



Koori Mail

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS NEWSPAPER – 100% ABORIGINAL-OWNED 100% SELF-FUNDING

EDITION 607

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015

PUBLISHED SINCE 1991

Phone: (02) 66 222 666

www.koorimail.com

Recommended price \$2.50 (GST-inclusive)



These Gumatj boys added a red V and the number 37 to their traditional paint in a show of support for Sydney Swans AFL star Adam Goodes at the Garma Festival in Arnhem Land earlier this month.
Picture: Melanie Dove, Yothu Yindi Foundation

Our mob stares down racism



THE outpouring of support for embattled Sydney Swans star Adam Goodes came from all over the country.

On July 26, playing against the West Coast Eagles in Perth, Goodes was booed by the

crowd every time he touched the ball.

Swans player Lewis Jetta, a Noongar man originally from Western Australia, had finally had enough. Jetta performed a war dance taught to him by the under 16 representative side the Flying Boomerangs in support of Goodes.

The subsequent international furore and intense scrutiny saw Goodes take a week off from the Swans.

Support came from the Top End, at the Garma Festival, where dancers added Goodes' jersey number 37 to their traditional body paint.

Messages of support also came from a huge cross section of society.

Goodes returned to the field against the Geelong Cats on Sunday, playing in front of a respectful crowd.

- See pages 6-7 for our coverage
- Eastwood's view, page 20

● **Ceduna community signs off on welfare card trial – page 3**

INSIDE



Millions to fund dialysis clinics

● Page 8



Story of creation is in the stars

● Page 13



Sandow joins the pack at Wolves

● Page 69



Jett signs on for Formula Ford

● Page 69

My FAMILY Sabrina Ase – Mapoon, Qld



From left, Eshtamoa Ase (Sabrina's sister), Jeremy Barkley (Sabrina's nephew), Sabrina Ase and bub Skylar Rose Ase, partner Laskem Samuel and Sabrina's mother Sandra Ase.

I'm holding the baby in this picture. She is Skylar Rose Ase and I'm Sabrina Ase. I've lived all my life in Mapoon (far north Queensland) and I'm a traditional owner of the country.

I had a traineeship to complete a Certificate III in Business, but now I'm a stay-at-home mum. Skylar's father comes from Yam Island, in the Torres Strait.

My mum Sandra is the local housing officer for the council.

We just like to stay at home and watch TV or movies.

We do go fishing and swimming in the waterholes here. We go for the whole day as a family, light a fire and hopefully catch some fish.

My biggest hope is for my baby girl to get a good education.

Also in the picture is my sister Eshtamoa Ase and my nephew Jeremy Barkley. I hope they don't get distracted and follow the wrong people.

I just want my family to be strong. I want my younger siblings to have a good life.

— As told to Christine Howes

OUR CHILDREN



MEMBERS of the Boodjar Bidi Dance Troupe from Guildford Grammar School perform at the launch of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day at the Swan Children and Family Centre in Stratton, Perth. More Children's Day photos and stories on pages 26-28.

Share your family with our readers

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

Koori Mail

Postal Address

PO Box 117, Lismore, NSW, 2480

Street Address

11 Molesworth Street, Lismore, 2480

Telephone (02) 66 222 666; Fax (02) 66 222 600

STAFF

General Manager: Steve Gordon – manager@koorimail.com

Editor: Rudi Maxwell – editor@koorimail.com

Advertising: advertising@koorimail.com

Accounts: accounts@koorimail.com

Subscriptions: subs@koorimail.com

Advertising Rates

\$18.00 (+ GST) a column centimetre casual rate (discounts available for multiple bookings). Spot and full colour available.

Advertising Format

Page Size: 38cm deep x 26cm wide

7 columns per page

Single column size 35mm • 2.5mm space between columns

Advertising Deadlines

Bookings 5pm on the Wednesday prior to publication.

Material 5pm Thursday prior to publication.

Koori Mail on The Web: www.koorimail.com

Complete details of editorial and jobs advertised in the *Koori Mail* can be accessed through the State Library of NSW's INFOKOOI service.

INFOKOOI site address

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/infokoori>

The *Koori Mail* is published by Budsoar Pty Ltd and printed by SpotPress, 26 Lillian Fowler Place, Marrickville NSW 2204.

The Aboriginal flag is reproduced in the *Koori Mail* by permission of its author, Harold Thomas.

The *Koori Mail* is owned equally by Nungera Co-operative (Maclean), Bundjalung Tribal Society (Lismore), Kurrachee Co-operative (Coraki), Buyinbin Co-operative (Casino) and Bunjum Co-operative (Cabbage Tree Island), all on the NSW north coast.

Items published in *Koori Mail* may be reproduced by Budsoar Pty Ltd on our website – www.koorimail.com

KOORI MAIL – 100% ABORIGINAL-OWNED 100% ABORIGINAL-CONTROLLED

82-year-old wins Telstra award



WANGKAJUNGA artist Jukuja Dolly Snell (pictured), from Fitzroy Crossing in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, has taken out Australia's most prestigious Indigenous art prize, the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA), with her painting *Kurtal* (right). The 82-year-old, who only started painting in her 40s, is \$50,000 richer for her success. Five other winners were also named at the awards, presented last Friday at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in Darwin. See our awards coverage on pages 36-38. Pictures: Jillian Mundy



Card trial at Ceduna



THE South Australian community of Ceduna will be the first to trial a controversial cashless welfare quarantining card. An agreement was signed last week to authorise the card's launch in February 2016 by Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation chief executive officer Michael Haynes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister Alan Tudge and Ceduna Mayor Allan Suter.

Participants in the trial will receive a mainstream everyday debit card, which will be connected to the Visa, MasterCard or EFTPOS platform. It will be able to be used anywhere for the purchase of anything, except alcohol and gambling products.

The proposal is a watered-down version of mining billionaire Andrew Forrest's 'Healthy Welfare' card idea, which recommended quarantining all social security payments.

Under the trial, 80% of a person's social security payments will be placed

into a debit card account. The remaining 20% will be placed into a recipient's existing bank account.

Mr Tudge said all working-age income-support recipients in the Ceduna region will be part of the trial and receive the card and that two-thirds of those affected are Aboriginal. Aged pensioners and workers may volunteer to opt-in. He said the aim of the year-long trial was to reduce "welfare-fuelled alcohol and drug abuse" in the community.

Address issues

Mr Haynes said he hoped the card would help address issues around alcohol and drugs.

"For far too long, members of our community have been dying," he said. "There's alcohol-fuelled violence, domestic violence and people have been misusing their money. The community discussed all these issues and thought we need to change things for the better."

However, Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues Rachel Siewert said quarantining 80% of income support would make life harder for people who

were already struggling.

"Taking a punitive, top-down approach that removes people's decision-making capacity doesn't work," she said.

"We know from evaluations that income management hasn't delivered results, the 'healthy welfare' card is a continuation of this approach."

"Limiting access to cash will severely restrict the ability to budget and decision making."

"This is an unrealistic measure thought up by an out-of-touch billionaire and it needs to be abandoned."

"Addressing issues like alcohol abuse and gambling requires a range of measures and wrap-around supports."

Mr Tudge said that in 2013-14, presentations to the hospital emergency department in Ceduna due to alcohol or drug use exceeded 500 – more than one a day.

"The local sobering-up facility had a staggering 4667 admissions that same year from a regional population of 4425," he said.

The Government will now introduce legislation to authorise a 12-month trial.



Need a good place to stay for a while?

Finding a safe, comfortable place to stay when you need medical treatment can be difficult.

Aboriginal Hostels operates medical hostels around the country offering accommodation for Indigenous people who need to be away from home to access medical treatment, renal dialysis, or antenatal and postnatal care for mothers.

If you need to live away from home to access medical care – you'll always feel welcome with us.

For more information and a full list of AHL locations, visit us at ahl.gov.au



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited



ABORIGINAL
HOSTELS LIMITED

STAY WELL
WITH
AHL

CAAMA celebrates with Big Rivers

TO celebrate 35 years of recording and promoting Aboriginal music, CAAMA (Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association) Music will host the Big Rivers Community Festival at Katherine in the Top End on August 15.

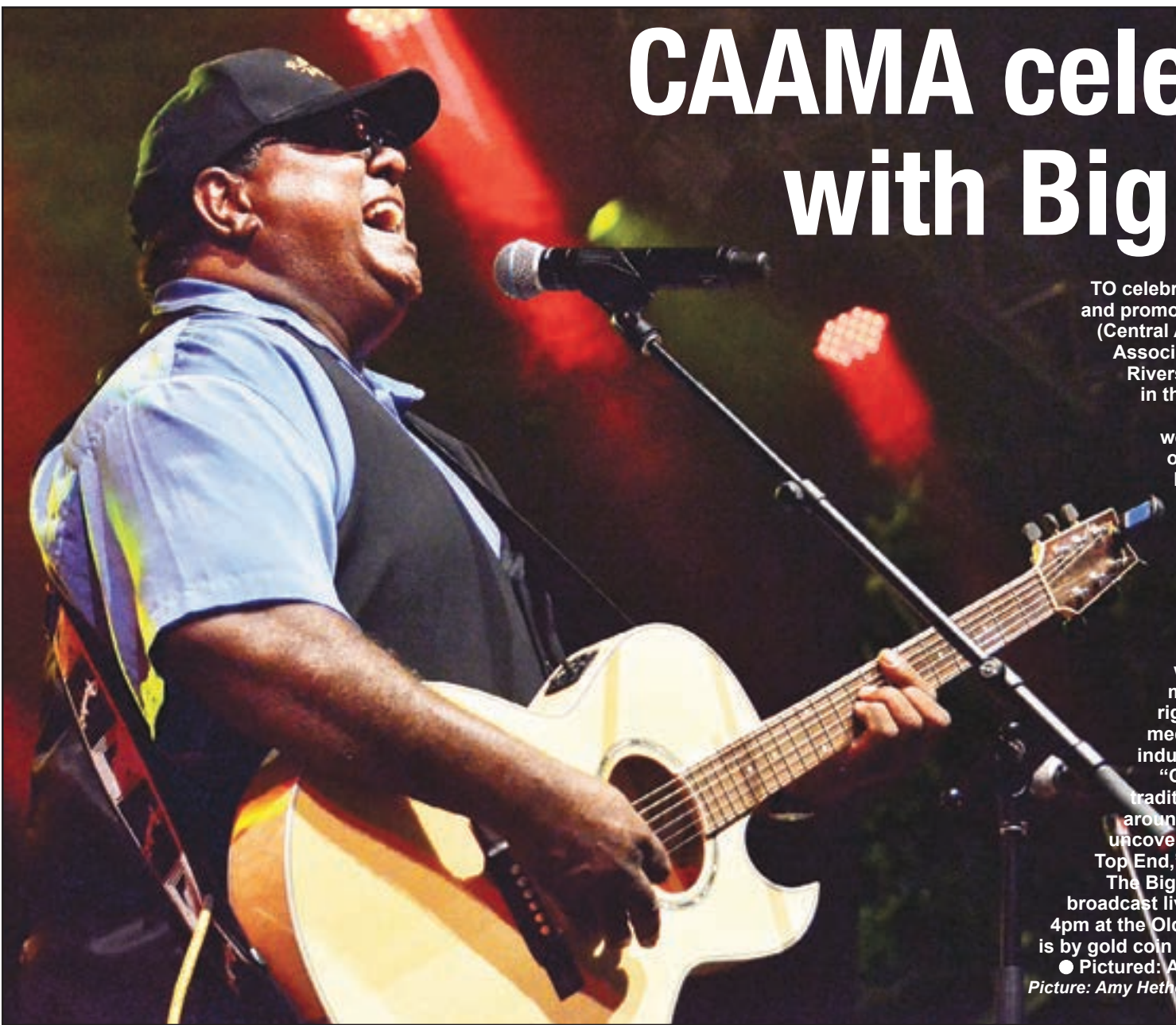
Headlined by Blekbala Mujik, who were recently inducted into the Hall of Fame at the National Indigenous Music Awards, the festival will also feature Bininj (Croker Island), Mambali (Numbulwar), Wakal Bengkunh (Wadeye), NT Express (Numbulwar), Grant Thompson (Ngukurr) and Lazy Late Boys (Daguragu and Kalkaringi).

CAAMA Music manager Micheal Smith said the bands would also receive two days of mentoring in music business, rights and royalties, stagecraft and media interviews from NT music industry representatives.

"CAAMA Music has had a long tradition of supporting bands from all around the NT, and are excited to now be uncovering a new crop of talent from the Top End," he said.

The Big Rivers Community Festival will be broadcast live on CAAMA Radio and held from 4pm at the Old Tick Markets in Katherine. Entry is by gold coin donation.

● Pictured: Apaak Miller from Blekbala Mujik.
Picture: Amy Hetherington, MusicNT



Koori Mail

ABN: 19 053 994 915

SUBSCRIPTION FORM 2015

Have *The Koori Mail* – Australia's National Indigenous Newspaper – delivered to your home or office for one year for **ONLY \$85** (25 editions)

OR

SAVE WITH A TWO-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION

Take out a two-year subscription (50 copies) or have two papers mailed to the same address for one year (25 editions) for **ONLY \$155**.

Renewal: ☐ New Subscription: ☐ Invoice Me: ☐

Enclosed is \$..... for ☐ One year ☐ Two years to one address ☐ Two papers to same address for one year

Money Order enclosed ☐ Cheque enclosed ☐

Please charge my Credit Card: AMEX ☐ MASTER CARD ☐ VISA ☐
(PLEASE TICK APPLICABLE CARD)

Card Expiry Date: / /

Name of Card Holder:

DISCOUNTED BULK SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Fax:

Signature:

Contact Name:

Email:

Contact Phone No:

Mail your completed form to:

Subscription Officer

Koori Mail Newspaper

PO Box 117 Lismore NSW 2480

PH: 02 66 222 666 (ext 3) Fax: 02 66 222 600 Email: subs@koorimail.com

Please photocopy this form for your tax records.

Prices quoted include GST (\$85 - Incl GST \$7.73 and \$155 - Incl GST \$14.09).

This will be a TAX INVOICE FOR GST when payment is made.

Concern over dust disease



THE NSW Government announced last week that it will wind up the

Dust Diseases Board as part of their restructure to workers compensation.

The board was established in 1926 and acted as an independent arbiter in awarding claims to victims of asbestos exposure and their families.

Dr Ray Jones, who has worked with Aboriginal families affected by the Baryulgil mine near Grafton for many years, said the board was the only place Aboriginal people could go

to get any sort of help.

"It provided them with a place to go and seek advice and help and some financial assistance, although it was pathetically small amounts of money," he said.

Dr Jones said the Baryulgil asbestos mine was "a sad chapter in Australia's history".

"Cancers"

"Inevitably they all (the workers) got asbestos-related diseases," he said. "The families and children who played in the dust and tailings are still getting illness as a result of exposure 40 years ago ... Middle-aged

adults are still getting cancers."

Dr Jones said the compensation fund set up by James Hardie, the company that owned the Baryulgil mine, never flowed through to the people affected and only ever paid "lip service" to victims and families.

He said the Dust Diseases Board had a role to play in supporting affected families.

Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union NSW secretary Tim Ayres was scathing about the government's decision.

"(NSW Premier) Mike Baird has delivered a kick in the guts to victims of asbestos exposure and their families," he said.

Dhu inquest later this year



THE family of an Aboriginal woman who died in West Australian police custody may finally get the answers they seek about

her final days.

Julieka Dhu, 22, died on August 4 last year after being held at the South Hedland Police Station because she reportedly owed about \$1000 in unpaid fines. Police said at the time that, after complaining of feeling ill,

she was taken to hospital three times and died on the final visit.

A two-week inquest into her death will be heard by State Coroner Ros Fogliani from November 23 to December 4.

Ms Dhu's family has put the WA Government under constant pressure to investigate what happened to her, holding rallies across Australia, including last week, to mark the anniversary of her death.

Premier Colin Barnett promised at a rally in October to

do more about Aboriginal deaths in custody soon after being mobbed by protesters on the steps of the Parliament.

"I will do that. You then judge me on whether I succeed or not, but I give you that commitment," Mr Barnett said.

The Premier met with Ms Dhu's family earlier this year in South Hedland, where they visited the cell where she was held before she died, and he promised to make the findings of any inquest public. – AAP

PM condemned for recognition stance

By RUDI MAXWELL, with AAP



PRIME Minister Tony Abbott has been roundly condemned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people for rejecting Indigenous conventions on constitutional recognition.

Mr Abbott and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten met with 40 prominent Indigenous people at an invitation-only summit at Kirribilli House to discuss constitutional recognition in July.

The proposal for Indigenous conventions was made to Mr Abbott following the summit by National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Kirstie Parker, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues chair Megan Davis, Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition co-chair Patrick Dodson and Cape York Partnership founder Noel Pearson.

In a letter published by News Corp Australia, Mr Abbott said: "My anxiety about a separate Indigenous process is that it jars with the notion of finally substituting 'we' for 'them and us'.

"The risk with an Indigenous-only – or even an Indigenous-first – process is that it might produce something akin to a log of claims that is unlikely to receive general support."

Mr Abbott said that both the Indigenous and general community positions needed to form an accord in order for a successful referendum, which he has suggested for 2017, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the successful 1967 referendum to include Indigenous people in the Census.

Ms Parker told the *Koori Mail* that the group hadn't given up hope of convincing Mr Abbott to change his mind.

"It was disappointing because it took us no further down the road than the statement that he and Mr Shorten made after the summit on July 6, when he spoke about a general community process but gave little oxygen to the requests that those Aboriginal representatives had made," she said.

"It indicates either that they didn't truly hear what we said, or the Prime Minister doesn't appreciate how important it is that our people – who this whole referendum is really about – do have a right to express what they think of it all.

"I should also point out that Mr Shorten has supported the Indigenous process we suggested and encouraged the Prime Minister to do the same, as have the Greens."

At the Garma Festival in Gulkula, north-east Arnhem Land, the news of Mr Abbott's rejection was met with dismay by panellists speaking on constitutional recognition, including Mr Dodson,



Patrick Dodson: "This is about fixing up a 200-year-old problem where we've been the playthings of governments, the playtools of every policy that has been made; every way in which we've been treated, we've been the playtools of whoever's been in power without any guidance about how those powers should be."

Mr Pearson, Professor Marcia Langton and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

Prof Langton slammed Mr Abbott for his "lack of leadership".

"Australians have a choice when this referendum is held and it is this: Do you want Aboriginal cultures to survive, or do you not want Aboriginal cultures to survive?" she said.

"The Prime Minister is trying to wrangle his own problems. The members of his own party don't like the way his office is run.

"He is not going to provide leadership when the AFL thugs – especially those from West Coast Eagles and the commentators who attacked Adam Goodes – can stir up so much hatred so quickly.

"Those people vote for the Liberals and the National Party. They're the tradies who turn up with their eskies and who like nothing better than to show each other how racist and sexist they are.

"We can't expect leadership from that camp in those circumstances, so therefore it is

up to all those good Australians who understand the enormity of this issue to stand with us and be the leaders."

Mr Gooda said he felt he was the textbook definition of insanity, repeating the same action and hoping for a different result in pushing for proper engagement of Indigenous people by the Government.

"I feel like going and curling up in the foetal position under the doona, because I don't know

"We're holding firm on the need for an Indigenous process. It was important when we wrote to Mr Abbott and Mr Shorten and it's still important now, irrespective of the Prime Minister's initial response."

– National Congress co-chair Kirstie Parker

what to do now," he said.

Mr Pearson said it was not for mainstream Australia to confer recognition upon Indigenous people, but for Indigenous people to decide whether that type of recognition was something they wanted.

"The Prime Minister harbours a reservation that we could go through a set of Indigenous conferences and come up with



Marcia Langton: "Australians have a choice when this referendum is held and it is this: Do you want Aboriginal cultures to survive, or do you not want Aboriginal cultures to survive?"

something that is hard-headed, politically realistic but also faithful to the history of Indigenous advocacy for recognition that is at least a century old," he said.

"We are burdened with a history of assumption that our mob can never unite and will never unite."

Mr Dodson said symbolism throughout the process was important.

"Symbolism is not a Disneyland concept here. It's

actually a fairly vital set of words that may have other sorts of consequences," he said.

"This is about fixing up a 200-year-old problem where we've been the playthings of governments, the playtools of every policy that has been made; every way in which

we've been treated, we've been the playtools of whoever's been in power without any guidance about how those powers should be."

Ms Parker said she was concerned that Mr Abbott's comments could mean potential disenchantment of Indigenous people.

"It's already unfortunate that the political gaze is only really

now being turned to our communities on this, so it's even more important that we get it right now," she said.

"We're holding firm on the need for an Indigenous process. It was important when we wrote to Mr Abbott and Mr Shorten and it's still important now, irrespective of the Prime Minister's initial response.

"It would be bizarre for Australia to make a decision about something so consequential without asking us first and comprehensively. I don't know many people at all who would be satisfied with a shallow process.

"We're not giving up on government support. I think we can make a persuasive argument for this process and there are plans to meet again with the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader. In the meantime we have had early discussions with a range of corporates and we've had approaches from everyday Australians who say, 'I don't have much to give but I'll give what I can because I think this is fundamental.'

"That's really lovely, but I wouldn't want to see a situation where government abrogated its responsibilities to support Indigenous expression on this issue and fund everyone but us to have a say. That is unacceptable. Indeed, it's offensive."

● Editorial, page 20

Hero Adam Goodes

Support for a great Australian

FOLLOWING the Sydney Swans' game against the West Coast Eagles, in which Adam Goodes was booed every time he touched the ball, more than 200 organisations, including the *Koori Mail*, joined together to call for renewed efforts to stamp out racism in sport and everyday life. The statement follows...

For too long, we have witnessed the poor treatment of Sydney Swans star and dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes at the hands of fans during AFL matches. A proud ambassador of the 'Racism. It Stops with Me' campaign, Goodes is a strong advocate for standing up against racism and for issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The booing, which has snowballed out of control this year since Goodes proudly displayed his culture during the AFL Indigenous Round, appears to be in large part racially motivated.

Adam Goodes is an outstanding Australian and should be commended for displaying a culture all Australians should celebrate and be proud of, and for taking a courageous stance



Race Discrimination Commissioner Tim Soutphommasane, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Kirstie Parker and ANTaR national director Andrew Meehan at the launch of a joint statement in support of Adam Goodes.

against racism. The behaviour of the crowd that booed him is absolutely unacceptable and must stop.

To dismiss claims of racism as just banter is to use football as a shield for prejudice. Legitimate barracking for one's team is a tradition that has been alive as long as the game itself, but when such behaviour coincides with

cultural displays and Goodes' efforts to stop racism, it is clear that a line has been crossed to racial abuse.

Deeply disturbing

To suggest that this kind of behaviour does not have an effect is to deny the evidence about the known health impacts of racism. These are not diminished simply

because the person being subjected to racial abuse is an elite athlete. It is deeply disturbing that this kind of racism may influence whether a player decides to take the field for one match or is forced out of the game for good.

If this isn't stamped out, then we must ask what message this sends to future generations of

Australians about the forms of behaviour that we find acceptable in this country. And what message does it send to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about their culture, and what they can expect should they want to excel in sport or other fields?

It is a great stain on our nation that the experience of Adam Goodes is the lived experience of many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and there is ample evidence that demonstrates the negative impact on mental and physical health, as well as life opportunities.

Racism has no place in Australian sport or our society at large. We commend the actions that have been taken inside and out of the AFL, but call on all sports and sporting clubs to develop coherent and far reaching strategies in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to stamp out racism in sport.

As a starting point, codes and clubs should encourage members and supporters to join the 'Racism. It Stops with Me' campaign at <https://itstopswithme.humanrights.gov.au>

Fight to educate people goes on

THERE will always be racism in our world. We all pre-judge people based on their looks and the way they act. This is the very basis of prejudice and racism.

We can all fall into the trap of making generalisations and reinforcing stereotypes.

All of the above can be attributed to ignorance and a lack of understanding.

In standing up to this form of bias, we can respond through education and a genuine attempt at reconciliation.

This does not work, however, if there is entrenched bigotry and hatred.

In the recent case of Adam Goodes, he has once again risen above the issue and sacrificed his personal needs to point the debate in a positive direction and to make our society a better place for us all.

He is a leader and deserves our unqualified support.

The one thing that has angered me most in this whole issue is the way that Adam has been portrayed in certain parts of the media.

In the incident where he called out the spectator for using racist abuse he went out of his way to protect the young girl involved.

