than those of the community –

services and programs are out there if you have an active presence in the Aboriginal community, because it would just be normal to know that stuff.

This is just one area in which people other than the Aboriginal community are required to do some heavy lifting to bring true social justice. I would suggest that we (Aboriginal community) take a proactive approach to making our programs and services fully advertised and "Google-able", so as to exist equally with our Mainstream service counterparts.

The lack of broad public education on the general topic of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history is a

say it's a poor people thing rather than a Black people thing, is purely and totally incorrect.

These are opinions borne out of broad ignorance to the true barriers of Aboriginal people attempting to survive in a system we are not historically welcome in.

What I've outlined here (for discussion) is just one shared barrier to improving healthcare access for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community.

This is a situation of give-and-take, as all good relationships should be.

I call on mainstream health providers (GPs, nurses, allied health, everyone!) to consider their personal attitude toward



Supervision Diary is for the Aboriginal Workforce

THE Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) of NSW Social and Emotional Wellbeing Workforce Support Unit (SEWB WSU) has published its second edition of the Supervision Diary designed specifically for the NSW Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing, (SEWB), Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) and Mental Health workforce.

Responding to a gap identified by workers, the WSU has focused on promoting and supporting access to culturally safe supervision for the workforce in NSW, and the diary is one of a range of resources and training modules which have been developed and rolled out across the state.

The diary is a beautiful and engaging resource whose functions include to:

- Inspire workers and allow them to reflect on their work
- Inform workers about how supervision can support them in their roles and encourage them to seek it regularly

- Promote the importance of self-care and encourage workers to make it more of a priority

- Remind workers of all their other Aboriginal SEWB/AOD colleagues out there, of the importance of their work, and that they are not alone

The diary features a double page per month to record issues which workers want to discuss with their supervisor. It is packed with inspiring artwork, quotes, poems, photos and personal stories about and by the workforce. It reflects the deadly work which is going on around the state, profiles individual workers and looks at the challenges and rewards of working in community.

What workers said about last year's diary...

"It is a useful tool for me as a Mental Health Worker – my job can get full-on at times and when it comes to supervision time I forget what I want to

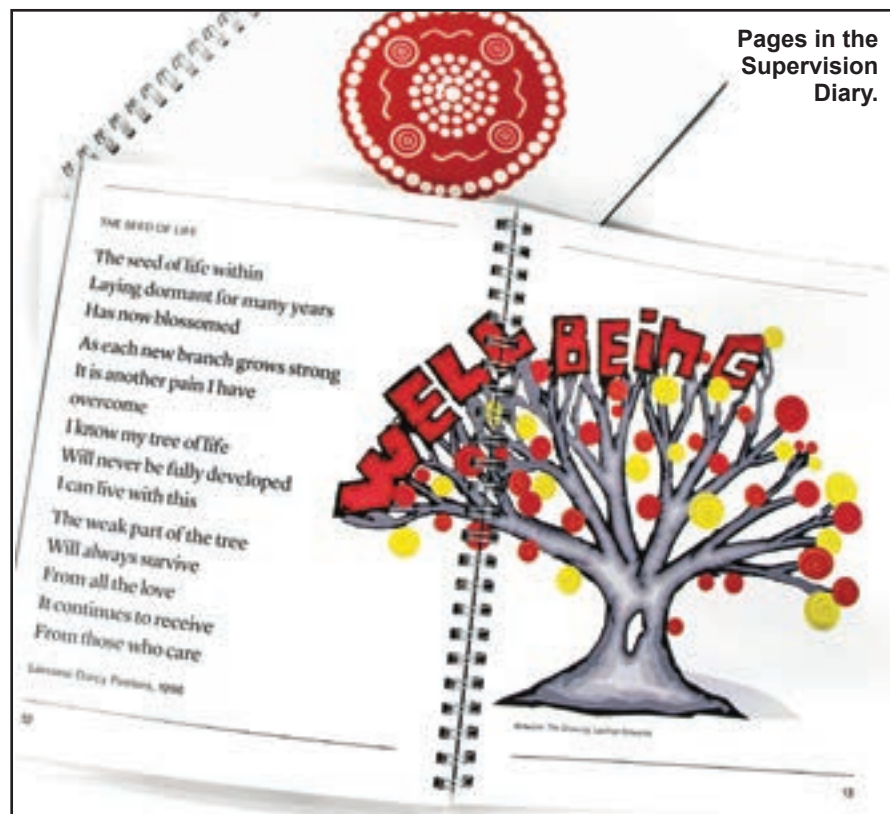
discuss with my supervisor." – *NSW Mental Health Worker*

"It is gorgeous and so useful to have everything in one place. I can imagine looking at it in a year and reflecting back on all the practice dilemmas, awareness and achievements that sometimes get lost from memory." – *NSW SEWB Worker*

Free copies of the new edition of the diary will be distributed to the eligible NSW Aboriginal SEWB and AOD workforce and are available at cost, \$25 to other agencies.

Contact Lucy McGarry at the AH&MRC on (02) 9212 4777 for more information.

You can also sign up to our E Newsletter *Message Stick* to keep up-to-date with our activities, resources and news affecting the SEWB AOD Sector health sector in NSW. Follow the link on our Facebook page 'AH&MRC NSW Social and Emotional Wellbeing Workforce Support Unit' or call us on (02) 9212 4777.



Accredited Training Opportunity

Ear and Hearing Training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) is pleased to announce that Ear and Hearing Skill Set training is being delivered in a number of jurisdictions nationally.

Description of training

NACCHO has engaged with RTO's to deliver the Ear and Hearing Skill Set for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care training. The units of competency will encompass those that make up this training, namely:

- * HLTAHW025: Provide information and strategies in hearing and ear health
- * HLTAU402D: Conduct screening hearing tests for industrial hearing loss
- * HLTAU501D: Conduct screening hearing tests for children

Training will take place over two week period (2 x one week long blocks). This Skill Set provides a pathway for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health workers to specialise in the provision of ear and hearing health.

Additionally, the Skill Set units may provide credit towards Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care qualifications at the Certificate IV level or higher.

Workshop locations and dates

Registrations to attend the Ear and Hearing Skill Set Training in your state or territory are now open.

Training will be delivered in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Darwin, Dubbo, Port Hedland and Adelaide. It is requested that participants attend training in their state or territory and within their regional area (registrations outside your state or territory will not be accepted).



Training location and dates

Location	Block 1	Block 2	places available
Darwin	29 Jun – 3 Jul	13 Jul – 17 Jul	10
Melbourne	29 Jun – 3 Jul	10 Aug – 14 Aug	20
Perth	20 Jul – 24 Jul	10 Aug – 14 Aug	10
Cairns	27 Jul – 31 Jul	17 Aug – 21 Aug	10
Dubbo	3 Aug – 7 Aug	7 Sep – 11 Sep	10
Port Hedland	24 Aug – 28 Aug	14 Sep – 18 Sep	10
Sydney	31 Aug – 4 Sep	21 Sep – 25 Sep	10

* Adelaide dates TBA

For further information or to register for the accredited Ear and Hearing Skillset training please visit the NACCHO website, www.naccho.org.au





Murri league carnival secures health funds

QUeensland's peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health body has enthusiastically welcomed a decision by Federal Assistant Health Minister Senator Fiona Nash to provide funding for the annual Murri Rugby League Carnival to be held in South East Queensland later this year.

Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council CEO Matt Cooke said Senator Nash has committed \$175,000 towards four days of sport and health promotion which 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 much-needed funds; he's proved to be a solid supporter of our efforts to combine health and footy," Mr Cooke said.

"QAIHC has been working with the Arthur Beetson Foundation and



Former rugby league great turned senator Glenn Lazarus with officials, guests and supporters at the announcement of Federal funding for the annual Murri Rugby League Carnival.

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 has been a steady increase in participation by players and spectators.

"The carnival also promotes school attendance and the importance of education by ensuring a prerequisite for attending the carnival of a minimum school attendance rate of 90 per cent," he said.

"The event highlights the success of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services taking the health message to large community events.

"The nature of the health problems we confront in our communities necessitates the sort of innovation rarely seen in the delivery of health services in other sectors. Senator Nash's support indicates her confidence in what the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector is achieving in Queensland."

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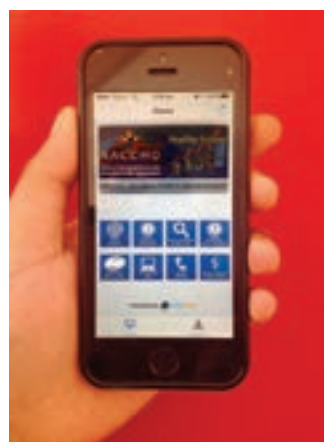


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3-4 September 2015 - Adelaide

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Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands - for a healthy future

Another moot mooted for next year



ORGANISERS are hoping the success of the inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students' Moot will lead to an annual event. A moot – a mock court case preparation and hearing – is used as a form of training for legal students.

The inaugural moot for Indigenous students, held at the Supreme Court in Brisbane, attracted plenty of interest, included some high-level support.

Those involved included law firms Ashurst and Allens, North Quarter Lane Chambers, the Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland (ILAQ), QUT, Griffith University, the University of Qld and members of the judiciary including Justice Margaret McMurdo, Justice Peter Lyons, Justice David Boddice and Judge Michael Rackemann.

Four teams of students from the universities took part, with Candice Hughes and Michelle Rabbidge from QUT the winners and Nicholas Frazer and Isobelle Rafty from the University of Qld runners-up.

Organisers said the event was highly successful and are hoping to continue partnering with Ashurst, North Quarter Lane Chambers and ILAQ to host the event annually and increase the number of universities involved.

● Pictured left: Queensland Court of Appeal President Justice Margaret McMurdo with Moot winners Candice Hughes and Michelle Rabbidge, from QUT.

Recognition in Redland area



Island & Cape Retail Enterprises nutritionist Tracey Fitzgibbon, left, with Rowena Rosendale at a store.

Nutritionist is on the job at Island & Cape



ISLAND & Cape Retail Enterprises has appointed a fulltime nutritionist to promote healthier eating in its eight north Queensland community stores.

Tracey Fitzgibbon, who has a Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics degree from Griffith University, recently started work at Island & Cape, based at the retail company's new Anderson Street headquarters in Cairns.

Ms Fitzgibbon will work closely with Apunipima Cape York Health Council to deliver nutrition training to store staff, as well as ensuring healthier options in each store.

"We want to make sure that all of our stores' core range includes a good balance of healthy foods," she said.

"It's no secret that chronic disease is a serious issue in remote communities across far north Queensland, and much of that is related to poor diet and eating habits.

"Island & Cape believe education is the key way to help improve healthier eating among communities, and that some real benefits can be gained with some simple messages and strategies."

Island & Cape Retail Enterprises general manager operations Kim Nona said the company prides itself on playing a vital role in improving the health of customers.



The Yuli Burra Ba Dance Group performs in front of the two new panels at Cleveland.



TWO sculptural metal panels recognising the traditional identity, culture and connections of the Redland area of southern Queensland have been unveiled in Cleveland.

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams said the panels – which feature the Quandamooka statement of recognition and artwork – represent a milestone in

the relationship between her council and the traditional owners.

"Designed by local artist Sandra Delaney, a Quandamooka woman from North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah), the two panels tell a powerful story of the Quandamooka people's connection to the Redland stretching back tens of thousands of years," the mayor said.

"Both panels give unique insights into Quandamooka culture and heritage,

as well as credence to the importance of Redland City Council and the Quandamooka people working together for the future of our region.

"Installing the statement of recognition at the heart of our city, where much of the planning for the future of our community takes place, is testament to what can be achieved in the spirit of reconciliation and respect."

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Caring for kids' ears



COREY Gretch has seen firsthand how poor ear health and hearing can

leave Indigenous students struggling in the classroom.

That's why the Aboriginal education assistant from the Central Coast of NSW has jumped at the chance to become a Care for Kids' Ears ambassador.

He'll be an integral part of the Federal Government's Care for Kids' Ears campaign, which has produced a range of resources designed specifically for teachers.

"I work at a pre-school and spend a lot of time with kids aged three to five," Mr Gretch said.

"One thing I find is you repeat yourself all day, and often these ear problems can go unnoticed until the students themselves realise they've got a problem, which is way too late.

"We've got kids up in our primary school, and if they're sitting anywhere near the back of the class and we're having behavioural issues with them, sometimes it can come down to the fact that they're not

hearing what's going on.

"I've seen it happen, and I've seen those kids get chastised by their teachers because they're not doing the work."

The new resources for teachers gives information about the signs and symptoms of otitis media (glue ear), allowing teachers to identify when a student might be struggling with an ear health issue.

Resources

The resources provide practical guidelines on how best to teach in a classroom where students may be struggling with limited hearing, and importantly, also raise awareness about the wider health contexts related to otitis media in Indigenous communities.

Mr Gretch says he has already noticed a positive impact on his students' awareness of better ear health after introducing them to some of the Care for Kids' Ears teaching resources.

Care for Kids' Ears resources can be downloaded or ordered from the Care for Kids' Ears' website: www.careforkidsears.health.gov.au/



Aboriginal education assistant Corey Gretch teaches the importance of ear health to his students using the Care for Kids' Ears storybook. Picture: Andrew Rosenfeldt

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Lily Popovich, front, and Katelyn Gaskin are taking a closer look at their futures as part of the Koori Kids Futures program.

Kids look to future



A NEW work experience program is aiming to help Indigenous students become more inspired to pursue careers in health.

The Koori Kids Futures program, pioneered by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District (NBMLHD), offers students work experience in a range of health areas at Nepean Hospital, Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital and other primary care and community health centres.

Year 11 Colyton High School student Kiona O'Neill said the program was invaluable as she considered a career in health.

"I came into the program wanting to be a neonatal nurse, but now I'm thinking about pursuing a career as an Aboriginal liaison officer for the hospital," she said.

"I want to care for my people; to help them if they need something and to put

them at ease if they're going through a difficult time.

"Koori Kids Futures has been an educational, fun and exciting experience that has changed my perspective of health in Indigenous communities. It's also reinforced how important it is to respect and listen to others in order to understand them, to preserve our sense of culture and to never be afraid to speak up."

Population

The local government areas covered by NBMLHD – Penrith, the Blue Mountains, Lithgow and the Hawkesbury – have a higher-than-average Aboriginal population of 2.8%, more than half of whom are aged under 25.

NBMLHD chief executive Kay Hyman hopes Koori Kids Futures will prove a success.

"This program is one of the things we can do to reduce the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," she said.

Donations will target scabies



A CAMPAIGN to end a major health blight at Top End Aboriginal communities has received a major boost.

Pharmaceutical company MSD (a subsidiary of Merck and Co) has donated \$600,000 to not-for-profit organisation One Disease, which has a goal of eliminating preventable diseases from remote Indigenous communities.

The first illness on the One Disease hit list is scabies, which contributes to premature death in remote Indigenous communities. It currently affects seven in every 10 Indigenous children in remote communities at least once before their first birthday.

The MSD donation has been matched by an unnamed benefactor, meaning the One Disease scabies campaign has an extra \$1.2 million for its work. The money will be used to fund two nurses to work in Arnhem Land centres to eradicate the most severe form of scabies.

One Disease founder and chairman Dr Sam Prince is delighted.

"We warmly thank MSD for this donation and extend our heartfelt thanks to the unnamed benefactor who has generously matched the contribution dollar-for-dollar," the medical doctor and philanthropist said.

"These funds will bring us one step



One Disease founder Dr Sam Prince accepts the \$600,000 cheque from Merck chairman and chief executive Kenneth Frazier and MSD Australia managing director Dr Susanne Fiedler.

closer to our goal to empower Indigenous Australians to self-manage scabies, reduce the disease burden and, ultimately, eliminate the severe form of the disease by 2030."

MSD's Dr Susanne Fiedler says the donation is part of the company's overall commitment to address complex public health challenges through investments addressing barriers to health care.

About Scabies: Scabies is a contagious disease caused by a small mite that burrows under the skin. This triggers an immune response to control

the mites reproducing, causing irritation.

Scratching the skin leads to the development of sores and potentially bacterial infections.

What presents as an innocent itch can, if untreated, lead to kidney failure, rheumatic heart fever and ultimately premature death.

The disease is spread by skin-to-skin contact. Mothers, young children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable groups. As one of the most common skin conditions, it affects more than 130 million people globally at any time.

Flu vaccine is available free for children



THE Northern Territory Government and Darwin-based Danila Dilba Aboriginal Medical Health Service are working to raise awareness of a new influenza vaccine program for Indigenous children.

Health Minister John Elferink said now is the time to be vaccinated as influenza – commonly known as flu – arrives in the NT.

"NT Indigenous children have very high rates of influenza infection, with rates much greater than non-Indigenous children at the same age," he said.

"Vaccination will reduce infection, hospitalisations and complications associated with severe influenza in this group.

"The influenza vaccine changes each year to match the strains that are expected to circulate in the coming year, so it is important to be vaccinated annually.

"The national influenza vaccine program for Indigenous people has been expanded, and Indigenous children aged from six months to less than five can receive the influenza vaccine free under the National Immunisation Program."

Children will receive two influenza vaccine doses at least four weeks apart in the first year that they are vaccinated, and then a single dose in subsequent years.

Indigenous people 15 and older and all people 65 and over can also get the vaccine for free.

More details about influenza and the vaccine at www.health.nt.gov.au/Flu/index.aspx

Men told to talk about their health



APUNIPIMA Cape York Health Council has used Men's Health Week to encourage Indigenous people to talk about their health. Apunipima men's health/chronic disease worker Dan Fischer said chatting to men and young boys about their health was satisfying.

"Men generally don't talk about their health or visit a doctor and they often leave it to the last minute when they're sick," Mossman Gorge-based Mr Fischer said.

"There's no shame in seeing your doctor. Part of my job is to have a yarn with patients and help my mob feel comfortable about going to see a doctor or health worker.

"There doesn't have to be something wrong with you to see your doctor. Sometimes it's good just to touch base and have a health check."

Mr Fischer said he realises how difficult it can be to find time to make an appointment to see a doctor, but he said it was important for men to make that the first step.

"We all lead busy lives, but making small adjustments to your routine or to adopt a healthier approach or change your lifestyle to include more exercise is a big step," he said.

"These all add up to healthy moments for long-term positive health outcomes."



Apunipima Cape York Health Council men's health/chronic disease worker Dan Fischer.

Wellbeing on the agenda



A FEW years ago, Spirit Dreaming consultancy director Mel Brown was talking with some

colleagues about the need to have a conference that focussed totally on Aboriginal wellbeing.

"There's lots of focus on health and mental health, but nothing on the theme of wellbeing," she said.

"It was one of those things that never got off the ground, and then earlier this year I thought I'm just going to run with it and see what response I get.

"Obviously it was a good choice, because we had a great response for our first Aboriginal wellbeing conference at Ballina (NSW north coast).

"Everyone uses the word 'holistic', which means looking after mind, body and spirit, everything about being human, and for an Aboriginal person, wellbeing makes up all those facets."

Ms Brown said the conference had guest speakers and workshops, and lateral violence (where members of a group are harmful towards each other as a response to being oppressed) was a main topic. The event included presentations on lateral violence in hospital and health settings, transgenerational trauma and circle healing.

"What was really cool was that between the 70 to 80 people we



Mel Brown at the wellbeing conference in Ballina.

had at the conference, it was really intimate," Ms Brown said.

"A lot of people came up to me and said it was lovely to actually talk at a conference, have a real blackfella gathering.

"I think we talk about wellbeing at the fringes of mental health. We don't often talk about real lateral violence – and that's something that affects every Aboriginal person.

"Every Aboriginal person's been a victim at some stage – even the perpetrators – and that's why it's an easy topic to get people on board with."

Ms Brown said the conference had included people Australia-wide and another was already being planned on trauma-informed care.

Thumbs up for health programs



AN independent evaluation report has given the stamp of approval to many of Western Australia's Aboriginal health

programs. The report, by Emeritus Professor D'Arcy Holman, found more than 90% of the 184 programs evaluated to be outstanding, very good or good. A small number were found to be underperforming.

WA Health Minister Kim Hames said the State Government needed to evaluate Aboriginal health programs, focussing on value for money, contractual analysis, scientific evidence reviews and assessment of health outcomes.

"It's important to know if we're supporting effective programs and spending the money where it will do most good, so for the

Holman Review to find the overwhelming majority of projects hit the mark in terms of outcomes and value, that's significant," he said. "It means the programs delivering real community benefit can be continued and the State Government can track their progress. It also means we can channel efforts from underperforming programs to

be offered a contract extension to the end of August to assist with transition," he said.

"Further funding has also been identified by WA Health to ensure the full range of outstanding, very good and good Aboriginal health programs identified in the Holman Review will continue, so there will be a total allocation of

\$88.7 million over three years for Footprints to Better Health."

As part of this year's state Budget process, funding for Aboriginal health has been increased by \$16 million a year with an additional \$49.4 million allocated

over the next three years to continue programs that were previously funded through the WA and Australian governments' Closing the Gap package.

For more details, go to the Reports and Publications tab at www.health.wa.gov.au

"...for the Holman Review to find the overwhelming majority of projects hit the mark in terms of outcomes and value, that's significant."

support those making a difference."

The minister said funding would not continue for the programs considered poor or marginal in the Holman Review.

"Underperforming programs will no longer be funded but will

More teachers the goal



HIGH school students have visited the University of Tasmania for a program that aims to increase the number of Aboriginal teachers.

Held over two days, the program, called tunapri teaching, included seven Aboriginal students from high schools around Tasmania learning about their culture, the education system and the need for Aboriginal teachers to combine the two.

The program was developed in a community context, with Elders, educators, artists and parents working with staff from the university's Faculty of Education.

Tanya Harper, from Riawunna, the UTas Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education, designed the program and looked to culture and country for inspiration.

"There are significant reasons why teaching may not be considered by Aboriginal students, including experiences of racism in the classroom from both students and teachers," she said.

"Many Aboriginal parents', grandparents' and aunties' and uncles' experiences of education were negative and these experiences remain within the living memories of our families and the community.

"The education system denied our culture and, in Tasmania, denied our very existence. Why would Aborigines want to teach or trust an educational institution?"

Head of the UTas School of Education Associate Professor



Staff and students involved in the latest tunapri teaching program, organised by the University of Tasmania.

Karen Swabey said the faculty learned much from the skilled Aboriginal educators and community members.

"Got it wrong"

"We listened because we have got it wrong so many times before," she said.

"What occurred was transformative for the young

people. They were hungry to learn about their culture and their history. It was sad to learn how little had been taught in school about their history."

This was the second time the tunapri teaching program has been run, with another 14 students taking part last year.

Indigenous people make up only 0.7% of teachers, but

nationally Aboriginal students are 5% of the school population.

Aboriginal higher education adviser with UTas Clair Andersen, who had the initial idea for the program, said it needed to be expanded.

"What we need are programs like this nationally; programs that are culture-based and are linked with education faculties," she

said. "A one-off is not enough to turn around generations of alienation from education.

"Our people can and will achieve, but we need the resources to run these programs and the non-Indigenous people to be onside to listen, support and contribute. What we have begun here is a fantastic base from which to develop."