Yet some commentators have condemned him for making the girl a victim.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The same applies to his war dance in the AFL Indigenous Round where he immediately clarified that it



Preston Campbell

was a dance of pride in his culture and identity in support of the young Flying Boomerangs side.

Comments about it being aggressive and intimidatory were way off the mark.

These are the real elements of racist reinforcement that need to be challenged.

Let us also not forget that certain elements of our own community criticised Adam when he accepted the Australian of the Year award.

Adam is also a victim of the tall poppy syndrome in this.

We all like to tear down somebody who challenges us.

The fight to educate people as we confront racism continues.

Like the majority of fair-minded Australians, I stand alongside Adam Goodes in this battle.

Former NRL star Preston Campbell is a *Koori Mail* columnist



Spectators, including Gracelyn Smallwood, second from left, at the Cowboys versus Raiders NRL game in Townsville showed their support for Adam Goodes.

Different code, but the same strong backing

By ALF WILSON



SPECTATORS at the North Queensland Cowboys versus Canberra Raiders National Rugby League game in Townsville on August 1 were among people around the country to come out in support of Sydney Swans AFL star Adam Goodes. It may have been a rival code, but the message was the same. One of the signs read 'We

have A Dam Goode Reason to be Proud'.

Goodes took a week off from playing with the Sydney Swans after continual booing by opposition crowds.

Last year's NAIDOC Person of the Year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood said support for Goodes had been demonstrated at sporting events around the country.

"We were in unity at Cowboys, with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in this country who want race

relations put back on the table, not just during NAIDOC Week," she said.

"We want Adam Goodes to stay in the code, as he has much support and is a role model for our children. We want him to never give up, as our people have suffered racism for over 200 years.

"This country has had a conspiracy of silence of the dreadful persecution, our First Nations Australians have suffered. We cannot just reconcile without the true history."

faces down racism

Adam Goodes, with trademark mouthguard, and Sydney Swans teammate Lewis Jetta during last Saturday night's AFL game against Geelong.



By RUDI MAXWELL



ON July 26, Adnyamathanha man Adam Goodes ran onto the field at Domain Stadium in Perth to do his job – to play in the Australian Football League for the Sydney Swans against the West Coast Eagles.

Goodes was relentlessly booed every time he touched the ball, bringing to a head the aggressively racist behaviour he has been subjected to since he pointed to a fan who was racially abusing him in a game against Collingwood two years ago.

Against the Eagles, Swans player Lewis Jetta, a Noongar man originally from Western Australia, had finally had enough. The abuse of his brother was too much.

In the fourth quarter, Jetta performed a war dance after kicking a goal. The same war dance that he and Goodes had been taught by the under 16 Flying Boomerangs squad and Goodes had performed in this year's Indigenous Round.

And Australia lost its head.

Suddenly, dozens of (mainly white) sports commentators and media columnists were experts on how non-racist it was to repeatedly boo a strong Aboriginal man who was named Australian of the Year for his stance against racism and his deep commitment to community service.

The intensity and ferocity became too much for Goodes, who took a week off and kept his head down, saying nothing in public.

But the rest of the country had plenty to say.

Sydney coach John Longmire said it was wrong to assume Goodes wasn't affected by the booing despite his recent good form.

"He's a very strong individual and he's able to go about his business on a week-to-week basis," Longmire said.

"But sometimes we can all assume it doesn't hurt him, and it does."

Goodes had previously spoken out about

the booing and also suggested the subject should be ignored to starve of it publicity – but the topic had taken on a life of its own.

"We've tried to deal with it to this point, but it hasn't worked," Longmire said.

A meeting was convened between representatives of the Swans, the AFL and the AFL Players' Association, which Sydney football general manager Tom Harley described as productive.

"What was absolutely unequivocal was the fact that the key players being the Swans, the AFL and certainly the Players' Association are all of the same view – that we've had enough and this behaviour that's directed towards Adam has to stop," Harley said.

He said the Swans felt the booing had racial connotations, but stopped short of branding the culprits as racist.

Dance celebrations

Harley said the Swans were proud of Lewis Jetta in his war dance goal celebrations in support of Goodes, but wondered whether the current climate might deter other Indigenous players from taking a similar stand.

"We're talking about, in my personal view, a player in Adam who has probably done more for the game than anyone in the past 20 years," Harley said.

"He's won two Brownlow Medals, he's the games record holder at this club and he's been treated the way he is at the moment.

"If you're young Indigenous players, do you think you're going to put your head up at the moment and stand up?"

"Probably not."

Support for Goodes flowed from all walks of life, with Indigenous, political, sporting, arts and business people making statements of support.

The *Koori Mail* received letters, poems and messages about Goodes, including hundreds of Facebook messages, most of which were overwhelmingly supportive.

At the Garma Festival in north-east Arnhem

Land, dancers painted up adding Goodes' jersey number 37 to their traditional decorations.

The Australia Day Council, too, released a statement decrying the treatment of Goodes and surrounding furore.

Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association chief executive Vince Coulthard said Goodes had the support of his people.

"We believe Adam's only crime is that he was born black and he has stood up against racism that is rife in this country," Mr Coulthard said.

"Adam is one of our people. He is an Adnyamathanha man and we fully support him. I (recently) spoke to him and he is feeling very down over the actions of the supporters over the past weeks and it is really taking its toll on him.

"Some people have said this is not racism, but as an Aboriginal person I can tell you that is exactly what it is.

"It is happening every day to Aboriginal people across the country and it is time it was stopped. The haka (a Maori war dance) is done all over the world, and this cultural dance should be given the same respect. It is no different.

"This country needs to celebrate our culture instead of attacking someone who stands up proudly for his culture."

Goodes returned to training after a week's respite and then played last Saturday in Geelong, against the Cats.

Geelong won 14.11 (95) to Sydney 9.9 (63).

Longmire said the crowd's positive response was a fantastic result after a tough couple of weeks for Goodes, who was keen to have the focus back on his footy.

"I hope that the whole football world and community in general can just focus on the good things in footy," Longmire said. – with AAP

● Editorial, page 20

● Eastwood, page 20

What they said on Facebook

The *Koori Mail* received nearly 600 comments on our Facebook page regarding Adam Goodes. About 90% were overwhelmingly supportive. Here are 10 of them.

Sheree Rankmore: He is magical. As a black woman raising a young black man, I think "Yesssss!" My son will have such powerful men like him to use as role models, those who are brilliant in their chosen fields but who celebrate their identity and culture in the face of blatant racism.

Ang Koolmeister: Dear Adam, I'm working with some Indigenous kids in a school and we are making a book called *Indigenous heroes*. You are one of them. Don't forget what you've achieved and think about who you're influencing. You should be a proud Aboriginal man.

Lisa Cherilyn Bloomfield: Goodes, you are a legend and an inspiration to our people.

Paul Kaplan: Adam is booed by racists because he is strong and outspoken about Indigenous rights.

Mark James Adams: What's his offence? That he's a legend and a proud Aboriginal man? That's what makes me admire him.

Dene Kimber: There are 70-80 other Indigenous AFL footballers, many of whom are stars of the game who are not booed... Think about it.

Jody Wall: Think of the Indigenous stars that have spoken out. They were all booed.

Don Bone: I don't think anyone can argue that this is about football. Adam is shining a light on the issue of Australian attitudes to the First Australians and the effects that that has had on them over the last 200 years. Some Australians don't like this. This is coming at some personal cost, but I hope that he can endure that burden and keep being the great Australian that he clearly is.

Annette J McNaughton: Dear Adam, Don't ever give up. Always be who your mother raised you to be, a proud Australian black man. Our children look up to you and say "Well, if Goodsey did it so can we". Keep our dancing and songs alive. Don't give in to the pressure of a society that has not grown. Keep up the good work. From one proud Aboriginal to another, God bless you.

Jen Regan: My husband played professionally. He was called every racial slur under the sun. Nothing was done back then. It's fantastic that Adam is taking a stand. I hope all players do, in solidarity, not just Indigenous players. Years ago Geelong selectors wrote 'coloured' next to my husband's name. Words hurt.

Millions to fund dialysis clinics



Purple House's Sarah Brown



SCORES of central Australian people with kidney disease will lead longer and better lives thanks to a \$25.3 million funding boost.

The Federal Government will give the Northern Territory Government \$10 million over three years to build accommodation in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs for end-stage renal patients and – importantly for traditional people – establish clinics at Kaltukatjara and Papunya and upgrade the Mt Liebig health centre.

A further \$6.3 million has been allocated for much-needed dialysis clinics at Ernabella, on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia, Utopia, Ampilawatja and Kalkarindji, and to expand services at Lajamanu. A nurses' home will also be built at Santa Teresa.

And to cap it off, Western Desert Dialysis, better known as the Purple House, has received a huge funding increase to \$9 million over three years. The service provides dialysis treatment at many centres across central Australia.

Purple House chief executive Sarah Brown said her board and clients were over the moon with the funding.

"This will change many people's lives for the better," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Hope for the future"

"We've worked for many years to secure this sort of funding. It will give people hope for the future and an opportunity for family to look after dialysis patients on country.

"And for our organisation, it means we'll be able to do so much more. We are proud that our model of care has been recognised this way."

There is a critical – and increasing – need for renal dialysis across Central Australia, where the level of end-stage renal disease is up to 20 times the national average.

In January this year, 305 people were receiving dialysis in Alice Springs. That figure is expected to top 400 by 2018.

Praising the work of the Purple House, Federal Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash said the Government was committed to meeting the needs of Indigenous people with chronic kidney disease.



Dream come true for Marilyn

THERE'S no-one happier about the new funding for central Australian dialysis than Marilyn Nangala (pictured at left).

Just last month the *Koori Mail* reported on the Mt Liebig Elder's hopes for a dialysis unit at her home community, west of Alice Springs.

Well, those hopes have now been answered, with a unit to be established on her Luritja country.

Ms Nangala, a long-serving director and member of the Waltja family support organisation which covers central Australia, has been forced to stay in Alice Springs for dialysis.

But not for that much longer.

Speaking for the senior Luritja/Pitjantjatjara woman, Purple House chief executive Sarah Brown said Ms Nangala couldn't wait to get home.

"Like many of our clients, Marilyn finds it very hard to be away from her country and family," Ms Brown said.

"A dialysis clinic at Mt Liebig means that people like her will have a far better quality of life.

"For Marilyn, it's a dream come true"

We're here and we care.

Palliative care support and advice 24/7.

PalAssist is a no-cost, 24-hour telephone and online service for anyone seeking practical help such as referral to local palliative services, legal advice or emotional support. We're always here, so you need never feel alone.

1800 772 273

palassist.org.au



Queensland Government



Funded by Queensland Government. Provided by Cancer Council Queensland.

Roadshow to protect Arnhem Land



THE Protect Arnhem Land roadshow launched some short films in Maningrida last week, discussing possible threats to land and seas from fracking for gas and mining for oil in coastal Arnhem.

Fracking is a controversial mining process that uses a mix of toxic chemicals to fracture rock seams and release gas.

The roadshow also visited Minjilang (Croker Island) and Gunblanya/Oenpelli.

Protect Arnhem Land chair Eddie Mason said it was important to gain recognition of Indigenous sea rights. "The NT Government and mining companies have been telling us that fracking will provide jobs and economic benefits to Arnhem Land," he said.

"But there is no information available to our communities about the problems fracking causes for the environment, our water and to people's health.

"If fracking happens here, when it finishes, the mess will be left to us to clean up, but we know there is no way to fix our water once it's poisoned or people once they're sick."

● Pictured right: Part of the Protect Arnhem Land roadshow visiting Maningrida.



SA Elder is new network chair



NGARRINDJERI (South Australia) Elder Gayle Rankine has been appointed chair of the Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network.

The organisation represents Indigenous people with disabilities from all seven geo-political regions recognised by the United Nations.

Ms Rankine, the chairperson of First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN Australia), said she was humbled by her appointment to the Global Network.

"I am very motivated to work with my colleagues around the world to ensure that the rights and unmet needs of Indigenous people are better understood and that access to support, services and genuine opportunities to participate are improved," she said.

Ms Rankine became an amputee in



SA Elder Gayle Rankine

1989 when her foot had to be removed because of a cardio-vascular disease commonly called "smoker's foot".

"You have to get on with life. The leg's

not going to grow back, so you keep plodding along," she said.

Ms Rankine is also a carer of a relative with physical and neurological disabilities, and was a founding member of the First Peoples Disability Network.

She said the disability sector was often difficult for Indigenous people to navigate, particularly when English is their second or third language.

"Disability is not a word in any (Indigenous) language ... so people don't understand it could be mental health or trouble getting around and don't know about availability of wheel chairs and other equipment to assist people," she said.

"It's sometimes hard for people to come forward. They fear another Stolen Generation or fear they are not good mothers or parents... I want to bring our people up to the same level as non-Indigenous support services."

Police seek help to ID remains



POLICE are seeking public assistance to help identify the remains of a man whose body was found near Kununurra (WA), about 4km from the WA/NT border. The body was found on June 17 in burnt-out bushland, about five metres from the carriageway on the Northern side of the Victoria Highway.

It is believed that the man's death may have occurred sometime in April 2015, although that is yet to be confirmed.

Police carried out a forensic examination of the scene and searched the surrounding area. The man was carrying personal belongings, however they were fire damaged and unable to assist with identification.

Investigators from the WA Police Major Crime Squad have determined that the body is of Aboriginal descent and is aged between 20 and 50.

DNA testing and liaison with Missing Persons Units throughout Australia has also failed to identify the man.

A crash reconstruction expert from the Major Crash Squad has established that it is unlikely the man was involved in a hit-and-run accident.

Anyone who has any information that may assist is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Art on offer at Darwin fair



JERRY Patrick Jangala and Allwyn Bieundurry, from Lajamanu, holding one of the paintings for sale at the Warnayaka Art and Culture Centre stall at the Darwin Art Fair. Full report and more pictures on page 35.

Funding available for Aboriginal heritage and skills development



Planning &
Environment

Applications are now open for funding from the Upper Hunter Valley Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Trust to help improve understanding of Aboriginal heritage issues and skills development in the Upper Hunter Valley.

We welcome applications from all individuals and organisations.

Preference will be given to applications from Aboriginal community organisations and enterprises or projects that have a high level of involvement from local Aboriginal groups from the Upper Hunter Valley.

Up to \$325,000 in grants funding is available. Applications close at 5pm on 9 October 2015.

Find out more:

Visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/hunterheritagetrust for application guidelines and the application form

Email: information@planning.nsw.gov.au

Call: 1300 305 695

Visit the Department of Planning and Environment's Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney

Department of Planning and Environment
Department of Planning and Environment

NSWPlanning
NSWPlanning

This Warrior's 'weapon' is laughter

By JILLIAN MUNDY



JOSHUA Warrior has the ability to make people laugh by talking about everyday stuff and pointing out the absurd – something he is now making a career out of. And he also considers his failing sight a blessing. The Kokatha/Narrungga (SA) man from Salisbury Downs, in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, had a promising future in tennis and Australian rules football with North Adelaide, until cataracts and a detached retina left him unable to continue playing sport or drive, and made it difficult to work.

"I can't drive, can't play sports, but I didn't want to sit back and think about it and be negative," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The way I look at it now, it happened, there's not a thing in the world I can do to fix it. It's more of a 'What now, what can I do now?' instead of 'What can't I do?'"

"It really threw a spanner in the fireworks of my life. It really put a halt on things, and made me take a backward step in life and see what's more important – sport, work, or kids and my own health. You've really got to look at yourself. In order to look after others you've got to look after your own self and be healthy."

Mr Warrior, the sole parent of two young boys, is on the waiting list for a cornea transplant and is confident his eyesight will improve and he will be able drive again. But in the meantime he's forging a career in the stand-up comedy scene.

The former class clown became interested in stand-up after being in the audience of the Melbourne Comedy Festival's Deadly Funny. Encouraged by family and friends, he gave it a shot on stage in 2006 in Nunga Funny Comedy Tour and this year earned himself a spot as national finalist in the Deadly Funny competition. Things have really taken off, with packed

performances in two different states during NAIDOC and an upcoming fundraiser on August 19 at Tandanya Cultural Arts Centre, in Adelaide.

"I feel like an up-and-coming star – people are ringing me and offering me good money, and they pop up at the right time. Hopefully bigger and better things will come," Mr Warrior said.

"Hopefully by the end of the year I'll have my own show. I'd love to start in SA and go to the towns where there's a big Aboriginal population – so people can come together, other than at a funeral – because laughter is the best medicine.

"The bigger the crowd the better. I feed off the energy. I just love making people laugh."

Mr Warrior added that his comedy career would not be possible without the support of his parents, especially his mum as his designated taxi service, and new girlfriend Tiarna, and their help with his boys.

Mr Warrior describes his comedy style as pretty active, with much of it inspired from parties and sitting around drinking with the boys.

"I dance, I try to sing and I do some stupid songs," he said. "We are a funny mob. I usually compare how we do things as Aboriginal people to mainstream society, and put a funny twist on it."

Coming from a talented sporting family, the one thing that does sadden Mr Warrior is not being able to see his sons play sport, but it doesn't stop him being there or getting out and having a kick with them.

"When I watch my sons play footy I can't see them, I've got to rely on others to tell me," he said. "Even kicking ball with my sons, it makes me look an idiot. But I don't care what others are thinking. They're my sons."



Joshua Warrior: "Hopefully by the end of the year I'll have my own show. I'd love to start in SA and go to the towns where there's a big Aboriginal population – so people can come together, other than at a funeral – because laughter is the best medicine."

NSW POLICE FORCE FALSE IMPRISONMENT CLASS ACTION PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

The parties to a class action over alleged false imprisonment of young people by the New South Wales Police Force have reached an in-principle settlement. The class action is in the Supreme Court of New South Wales and is called *Amom v State of New South Wales* (proceeding number 2011/187125).

You may be eligible for compensation if:

1. you faced charges in the Children's Court of New South Wales; and
2. you were arrested before 20 May 2014 by the New South Wales police for a breach of bail conditions; and
3. you weren't actually on bail at the time you were arrested, or you were on bail but not subject to the condition you were arrested for.

What you have to do

If you were arrested in the way described above and you want to receive compensation, you must by 9 October 2015 either:

1. fill in a Registration Form available at <http://www.mauriceblackburn.com.au/legal-services/general-law/class-actions/current-class-actions/false-imprisonment-of-young-people-class-action/> and send it to the law firm Maurice Blackburn; or
2. telephone the Public Interest Advocacy Centre and give information about yourself.

Details of settlement

The State of New South Wales has agreed to pay money into a fund to be administered for participating group members. Maurice Blackburn, the lawyers for the plaintiff, will administer a settlement scheme if it is approved by the Court. If you are a group member, you register by 9 October 2015 and you provide the required information, you will receive compensation for each unlawful arrest you were subjected to.

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre is acting for group members in the proceeding. You can ask the Public Interest Advocacy Centre for a copy of the settlement scheme that the Court will be asked to approve.

The settlement will only proceed if it is approved by the Supreme Court of New South Wales. If you are entitled to receive compensation you can object to the proposed settlement. If you want to object, you must write to Maurice Blackburn by 9 October 2015 giving reasons why you think the settlement should not be approved.

If you have any questions about the proposed settlement you should ring the Public Interest Advocacy Centre as soon as possible on (02) 8898 6500. Otherwise, more information is available at <http://www.mauriceblackburn.com.au/legal-services/general-law/class-actions/current-class-actions/false-imprisonment-of-young-people-class-action/>.

Registration forms or objections must be sent to Maurice Blackburn by 9 October 2015 at:

CIDnAP Class Action
Maurice Blackburn Pty Ltd
PO Box A266
Sydney South NSW 1235
Email: cidnapclassaction@mauriceblackburn.com.au

Focus on remote education



MANY Aboriginal people living in remote Australia believe education should help maintain connection with their land, language and culture as well as providing pathways to good jobs and livelihoods.

This is among the findings of an investigation by the Cooperative Research Centre for Economic Participation (CRC-REP) into what people living in remote Australia expect of their education system.

Stakeholders

The report drew on the views of more than 1000 stakeholders – from Alice Springs, Adelaide, Yulara, Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Wadeye, Darwin, Perth and Broome and more.

Principal research leader Associate Professor John Guenther said the findings reached conclusions that are likely to question contemporary thinking about the nature of education in remote Australia.

"Participants, both remote and

non-remote, were asked to describe what education in remote Australia should be for, what it can achieve and what successful educational outcomes and a good remote education system would look like," he said.

The research found that many people consider the main purposes of education in remote communities are about maintaining connection to language, land and culture; ensuring that learners have a strong identity rooted in their context; providing pathways to employment and economic participation; and being strong in both worlds (Western and Aboriginal).

"Our remote respondents described success in remote education in terms of, first, parental involvement and the providing of role models in children's education; second, academic outcomes, especially basic competence in reading, writing and numeracy; third, community engagement – communities being part of what happen at school; – and fourth, attendance," Prof Guenther said.

Thousands enjoy Cairns art fair

By CHRISTINE HOWES



FROM islands to drylands and the rainforest in between, Hopevale, Lockhart River, Aurukun, Yarrabah, Badu, Girringun, Pormpuraaw, Mornington Island and Erub were just a few of the communities represented at this month's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF).

CIAF artistic director Janina Harding and Hetti Perkins curated the inaugural headline exhibition, providing a snapshot of current trends in Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

Ms Harding said the 2015 program brought together artistic, social and cultural experiences, which included a mix of dance, song, theatre, film, fashion and food. By all measures the three-day event was a huge success, with attendance after the closing ceremony estimated at more than 30,000.

Ms Harding said while the figures were impressive, it was the atmosphere and the enthusiasm for cultural participation and exchange that



People visit the Teho Ropeyarn Designs stall at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

made her the most proud.

In a CIAF first, members of the Collectors and Curators Program were taken to Yarrabah to visit artists on country.

Yarrabah Centre acting manager Nadine Cannon said she

had received interest from galleries in Sydney, Western Australia and Melbourne requesting to exhibit artists' works and to use their designs on clothing.

Indigenous fashion took a high

profile at the event, with the Birrimbi Dulgu Bajal (Sea and Rainforest Dreaming) show highlighting the work of local designers, including Teho Ropeyarn, curated by Grace Lillian Lee and choreographed

by Fiona Wirrer-George.

"CIAF this year has been inspiring," Mr Ropeyarn said.

"From Teho Ropeyarn Designs on the runway through to our art market stall, there has been a lot of interest in our label and my art selling direct to the public.

"We had many people come up to the stall after the fashion performance to say how amazing the range was and we took many orders.

"We are going from strength to strength and CIAF has boosted our business in a huge way."

Ms Harding and artist/curator Jenny Fraser put together a short film festival, *Blak Release*.

Filmmakers from far north Queensland screened and presented alongside other Indigenous practitioners from around the state and beyond, representing art forms such as animation, performance art, documentary, short film, music videos and digital storytelling.

Queensland Premier Anastacia Palusczyk announced funding for CIAF for the next four years at the opening ceremony.

● **Thousands pack this year's CIAF, pages 30-31**

EPA takes action on NT miner



THE Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has laid a complaint against Redbank Operations alleging failures to comply with its waste discharge licence at Sandy Flat copper mine at Wollagorang Station, near the Queensland border.

The complaint details 26 counts of alleged breaches between April 2014 and June 2015, mainly in relation to monitoring and reporting requirements.

The first count says the company knew in April last year that water in Hanrahan's Creek, downstream from the mine, had been significantly affected by metal toxicants. But the EPA did not become aware of the pollution until three months later.

Redbank has been aware of possible downstream effects since at least 2010, when an environmental impact statement about Wentworth Aggregate wetlands on the other side of the Queensland border noted it "may be affected by potentially contaminating activities".

In a news.com story from March 2013, Monash University environmental scientist Gavin Mudd said, "It's the most intensely polluted mine site I have ever seen - and I don't say that lightly."

NT Northern Land Council (NLC) chief executive Joe Morrison said traditional owners and the NLC have been voicing concerns about environmental damage for years.



NT Deputy Chief Minister William Westra van Holthe inspects Hanrahan's Creek with traditional owners.

"Wastewater from Redbank Mine has had disastrous impacts downstream, and Aboriginal traditional owners (TOs) have been distressed by the damage to their land and waterways," he said.

"Places that were once favoured for customary and recreational activities are now totally unusable. The pollution has stopped TOs from enjoying their traditional activities."

The matters are currently before the Court of Summary Jurisdiction and listed for mention on August 25.