Gina is top student



DIPLOMA of Management student Gina Cook has been named Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student of the year at the Northern Sydney Institute's 2015 Excellence Awards.

Ms Cook is currently working as a project officer with Family and Community Services and hopes her qualifications will broaden her career prospects in management. Through her achievements, she aims to inspire and improve the lives of those in her community.

Institute director Allison Wood said the awards was a night to celebrate student achievement and the dedication of teachers. "Every student that has won an award is working in their industry of study, which is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the importance of vocational education and training," she said.

● Pictured: Gina Cook, centre, with TAFE NSW managing director Pam Christie, left, and Northern Sydney Institute director Allison Wood.

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Education & Communities

Years 8 to 12 Entry at Agricultural Residential and Regional Selective High Schools in 2016

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving, academically gifted students who may otherwise be isolated from a suitable academic peer group. For Years 8 to 12 in 2016 there are 17 fully selective, 26 partially selective, 4 agricultural high schools and, for students in rural and remote areas of NSW only, there is a virtual selective high school called Aurora College which enrolls students for English, mathematics and science only.

Vacancies in Years 8 to 12 for 2016 may occur in the following selective and agricultural high schools. The number of vacancies varies from academic Year to Year and from school to school. Applications are invited to fill these places.

AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
Hurlstone Agricultural High School
Yanco Agricultural High School

REGIONAL SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

Selective class vacancies may occur in these schools in Years 8 to 10 in 2015.
Armidale High School
Gorokan High School
Karabar High School (Queanbeyan)
Peel High School (Tamworth)
Duval High School (Armidale)
Grafton High School
Koorinal High School (Wagga Wagga)

Students enrolled in rural and remote public schools may apply for Aurora College, the virtual secondary school. Information is at www.aurora.nsw.edu.au

Application forms will be available from all selective and agricultural high schools and Public Schools Network offices from **23 June 2015** and online at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Further information is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8_12.php

Before submitting an application, parents must check the school's website or contact the school for information regarding assessment procedures and requirements.

Parents may apply for up to three selective and agricultural high schools. A separate application form is required for each school applied for.

Completed applications should be sent directly to the selective high school(s) by the closing date of **Tuesday 28 July 2015**.

Engineer summit to open the way



Elder of the year Albert Ryan, right, celebrates his success with TAFE Western director Aboriginal education and equity provision Rod Towney, and Shirley Scott from TAFE Western's Aboriginal Community Reference Group.

TAFE Western's best recognised



ABORIGINAL students have been among the winners at TAFE Western's annual awards for outstanding graduates.

Among the 12 winners, three awards went to Aboriginal students.

TAFE Western's Aboriginal Graduate Student of the Year was Talisha Kuras, from Coonabarabran. Ms Kuras completed the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) course at Dubbo campus.

She said she wanted a police career because there had never been an Aboriginal police officer in her home town.

Another IPROWD student, Kristie Ryan, was also praised at the awards presentation.

Aboriginal Elder of the Year was Albert Ryan. Originally from Dubbo, Mr Ryan has

been the Greater West Area Health Service's Aboriginal health worker for the past seven years in Orange. He helped set up the Orange Aboriginal Men's Group and previously held the position of deputy chair of Orange Aboriginal Community Working Party.

Kirsten Derrick, from Walgett, was named Aboriginal Young Learner of the Year.

Ms Derrick won praise from staff as a dedicated, consistent and respectful student.

Institute director Kate Baxter said TAFE Western was committed to providing education and training that benefits Aboriginal people and their communities.

"These award-winning students demonstrate the way education and training does change lives and help people to achieve their aspirations," she said.



Award recipient Talisha Kuras with TAFE Western Institute director Kate Baxter and TAFE Commission board member Justine Turnbull.

Shania is TAFE Riverina's best



TAFE Riverina (NSW) has named Shania Narsamma as its Indigenous student of the year. She joined the institute's business class in mid October last year and completed all requirements by the end of the year.

"Joining the class at this (late) stage meant Shania had to be very self-motivated and accept responsibility for her own studies. To the credit of Shania and the rest of the class, she quickly assimilated and worked well with other students on practical tasks," her teacher Linda O'Connor said.

Before studying the Certificate 2 in Business, Ms Narsamma, who was home schooled, had completed thealsoalso TAFE education pathways course.

She has gone on to do the Certificates 3 and 4 in Business and now hopes to become an accountant.

By NEELIMA CHOAHAN



LEADERS and experts from across the nation have met in Melbourne to develop ways to encourage more Indigenous students to take up engineering. They gathered for the first National Indigenous Engineering Summit, held at the University of Melbourne.

A highlight of the summit was the launch of Engineers Australia's inaugural national Indigenous Engineering Group.

The event was part of the Federal Government-funded Partners for Pathways project, which aims to create scholarships and lift entry barriers to Indigenous students, among others.

Leading the Pathways program is Professor Paul Douglas, a former industry leader who says there is a chronic underrepresentation of Indigenous engineers.

He said the summit aimed to close yet another gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

"In a cohort of ... about 7000 people studying engineering in some shape or form, we only have 20 students with Indigenous background. It should be 200 (nationwide)," Prof Douglas said.

The engineering profession would also benefit from the students' Indigenous culture. "They have different values, affordability issues and requirements," Prof Douglas said.

He said a failure to take up maths in school was one of the key factors stopping Indigenous students entering engineering.

Engineering expert Juliana Kaya



Jennifer Campbell

Prpic, who chaired the adaptations workshop at the summit, said there was a need for a "value shift" towards a "two-way sharing of knowledge".

"(It is about) integrating Aboriginal ways of learning ... finding a common language ... and really working with communities," she said.

Griffith University environmental engineering graduate Jennifer Campbell said the summit would help more Indigenous people become engineers. The Wiradjuri (NSW) woman, who was born and raised in Logan, Queensland, said it was important to have a diverse workforce.

"Engineering is supposed to be about innovation, new solutions and new ideas, and you can't do that without a range of people," Ms Campbell said.

"And Aboriginal people have had the same things to address, such as (finding) water and food and keeping your family safe. So Aboriginal people have been doing engineering for 50,000 years, and the industry doesn't always recognise that."



Professor Paul Douglas and Dr Juliana Kaya Prpic at the summit.

Retired educator loved working with students



WHEN Dunghutti (NSW) man Roger 'Mick' Holten tried to help his kids with their homework, he found he had a problem.

"I had forgotten everything I learned at school so I just said to myself, 'I'm going to get an education,' and I enrolled at TAFE," he said.

Mr Holten found studying as an adult challenging and enjoyable and it sparked a love of learning.

He completed his teaching course at Sydney University and then began working as an Aboriginal education

officer in Mt Druitt, western Sydney.

"I decided I didn't want to do teaching, but I wanted to work with Aboriginal kids and make sure they got a good education," he said.

Mr Holten has been working with high school students ever since, and retired earlier this year from Richmond River High School in Lismore, northern NSW.

"I've loved being an Aboriginal education officer," he said.

"It's been challenging at times, and there've been a couple of young kids over the years who needed a lot of support and help."

Mr Holten said some of the aspects of his career he most enjoyed included teaching culture to Aboriginal kids and organising NAIDOC events for schools.

"One of the best programs I was involved with was working with teenage mums," he said.

"It all started when one young girl left school because she fell pregnant. The principal and I ran into her one day and she said, 'I'm sorry I couldn't do the HSC,' also then the wheels started turning from there.

"I loved working with kids, no matter what nationality."



Retired educator Roger 'Mick' Holten



Nura Gili director Professor Martin Nakata with PhD recipients Sue Green and Cameron Fitzpatrick-Ramirez. Inset Dr Megan Williams

Four doctorates record for UNSW



THE University of NSW is celebrating a record award of four doctorates to Indigenous students

this year. Dr Megan Williams (medicine), Sue Green (arts and social sciences) and Cameron Fitzpatrick-Ramirez (business) received their doctorates at last

month's UNSW graduation ceremony in Sydney. Shane Ingrey (biomedicine) will be awarded at the end of the year.

The latest awards follow a medicine-based doctorate awarded last year to Narrunga (South Australia) man Simon Graham.

"This is unheard of anywhere in

the country," said UNSW Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Unit director Professor Martin Nakata, who was the first Torres Strait Islander to complete a doctorate.

"We are thrilled that we have such great students graduating in the one year."

In 2014, 59 Indigenous students graduated from UNSW,

18 more than the previous year.

"This is a particularly encouraging result as the students come from diverse disciplines," Prof Nakata said.

"Some 43% of our Indigenous enrolments are now in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as well as medicine."

Olympic hopeful talks to students



OLYMPIC Games hopeful Larissa Chambers has addressed Indigenous

students as part of the inaugural Ipswich Education, Youth and Sport Program (IEYSP).

The week-long program, hosted by the University of Southern Queensland at Ipswich, near Brisbane, has attracted more than 100 Indigenous young people aged 10-17.

The event, being run this week, aims to get primary and secondary students involved in education, culture, health and sporting activities.

Ms Chambers, a sprinter who is aiming to compete at next year's Olympics in Brazil, said she hoped her "journey in sport" would inspire students.

She said role models were vital and she also stressed the importance of Indigenous students receiving a good education.

"To be a part of a community event like IEYSP means a lot to me as it's great to see our community come together and learn about the importance of health and education in a fun learning environment," Ms Chambers said.

IEYSP is being hosted by Ipswich's Kambu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health.

Exhibitions to mark heritage trust opening



THE Koorie Heritage Trust (KHT) is celebrating the opening of its new base at Melbourne's Federation Square with two exhibitions. The trust's new gallery in the Yarra Building at the square will feature works by artists Robyne Latham and Maree Clarke.

"It is very fitting that we open our new gallery with two artists who have both had a long relationship with the Koorie Heritage Trust, and whose careers have both shaped, and been shaped by, the trust over its 30-year history," chief executive Tom Mosby said.

Ms Latham, a Melbourne-based Yamatji (WA) artist, will present her exhibition *The Aborigine is*



Artist Robyne Latham.

Present, which she says is created as a "response to the often-perceived invisibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities living in Melbourne, and the daily stereotyping of Aboriginal people".

And Ms Clarke, a Mutti Mutti, Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta and BoonWurrung artist from Mildura in north-west Victoria, will show her works in *Ritual, Connection to Country*. The exhibition is based around her practice of re-engaging with culture and raising awareness of the strength of her community.

"Opening our new gallery with these two powerful artists works so well with our vision, which is to promote, support and celebrate the thriving contemporary Aboriginal community in Melbourne and regional Victoria, despite the invisibility of our community because of the misplaced assumption that Aboriginal people and communities are only to be found up north," Mr Mosby said.

For more details, go to exhibitions@korieheritagetrust.com

Documentaries are the focus for partnership



DOCUMENTARY Australia Foundation (DAF) has launched an Indigenous program aimed at fostering partnerships between filmmakers, philanthropists and the social sector.

The Indigenous program run by the independent, non-profit organisation has been made possible by support from Screen Australia and NITV.

DAF chief executive Mitzi Goldman said the program will have documentary storytelling at its core. She said DAF will connect filmmakers, philanthropists and not-for-profits to tell stories that cover a broad range of issues relevant to the Indigenous experience, including health, education, employment, culture and youth.

"It's exciting to connect like-minded funders and not-for-profits with filmmakers to amplify issues experienced by Indigenous Australians through the powerful medium of documentary," she said.

"Funding a documentary goes hand in hand with making sure it is seen, so a well-planned distribution strategy with an audience engagement campaign will deliver to funders the social impact they hope to see for their philanthropic support."

Screen Australia and NITV have pledged support over two years to enable the roll-out of initiatives including specialist workshops for filmmakers, donor education seminars on working with Indigenous filmmakers, a screening series of films made by or about Indigenous Australians, and support and guidance on how to successfully pitch film projects to potential donors.



Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award recipient Nancy Kiwat with her winning artwork *Ilan Pamle*.

Art prize win worth \$7000



NANCY Kiwat, represented by Erub Arts, has taken out the ninth annual Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award, the premier Torres Strait and North Peninsula Area

(NPA) art honour. Ms Kiwat won the \$7000 award for her ceramic work *Ilan Pamle*, depicting her grandparents and cultural connections with New Guinea.

Presenting the award, Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) deputy chairperson Aven Noah described *Ilan Pamle* as an outstanding work and example of the high quality being produced by emerging artists in the region.

"For nine years, the Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award has presented a grassroots representation of works contributing to the national Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal arts industry," he said. "Through Gab Titui, the TSRA is proud to continue to support artists in the Torres Strait and NPA, at all stages of their practice, to develop and gain national recognition."

Ilan Pamle was selected from a field of 50 works submitted by artists from 14 communities in the Torres Strait by guest judge and artist Destiny Deacon and community cultural advisers Cygnet Repu and Lizzie Lui.

In addition to the Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award Winner, more than \$11,000 in prizes were awarded in 10 other categories.

The Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award runner-up was Bob Kaigey (Thursday Island) for his painting *Apu Ra Ee*.

Best Cultural Artefact was awarded to the late John Dorante (Kiriiri – Hammond Island) for his carving *Warrior Dance*.

Best Work on Paper went to Weldon Matasia of Badu Island Art (Badu Art Centre) for his lino print *Seahorse*.

Best Work on Canvas was won by Tony Harry (Warraber Island) for his work *Waru Paingerr Ya Alali* depicting the plight of marine life caused by stray fishing nets (ghost nets).

Best 3D Work went to Jimmy K Thaiday of Erub Arts (Erub Art Centre) for his wood-fired ceramic *Gur Legiz*.

Best Craft Work was awarded to Lavinia Ketchell of Erub Arts (Erub Art Centre) for her handcrafted ghost net work *GN Necklace*.

Best Secondary Student Work went to Tanisha Seden (Kiriiri – Hammond Island) for her painting *Best Friends*.

The National Museum of Australia (NMA) History Through Art Award, a

non-acquisitive prize that recognises artworks that best capture aspects of the histories of Torres Strait Islander lives and experiences, went to Laurie Nona of Badu Island Art (Badu Art Centre) for his lino print *Danalaigau Rangadhau Kab (Life's Journey Paddle)*, depicting a kab (paddle) representing a vessel containing the traditional importance of cultural identity; the survival journey of an Islander's way of life.

Highly Commended awards were presented to Rosaline Tomsana (Kubin Community, Moa Island/Horn Island), Jimmy J Thaiday (Erub Arts, Erub), Dennis Newie (St Paul's Community, Moa Island), Robert Meddy Kaigey (Mer Island), Taicee Pearson (Iama Island), and Abbie Pearson (Iama Island).

Commended were Angela Torenbeek (St Paul's Community, Moa Island), Rion Savage (Masig Island), Kahtyjah Mola (Thursday Island), Maryann Bourne (Erub), Segar Passi (Mer Island), and Teleo Hope (Thursday Island).

The also 2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award Exhibition continues on Thursday Island until August 21.

The Gab Titui People's Choice Award winner will be named later in the year.

Playwright becomes a novelist

By RUDI MAXWELL



MURUWARI (Qld) writer Jane Harrison, best known for her award-winning play *Stolen* about the Stolen Generation, has just released her first novel, *Becoming Kirrali Lewis*. The young adult novel centres on a young Aboriginal woman growing up in the 1980s who has been adopted by a white family. It explores ideas of identity, family, belonging, self and love.

"I think there's a huge gap for Aboriginal readers," Ms Harrison said. "It's important for Aboriginal kids to have books that feature Aboriginal characters.

It'd be amazing to have books like that on the curriculum, because Aboriginal students don't see their lives reflected in the texts set in schools.

"The main character Kirrali is nervous about her Aboriginality. Once she goes to uni she starts to meet other Aboriginal people and become more political. She then decides to seek her birth mother and it's a disaster.

"That was a really interesting theme to

play with: What happens when someone you meet is the opposite of what you expected and, in fact, irritates you? They have to find a way to resolve it, and it was interesting to play on that mother-daughter relationship.

"Having been a daughter, it's a rich area to mine for writing and now I'm a mother with two daughters, so I've got that perspective too."

Having been raised in a white family, Kirrali at first seems to have quite fixed ideas about Aboriginality.

"Quite insecure"

"She's that age when you think you know everything about the world, yet underneath that, Kirrali is quite insecure," Ms Harrison said.

"While she is a quite confident young woman in some respects, she tries to fly under the radar in terms of her Aboriginality. She's naive and asks the sort of questions maybe non-Aboriginal readers might be thinking about but be too scared to ask.

"In my young life I'd always felt confident knowing I was Aboriginal and I would share that. I'm quite light-skinned

but felt quite secure in my Aboriginality until people began asking me why I identified and how much I was Aboriginal.

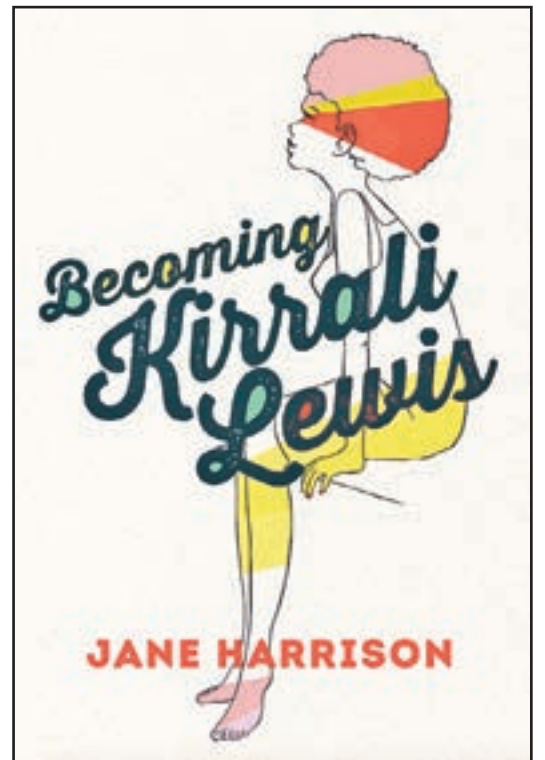
"I think it was their questions about my identity at that age that made me start questioning my own right to claim my Aboriginality.

"I don't know whether that's common for young Aboriginal people, but I thought it would be interesting for her to go through, part of how she becomes herself. There's so much casual racism – you don't look Aboriginal, don't sound, don't dress Aboriginal – which is just ridiculous. People who have Scottish ancestry don't go about wearing kilts."

While *Becoming Kirrali Lewis* is a young adult novel, Ms Harrison is hoping it has broader appeal.

"It's set in 1985, with Kirrali having been born in '67, so there's quite a lot of nostalgia for readers of my generation," she said. "I love it when you pick up a book and go back to another era, a time that was different and things that are acceptable now, weren't then.

"I hope people pick it up and feel some of their experience captured and have a bit of a laugh – and a bit of a cry."



NATSIAA finalists this year include Yukiltju Napangati, from the Papunya Tula Artists, at left and Barbara Moore, from Tjala Arts on the APY Lands.

65 finalists for 2015 NATSIAA



SIXTY-five entries have been selected as finalists for this year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA).

Chosen from a field of 300 entries, the finalists' works will go on display at

the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) from Friday, August 7, with the winners announced that night.

The NATSIAA was established in 1984 to promote appreciation and understanding of the quality and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art around the country. It is

one of the premier art events of the year, with a main prize of \$50,000 and five other categories each offering prizemoney of \$5000.

Selected

This year's finalists were selected by National Gallery of Victoria director Tony Dellwood, Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander art curator at the Art Gallery of NSW Cara Pinchbeck, and painter Daniel Wabidi who won the 2014 NATSIAA general painting award.

Twelve of this year's finalists come from the APY Lands in the north-west of South Australia, and about one third are from across

the Northern Territory. Only NSW and Tasmania are not represented in the list of finalists this year.

Art mediums in the final 65 range from etching print and natural ochres on paper through to woodblock and recycled aluminium casting.

For the full list of finalists go to www.magnt.net.au

WA art award prize is \$50,000



THE winner of this year's \$50,000 Western Australian Indigenous

Art Award will be named on Friday (July 3).

There are 14 finalists from around the country for the award, one of the richest in Australia.

Their works will go on show in an exhibition from Friday until October 12 at the Art Gallery of WA.

The award, supported by the WA Government, acknowledges the significant and ongoing contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists make to Australian art, culture and society.

A separate Western Australian Artist Award of \$10,000 will also be announced on Friday night.

The People's Choice Award of \$5000 will be presented at the end of the exhibition.

Artists will be at the Art Gallery of WA this Saturday, July 4, to talk about their works.

For more details, go to www.artgallery.wa.gov.au/

New faces for black&write!



FOUR Indigenous writers and editors have joined the State Library of Queensland's black&write! Indigenous Writing and Editing team.

State Librarian Janette Wright named the 2015 black&write! writing fellows as creative writing graduate Jannali Jones and law student Alison Whittaker.

And the black&write! editing interns for 2015-16 are Grace Lucas-Pennington, a Yugambah/Bundjalung (NSW) woman with a background in radio broadcasting, and Rockhampton's Yasmin Smith, a QUT creative writing graduate and Qld Writers Centre workshop coordinator.

"The quality of manuscripts received this year has demonstrated that Australia's Indigenous writing community is constantly growing, thriving and evolving," Ms Wright said of the entries.

"Jannali Jones, a Krowathunkoolong woman of the Kurnai (Victoria) nation, is an upcoming literary star. Her work *My Father's Shadow* is an atmospheric mystery about secrets, guilt, young love and an 18-year-old girl's journey to reconcile her past.

"Alison Whittaker's work *Lemons in the Chicken Wire* is a collection of poems about family, displacement, identity and love. A Gomeri woman from Gunnedah and Tamworth (north-western NSW), Alison skilfully draws on these themes and the



Members of the State Library of Queensland's black&write! team, from left, Yasmin Smith, Alison Whittaker, Jannali Jones, Ellen van Neerven and Grace Lucas-Pennington. *Picture: KiLN*

resulting work signals the arrival of a stunning and honest new voice in Australian poetry."

The writing fellows, both based in Sydney, will each receive \$10,000 prizemoney, manuscript development with the black&write! editorial team, and publication of their entry by Indigenous publishing

house Magabala Books.

It's the first time since 2010 that the State Library has had editing interns as part of black&write!

"Challenges"

"State Library established the black&write! project to help counter the unique challenges

faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the publishing industry," Ms Wright said. "These editing internships are an unparalleled opportunity to produce Indigenous editors of Indigenous writing."

The interns started work with the black&write! team earlier this year. Inaugural editing intern

Ellen van Neerven, who won the 2013 David Unaipon Award, is now black&write! senior editor.

Entries for the 2016 writing fellowships open later this year.

Visit slq.qld.gov.au for more information on the black&write! Indigenous Writing and Editing project and other works produced by the team.

Gurrumul will play at NIMAs



GURRUMUL will join the line-up for this year's National Indigenous Music Awards

(NIMAs), performing three songs from his upcoming release *The Gospel Album*.

The awards will be presented at a major concert in Darwin Amphitheatre on Saturday, July 25. The line-up also includes East Journey featuring members of Yothu Yindi, Frank Yamma, B2M and The Painted Ladies.

Gurrumul's new album is a re-imagining of the spiritual songs that came to north-east Arnhem Land through Christian missionaries. As a small boy growing up on Elcho Island, he would hear his mother and aunts singing gospel songs at church.