If convicted, fines for a level-three environmental offence range from \$55,000 to \$570,000 for each offence. Mr Morrison said he hopes the prosecution will put other mining companies on notice.

The *Koori Mail* was unable to contact Redbank Operations before going to press.



NURSING & MIDWIFERY SCHOLARSHIPS

Open 7 August 2015 – Close 21 September 2015

Scholarships for nurses and midwives in the following areas:

- > undergraduate
- > postgraduate
- > continuing professional development
- > nursing and midwifery re-entry
- > remote
- > midwifery prescribing
- > nurse practitioner
- > emergency department continuing professional development.

Apply online www.acn.edu.au | scholarships@acn.edu.au | 1800 117 262

Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship Support Scheme is funded by the Australian government and administered by ACN



Northern Territory
Environment Protection Authority

Now Open Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure Grants 2015-16

The Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) is seeking applications from organisations interested in purchasing infrastructure to establish beverage container Collection Points and/or Collection Depots throughout the Northern Territory as part of the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS).

Operating a Collection Point provides organisations with great opportunities to reduce litter and raise money by collecting approved containers and returning them to Collection Depots to receive a refund.

Information about eligible organisations is available on the NT EPA website.

Applications close: 20 November 2015

For information contact the NT EPA:

Phone: 1800 752 632

Email: containerdepositgrants@nt.gov.au

Web: www.ntepa.nt.gov.au/container-deposits/grants

www.ntepa.nt.gov.au

Report gives voice to WA youth



WESTERN
Australia's acting
Commissioner for
Children and Young
People Jenni
Perkins says
Aboriginal youth

have a significant role to play in the future prosperity of the state and that their views must be used to better support their wellbeing and help them reach their potential.

Last week, Ms Perkins tabled in the WA Parliament 'Listen To Us', a report based on the views of nearly 1300 Aboriginal children and young people from across the state. It was the largest single consultation undertaken since the establishment of the commissioner's role.

Ms Perkins said the report provides a strong and compelling voice for making practical changes to the way agencies support Aboriginal children and young people's healthy development and wellbeing.

"The Aboriginal children and young people who took part in this consultation provided important insight into the factors that influence their lives, including their views on family and community, education, culture, recreation and sport, and racism and reconciliation," she said.

"A clear message ... was the importance of strong connections with family and culture, and the value of education and appropriate support as a way of



Students from Hampton Senior High School and Kiara College in Perth hold the 'Listen To Us' report with acting Commissioner for Children and Young People Jenni Perkins at the Western Australian Parliament.

achieving long-term goals.

"Some also spoke candidly about health and safety concerns they have for their family members, friends and themselves, which matches what we know about the significant and ongoing disadvantage too many Aboriginal children and young people experience.

"For their wellbeing to be improved, the views and insights of Aboriginal children and young

people must be carefully considered and utilised by community organisations and all levels of government."

The commissioner tabled the report on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, August 4.

A group of Aboriginal students from Hampton Senior High School and Kiara College in Perth helped table the report, and later met with Aboriginal Affairs

Minister Peter Collier.

The acting commissioner said that, having spoken to many Aboriginal children and young people and others over the past 18 months, she is encouraged by their sense of hope and bold visions for the future.

"Aboriginal children and young people must be supported to work towards the goals and dreams they aspire to, including the 12-year-old girl from the

Kimberley who one day wants to be prime minister of her country," Ms Perkins said.

"The young people who accompanied me to Parliament House all participate in the Follow the Dream program and are another example of the incredible potential of WA Aboriginal children and young people."

The report is available from www.ccyp.wa.gov.au

WANT HELP WITH YOUR CANNABIS USE?

★ Are you looking for help stopping or cutting down?

The University of Sydney is running a 7-day inpatient cannabis treatment study at Concord Hospital looking at how moderate exercise can help relieve the discomfort that comes with stopping smoking. Completely confidential. \$130 reimbursement.

Web: <http://www.psych.usyd.edu.au/forms/exercise-study/>
Email: thomas.arkell@sydney.edu.au | 9351 3433

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives

CQUniversity is calling for Expressions of Interest for an Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative who is interested in making an active and committed contribution to local communities as a member of CQUniversity's Cairns Regional Engagement Committee.

Regional Engagement Committees are comprised of industry, business, government, community and university members who address community-identified opportunities and work together to deliver more sustainable outcomes for the region.

The appointed representative will take on an ambassadorial role within the wider community to contribute to the strategic direction of the University and, through consultation, information sharing, collaboration, planning and advocacy, assist CQUniversity in its efforts to link with communities in supporting local development and sustainability.

The appointed representative will be impartial to any specific group and will support a cross section of Indigenous views and the diverse and specific interests of local Indigenous communities.

Those interested are encouraged to view the Regional Engagement Committee Terms of Reference at www.cqu.edu.au/industry-and-partnerships/engagement/have-your-say or contact Marina Mikecz on 07 4923 2379 or email m.mikecz@cqu.edu.au before COB Wednesday, 26 August 2015



BE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE
cqu.edu.au

CRICOS Provider Code: 00219C | RTO Code: 40939 P_AD_150315_KM

Lease a step closer for Gunyangara



THE Gunyangara community in Arnhem Land is a step closer to securing a 99-year township lease after traditional

owners signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Australian Government.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion joined Galarrwuy Yunupingu and other Gumatj traditional owners to sign the MoU during the 2015 Garma Festival in north-east Arnhem Land.

"The MoU outlines key features of the township lease and sets the stage for more discussions about what will work for the community," Senator Scullion said.

"A lease would provide significant benefits by allowing subleases to be granted in commercial timeframes which can help to attract investment.

"The community township



"Gunyangara can provide a model for other communities that want to administer a township lease over their own communities in future ..."

— Minister Nigel Scullion

leasing model has been developed at the request of the traditional owners in Gunyangara, who have strong local business organisations and want to strengthen local decision making in their community."

Senator Scullion said the community entity model would strike the right balance between local decision making and land tenure arrangements to support economic development and home ownership.

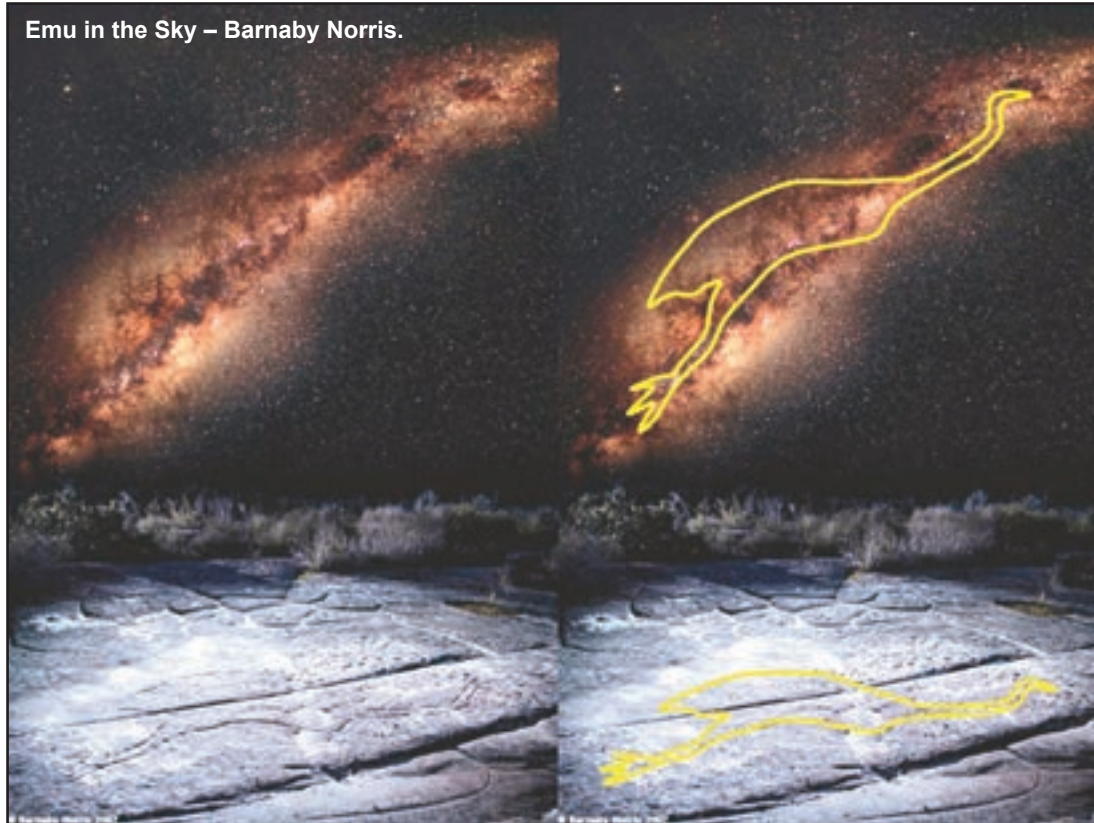
"We already know that township leasing can help with

home ownership and getting more businesses and jobs to come to communities, but the Government understands that a one-size-fits-all approach won't work for everyone," he said. "Traditional owners need to have options.

"Gunyangara can provide a model for other communities that want to administer a township lease over their own communities in future, giving traditional owners a new option when determining tenure arrangements that work best for them."

Stories about creation embedded in the stars

Emu in the Sky – Barnaby Norris.



THE story of Aboriginal creation is in the stars. Sydneysiders interested in the night sky are invited to a free astronomy night at Redfern Community Centre to learn how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples used the stars for navigation, food gathering and creation stories.

The Aboriginal Astronomy evening is hosted by the University of NSW's Nura Gili astronomy team on Friday, August 21, at 7pm. It will include presentations on the importance of the night sky to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as well as the chance to view stars through a telescope.

Nura Gili astronomy team member Trevor Leaman said there were more than 600 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language groups prior to colonisation, and while each of them had their own astronomy, there are common themes running through them across the country.

"Unfortunately, most of us live in

the city and don't often see the night sky, but if you had lived at least 100 years ago, before light pollution, the stars and the bright and dark bands of the milky way would have been highly visible and had much more impact," he said.

Indigenous people's relationships with the night sky informed their social practices, sacred law and ceremonies, and the stars were used for navigation, calendars, hunting, fishing and gathering.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore said the city was proud to support the event as part of National Science Week, which runs from August 15-23.

Mr Leaman said he would tell stories that illustrate how the night sky is viewed as a calendar to determine when certain foods are available, or how they explain features of the landscape.

Bob Fuller will present a talk on the night on using star maps to navigate to ceremonies.

The evening is free. However, bookings are essential at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aboriginal-astronomy-evening-tickets-17998350551



Australian Government
Department of Health

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TASKED THE **PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ADVISORY GROUP** TO DEVELOP OPTIONS FOR **IMPROVING CARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS**

A NATIONAL CONSULTATION PROCESS WILL BE HOSTED BY THIS GROUP
9-25 AUGUST 2015

- PUBLIC INFORMATION BRIEFINGS IN EACH STATE AND TERRITORY;
- SECTOR BRIEFINGS; AND
- A NATIONAL LIVE PUBLIC WEBCAST (21 AUGUST 2015)

For details on these briefing and to register your interest, please visit www.health.gov.au/healthiermedicare

GT15990

ABORIGINAL SCIENCE IN WIRADJURI COUNTRY

During National Science Week I will be visiting early childhood centres in Wiradjuri Country, I will also be holding free events for families and children. Become an emu, kangaroo or hunter and discover how Aboriginal people used their knowledge of the environment to hunt and find food.



Dubbo events

Friday 21 August
Macquarie Regional Library (story time)
11 am to 11.45 am
(phone 6801 4510 for bookings)

Saturday 22 August
Taronga Western Plains Zoo,
10 am to 12 pm

I will have a hands-on display of tools and weapons, and children can paint a boomerang to take home.

Saturday 22 August
Orana Mall, 3 pm to 5 pm
I will have a hands-on display of tools and weapons.

Sunday 23 August
Western Plains Cultural Centre,
9.30 am to 11.30 am

I will have a hands-on display of tools and weapons. I use masks and real objects to involve children in my presentations.

See my website
<http://aboriginalstoryteller.webs.com>,
email me at larrybrandy@outlook.com
or phone 0423 365 424.

National Science Week



SHAPE OUR STATE

Proposed changes to WA's electoral boundaries – the shape of things to come

Electoral districts and regions are now proposed that will apply from the next State election.

Help shape our state by giving us your thoughts on these proposals.

We invite you to lodge written comments or objections and to suggest names for new and amended districts by **5pm on 24 August**.

To view maps and the reasons for the changes, visit www.boundaries.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9214 0450 (country callers 13 63 06)

Office of the
Electoral Distribution Commissioners





Deadly Art Award winner
Glenda Nicholls, with *A Woman's Rite of Passage*.

Nicholls wins award



GLEND A Nicholls has taken out Victoria's richest Indigenous art prize, the Deadly Art Award, at the 2015 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards for her life-size woven sculptural work, *A Woman's Rite of Passage*.

The Wadi Wadi/Yorta Yorta/Ngarindjeri woman, who now calls Mackay in Queensland home, was named winner of the \$30,000 prize in a ceremony last weekend at the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Her entry, in the form of three woven cloaks created to represent Indigenous women and the role they play in welcome to country ceremonies, was chosen from 41 finalist works.

Originally from Swan Hill in northern Victoria, Ms Nicholls was taught to weave by her mother and grandmother. Now a grandmother herself, she says she is committed to passing on her skills and knowledge to the next generation.

"It's like a dream come true," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Just being named among the



Troy Firebrace in front of *Galaxy Swirl*, for which he won the Federation University Acquisitive Award for Work by a Victorian Regional Artist. All pictures by Nigel Clements.

finalists with such other great artists was honour enough for me. "To win is so special."

Ms Nicholls says she will use some of her prizemoney to visit

the Northern Territory, and perhaps New Zealand and Fiji, to study other weaving styles.

Other Deadly award winners this year included Peter

Waples-Crowe, of West Melbourne, Troy Firebrace, of Long Gully, and Brendan Kennedy, of Robinvale.

Doncaster East artist Raymond Young, who won the Award for Three Dimensional Works, first came to art through an Indigenous arts in prisons community program that inspired him to make art that connected him to his culture.

The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards were established by the former Bracks Government in 2005 to raise the recognition of south-east Australian Indigenous art and to provide career opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists throughout Victoria.

The 2015 finalists' exhibition, hosted by the Art Gallery of Ballarat, showcases traditional works alongside contemporary art. It runs until September 20.

People can now vote for their favourite work as part of the \$5000 Creative Victoria People's Choice Award. Votes can be cast in the gallery or online via creative.vic.gov.au

Voting closes on September 7.

The winners

Deadly Art Award (\$30,000) – Glenda Nicholls, *A Woman's Rite of Passage*.

Victorian Indigenous Art Award for Three Dimensional Works (\$5000) – Raymond Young, *From the Ground Up*. Highly Commended (\$1500) – Paola Balla, *Sticks and Stones*

Victorian Indigenous Art Award for Works on Paper (\$5000) – Peter Waples-Crowe, *My Dingo Spirit, SOS: They Kill My Kin(d)*. Highly Commended (\$1500) – Kent Morris, *Cultural Reflections #2*

Federation University Acquisitive Award for Work by a Victorian Regional Artist (\$5000) – Troy Firebrace, *Galaxy Swirl*.

Australian Catholic University Acquisitive Award for Work Based on Spirituality and Cultural Tradition (\$5000) – Brendan Kennedy, *Wangi Withinu Ngauwingi Walwa*.



Raymond Young, who won the Victorian Indigenous Art Award for Three Dimensional Works (\$5000) for *From the Ground Up*.



Victorian Indigenous Art Award for Works on Paper highly commended artist Kent Morris with *Cultural Reflections #2*.

Funds available for indigenous films



THE South Australian Film Corporation (SAFC) has launched a new grant designed to support the next wave of the state's Indigenous filmmakers.

Under the new Aboriginal Project Development Grant, up to \$15,000 a project will be made available to filmmakers for the development of long-form drama and factual projects for cinema and television.

Recipients can also still apply for other SA Film Corporation funding.

The new grant is part of the SAFC's renewed focus on Indigenous filmmaking which was highlighted as a key priority for new chief executive Annabelle Sheehan.

It also follows the success of the SAFC's funding of five SA Indigenous filmmakers to make micro-documentaries screened on National Indigenous TV for NAIDOC Week.

Ms Sheehan said the new Aboriginal grant was part of a broader SAFC strategy to foster Aboriginal filmmaking in SA.

"We've focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander filmmaking with a specific grant because their stories are underrepresented in cinemas and on television, and look forward to supporting and celebrating First Nations stories from South Australian Aboriginal communities," she said.

"The grant provides the flexibility for applicants to receive funding at any stage of a project's development, including draft screenplay or treatment stage."

The deadline for applications is September 21. Details and forms at www.safilm.com.au

Walkway to honour Moree's first family



THE Grose family in Moree (NSW) have been honoured with a walkway named in their honour linking River Street and Oak Street beneath the Greg Jones Bridge.

The 500 metre Grose walkway is a key project in the Moree town centre bypass.

NSW Roads Minister Duncan Gay said Bill Grose was a founding member of the Moree Community Liaison Group, and the Grose family, led by 'White George' Grose was the first family to establish the Steel Bridge Camp which is now across from the bypass.

Balancing ACT...



A NEW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Partnership for the ACT seeks to improve law and justice services and positive outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander peoples.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in the ACT experience contact with the justice system as offenders and victims at much higher rates than other Canberrans and they are overrepresented in the ACT's prison and juvenile detention centre.

Project focused on children's wellbeing



A SERIES of 12 animations and supporting resources called KidsMatter have been developed as part of a Federal Government mental health and wellbeing initiative for children.

The animations focus on resilience, the importance of adults taking care of themselves, and cultural identity and are intended to be used by Aboriginal communities as a way to share stories and start conversations about caring for children.

Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) worked with KidsMatter and engaged Indigenous scriptwriters, actors, animators and musicians to contribute to the project.

"Writer Bec Cole quickly cut to the heart of the stories with sparing dialogue and the artful animations were beautifully underscored by talented young composer Crystal Butcher," CAAMA executive producer Nicolas Lee said.

The animations and guidance resources are available online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/atsi-resources/aboriginal-animations



Darcy Hunter, Nyaparu Rose, Jane Dewing, Kit Quarry and Janet Stewart at the official signing of the Nyangumarta Warrarn IPA.

Sign on the line

by TYSON MOWARIN



THE Nyangumarta People (WA) recently held a dedication ceremony for their newly established Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) announced in July.

The day was marked with the signing of the official IPA certificate between the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation (NWAC).

An IPA is an area of land or sea over which Indigenous traditional owners have entered into a voluntary agreement with the Australian government for the purposes of promoting biodiversity and

cultural resource conservation.

The Nyangumarta IPA covers about 28,420 square kilometres and will be managed by the Nyangumarta Rangers according to International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) standards. This combines meaningful Aboriginal employment with the fulfilment of cultural obligations by traditional owners.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation CEO Simon Hawkins says this type of work is succeeding where many other programs have failed.

"The Nyangumarta people want to look after their country. Today's dedication ceremony of the IPA is a great example of a successful program, which has been developed and applied in

consultation with, and under the guidance of the traditional owners.

"What we are facing though, is funding uncertainty for these types of programs. There is currently a restriction on federal funding for ranger jobs and IPAs. With more funding of these types of programs, we'd see more positive outcomes on country," he said.

NWAC chief executive Nyaparu Rose says that while the official recognition of the Nyangumarta IPA has been a long process, it has been worthwhile.

"As a Nyangumarta elder, I am very proud of this achievement for the Nyangumarta People. Having our IPA will allow us to maintain our significant sites, and look after our country – from the desert to the sea."



2015/16 Summer Vacation and Indigenous Cadetships Now Open

Apply now

Applications close 14th August 2015



Applications for Woodside's 2015/16 Summer Vacation program open on Monday 20th July 2015 and close on Friday 14th August 2015. Be inspired by Luke, Ebony and Geoff's story

Luke Phelan

Luke joined Woodside through the National Indigenous Cadetship Program during his first year of university.

"I jumped at the opportunity to work in an Australian oil and gas company, doing real engineering. I got to work 12 weeks each year in Perth, between the study years, and enjoyed the chance to practice engineering on real systems."

"It was an excellent supplement to my studies and granted me a much greater understanding of real world engineering."

Luke applied for the 2011 Woodside Graduate Program intake, and moved across country with his wife, to be a graduate engineer. Since completing the graduate program, Luke continues to work as a Woodside Project Engineer, delivering control systems, instrumentation and electrical projects.

Ebony Taylor

Ebony applied for the 2013 Woodside Graduate Program intake. Growing up in the southwest town of Busselton, Ebony moved to Perth and studied geology. Since accepting her offer Ebony has enjoyed working in different areas of the company as a Woodside graduate geologist.

Ebony's Woodside journey has taken her offshore on a drill ship and travelling around Australia and internationally for training and business. "I particularly enjoy being able to work on lots of different projects with locations all over the world."

Sharing her experiences with university and school students is highly rewarding. "I hope I can inspire students to consider geology, the oil and gas industry, and Woodside in their career aspirations so that they can experience the same fantastic opportunities that I have."

Geoff Drage

Geoff applied for the 2012 Woodside Graduate Program intake. Born in Geraldton, he moved to Perth at an early age and returned for his final year of high school. Geoff enrolled in Engineering at Curtin University of Technology and joined the Cadetship Program. This allowed him to "get his foot in the door" and start gaining valuable industry experience.

After graduating with a Degree in Mechanical Engineering, Geoff worked on a number of construction and commissioning projects throughout Australia before joining the Woodside Graduate Program. Geoff has worked in oil and gas production and project developments and continues to encourage others to go to university.

"I hope my experiences will inspire those who wish to take the extra step and gain a tertiary education because the opportunities out there are endless and it is only limited by how much effort you put in."

Repatriated ancestors recognised with trees



Kaurna community members, students and others planted trees on Torrens Island to acknowledge Aboriginal ancestors.



Largs Bay Primary School students, from left Jayden, Jase and Oliver, plant trees at the site.



SA Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Ian Hunter and Kurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association chairperson Jeffrey Newchurch celebrate the tree planting at Torrens Island.



COMMUNITY members joined together on the dunes of Torrens Island, near Adelaide, to pay respects to Kaurna ancestors recently.

Kaurna community members, school children, and others planted 500 native plants over the graves of

Aboriginal ancestors repatriated at the site four years ago.

South Australian Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Ian Hunter said the occasion was an important one for the Kaurna people and all South Australians.

"We pay our respects to the people who lived their lives across the fertile Adelaide plains and recognise the importance of country and people's connection to it," he said.

"Torrens Island was, and is, an important camping, ceremonial, cultural practice and burial ground.

"As Australians, we are beginning a journey of returning to country and rejuvenating people's connection to the land, a connection that has always been present for Aboriginal people but in modern times has been incredibly hard to maintain.

"Today we had the opportunity to care for country through planting across the area, ensuring this important site will be stabilised and the remains protected from the elements.

"Today's event stems from a collaboration between the Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association, and Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges."

Mr Hunter said the collaboration between the two organisations has resulted in a culturally appropriate final resting place for Aboriginal remains, which until that point had been in the care of the South Australian Museum.

"At this site in 2011, the remains of 66 Aboriginal ancestors were reburied in a special repatriation ceremony held by the Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association," he said.

"I am very pleased the Kaurna people are now able to lay their ancestors to rest on their traditional land."

"When Dad passed away, we didn't have to worry about funeral costs."

Don't leave your family with the stress of a large funeral bill. By getting started now, you can rest assured we'll be there for your family if anything happens to you.

- ✓ Australia's only Aboriginal dedicated funeral plan
- ✓ 20 years working in the Aboriginal community
- ✓ No fuss automated fortnightly payments
- ✓ Affordable from just \$6 a fortnight
- ✓ Fast payouts of \$4,000 to \$15,000

It's easy to apply. Talk to someone today!

1800 622 924

SMS/TXT 0488 88 2223

info@acbf.com.au

www.acbf.com.au

**Aboriginal
Community
Funeral Plan**
FOR YOU, FOR YOUR FAMILY



This Plan is run by a private company which is not connected with or sponsored by any governmental or similar body or any Aboriginal organisation



NATIONAL CONGRESS
OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLES

Have Your Say

CO-CHAIR ELECTIONS 2015

Participate

Membership is free and open to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander organisations, and individuals aged 18 years+

If you want to participate sign up for membership by 28 August 2015 at 5:00pm (WST)

Update your details to ensure you receive election materials direct

Only members can nominate for Co-Chair positions and vote

Nominate

Nominations open 1 September 2015

Nominations close 14 September 2015 at 5:00pm (WST)

Nomination Packs are available on our website



Vote

Voting opens 28 September 2015

Voting closes 19 October 2015 at 5:00pm (WST)

Voting, Candidate info and Ballot Papers will be posted to all members

For more info: nationalcongress.com.au or freecall 1800 266 477

Congress is the national elected representative body for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples. It is a public company owned and controlled by its Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander membership and is independent of Government.



Mobile library in a box

By CHRISTINE HOWES



AN Australian version of the Ideas Box, a concept born in the aftermath of Haiti's earthquake and used in refugee camps across Africa

and the Middle East, was launched in the Cape York community of Mapoon last month.

The Ideas Box is a media centre and library in boxes that fit on two pallets and can be installed anywhere – perfect for communities unable to dedicate a building or space for a permanent library.

Libraries Without Borders coordinator Pierre Chevalier said the same Ideas Box would go to the Cape community of Kowanyama early next year and they are working on a second project for Western Australia.

"When you're in remote places you still need to have a place with access to resources like information, access to books, a place for children to play so they will not be left in the streets all day, a place where you can complement your educational activities, a place where adults can actually build their skills, professional skills, life skills and so on," he said.

"So, that's actually the need for libraries. And in Haiti we



Ideas Box coordinators Tani Ling, Roslyn Gilbert and Agatha Yam.

realised that this need for libraries is everywhere, so this is how the idea of having a library in a box that we can carry everywhere came up."

Mr Chevalier's team stayed in Mapoon for several weeks training local coordinator Tani Ling and Kowanyama coordinators Roslyn Gilbert and Agatha Yam.

"I think it's really important," Ms Ling said.

"Not only the kids, but the whole community in general now has a place to go where they can

go and relax and read books or even just to get on the internet and do whatever it is they have to do.

"They can even look at doing online courses and studies and all that sort of thing, so I think it's really good for them.

"My role is basically coordinating on the floor in the community, trying to encourage people to come along and help with whatever is that they need help with."

State Library Queensland

(SLQ) was a major partner in getting the Ideas Box off the ground in Australia.

"We saw the concept at a conference overseas," SLQ regional access and public libraries director Ross Duncan said.

"They did a presentation about their work in Haiti, so State Library saw it and thought it might be a good thing for us to work with councils across remote Indigenous Queensland to see whether it's going to fit their community.

"We work with about 10 out of the 18 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils to help them support the operation out of 23 Indigenous Knowledge Centres, which are little libraries across the entire state.

"The benefit of this sort of deployment is that it's flexible, like you can move the table and chairs around easily, you can change location, you can use another venue.

"A lot of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils have difficulty in dedicating a building just for a library all the time, so this type of delivery is a lot more flexible for councils who don't have one building for every single purpose."

Mapoon Mayor Peter Guivarra said he was thrilled.

"We'll do anything as a council to upskill our mob here in the community," he said.

"Not only the kids are going to have access to this; it's the adults too, and we particularly want the older generation to access it so they can pass it on to the young people.

"It's a revolutionary idea and the kids here this morning, as soon as it was open, they rushed in.

"I'm just so pleased with the council and all the sponsors behind it. It gives us, the whole community, an opportunity to better themselves."



Justice
Victims Services

Reassessment of Victims Compensation Claims

The NSW Government has announced that from 1 September 2015 victims who were in the transition between the old Victims Compensation Scheme and the Victims Support Scheme can have their claim reassessed.

All eligible victims will receive correspondence from Victims Services, which will provide information about the application process and what you will need to do.

For more information please refer to Victims Services website: www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au

You can also call the Victims Support Line on: (02) 8688 6600 or email vsrp@justice.nsw.gov.au

Tiwi Islands leaders in development



THE Tiwi Islands are just the tip of the iceberg for economic development possibilities in remote Aboriginal communities, the Northern Territory Government says.

Chief Minister Adam Giles visited the islands, about 80km north of Darwin, recently to spruik several new initiatives and to showcase the community's development drive.

"The Tiwis are very progressive," he said.

"We're starting to see massive change in remote Aboriginal communities in regards to economic development and employment; this is just the tip of the iceberg."

The recent intense focus on the Tiwi Islands also benefits other Indigenous communities rather than sidelining them, Mr Giles said.

As a result of Tiwi development, traditional owners from communities such as Ngukurr, Maningrida, Lajamanu, Wadeye, and Hermannsburg have reached out to discuss what opportunities exist for them.

"We're not going to force economic development on people, we want people to come to us with their desires to pursue, and that's happening more and more," Mr Giles said.

He said the reinstatement of the Indigenous Affairs portfolio, which he scrapped two years ago, and the intensified focus on tourism helped spark that interest.

NT Business Minister Peter Styles said he was hoping other Aboriginal communities would be asking Tiwi people for advice.

"They'll be able to explain how they were successful in bringing their people along while still respecting land and culture and country, developing an economic future that's going to give their kids and their grandkids and those to come one of the brightest futures of people in the NT," he said.

Mr Giles toured a near-complete \$2 million barge storage facility constructed by a local company to store food deliveries so they don't spoil in the Top End heat.

Such projects help create local jobs as part of a government commitment to create 2000 jobs by 2017 for Aboriginal people with the private sector in remote communities.

"We don't want to rush into projects in remote communities," Mr Giles said.

"We want to talk to communities about the longevity of a project so we can get the best bang for the buck of government expenditure but also the best employment opportunities." – AAP

Taking a stand against ice



AN Aboriginal-controlled alcohol rehabilitation facility in central

Australia has called on Indigenous organisations in the region to stand together to say no to ice.

The Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programs Unit (CAAAPU) is a primary provider of culturally appropriate alcohol counselling and residential treatment services in Alice Springs. Representatives recently gave evidence about responses to crystal methamphetamine use to the NT Parliament's Ice Select Committee.

Board chair Eileen Hoosan said CAAAPU is very concerned about the potential health impacts of ice use among a population whose health may already be compromised by alcohol misuse.

"Currently methamphetamines have not presented as a huge factor with our clients, but given expert

predictions and interstate experience, CAAAPU along with other NT alcohol and other drug services expects this to change in the short term," she said.

"We want to be in front of, not behind, the wave, and make sure there are adequate and appropriate resources in place so we can try and prevent ice from taking hold in our community."

She said alcohol addiction goes hand in hand with poly-drug use.

"AOD (alcohol and other drug) workers such as those at CAAAPU need to be provided with up-to-date training in the identification and treatment of ice and how to safely manage people who may be affected," Ms Hoosan said.

"It is our hope that all governments recognise the need to adequately resource services such as CAAAPU to deliver treatment, counselling and care to Aboriginal people affected by this terrible drug, without placing a further burden on services already stretched in dealing with alcohol misuse."



CAAAPU chairperson Eileen Hoosan.



Left to right: Keith Munro, Elizabeth Ann Macgregor, NSW Arts Minister Troy Grant and Professor Michael McDaniel pictured in front of *Kulya*, by a group of Martu artists. Picture: Ken Leanfore

Museum boosts arts



THE Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA) has launched the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy, setting out quantifiable targets for a major cultural institution in Australia.

NSW Arts Minister Troy Grant congratulated the MCA for its commitment to not only Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander history, but also to the future of contemporary art.

Professor Michael McDaniel, a member of the MCA Indigenous Advisory Group said he was "delighted" the MCA was making its Indigenous commitment part of its ongoing core business.

Director of the MCA Elizabeth Ann Macgregor said the policy builds upon the MCA's strong history of working

with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, artists and communities.

"Most recently the Museum commissioned major new works by artists Daniel Boyd and Jonathan Jones, and developed and presented the breathtaking exhibition of Martu art from the Far Western Desert, the centrepiece work of which, *Kulya* (2014), was acquired for the MCA Collection," she said.

2015 Indigenous Conference Services

REGISTRATION ARE NOW OPEN

National Indigenous Domestic Violence Conference:
Gold Coast, QLD, on 7th- 9th October 2015.

National Indigenous Men's Conference:
Darwin, NT, on 28th-30th September, 2015.

National Indigenous Women's Conference:
Darwin, NT, on 28th-30th September, 2015.

International Indigenous Health Conference:
Cairns scheduled for the 1st - 3rd December, 2015.

Calling for Submitting Paper for each of 2015 conference.

For further information please visit the event's website:
www.indigenousconferences.com

or email us at: indigenousconferences@iinet.net.au

Indigenous Conference Services (Australia)



ARTS, COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT GRANTS

NOW OPEN!

The 2015 Arts, Community and Environment Grants Scheme will open Monday 3rd August 2015 and close on Monday 14th September 2015.

There will be three funding streams available under Arts, Community and Environment with maximum funding of up to \$4,000 per grant.

The application form, guidelines and fact sheets are available on Ashfield Council website. Visit: www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au

For enquiries, please contact Ashfield Council at christinao@ashfield.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9716 1842.

2016 Indigenous Conference Services

--- CALLING FOR PAPERS ---

National Indigenous Youth Justice Conference:
Sydney NSW held on 18th - 20th July, 2016.

National Indigenous Board of Directors Conference:
Sydney NSW held on 20-22 July, 2016.

World International Domestic Violence Conference:
Adelaide South Australia held on 14th - 17th September, 2016.

Global Indigenous Men's Conference:
Adelaide South Australia held on 12th - 14th September, 2016.

Global Indigenous Women's Conference:
Adelaide South Australia held on 12th - 14th September, 2016.

World Indigenous Allied Health Conference:
Cairns Queensland held on 1st - 3rd December, 2016.

International Indigenous Business Conference:
Cairns Queensland held on 2nd - 4th December, 2016.

For further information please visit the event's website:

www.indigenousconferences.com

or email us at: indigenousconferences@iinet.net.au

Indigenous Conference Services (Australia)

EASY CAR LOANS

Phone approvals - Australia wide

- * DEFAULTS, SLOW CREDIT ✓
- * SELF EMPLOYED ✓
- * PERSONAL LOANS ✓
- * NO DEPOSITS ✓
- * PREVIOUSLY REJECTED ✓

- * NEW & USED VEHICLES
- * CARS, TRUCKS, BOATS

(02) 9395 4270

**WEEKENDS / AFTER HOURS
CALL or SMS**

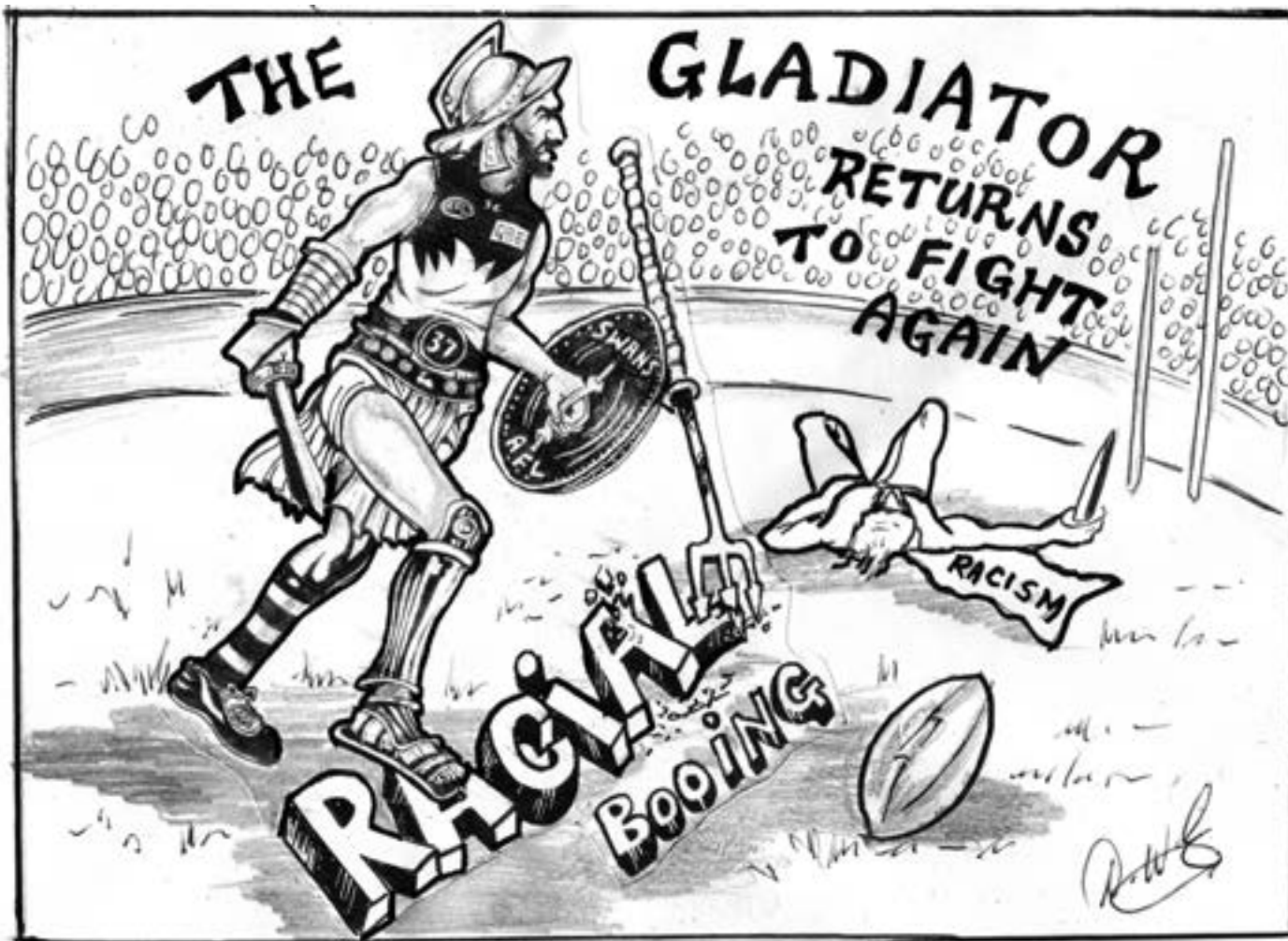
0421 622 133

www.ezyvehiclefinance.com.au

*conditions apply subject to approval

ACL-391113

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Fred Ashley

Wagiluk man from Ngukurr, living in Darwin. Former rodeo rider and stockman

Favourite bush tucker?
Barramundi, long-neck turtle, turkey, yams and shellfish.

Favourite other food?
Curried prawns and rice.

Favourite drink?
Orange juice and water.

Favourite music?
Country and western.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Watching the grandchildren play footy.

Favourite holiday destination?
Anywhere I can go fishing.

What are you watching on TV?
Crime, mystery and football.

What do you like in life?
My history! I used to be a rodeo rider, a bush mechanic, a builder, everything – a jack of all trades.

What don't you like in life?
Grog and drugs – it will kill me.

Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Nelson Mandela.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
NT Chief Minister Adam Giles, my cousin David Gulpillil and the Pope.

Who/what inspires you?
My grandchildren.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
I'd get proper management on our own communities. There is wrong management on country.

Quote



“My grandfather had chains around his goddamned neck, that's the history of this country, but we keep closing the history books.”

– Senator Nova Peris, speaking at Garma.

● See page 33

Unquote

There's plenty to be angry about

At times during the past couple of weeks it's been difficult to pick satire from commentary. With the thousands and thousands of words written and spoken about Adam Goodes, sometimes it's felt like reality fractured.

Almost all the people the *Koori Mail* spoke with for this edition wanted to have a yarn about Goodes, whether their story was about education, sport, arts or anything else.

The howling insistence from a small number of people that shouting at an Aboriginal man while he was doing his job was somehow not racist and their right was finally – and thankfully – smothered by an outpouring of support.

But what a subject for Australia to be outraged about.

There are plenty of topics regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for Australians to be angry about. We run stories in every edition about the appalling disparities between Indigenous people and other Australians in health, justice and education.

Those stories rarely – if ever – prick the ears of the wider Australian public.

But a strong Aboriginal man expresses his opinion that perhaps Australia might have a problem with truth and racism, and he is attacked at every turn.

Be angry that we lock up black kids at an ever increasing rate.

Be angry that Indigenous people's life expectancy is still 10 years less



OUR SAY

than other Australians.

But being outraged that an Aboriginal man did a war dance to celebrate a goal? That's just ridiculous.

It's also undoubtedly sad.

And it's also sad that our Prime Minister – who professes to have a genuine interest in Indigenous Affairs – thinks he can ignore the mistakes of the past and dictate to Indigenous people regarding constitutional recognition.

The Prime Minister's hubris in rejecting a proposal for Indigenous conventions is symptomatic of the attitude of many people in positions of power: We will tell you what to do and you will do it and be grateful.

As National Congress of Australia's First People's co-chair Kirstie Parker said, “I wouldn't want to see a situation where government abrogated its responsibilities to support Indigenous expression on this issue and fund everyone but us to have a say – that is unacceptable, indeed it's offensive.”

It is offensive – just as shouting at Goodes for doing his job is offensive too.

Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned

Writer sees hope in the next generation

By RUDI MAXWELL

WRITER Bruce Pascoe is fighting against despair. Like many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, he has found the treatment of Sydney Swans AFL star Adam Goodes deeply and profoundly upsetting.

"It just makes you despair. I try not to, but it's been a shocking week," he said.

"Tell you what though, the *Marngrook Footy Show* (on NITV), I was so moved by the passion of all the panellists and their support for Aboriginal culture. I thought they were absolutely magnificent.

"It is quite terrible for Australia to be able to see how deeply it resents Aboriginal people. I don't like saying it, but it's obvious this week when Australia has shown its face and it's ugly.

"If we're going to change as a nation, we have to address the issues that Adam Goodes brings up, see our recent history for what it is.

"This country was stolen from Aboriginal people – we lost the war. These facts have to be admitted. And too many of us are hiding behind a meek veil, with Aboriginal people giving way.

"We fought a war and we happened to lose it, and now we have to all learn how to live in same country.

"This last week shows us that there's a lot to learn."

Pascoe, a Bunurong, Tasmanian and Yuin (NSW south coast) man, loves learning – and sharing what he finds.

Evidence

His book *Dark Emu, Black Seeds: agriculture or accident* looked at historic settler accounts of Aboriginal society and presents miles of evidence to debunk the 'hunter-gatherer' label given to pre-invasion Aboriginal people.

The evidence he presents shows that Aboriginal people have a long history of construction, both for dwelling and food cultivation, agriculture and complex governance systems.

Dark Emu, published by Magabala Books, has been short-listed for many literary prizes and awards.

"The response has been

Historian and author Bruce Pascoe with two canine friends.



pretty heartening. It's been reprinted five times, which is amazing for a book from a small press, by a writer like me who doesn't have a huge profile," he said.

"It's an indication that a lot of people are interested. I've had response from landcare groups, Aboriginal communities, universities, botanists and permaculture (agricultural systems that are sustainable and self-sufficient) groups.

"In my research I travelled to Brewarrina (western NSW), where there are some fishtraps that many people think are the oldest existing human construction.

"But you go to Brewarrina now, and there's an enforced silence about the past, which distresses me.

"I was having a look at the traps, and there were some local Aboriginal kids

hanging around, so I talked to them. Those kids didn't know about the traps when they should have the background of their culture that's made such a contribution to the world."

However, Pascoe is hopeful that the recent modern obsession with food is leading to more people

"There are so many foods here that we know so little about.

"There are grains that grow in sand and don't need much water or any pesticides, kangaroo grass that's not been milled for 220 years. We're conducting experiments in Mildura.

"I was invited to Lake

about their own culture.

"That's what our community needs. There's an opportunity for Aboriginal people to get involved and bring these things back.

"If we've got our own lands, then we can bring back our own foods and find the old ways. We're still unclear about a lot of

methods for harvesting and cultivation. We're having to re-experiment, but all Australians ought to be proud.

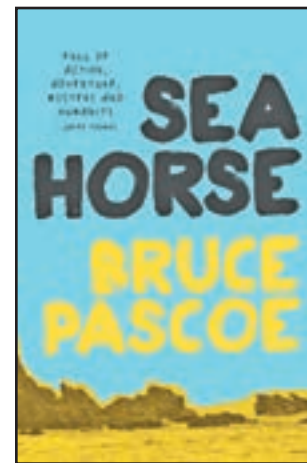
"This country invented bread – and we should have a loaf of bread made from our own grains."

Pascoe's most recent book, *Sea Horse*, is an action and adventure tale

for children, inspired by his childhood on King Island.

It tells the story of young Aboriginal boy Jack, who comes across a sunken boat, and his sister Tanya.

"With *Sea Horse*, my aim was to present a functioning



Bruce Pascoe's latest book *Sea Horse*, published by Magabala Books, is an adventure tale for children.

Aboriginal family, where people went to work, to school, looked after each other and had fun," he said.

"In the mainstream media none of these things happen, but most of the Aboriginal houses I go to – not all – are like that.

People are getting on with their lives as proud Aboriginal people.

"So many Aboriginal kids are going so well at school, this country should have the hell frightened out of it.

"If they can't handle Adam Goodes, watch out for the next generation – you can see the fire in the eyes of school children and you don't want to be getting in their way.

"These kids love their culture, they're smart and they have the educational tools to take on the misconceptions of Australian society.

"Young warriors"

"The two kids in *Seahorse*, that's who they are: two young warriors.

"I relive my childhood quite often, playing in boats, going swimming.

"The sea has always been part of our life. We're very attached to the spirit of the ocean.

"I'm very close to both my kids, my son and my daughter, who are both adults, and we always lived in remote places, always with the smell of the salt.

"People ask me how I come up with story ideas and I don't deliberately decide, I usually wake up with a fairly powerful feeling.

"We live on a beautiful bit of country, on a songline, and a lot of stories are told to me by the country. That might sound a bit twee, but it's true; the country always provides."

"If we're going to change as a nation, we have to address the issues that Adam Goodes brings up, see our recent history for what it is."

understanding what Australia has to offer.

"There is a movement, particularly with restaurants and permaculture, where people want to grow and cook food that is really Australian," he said.

Mungo to sit in the sand there and talk about old grain growing, with Aboriginal people and some non-Aboriginal scientists. I'm really looking forward to that, just to be with those people, talking

Second RAP for Crown Resorts



CROWN Resorts has launched its second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Australia has classified the RAP at an 'Elevate' level (the highest and most ambitious category), recognising that Crown is "working towards real change and reconciliation in Australia".

Crown achieved all the targets established in its first RAP, and the new plan outlines pathways for some Indigenous employees to be in leadership programs so they can develop skills and gain experience to help them move into senior management roles.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed said Crown had proved "a game changer" in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and broader reconciliation initiatives.

"Crown Resorts has set the bar high to benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is determined to succeed in its endeavour," he said.

Crown's owner, James Packer, said there are now 450 Indigenous employees in the company, and the Packer Family Foundation recently announced a further \$2 million over the next two years to Indigenous education organisations.

"The Crown Resorts



Crown Resorts chief executive officer Rowen Craigie with some of the organisation's Indigenous employees.

Foundation believes that the key to Indigenous employment is having strong education

pathways that begin early in life and that's why a key focus of this initiative is to support key

community organisations that are working to empower young Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islanders through education opportunities," he said in a statement.

Funds cut to service

By NATALIE CROMB



THE Aboriginal Medical Service of Western Sydney (AMSWS), located in Mt Druitt and

servicing more than 11,000 patients, will soon close as a result of federal funding cuts.

"Let it be known that all funds allocated to AMSWS have been used on the delivery of health services to the Aboriginal community of Western Sydney," a statement by the AMSWS said.

"The decision to cease all federal funding effectively means that the services will have to wind down and will leave many thousands of community members without access to essential services and put pressure on local hospital services and systems.

"AMSWS services the largest Aboriginal population in Australia, and has over 11,000 active patients from greater Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains."

The official reason given for cutting funding is due to a tax bill, but AMSWS's Patricia Delaney said the debt reflected many factors outside the board's control.

"One major contributor was a change of policy with the change of government in NSW," she said.

"The previous State Government had committed (in 2011) to allowing the service to use grant savings for capital works, which were undertaken in order to house programs including mums and bubs and mental health services.

"The new State Government, however, reneged on this commitment, and recouped these funds from other payments, leaving us out of pocket and unable to meet our taxation liabilities."

Questions

Questions have arisen about the timing of the funding cuts because they come only a month after AMSWS broke the news to ABC TV's *Lateline* that a Key Performance Indicator of receiving funding under the Abbott Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) was demonstrable support for Recognise, the government-led initiative for Constitutional Recognition.