Gurrumul will play at this year's NIMAs.

"He's already humbugging me about booking his flight," Gurrumul's collaborator Michael Hohnen said.

"Gurrumul always feels at home when performing in Darwin; there's family there, so premiering songs from the new

Gospel album at the NIMAs will be the best start to the national tour."

Nominations for the main awards have now closed, but entries for Triple J's *Unearthed* Indigenous competition are open until July 5.

Journalist and presenter Malarndirri McCarthy and cabaret comedian Kamahi Djordon King – better known as Constantina Bush – have been confirmed as MCs for this year's awards.

Tickets for the NIMAs are available in 35 outback community stores across the Northern Territory or from www.yourcentre.com.au

There is also a competition on the NIMA Facebook page for one family to win a VIP pass.

More details at www.musicnt.com.au/

Desert to come alive with songs



THE highlight of this year's Desert Song Festival will be a new choral and multi-arts work, *Arrkanala Lyilhitjika*, that tells the story of almost 120 years of continuous choral practice in remote calsoalsoentral

Australian desert communities. The festival, to be held in and around Alice Springs from September 4-13, celebrates the human voice and will include performances by community choirs, small ensembles and solo performers.

Festival director Morris Stuart is in Germany with The Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, which is performing 25 concerts as part of the Boomerang Tour, celebrating the choral music that was introduced to communities by German missionaries in the 1870s.

The festival finale this year will be a 'Big Sing and Bonfire Dinner', followed by 'A cappella in the Gorge,' at Ross River Resort.

The full program will be released next month.

BUNURONG in NZ



SCREEN artist Jenny Fraser has taken her animated film *BUNURONG* to New Zealand as part of the Wairoa Maori Film Festival in Nuhaka.

The film was created from documentation of deep sea creatures of the Bunurong National Park in Southern Victoria and commissioned by The Centre for Creative Arts at Latrobe University.

Ms Fraser, who worked with scientists to create the film, said it was a great honour to be so warmly welcomed into the Maori Screen community.

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 July 4: Dwayne Everettsmith Beyond Surrender tour, with special guest Sietta. Details: (08) 8941 8066. For performance times, venues and pricing visit www.dewayneeverettsmith.com

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/

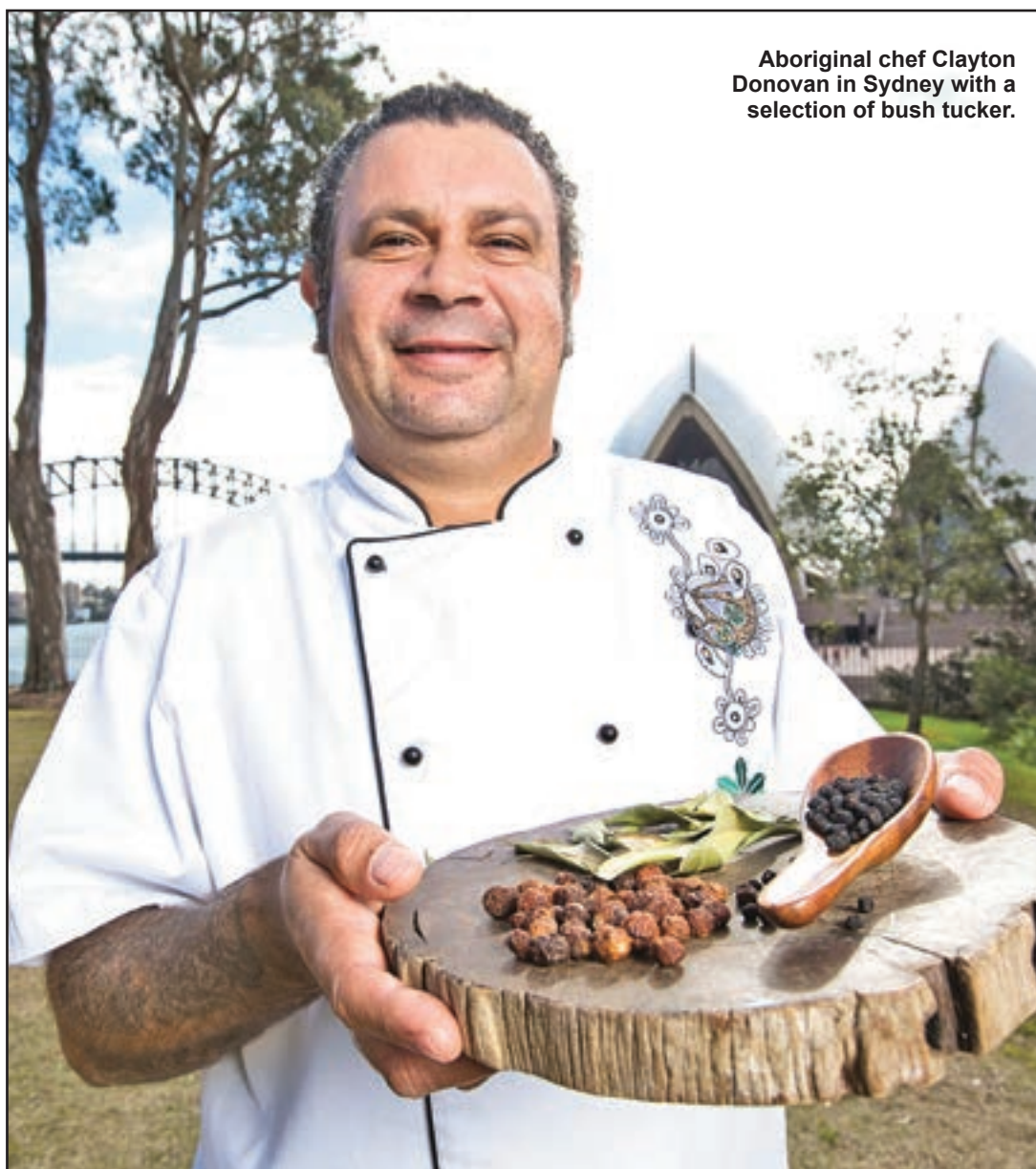
July 5-12: NAIDOC 2015. For further information on 2015 NAIDOC Week and events in your community, visit www.naidoc.org.au

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan St, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: National Museum of Australia Go on a Gallery Tour. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, daily at 3pm. Costs apply. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.



Aboriginal chef Clayton Donovan in Sydney with a selection of bush tucker.

Bush tucker on NAIDOC menu



ONE of Australia's most celebrated Aboriginal chefs will be firing up the burners and sharing some bush tucker secrets at a series of free cooking demonstrations to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Clayton Donovan, a former Watermark chef and television cooking show host, will host three demonstrations at the City of Sydney's free NAIDOC in the City event on July 6 at Hyde Park North.

Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore said the interactive cooking demonstrations and food were designed to give people a taste of traditional foods.

"NAIDOC in the City is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and identity, and the earth oven feast is a great way to bring our local communities together. This is a fun way for everyone to learn more about Australia's First Peoples," she said.

Mr Donovan honed his skills at the award-winning Watermark restaurant at Balmoral Beach in Sydney, received a coveted Chef's Hat from the *Australian Good Food Guide* in 2011, and last year hosted his own TV cooking show, *Wild Kitchen*.

NAIDOC in the City will be from 11am-3pm at Hyde Park North.

For a complete guide to what's on during NAIDOC Week in your area, go to www.naidoc.org.au/

Until July 18: *Riverstones and Ramifications* exhibition. A solo exhibition of works by artist Bronwyn Bancroft, featuring large-scale paintings on paper, and canvas, plus photographic collages and family memorabilia.

Held at Blacktown Arts Centre, 78 Fluscombe Rd, from 6-8pm. Free.

Details: (02) 9839 6558 or visit www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/arts

Until July 12: *Reconciliation Art 2015* art competition exhibition. Features the artwork of winners in a competition celebrating National Reconciliation Week. Held at the Gosford Regional Gallery, 36 Webb St, Gosford daily from 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 4325 0056 or visit www.gosfordregionalgallery.com

Until July 31: 2015 NSW Parliament Aboriginal Art Prize

entries open. Aboriginal artists born or living in NSW have an opportunity to be in the running to win \$40,000. Information and eligibility criteria on (02) 4545 4100 or email megan.monte@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au or visit www.campbelltownartscentre.com.au

Until August 1: *Dhaga Ngiyanhi Ngann Girra* (where we all meet) exhibition, featuring cloaks made from possum and

kangaroo skin, owl, rosella and cockatoo feather headdresses and belts, and other artworks. Held at The Macleay Museum, Gosper Lane, The University of Sydney, Mon-Fri, 10am-4.30pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9036 5253 or visit www.sydneysydney.edu.au/museums

alsoalsoUntil 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

Until August 16: *Bunarm Bologaman Wahl Bundjalung* exhibition of new works offering an insight into the strength of the Bundjalung culture through the eyes of 12 Bundjalung artists. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton from Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until August 16: *Biirinba Connections* exhibition. Regional Aboriginal artists create new works in response to the John William Lindt photographs. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton from Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

July 5-12: Ballina NAIDOC Week celebrations. Includes art exhibition, celebration march, flag-raising, speeches, sports day, stalls information day and cultural display, Elders yarn Up and more. Held at locations around Ballina, Wardell and Lennox Head. Free event. Details: Emma Walke on 0439 115 002.

July 5-12: Lismore NAIDOC Week celebrations. Includes flag-raising ceremony, disco, young NAIDOC parade, workers trivia night, mixed netball sport day and NAIDOC Ball. Entry fees to trivia night and NAIDOC Ball apply. Details: 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 6-9: NAIDOC Week in the Byron Shire. Includes flag-raising ceremony, Arakwal Flickerfest film night, Mullumbimby family fun day, family cultural day, celebration march and more. Held at locations in Byron Bay and Murwillumbah. Entry fees apply to film night. Details: (02) 6685 8746.

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July 6 and 8: NAIDOC events in Coraki and Box Ridge. Includes flag-raising, family fun day, sports day and disco. Free event. Details: (02) 6660 0300

July 7: Kingswood High School NAIDOC event. Includes the official launch of the Aboriginal Ability Links Program. Held at Kingswood High School, 131 Bringely Rd, Kingswood from 10am-3.30pm. Details: Taiana on (02) 4732 3948

July 7: *Schools Reconciliation Challenge* exhibition launch. A selection of artworks exploring reconciliation from the perspective of young people throughout NSW, includes guest speaker and performance by Evie J Willie. Held at Rocks Discovery Museum, 2-8 Kendall Lane, Sydney from 3pm. Free event, please RSVP. Details: (02) 8095 9600 or email schools@nswreconciliation.org.au

July 8: Launch of ANTAR Justice Reinvestment videos. Screening of short videos about justice reinvestment and guest speaker. Held at Manning Clark House, 11 Tasmania Circle, Forrest, ACT from 5.30pm. Entry fee, donations welcome. Details: Peter on 0417 197 382.

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 UTS, 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 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



Dancers preparing for the Quandamooka Festival in south-east Queensland.

Quandamooka celebration



A THREE-month festival of events celebrating the culture, country and people of the Quandamooka (Moreton Bay) region in south-east Queensland starts this week.

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) chief executive Cameron Costello said the inaugural Quandamooka festival was an opportunity for people to experience the

continuing culture of the Nughi, Nunukul and Goenpul clans of Quandamooka.

"We want to extend a big Yura ('hello, welcome' in Jandai language) to all visitors and locals," he said. "Events will be held across Redlands and Brisbane."

Highlights include opening celebrations this Saturday, July 4, the Yura djalungbilla – Welcome of the Whales event on July 25, comedy with Sean Choolburra on September 25 and the Kunjil Corroboree to close the

festival on the weekend of 26 September.

The festival includes cultural tours of Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), art exhibitions and workshops, traditional song and dance, outdoor film nights, Black History month events, markets, ongoing whale-watching tours, sailing regattas, sculpture and photography competitions, Quandamooka land and sea discovery days and forums.

Visit www.quandamookafestival.com.au for the full program.

Doggett Street, Newstead, Tues-Fri, 10am-6pm and Sat, 10am-4pm.

Details: (07) 3216 1250 or visit www.fireworksgallery.com.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

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 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, 413 Lygon St, Brunswick, 8.30am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (03) 9510 3233 or visit www.portphillip.vic.gov.au

Until 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

Until 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. Visit the website www.fun4kids@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or call (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, Hamerlsey Street, Broome from 10 am-noon. Free. More details and information on 1300 37 45 37.

July 8: Health Consumer Council NAIDOC 2015. Includes special guests John and Olman Wally and Marissa Verma. Held at Unit 6 Wellington Fair, 40 Lord St, East Perth from 10am-12pm. Free event. Details: (08) 9221 3422 or visit www.hnnc@hconc.org.au

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 South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide, Tue-Fri, 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun, noon-4pm. Details: (08) 8207 7055 or visit www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum



VTEC graduates Skie Bellotti and Garth Ranger with Fortescue Metals Group chairman Andrew Forrest, Pilbara Institute managing director Marlene Boundy and Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion at the achievement ceremony.

FMG class graduates



FORTESCUE Metals Group (FMG) has celebrated the graduation of another class of trainees from

its Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC). The 19 graduates completed the training program at Pilbara Institute's South Hedland and

Roebourne campuses, with on-the-job training provided at Fortescue's operational sites.

FMG says the graduates will continue to receive training, mentoring and development.

Fortescue chairman Andrew Forrest joined Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister, Nigel Scullion at a ceremony to mark the graduates' achievement.

Mr Forrest said he took great

pride in seeing another group of trainees graduate from the program, and he encouraged them "to continue to open the doors to opportunity for themselves, their families and the wider community".

"Changing lives"

"Every VTEC graduation is a great example of how Fortescue is changing lives through training

and employment and providing the holistic support to succeed in long-term employment," he said.

"The VTEC model is putting an end to training for training's sake and we're seeing real benefits flow on to the Aboriginal and wider Australian community."

In addressing the graduates, Senator Scullion acknowledged their work and determination

and the work of Fortescue.

"Training that leads to guaranteed employment sets both the employer and the jobseeker up to succeed," he said.

"The jobseeker is equipped with the knowledge and skills to excel in their work because the training has been tailored to the employer's specific requirements."

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Minyumai Land Holding Aboriginal Corporation

BUDGET MANAGER Woodburn

Minyumai Land Holding Aboriginal Corporation is seeking a responsible person to manage current grants budgets on a part-time or contract basis, supported by admin staff and bookkeeper. Bookkeeping experience preferred. Aboriginal applications strongly encouraged.

For details phone Tein 02 6682 2885.

Applications close July 23.

Aboriginal Projects Coordinator

Do you have a good understanding of implementing culturally relevant projects within cross cultural contexts?

About the role:

The Aboriginal project coordinator is responsible for ensuring all aspects of two key projects are delivered within project timelines and budget. The two projects are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Connection to Country pilot project and the Koorie Youth Traineeship (KYT) program.

The KYT program runs across metro Melbourne and is a joint initiative between MacKillop Family Services and the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA). The KYT Program provides traineeships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people; giving them practical experience within both MacKillop and VACCA whilst they obtain a Certificate III in Business Administration.

The Connection to Country pilot project aims to reconnect or establish connection for up to 4 Aboriginal children and young people placed within MacKillop to their family, traditional lands and culture in a way that encourages and promotes positive cultural identity and connection.

To be successful in the role you will have:

- Demonstrated experience and connections to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and understanding of the impact of culture on service delivery outcomes.
- Demonstrated understanding, experience and knowledge of child, youth and family welfare in relation to Aboriginal children and communities.

- Demonstrated experience in project management, quality project evaluation and budgeting.
- Demonstrated experience in coaching and mentoring within intercultural context in a way that promotes cultural safety for all and maintains positive relationships
- Excellent interpersonal, time management, problem solving, influencing and organizational skills within a cross cultural context.
- Relevant experience and/or qualification. For example experience in Human Resources or the Community Sector, including Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- A drivers license and willingness to travel.

People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

For a copy of the position description please visit the 'Careers' section of our website, www.mackillop.org.au

To apply email your resume, cover letter, employment application form and a document addressing the selection criteria to cherie.minniecon@mackillop.org.au

All applications are required to address the key selection criteria in the position description in order to be considered.

For further information about the role please contact Cherie Minniecon on 0417 498 578 or 9257 2266 during business hours.

Applications close: 6 July 2015

Mackillop Family Services



VACCA



Bungree Aboriginal Association Inc.

(F/T) Specialist Homelessness Services Caseworker

Overview of Position – the position holder will work as a member of a cooperative team in order to provide practical, supportive and specialist intervention to individuals, children, young people & families who are at risk of homelessness or who are homeless.

This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

NOTE: Applicants must obtain an employment pack, complete all relevant paperwork & address the selection criteria. Male applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Enquires: Suzanne Naden on 02 43500100 or email: suzanne.naden@bungree.org.au

Closing date: 10th July 2015



Early Intervention Solicitor

(Family / Care and Protection)
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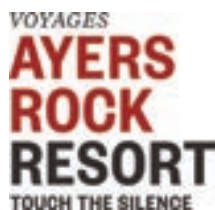
We require a solicitor with experience in family law and care and protection to provide early intervention legal services to clients of the Lismore Family Relationships Centre (FRC) and Family and Community Services (FACS).

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)

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To obtain a Job Kit email nrlc@clc.net.au, download from <http://northernriversclc.org.au/> or call 66211000.

Applications close 4pm Friday 3 July 2015



GENERAL MANAGER Indigenous Community Engagement



VOYAGES
INDIGENOUS TOURISM
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Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia is a unique Australian travel company wholly owned by the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) offering experience-based holidays in spectacular wilderness locations including Ayers Rock Resort, Home Valley Station, and Mossman Gorge Centre.

Voyages is committed to growing a highly skilled Indigenous workforce for the hospitality and tourism industry and showcases Indigenous culture to the world.

We are currently seeking a **General Manager – Indigenous Community Engagement** to join the team at Ayers Rock Resort to work closely with local Indigenous communities, as well as to support employment, training and business opportunities.

Reporting directly to the Executive General Manager of Indigenous Employment & Training and the Executive General Manager Operations, this role will be responsible for **local**

community engagement, increasing **Indigenous business development**, and overseeing the **Real Jobs** program.

To be considered for the position, you must have experience in working with Indigenous communities preferably in a role where you have supported employment, training and business development outcomes. You will have excellent communication skills and well developed stakeholder management skills.

In addition to salary, we offer you subsidised accommodation, resort discounts, meals on duty, uniform, relocation and vacation bonuses. Training and study opportunities, Community events and staff facilities.

For more information on this role with Voyages, please visit www.voyages.com.au/careers or ph: (02) 8296 8134



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Health Careers & Opportunities in the Northern Territory

If you want your career to go places then join Department of Health in the Northern Territory.

The challenges and opportunities in health and community care in the Territory are like no other in Australia, from remote Aboriginal health to tropical health and urban tertiary care. Continued investments in Aboriginal health, remote health, acute care and community services offer many opportunities for health professionals who want to be part of making a difference.

TOP END HEALTH SERVICE

Interested in working in the Top End?

Several positions available in Primary Health Care Top End: Prison Health, Community Health, Hospitals, Remote Health, Outreach Services...

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
ATSIHP3 Remuneration Package Range \$68 446 - \$78 148**

(comprising salary \$59 153 - \$67 537, superannuation, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra recreation leave)

ATSIHP4 Remuneration Package Range \$81 399 - \$85 664

(comprising salary \$70 351 - \$74 102, superannuation, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra recreation leave)

Several fixed vacancies available to 03/08/2020

Applicants must be registered or eligible for registration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia.

Selection will be made at the ATSIHP 3 or ATSIHP 4 level depending on the qualifications and experience of the successful applicant.

Quote vacancy number: 1821

For further information please contact Kenton Winsley on 0407 942 215 or email kenton.winsley@nt.gov.au

Closing date: 2 August 2015

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicants should address the selection criteria and provide a current CV and contact details for 2 referees (preferably an email address). For a copy of the Job Description and to apply online please visit www.nt.gov.au/jobs Further information about these positions can be obtained by phoning **TOLLFREE 1300 659 247**

Information on the Northern Territory and its great lifestyle is available at www.theterritory.com.au

Note: The preferred or recommended applicant will be required to hold a current Working with Children Clearance notice / Ochre Card (application forms available from SAFE NT @ www.workingwithchildren.nt.gov.au) and undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history.

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SPECIAL MEASURES – VARIOUS POSITIONS

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Various Locations – All States and Territories

\$49,009 – \$133,905 (plus superannuation)

Australian Public Service (APS) employees at the Department of Defence fulfil an array of critical positions Australia-wide.

Defence APS employees are involved in most facets of Defence, from procuring equipment for Australian Defence Force personnel, to developing Defence policy at the direction of Government.

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These vacancies are only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. Recruiting under Special Measures improves Defence's capability. Through diversity Defence gains the varied perspectives needed to tackle complex problems and come up with innovative solutions. We achieve outcomes by drawing on the different strengths, attributes and characteristics of the many individuals.

Applicants must provide proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage. Please visit <http://www.defence.gov.au/APSCareers/infoforapplicants/submitting-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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Various Job Opportunities at St Vincent's Health Network Sydney

St Vincent's Health Network Sydney (SVHN) is made up of three public hospitals, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, Sacred Heart Health Service and St Joseph's Hospital at Auburn.

We are committed to meaningful equity and diversity in our workforce. We do this by creating a workplace which embraces and celebrates the value of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, their skills and contribution.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from Indigenous candidates for the following positions:

- **Wardsperson**
- **Ward Clerk**
- **Hospital Assistant**
- **Administration Officer**
- **Cleaners**
- **Patient Transport Drivers**

If you are interested in being considered for any of the above positions, please send your resume and a short covering letter outlining which positions you would like to be considered for and why to:

Christina Chopra, HR Officer
Email: christina.chopra@svha.org.au.



ABORIGINAL TRAINEE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

Closes 4pm Tuesday 14th July 2015

Council is seeking a highly motivated person with a genuine interest to enter the field of environmental health and contribute to Council's commitment to ensuring health standards are met within the community.

This is a new role offering the following:

- 6 Year full-time traineeship;
- Fully funded tertiary qualification;
- Study leave provisions;
- Access to tutoring and support;
- Award wage and conditions;
- 9 Day Fortnight;
- Potential for public sector career.

The successful applicant will gain a broad cross-section of skills and knowledge with exposure to environmental health issues such as food regulation, pollution control and water testing amongst others.

Salary is in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award and is dependant on age and/or education achieved.

TO APPLY

For further information and to apply please obtain an Information Package and Application Form from Council's website or by contacting the Council Offices on 02 6940 2100.

Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



Seeking Experienced Operators in the Civil Industry

Seeking Aboriginal men and women experience in the civil industry.

Require Aboriginal supervisors and gangers. Seeking skilled operators in graders dump trucks, rollers excavation experience and labourers for work on the Ballina by pass.

Please send resume to abinge.acc@gmail.com or contact Angus Binge on 0431 198 337.



Family and Community Support Practitioner Gold Coast

Full Time (38 hours per week) Position Available

As this position is focused on enhancing the engagement in and access to services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and community members, people from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are strongly encouraged to apply.