In an open letter to Federal Ministers Sussan Ley, Nigel Scullion and Fiona Nash, psychiatrist Doctor Neil Phillips, who has a long history of involvement with Aboriginal mental health, including at AMSWS,

warns there is no safe, ethical or practical way of transferring the AMSWS's 11,000 active patients to other local health services before the deadline of September 30. He urges the Government to support an ongoing community controlled service in the area.

"I have been in psychiatry for 44 years, much of it working with Aboriginal and rural and remote services," Dr Phillips writes.

"I have never before been so worried that an awful, avoidable tragedy will be inflicted on my patients, their families, their community and, indeed, the wider community."

Dr Phillips also expressed concern over the influence of right-wing think tank the Institute of Public Affairs (IPA), which has a stated policy against specialist services for urban Indigenous communities as it does not consider them distinct to the rest of the community.

Dr Phillips said mainstream services do not have the "cultural understanding or ability to develop trust within the Indigenous community", and to close such a pivotal medical service will have serious consequences for the Indigenous population of Sydney, particularly western Sydney.

Edward Fry named as new ILC chair



ABORIGINAL man Edward Fry has been appointed chairman of the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)

for a three-year period, effective from October 20.

Mr Fry has extensive experience in the resources sector and currently is chairperson of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA).

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said Mr Fry's appointment would help forge even stronger links between the ILC, IBA and other Indigenous organisations.

"These relationships are essential to creating opportunities for Indigenous economic development," he said.

"Mr Fry has extensive experience in financial and human resource management as well as Indigenous training and employment and is a specialist in Indigenous and native title issues."

Senator Scullion thanked departing ILC chair Dawn Casey.

"Dr Casey has a strong commitment to improving outcomes for Indigenous Australians, and I want to thank her for her work as chairperson since 2011," he said.

Parker to be CEO at centre of excellence



CO-CHAIR of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Kirstie Parker has been

appointed as the new chief executive of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE).

A former editor of the *Koori Mail*, Ms Parker will continue in her role at Congress until she begins her new position in October.

"It has been a great honour and privilege to serve our peoples in this elected position, and I place on record my very sincere thanks and

appreciation to the entire board, all former and current staff – as well as the broad membership – for their kind support and comradeship," she said.

"My belief in Congress as a noble and exciting vehicle of self-determination for our peoples continues. I am very proud of what, collectively, we have been able to achieve, especially in difficult times."

Elections for the Congress board and co-chair positions will be held during September-October period this year.

Further information will soon be available at www.nationalcongress.com.au



SNAICC chairperson Sharron Williams says investing in our children today will secure the strength and success of communities tomorrow – see page 24

Vindictive act in Tasmania

IT is one thing for a government to decide which body will deliver a government-funded service to a particular group. Since 1973, all programs aimed at benefiting Aboriginal people were delivered through bodies established by Aborigines and supported by the Aboriginal community.

When Federal Attorney-General George

Brandis suddenly transferred Aboriginal legal aid in Tasmania to Victoria, he never once asked Aboriginal people whether they agreed. He treated the Tasmanian Aboriginal community with contempt.

The Tasmanian Liberal members of the Federal Government were conspicuous by their silence on foreign workers taking over Tasmanian jobs on the oil tanker at

Devonport. They went further with Aboriginal legal aid: we believe they lobbied Brandis to take the money from Tasmania and give it to Victoria.

If so, this is a vindictive act on the part of so-called Tasmanian representatives.

TRUDY MALUGA
State secretary, Tas Aboriginal Centre

POETRY

God washed my eyes with tears

God washed my eyes with tears
He flushed my open wound with healthy blood
In my tiredness Christ came alongside
He taught me heaven's war dance
I was filled with strength and courage
Energy flowed
My eyes cleared
The wound healed
And I promised
I would dance more often
In jersey 37.

BRUCE DOCKER
Brisbane, Qld

Total Devotion

Who Am I Now
What Was I Then
Will You Still Love Me
Until The Very End.

Give Me Your Heart
And I'll Keep It Safe
And That Way Your Love
Won't Go To Waste.

You Said At The Beginning
You Were Committed For Life
But Now That There's Trouble
You Just Seem To Hide.

Where's The Resilience
And Strength Of Your Spirit
If You Stay Here With Me
This Race We Can Win It.

We'll Fight For The Truth
And Then For Justice
And All Of Our Failures
We'll Put Them Behind Us.

Abi DRabi
Sydney



Adam Goodes

Shoulder to shoulder with Adam

This is a letter to AFL champion Adam Goodes, an Aboriginal man.

Dear Adam,
We Nyungah/Noongar people were privileged and honoured to have you and all the other Indigenous All Stars visit our country earlier this year.

You gave us hope. You made an impact by allowing us to talk to you regarding the atrocities of our Aboriginal ancestors who suffered and died under horrific circumstances on Wadjemup, Rottnest Island.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with you during your struggle to understand why racism against our people still surrounds us in this day and age.

You are our Aboriginal brother and we encourage you to continue to be the modern-day Aboriginal warrior that you are. Keep playing the game you love and keep doing what you are good at.

We saw and heard what happened to you last weekend when you were visiting our Nyungah / Noongar country. This is the 'Deep South West' (Perth) and some people over here are still backward in their ways of treatment to us

Aboriginal people. Some just want to tear us down. But we always get back up.

Remember the old people, my brother, and the horrors that they faced as slaves to the white men and the system that brutally murdered them on Wadjemup, Rottnest Island. Draw strength from the old people.

We are strong people and we have much work to do to right the wrongs of the past together with the wrongs of today.

Adam, you have always been doing the right thing so don't give up, because even over here in the Deep South West of Aboriginal Australia we need you to be strong and return to our country to continue to play against Fremantle and West Coast and to be an example of strength for our young people.

When you return to Perth I will personally be by your side to support you. You are never alone in these matters. You are never alone in Perth.

IVA HAYWARD-JACKSON
Nyungah land and culture protector chairperson
Rottnest Island Deaths Group
Aboriginal Corporation

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A BIG thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you.

You can help us by keeping your letters to 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. This will increase your chances of being published.

Even if sent via email, all letters and

poems must be accompanied by the author's full name, home town/city and state/territory, and a contact number so we can verify content. After that, we're happy to withhold names and addresses upon request.

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

And we're happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they're of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met. We accept no responsibility for returning original photos, so please send copies instead.

– EDITOR



Mail

The Editor, PO Box 117,
Lismore, 2480



Phone

You can reach us
on 02 66 222 666



Fax

Send it to us on
02 66 222 600



E-mail

The address is:
editor@koorimail.com

The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.

Children are our future

NATIONAL Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on August 4 provides all Australians with an opportunity to recognise the strengths and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as draw attention to the issues that affect them.

The Children's Day theme for 2015 was Little People, Big Futures: we want our kids to stand tall so that they can feel connected and proud in their cultures. It's about supporting and celebrating the services that empower our little people to have big futures, ensuring these services are adequately funded to support strong development outcomes for the next generation.

It is our responsibility to ensure that no Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child misses out on life-changing services as a consequence of barriers and limitations that we can remove. We ask the Australian Government to work with us to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids get the fair start in life that all of Australia's children deserve.

There is clear evidence that the early formative years of a child's

life are a critical predictor of their successful transition to school, life-long education, employment outcomes and big futures. The new Australian Government's Child Care Assistance Package will drastically limit the access our children have to early childhood education and directly impact their opportunities as they grow up. Framing these critical services as merely 'child-minding' ignores the educational and developmental benefits of early years programs.

Ensuring these services are adequately supported is key to supporting strong development, learning and identity outcomes for the next generation of children.

SNAICC (Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care) is amongst the parties concerned that changes to be introduced under the Government's new Child Care Assistance Package will further disadvantage and exclude our children from these vital services.

We want to send a clear message to Social Services Minister Scott Morrison that excluding vulnerable families from childcare won't get them into work – it will put them under more strain and make it harder for them to



Sharron Williams

address the barriers to finding and keeping jobs. Even worse than that, since all the evidence shows the early childhood services have the most impact for vulnerable families, we know these measures will cause harm to our next

generation, continuing a cycle that excludes them from the workforce in the future as well.

The proposed reforms will force our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services to operate under a mainstream, inflexible, user-pays model without adequate safety net supports. Coupled with the introduction of an activity test (that favours workforce participation objectives at the expense of early childhood development for children who are experiencing disadvantage) that reduces access for non-working families, the early childhood education reforms risk excluding thousands of our children from access to necessary early years services.

Minor amendments to the package now – leaving the activity test unchanged and building in explicit protections to the Child Care Safety Net – would see tremendous difference later in outcomes for children.

Findings from the most recent Australian Early Development Census show that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are more than twice as likely to be developmentally vulnerable than non-Indigenous children.

Furthermore, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are nearly 10 times more likely to be placed in out-of-home care than non-Indigenous children.

Providing integrated and culturally strong early years services is the key preventative measure in reversing these negative trends. These services are much more than just 'child care'; they are trusted community hubs that provide holistic support for children and families.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who have attended early learning programs are:

- more socially and developmentally ready for school;
- more likely to have good attendance;
- at less risk of harm and the need of child protection services; and
- more likely to achieve positive educational outcomes.

An investment in the children of today will secure the strength and success of communities tomorrow.

*Narungga/Kaurna woman
Sharron Williams is the
chairperson of SNAICC.*

Booing recalls wrongs of past

MY dad played local football when I was growing up. I used to go to watch him play matches. He would run onto the field and people would make monkey noises at him. I didn't know what it meant. In the car ride home I'd ask my mum, "Why do people keep doing that at dad?" At first mum always found ways to deflect the question.

It was only when I was a bit older that she explained what those people meant by their jeers. "They're making monkey noises," she said. "Why?" I asked.

"Because he's black."

"They're calling him a monkey because he's black?" I was dumbfounded. I had never heard anything so stupid.

Later, I learnt about history of our people in this country. I came to know that when Australia was first explored by the Europeans, the Indigenous people were only barely and grudgingly accorded the status of human beings. Our people were indeed compared to monkeys and apes. Describing our people as something akin to animals was a pseudo-scientific way of justifying our discriminatory treatment and exclusion, and a convenient way of justifying our dispossession.

To call someone an ape today is to allude to past social-Darwinian theories that saw darker-skinned people as pre-evolved. It is to imply that the person is subhuman, because of their skin colour. It is to deny their equality, and their very humanity.

When I realised that my dad was getting called a monkey all those years ago, and when I realised what that meant – it felt like the deepest insult. It is an insult that over time and with my increased understanding carried with it the gravitas of history. Until you have stood in the shoes of a person who is denigrated in such a way in public, and whose ancestors have suffered the injustice to which the jibe refers, you cannot understand the deep sense of humiliation such a taunt causes.

I hear the criticisms of Adam Goodes: that he got a young girl into trouble for calling him an ape. He pointed her out to

security, yes. He probably didn't know her exact age in the midst of the heat of the game. But he also ultimately chose not to press charges. He called for the girl to be supported. Yet he is still criticised.

I hear the uproar when an impassioned Goodes did a traditional war dance on the field. People automatically disapproved and cautioned that the dance was 'aggressive' – as if aggression is somehow out of place in football. I was astonished by the response.

Broadcaster Waleed Aly pointed out that at other times, when football players have thrust 'the finger' at the crowd – a pretty aggressive and crude gesture to make to a paying audience – they didn't get booed. Goodes is booed as punishment, not for any aggression he might have displayed, but for his cultural expression.

Aly explained it perfectly: "... Australia is generally a very tolerant society, until its minorities demonstrate that they don't know their place. Then we retaliate. We put them back in their place. We let them know that deviation from the status quo is not acceptable. Fit in, or get out. Leave your culture at home, or get booed.

"What happens is the minute an Indigenous man stands up and is something other than compliant, the back lash is huge and it is 'them' who are creating division and destroying our culture. And that is ultimately what we boo. We boo our discomfort." Aly is spot on – he has nailed it.

That Goodes' war dance was controversial at all is an embarrassment.

Last year I visited New Zealand. When the All Blacks do the haka before each rugby game, it is a prideful expression of Maori heritage – and of New Zealand heritage. The haka is as aggressive as you can get. It is meant to be. It too is a traditional war dance, used to intimidate opponents. Rugby is aggressive. Football is aggressive. Sport is about aggressive competition – that's why we love it.

Why does New Zealand proudly celebrate the Maori war dance at every game, as an expression of the nation's rich Maori heritage – but when an Aboriginal



Fiona Jose

footballer (playing in the Indigenous round) does an Indigenous war dance, our nation somehow cannot cope?

Is our denial of our own national heritage that deep? Are we so at war with ourselves?

The soil on which we play our game was traversed for thousands of years by the Indigenous peoples of this land. Their descendants now play the game, and do so with extraordinary and enviable skill and athletic prowess. Some say Australian Rules football itself derived from the traditional Aboriginal game, Marngrook, which, as historical accounts describe, was remarkably like the modern game. And yet today we attack and disapprove of any expression of Indigenous culture on the field.

It should not be like this. We should not deny the Indigenous heritage and history of this nation. We should not deny the Indigenous contribution to the game. It should be celebrated, as Maori culture is celebrated in New Zealand.

Imagine if each team adopted and learnt an Indigenous dance from their local area – in collaboration with local Indigenous people. Imagine if a few key moves of the team war dance were performed before each game, after the team song, just as the Maori do the

haka. Imagine if Indigenous heritage was a celebrated part of our nation, and a celebrated part of our national game.

Booing may be the right of all who attend the football. But being free from racial vilification is also a right to which all Australians are entitled. People should try to stand in the shoes of Indigenous people, who have endured a history of unjust discrimination, and who today still – more often than most probably think – cop racially motivated abuse. I have experienced it. I know others have. White Australians may deny that racism exists, but I speak from experience when I say that it does. Whether you love or hate Goodes, whether you think he is too soft, playing the victim, whether you think he plays dirty or whether you think he is a great athlete – we all should acknowledge that there is a history to this kind of abuse that is directed at blackfellas. And that kind of abuse has an impact.

It is the responsibility of all of us to move beyond it.

My dad didn't deserve to be taunted and called a monkey just because he is black. Nobody does. And Goodes doesn't deserve to be booed for months on end, because he dared to do an Indigenous war dance.

It is possible for us to move forward into a more unified and cohesive future. We can get past this. And we can do it without punishing any expression of difference, or of Aboriginality. Our differences should be celebrated, because they make this nation what it is. They make the game what it is.

Goodes should be allowed to creatively express his culture without abuse. I thank those comrades of all sporting codes who have supported Goodes at this difficult time, and I look forward to seeing our young football warriors – boys and men – express pride in their culture on the paddock, flanked by the support of their teammates. It simply doesn't have to be like the shameful events of the past few weeks.

Fiona Jose is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman who is the general manager at Cape York Partnership.

Standing strong for a true champion

IMAGINE being a master craftsman at the top of your game, widely regarded and admired by your work mates and professional colleagues.

You are experienced, hardworking and eager to share your skills and knowledge with younger members of your organisation. In your time away from the office you spend countless hours undertaking community service to help those less fortunate than yourself.

Imagine then as you approach your well-earned retirement that each time you attend your workplace, random strangers hurl vile abuse and incessantly boo you.

Imagine being (AFL star) Adam Goodes. We wouldn't accept it in any other workplace, so why is it accepted at the footy?

This disgusting sledging anchored to social Darwinism, the very ideology that dehumanised Australia's first inhabitants to such an extent that Aboriginal people were still considered nothing more than fauna up until 1967, is nothing more than blatant racism. To excuse it, to minimise it, to deny it, is to deny the black-and-white truth.

These taunts display the ugly underside of a country that romanticises a 'peaceful discovery' yet feigns outrage at any display of Indigenous culture that doesn't conform to the coloniser consciousness.

Imagine a country that

recognises Adam Goodes for the champion he is on and off the field.

Imagine a country that recognises its First Peoples within its Constitution.

Imagine a country that recognises racism when they see it.

Imagine what our country would be like without racism.

DENNIS EGGINGTON
Chief executive officer,
Aboriginal Legal Service of WA

I've been reading posts and watching comments surrounding the Adam Goodes saga and have been trying to work it all out in my head.

I'm a West Coast Eagles supporter, and I'm Aboriginal. So when I was watching THAT game two weeks ago I was wondering why the crowd was booing Goodes! I know WCE and Sydney Swans have a history, but I don't recall so much hatred towards one player from spectators that was shown during that game.

Now, I have to admit, I hated Barry Hall, (sorry Barry) when he played for the Swans. He was an outright bully on the field, but not once did I ever boo him for what he did! And I don't ever recall the supporters booing. Some might have, but not as much as they did Adam and it didn't hit the media as it is now with Adam. At the end of the day, Barry was doing his job.

So why so much hate towards Adam? Why so much media

focus? And, is it racially motivated?

According to the reports through the media, it's racial, that Adam has an attitude, and that it's because of a little dance he did at a game.

Really!

So for the majority of Australians who attend AFL games, Aboriginal AFL players are there to show their "magic", kick freaky goals, take spectacular marks, and support the team – that's it!

Aboriginal AFL players are not allowed to have an attitude, and not allowed to celebrate a goal with a dance.

The only thing I can figure in all of this is that white Australia is threatened by strong Aboriginal people.

All they know of Aboriginal people is all of the statistics of poor health, no employment, in jail, on drugs, stealing, fighting, overcrowded housing, and the list goes on. Oh, and wasting white Australia's taxpayers money. (As a working Aboriginal person in this country, apparently my taxes don't count.) All of this stereotyping provided by white media sources.

Most white Australians have this notion that during invasion (colonisation), we didn't fight for our land, we don't have strong warriors, and we didn't have leaders. In their eyes, we are not a strong proud people. So when a strong Aboriginal man or woman stands up to celebrate our wonderful strong culture, it

shocks white Australia.

White Australia is happy to stand and watch our brothers from New Zealand do the haka (which I think is powerful and wonderful). Most white Australians can probably recite the first few words of Dr Martin Luther King Jnr's "I have a dream". They can probably tell you what the late great Nelson Mandela's prison number was, 46664. All from other countries, with no direct threat to the psyche of white Australia.

This is what the Adam Goodes saga is about. He stood up, showed that we are a strong culture, that we do have warriors, and that we can and will fight when we need to. And THAT is what's scaring white Australia. Adam became Australian of the Year because of his commitment to stamp out racism. White Australia didn't like it because he was holding up a mirror to them and they didn't like what was being reflected back.

We have a continuous culture that is 50,000 years old. You think having someone come in for 225 years, and you want us to forget who we are, forget our culture. I don't think so! Aboriginal people are not going anywhere. We will be here for another 50,000 years, so Australia, time to grow up, time to move on, and time to accept. We have. Now it's your turn.

And leave Adam alone!

DEANNE FITZGERALD
Yamatji/Nyoongar, Perth WA

Sinister agendas take toll

REGARDING the withdrawal of funding for outstations slyly engineered between the Federal and WA governments, with the Commonwealth providing funding for services to remote communities for only three more years.

I believe it isn't so much about money as it is control.

The elite rich that control the political parties are broadly against decentralisation. Tying up lands into national parks is part of that agenda.

The Government wants Aboriginals to lose their connection to their land so the courts can take it off them.

Why else would they spend millions demolishing houses at Oombulgurri last year when they couldn't find any money to secure and release government houses in Wyndham to the public in the same period?

There is also another factor we need to consider – media ownership.

Why did West Australian Newspapers buy out *The Kimberley Echo* and *The Broome Gazette*? Truth and lies can both cause contention if they are both propagated.

The Government is often the pawn implementing these sinister agendas.

And to the people who live in ivory towers, Aboriginal people are just collateral damage.

DARRYL STOKES
Gosnells, WA



7th Indigenous Economic Development Forum

18 – 20 October 2015, Alice Springs NT



Are you an Indigenous business owner?
Do you work in Indigenous economic development?
Or want to get involved in Indigenous business opportunities?

Then register now!

to attend one of the largest Indigenous economic development specific events held in Australia.

Attending will provide the opportunity to:

- Network with Indigenous business people
- Network with people working in Indigenous economic development
- Find out about current Territory policies and initiatives, programs and services
- Hear high profile keynote speakers that will be inspirational and engaging such as Chief Robert Louie from Westbank First Nation, Canada

Break-out sessions are targeted at people who are:

- Getting started in business
- Developing small to medium business
- Doing business on country
- Working in Indigenous economic development

Indigenous Business Expo

An expo will provide Northern Territory Indigenous businesses with an opportunity to showcase their products and services to a targeted audience.

Welcome Reception

The official opening and Welcome to Country is an opportunity to network before day one of the Forum and will include light food and refreshments and entertainment.

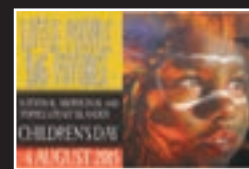
To find out more, download a registration form and/or to register online visit www.ied.nt.gov.au or contact:

Agentur
Event Managers
Phone: (08) 8981 2010
Email: iedforum@agentur.com.au





Children's Day – Hobart



James Smith, Lainee Robertson, Hannah Jennings and Layla Foster paint with ochre – one of the nature-based activities on offer at the Aboriginal Children's Day event.



Aboriginal Children's Centre educator Yvette Henry-Standal checks out the World Breastfeeding Week Display.



Esta Burgess, Nan Mabb, Jayda Braslin, Kobe Goodwin, Stuart Hynes and Ashlee Bowden.



Nicholas Clark with daughter Evie Morgan and mother Shirley Maynard.

Children bring cheer

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day with young'ns and Elders coming together.

An Aboriginal Elders' group, which meets for activities once a week, and children from the

Aboriginal Children's Centre shared a feed and got creative with range of nature-based activities on returned Aboriginal land at Risdon Cove, near Hobart, last week.

With Tasmania's extreme cold snap, which produced rarely seen dumps of snow across the state, what was to be an outdoor day of bush walking, yarning around the fire and collecting resources was forced indoors.

Nevertheless, a fun day was had by all.

Stuart Hynes, who came along with the Elders' group, said he looked forward to the outings each week, and for some people it was one of the few times they got out of their house.

He said having the children around made the place cheerful.

The day coincided with World Breastfeeding Week. The Aboriginal Health Service

promoted this year's theme of 'Breast Feeding and Work – Let's Make it Work' with a display of personal stories of local Aboriginal women who returned to work or study while continuing to feed their babies or toddlers.

All the mothers who shared their stories spoke of the importance of supportive colleagues – the key ingredients being time, supportive attitudes and a place to breastfeed or

express and store breast milk.

Despite significant health benefits associated with sustained exclusive breastfeeding to around six months, it is rare in many places, including the Aboriginal Community in Tasmania.

The TAC's Aboriginal Health Service educates families on breastfeeding and provides a peer support service for breastfeeding families.

6th SNAICC National Conference

For Our Children

Ngallak Koorlangka

Community Voices:
Sharing Knowledge and Practice

15 – 17 September 2015 | Perth

The SNAICC National Conference is for

- anyone working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- child welfare leaders
- practitioners
- policy makers
- researchers
- government and others working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services.



supported by Koori Mail
Koori Mail

CONFERENCE FEATURES

- International and local keynote speakers
- Over 70 concurrent sessions, yarning circles and workshops
- Displays, poster presentations, exhibitors
- Cultural and social program featuring performances and local entertainment
- Workshops on language, early childhood, working with young people and families, developing culture, child protection, out-of-home care, intensive family support, healing, rights and policy.

Registrations CLOSING SOON at www.snaicc.org.au/conference



Children's Day



Little people, big futures



NATIONAL Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (NATSICD) was celebrated with 150 events across the nation recognising the theme Little People Big Futures.

The first National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day was held in 1988, set against the backdrop of protests about 200 years of colonisation.

Historically, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in orphanages and institutions did not know their own birthday, so August 4 was set aside each year to celebrate a communal birthday.

Now, NATSICD celebrates and recognises the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Secretariat National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) chairperson Sharron Williams said children's day was a fantastic opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of celebrating Indigenous children's strengths and making sure they grow up strong in culture.

"This day is a time for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that community, culture and family play in shaping identity outcomes for the next generation of children and their whole mob," she said.

The national launch was held at the Swan Children and Family Centre in Stratton, Perth, and attended by Hasluck MP Ken Wyatt, the first Aboriginal person to be elected to the House of Representatives.



Guildford Grammar School boys dance at the Perth children's day launch.



The Essendon Football Club hosted a children's day event with sporting activities.



Ngarrindjeri man Uncle Ross Karpany sings with children from Kura Yerlo Children's Centre in Largs Bay, SA. Kura Yerlo acting director Joeline Walker said Ngarrindjeri woman Hayley Rankine explained the meaning behind her artwork to the children. "We also had some smaller activities like dot painting boomerangs, drawing and using Aboriginal stickers on minya feet stencils and the children also did some weaving wrapping around pop sticks whilst sitting on a recycled Aboriginal mat," she said.



Essendon Bombers mascot Skeeter was a big hit with the children.



Kids pondered the point of a tug-o-war at the Essendon event.



Children's Day



Mat from Midvale Primary School at the Perth launch.



Hampton Senior High School girls perform at the Children's Day launch in Perth.



Rose Walker holds Lataya-Rose Bolt Dangerfield, and Carla Murray holds her newborn Varnisha-Joyce Dangerfield at the Lismore event.



Interrelate's Kasandra Dargan paints the face of Destinee Cruze in Lismore.



At the drawing table in Lismore, northern NSW, transition program teacher Davina Olivieri checks the artwork with Bryce Hope (left) and Dakota Whipps. The day was organised by the YWCA.



Roger Bartholomew shares the fun with Charli-June Welsh, 3, at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre National Children's Day.



Rorinna Close waits patiently to get her face painted in Lismore.



Doing the obstacle challenge in Lismore is Joeisha Williams, 3.



Ngunya Jarjum chief executive Lenore Marlowe enjoys the day at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre.

Report indicates improved outcomes



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Australians continue to have higher rates of heart conditions and poorer access to cardiac health services than the rest of the population.

But a new report shows some improvement in their cardiac care and a reduction in death rates

from cardiac conditions for Indigenous people.

Between 2008-2012 the death rate was 212 per 100,000 people compared with 133 for non-Indigenous Australians, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report (AIHW).

And 46% of Indigenous people who presented to hospital with a severe heart attack had a procedure to open a blocked or

narrowed artery in 2010-13.

This compares with 70% for non-Indigenous people.

AIHW spokesperson Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman said reasons for the fewer procedures included later presentation to hospitals when the condition is more advanced or complications involving chronic conditions such as diabetes.

In 2014 Australian governments agreed to the Better Cardiac Care

for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People initiatives and priority actions to address the differences.

The AIHW report released last week is a benchmark publication to monitor changes in care over time.

It found the death rates from cardiac conditions for Indigenous people fell by 41% between 1998 and 2012, from 347 to 215 per 100,000 people.

Access to cardiac prevention and treatment services for Indigenous people varied by state and by region.

The proportion who had a procedure after presenting to a hospital with a severe heart attack ranged from 21% in the Northern Territory to 62% in Western Australia, and from 29% in very remote areas to 64% in major cities. – AAP



2016 Allied Health Scholarships

Apply now for fantastic student and professional scholarships that will ease the burden of your travel, accommodation and study expenses in 2016

Go to www.sarah.org.au/scholarships to learn more and apply today

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health



Masigalgal Snr Ranger Francis Nai and Ranger Loice Naawi checked the nesting site daily.

Green turtles return to nest



A GREEN turtle nest was recently discovered on Masig Island in the Torres Strait, the first seen on

land in a number of years by the community.

Masigalgal Rangers erected a fence to stop feral animals and goannas digging up the nest and as an indication for the community that the nest was being monitored.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairman Joseph Elu said the location was in a high traffic area next to the wharf where locals anchor their boats, so putting protection measures in place was important.

"The Masig Rangers monitored the site every day to ensure the fencing was secure



and there weren't any issues, and in case the turtles hatched early," he said.

The eggs produced 92 hatchlings, two of which were killed by ghost crabs, with the remaining counted and released by the rangers.

"Green turtles return to breed at the location they

hatched from, so we hope that these baby turtles return to Masig to breed in the future," Mr Elu said.

The Rangers have also have been conducting awareness sessions with the community to talk about the importance of protecting turtle nests.

download now
KOORI MAIL NOW AVAILABLE

WITH FREE
SAMPLE ISSUE!



Available via Apple Newsstand, iTunes, Google Play for Android market or www.pocketmags.com

Latest issue & Back Issues just \$1.29 each.

Subscribe for six months or one year at a reduced rate.

Download to your iPad, iPhone, Android device, Mac, PC or Kindle Fire.

A digital subscription to the **KOORI MAIL** is the perfect way to treat yourself!



Also available via

pocketmags.com

www.koorimail.com

Consultations about Murray-Darling water



A STATEMENT of commitment has been signed to ensure Ngarrindjeri people (SA) are engaged in the development of water resource plans for the Murray-Darling Basin.

The agreement between the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority (NRA), South Australian Government and the South East and South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Boards was signed in Adelaide recently.

SA Water Minister Ian Hunter said water plans

that include Aboriginal objectives make for better management.

"Creating opportunities for Aboriginal groups to be involved in the development and implementation of these water plans will increase the chances of their success," he said.

Mr Hunter acknowledged Ngarrindjeri hold a depth of cultural knowledge and understanding of their traditional lands and waters, and that Ngarrindjeri custodianship has shaped the region's ecological character over thousands of years.

Thousands pack this year's



Archie Roach and Christine Anu play the CIAF opening night gig. *Picture: Colyn Huber*



Lots action and colour at the CIAF opening night event. *Picture: Colyn Huber*



Queensland artist Susan Reys. *Picture: Colyn Huber*



Aurukun artists at the *Currents* exhibition launch at Tanks. *Picture: Kerry Trapnell*



CIAF artistic director Janina Harding and artist Sid Bruce Short Joe. *Picture: Kerry Trapnell*



UMI arts chairperson Leo Akee enjoys the art fair. *Picture: Kerry Trapnell*



Blak Cabaret performers take a bow. *Picture: Kerry Trapnell*



The Kawanji Dancers were among the many performers at CIAF. *Picture: Lealin Ropeyarn*



Models at the fashion event. *Picture: Kerry Trapnell*

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair



Suzanne O'Connell and Jack Wilkie-Jans. *Picture: Kerry Trapnell*



The energetic dance performances throughout CIAF drew plenty of interest from the crowd.



Models at the CIAF Birrimbi Dulgu Bajal fashion show. *Picture: Tina Baum*



Lockhart River Dancer Elly Macumboy. *Picture: Colyn Huber*

Art market a first

By CHRISTINE HOWES



HEADLINE acts Christine Anu and Archie Roach opened the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF), which was held across

several satellite venues outside of the main fair at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, including UMI Arts and the Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Centre.

Internationally celebrated Indigenous artist Judy Watson joined local artists as part of the program at Gungun Waruwaru, the Children's Corner.

This year's first CIAF Art Market drew thousands of buyers to more than 40 stalls offering art and craft, resulting in sales of more than \$200,000. A showcase of more than 150 paintings, ceramics, textiles, prints and sculptures by 90 artists was on display at the first CIAF-curated art fair, titled 'Wabu Minjaan', meaning 'coming together; to share'.

Pormpuraaw, a community 700km north-west of Cairns, exhibited work from nine artists, including Sid Bruce Short Joe.

An interpreter and mediator, Short Joe speaks nine languages including English and works across



Gail Mabo working with Vicki Salisbury at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair. *Picture: Kerry Trapnell*

several mediums including ghost nets – a genre of art that uses discarded fishing nets as material for weaving.

Nine Lockhart River artists

showed a wide range of styles across colourful multi-media work.

The works of eight Aurukun artists were also included in the exhibition. They included wooden

sculptures of animals including sharks, owls, crocodiles, a whale and dugongs, plus law poles and ancestors.

The Giringun Art Centre

offered sculptural wire work by Daniel Beeron, paintings by John Murray and weaving by artists including Abe Muriata, whose work is on show at the British Museum in London.

Torres Strait Islander artists from Badu Island, including Laurie Nona, Joseph Au, Weldon Matasia, Matilda Nona and Gehmat Nona, were selected for their finely detailed lino prints.

Sixteen paintings from 12 Mornington Island residents illustrated the diversity of styles amongst coastal and island-based artists.

A collection of paintings based on butchi (weaving) by Wanda Gibson was included in the work by artists from Hopevale, a community north of Cooktown on Cape York. The works were exhibited alongside Dora Deemal's brightly coloured acrylics on linen, depicting lagoons.

Artistic director Janina Harding said CIAF had proved to be a great opportunity for remotely-located artists.

"Our long-term strategy to forge career pathways for artists is an important part of CIAF 2015, involving workshops and other opportunities for artists to progress from the art market to the art fair," she said.

Thousands flock to this year's Garma

'Nobody is going to move us. Nobody.'



Members of the Gumatj clan added a red V and the No. 37 to their traditional paint in support of Sydney Swans AFL player Adam Goodes. Picture: Peter Eve, Yothu Yindi Foundation



This mural was created at the festival.



● Above: Dancers during the closing stages of the festival, which this year had the theme Walŋa Dälkuma (Building our Future, Strengthening our Lives).

● Right: Participants at this year's Garma Youth Forum. The forums, where a range of issues are discussed, are an important part of the annual four-day festival.



Pictures courtesy of the Yothu Yindi Foundation



BARAYUWA Mununggur, who chairs the Laynhapuy Homelands of north-east Arnhem Land, told the Garma Festival at Gulkula he was shocked when

Prime Minister Tony Abbott referred to people living in remote communities as making a "lifestyle choice".

For Aboriginal people, living on homelands is not a "lifestyle choice" but a means to save their own lives, Ms Mununggur said.

Mr Abbott made the comment when the Western Australian Government announced it would close many communities it could not, or would not, provide with essential services such as power and water.

Thousands flocked to north-east Arnhem Land for the annual Garma Festival, a celebration of Yolngu culture organised by the Yothu Yindi Foundation, that includes speaking panels, discussions, workshops and performances.

Mr Mununggur said the return to homelands movement in the 1970s was a bid to get away from destructive forces in towns, and people lived a safer life there in a clean environment and away from drugs and alcohol.

"We are obliged to be with our home where it's firm, strong and solid, with a lot of culture, a lot of song, a lot of spirituality, and that's where our heart is," he said.

"Nobody is going to move us. Nobody."

Former ATSIC chair Bill Gray said homeland corporations have "very,

very tight belts" and have very little money or assurance that the funding they do receive will be renewed the following year.

"Communities aren't mendicants (beggars). They aren't people sitting out there waiting for their next handout or waiting for the next government grant to appear," he said.

"We have to see homelands and outstations as a part of the nation and not some sort of extreme, some sort of unique or quaint artefact of history. They're not. They're part of our community and they make a contribution to our nation if they're allowed to make that contribution, and many do."

Mr Gray said people should not be subjected to "subtle pressures" such as a Federal and Northern Territory government policy not to build new homes in homeland communities in order to encourage them to leave.

Ultimately, people on homelands just want equality, Mr Mununggur said.

"We cry over that," he said. "Because what is it? What is this treatment of the First People of Australia? We should be treated equal in this nation of ours."

In his keynote address at Garma, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion focused on local empowerment and building on the "pillars of reform" for the community.

"Children need to go to school, adults need to work. We need to make communities safer," he said.

"I believe it is important to point you to the things which will strengthen lives and build a better future, and the reason I continue to focus on these three areas is we know they make a difference." – with AAP



Yothu Yindi Foundation chair Dr Galarrwuy Yunupingu – centre, with family – was awarded an honorary doctorate by Melbourne University.

Festival in north-east Arnhem Land



Red flag dancers from Numbulwarr perform ceremonial bunggul (dances). Picture: Peter Eve / Yothu Yindi Foundation



A Rirratjingu boy is painted in his clan's traditional colours. Picture: Peter Eve / Yothu Yindi Foundation



Members of the Gumatj clan perform ceremonial bunggul dances. Picture: Melanie Dove / Yothu Yindi Foundation



Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda speaks as Senator Nova Peris looks on.



Cape York man Noel Pearson was one of the keynote speakers at Garma. Picture: Peter Eve / Yothu Yindi Foundation



A didgeridoo painting session at Garma.

Wounds still raw, says senator

ABORIGINAL leaders with guts like Adam Goodes are told to shut up because the stories they tell make people uncomfortable, Senator Nova Peris says.

Speaking on a political panel at the Garma Festival in north-east Arnhem Land, Senator Peris said Australia would not move forward on reconciliation and constitutional recognition until past wounds are healed.

"When you want change, it takes tremendous guts and leaders – ie, Adam Goodes," she said.

"He said, 'Enough is enough' ... and when he spoke out the world said, 'Get back in your box, mate. You cannot stand

up and use this because you're Australian of the Year.'"

Senator Peris said Goodes is a proud black man, and when people know his family's history it makes them uncomfortable.

She said the wounds of the past such as the Stolen Generation and the Intervention were still raw.

"Acknowledge the truth"

"You can only move forward when you acknowledge the truth, and right now this country has a problem with Aboriginal people," she said.

"Every time we come out and tell our

story, it's like, 'Shut the book. We don't want to deal with it.'"

Senator Peris' mother and grandparents were all taken from their families.

"My grandfather had chains around his goddamned neck; that's the history of this country, but we keep closing the history books," she said.

"This Government needs leadership when you get people like the (notorious and disgraced columnist) Andrew Bolts of the world who say the Stolen Generation is a myth. That's bull****; it happened and it's real.

"We have to learn what happens in this country."



Senator Nova Peris



From left on stage are Mayor Alf Lacey, Heather Foord and Maggie Walsh.



Lex Wotton explores the the variety of food at the dinner and party.



TSIRC Cr Horace Baira from Badu Island, Warren Mundine and Sealink worker Kevin Barry on the cruise.



Members of
Descendance
dancers and
Mother's
Dust band.

Paradise under stars at Palm Is

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island hosted the North Queensland Local Government Association annual conference from August 5 to 7.

The theme of the conference was "Moving Forward Together".

More than 200 delegates including mayors or chief executives from more than 20 shires were delighted to see local culture and the history of the tropical island paradise.

All accommodation on the island was booked out with the motel and Klub Kuda packed and a tent city was set up on the oval of Bwgcolman State Primary School.

Guests were welcomed to country by Allan Palm Island, then watched a performance by the world-renowned Descendance Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Dance Theatre.

At 6pm visitors were treated to a three-hour sunset and moonlight cruise around nearby islands, tailed by some whales and dolphins.

On day two, the Junior Bwgcolman Group at the State Primary School danced for the crowd, before the first official session of the conference at the school hall.

Cr Lacey said history was being made for his shire.

"This is the biggest event ever held on Palm and has been three years in the planning," he said. "Like you all, our aim is to grow our economy and we are moving rapidly from mission times and growing into a proud and independent town.

"We welcome new opportunities that lead to prosperity in our shire and our community. To achieve this we are developing catalyst infrastructure and

generating new developments that create long-term jobs for our people including our children in the future.

"We are proud of our community and the progress we have made."

One of the social highlights of the conference was the "Paradise Under the Stars" dinner and party held at Freedom Park near the beach.

Entertainment was provided by local band Mother's Dust, Descendance Group and talented singer Maggie Walsh.

Joint MCs for the party were Ms Walsh and former national news television reader Heather Foord.

Keynote Speaker was Warren Mundine, the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council.

Theme for the final day was "Moving Forward – Innovation and Infrastructure" and speakers included Senator Ian Macdonald and state MPs Rob Katter and Jason Costigan.



Samuel Kearney, aged 6, in front of the Bwgcolman junior dancers.



Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts

AUDITIONS

Are you interested in a career in Acting, Music or Dance?

ACPA is an innovative and exciting performing arts college based in Brisbane.

It is nationally recognised, delivering accredited training in dance, music and acting from Certificate IV through to an Advanced Diploma.

ACPA is holding Auditions on 28-29 September 2015

at 59-69 Shafston Avenue, Kangaroo Point, Queensland.

Contact: Barbara on (07) 3392 4420 or email barbarab@acpa.net.au

Application forms available on our website www.acpa.net.au

2015 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair



Charlene Chuguna, April Jones and June Smith, from Marnin Studio, Fitzroy Crossing, demonstrate block painting.



Rosina Ryder, Lucille Young and Stacey Davis, from Keringke Arts (central Australia), with the painted mannequin centre piece of the stall 'Keringke Lady'.



Teho Ropeyarn and Bernard Singleton Jr, from UMI Arts in Cairns.



Elizabeth Gumbaduck and Bridgete Bunduck, of Wadeye, hold some of their artworks, made for the Palngun Wurnangat Association at Wadeye.



Art fair workers Cynthia Brown and Keegan Dixon hand out booklets.



Arts workers Zachariah Philomac and Ashley Hayes from Arlpwe Arts and Culture Centre at Ali Curung.

Crowds see top artwork

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THOUSANDS of people packed the Darwin Convention Centre for this year's Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (DAAF). The three-day event brings together more than 50 Aboriginal-owned and operated arts centres, representing more than 2000 Indigenous artists, from across the Top End to showcase and sell their work.

About a dozen peak arts organisations were present. There were daily dance performances, arts talks from Aboriginal arts workers and several hands-on workshops and demonstrations.

DAAF Foundation chair Francesca Cubillo said visitors had the chance to immerse themselves in the cultural heritage and the contemporary work of artists from across Australia.

"We have got a remarkable experience here. We have Aboriginal-owned and operated arts centres and artists representing themselves and engaging with the wider public, getting a wonderful commercial return, without any secondary industry between them and the buying public," she said.

"There is no commercial gallery,

collector or auction house taking a cut.

"I love the fact that our people are telling their own stories. It's self determination. They are controlling the point of engagement."

Many arts centres, which play a vital role in increasingly under-threat remote communities, spend 12 months creating goods for the fair, which is their biggest economic opportunity over the year.

"Social glue"

"Art centres are the social glue for many communities," Ms Cubillo said.

"They represent art practices that are often passed down through generations, where family lore dictates the colours and motifs reserved for a particular region or area.

"It's all about discovery. Visitors can meet and purchase from recognised artists, as well as experience the excitement of unearthing emerging talent."

Ms Cubillo said there was a focus on expanding the DAAF foundation, with new philanthropic and fundraising initiatives in place and plans for an even bigger event next year for the fair's 10th anniversary, including a high-end fashion parade, film festival and symposium.



Kim Krakouer, from Mungart Boodja Arts Centre in Albany, WA – the southern-most arts centre at this year's arts fair.



Rosetta Wayatja and Joyce Naliyabu, from Milingimbi Art and Culture Centre, at their stall which featured traditional weaving, wood carvings and ochre paintings.



Djambarrpuyngu man Damien Guyula, from Gapuwiyak Culture and Arts, helps run a bark-painting workshop.

2015 Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award

\$50,000 prize goes to 82-year-old WA artist



General Painting Award category winner Betty Kuntiwa Pumani with her work *Antara (Maku Dreaming)*. Picture: Fiona Morrison



Youth category winner Josh Muir with his digital print *Buninyong*.



Wangkajunga artist Jukuja Dolly Snell in front of her award-winning painting *Kurtal*.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



EIGHTY-two-year-old Wangkajunga artist Jukuja Dolly Snell, from Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia, has taken out Australia's most prestigious Indigenous art prize, the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA), with her painting *Kurtal*.

Born at a jila (permanent waterhole) called Kurtal, in the Great Sandy Desert, Ms Snell only began painting when she was in her 40s, inspired by learning to read and write and record stories when she studied at Karrayilla (middle-aged people) school.

"Part of when you are telling stories is you have to paint for some reason," her great granddaughter Lynley Nargoodah said. "It's to bring country back to her. She paints only her country. She can't paint anything else."

Ms Snell now teaches her daughter and sister to paint, and has since had works in dozens of group exhibitions, been collected by galleries across Australia and private collectors here and abroad, and had her first solo exhibition in Darwin last year.

Kurtal, a large-scale acrylic on canvas, features white lines that represent the rain clouds, yellow representing the spirit of Ms Snell's grandfather and black representing the sand when you dig for water – "the living water which will never go dry".

Ms Snell said she was wirriya (happy) to win the award and plans to buy a little bus with the \$50,000 NATSIAA

prizemoney, to visit other communities and collect bush tucker. She's already lined up her grandson to be the driver.

Cara Pinchbeck, from the Art Gallery of NSW who judged the entries along with Tony Elwood and Daniel Walbidi, said the trio was drawn to *Kurtal*.

"It's such amazing work, such beautiful colours and that brush work, the translucency," she said. "We were all drawn to Dolly's work. We all really responded to it."

"To see her work on this scale and of this quality is fantastic. She is quite elderly. To be producing works at that size at that age I think is amazing."

Staggering

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) director Marcus Schutenko described the quality of this year's entries as staggering. He said the award, in its 32nd year, can change lives and make careers.

There are five category awards, each worth \$5000.

Betty Kuntiwa Pumani, from Mimili in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, received the Telstra General Painting Award for her acrylic on linen *Antara (Maku Dreaming)*, which depicts her mother's country Antara, a ceremonial site north-west of Mimili.

The Telstra Work on Paper Award went to Robert Fielding, also from Mimili, for his screen-printed pair of self portraits, *Milkali Kutju*, which means blood, and is about Indigenous and non-Indigenous people working together. (See below.)

The Telstra Bark Painting Award went to Nonggirnga Marawili from Yirrkala in

the NT for her work *Lightning in the Rock*, created with natural ochres on eucalyptus bark showing a sacred story of a lightning snake that lives submerged in a river.

The Telstra Youth Award, for artists aged 18 to 25 – only in its second year – was awarded to Josh Muir, 25, from Ballarat in Victoria, for his digital print on aluminum, *Buninyong*, which portrays the history of the town just outside of Ballarat.

The Wandjuk Marika Memorial Three-Dimensional Award went to Rhonda Sharpe, from Larapinta Town Camp in Alice Springs, for her work *Rhonda*, depicting personal conflict, created from recycled naturally-dyed blankets, embellished with wool cotton and feathers.

The awards were announced and the exhibition of the works of the 65 finalists opened at a sunset celebration outside the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) on Friday night. Hundreds attended and were entertained by Christina Anu, Warren H Williams and Dani Young, and the Kenbi Dancers.

The NATSIAA exhibition will be at the MAGNT until Sunday, November 1.

For those who cannot make it in person, NATSIAA can be experienced online at Telstra.com/NATSIAA where the work of all finalists can be viewed, and for the first time there is audio about the works by art curator and writer Hetti Perkins.

People are also encouraged to visit the site to vote in the People's Choice Award.

Jillian Mundy travelled to and stayed in Darwin courtesy of Telstra, the principal sponsor of the NATSIAA.

● More pictures next page



The Wandjuk Marika Memorial Three-Dimensional Award went to Rhonda Sharpe for her piece *Rhonda*.



Bark Painting category winner Nonggirnga Marawili with her work *Lightning in the Rock*.

Work about life, black and white, and blood

By JILLIAN MUNDY

NATSIAA Works on Paper category winner Robert Fielding's award-winning work *Milkali Kutju*, meaning 'one blood' in Pitjantjatjara, is a highly personal piece, which talks directly about racism and the politics of 'blood'.

In Anangu culture, 'milkali' is a very sensitive word and can be used offensively, but in this work is about Indigenous and non-Indigenous people working alongside one another.

"It's about life, black and white, and it's about blood," the Pitjantjatjara/Aranda man explained to the *Koori Mail* as he sat beside the pair of self portraits, screen-printed on fine art paper, incorporating a variety of processes to deliver the powerful images – photographic self portrait, the traditional painted design digitally rendered and words overlaid.

"Under the skin, all the blood is the same. We all bleed, we breathe,

we die the same," Fielding said.

"It's about forgiveness. Until someone can say they have a different blood colour than me, well...

"We all have these different multicultural backgrounds and bloodlines. I have so many different bloodlines that I respect. I have so many religions."

Mr Fielding was born in Port Augusta, South Australia.

"From 1998 I had to rediscover who I was and where I stood in life," he said.

"Restored"

"Being a descendant of the Stolen Generation you had no identity. I was only 90 degrees. I'm 360 now, I am a resolution. I restored who I am."

"It was a turning point on identity and going back to culture. By going back to country that has made me who I am now. I made an attempt to go back and restore my story, my song, my dance, where I

originated. Now I can reflect between law and lore."

The 46-year-old father of nine, lives at Mimili, in SA's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, and has been an arts worker at Mimili Maku Arts for the past four years. He is a prolific artist who has worked in a variety of mediums, but mainly painting, until recently.

He is immensely proud to be recognised in the awards, and now plans to step aside from much of his arts worker role to give a younger person a chance to learn and have the opportunities that he has already had, allowing him to focus on his career.

"My goal and ambition is to have an art piece in every gallery within Australia before I die," Fielding said.