Level 5 or 6 Social Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award level 5.1 starting at \$29,207.90 or level 6.1 starting at \$31,500.00 per hour (dependent on qualifications and experience) plus 17.5% annual Leave Loading and 9.50% Superannuation.

An exciting position exists for an experienced Family and Community Support Practitioner at our Fortitude Valley office. The position requires you to have high quality high quality, professional experience in brief solution focused counselling, group work and community engagement activities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities.

Centacare Family and Relationship Services (CFRS) is part of Centacare in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Our branches respond to local community needs throughout South East Queensland.

Gold Coast Regional Operations has a full time (38 hours per week) Practitioner position available, based at Gold Coast.

QUALIFICATIONS: Relevant qualifications or equivalent skills and experience along with well-developed knowledge and experience in culturally appropriate communication and engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Demonstrated commitment to social justice including an understanding of the issues that impact on children and family relationships, specifically Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families is essential.

A current driver's licence, current (or eligibility for) Qld Working with Children Check – 'Blue Card' and evidence of Australian Work Rights to confirm citizenship or a visa holder is required.

For an application package including Selection Criteria, please email: cgc@bne.centacare.net.au with Position: 'Family and Community Support Practitioner-Gold Coast' in the subject line.

Specific inquiries about the role can also be directed to Sue Lloyd – Regional Manager on Ph: 5527 7211.

Closing date for applications is 5:00pm Monday 6th July 2015



ACT
Government

Justice and Community Safety

ACT Corrective Services Custodial Operations

Trainee Correctional Officer (Correctional Officer Grade 1, permanent or casual, on completion of training)

Correctional Officer Class 1

Salary Range: \$38,535 (Trainee Salary) \$53,417 - \$64,102 (salary only after successful completion of Training) (PN: 10088, several)

ACT Corrective Services, Canberra, is looking for people with demonstrated life experience, personal integrity, self-confidence and exceptional communication skills to become Permanent or Casual Correctional Officers in the ACT. An interest in community safety, the ability to operate effectively in a team, as well as having the capacity to deal with people from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds, is essential. ACT Corrective Services is an equal opportunity employer. We are keen to hear from people with diverse experience and we strongly encourage women to apply.

Successful applicants receive a trainee salary for the first nine weeks (\$38,535 per annum). The starting salary following the training is between \$53,417 and \$64,102 per annum, plus the potential for allowances. All of the skills needed to work as a Correctional Officer are provided during the nine week training program. This includes relevant legislation and policies, report writing and dealing with challenging behaviours. Previous recruits have completed the training with a genuine sense of accomplishment and confidence. The training may be delivered in 2015 over nights and weekends as a flexible option. In addition, new recruits complete a fully funded Certificate III in Correctional Practice.

If you are successful you will work in Canberra from one of three sites. Placements depend on operational requirements and each site comprises different conditions of service.

ACT Corrective Services will be hosting two information sessions in Canberra prior to the closing date for applications. Current staff will be on hand to talk about what it is like to work in a correctional environment. There will be discreet opportunities to learn more about careers in corrections for women, young people and people from diverse backgrounds, as well as detail about the training.

Belconnen: 18:00pm – 19:00pm, Wednesday 24 June 2015, Canberra Labor Club

Woden: 18:00pm – 19:00pm, Thursday 2 July 2015, Hellenic Club

Please telephone (02) 6205 1754 or email BSWDT@act.gov.au to register to attend one of these sessions.

For further information and to apply for these positions, please visit www.jobs.act.gov.au

Contact Officer: Megan Vincent (02) 6205 1754 BSWDT@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 13 July 2015

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Employment opportunities

Tasmanian Aboriginal Community Legal Service



Background

The Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS) is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation that delivers culturally appropriate high quality legal services in the areas of criminal, family and civil law. We are funded under the Indigenous Legal Assistance Program, administered by the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department. We have been in operation for over 40 years.



VALS is establishing the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community Legal Service to deliver legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Tasmania. We are setting up offices in Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie.

Positions available

We are seeking to fill a number of positions in our Hobart and Launceston offices (with travel requirements to Devonport and Burnie):

State Manager of Legal Services

This individual will be the senior manager within Tasmania, operating across all four office sites. They will hold the principal legal officer practising certificate and oversee the work of the lawyers and client service officers. The successful candidate will have extensive experience in management, criminal justice practice in Tasmania and demonstrated ability in working with Aboriginal clients and community.

Lawyers

With a mix of experience predominantly in criminal law practice in Tasmania, but with a view to practising in family, child protection and civil law matters.

Lawyers will be based in either Hobart or Launceston, with visiting services to Devonport and Burnie and broader outreach and community legal education to Aboriginal communities across Tasmania.

Aboriginal Client Service Officers

Also known as field officers or court officers in other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, these positions are identified specifically for Aboriginal staff to work directly with clients and community to ensure clients are supported in their interaction with the legal system and with Tasmanian Aboriginal Community Legal Service.

Positions are based in Hobart and Launceston with travel required from both offices.

Senior Administrator, Launceston

This individual will be responsible for the day to day running of the Launceston office, including incoming calls, filing, database management and other required services. They will be integral to establishing the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community Legal Services physical office in Launceston.

Please Note: Whilst the Aboriginal Client Service Officer positions are identified positions for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, we strongly encourage Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to apply for all positions.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community Legal Service, please email your contact details to the following persons:

For the State Manager of Legal Services or Lawyer positions, please contact; Meena Singh, Director – Legal and Strategy at msingh@vals.org.au (Lawyer enquiries, please indicate preferred office location)

For the Aboriginal Client Service Officer positions or Senior Administrator, Launceston position, please contact; Jacqueline Morris – Executive Office, Management Support at jmorris@vals.org.au (Clients Service Officer enquiries, please indicate preferred office location)

Clinician Melbourne Assessment Prison



- West Melbourne based position
- 12 month fixed-term opportunity
- Salary range \$74,962 - \$85,052 plus superannuation

Offending Behaviour Programs clinicians provide interventions to prisoners and offenders across the public prisons and Community Correctional Services system. All interventions aim to reduce an offender's risk of re-offending. Utilising a largely cognitive-behavioural approach, interventions range from intensive therapeutic group programs to shorter psycho-educational programs and individual treatment.

Clinicians are suitably qualified and experienced psychologists and social workers who provide comprehensive assessment, case consultancy, group intervention, distress intervention, behavioural management and participate in various other activities.

If you are resilient, flexible and passionate about delivering interventions that make a difference in people's lives, a role as a clinician with Offending Behaviour Programs could be your next challenge.

For further information and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Sunday 12 July 2015.



ABORIGINAL SERVICE DEVELOPMENT WORKER Full Time Fixed Term: 12 months

The Position:

Classification - Community Development Worker, HSUA3

Equal opportunity exemptions apply A64/2008

This position exists at Melbourne health to continue to provide culturally appropriate care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients & their families.

In this role you will work closely with staff and agencies on strategies to improve access and effectiveness of hospital services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community including direct service, service development and education.

In this role you will establish and maintain positive relationships with the Community, Melbourne Health staff, other service providers and government departments to strengthen the Aboriginal Program at Melbourne Health.

You will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, accepted by the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Community and have demonstrated capability to provide cultural

liaison, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, their families & hospital staff to better provide appropriate health care to this group. You will have a tertiary qualification in Aboriginal Health or equivalent workplace experience.

Reporting to the Manager of Social Work & Cultural Diversity, you will be supported by the Allied Health Director, the Cultural Diversity Coordinator & an internal working group and will play a key role in implementing the Melbourne Health Reconciliation Action Plan.

This action/activity constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

View position description and submit your application ONLINE: www.mh.org.au Click on Careers/Job Search, go directly to vacancy via Search function and enter Ref No. 19768

Contact: Julia Blackshaw on 0438 836 424

Applicants may be required to undergo a national police records check

Aboriginal Health Worker (Oral, Eye & Ear Health) Kutjungka or Bidiyadanga - Kimberley region, WA

- * Make a difference & work with Indigenous communities in the spectacular Kimberley!
- * Highly attractive salary circa \$69,974 + excellent benefits & leave provisions!



The Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council has an exciting opportunity for an **Aboriginal Health Worker (Oral, Eye & Ear Health)** to join their team of health professionals working in the Kimberley region of WA. You will be responsible for the **provision of oral, eye and ear health screening and care for children aged 0-15 in the area with the ultimate aim of improving health outcomes.** In return, you will be rewarded with a highly attractive **salary circa \$69,974 plus** benefits such as a **remote allowance, annual airfares and district allowances.** Don't miss this exciting and rewarding opportunity - Apply now!



Apply Online - Kutjungka role: ApplyNow.net.au/job68168
Apply Online - Bidiyadanga role: ApplyNow.net.au/job68169



The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker's Association (NATSIHWA) is the national peak body representing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker (ATSIHWA) workforce.

This position is based within the NATSIHWA Secretariat in Phillip, ACT with regular interstate travel required.

Partnership and Innovation Project Officer

Fulltime - Canberra Based

The Partnership and Innovation Project Officer is responsible for developing, securing resources for, and implementing strategies that support: recruitment into the profession, succession planning and career pathway options for ATSIHWA, Health Practitioners on a national basis, including the development of a NATSIHWA Mentorship Framework. This will involve working in partnership with other national peak bodies, schools and relevant external stakeholders to progress NATSIHWA priorities, and address the retention to maintain and grow a sustainable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker/Health Practitioner workforce.

Essential: To be eligible for this position you will require a minimum of a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.

To send your resume or for further information, job description and selection criteria please email: kate@f2frecruitment.com.au or call 02 6163 7500.

**Applications close at
5pm on Wednesday 15th July 2015**

Coordinator: Get a career that matters.

Jaanimili's Aboriginal Services and Development Unit is part of UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families, a leading Not-for-Profit Organisation. We are seeking an experienced Aboriginal Identified Coordinator for our Jaanimili Disability Services across the Macarthur and Western Sydney region. This is a permanent full time position based in Minto. We are a highly reputable organisation with great staff benefits including a family friendly work environment and salary packaging (tax saving benefit). For more information contact Alf Beale on 0477 393 314. **getacareerthatmatters.com.au**

Apply online by 5pm Monday 6 July 2015. Please view the job description online for full details. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Bungree Aboriginal Association Inc.
Intensive Family Based Service Tuggerah

MANAGER

Overview of Position: The position holder will lead and manage case workers, ensuring that appropriate and effective case planning is undertaken; Maintain relationships with funding bodies and stakeholders. Provide practical, supportive and specialist information/support to caseworkers so they are able to address critical child protection issues. The successful candidate will possess thorough Child Protection knowledge and experience. A thorough knowledge of the Local Aboriginal community as well as demonstrated Management experience and knowledge within the community welfare sector. This position has been readvertised, Bungree strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

Learn More: For further information & to obtain an employment package

Please contact Bungree Aboriginal Association 02 43500100

Applicants must obtain an employment pack, complete all relevant paperwork and address the selection criteria

Enquires: Suzanne Naden on (02) 43 500100 or email: suzanne.naden@bungree.org.au

Closing Date: Friday 10th July 2015 COB: 4.30pm

Your future has a new name...

Lecturer, Indigenous Studies/History

Faculty of Education and Arts - Gippsland Campus

Full-time, continuing appointment.

Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

You will contribute to the development and delivery of courses at undergraduate and graduate levels, development of online teaching resources as well as undertake administrative functions in the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. You will also contribute to the Faculty and/or School's research program and participate in various committees.

The successful applicant will hold a master's degree, a commitment to achieving an active research profile in the field of Indigenous Studies/History, as well as an enthusiasm for learning and teaching.

SALARY | Within the Academic Level A range \$60,732 to \$82,404 p.a. or Academic Level B range \$86,745 to \$103,006 p.a. plus 17% superannuation effective 28 June 2015. Appointments will normally be at the base of the salary range.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE | Sunday, 26 July 2015.

In accordance with its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, the University has designated this position as an Identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Position. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

For further information and to apply online, please visit our website at careers.federation.edu.au to attach your resume.

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OUR PEOPLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - LEVEL A ACADEMICS

The University of Sydney has embraced an ambitious vision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education and opportunity. As part of our Wingara Mura - Bunga Barrabugu strategy, we are committed to a range of initiatives including increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people enrolled and employed at the University.

We see the University of Sydney as a uniquely Australian institution, and one that is shaped by and that helps shape our national stories and identity. Wingara Mura - Bunga Barrabugu details how the University will work as a community to listen to, enrich and retell those stories in a way that respects and empowers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and perspectives as a part of our vibrant identity.

We are seeking to provide opportunities for outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who are interested in joining the Wingara Mura Academy, to contribute to teaching and research across many of our schools, disciplines and programs. The academy will provide postgraduate academic fellowships designed to support and develop Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early career academics. In most cases, entry to the academy is via PhD candidature. If you are currently enrolled in, planning to commence, or have recently completed a PhD, please send an expression of interest.

Expressions of interest should include a brief outline of your areas of expertise and potential research and teaching contributions to the relevant faculty, as well as an up-to-date resume.

CLOSING DATE: 15 July 2015 (11.30pm Sydney time)

Please note: These are identified positions within the Merit Appointment Scheme where Aboriginality is an essential selection criterion, and is authorised under the provisions of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.



For more information, or to submit your interest, please visit sydney.edu.au/recruitment/wingara-mura

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trainee (Certificate III in Dental Assisting)

Fixed Term Full Time
Closes 6/07/2015

Ref No: 13082

For full details, please visit:
www.peninsulahealth.org.au



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Danila Dilba
Health Service

DENTIST (Full-Time Role)

***Total Salary \$135,563**

Danila Dilba Health Service is going through a dynamic period of expansion, growth and review and currently has the following vacancy.

The primary role of Dentist is to provide culturally-appropriate general and emergency oral health care to eligible clients.

The Dentist will be responsible for managing, leading and developing the Dental Service at Danila Dilba Health Service to ensure delivery of a high quality, culturally appropriate levels of care.

(* Total salary includes leave loading, and superannuation)

We offer:

- Attractive salary with salary packaging benefits
- Six weeks annual leave
- Flexible hours
- Training and development

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Danila Dilba Health Service is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation that provides comprehensive, high-quality primary health care and community services to Biluru (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people in Yilli Rreung (greater Darwin) region.

Applications Close: 13th July 2015
Details: daniladilba.org.au



Danila Dilba
Health Service

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Danila Dilba Health Service is going through a dynamic period of expansion, growth and review and currently has the following vacancies.

ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH PRACTITIONER

(Full-Time Role) – Knuckey Street Clinic
(More than one position available)

***Total Salary: \$65,168 - \$71,245**

(* Total salary includes leave loading, & superannuation)

The Aboriginal Health Practitioner will participate in the provision of comprehensive primary health care to the Indigenous people of the Greater Darwin Area. In addition the AHP will provide a support role to other health practitioners both within the organisation and the community. The AHP is crucial to maintaining cultural integrity and advocates strongly for our patients.

ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH PRACTITIONER

(STRONGER FUTURES PROGRAM)
(Full-Time Role)

***Total Salary: \$65,168 - \$71,245**

(* Total salary includes leave loading, & superannuation)

To facilitate the delivery of the Stronger Futures Program in alignment with the Child Health Program within Danila Dilba Health Services, by providing high quality, comprehensive and culturally appropriate clinical care to identified patients with the aim of achieving increased access for child and maternal health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

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Applications Close: 13th July 2015
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Director, Oorala Aboriginal Centre

Oorala Aboriginal Centre

- Identified position specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- 5 Year Fixed-term
- Relocation assistance provided

The University of New England (UNE) is a regionally based, globally networked university that attracts staff nationally and internationally. It is a university renowned for the quality of its student experience and the experience of its research specialisations.

The Oorala Aboriginal Centre is a teaching, research and study support centre for internal and external Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and the university. Oorala provides academic and personal support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students within the University.

We are currently inviting applications for the position of Director, Oorala Aboriginal Centre. The Director will provide strategic leadership and management to the Centre and is responsible for developing the welfare of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. A key component of this position will be the recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to the University.

The successful candidate will hold appropriate academic qualifications and experience at Associate Professor/Professorial level and will have senior management experience in relation to resource management, budgetary control and leading teams. The incumbent will be committed to teaching and learning and research/scholarship support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff. Excellent interpersonal, communication and people management skills will be essential.

To perform this role it is essential that the person who holds the position be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. It is therefore a genuine occupational requirement under section 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 that applicants are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

To discuss this role please contact Professor Annabelle Duncan, Vice-Chancellor and CEO: phone 02 6773 5055 or email vice-chancellor@une.edu.au.

Closing Date: 27 July 2015

Reference No: 215074

Remuneration: A generous remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

For further information and to apply visit:
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Exciting opportunities available – now and into the future!

Protecting our most vulnerable children from harm is one of the most important jobs you can do. YOU can help rewrite tomorrow, one child at a time.

We are looking for qualified social work, psychology or welfare graduates and experienced child protection and child and family welfare professionals to join us.

Working in your team as a child protection or advanced child protection practitioner, you will:

- manage your own cases
- conduct risk assessments, and
- undertake problem solving while managing complex cases and at times present matters to the Children's Court of Victoria.

Are you experienced in mental health, education or considering a return to child protection practice? We would love to hear from you!

As a senior practitioner or team manager, you will support the development of child protection practitioners, whilst demonstrating expertise in case practice and supervision.

You will also engage in learning and development to support you in this challenging and rewarding role.

The Department of Health & Human Services is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed with the department. In particular, our focus is on increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child protection practitioners.

Salary

- Child Protection Practitioner (CPP3) \$60,551 to \$73,521
- Advanced Child Protection Practitioner (CPP4) \$74,962 to \$85,052
- Team Manager and Senior Child Protection Practitioner (CPP5) \$86,493 to \$104,650

There are various positions available across Victoria's metropolitan and rural areas.

To view these, please go to **www.dhs.vic.gov.au/childprotectionjobs**

When applying please quote the following job reference number DHHS/CPP/4452.



**Rewrite tomorrow,
one child at a time.**



To apply, please go to

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/childprotectionjobs



PROGRAM COORDINATOR Aboriginal Tobacco Control

- Contribute to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people
- Develop smoking prevention & cessation initiatives for Aboriginal communities
- Full-time fixed term position – St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Cancer Council Victoria is committed to reducing the impact of cancer and tailoring strategies for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The Prevention Division includes a broad range of cancer prevention and screening programs including Quit Victoria which is dedicated to ending the pain, suffering and costs caused by tobacco.

Cancer Council is seeking a dedicated and engaging Program Coordinator to join Quit Victoria and the Aboriginal Cancer Prevention team. Working closely with the Program Manager, your role is to develop, implement and evaluate smoking prevention and cessation initiatives for Victorian Aboriginal communities as well as supporting Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and communities to create smokefree environments.

This full-time fixed term position to 23 December 2016 provides a salary within range \$62,900 - \$70,000 pa plus superannuation, annual leave loading and the benefits of not-for-profit salary packaging and a meal entertainment card. We can also offer a flexible and friendly work environment, social and wellbeing activities, and a location close to public transport.

To find out more visit www.cancervic.org.au/about/careers or contact Brad Brown on (03) 9514 6697.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples are strongly encouraged to apply

Applications close Sunday, 19 July 2015



Justice
Juvenile Justice

Assistant Manager (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 8
Temporary Full-Time, Kempsey
Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice

Requisition No. 00003N1X

Salary range: \$92,120 pa – \$95,050 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. An on-call allowance also applies during occupancy of this role.

Direct and control resources and service delivery functions of a community office, leading a team providing services directly to youth justice conferencing clients, victims of crime, court mandated young people and their families.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time role for a period up to 9 months. Further information about this role is available on-line.

Enquiries: Tracey Foley on 0418 354 579

Information Packages and to apply, please visit: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Refer to Requisition No: 00003N1X

Closing Date: Friday, 10 July 2015

204637

Business Services Operations Officer

Full Time - Ongoing role. Carlton location

The Role

Provide operational support and assistance to the National Property Procurement & Fleet Manager and assist team members across the department. You will oversee processing of property invoices to correct accounts for National Property and regularly update supplier contracts in Red Cross Contractor database.

About You

You are an organised self starter, computer literate and capable of accurate data input and management. You will have a high level of interpersonal skills, with demonstrated ability to establish, influence and maintain relationships and be highly organized. Experience in processing invoices and data entry is desirable.

The Benefits

Generous salary sacrifice opportunities and flexible working arrangements.

Enquiries to Paul Sor 0407 355 365.

Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This is a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (VIC).



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Requirements for Apprenticeships:

- Open to applicants 17 years of age or older at the time of commencement
- Must hold an Open or Provisional manual "C" class driver's licence (at the time of commencement)
- Year 12 level of education with passes in Maths and English

We want candidates with initiative and technical aptitudes that are team and safety focused.

Apply online at Energex Careers
<http://careers.energex.com.au>
Job reference Apprent/2016

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5pm on Monday, 13 July 2015
(No late applications will be accepted)

Energex values diversity and encourages people from all backgrounds to apply, including women and members of indigenous communities.



**NGUNYA JARJUM
ABORIGINAL CHILD AND
FAMILY NETWORK INC.**

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service on NSW to be accredited for 5 years by the Office of the Children's Guardian. We are able to offer exciting career opportunities to anyone with the skills and dedication to join our case management team. We are a dynamic service in the process of significantly increasing our capacity to enable us to provide additional care placements for our children, families and communities.

Re-advertised positions Experienced ATSI Caseworkers Full time permanent positions

Ngunya Jarjum is seeking to employ Aboriginal caseworkers for our OOHC team. A minimum of 3 years' experience in casework practice in Human Services, particularly in OOHC, social welfare, carer support or working with communities, families and children.

A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" and a medical will be conducted.

Salary: As per award - Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010. A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977.

Location: Lismore.

Contact: Lenore Marlowe on (02) 6626 3700 or via email lenore.marlowe@ngunyajarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Closing Date: Friday 17 July 2015.



**Quandamooka
Yoolooburabee Aboriginal
Corporation (QYAC)**

QYAC is a registered Native Title Body Corporate in relation to a Native Title Determination Application consent determination on 4 July 2011.

QYAC is located at Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island and cares for the Land and Sea areas in the Moreton Bay Region on behalf of the Quandamooka Peoples.

QYAC is seeking culturally competent consultants, experts or people with at least 5 years experience in the below areas, to assist with its activities in relation to Native Title on behalf of the Quandamooka Peoples.

- Accounting
- Building, Construction, Demolition and Waste Removal
- Economics
- Accommodation, Catering and Hospitality
- Legal
- Planning and Policy (Statutory Planning, Community Master Planning, Development, Housing)
- Pest and Weed Management
- Environmental Sciences
- Visual Art, Craft, Public Art Works, Design and Architecture
- Research and Education
- Media, Communications and Information Technology
- Tourism
- Land Management
- Native Title
- Cultural Heritage
- Conservation
- Fire Management.

If you are interested in submitting an application to be considered for inclusion as a registered consultant, please contact Miranda Tedeschi on 3415 2816 or PO Box 235, Dunwich 4183, to obtain an application package.