His motto is "love for all, hatred for none".

● Pictured right: SA artist Robert Fielding with his award-winning work *Milkali Kutju*.



2015 Telstra National Indigenous Art Award



Crowd at big night



HUNDREDS of people were at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory for the

announcement of this year's Telstra Art Award winners. The *Koori Mail's* Jillian Mundy was there and took these pictures, clockwise from top left.

● Warren H Williams and Dani Young added some country tunes to the evening.

● Torres Strait Islander family members Uniss, Malu, Dominic, Melijina and Asa Waianga, from Darwin.

● Christine Anu was the headline act at the Telstra NATSIAA opening celebration.

● Shally Cook, from Melville Island, getting into the groove as Christine Anu sang crowd favourite *My Island Home*.

● Genevieve Rankine, from

Ali Curung community, with her aunties Julie Wauchope, from Ali Curung, and Emily Rankine, from Darwin.

● Cecil Woody, Cindy Bilbil, Michelle Woody and Rosabelle Simon, all from the Tiwi Islands, at the awards night.

● Twins Peggy and Edna Tom, from the Tiwi Islands, and Sharlene Chuguna and Amanda Smith, from Fitzroy Crossing, taking in Christine Anu's performance.

● Larrakia boys and men from Belyuen, the Kenbi Dancers, performed traditional dance and song. They are Declan Lippo, William Goodman, Timothy Burrenjuck and Larry Cunningham, with Tristan Lippo at the front.

● Artist Barbara Moore, from Amata in South Australia's APY Lands, with her nephew Loy Wunungmurra and sister Emily Mbitjana, from Darwin.



Tony the people's choice



Waru Pingerr Ya Alali (Turtle Caught in a Net), 2014, by Tony Harry.
Photo: George Serras, National Museum of Australia.



Tony Harry, from Warraber Island, has been named the winner of the 2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award People's Choice Award.

More than 150 locals and visitors to the centre voted to decide the award, which recognises works most favoured by the public in the annual exhibition.

Mr Harry's mixed-media work, *Waru Pingerr Ya Alali (Turtle Caught in a Net)*, depicts the danger that discarded fishing nets or ghost nets, pose to the marine environment.

Torres Strait Regional Authority acting chairperson Aven Noah congratulated Mr Harry.

"With works coming in from right across the Torres Strait, Mr Harry can be proud that the public was so drawn to his creation," Mr Noah said.

"It is not only beautiful but speaks of an issue important to us all."

An anonymous visitor who voted for Mr Harry's work described it as a "graphic depiction of man's impact on nature and ultimately ourselves".

The 2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award opened in June, showcasing 50 works from 14 remote communities in the Torres Strait. Winners in 10 categories were announced on the opening night.

As winner of the 11th category – the People's Choice Award – Mr Harry receives \$1500 in prize money.

Direct a doco



NITV is partnering with Screen Territory to commission five short documentaries profiling the work of Northern Territory-based Indigenous scientists.

Called *Dark Science*, the documentaries will be produced between December 2015 and March

2016 and screen on NITV and NITV online.

Dark Science is aimed at enhancing the careers of Indigenous screen content producers in the NT.

Screen Territory and NITV want to hear from Indigenous filmmakers interested in joining the project.

For details, call (08) 8951 5141. Applications close September 21.

Meet the clan



A ONE-HOUR television special featuring six young Aboriginal Australians who

share what Indigenous culture means to them today in contemporary urban Australia screens this Sunday on NITV.

James Saunders is Gunditjmara on his father's side and Wiradjuri on his mother's side. Through his success as a rugby player, James challenges stereotypical perceptions of gay men in Australia. He is passionate about Indigenous representation in the media and runs his own digital PR company.

Miranda Tapsell is a descendent of the Larrakia and Tiwi nations. An actress, Miranda has had starring roles in the hit movie, *The Sapphires*, and the TV drama, *Love Child*. Through her work in theatre, film and television, she hopes to help bridge the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.



Rapper Kaylah Truth.

Harry Sabatino is from Sabai Island in the Torres Strait. Harry is an engineering student at the University of Queensland. He is motivated by the threat rising sea levels pose to his island home. He has plans to start up an engineering business in the Torres Strait that will employ local people.

Joshua Toomey is a Wiradjuri man from Dubbo, NSW. From an

underprivileged background, Josh had no career prospects. But his vision and determination saw Josh become NAIDOC Apprentice of the Year and soon, a fully qualified electrical linesman.

Kim Isaacs is Yawuru and Karajarri on her mother's side and Noongar on her father's side. Kim works as a doctor in a medical centre in Broome, WA. In addition to qualifying as a western doctor, Kim learnt traditional Aboriginal medicine that was passed down from her grandfather. She now draws on both in her practice.

Kaylah Tyson (aka Kaylah Truth) is a Meerooni woman of the Gurang nation. With a background in conscious political rap in groups such as The Poetic Murriz and the Impossible Odds Crew, Kaylah is now a successful solo hip-hop artist. Kaylah recognises the power of music to reach people and make connections.

Brave New Clan screens on NITV on Sunday, August 16 at 8.30pm.

Creole to NYC



THURSDAY Island woman Naomi Gothard has been awarded a \$10,000 Publishing Fellowship from the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund to attend the Digital Publishing Innovation Summit in New York City. Ms Gothard is the creative

director of Indigenous Translations and one of just five publishers from around Australia to receive the award.

"This is an incredible opportunity to learn from, and network with, the world leaders of the digital publishing industry," she said.

"Chief editors of a number of prominent online digital magazines have already agreed to meet with me after the summit to share their specialised knowledge of the industry."

Indigenous Translations provides a translating service enabling government agencies that operate throughout Queensland to spread their messages to local Indigenous people. Messages can then be broadcast throughout remote and regional communities in traditional languages – giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who speak English as a second language better opportunities to understand the government



Cairns-based publisher Naomi Gothard is off to New York to research using digital technology for Indigenous Translations.

services that are available to them, as well as issues that affect them and their environment.

"An exciting project that I recently worked was creating a series of Torres Strait Islander Creole written and audio translations for radio, posters and an animation as part of a Department of Queensland Health awareness campaign," Ms Gothard said.

2016/17 Artist in Residence (AIR) program

Applications now open

- Open to both emerging and established artists that reside outside of the Sydney metropolitan area
- Any art form eligible
- Residencies 10 –12 weeks in length
- Community development/engagement component required

Further Information

Visit www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au

Phone 02 9716 1866

anthiah@ashfield.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date

Applications close midnight Sunday 23rd August 2015



Deadly Ways for high schoolers



Sheree Inns (Laidley State High School) and Daimon Robinson (Charleville State High School) tour the *Sacred Ground* art exhibition at USQ's Deadly Ways, More Ways residential school.



HIGH school students from across a wide region travelled to the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) for its Deadly Ways, More Ways residential school. The three-day event attracted more than 80 Year 11-12

Indigenous students to the Toowoomba campus. USQ College for Indigenous Studies, Education and Research head Professor Tracey Bunda said Deadly Ways, More Ways aimed to inspire future Indigenous leaders. "It's about informing and supporting students who are interested in attending university

and those who are considering it as an option," she said. "Residential schools give our young people a chance to experience what university life is like." Activities included a career tracker workshop; a trivia night; information sessions on assignment writing and scholarship and enrolment

application assistance. University staff were also on hand to offer details on available programs and support services. Charleville State High School student Daimon Robinson said he enjoyed learning about university life. "I've been getting experience and getting the hang of how university works," he said.

"I've been considering university for the past few weeks as I'd like to advance my knowledge – somewhere in the health range, maybe as a personal trainer or youth worker." For more information on USQ's College for Indigenous Studies, Education and Research, visit www.usq.edu.au/ciser

Six win scholarships



SCHOLARSHIPS supporting Indigenous participation in higher education have been awarded to six Charles Sturt University (CSU) students. Five recipients – Mikaela Dart, Violet Evans, Nikita Brown, Julieann Hall and Sophie L'Estrange – have been awarded Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships for those studying a course in Indigenous health work, allied health, dentistry/oral health, medicine, midwifery or nursing.

Ms Dart, from central-western NSW, is studying nursing at CSU in Dubbo.

"I chose nursing because I am passionate about the health of people," she said.

"There's a great need for health care workers in rural areas, and coming from a small community myself, I'd like to help fill that gap."

Ms Evans, a distance education student, is studying a Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health) while employed as an Aboriginal mental health worker by the WA Country Health Service in Esperance.

"Coming from a rural background, I've always been passionate about rural and remote health and raising awareness of the health issues faced by the Aboriginal community," she said.

"Studying at Charles Sturt University has provided me with information, skills and expertise that I can apply through my work with Aboriginal communities and families to help improve their health outcomes."

The sixth scholarship recipient is Bachelor of Applied Science (Parks Recreation and Heritage) student Leroy Bates, who was awarded a Freddy Fricke Scholarship from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

"I'm a Barkindji (western NSW) man and traditional owner of Mutawintji National Park, so I have a strong cultural background," he said.

"It is therefore my goal to work with NSW National Parks and Wildlife and help preserve my culture and heritage."

Scholarships officer with CSU's Office for Students Nina Merrilees said there are opportunities for Indigenous students to tap into support.

"We're able to provide information about the range of scholarships available within the university and those provided by external organisations," she said.

CSU also offers small grants through the Rural and Regional Indigenous Community Engagement Program to support cultural, economic, sporting and related activities and to build higher education aspiration and awareness.



CSU student Mikaela Dart.

Health research 'key'



THE University of Sydney says early exposure to research is key to fostering the next generation of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers and an important part of closing the gap on health inequality.

So to that end, a new scholarship program with a four-week research cadetship will give Indigenous health students a taste of research.

Program coordinators John Gilroy and Simone Cherie-Holt said the program is vital as Australia needs more Indigenous people to champion Indigenous community-driven research.

"Health is a priority area in closing the gap and while we need Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clinicians on the ground, we also need Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals with an understanding of research and how it can enhance their practice," Dr Gilroy, the Indigenous health sociologist in the university's Faculty of Health Sciences, said.

A report by the university shows Indigenous people are underrepresented in higher degree research programs, accounting for just 0.66% of PhD



Scholarship recipients Amy Hawker and Sarah Large in the Sydney Performance Lab.

enrolments Australia-wide in 2010.

"We spend a lot of money and effort on schooling and transition to work, but after that it stops when we should be encouraging lifelong learning," Dr Gilroy said.

"For university students that

might mean looking at doing research through an honours program or even a PhD in the future, but it's important to flag these options early on."

The competitive scholarships are awarded to four Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander students in the Faculty of Health Sciences each year, allowing them to take up a four-week placement with a prominent research program of their choice during study break.

This year's scholarship

recipients, Sarah Large and Amy Hawker, are working on the 1000 Norms Project, a landmark study cataloguing human variation among healthy people aged between three and 101.

The Indigenous physiotherapy students said they hadn't previously considered research as an option.

"I think research is really important in understanding the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, yet I'd never really considered it as an opportunity for me before I heard about the scholarship," Ms Hawker said.

Ms Large said her involvement in the scholarship program has changed her understanding of research and the benefits it could provide her career.

"Being involved in the day-to-day running of a research project and working with such a range of people has given me a real insight into what an honours research year would be like, and I'm definitely considering it," she said.

The scholarship program is an initiative of the University of Sydney's Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu strategy, aimed at improving the engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in all areas of university life.

Deadly-cated



Hervey Bay High student Lane Stagg joins the Deadly-Cation Study Group at USQ Fraser Coast.



INDIGENOUS high school students at Hervey Bay and Urangan high schools are getting a chance to study at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), Fraser Coast campus.

Up to 30 students get

assistance with maths and English on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as part of the Deadly-Cation Study Group.

Run by UnitingCare and community education, Deadly-Cation also includes guest speakers on topics such as education, applying for jobs, motivation, school attendance,

bullying, strength, and being a positive role model.

"Students are sending messages of thanks and excitement as their results are improving. This has really boosted their self-esteem and encouraged them to strive harder," UnitingCare's Gayle Minniecon said.



Digital design path for Brooke



BATCHELOR Institute graduate Brooke Ottley attended a Path to Digital workshop in Sydney after excelling in her coursework in the Advanced Diploma in Graphic Design. The Path to Digital workshop was run by muru-D, a

startup accelerator backed by Telstra, the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) and Pollenizer, who run programs to assist entrepreneurs and startups.

Ms Ottley also works as a graphic designer at Batchelor Institute, who supported her attendance as a professional development opportunity.

Lifestyles can prevent diabetes



RECENT research shows that Indigenous people are now three times more likely than the general population to have diabetes.

Diabetes Australia, which administers the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) on behalf of the Federal Government, has found that up to 60% of type 2 diabetes can be prevented if people follow a healthier lifestyle.

Indigenous Allied Health Australia chief executive Donna Murray said these figures emphasise the importance for Indigenous people with diabetes to sign up to the NDSS to access support services.

"The findings highlight the importance of health professionals working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to overcome barriers to registration and check that those who are already

registered are aware of the services," she said. The NDSS was set up to provide support and financial relief to people with all types of diabetes and to help them live well by self-managing their condition.

Ms Murray said establishing links between general practitioners (GP), credentialled diabetes educators and health workers was essential to increasing the number of Indigenous people with diabetes registering on the NDSS, and encouraging those already registered to live well with diabetes.

"Collectively, health professionals have an opportunity to play a lead role in encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement with the NDSS," she said.

"Strong relationships developed through culturally responsive approaches are essential in meeting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with diabetes."

The NDSS provides information specifically targeted to Indigenous people with diabetes, free or discounted products, including insulin syringes, pen needles, insulin pump consumables, and urine and blood glucose testing strips.

While a credentialled diabetes educator or GP must certify the NDSS registration form, Ms Murray says there are opportunities to make the registration process easier.

"Health professionals can engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers and practitioners to promote the benefits of the NDSS, assist with the process and increase registrations," she said.

Aside from the support provided, the NDSS is also a key tool in helping to record diabetes prevalence across Australia. The information may also inform health decision making, such as identifying areas of most need.

Partnerships to close gap in health disparity



THE Federal and Northern Territory governments and the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of NT (AMSANT) have re-committed to a framework agreement aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous people.

Federal Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash said the agreement is the start of a national approach and she expects every state and territory will sign similar agreements by the end of 2015.

"The renewed five-year agreement, from 2015 to 2020, promotes shared responsibility and the need for genuine ongoing partnerships between Aboriginal community-controlled health services and both levels of government," she said. "This renewal is both a symbol of the three partners' willingness to work together, and a mechanism to make things happen in practice."

"The agreement commits us all to share information, and identify key priorities for action."

AMSANT chairperson Marion Scrymgour (pictured) welcomed the "ongoing commitment and constructive partnership between the Commonwealth and the NT governments to work with the Aboriginal community-controlled sector to address the health and wellbeing issues of Aboriginal Territorians".

Senator Nash said the Federal Government was committed to improving the health of Indigenous people and closing the gap in health disparity.

"This is an ongoing challenge, and by working in partnership with Aboriginal people and organisations, we have



Marion Scrymgour

already had some successes, notably improvements in the life-expectancy gap, and in reducing child mortality," she said.

"All partners agree that improving outcomes in the early years is critical to achieving long-term gains for Aboriginal people."

"For example, the Australian Government, the NT Department of Health together with AMSANT have undertaken considerable work to understand the causes, treatments and prevention strategies of childhood anaemia and growth faltering. As a result, the NT is the only jurisdiction with Aboriginal health key performance indicators on childhood anaemia and growth faltering that allow for progress to be tracked across the territory."

Managing chronic conditions



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people managing chronic health conditions are expected to have simpler and more streamlined care under a Federal Government program being rolled out by Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS).

The Care Coordination and Supplementary Services (CCSS) program will be available to all Indigenous people in the Mildura, Swan Hill, Kerang and Robinvale areas of Victoria, regardless of which GP or health service they use.

Chronic disease is a major factor in the life expectancy gap and accounts for about two-thirds of premature deaths in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

MDAS general manager of health Angela Imms said the program aimed to drive better health outcomes for people managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, kidney disease and cancer.

"People managing these conditions usually already have a care plan in place, but they are



From left, Mallee District Aboriginal Services manager of prevention and early intervention Andy Charles, ambassador Ada Peterson and president Keith Hampton.

quite complex," she said.

"Often we find people aren't necessarily accessing all the support and health services that could improve the management of

the condition and their overall health."

"Under the program, a patient's care coordination is provided by a qualified health worker such as an

Aboriginal health worker to ensure that patients are accessing the appropriate services."

"It will involve directly providing clinical services in some cases,

but also arranging for access to other services, assisting the patient to attend appointments, ensuring medical records are kept up to date and ensuring there are regular reviews by the person's primary care providers."

The chronic disease support service will be based at MDAS's Mildura and Swan Hill Health Services, with transport available if required.

Employment

MDAS is continuing to strengthen its workforce, with the release of a key report on its workforce development.

The report shows more than 100 Koori staff are now employed across the organisation's four offices and that MDAS's employment of Aboriginal people has risen by 75% since 2012.

MDAS chief executive Rudolph Kirby said that the report shows that at June 30, they had 199 staff in Mildura, Swan Hill, Kerang and Robinvale, and that recruitment for its new Robinvale Family Services operation had brought the number of staff of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background to 105, or 52.8% of employees.

Travel no more for treatment



PEOPLE in remote areas may no longer have to travel for medical testing and treatment, with new research assessing the benefit of on-site pathology testing.

The study, funded by the Emergency Medicine Foundation (EMF), will determine the patient benefit and cost savings of 'point-of-care testing' (POCT) which enables people to be tested and to receive their diagnosis locally during their medical episode.

Funded by an inaugural grant of \$95,000, the research has the potential to lead to more POCT services in rural and remote communities in Australia.

Research leader Flinders University professor Mark Shephard said the aim was to assess if point-of-care testing led to better, faster patient care and treatment as well as a reduction in costly medical evacuations from remote parts of the country.

He said POCT could assist doctors to either rule out a potential acute problem, to stabilise the patient in their

own community, or confirm if an emergency evacuation was required.

"In simple terms, this research will determine whether POCT enables more people to be diagnosed and treated in their remote communities and whether it reduces the need for unnecessary and expensive medical retrievals," Prof Shephard said.

"Hundreds of rural and remote Australians are medically evacuated to city hospitals each year at a significant cost to the health system.

"The average cost of an aerial evacuation from a remote area of Queensland is \$8318 and research has found that there is one evacuation every 2.2 days in remote Northern Territory."

The research will be conducted in six health centres in the NT and will specifically investigate patients with acute chest pain, diarrhoea and renal failure. EMF was set up in 2013 to find new ways of saving lives in emergency medicine through research-driven innovation.

The EMF grant was jointly sponsored by an anonymous donor and Zoll Medical Australia.



Sandra Conrad from Pormpuraaw has an ultrasound.

Help for pregnancy



EXPECTANT mums in Lockhart River are set to benefit as Apunipima Cape York

Health Council takes delivery of its latest ultrasound machine, which scan the bellies of pregnant women to check on developing bubs.

Although Apunipima has trained its midwives in the use of ultrasound machines, due to their cost only a few communities have been able to benefit. Now, after receiving \$32,450 from the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund, expectant mums in

Lockhart River will be able to access midwifery-led ultrasounds in their community.

Some diagnostic tests will still need to be done in Cairns. However, Apunipima midwives are trained to be able to determine accurate gestational age earlier, detect multiple pregnancies and check the position of the baby, when needed.

Apunipima's Family Health team head Rachel Sargeant said the new machine would make a real difference to families in the Cape expecting a new addition.

"What's most exciting is that mums, dads and family members will get to see their

little one as it grows in utero, promoting attachment and family bonding, whilst staying home in remote area settings," she said.

"Providing a midwifery-led ultrasound scanning service in remote Indigenous communities of Cape York means access to important, timely information which eases accurate logistical planning and provides an improved, consistent and more comprehensive antenatal care service.

"Consequently this increases best health outcomes for mum and bub, without always having to travel long distances away from family and community."

New diploma for AMS workers



FOURTEEN staff from Aboriginal medical services from across NSW were congratulated for

completing a nationally recognised Diploma in Practice Management for Aboriginal Medical Services at a dinner in Tamworth last month.

The diploma is the first of its kind, developed by NSW general practice training provider, GP Synergy in collaboration with TAFE Open Training and Education Network (OTEN), to meet the specific needs of practice managers and staff working in AMS facilities.

GP Synergy chief executive officer John Oldfield said the new course filled a gap in education needs for Aboriginal health workers.

"Whilst there are many general practice management diplomas available, none reflect the complex social, cultural, and clinical dimensions that need to be coordinated and work in harmony for successful Aboriginal health service delivery," he said.

Running over six months, 14 staff completed the diploma from Aboriginal medical services in



Tamworth AMS staff member Michelle Bolte (far left) with Diploma in Practice Management for Aboriginal Medical Services graduates.

Tamworth, Inverell, Moree, Coonamble, Wellington and South-western Sydney.

One of these participants, Michelle Bolte from Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service

(TAMS), said the knowledge she has gained from the diploma has been invaluable.

"I loved the experience as it gave me direction and confidence to manage a busy

practice," she said.

"I have found that the information has assisted me in ensuring that our patients receive the best of care, while staff are supported to deliver

quality care.

"I feel lucky to have been given this opportunity, which I hope will not only benefit our service and all staff but will also benefit the 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

September 3, September 18: Governing Girls, A Masterclass in Indigenous Governance. A chance to be one of 30 people to get insiders' tips on governance for corporates and communities. Held in Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane. Cost: \$50 for non-alumni or \$30 for alumni. Details: Tamara Giles on (02) 6251 5770 or visit <http://goo.gl/60NVha>

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: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Until 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: Boomalli's *Unity Solid and Deadly* exhibition. Featuring works by Boomalli members including Greg Weatherby, Danny Eastwood, Bronwyn Bancroft and more. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Co-op, Leichhardt, from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free. Details: (02) 95602541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until August 30: Call for Venue Assistance – Aboriginal sports taping. The Office of Sport is looking to establish sports taping courses throughout the north coast for Aboriginal people. To be held in Port Macquarie, Kempsey, Macksville, Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Casino, Lismore, Ballina and Tweed Heads. Details: Teena Reeves on (02) 6618 0400 or email teena.reeves@sport.nsw.gov.au

Until August 30: *Kaninjaku: Stories from the Canning Stock Route* exhibition. Explores the history of the world's longest historic stock route through the paintings of the Aboriginal people. Held at the National Museum Australia, Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula, Canberra. Open daily from 9am-5pm. Free general admission. Details: 1800 026 132 or visit www.nma.gov.au

August 11: Healing and Mental Health Public Forum and Webinar, run by the Healing Foundation. Held at Museum of Sydney from 10-11.30am. Details: (02) 6124 4400 or to register, visit www.healingfoundation.org.au

August 14: Evolve or Die seminar, for businesses. Held at Ballina RSL Club, 240 River St, Ballina from 7.15am. Cost: \$30 a person includes breakfast. Details: Paul Jameson on 0408 866 651 or email paulj@byroncollege.org.au

August 15, Sept 5, Sept 26 and Oct 17: Basket-making workshop series, presented by the Guli-bal Living Culture Group. Held at the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens, Wyrallah Road, East Lismore (beside the waste facility) from 10am-2pm. Cost: \$40 a workshop or \$160 full series. Details: Arts

Quandamooka culture on show



YOUNG dancers perform at the Quandamooka Festival, which began in July and runs until September 26, with events to be held across the Redlands and Brisbane, and some of highlights on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island). The new festival celebrates Quandamooka culture, country and people. More details at www.quandamookafestival.com.au or call (07) 3415 2816.

Northern Rivers on (02) 6628 8120 or visit www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au

August 16: Boomalli Sunday afternoon music event, to mark the end of the *Unity, Solid and Deadly* exhibition. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt from 2-4pm. Cost: Donation on entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

August 18-23: Aboriginal science in Wiradjuri during National Science Week. Larry Brandy, a Wiradjuri man and storyteller, will show how Aboriginal people hunted and found food in traditional times using their knowledge of the environment. Held in Murrin Bridge, Condobolin, Cowra, Bathurst and Dubbo. Details: Larry Brandy on 0423 365 424 or email larrybrandy@outlook.com or visit www.scienceweek.net.au

August 21: Bonalbo Central School NAIDOC celebration. Details: Rachael Moore or Matthew Martin on (02) 6665 1205

August 21: Aboriginal astronomy evening. Includes presentations on the importance of the night sky to Indigenous people, as well the chance to view stars through a telescope. Held at Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo Street, Redfern, from 7pm. Free, bookings essential. Details: Joanne on (02) 9850 8283.