Completed forms outlining your experience, qualifications and rates are to be provided by **COB: 17 July 2015.**



MUDGIN – GAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Women's Centre, based in Redfern, is the only women's centre, run by Aboriginal women, for Aboriginal women. Mudgin-Gal is seeking to fill two positions with Aboriginal women that are passionate about supporting and advocating for the rights of Aboriginal women.

Mudgin-Gal currently has two current vacancies, 1) the Family and Community Worker (Full-Time) and the 2) Healthy Family Circle Program Worker (Permanent Part-Time 3 days a week)

The closing date is 8 July 2015.

Please contact Mudgin-Gal on 9698 1173 or 0431 323 622 or email office@mudgin-gal.org.au for the Job Description and Selection Criteria. Attached below is a summary of both positions.

Family & Community Support Worker

This position is responsible for advocacy, referral and counselling of Aboriginal women and families. Mudgin-Gal operates with the view that by strengthening our women, we strengthen our families and our community. The Family Support Worker (FSW) focuses on women with children 0-12 years of age. The FSW undertakes case management of clients presenting to Mudgin-Gal to address issues impacting on women and their families, such as family violence, budgeting, housing concerns, parenting skills, communication skills, depression management strategies and safety issues. This position requires a supportive Aboriginal strong woman with a positive attitude who supports Aboriginal cultural philosophies.

Healthy Family Circle Group Coordinator

The Healthy Family Circle is a successful program that develops and runs group programs that enable women to support each other's empowerment, drawing on our cultural knowledge and experiences to strengthen the capacity and resilience of women through targeted programs and activities. This program strongly ties into the Mudgin-Gal belief that through strengthening our women and their families we are providing strength throughout our community. The role will entail the running of the Healthy Family Circle group sessions, with opportunities to work with Aboriginal women and facilitating their development, gaining skills and build an understanding of the structural violence which impacts on Aboriginal women.

Tutors Required - Expression of Interest

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students



Indigenous Higher Education Units at ACU Campuses are looking for tutors for students in various disciplines.

Tutors are being sought in the discipline areas of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Nursing/Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Philosophy and Theology.

Tutors will need to:

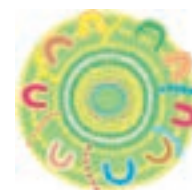
- ➔ have the ability to form supportive, professional mentoring relationships with their students to achieve academic success
 - ➔ Be culturally sensitive and supportive to students' learning needs
 - ➔ Be committed to the mission and Catholic ethos of the institution
- http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/our_university/mission_and_profile

Casual hourly rates (\$45 per hour) are offered to approved tutors through the federally funded scheme (Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme). Hours of tuition are based on the individual needs of the students.

Please contact us for further information:

- **Brisbane Campus - Weemala**
Rebecca Tamaariki - Rebecca.Tamaariki@acu.edu.au
- **Melbourne and Ballarat Campus - Jim-Baa-Yer**
Madelaine Sealey - Madelaine.Sealey@acu.edu.au
- **North Sydney and Strathfield Campus - Yalbalinga**
Ingrid Nasslander - Ingrid.Nasslander@acu.edu.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



**Applications close:
31st July 2015**

Aboriginal Male Counsellor

Classification: Dependent on qualifications
Location: Cumberland
Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time
(up to 18 months)
Enquiries: Brenton Law (02) 9840 4088
Email: brenton.law@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference No: 251872
Closing Date: 10 July 2015

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Aboriginal Primary Health Care Worker

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Officer
Non Grad, Aboriginal Health Education Officer Grad
Salary: The salary of this position is dependent
upon the above Award Classification
Location: Lightning Ridge
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Enquiries: Zoe Rose, (02) 6829 9900
Reference Number: 259699
Closing Date: 5 July 2015

Please apply online by visiting:
ynotmakeityou.com.au
(click on *Our Vacancies*)

Z04615

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Senior Practice Leader x2 Full-time - Salary: \$90,000

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak Ltd (QATSICPP) was established in 2009 to provide sector-wide support to the planning, de-velopment and delivery of child protection and family wellbeing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families across Queensland. QATSICPP is a state-wide body that works in partnership with key stakeholders to support the effective implementation of child protection and family wellbeing initiatives.

QATSICPP is currently looking for two (2) Sen-ior Practice Leaders to join our team in leading practice reforms with member organisations.

Role:

The role will support child protection agencies to implement practice reform, by working closely with staff and management, involving the following key duties:

- Enhance the capacity of individual staff and teams to provide high level human service practice through professional coaching and targeted development initiatives.
- Lead the implementation of system structures and processes related to direct prac-tice delivery, including case management, assessment and decision making, case conferencing and professional supervision.
- Develop, implement and assist in the evaluation of practice frameworks and service model improvements that deliver effective and tangible impact.
- Provide coordination, support and practice leadership to member agencies.
- Contribute to the change improvement of agencies, as part of the broader capability building agenda.

Key Requirements:

- Graduate qualification in relevant field including Social Work, Human Services, Psy-chology, Social Science, Mental Health, Occupational Therapy or relevant field and/or in-depth high level working history in the related fields.
- Sound knowledge of Child Protection Systems.
- Strong knowledge and application of workforce training and supervisory processes.
- Knowledge of family wellbeing/child protection service delivery, in particular Abo-riginal Community Controlled Agencies, and the issues facing these organisations.
- This is an identified position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Is-lander descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Further information and enquiries for the position can be made by email to Ray-mond Brunker, Director of Practice Development: raymond-brunker@qatsicpp.com.au

Applications (Resume and brief covering letter addressing the criteria above) can be emailed also to raymondbrunker@qatsicpp.com.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 9.00am Monday, 20 July, 2015.

Hospital Assistant (Grade 2), Permanent Full-Time or Part-Time at Camden/Campbelltown Hospital

Ref: 248696
Enq: Katja Schwerin (02) 4634 3074
Closing Date: 15 July 2015

This is a targeted position in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and greater consideration will be given to suitable Aboriginal applicants, in order to improve access to employment and career opportunities. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

Z04555

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Applications can be lodged online at
[liveandworkhnehealth.com.au/work/
opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/](http://liveandworkhnehealth.com.au/work/opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/)
Application Information Packages are available
at this web address or by contacting
the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Aboriginal Health Coordinator

Newcastle
Enquiries: Tony Martin, (02) 4924 6376
Reference ID: 260149

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Wallsend
Enquiries: Sarah Neal, (02) 4924 6414
Reference ID: 261767

Closing date: 12 July 2015

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Z04677

**Recruitment for Aboriginal Traineeships in
SWSLHD is now underway**

Aboriginal Traineeship (Cleaner) – Temp F/T

Ref: 261717

Aboriginal Traineeship (Wardsperson) – Temp F/T

Ref: 261690

Aboriginal Traineeship (Nursing) – Temp F/T

Ref: 261742

Aboriginal Traineeship (Administration) – Temp F/T

Ref: 261731

Enq: Helen Orcher – Aboriginal Employment Coordinator (02) 8738 5933 or Candice Bell – Aboriginal Workforce Manager (02) 8738 5713
Closing Date: 15 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

Z04739

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

The Australia Council is seeking applications for the following position:

MANAGER GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Full time position – contract term 3 years

Play a critical role in delivering the Australia Council's government relations and advocacy functions through effective relationship management across the spheres of government and provision of high level strategic advice. Leverage your experience working in or with government, strategic thinking and exceptional communication skills to support the Council in its role as champion and investor in Australian arts.

To obtain further information, please visit our careers page at <http://jobs.australiacouncil.gov.au>

Applications close 15 July 2015 at 5.00pm (AEDT)

Multiple Positions

Tauondi Support Service Centre



Tauondi Aboriginal College is an interdisciplinary teaching and training organisation governed by an elected Aboriginal Council of management. Tauondi has been delivering accredited and non accredited training to Aboriginal people for over 40 years by providing specifically designed training programs, delivered in a culturally appropriate learning environment. Tauondi continues to be a significant Aboriginal Community organisation in the SA Aboriginal Community.

Under Indigenous Advancement Strategy, Tauondi will re-establish and strengthen its support service centre to increase training attendance and completion, providing employment or further education pathway for our students.

We are seeking suitably qualified and experienced mentor and/or trainer for the following newly created positions:

- **Traineeship and Apprenticeship Mentor (1.0 FTE)**
- **Youth Mentor (0.6 FTE)**
- **Skills Mentor (1.0 FTE)**
- **Community Mentor (0.6 FTE)**
- **Literacy and Numeracy Tutor/s (1.0 FTE)**

The applicant should have extensive experience with a high degree of computer skills, report writing, case management and communication skills. The ideal application will possess high professional standards, a deep commitment to working with Aboriginal people and be highly motivated to work in a team environment.

You will be required to download an application kit for each position, available from www.tauondi.sa.edu.au/employment.

Salary negotiable according to qualifications and experience. More details within the application kit.

Applications are to be addressed to the Business Development & IT Manager via post to Tauondi Aboriginal College – PO Box 409 PORT ADELAIDE SA 5015; or email to thr@tauondi.sa.edu.au.

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to apply.



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Koorie Volunteers

'Calling for Koorie Volunteers to become Independent Visitors to Victoria's Southern Residential Care Services'

At any one time a number of our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and young people are living in residential care settings throughout the state, as for a variety of reasons they are unable to live with their families. The Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) has established a pilot Independent Visitor Program covering Victoria's southern Melbourne and Gippsland areas.

We are currently seeking Aboriginal community members who are interested and able to visit residential care services on a monthly basis to talk with children and young people in Residential care about their experiences and provide an independent voice to help resolve issues or concerns raised to placement providers and the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, Mr Andrew Jackomos and Principal Commissioner, Mr Bernie Geary.

If you are a Victorian Aboriginal community member interested in volunteering to become an Independent Visitor and able to visit a Residential care service in either Baxter, Berwick, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Highett, Noble Park, Frankston, Seaford, Churchill or Traralgon please contact Robyn Brooke at CCYP on 8601 5882 or email ivp.resi@ccyp.vic.gov.au to find out more, or to request a position description and an application form.

To apply please visit <http://ccyp.vic.gov.au/vacancies>.

Closing date for applications is midnight 21 July 2015.

ccyp.vic.gov.au



Z0560562

PROGRAMMING ASSOCIATE

SYDNEY FESTIVAL

Sydney Festival is one of Australia's largest annual cultural celebrations, with an international reputation for artistic excellence and innovative, popular and contemporary programming.

The Festival is a celebration of Sydney in summer, and its style and energy reflect the confidence, diversity and vigour of one of the world's most beautiful cities. The Festival has a strong tradition of balancing largescale free public events with inspirational programming showcasing music, theatre, dance, new media, opera and the visual arts from across Australia and around the world.

The Sydney Festival is now seeking a mid-career Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander arts-worker for a nine month fulltime contract position.

The Programming Associate will work with music, theatre and dance programmers to deepen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement and programming presented by the Festival and to work in an environment that encompasses the arc of planning and production of the festival. The position is supported by the Programming and Management teams to develop existing professional skills, and industry networks for future employment at festivals and other programming departments.

The position is responsible for: working with the programming team on the formulation and development of Festival strands, themes and events at venues throughout Sydney and Parramatta; for providing accurate and informative background material, essential for all other departments' planning and communications activities; and for managing/producing a number of Aboriginal and other projects for the festival. The Programming Associate participates in the programming discussions for 2016 and 2017 festivals and will manage both Aboriginal and international arts projects as part of the 2016 festival program.

Position commences full time from 31 August 2015 – 27 May 2016.

For a Position Description please email Fiona Winning fiona.winning@sydneyfestival.org.au or call (02) 8248 6500.

Applications close at 5pm on Monday 20 July 2015.

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only, as described under section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).



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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

MURRUMBIDGEE CENTRAL WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ANTHONY & FREDA NICHOLLS** for a dam for stock on Lot 26 DP 751415 Parish Kimo, County Clarendon.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A6267)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Simon Maffei, Water Regulation Officer.

Z04684

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

HUNTER REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **WILLIAM JAMES COLLINS AND TERESE HELEN COLLINS** for a 75 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 1 DP 11672 for the purpose of irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006249)

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511, Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer

Z04618

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

SYDNEY BASIN SOUTH GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ROBERT JAMES BROWN, SANDRA CHRISTINE BROWN, STEPHEN GUY SMITH & MICHELLE VICTORIA SMITH** for a bore, for irrigation purposes on Lot 9 DP 831057, Parish of Yarrunga, County of Camden.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 53, Wollongong NSW 2520, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A6218)

Any queries please call (02) 4224 9738, Ketí Nikolovski, Water Regulation Officer.

Z04562

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

PEEL FRACTURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL** for Water Supply Works/Bores on Lot 3 DP 815862 County of Parry, Parish of Calala and Lot 32 DP 975057 County of Parry, Parish of Calala.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 550, TAMWORTH NSW 2340, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A6172)

Any queries please call (02) 6701 9621, Dawn Thompson, Water Regulation Officer.

Z04654

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

WARREGO GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENED COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL** for one existing bore on Lot 2370 DP 1129053 Parish of Talaa, County of Gundelboka and one proposed bore on the road reserve adjoining Lot 7307 DP 1200651, Parish of Bullamunta, County of Gundelboka, for town water supply to Bourke.

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO, NSW, 2830, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (Ref: A006225)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z04536

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

PEEL REGULATED RIVED WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND WATER USE APPROVAL (90CA813208) has been received from **GUY & GENENE HEBBLEWHITE** for 1 x 100mm Centrifugal pump and 1 x 65mm Centrifugal pump on the Peel River on Lot 10 DP 1142742.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO BOX 550, TAMWORTH NSW 2340, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A006205)

Any queries please call (02) 6701 9620, Ben Hanks, A/Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z04533

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

CUDGEGONG ALLUVIUM GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JAMES MACKENZIE BOWMAN AND ELIZABTH JANE BOWMAN** for one existing bore and the deepening of an existing well, both for irrigation, on Lot 1 DP 1174282 Parish of Bumberra, County of Phillip.

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, P O Box 717, DUBBO, NSW, 2830, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (Ref: A006227).

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z04560

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

PEEL ALLUVIUM GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for amendment of an existing COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL (90CA814926) has been received from **TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL** for an additional Water Supply Work/Bore on Lot 28 DP 1127315 County of Parry, Parish of Calala.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 550, TAMWORTH NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A6195)

Any queries please call (02) 6701 9620 Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z04657

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

NSW MURRAY DARLING BASIN FRACTURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCES

LACHLAN FOLD BELT MURRAY DARLING BASIN GROUND WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **BLAYNEY GOLF CLUB LTD** for 1 Bores (capacity 1.4 L/sec) on Lot 316 DP 750380, Parish Errol, County Bathurst, to replace existing bore for Irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, P O Box 291 Forbes, NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006268)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z04683

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

SOUTHERN RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **TREVOR LACHLAN ROBERTS** for an irrigation bore on Lot 46 DP 752566, Parish of Burroway, County of Ewenmar.

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO, NSW, 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (Ref: A006214).

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z04535

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

BANGALOW AREA WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **TRUE NORTH INVESTMENTS PTY LTD** for an overshot dam on Lot 30 DP 755695, Parish of Byron, County of Rous for Conservation of Water purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460, within 28 days of publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006220)

Any queries please call (02) 6641 6500, Bart Kellett, Water Regulation Officer.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act* 1978:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
57/405	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468929	2.03HA	68km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 34' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/405	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468930	10.25HA	68km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 34' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/405	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468931	5.47HA	68km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 34' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/417	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468540	21.82HA	67km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 30' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/709	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468538	139.45HA	79km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 119° 31' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/709	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468539	139.46HA	79km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 119° 31' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/807	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468541	23.84HA	66km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 26' S Long: 119° 31' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/823	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468932	21.84HA	68km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 33' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/823	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468933	75.07HA	68km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 33' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/888	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468934	34.34HA	70km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 119° 32' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/945	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	468935	4.13HA	71km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 22' S Long: 119° 32' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 1 July 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 **1 October 2015**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 1 November 2015**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act* 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2386	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	99BL	67km W'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 12' S Long: 123° 0' E	BROOME SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2701	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LIMITED	77BL	75km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 52' S Long: 117° 40' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2715	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LIMITED	39BL	116km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 41' S Long: 116° 17' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2138	LODESTAR MINERALS LIMITED	64BL	140km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 35' S Long: 116° 28' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2139	LODESTAR MINERALS LIMITED	30BL	127km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 38' S Long: 116° 17' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/864	DOWNUNDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	12BL	53km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 8' S Long: 118° 18' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/525	PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED	10BL	46km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 122° 8' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2519	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	78BL	118km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 124° 2' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2543-I	PCB HOLDINGS PTY LTD	15BL	67km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 122° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1094	GEL RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	143km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 7' S Long: 122° 45' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1103-4	SUMITOMO METAL MINING OCEANIA PTY LTD	140BL	91km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 122° 0' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1875	WRASSE RESOURCES PTY LTD	27BL	54km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1877	ST GEORGE MINING LIMITED	58BL	114km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 34' S Long: 122° 51' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4352-3	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	134BL	30km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 119° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4433	COZIRON RESOURCES LTD	21BL	30km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 28' S Long: 120° 25' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4510	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	8BL	5km SE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 23' S Long: 119° 32' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4538	PROCESS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	9BL	20km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 24' S Long: 118° 45' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4553	CADRE RESOURCES PTY LTD	34BL	48km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 25' S Long: 120° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1056	PROCESS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	9BL	52km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 7' S Long: 120° 33' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2633	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD AMCI (IO) PTY LTD	10BL	37km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 116° 31' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/2938	BALLIMORE LAND HOLDINGS PTY LTD	14BL	94km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 6' S Long: 118° 16' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/2994-I	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	5BL	97km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 34' S Long: 116° 51' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3111	HANSON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PTY LTD	1BL	57km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 44' S Long: 118° 18' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/3255-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	23km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 15' S Long: 117° 27' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3268	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	116km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 39' S Long: 116° 33' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1681	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	68BL	46km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 1' S Long: 117° 51' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1685	YELLOW ROCK RESOURCES LIMITED	15BL	50km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 118° 34' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1686	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	50km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 118° 42' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1687	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	49km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 118° 26' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3267	AMIABLE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	18BL	125km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 42' S Long: 119° 16' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3272	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	24BL	116km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 24' S Long: 119° 47' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1011	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	1BL	105km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 118° 45' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1025	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert GRANVILLE, Marc Darryl GRANVILLE, Michael Brian	4BL	6km NW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 119° 15' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1026	GRANVILLE, Marc Darryl GRANVILLE, Georgina Natalie	2BL	8km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 119° 16' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/481	WA MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	17BL	8km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 117° 54' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/487	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	17BL	20km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 117° 45' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/488	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	31BL	56km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 118° 24' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/489	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	56BL	48km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 118° 17' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2060	ENTERPRISE URANIUM LIMITED	70BL	18km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 116° 32' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2106	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	13BL	80km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 116° 52' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2109	MINERAL AND GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	49km NE'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 116° 27' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2111-I	LEGENDRE, Joseph Paul	1BL	41km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 117° 16' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2116	CORPORATE & RESOURCE CONSULTANTS PTY LTD LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert T.E. JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	26BL	54km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 118° 6' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2117	SHUMWARI PTY LTD	56BL	73km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 31' S Long: 118° 23' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2119	GOLDSTONE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	14BL	81km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 118° 30' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3361	AUSQUEST LIMITED	150BL	42km W'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 22' S Long: 123° 25' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3371	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	15BL	28km E'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 125° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	69/3372	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	15BL	124km NE'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 126° 20' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	69/3377	MARIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	25BL	254km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 125° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/560	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	13km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 38' S Long: 120° 10' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2299	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	12BL	71km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 118° 51' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5910	BLUE TIGER MINES PTY LTD	28.83HA	8km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2300-3	CHAPMAN, Morgan Leslie	519.49HA	38km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2304-5 & 25/2307-8	POTTS, Christopher Peter	703.15HA	38km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4036	POLYMETALS (WA) PTY LTD	98.02HA	18km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2226	SAUNDERS, Frederick Charles	185.15HA	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2227	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	9.31HA	18km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	36/1839-49	ZINFANDEL EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1995.56HA	69km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 21' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1850-1	ZINFANDEL EXPLORATION PTY LTD	264.94HA	68km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1852	OREX MINING PTY LTD	149.85HA	48km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 121° 0' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1853	OREX MINING PTY LTD	143.03HA	48km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1854-5	OREX MINING PTY LTD	314.86HA	50km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 120° 57' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4306	TRELOAR, John Arthur CRAFTER, Russell Jeffery	43.74HA	52km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 119° 35' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4307	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	9.61HA	127km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 119° 34' E	MENZIES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 1 July 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 **1 October 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. 1 November 2015**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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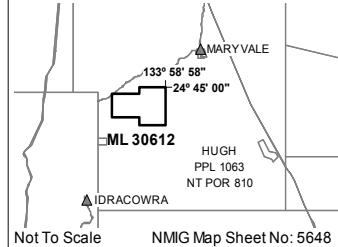
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act namely to grant the following mineral title application.

The application to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 30612 sought by TELLUS HOLDINGS LTD, ACN 138 119 829 over an area of 9978 Ha depicted below for a term of 25 years, within the CHARLOTTE locality.



Notification Day: 3 June 2015

Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 15 July 2015

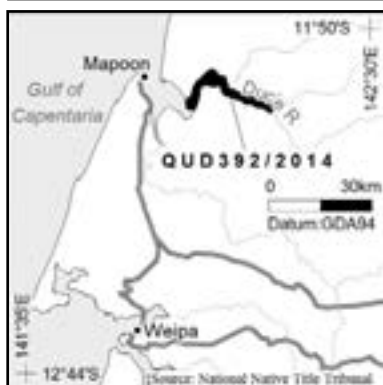


National
Native Title
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 **on or before 14 October 2015**. After **14 October 2015**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Ankamuthi People #2

Federal Court File No: QUD392/2014

Date filed: 29 July 2014

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: Application covers about 16.2 sq km of the Ducie River approximately 15km east of Mapoon.

Relevant LGA: Cook Shire Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of South Australia

Notification day: 15 July 2015



National
Native Title
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO BOX 9973, Sydney, NSW, 2000 **on or before 14 October 2015**. After **14 October 2015**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Barngarla (Lake Torrens)

Federal Court File No: SAD175/2015

Date filed: 12 June 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 5,917 sq km covering Lake Torrens.

Relevant LGA: Unincorporated Local Government Area.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Indigenous round for Sunraysia



THE Sunraysia Football and Netball League has approved its inaugural sanctioned

Indigenous Round to be played on July 18.

It's something that local community leaders and people within football have been pushing for several years.

Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) is sponsoring football and netball garments for each team and a local supermarkets is supplying official Indigenous Round balls.

The artwork on the garments has been designed by Uncle Peter Peterson. It depicts black and white hands and footprints coming together to play football.

"It means we're all walking together into the sacred ground," Uncle Peter said. "You've got all the different mobs coming in to meet up and run together."

Uncle Peter said the Indigenous Round would be a great celebration.

MDAS CEO Rudolph Kirby said the Indigenous Round was a great



Uncle Peter Peterson with his garment design for the Sunraysia football and netball Indigenous Round.

step forward for the game and for the community.

"MDAS has previously supported an Indigenous Round game between Red Cliffs and Robinvale that the clubs themselves organised. But this is really what we have had our eye on doing for a few years," he said.



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NATIVE TITLE MEETING - CENTRAL VICTORIA

Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) is calling a meeting of all people who hold or may hold native title in the area shown in the map below. This includes descendants of the following ancestors, who identify as Taungurung: Tommy Bamfield; Lydia Beaton; Polly Wallambyne; Billy Hamilton; William Hamilton; Lilly Hamilton; Jessie Hamilton; John Franklin; Louisa Shepherd; Elizabeth Hylett/Murchison; Doctor Billy; and Tooterie.

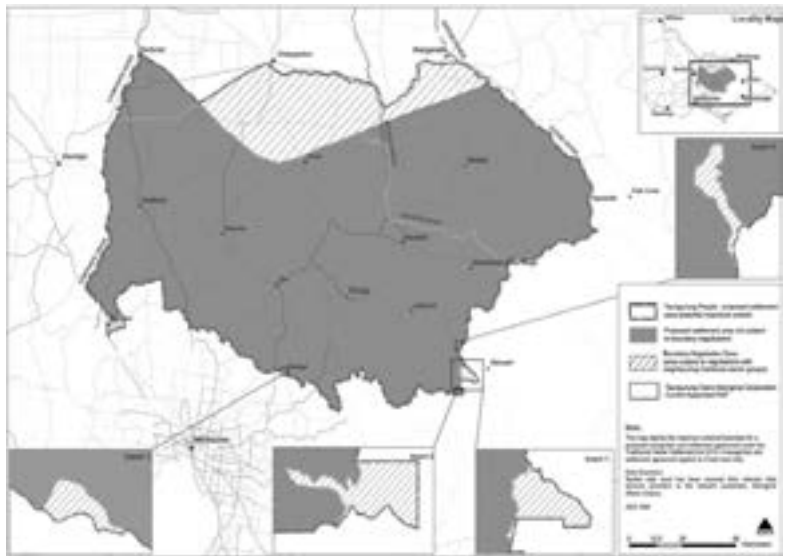
The purpose of the meeting is to discuss various aspects of the settlement negotiations under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic) (**TOS Act**) as well as future acts under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**NTA**). A settlement under the TOS Act provides for recognition of a traditional owner group as the traditional owners of an agreement area, various benefits, as well as other matters relating to management of the land and waters in the agreement area. It is also intended to settle all claims to native title over the agreement area under the NTA.

All people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests in the proposed agreement area shown in the map below are invited to attend the meeting as follows:

Date: Saturday 18 July 2015

Time: 10.00am – 4.30pm

Venue: Comfort Inn Trawool Valley Resort, 8150 Goulburn Valley Highway, Trawool



NTSV is the organisation that assists traditional owners in relation to native title and related matters across Victoria, including negotiating native title settlements. Please contact Drew Berick on (03) 9321 5300, freecall 1800 791 779 or dberick@ntsv.com.au to register for this meeting or for further information about the meeting (including assistance to attend).

‘My whole goal about still playing is to win another one’

Goodes eyes another AFL premiership



A FITTER and resurgent Adam Goodes is thirsting for a third Australian Football League (AFL) title, but recognises fairytale finishes are rare.

His 17th season looked certain to be his last when he voluntarily dropped himself to reserve grade after two rounds, but several weeks of improving form have drawn plenty of praise from coach John Longmire.

In a week when most of the players and coaches associated with the club's drought-breaking 2005 premiership-winning team will congregate in Sydney, 35-year-old Goodes hungers for more success.

If the Swans win a flag this year, Goodes will become the club's first three-time premiership winner.

“My whole goal about still playing is to win another one,” Goodes said last week ahead of the game against Richmond which Richmond won 14.11 (95) 11.11 (77).

Asked if a premiership would provide the perfect finish or a failure would prompt him to consider one more campaign, Goodes said: “There’s not too many fairytales in football, (former Swan) Jason Ball had one in the 2005 grand final.

“Whether it’s my last year or not, my goal is very simple this year and that’s to win another premiership.”

Goodes pointed out Sydney were one win better off than at the corresponding stage last season.

Although they had won six straight, he didn’t expect a repeat of the club record-equalling 12-match victory streak they enjoyed at this

time last year.

“As a list we’ve really got that balance and we’ve got that depth and we’ve just got to keep striving to be the best that we can and who knows what happens at the end of the year?” Goodes said.

“Fremantle, West Coast, Collingwood, Hawthorn, all these teams are playing a really good brand of football and Richmond are really in hot form.”

With his 360th appearance in the game against North Melbourne on June 13, Goodes moved into tenth spot on the all-time games list, nudging past current Swans assistant coach John Blakey.

Climb higher

He could climb to eighth by season’s end, with the marks of Brad Johnson (364) and Bernie Quinlan (366) well within reach.

Increased game time in two matches in the reserves helped put the stamina and speed back into his legs.

“I look forward to keeping up that intensity and work rate for the second half of the year,” Goodes said.

He felt his previously troublesome knee was in better shape than in the past couple of years.

“I definitely am moving a lot better and jumping a lot better in marking contests,” Goodes said.

He has drawn a line under the booing he has received from small sections of the crowd in Sydney’s previous four games.

“I have moved on,” Goodes said.

“I don’t want to give it any more oxygen.” – AAP



A dejected Adam Goodes after the Sydney Swans’ loss to the Richmond Tigers at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Friday. Picture: AAP



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	25/358	WEDGETAIL PROSPECTING PTY LTD	113.45HA	31km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 47' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 1 July 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 **1 October 2015**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **1 November 2015**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

adcorp WG10335



PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

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 Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under the section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0135	Goldfields Oil & Gas Pty Ltd	3594.20 km ²	East Pilbara Shire

LOCALITY

The application is located in the Canning Basin. The application occupies a total of 45 5'x5' blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF51 (Oakover River). The application is situated in the Great Sandy Desert, about 80 kms north of the northern edge of Lake Dora, with the south-west corner of the application being located approximately 55 kilometres north north-east from the Telfer Mining Centre and 162 kms south-east from the Sandfire Roadhouse on the Great Northern Highway. The application commences at a point 122°15'4.68"E, 20°44'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 122°45'4.67"E, 20°44'55.02"S, thence south along meridian to a point 122°45'4.67"E, 20°49'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 122°50'4.67"E, 20°49'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 122°50'4.68"E, 20°54'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 122°55'4.68"E, 20°54'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 122°55'4.68"E, 20°59'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°0'4.68"E, 20°59'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°0'4.68"E, 21°4'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°5'4.68"E, 21°4'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°5'4.68"E, 21°9'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°10'4.68"E, 21°9'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°10'4.68"E, 21°14'55.03"S, thence west along parallel to a point 122°25'4.67"E, 21°14'55.05"S, thence north along meridian to a point 122°25'4.67"E, 21°4'55.04"S, thence west along parallel to a point 122°20'4.67"E, 21°4'55.04"S, thence north along meridian to a point 122°20'4.68"E, 20°54'55.04"S, thence west along parallel to a point 122°15'4.68"E, 20°54'55.04"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 122°15'4.68"E, 20°44'55.03"S.

All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of petroleum exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further two 5 year terms.

Notification Day: 1 July 2015

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons and those who are a body corporate have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **1 October 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*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000 or GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **1 November 2015**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 15 July 2015

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 14 October 2015**. After **14 October 2015**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: John Watson & Ors v State of Western Australia (Nyikina Mangala #2)

Federal Court File No: WAD29/2015

Date filed: 30 January 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not* accepted this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The application covers about 12.4 square km approx 70 km south east of Derby.

Relevant LGA: Shire of Derby-West Kimberley

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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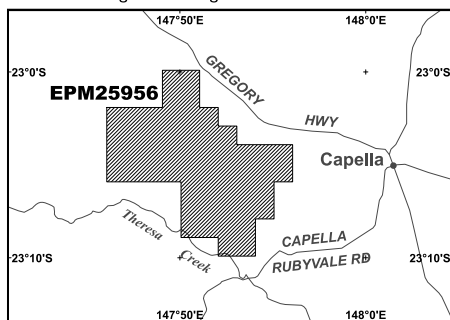
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From Fire to Flames

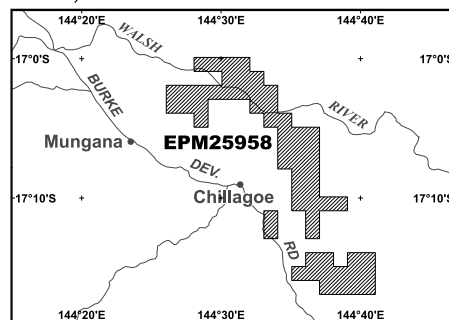
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

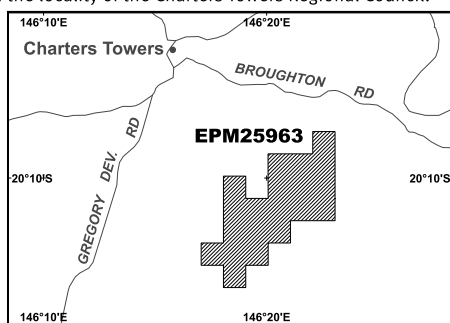
Exploration Permit 25956 sought by Cape Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 157 757 732, over an area of 53 sub-blocks (167 km²), centred approximately 17 km West of Capella, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



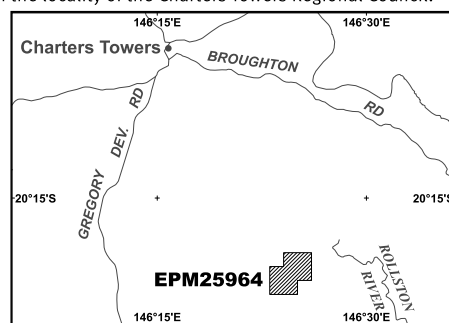
Exploration Permit 25958 sought by Sandy Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 119 286 261, over an area of 58 sub-blocks (190 km²), centred approximately 6 km East of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



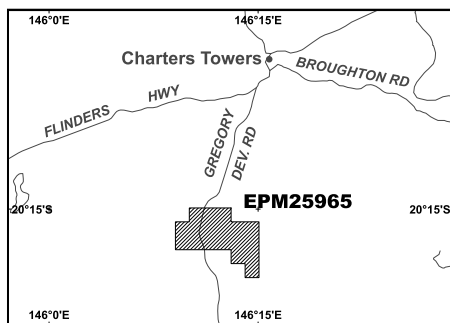
Exploration Permit 25963 sought by Pinnacle Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 151 778 424, over an area of 20 sub-blocks (64 km²), centred approximately 15 km South East of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



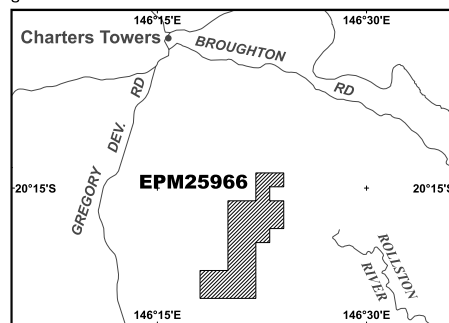
Exploration Permit 25964 sought by Pinnacle Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 151 778 424, over an area of 7 sub-blocks (22 km²), centred approximately 33 km South East of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 25965 sought by Pinnacle Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 151 778 424, over an area of 18 sub-blocks (58 km²), centred approximately 23 km South South West of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 25966 sought by Pinnacle Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 151 778 424, over an area of 26 sub-blocks (83 km²), centred approximately 28 km South South East of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 15 July 2015



By PETER ARGENT



ALEX Wilson has signed with the Sydney University Flames for the next two Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) seasons.

She was at the title-winning Townsville Fire until a couple of months ago.

On March 8, in front of a home crowd, the Fire defeated the previous season's titleholders, Bendigo by 10 points.

"It is certainly one of the highlights of my career," Wilson said.

"It is up there with the bronze medal with the (Australian) Gems at the World Under 19 Championships.

"We (Fire) didn't really feel much pressure and felt confident that our form would carry on into the finals.

"I felt we were in control for the majority of the finals series.

"Being the first team in any sport from Townsville to win a national title, it was a pretty crazy week of celebrations after the win."

Over her first two full years in the WNBL, Wilson played 51 games with the Fire, averaging four points a game and having a best of 13 against the Melbourne Boomers.

Now in Tasmania

After a couple of weeks of rest and celebrations, it was straight back into basketball, playing for the Launceston Tornadoes in the South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL) competition that underpins the WNBL during the winter months.

The Tornadoes are currently in third position in the southern conference, and Wilson has been dominating as a point guard, averaging 21 points a game and eight rebounds.

"I'm really enjoying it down here in Tasmania," Wilson said

"We're winning a lot of games and I am getting 40 minutes of court time in each game.

"It has been great to get back on court consistently.

"My boyfriend Lachlan Barker is playing for the men's team here in Launceston as well."

There was a large South Australian connection in the Townsville Fire's 2014-15 title winning combination, including coach Chris Lucas, who recruited Wilson to Queensland's north.

Wilson considered moving back to South Australian, but the uncertainty around the franchise at the time meant she looked at other offers.

"With Adelaide, they missed out on my services because it was unclear what was happening and it was strongly suggested they wouldn't have a side in the 2015-16 season," Wilson said.

"From my perspective, the pull of family to bring me home in the future is strong.

"But I have now signed a two-year contract with the Sydney Flames.

"It was tough, but I explained to Chris (Lucas) the reason behind me moving from Townsville, was about getting more court time.

"Because of the experience within the group at Townsville, I expected I'd continue to play the 'sixth-man' role."

The 2014-15 WNBL coach of the year Shannon Seebohm (another South Australian), is excited about bringing the young 174cm guard into his program.

"Alex is going to be a great addition to our program," Seebohm said. She is still very young and has the potential to become a great player in the WNBL.

"I am looking forward to Alex joining us."

Wilson is looking forward to teaming up with long-term WNBL evergreen veteran Rohanee Cox, who has again committed to playing with Sydney Uni for the 2015-16 campaign at the age of 35.

Wilson, from Murray Bridge, still just 20, is keen to gain more experience over the next couple of seasons.

Then she will consider opportunities in Europe and US.

Alex Wilson in action for Australia against New Zealand at junior level.



Overcoming obstacles

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

THERE has been a lot of discussion recently about what the game of rugby league needs to do in the area of mental health and suicide prevention.

Much of this discussion has been generated by the loss of a number of players who have found life too difficult to deal with.

My thoughts are with the families and friends of these players and I trust they are being given all the support they need.

My own personal battles with depression and attempted suicide are a matter of public record.

My continued campaign to work in the area of positive mental health and suicide prevention is also something I speak about in public.

While I think the recent discussion can be seen as a positive as it brings a focus on these issues, I also think there needs to be some recognition of what the game is doing in this area.

Stigma

One initiative is the National Rugby League (NRL) State of Mind campaign where a number of players have become ambassadors to continue to break down the stigma of mental health issues and encourage people to access help when they need it.

Joel Thompson is a great example of somebody who has not only overcome adversity, but has used his personal story to benefit others.

It's an amazing story he tells about overcoming many tough challenges in life to stand here today as one of the NRL's most inspirational role models for disadvantaged children.

A caring husband and father of two young girls, Thompson is studying for a diploma in community services along with the work he does for the NRL and Mission Australia.

"My wife Amy pushed me in this direction, but I have always had a massive passion for it," Thompson said.

"It is a massive thing for me and it is something I want to do post-football.

"I have done a lot of work going out to bush communities – and with my story, I always connect with a lot of kids if their mums and dads have had some hard times at home.

"It is not just Aboriginal kids, but disadvantaged youth I try to help. I feel like I have come through a lot adversity in life.

"Everyone has their own story and I have mine. I think I can help."

The story of Thompson's life pretty much covers every part of his body.

There is a tattoo for his grandmother, his late pop, his wife and kids, his home town of Ivanhoe, friends, brothers, hope, trust, self-made.

Every word and drawing means something.

It makes up the story of a young man who admits he was not always an angel growing up.

But a man who never gave up.

"I moved around a lot as a young guy," he said.

"I lived in Wagga for a bit. Condobolin, Gundagai, I went to Forbes... I don't know, six, seven, eight (towns). I am not too sure. You lose count.

"There was a lot of dysfunction in the family."

He grew up living with his grandparents and step grandparents. But he said because of his background, he could relate to the difficulties other youngsters were facing.

And he uses his success in rugby league as motivation.

"I am not an angel," he said.

"And I struggled a bit when I was coming through Canberra as a young guy. I have had to work through it. But I think it is a part of growing up.

"There were some difficult times, but I now appreciate the struggles I have had to get to where I am."

As the unofficial leader of the Dragons pack this year, Thompson has proven himself one of the form forwards of the comp.

And a bloke who never takes a backward step.

He said, at 26, he felt as though his best football was still to come.

Asked if he had ambitions to play for NSW, Thompson admitted: "I still believe."

Life has taught him anything is possible, with enough hope and self-belief.

But Joel is the first to admit that he could not have got to where he is without the help of others.

In his early days at school, his football coach was the first to encourage him to seek help.

"I guess I had a lot of anger issues growing up and I used anger to try and cope with things," he said.

"Then as I got older, I turned to alcohol to deal with everything and there was a destructive pattern starting to develop.

"I just don't think I was old enough and mature enough to have those discussions when I was younger."

The next part of Joel's story resonates strongly with me and I believe many people can relate to his experiences.

No magical cure

Joel discovered that there are no magical cures for depression and it can return at any time.

It was his wife who encouraged him to again seek help.

"She's been with me the entire time and I wouldn't have got through without her," he said.

"I also had a lot of help from the coaching staff and the club down at Canberra.

"It's great having that support, but you also need to be aware of that support to get the help."

That is why he sees his role as an ambassador as being important to others.

"That's why I do it, because I know my story relates to kids and all different walks of life," he said.

"I can go out there and show them that you don't have to be a football player to seek help.

"As long as you can work towards something you can break that cycle.

"I still talk to somebody regularly now.

"It's not weak to speak up and ask for help because people who continue with their silent battle face serious consequences and it's not good.

"I want to share my story to help others in a similar situation.

"NRL players have got powerful voices, so it's important we use them."

Joel Thompson is a great example for us all and a role model for a lot of our kids who are confronting many of the challenges he has overcome.

Next week's State of Origin may well be on everybody's minds.

Perhaps it is the State of Minds on which we should all be focussing.

Nadine is off to the US



FORMER
Indigenous
Marathon
Project (IMP)
New York
Marathon

runner Nadine Hunt (pictured) is set to become a cultural ambassador under a program established by the US Embassy and Consulates.

The former Cairns resident lives in Canberra working as the IMP's national education and events coordinator, and driving the IMP's Deadly fun runs – a series of fun runs held in Indigenous communities across Australia.

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is an annual initiative that provides the opportunity for selected individuals to immerse themselves in US culture through a three-week US trip, educating them with firsthand



knowledge of US policies, politics, society and culture.

Ms Hunt is a graduate of the 2011 IMP, a not-for-profit charity established by marathon legend Rob de Castella that uses running to drive social change, and celebrate Indigenous resilience and achievement.

Two at top in Cape Cluster

By **ALF WILSON**



WEIPA Raiders and Napranum Twal lead the points table of the Cape Cluster Rugby League competition after

rounds three and four held at Coen.

Third was Aurukun Kang Kang, followed by Lockhart River Scorpions, Coen Colts, Pormpuraaw Crocs and Laura Quinkans after the games on June 13-14.

The points table was Weipa Raiders and Napranum Twal 10, Aurukun Kang Kang and Lockhart River Scorpions 8, Coen Colts 6, Pormpuraaw Crocs 2 and Laura Quinkans 0.

Sides from remote Aboriginal communities around Cape York make up the majority of teams in the competition that require away teams to travel long distances over rough roads.

In game one, before a large crowd, Aurukun Kang Kang beat reigning premiers Coen Colts 16-14 in a tough game.

Lockhart Scorpions scored a percentage-boosting 48-0 victory over Pormpuraaw.

Weipa Raiders then had

a big 34-12 win over Aurukun Kang Kang.

Napranum Twal then rolled Pormpuraaw Crocs 54-12.

In game five, Lockhart River Scorpions continued on their winning way with a 16-6 victory over Weipa Raiders.

In the final game of the round, Napranum Twal beat Coen Colts 22-18.

Cairns based QRL Northern Divisional Assistant Manager Robbie Moore said there was some fantastic talent on show.

"All looks good for Lockhart as they get a home game next round," he said.

After the latest rounds, Northern Cape and Southern Cape Zone sides were selected to compete at the FNQ Remote Area Rugby League Challenge in Cairns on June 27-28.

Other competing teams were Palm Island Barracudas, Bowen, and Torres Strait Kaiwalagal Stingers.

Last year Torres Stingers took out the carnival and were favoured to repeat the effort.

A Northern United representative team was to be picked to meet Queensland Outback at Thursday Island on July 25. The next rounds of the Cape Cluster will at Lockhart River on July 18 with the finals at Weipa on August 1.



The Lockhart River Scorpions will host the next round of the Cape Cluster Rugby League on July 18.

The culture of success

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THERE is no doubt that the Sydney Swan's Australian Football League (AFL) premiership win was one of the highlights not only of my football career, but also one of the milestones in my life.

In recent weeks, the club and all the players and staff involved have been celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the moment and reflecting on what it all meant.

To me, the reflection reinforced the importance of not only leaving a legacy, but acknowledging all that have been part of the journey that led to success.

It is also important to look at the reasons for success with the quality and character of the people involved being the central ingredient.

A lot has been made of the statement that the Swans had an unofficial 'no dickheads policy' to recruitment.

Quality, culture

All I can say to that is there was no doubting the quality of people we had at the club and that of the culture we built.

In saying that, we always respected those who came before us and that is why we also referred to ourselves as the 'Bloods' in honour of our South Melbourne heritage.

It is of little surprise to me that so many of my fellow players have had successful careers after football.

I work alongside Tadhg Kennelly in coaching and he also believes it was what happened inside the Swans that has set up so many of us post-football.

"The environment we were in was brutally honest, the

assessment was incredible and they're lessons you carry well and truly after footy," said Kennelly, who is coaching the NSW-ACT Rams side in the TAC Cup.

"It's a compliment to everyone that we've been able to get a foot in the door somewhere. There's a lot of tough stories of blokes after they finish footy."

Life after football can be tough for some, but our premiership team of 2005 have made a smooth transition.

When Tadhg retired in 2011, he was struck by the considerable support he received from former teammates.

"When I retired, I had 50-60 messages from past players asking, 'What you're up to? What you're doing?'" Kennelly said.

Friendship

I had the same level of support and it is these bonds of friendship that have underpinned our success on and off the field.

As the saying goes, success breeds success.

I genuinely think a lot of football clubs are searching for a road map to success and the way you do that is to get successful people within your organisation or business.

It is a philosophy I try to employ in my role as the head coach of the Swans Academy.

It's not rocket science.

If you get good people with good character into your organisation, you generally get good results.

It also helps if they have learned from the best.

And it would be hard to find a coaching panel with as much clout as the one the Swans assembled for 2005.

Next to Paul Roos in the coaches' box were future premiership coaches John Longmire and Ross Lyon, whose teams have played in four grand finals.

And even the strengths of the bonds at this level can be gauged by the fact that even when they're smack bang in the middle of the season and coaching other teams, Paul Roos, Ross Lyon and Brett Kirk are all travelling to Sydney to be part of the 2005 premiership anniversary celebrations.

"The grand final was such a significant part of our lives," Roos said.

"No matter where you end up when you are involved in the industry and you win a premiership, it's pretty special.

"I'm coaching Melbourne and Ross is at Freo and our focus is on the club we are coaching, but you still respect what everyone was able to achieve. It was an

incredible time for me, my family and friends.

"It's great to be able to celebrate with the people you went into battle with week in and week out.

"What stays in my mind is the level of sacrifice the team made.

"The guys' ability to leave their egos in the locker room and play for each other was something I won't forget.

"I don't know where we sat in the talent ratings, but we certainly weren't the best team in the competition

Amazing capacity

"Were we fifth, eighth, seventh – I don't know, but there was no doubt that, over that two-year period, that group had an amazing capacity to play for each other and the team.

"The more you are involved in football, the more you realise that ingredient is the most special one to have with a group of players."

The four-point win against the Eagles broke a 72-year premiership drought for the Swans.

In the preceding years, Roos had made it a mission to teach us about the club's great history and champion players like triple Brownlow medallist Bob Skilton.

Again, it was about the importance of legacy.

Significant

"Once we started to tap into the past of the Swans, that was significant," Roos said.

"The players appreciated knowing the history of the club and not just in Sydney.

"They also had an appreciation of the whole club and what it did mean to play in a team which would become the first team in 72 years to win one was in the end maybe the thing that got them over the line.

"You need something extra in the petrol tank.

"You understand what it means to so many different people and how many people put in so much work, energy, time and effort to get there.

"To acknowledge all those people in some small way was important because although we were the ones to achieve it, so many contributed over the years."

All of us want to leave a positive legacy in our lives.

Often the first step is recognising the legacy of those who have gone before you.

For many of us, that is all about acknowledging and respecting our Elders who have fought to give us the opportunities we enjoy today.

Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!!!

Netball aims for \$100,000 project



A NEW fundraising campaign, Confident Girls, aims to raise more than

\$100,000 for disadvantaged girls to participate in netball.

The campaign, an initiative of the Netball Foundation in partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation, launched on June 15, is shooting to provide 5000 girls, who can least afford it, the chance to enjoy the benefits of netball.

"Netball brings girls together to build teamwork, resilience and confidence. It nurtures strong young women through fun and friends," Netball Australia president and former Australian international Noeleen Dix said.

"If a lot of people who love netball give a little, more girls will benefit from our game.

"Some girls can't afford the fees to participate and others don't have access to programs and netball facilities, so by giving these girls a chance to discover a love for the game, it will boost their physical and mental health, provide enjoyment and help foster a sense of belonging."

Funding will target areas with a high concentration of disadvantaged girls. Special

multicultural and Indigenous programs will also be provided.

People and organisations can get involved by making a donation or they can become a fundraiser by setting up a donation page on the netball fundraising portal and inviting people to donate to the campaign with all funds going to Confident Girls.

The Australian Diamonds are the first team to donate to the Confident Girls campaign with the players committing \$2000 towards the initiative and they challenge others to match the donation.

"Netball has provided all of us with incredible opportunities so we felt strongly as a playing group that it was important to ensure those less advantaged have the same chance to enjoy the game we love," Australian Diamonds captain Laura Geitz said.

The Netball Foundation, launched in March, was established to ensure netball remains the leading participation sport for women and girls through opportunities on and off the court while continuing to develop world class role models.

The Confident Girls fundraising campaign will run until National Netball Day on Saturday, July 25.

Sistas unite to form Newcastle team



The Newcastle Sisters United netball team.



SISTERS United, an all-Indigenous netball team, is playing in the Newcastle

Netball Association (NSW) competition for the first time.

Sisters United came together at the beginning of the season and play in the A5 division for seniors.

Spokesman Theresa Towers said the weather had not been kind to netballers so far this season.

She said she had worked hard to bring an all-Indigenous team together.

"I believe that no matter which tribe we all come from, if we stick together, we can unite as sisters," she said.

"Our netball team has women who live in the Newcastle area but were born into different tribes.

"But we are all very proud to play in this team."

Ms Towers said she was hoping to start a junior Indigenous team next year.

Spotlight shines on schoolboys' rugby



THE Australian Schoolboys Rugby Union (ASRU) Championships are being played this week at St Ignatius' College, Riverview. Twelve teams are competing across two divisions.

The Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) is playing in the second division against the Northern Territory, South Australia and Tasmania.

They are in a round-robin competition for the Charles Blunt Cup.

In recent years, it has been hotly contested between the Indigenous side and the South Australians.

Tasmania has returned this year after not being able to field a side in 2014.

The Indigenous team was to open its campaign yesterday with a game against the Northern Territory.

Tomorrow, they are to play Tasmania and will meet South Australia on Friday.

The finals will be on Saturday.

Two teams each from NSW and Queensland, along with ACT Schools, Victorian Schools and Combined States are playing in two A division pools before the finals day where teams will play for the BH 'Jika' Travers Shield.

NSW have held the trophy for the past three years since they broke the Queensland run of six consecutive wins.

Entries filling fast



TIME is running out for teams to nominate for the Brisbane touch football carnival at Nudgee College on July 16.

Spokesman Paul Sears said nominations would close at the end of this week.

He said there were only a few spots left.

A number of individuals have registered. They will be placed in teams.

Organisers have arranged for three 60-seat buses to bring players to the tournament.

One bus will leave New Farm Park at 9am, another will start at Streetlevel Mission (398 St Pauls Terrace, Fortitude Valley) at 9am and the third bus will leave Youth Outreach Service (YOS) at Lawnton at 9am.

Contact details: pauls@footprintsinc.org.au or www.footprintsinc.org.au

Hockeyroos in action



BROOKE Peris and Mariah Williams were used as substitutes in Australia's 9-0 demolition of Poland in the opening match of the women's World Hockey League Semifinal tournament in Antwerp, Belgium, on Sunday, June 21.

In their next match on Wednesday, June 24, the Hockeyroos beat Belgium 2-0.

Williams was in the run-on team and Peris was used as a substitute.

The Hockeyroos then came up against pool leaders New Zealand and were beaten 2-0.

Peris and Williams were in the Australian run-on side.

The final pool match was against India last Sunday before the quarterfinals yesterday (Tuesday) and the semifinals tomorrow (July 2) and the final on Saturday (July 4).

Newcastle host city



THE University of Newcastle this week is hosting the 20th University Indigenous Games involving touch football, netball, volleyball and basketball.

Between 25 and 30 universities are expected at the National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games (NITESG) involving between 400 and 500 Indigenous students.

The Games began last Sunday with an opening ceremony.

Basketball was played on Monday, netball on Tuesday, volleyball today and touch football will be played tomorrow.

All finals will also be played tomorrow.

Women's rugby league competition begins



A WOMEN'S rugby league competition is up and running on the NSW Northern Rivers. Six teams are playing. Each team will host a

gala day, and teams will play two 60-minute matches.

The gala days are held every third weekend.

The Casino Cougars hosted the first gala day and the next will be at Ballina.

The Lismore-based North United

has a team in the competition, which is being administered by the Armidale-based NSW Country Rugby League (CRL) Group 19.

All the teams – with the exception of Grafton – are in Group One. (Grafton is in Group Two.)

Northern United spokesman Emanuel Roberts said it was hoped to expand the competition next year so that there would be games every weekend and that the competition would be run by the Northern Rivers

Regional Rugby League (Group One).

Teams now playing are Northern United, Evans Head, Ballina, Casino, Lower Clarence (Maclean) and Grafton.

Northern United team manager Melinda Moran is vice-president of the competition organising committee.

● **BELOW:** The Northern United team. Team manager Melinda Moran is at the extreme left. Also pictured is assistant manager Emanuel Roberts.



League in full swing on Palm

By ALF WILSON



YOUNG players are being given the opportunity to show their skills for the Palm Island Barracudas this

season as new coach Roy Prior says they are the future.

Prior is a long-established coach on the north Queensland Aboriginal community where he is also a shire councillor and in recent years has coached under 18 Barracudas sides.

He gained a high-level coaching certificate at a Queensland Rugby League (QRL) camp in Townsville last December.

Four clubs

The domestic Palm competition began last month with four clubs – premiers Butler Bay Bulls, Skipjacks, Jets and Bwgolman Brothers.

Later in the year, the island's representative side, the Barracudas, will enter sides in north Queensland All Blacks carnivals at Townsville and Cairns and possibly at other places.

A Barracudas side that contested the Remote Area Rugby League Challenge in Cairns on June 26-27



From left are PICRL president Algon Walsh Jnr, Rosanne Bennett from Solas, PICRL secretary Denice Geia and treasurer Susan Pryor.

included many of the next generation.

"I have got to watch games so far on Palm and have so much raw talent here that I believe can contribute to our representative team, not only now, but long-term as well," Prior said.

"This season there will be some major changes, with a lot of regular players standing aside and the new generation stepping up.

"We probably need to remind supporters that it's going to take some time, but stay loyal – if everything goes to plan, big things will come for our Barracudas."

Sponsor found

Meanwhile, mental health wellbeing group Solas is the major sponsor of the Palm Island Community Rugby League (PICRL).

QRL Northern Division

manager Scott Nosworthy told the *Koori Mail* that things were flowing smoothly on Palm Island.

"There have been games for a number of weeks with the crowds starting to turn up and the teams having full squads each week," he said.

Reigning premiers Butler Bay Bulls are again favoured to repeat the effort, with Skipjacks and Jets also having strong teams.

Malpass is back where it all began

By CHRIS PIKE



NOONGAR basketball star Kate Malpass is back in Perth after a three-year absence looking to win a fifth women's

State Basketball League championship, but she can't help but reflect on what has been a remarkable journey during her time away.

Following the end of a Women's National Basketball League career that saw her play with the Perth Lynx, Adelaide Lightning and West Coast Waves, Malpass decided that at the end of 2011, it was time for something new in life outside of Perth.

That was despite her winning a fourth SBL championship with the Willetton Tigers in 2011, but she made the move to Melbourne and had an eventful, memorable and successful three years.

She continued to play basketball in the SEABL with the Sandringham Sabres, but she made history, becoming the first Indigenous physiotherapist to work at AFL club Richmond and then was also named the National Indigenous Youth of the Year in 2013.

SOS from Mills

The now 26-year-old decided to return to Perth at the end of 2014, but not before a chance in a lifetime when she was called upon by Australian NBA superstar Patty Mills to help him in his rehabilitation from shoulder surgery.

Mills was fresh from starring in the San Antonio Spurs' NBA championship win so the experience was one to remember for Malpass, and was the perfect way to top off her three-year sojourn away from Perth.

"I left Perth after the three-peat with Willetton at the end of 2011, and I had just graduated as a physio so I went over to Melbourne where I was very fortunate to get a job with an AFL team, specifically the Richmond Tigers, which was a fantastic experience for me," Malpass said.

"I was able to play a bit of SEABL over there as well for the Sandringham Sabres which again was really good and then I made the decision that I wanted to come home for family reasons, but made a quick pitstop in San Antonio on the



Kate Malpass in action.
Picture: Grant Lauterbach
Photography

way home where I was invited personally by Pat to be his physio.

"After the Spurs' last championship, he had a shoulder reconstruction and a rotator cuff repair so he wanted an Australian physio with him, and Basketball Australia recommended that he took me.

"That was a pretty exciting time in my life and I got to do some of the most unreal things any basketballer or NBA fan would dream of. I'm very thankful, but loving being back home and part of the Willetton basketball community again. It's been really good so far."

National award

On top of making history for her work with the Richmond Tigers while in Melbourne, Malpass had previously worked with the Wirrpanda Foundation as a role model, and continued and does continue to help the Indigenous youth.

Her work was recognised with the 2013 National Indigenous Youth of the Year award, and that's something that was special to her.

"Again that was a pretty exciting time in my life," she said.

"I was nominated for a national award and was invited to the dinner, and basically I was awarded the National

Indigenous Youth of the Year just for a lot of the work I've been doing previously in rural and remote Aboriginal communities.

"I've done a lot of mentoring in the metropolitan programs with the David Wirrpanda Foundation. On top of that, they wanted to celebrate my achievements as an Indigenous Australian in securing a pretty decent job at the Richmond Tigers."

It is easy to forget that Malpass is also still a star basketball player with the Willetton Tigers.

She continues to put up some big numbers with a team that is still fighting for the minor premiership for the 2015 regular season, but having already played in four championship wins for the Tigers, Malpass knows that all that matters is what happens come finals time.

"We've got a far better team on paper, but in order to win a championship, you can have as many solid players as you want, but if you don't use them in the correct way and if you don't play together and for each other, you won't win a championship," Malpass said.

"I feel like we have really improved in terms of playing together and for each other. It's definitely an aim for us leading into finals and for the rest of the season."

Tarryn shows big promise

By JILLIAN MUNDY



YOUNG Palawa man Tarryn Thomas has been taking high-flying marks on the footy field, leaping 180cm over the high jump and most recently jumping for joy at being selected into the 2015 Flying Boomerangs.

The 15-year-old from Launceston is the only Tasmanian in this year's Flying Boomerangs squad – the Australian Football League's (AFL's) personal development and leadership program for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men aged 14-15.

The football stars of tomorrow are selected by AFL talent managers based on school attendance, leadership skills and footy ability.

"I'm happy. I'm excited," Tarryn, a young fella of few words, told the *Koori Mail*.

He sees his selection as an opportunity to improve his leadership skills, and of course dreams of going all the way and catching the eye of selectors in an AFL draft.

He has already shown his leadership qualities as captain of Victoria-Tasmania in the national under 15s Kickstart carnival in Cairns earlier this year, where he was picked up for the Flying Boomerangs.

"The boys said I was the best captain they'd had. I nearly cried with pride and happiness," Tarryn said.

He was awarded the best and fairest for his team at the carnival after picking up the best and fairest for North Launceston's under 14s premiership side last year.

He has since scored a Jim Stynes Scholarship, which will go a long way toward the costs of travelling for football.

A latecomer to Australian rules

football, Tarryn grew up in Sydney, where rugby league dominates. He was noticed by the Penrith Panthers and joined their development squad when he was just 10.

About four years ago, he switched codes, and soon after moved to Tasmania with his father, where Aussie rules dominates.

The talented allrounder savours the running and jumping in his new code.

He now plays in the state's top league for North Launceston – some weeks with the under 23s development league where he is the team's youngest player, and other weeks in the under 15s.

One of his North Launceston coaches, Brett Mansell, called him a "special talent" and believes he has the tools to reach the highest level.

Complete package

"You don't find too many kids that are six foot two and still growing, exceptionally skilled, quick and hard at the ball – he's a complete package for a kid his age," Mansell said.

"His journey's only just beginning. He's got a lot of hard work to do, and that's the sort of things he says.

"He's very humble and open to learning. He's very quickly earned the respect of the players at the senior level."

Tarryn is training four nights a week and credits much of his success to his father Jason and little brother Tyane.

Tarryn is quick to praise them, his coaches and AFL staff for their commitment and support.

Away from the football field, he enjoys playing cricket, spending time with his family, fishing, hanging out with mates, watching movies, and riding his scooter and bike at the skate park.

Next week he will head off to the Gold Coast to join the 25-player Flying Boomerangs in the National Under 16s Carnival.

Tarryn Thomas, the unassuming football talent from Launceston.
Picture: Jillian Mundy



Tallis offered \$50,000 to fight Klemmer



QUEENSLAND rugby league legend Gorden Tallis will be offered \$50,000 to box NSW Origin forward David Klemmer after declaring he would have punched the feisty Blues player if he'd gotten in his face on the field.

Tallis criticised Klemmer after the Canterbury youngster seemed to have a running battle with most of the Maroons' pack in the second Origin clash in Melbourne.

"I didn't run in and push people and stand there and do all that," Tallis said on Triple M radio.

"Everybody forgets, I never ran in and pushed. Yeah, I did punch people when they

got in my face. He (Klemmer) would've been one of them, 100%."

New Zealand-based Duco Events is prepared to pay Tallis to punch Klemmer in Hamilton on December 5 in their annual Fight for Life charity boxing show.

Participants on previous shows have included Blues captain Paul Gallen, Sam Thaiday, Greg Bird and Willie Mason.

Proceeds of this year's event will go to Hospice Waikato.

"Given Gorden's comments, we'd would like to offer Gorden the opportunity to fight against David Klemmer," Duco Events director David Higgins said last Thursday.

"We will pay Gorden \$50,000 Australian

and we will pay for his training expenses.

"If Gorden was serious, then we would go to David.

"The fight is good timing. They are clear of any rugby league commitments.

"The fight will be (over) three two-minute rounds, wearing headgear and 16-ounce gloves.

"This is a bona fide genuine offer. Fight for Life has been going 10 years and numerous celebrities, politicians and sports stars have tried their hand at boxing.

"It's raised millions of dollars for charity."

Online bookmaker Sportsbet.com.au posted odds on the proposed fight, listing Klemmer at \$1.10 and Tallis at \$7. - AAP



Gorden Tallis

Davin's divine debut

PETER ARGENT



IT was among the most exciting debuts in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) in the past decade.

In Norwood's Sunday, June 14 clash with Sturt, 18-year-old Darwin Indigenous talent Davin Ferreira made a dramatic impact in his first league game with the Redlegs.

He kicked his first goal at this level early in the second term and snaffled a second just a couple of minutes later.

A third in the last quarter topped off a big day for the Rostrevor College Year 12 student in the top-of-the-table clash, with the Redlegs winning by 22 points at Peter Motley Oval, Unley.

"Davin was excellent today," senior coach Ben Warren said.

"He was a little nervous this week but very excited.

Composure

"He played with great composure for a debutant and kicked three vital goals. His speed and ability to get at the opposition was excellent.

"Davin provided a good lead-up option across half forward and to finish with 18 disposals, two tackles and six marks was a very good result.

"We call him Wayne after the South African tennis player."

Ferreira came to the Redlegs pre-season in between his commitments at the Darwin Wanderers in the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL), in the First XVIII at Rostrevor College and Northern Territory Thunder State under 18s program.

"Davin has played six games in the reserves this year and while he hasn't dominated, he showed that he is clean with excellent speed and agility," Warren said.

"Aerobically, he is top five in the club and mixed with excellent repeat efforts, he is difficult to match up on.

"He will be away for the next month with state duties, but he has shown he is good enough to play at League level and we will get him in again at some stage later in the year."

In the middle of March, he was a member of the Wanderers side that collected the 2014-15 Northern Territory Football League flag after being underdogs against St Marys, playing alongside Marlon, Shannon and Daniel Motlop, along with Central District star Eddie Stansbury.

While it wasn't as big as the late Tiwi Island legend David Kantilla's effort at Kensington Oval against Glenelg in 1961 when he made his dramatic entrance in to SANFL football, this performance by Davin Ferreira ranks a strong second.



Davin Ferreira gets away a kick in traffic in his SANFL debut game for Norwood against Sturt. Picture: Peter Argent

Such are the machinations of football, in his very next game of football, the Northern Territory under 18s opening fixture of the 2015 National Under-age Championships, he sustained an ankle injury in the opening five minutes at Southport Oval, on the Gold Coast.

Initial fears were that Ferreira had dislocated his ankle and would be sidelined for a long period.

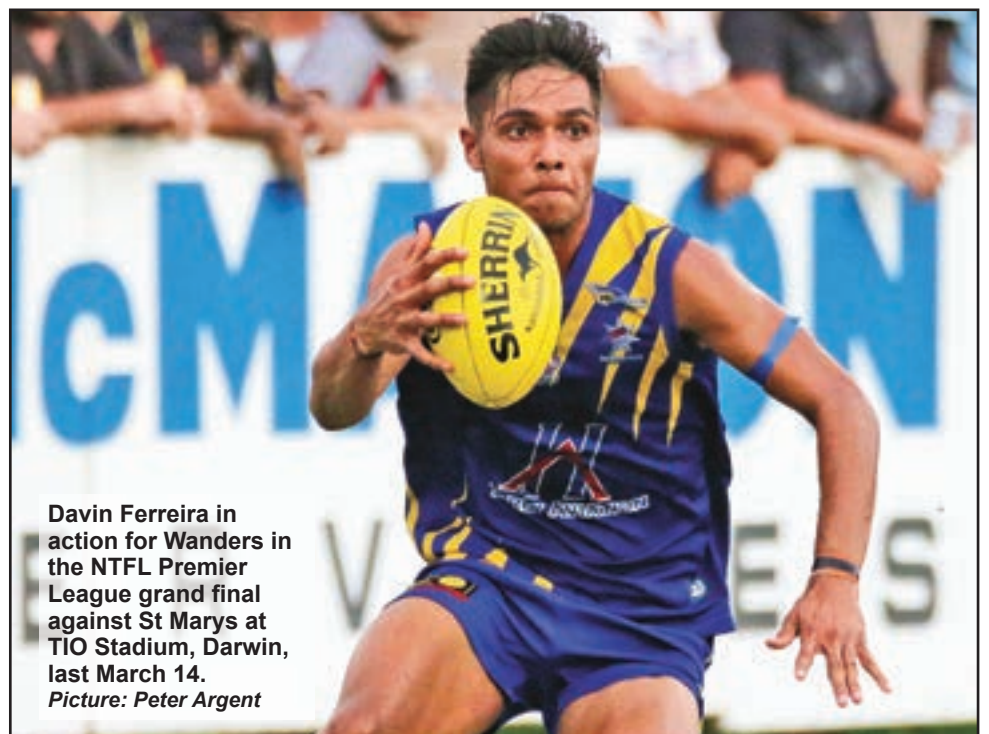
Northern Territory football manger Wally Gallio said the injury was nowhere near as bad as first thought and there was a chance he would play in the NT's final game.

'Super lad'

"Davin is a super lad, respectful, hardworking and a great all round package," Gallio said.

"His strengths as a footballer are his exhilarating pace, goal sense and ability to find the ball."

To top off his initial performance in SANFL company at Norwood, Ferreira collected the round 10 split-round nominations for the competition rookie of the year award, the Powerade Star Search trophy.



Davin Ferreira in action for Wanderers in the NTFL Premier League grand final against St Marys at TIO Stadium, Darwin, last March 14. Picture: Peter Argent



Drenched Kangaroo

North Melbourne's Lindsay Thomas was caught in the rain in Melbourne on May 31, and there was nothing he could do about it. Thomas was playing in the Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous Round against Collingwood at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Collingwood won 17.10 (112) to 14.11 (95). *Picture: Peter Argent*

ISQ entries flood in

By GRAHAM HUNT



ORGANISERS of the 2015 Indigenous Sport Awards have been inundated with nominations for regional winners.

In addition to the regular awards, headed by the Eddie Gilbert Medal for Queensland's best sportsman or woman, the awards this year will include regional winners from south-east Queensland, south-west Queensland, central Queensland, north Queensland, far north Queensland and north-west Queensland.

Indigenous Sport Queensland (ISQ) is inviting organisations and individuals to nominate people for the regional awards.

Other awards to be presented at the gala evening at the Brisbane City Hall on Friday, October 16, are the Catherine Freeman Junior Award, the Leigh Ann Goodwin Encouragement Award and the Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor's Volunteer Award.

The principal sponsor of the awards this year is the Brisbane City Council.

ISQ spokesman Wayne Coolwell said the awards this year were shaping up as the biggest yet.



2014 ISQ Catherine Freeman Encouragement Award joint winners William McDowell-White (left) and brother Darryl Jnr with ISQ chairman Wayne Coolwell. *Picture: Graham Hunt*

"I have received around 30 or more nominations and inquiries from far north Queensland, which is rather overwhelming," he said.

"It's definitely shaping up as our biggest event to date. We've

had nominations from athletes, volunteers, coaches etcetera from age 12 through to over 60."

Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk will present the Volunteer Award.

Organisers are expecting 180 people to attend. Tickets are \$80 for a three-course meal and beverages and a table of 10 will cost \$700.

There will be a performance by

the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts based on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander champions, with a focus on cricket legend Eddie Gilbert.

The Eddie Gilbert Medal is named after the great Queensland cricketer who once bowled Sir Donald Bradman for a duck.

The first ball Bradman faced from Gilbert knocked the bat out of his hands.

He edged the third ball to the wicketkeeper and was caught.

Bradman was said to have declared Gilbert the fastest bowler he had faced.

Gilbert became a Sheffield Shield bowler for Queensland in 1931. He played in 19 Shield matches and took 73 wickets at an average of 29.75.

It is said his Aboriginality probably prevented him from being considered for higher cricket honours.

He was bound by restrictions of the Protection of Aboriginal Act, meaning he had to obtain permission to travel from his Aboriginal settlement each time he played for Queensland.

Organisations and individuals wishing to nominate someone for an ISQ award should contact Wayne Coolwell on email (wayne.coolwell@caie.com.au) or mobile 0458 000 743.

He's now a Legend

By CHRIS PIKE



STEPHEN Michael's status as one of Western Australia's greatest footballers has been enhanced with the South

Fremantle Football Club naming him as one of their first eight Legends in its Hall of Fame.

Michael was inducted into the South Fremantle Hall of Fame in its first intake in 2011 in recognition of his stunning career with the Bulldogs where he was a superstar between 1975 and 1985, playing entirely in the WAFL with the one club.

He was one of 35 players initially inducted into the Hall of Fame on that night in 2011, along with WAFL and VFL premiership player the late Maurice Rioli, and he received another significant honour in recognition of his contributions at the 2015 ceremony on Saturday, June 20.

The occasion was South Fremantle's first Hall of Fame ceremony since that first one in 2011 and Michael was one of just eight players elevated to 'Legend' status, and the only Indigenous player, as he joined Frank 'Scranno' Jenkins, Clive Lewington, Bernie Naylor, Frank Treasure, Steve Marsh, John Todd and John Gerovich as Legends.

Michael is the most recent of those players and it was an easy choice for the club to elevate him as a Legend after his 243-game career that saw him win two Sandover Medals as the WAFL's best player, five club fairest and best awards, play in the 1980 grand final, and represent WA 17 times.

Michael is regarded by many as the best WA ruckman, and possibly footballer, that the state has produced since another

Indigenous champion, Graham 'Polly' Farmer – and the Hall of Fame night at Fremantle Oval was a night to remember for him and all involved.

Fittingly, the presentation of Michael into the Legend category was saved as the final act on the night in front of a sold-out room of 400 people at the ground that he made famous at the port.

Given South Fremantle's history as perhaps the greatest producer of Indigenous footballers in the country, it was only fitting that Michael was far from the only player with Aboriginal heritage to be honoured on the night.

Basil Campbell and Benny Vigona were two of South Fremantle's most popular players during a successful period in the late 1970s and early 1980s, with the pair playing together in the 1980 premiership victory against Claremont.

Good friends

The pair have always been good friends and fittingly, both made the trip to Perth from the Top End to be inducted into the Hall of Fame together.

Campbell was a powerhouse key position player whose bulk and strength made him an immovable object, while Vigona's pace, courage and skill made him a standout as did his white and red helmet he wore after coping some nasty head knocks.

Wally Matera is the older brother to two of West Coast's all-time great AFL players Peter and Phil, and had an outstanding career in his own right at South Fremantle in his 142 matches, three fairest and best awards and two years as captain while also playing in the VFL with Fitzroy and West Coast.

His oldest son Brandon flew in from the Gold Coast where he

is a player with the Suns in the AFL. Also in attendance was his other son Bailey, who is a current South Fremantle player and made his league debut in 2015.

Brad Collard was also inducted into the Hall of Fame in recognition for not only his outstanding playing career where he played 202 games, won a fairest and best and was captain for three years, but his recent service as a member of the coaching staff and spending four years as a director.

The presence of the likes of Michael, Rioli, Vigona, Campbell and Wally Matera in the Hall of Fame honours the contribution of the Indigenous players to the South Fremantle Football Club, but there are also some modern day greats who have come through the Bulldogs to start in the AFL.

While the club's Hall of Fame honours their contributions as players in the South Fremantle jumper, the Bulldogs have also produced some all-time modern AFL greats, including West Coast's Peter and Phil Matera, St Kilda's Nicky Winmar, Melbourne and Fremantle's Jeff Farmer, and Brisbane Lions premiership player Ash McGrath.

Ash's older brother Toby McGrath could very well find himself inducted in the next Hall of Fame induction at South Fremantle.

At present, Brownlow Medallist Brad Hardie is the most recently retired player who has been inducted and finished his career in 1993, so McGrath could be the next Indigenous star honours after his 234-game, dual premiership-winning career that saw him win Sandover and Simpson Medals.

Rioli looms as an obvious choice to be elevated to Legend status as well the next time South Fremantle hosts a Hall of Fame dinner.



● ABOVE: Stephen Michael with his latest award. He was inducted into South Fremantle's Hall of Fame in 2011 and now has been elevated to 'Legend' status.



● LEFT: Brad Collard, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding 202-game career and service as a member of the coaching staff and a club director.

● BELOW: Basil Campbell and Benny Vigona, who played together during the Bulldogs' successful period in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and were part of the 1980 premiership victory against Claremont. They were also inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Wally Matera and his family at the South Fremantle induction night.



Tough road to Canada



Kyah Simon celebrates after scoring against Brazil during FIFA Women's World Cup soccer game in Moncton, New Brunswick, on Sunday, June 21.
Picture: The Canadian Press



KYAH Simon, the player responsible for Australia's first-ever senior World Cup knockout-round win has come a long way since watching her teammates play in last year's Asian Cup on TV.

Simon spent more than a year out of action with a torn ACL after sustaining the injury in a friendly against the US in October 2013.

The injury ruled her out of the Matildas' runner-up finish in the Asian Cup and cast doubt over her career.

"When you watch the girls on TV at the Asian Cup and you know you should be there, it was pretty tough," she told Sky Sports Radio after scoring an 80th-minute goal to defeat Brazil 1-0 and progress to the quarterfinals of the Women's World Cup in Canada.

"It was a tough road and I think I definitely came out of the other side mentally tougher."

Matchwinner

Simon continued her tremendous tournament form on Monday of last week with a sidefooted volley into the open net past Brazilian goalkeeper Luciana to return Australia to their third-straight Cup quarterfinal.

It came directly after Luciana fumbled a shot by captain Lisa De Vanna, who had latched onto a fine Katrina Gorry pass.

"I kind of knew, wet conditions, it's a nightmare for 'keepers and they really on any day can fumble anything," Simon told Fox Sports.

"All I had in the back of my mind was to follow up given there was a fumble by the 'keeper."

"I was so lucky to be in the right place at the right time and pick up the 'keeper's scraps."

The 23-year-old started the tournament on the bench against the US, but went on to start against Nigeria before putting in another strong performance in Australia's 2-2 draw with Sweden.

Her effort against Brazil resulted in one of the biggest upsets of the tournament so far. — AAP

Hodgson, Fainga'a part of Australian train-on squad



MATT Hodgson and Saia Fainga'a are in a preliminary Wallaby rugby union squad

preparing for the match against South Africa in Brisbane on July 18.

Coach Michael Cheika said other players would be added to the train-on squad once their Super Rugby commitments were over.

The first intake includes players from Queensland, the Melbourne Rebels and the Western Force.

They will be joined by players from the NSW Waratahs and the ACT Brumbies.

Waratah star Kurtley Beale is almost certain to join the squad.

Selected players trained at Ballymore, Brisbane, last week ahead of their first official camp on July 5 at Caloundra, on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

Wallaby greets farewell young ambassadors



Participants in the 2015 Classic Wallabies Exchange were farewelled by high-profile rugby personalities at the Sydney Opera House before their departure for South

Africa. The personalities included, back row, from left, Taleena Simon, Gary Ella, Tanisha Stanton, Timana Tahu, John Eales and Jim Williams. Nick Farr Jones is in the middle of the second row. Tour organiser and 2014 tour member Tallisha Harden is at far left in the front row. The Classic Wallabies have established the Classic Wallabies Exchange Program in partnership with the Eidos Institute and with the support of Australian Volunteers International through the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) program. This scholarship includes a six-week AVID group volunteer assignment in a South African community-based organisation. To honour the opportunities that have been afforded to them by wearing the gold Wallabies jersey, the Classic Wallabies are dedicated to providing educational, social and cultural experiences to Indigenous young people who have distinguished themselves through academic excellence, leadership qualities and sporting prowess. Others at the Sydney Opera House farewell included Australian Rugby Union CEO Bill Pulver, Australian Volunteers International CEO Paul Bird and Eidos Institute and Classic Wallabies Exchange CEO Bruce Muirhead.



A future Olympian?



YOUNG
Mulinjali
(Beaudesert
area) warrior
Dana
Coolwell is

off to the Youth World Boxing Championships in St Petersburg, Russia, this year.

The 16-year-old Beerwah (Queensland Sunshine Coast hinterland) State High School Year 11 student is being touted as a future champion and is just one of six Australians chosen for the St Petersburg tournament that runs from September 2-13.

The International Boxing Association (AIBA) tournament will bring together the world's best young amateurs fighting in age divisions, with each division broken into weight divisions.

Dana will be fighting in the 15-16 years 46kg division – the tournament's lightest.

His trainer Steve Pitt, a Kabbi Kabbi man, opened his Sunshine Coast Hinterland Boxing Club in 2012 and a short time later Dana Coolwell walked in and said he would like to try his

hand at boxing after previously playing soccer and rugby league.

"He's a beauty – a great boxer and a great kid," Pitt, a former top amateur heavyweight, told the *Koori Mail*.

"He hasn't had the easiest life, but it's a tribute to him for the way he handles things."

Pitt believes he has a future Olympian on his hands.

Last year Dana won gold in the National Golden Gloves 46kg junior division and gold in the 48kg Queensland championships junior division.

This year he was a gold medallist in the Queensland and Australian junior 46kg divisions.

There are four Indigenous boys in Pitt's stable.

Pitt is a two-times Queensland heavyweight champion and won a silver medal at the Australian titles. He fought between 1999 and 2009.

He captained an Australian Indigenous team to Fiji in 2007 that included now rising professional boxer Cameron Hammond.



Dana Coolwell on the attack in the ring.

Disability game is on again



THE annual NSW Physical Disability Rugby League Association (NSWPDLA) representative

game will be played at Redfern Oval, Sydney, on July 12.

The best Indigenous players will join players from New Zealand and the Pacific islands in a team to take on the NSW Physical Disability Rugby League Association in a game starting at 10.30am to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

The teams will play for the Heritage Shield.

During the inaugural game last year at Redfern, the NSWPDLA All Stars took the honours, winning 28-16.

Ring-ins

The association was lucky enough to pick up a couple of former National Rugby League (NRL) stars.

Former Manly and Gold Coast player Ron Gibbs was the Ingenious Combined Nations coach. Rhys Wesser and Cliff Lyons – two Indigenous players of the past – also donned the boots for the Combined Nations.

This year, the game will have more significance as the NSW Physical Disability Rugby League Association will host the New Zealand Physical Disability Rugby League for the first time.

Mathew Ngametua – the founder of the game in NZ – will lace the boots for the second year for the Indigenous Combined



Combined Indigenous Nations captain Billy Bussell, right, holding the All Stars NSW Physical Disability Rugby League Association Indigenous Combined Nations trophy with All Star player George Tonna.

Nations. He will be joined by Sandra Hickey, a board member the NZPDRL.

They will be in Sydney to take back new ideas and to develop their game for a possibility of an international rugby league fixture against the Australia Physical disability rugby league team in 2016 and in the Rugby

League World Cup year being 2017.

Current player and South Sydney Captain for the NSWPDLA team and All Star rep George Tonna said he was honoured to have been part of last year's game.

"That was something that I will never forget," he said, "and I'm

looking forward to the 2016 clash."

Anyone who wants to get involved in this game or the NSWPDLA competition as a player or volunteer can contact George Tonna on 0402 773 045 or Che on 0403 997 552.

Or email: nswpdl@yahoo.com.au, or Facebook: NSW Physical Disability Rugby League

Fun run set for Sept 6



A FATHER'S
day fun run
will be held at
Centennial
Park, Sydney,
on Sunday,

September 6.

It is being organised by the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) and will feature some high-profile Indigenous people.

It is being billed as a fun, family-friendly, community event featuring 5km and 10km walk/run for people of all ages and abilities.

The event was launched last Wednesday at Redfern Park, Sydney, where Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) founder and director Rob de Castella announced other IMF Father's Day Warrior Fun Runs being organised by IMP graduates in Indigenous communities in South Australia, Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

The event is a major fundraiser for the IMF, a registered health promotion charity established in 2009 by world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella that uses running to promote health, drive social change and celebrate Indigenous resilience and achievement.

Danny Green wants another crack at Mundine



DANNY Green will fight Slovakian Tamas Kovacs in Melbourne in August, but the four-time world champion says a rematch with Anthony Mundine remains his 'end game'.

The 42-year-old announced the fight, his first since 2012, at Crown Casino in Melbourne last Wednesday, with the bout to take place at Hisense Arena on August 19.

Green said that he would have his hands full with the light-heavyweight, who has a

professional record of 26 wins and one loss, but getting Mundine back in the ring for a rematch of their 2006 bout remained the Perth boxer's goal.

"I'm his worst nightmare," Green said of Mundine.

"I'm the guy that he doesn't want to fight and I'm also the guy that Australia wants to see him fight.

"It's been simmering. It's been at the surface for a long time. He's stated that he's never going to fight me. He's stated that he is going to fight me – he's all over the shop.

"I think the public want to see that fight ... it's the only pay day that's out there on his radar. It's the biggest fight in this country that's on the horizon.

"It's a fight that's going to be exciting and is going to stop the nation."

Green, however, joked that it would probably take a 12-gauge shotgun to force Mundine back into the ring for a rematch of the bout that Green lost on a unanimous points decision in their only previous meeting.

Despite the lengthy absence from the

sport, Green, who has a 33-5 record, said that he had continued to spar regularly and hadn't lost his burning passion to compete.

He described a rematch against Mundine as "an itch that I need to scratch", and said that Kovacs' similar style to Mundine had been a factor in the selection process.

"He's got a lot of speed, he works off the left hand and he fights fairly similar to another guy we know in the country," Green said.

"So we're kind of angling towards that and we'll see how we go." – AAP

Eileen thrives on her new challenges

Story and pictures by GRAHAM HUNT



EILEEN Byers is half-way through her preparation for the New York Marathon and she can't believe the transformation she has experienced.

The 30-year-old mother of four from the small community of Coombell, south of Casino, on the NSW Northern Rivers, is a different woman from the one she was just a few months ago.

"I was overweight, unhappy and wasn't going anywhere," she told the *Koori Mail* at a fun run she organised at Casino last Wednesday.

Then she read in the *Koori Mail* that the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) was inviting Indigenous Australians to nominate for selection as a runner in the New York Marathon.

That was a turning point in her life.

She went to a try-out day at Coffs Harbour and much to her surprise, was selected by the IMP to continue down the path to New York.

Her coach Mick Rees said Eileen was unfit and had never been interested in running.

But the IMP chose her ahead of many other try-out candidates – all of whom were superior runners.

"I don't know what they saw in me, but I'm glad they chose me," Eileen told runners before they lined up for the Casino fun run at Queen Elizabeth Park.

She said she had tried various weight loss regimes, but none of them worked.

When preparing for her try-out, she began running – not far at first, but slowly increasing her distance.

She is at the stage where she can now run a half-marathon.

Her next challenge is the Gold Coast Half-Marathon this weekend.

After that, she will attend more IMP camps and will run in the Sydney City to Surf and her final hurdle will be a testing run in central Australia.

Her weight loss and improving condition aren't the only benefits that Eileen has experienced – she's more confident and outgoing.

From here on, life for Eileen is heading in one direction – north.



Eileen Byers at the fun run she organised at Casino.



IMP coach Mick Rees with fun run second-placed Karreel Avery, 15, of Casino, and the winner, Isaiah Freeburn, 12, of Casino.



Runners before the start of the Casino Fun Run.



Jonte Pattison in action for Australia A against India in Adelaide last summer.
Picture: Peter Argent

He's off to England



NSW Central Coast Indigenous cricketer Jonte Pattison has been named in the Australian under 19 team to tour England this month.

Leg-spinner Pattison is a member of the National Indigenous development squad.

Last season he played for Australia A in a couple of Test lead-up games against India.

Cricket Australia national talent manager Greg Chappell said the tour would provide valuable playing experience ahead of the 2015-16 summer.

"We made some changes from the team that performed strongly against England in Perth two months ago with an eye to the

World Cup early next year," he said.

"Some of those players were going to be too old for the World Cup, so we had earmarked this tour as the next opportunity to look at some others who could find themselves in contention for that tournament.

Opportunities galore

"A number of the players have had the chance in recent months to demonstrate their development at the National Cricket Centre in specialist activities like Spin Week, wicketkeeping camp, the under 19 squad camp and as part of the National Performance Squad.

"We're excited about the prospects of several of the group and certainly hope this

is a springboard for them to enjoy some success with their states and elsewhere in the coming Australian summer."

The squad departs on July 25 and returns on August 24. It will be coached by the CA high-performance coach and former England batsman Graeme Hick and former Queensland fast bowler and Indian bowling coach Joe Dawes, who is also assisting the Commonwealth Bank Southern Stars on their Ashes tour.

Family ties

Australian Cricket's strong representative 'family ties' have received further reinforcement with the inclusion in the 15-man squad of Queensland wicketkeeper Tom Healy, son of Test legend

Ian, Victorian gloveman Sam Harper, the nephew of former Victorian batsman Laurie, and Tasmanian batsman Jake Doran, younger brother of Sydney Sixers spinner Luke.

It follows the recent selection of the Australian under 16 squad containing Austin Waugh (son of Steve) and Will Sutherland (son of CA boss James), and dovetails with the current Australian Ashes squad which has Shaun and Mitch Marsh following in their father Geoff's footsteps.

The Australian under 19 squad has been selected with an eye to next year's ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup in Bangladesh and includes several graduates from last year's Australian under 16 side and under 17 championship selection.

Christian to play English T20 season with Notts Outlaws

INDIGENOUS Australian all-rounder Dan Christian will join Notts Outlaws for the remainder of the English NatWest T20 Blast.

The 32-year-old, a limited-overs specialist, is a replacement for West Indian Darren Sammy, whose four-game stint as an Outlaw ended ahead of the Caribbean Premier League at Trent Bridge, Nottingham.

Notts director of cricket Mick Newell said: "I keep saying that, particularly with international call-ups and injuries around, we need to be as strong as we can be.

"So, with an overseas vacancy available

to us following Darren's departure to the CPL, and knowing of Dan's availability as we have for some time, it was an easy decision to bring him in.

"He's someone that tends to score his runs quickly and he also provides a very good option with the ball, which you need plenty of in T20 cricket."

An aggressive batsman and medium-pace seamer, Christian has made 34 limited-overs appearances for Australia.

He has also travelled the world playing T20 cricket, representing Indian Premier League franchises Deccan Chargers and Royal Challengers Bangalore, and spells in

county cricket with Hampshire, where he won the Friends Life T20 in 2010, and Middlesex.

Christian has played 146 domestic sprint-format matches, hitting 1991 runs at an average of 20.11 while also taking 122 wickets.

"Dan is a very aggressive and entertaining batsman to add to our line-up and also one that has lots of know-how in how to read the game and pace an innings," Newell said.

"He also has lots of experience, particularly in T0, and I know he's very keen to pass that on to our

young players, which is important.

"Darren Sammy certainly did that and I'm sure Dan Christian will do likewise."

Christian will join compatriot Ben Hilfenhaus as the Outlaws' overseas players in the Blast.

He said: "I am thrilled to be joining Nottinghamshire and I hope I can help the boys and contribute across the board in their remaining matches of the NatWest T20 campaign.

"Notts are a great county and I am honoured to be joining them. When Mick got in touch to see if I was keen, I didn't think twice and I jumped at the opportunity."



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Australian forward Kyah Simon, centre, and goalkeeper Lydia Williams, right, celebrate the Matildas' victory over Brazil in their 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup round of 16 match at Moncton Stadium, New Brunswick, Canada, on June 21. Picture: AFP

Our women star as Matildas bow out



THEIR Women's World Cup soccer dreams may have ended last Sunday, but Indigenous Matildas Kyah Simon and Lydia Williams can hold their heads high.

A heartbreaking last-minute quarterfinal goal gave Japan a 1-0 victory to finish Australia's hopes in what has been a solid tournament for the Matildas.

Simon, a midfielder/striker, and goalkeeper Williams played

significant parts in the Matildas' march towards the World Cup finals.

After losing 3-1 to the United States in their opening game, the Australian women bounced back to beat Nigeria 2-0, with Simon scoring both goals.

They then drew 2-all with Sweden.

In their next game, the Matildas beat Brazil 1-0, with Simon again being the scorer.

Goalkeeper Williams brought off an amazing save in that game.

Coach Alen Stajcic saluted Simon following the historic triumph over Brazil. Her 80th-minute goal settled the contest and returned Australia to their third straight Cup quarterfinal.

Stajcic said competition for places had relegated Simon to the bench against Brazil.

Rebounding volley

But after replacing Michelle Heyman on the hour mark, the Sydney FC striker made sure her presence was felt with a

rebounding volley after Lisa De Vanna's shot was spilled.

Stajcic said he was one of the last to react to the goal.

"I didn't actually jump until I saw the net rattle, I just wanted to make sure," he said.

"She certainly had to work hard to get there, it wasn't an easy tap in.

"A magic moment like that gets us through to the quarterfinal ... that's what makes great players, and Kyah Simon is a great player."

The final whistle in Moncton

announced Australia's first knockout win from any senior team at a World Cup and brought wild celebrations from the Matildas.

The win returned the Matildas to the last eight of the World Cup for the third straight time and the first with a knockout win after the expansion of the Women's World Cup in 2015.

But reigning world champions Japan dominated last Sunday's quarterfinal and deserved to win through. — with AAP

● **Kyah Simon's tough road to Canada – see page 88**