August 22: Family science fun day. A range of science activities including chemistry, physics, biology, earth and environmental science, astronomy and mathematics as well as a chat with Aboriginal Elders, boomerang throwing and more. Held at Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo Street, Redfern from 10am-4pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Joanne on (02) 9850 8283.

August 22: Dreamtime Divas performance, held at Kempsey Showground (main hall), West Kempsey, from 5.45pm. Cost: \$50 a person, available for pre-purchase at Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre. Details: Colleen on (02) 6562 500 or 0423 688 108.

August 22-October 4: *Miri: Euraba Artists and Papermakers* exhibition. A collaboration between Euraba, Moree Plains Regional

Gallery and Boomalli Arts Co-op. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

September 3-4: Free youth mental health first aid training. Available free if you are a community-based youth worker in regional or rural NSW. Held at Lismore Workers Club from 9am-5pm. Limited places. Details: 1800 100 024 or email lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au or visit www.wesleymission.org.au

September 9: Miri Mirri cultural engagement training. Held at YWCA Northern Rivers, Lismore. Free workshop. Details: Naomi Moran or Louise Collins on (02) 6625 5800 or visit www.mirimirri.com.au

Queensland

Until August 15: Bangarra Dance Theatre *Jore* performance. Held at Playhouse, QPAC, Cultural Precinct, South Bank, Brisbane. Entry fees apply. Details: 136 246 or Tracey (07) 3840 7984 on visit www.qpac.com.au

Until August 16: *A Year in Yarrabah* exhibition. A group exhibition by five artists from Yarrabah, who have interpreted and recorded their community's seasonal calendar. Held at Cairns Regional Gallery, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm and Sun 10am-2pm. Cost: \$5 Adult, free entry for children under 16. Details: (07) 4046 4800 or www.cairnsregionalgallery.com

Until August 29: *Warlukurlangu Artists of Yuendumu* exhibition. Featuring works by Warlukurlangu artists. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba from Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit www.wag.com.au

Until September 30: Quandamooka Festival 2015. A three-month festival of events celebrating culture, country and people of the Quandamooka (Moreton Bay) region. Held around the Moreton Bay area. Details: Nikki Michail on 0407 641 323 or visit www.quandamookafestival.com

August 19: Politics in the Pub: Who's afraid of the Constitution? A community discussion tackling contemporary issues in Australian politics. Guest speakers include Sam Watson, Andrew Bartlett, Amy McQuire and more. Held at the Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm, from 6pm. Free event, all welcome. Details: (07) 3358 5600 or visit www.communi.org.au

October 10-11: Woorabinda Warriors Cup Rugby League Carnival. To be held at Saleyards Park, Rockhampton. Cost: Team nomination \$1500. Nomination close on September 18. Details: murritime@hotmail.com

Victoria

Until August 22: *Selected Works on Paper* exhibition by Baluk Arts artists. Held at the Curved Wall, Frankston Arts Centre, Frankston. Entry fees apply. Details: (03) 5975 5000 or visit www.balukarts.org.au

August 17: Royal commission public hearing in Melbourne. The hearing will inquire into the experiences of former child residents at Turana and Winalton youth training centres and Baltara Reception Centre from the 1960s to the early 1990s. Details: 1800 099 340 or visit www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

Western Australia

Ongoing: Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company Writers' Group meeting for new and emerging playwrights. Held on the second Monday of the month at Yirra Yaakin, 65 Murray St, Perth, from 6.30-8.30pm. Details: Irma on (08) 9202 1966 or www.yirrayaakin.com.au

Until August 19: *Sixteen Artists – 16x2* exhibition, presenting two paintings each from 16 Aboriginal artists in one collection. Held at Japingka Gallery 1, Fremantle, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm and Sat-Sun noon-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

Until August 19: *Northern Alyawarra Painters* exhibition, held at Japingka Gallery 2, 47 High Street, Fremantle, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm and Sat-Sun 12-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or www.japingka.com.au

Until August 24: *Warakurna: All the Stories Got into our Minds and Eyes* travelling exhibition of contemporary paintings and sculptures. Held at the Western Australian Museum, Residency Rd, Albany. Open daily from 10am-4.30pm. Free entry, suggested donated \$5. Details: (08) 9841 4844 or visit museum.wa.gov.au/museums.albany

August 16-September 19: Walkatjurra Walkabout, a month-long trip from Wiluna to Leonora, an awareness-raising campaign in solidarity with Aboriginal people to ban uranium mining in WA. Registration fees apply. Details: Marcus on 0400 505 765 or email walk4country@gmail.com or visit www.walkingforcountry.com

South Australia

September 3-4: NACCHO Ochre Day, an Aboriginal male health initiative sharing knowledge and exploring ways to encourage males of all ages to access health services. Held around Adelaide. Registrations required, limited numbers. Details: Mark Saunders on (02) 6246 9300 or 0409 959 191 or visit www.naccho.org.au

Northern Territory

August 15: Big Rivers Community Festival, at Old Tick Markets, Lindsay St, Katherine. Entry by gold coin donation. Details: Nicola Pitt on (08) 8951 9737 or www.caamamusic.com.au

August 21-23: Freedom Day Festival 2015. Commemorating the 49th Anniversary of the Wave Hill Walk Off through art, culture, music and sport. Details: Phil Smith on 0406 224 866 or email gurindjicorporation@gmail.com or visit www.facebook/gurindjicorporation

August 25-28: Barkly Artist Camp, held over four days at Barkly Regional Arts Centre, Tennant Creek. Details: (08) 8962 2799 or visit www.barklyregionalarts.com



Courtney Kelly: "I feel like I've come full circle."

Courtney leads way



THE University of Queensland's mining engineering program has its first Indigenous female graduate.

Courtney Kelly – the first member of her family to attend university – received her Bachelor of Engineering (Mining) last month. She has now secured a position at Woodside Petroleum in Perth.

"I feel like I've come full circle," said Ms Kelly, who studied on a three-year scholarship from natural resources company Glencore.

"I always aspired to study at UQ while at high school, and relocated from my hometown of Innisfail to follow that dream.

"And now I have the opportunity to follow my next dream."

"Throughout my studies at

UQ, I became extremely interested in the natural gas industry, so I am incredibly grateful to have been given the opportunity to work with industry leader Woodside."

Provide a balance

Ms Kelly's graduation bolsters UQ's Women in Engineering program, which aims to provide a balance of outstanding engineers.

UQ's head of Division of Mining Professor Peter Knights said Ms Kelly entered the Australian mining employment market at a challenging time due to lower minerals commodity prices. But the cyclical nature of prices meant that students entering the mining engineering program this year would most likely graduate into a rising market.

"Australia is the world's largest

exporter of iron ore and coking coal," Prof Knights said.

"Any upswing in global economic activity will drive demand for qualified graduates from our engineering programs.

"With a significant increase in the amount of students graduating from mining engineering as compared to mid-semester 2014, the latest cohort of students will be in demand as the resources market recovers."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

Koori Mail – Our ABC audit means our readership is guaranteed. No other newspaper aimed at the Indigenous market can offer this!

Advertising disclaimer: Budsoar Pty Ltd, publisher of the *Koori Mail*, reserves the right to alter, omit or change advertisements, and while every care is exercised, it is not responsible for errors or non-insertions. No adjustments will be made for errors unless attention is drawn to them within the first week of

publication. Advertisers agree that all advertisements published by Budsoar Pty Ltd may also appear on a relevant web site operated by Budsoar Pty Ltd.
Privacy Policy: Budsoar Pty Ltd collects your personal information to assist us in providing the goods or services you have requested, to process your

competition entries, and to improve our products and services. We may be in touch to let you know about goods, services or promotions which may be of interest to you. We may also share your information with other persons or entities who assist us in providing our services, running competitions or with other companies

who provide prizes for competitions or reader offers. If you would prefer that we do not do this, please write to us at: admin@koorimail.com or phone (02) 66 222 666, or fax (02) 66 222 600. Mail can be sent addressed to General Manager, Budsoar Pty Ltd, PO Box 117, Lismore NSW 2480.



Mirrung Ngu Wanjarri and Aboriginal Legal Access Project Worker (Aboriginal identified)

Part-Time Fixed Term 24hrs per week.
Salary \$60,199 - \$63,312 (pro-rata) plus salary sacrifice package (Lismore based)

*Are you an Aboriginal woman, passionate to see a reduction in domestic and family violence in North Coast Aboriginal communities?
Are you passionate to assist Aboriginal women open pathways to healing?
Are you interested in improving access to legal and community services for Aboriginal people?*

We are an award winning Community Legal Centre with a good reputation in the community. We are looking for an Aboriginal woman who has understanding of NSW North Coast Aboriginal communities and experience in prevention of domestic and family violence.

The position is funded for 2 years, at 4 days per week.
To obtain a Job Kit email nrlc@clc.net.au, download from <http://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/Members/NRCLC/legal-access-project-worker-lismore> or <http://northernriversclc.org.au/> or call 6621 1000.

Applications close 4pm Friday 14 August 2015

Department of Justice & Regulation

Aboriginal Parole Officer Swan Hill Community Correctional Services



- Make a difference in the Koori community
- 12 month fixed-term position
- Salary range \$70,928 - \$76,645 plus superannuation

A great opportunity exists for a motivated individual with a keen interest in Aboriginal welfare to join the team in this fantastic role.

Based in Swan Hill, but working across the broader Loddon Mallee Region, you will deliver quality case management to a complex caseload of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal prisoners on parole. You will contribute to an integrated risk assessment and management framework by developing strong links with Aboriginal agencies and maintaining close partnerships with internal and external stakeholders.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- solid case management experience, with proven needs assessment and intervention skills
- a strong understanding of the Koori community, including the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members
- the ability to write high quality, complex reports for a variety of audiences.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close on Sunday 23 August 2015.

Department of Health & Human Services

Senior Project Officer

Strategic Planning & Service Improvement

- Two positions available
- Full Time (76 hours per fortnight) Fixed Term contracts until September 2016
- Geelong, Ballarat and Footscray locations

This position will have a key role in implementing the tasks identified in area action plans developed through Taskforce 1000. Taskforce 1000 is a collaborative project between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Commission for Children and Young People. The project seeks to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people and inform future planning by reviewing the current circumstances of the approximately 1000 Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care.

In this role, you will be welcomed into a dynamic and vibrant environment with professionals who share a common goal, and contribute to this fundamental and extraordinary work.

The department encourages and welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Are you?

- Interested in working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people?
- Someone able to plan, organise, prioritise and manage multiple interrelated tasks?
- Experienced at delivering and implementing projects?
- A change manager with a proven track record of achieving results?

We currently have two vacancies to be based in our Ballarat, Geelong or Footscray offices. The role requires extensive travel to metropolitan and country locations and may involve overnight stays. Salary range is \$86,493 – 104,650 per annum plus superannuation.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Simon Walter on 03 5333 6220

Job Reference No: VG/DHHS/WD/453958

Applications close: **Midnight, Sunday 23rd August 2015**

For more information about the Department of Health & Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health & Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au



PROGRAM OFFICER

The National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy is looking for a passionate and enthusiastic Program Officer to fill a vacancy in our Central NSW Academy. The successful applicant will be responsible for delivering our school based Sporting Chance Academies. The successful applicant will have sufficient expertise in sport, education and relationship management to produce and deliver strategies and activities designed to improve the attendance and engagement of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander young people in school in years 7-12.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: 2PM 17 AUGUST 2015

For an applicant package and more information contact:
Trent Dyer - Email: trent@nasca.org.au
Tel: (02) 8399 3071.

FULL TIME CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



The Moama Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer for 5 days a week.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the MLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementations of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles and use of MYOB. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For recruitment package contact the Administration Assistant Kyeema Lamb on (03) 54 826 071 Office Hours Monday-Friday from 9am - 4pm.

Applications can be forwarded to ceo.mlalc@gmail.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Moama Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 354, Moama NSW 2731

Application Close September 11th 2015

Moama LALC have identified this position within the organisational structure as one that requires Aboriginality as allowed in the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 - Section 14 - Exception-genuine occupational qualification.



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 28 August 2015.

Merana Aboriginal Community Association

COORDINATOR

Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc (Merana) was incorporated to assist in giving Aboriginal people a voice in the Hawkesbury and to raise awareness of Aboriginal issues in the Aboriginal and wider communities.

Merana's continuing objective is to develop support and implement programs, positions and resources that address and meet the needs identified by Aboriginal people residing in the Hawkesbury LGA.

A fantastic opportunity exists for an experienced Coordinator based in Richmond and reporting directly to the Merana Management Committee. Fixed term, full time role (12 months) responsible for the successful management of a number of community based programs, including HACC and ACYFS. Salary sacrifice included in package.

A self-motivated Coordinator, sound business management insight, organisation skills and able to provide leadership and coaching to a multidisciplinary team working across a diverse range of community based services. Proven dedication to providing community based services and knowledge of issues affecting Aboriginal people.

For queries, to apply or to request a package please contact:
Robyn Wilms email: robynwilms13@gmail.com

Applications close at midnight on 24th August 2015

Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent



Wiri Yuwiburra Community Benefits Trust

Applications for Appointment of Aboriginal Trustee

Applications are now called from Aboriginal persons wishing to be considered for appointment as an Aboriginal Trustee with the Wiri Yuwiburra Community Benefits Trust.

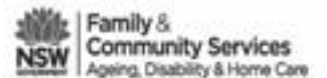
Applications must demonstrate in their application how they meet the following criteria:

- Identify as, and, are accepted as an Aboriginal Person;
- Possess a commitment to the furtherance of the interests of Wiri Yuwiburra people and, the Aboriginal community in and around the Hail Creek Region;
- a demonstrated aptitude and experience relevant to the task and responsibilities of a trustee including, general computer use (including microsoft word, excel and emailing), decision making skills, commitment to working towards goals, promotion of the Trust and ability to travel (desirable: possession of a valid QLD drivers license).
- High level experience in one or more of the following: program management, business management, recruitment, community projects [Desirable]

Aboriginal persons interested in applying are invited to send their applications, not exceeding 2 pages, and supporting resume to:

Applications for Appointment
Wiri Yuwiburra Community Benefits Trust
PO Box 2346, CHERMSIDE CENTRE QLD 4032

Close of Applications: Friday 4th September, 2015



SYDNEY REGION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION POSITION VACANT

Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation is a not-for-profit organisation with offices in Penrith and Harris Park. We provide services to aged Aboriginal clients and those with a disability living in the Sydney area, supporting them to live independently.

Early Links Aboriginal Early Linker Full Time - Northern Sydney

The Early Links program provides support to families of children up to eight years old from around the time of their child's diagnosis with disability or developmental delay.

The Aboriginal Early Linker will work with children and their families to recognise and build on individual and family strengths and support networks. Together you will look at ways children with disability can fully participate and be part of community and plan for the future.

The Aboriginal Early Linker will facilitate access to specialist services throughout the time of diagnosis and assist children and their families to develop existing support networks and create new networks to meet the goals of the family and child.

The successful applicant will have strong connections with the local Aboriginal Community and have an understanding of the needs of people with disabilities. You must demonstrate the ability to apply a person centred approach to service provision, working with both Aboriginal and mainstream services.

Applicants must have strong organisational skills, be able to work unsupervised, and take pride in their work, preferably with experience in Health or Community Services.

Applicants MUST have full unrestricted Drivers Licence. This position will cover the Northern Sydney area, and you will be based at our Harris Park Office.

For more information or to obtain selection criteria for this position, please call either Ralph on 0439 700 155, Katherine on 0401 336 669 or email to info@srac.ngo.

Applicants must address the selection criteria and be willing to obtain a current police and working with children check to be considered for these positions. We offer an attractive salary based on skills and experience and opportunity for ongoing training and development.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 4th SEPTEMBER 2014



Aboriginal Specialist Worker

21 hours p/w Mon-Wed
Permanent part-time position

Penrith Women's Health Centre is a non-government organisation funded by NSW Health and Legal Aid NSW. The Centre provides a variety of services for women.

We are seeking an Aboriginal Specialist Worker to join the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service program. To be successful in this role you will be a capable and proactive worker. You will have experience working with women experiencing domestic violence, sound understanding of social policy and issues that face women in Western Sydney and strong experience in networking with multidisciplinary services and agencies.

In order to apply candidates **MUST** obtain an application package by contacting the WDVCS Coordinator on email pwhcentre@pwhc.org.au or call 4721 8749.

Being female is a genuine requirement under S31 Anti Discrimination Act.

Being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Applications close on August 24 2015

ABORIGINES ADVANCEMENT LEAGUE

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE (HACC) ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



The HACC Aboriginal Development Officer supports HACC funded staff and agencies to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people accessing HACC services; works with organisations to support the development of culturally safe and responsive service to Aboriginal communities; works with and supports HACC Aboriginal Access and Support staff in the region, engages with other HACC sectoral development roles and attends meetings at the regional and statewide level, organises regular HACC Aboriginal network meetings and attends the Victorian Committee for Aboriginal Aged Care and Disability (VCAACD), working groups and facilitates communication between VCAACD and the regional HACC Aboriginal Network.

This position is located at the Aborigines Advancement League but covers the Melbourne Metropolitan Region of North, West, South and Health DHHS Divisions.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For a more detailed position description please contact Esme Bamblett on (03) 9480 7777 or by email ceo@aal.org.au

**Closing date for applications
21st August at 4pm.**



Grants Solicitor, Operations (Aboriginal Targeted) Legal Officer Grade I-III

- Temporary & Ongoing Talent Pool
- Package up to \$115k
- Grants Division (Central Sydney)

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed team members able to assess, process and determine complex applications for grants of legal aid across a range of Commonwealth and State criminal, civil or family law matter types, within Legal Aid NSW policy and available funds to meet the intent of the legal aid program and ensure delivery of high quality client service.

Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Ref. No: 00003U42

Closing Date: Wednesday, 19 August 2015

Enquiries: Maree McDonald on (02) 9219 5677

Z05486



Aboriginal Student Support Officer (2 positions)

Clerk Grade 3/4

Location: Equity Unit, OTEN - Strathfield

Reference No: 00003TAY

Total remuneration package valued to \$77,516 p.a. (including salary \$64,008 - \$70,087 p.a.), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Notes: This is a child-related position. Applicants must have a valid and current Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance as a condition of employment. To apply for a WWCC Clearance, visit the Children Guardian's website at <http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/>

Duties:

Provide high quality front line student advisory and support services for prospective and enrolled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to maximise participation, completions and transition to employment and foster a positive student experience.

Liaise with schools, community organisations, employers, employment services, government departments and peak bodies to promote TAFE programs and services and establish strong referral pathways to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977).
- Appropriate post-school educational qualification and / or relevant experience..
- Knowledge of TAFE products and services and related corporate systems, processes and procedures..

Other selection criteria also apply. The full selection criteria and further information about this role are available from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au (applicants must apply online via this website).

Closing Date: Wednesday 26 August 2015

Female Aboriginal Outreach Worker

The Nepean-Blue Mountains Primary Health Network has an exciting opportunity for a Female Aboriginal Outreach Worker to join the friendly Healthy for Life team. The position is full-time or part time, based at our office in Hazelbrook/ Blue Mountains.

You will be a central point of contact for Aboriginal people registered with the HFL program who require a link to health care services. You will coordinate referrals to appropriate services and strengthen linkages between the Blue Mountains Aboriginal community and services to improve health outcomes.

You will have knowledge of Aboriginal women's health issues and awareness of community health and support services/ programs. Being female is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s31 (2)(h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* and Aboriginality is also a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

To apply, please visit www.nbmphn.com.au.

Applications close Wednesday 19th August 2015.

NBMPHN is an equal opportunity employer and encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, young people, people with disabilities and people from culturally diverse backgrounds to apply for positions.

change your
outlook

Aboriginal Cadet Environmental Health Officer PSC834



Launch your career with a Cadetship with Port Stephens Council

- Are you passionate about taking the first steps to a successful and fulfilling career?
- Do you enjoy helping people and having a direct influence on the built and natural environment?
- You will receive first class training in a supportive team environment that is recognised as a leader in its field

This is an identified position for an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. Eligible applicants must identify as an **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander**.

Take control of your future and achieve your professional ambitions

by launching your career with Port Stephens Council.

Contact: Marc Goodall on 0439 513 048

Applications close: 5pm, Sunday 23 August 2015



PORT STEPHENS
COUNCIL

lifestyle • opportunity • diversity



Health

Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Community Integration Team Clinician (HM1) Aboriginal Identified TFT up to 30/06/2018

Classification: Health Mgr Level 1

Location: Tamworth

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time (up to 30/06/2018)

Salary: \$65,764 – \$88,464 pa

Enquiries: Jeanette Toole, 0408 163 583

Email: Jeanette.Toole@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Reference Number: 267400

Closing Date: 16 August 2015

Aboriginal Sexual Health Education Officer (AHEO)

Classification: Aboriginal Sexual Health Education Officer / Aboriginal Health EDUc Off Non Grad

Location: Eastgardens

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$49,121 – \$72,346 pa

Enquiries: Jennifer Woodward, (02) 8372 3066

Reference Number: 269320

Closing Date: 17 August 2015

**To apply for these positions please visit
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au**

Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, Equal Employment, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

Z05470

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service
Providing quality holistic healthcare for people in the Worimi Nation

Aboriginal Family Strengthening Worker

4 days a week

Aboriginality is a selection requirement of this position

Duties will include:

- Case Management in complex care provision for clients 0 – 8 years and their families.
- Work in partnership with families to identify and achieve family goals.
- Collaborate with the Aboriginal Maternal and infant team.
- Increase knowledge and use of health and community services.
- Provide community capacity building partnerships and networks.
- Participates in Whole government agency meetings.
- Actively engages clients and their family to participate in programs conducive in optimising health and wellbeing.
- Monitoring, evaluating and reporting.
- Maintain clinical data requirements.

To be successful in this role you must have:

- Ability to work independently and also within a team.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Current Drivers licence.
- Current Working with Children Check or ability to obtain.
- Current Police Check or ability to obtain.

Desirable:

- Certificate 3 in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Healthcare or equivalent.

Applicants must address the full selection criteria. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Forward applications to:

Anita Grothkopp
Human Resource Officer,
Tobwabba AMS, PO Box 48, Forster, NSW 2428

Ph: (02) 6555 6271 or Email: agrothkopp@tobwabba.org.au

Applications close: Friday 31st August 2015.

Department of Health & Human Services

Senior Project Officer, Strategic Planning & Service Improvement

- Two positions available
- Full Time (76 hours per fortnight) Fixed Term contracts until September 2016
- Geelong, Ballarat and Footscray locations (The role requires extensive travel to metropolitan and country locations and may involve overnight stays.)
- \$86,493 – \$104,650 per annum plus superannuation.

This position will have a key role in implementing the tasks identified in area action plans developed through Taskforce 1000. Taskforce 1000 is a collaborative project between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Commission for Children and Young People. The project seeks to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people and inform future planning by reviewing the current circumstances of the approximately 1000 Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care.

In this role, you will be welcomed into a dynamic and vibrant environment with professionals who share a common goal, and contribute to this fundamental and extraordinary work.

The department encourages and welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Are you?

- Interested in working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people?
- Someone able to plan, organise, prioritise and manage multiple interrelated tasks?
- Experienced at delivering and implementing projects?
- A change manager with a proven track record of achieving results?

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit;

www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact

Simon Walter on 03 5333 6220

Job Reference No: **VG/DHHS/WD/453958**

Applications close: Midnight, Sunday 23rd August 2015

For more information about the Department of Health & Human Services visit **www.dhhs.vic.gov.au**

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit **www.careers.vic.gov.au**

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health & Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au



Z0580836



Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Family Community
Care Centre (Abcare)

Caseworker - Out of Home Care

Selection Criteria

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality (documented)
- Experience in child protection, foster care support, out of home care
- Relevant experience in Case Management
- Strong computer skills and ability to provide accurate reports through use of Microsoft Office programs, Data base.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Knowledge of NSW Office of the Children's Guardian OOHCB Benchmark Standards.
- Ability to effectively work independently and as part of a team and follow Abcare's Policies and Procedures
- Ability to work to plans and effective time management
- Current NSW Drivers Licence
- Ability to work On Call on a rotation basis

Desirable Criteria:

- Experience in working in or with an Aboriginal organisation
- Tertiary qualifications in relevant Human Services field or equivalent knowledge and experience.
- Relevant experience in working in the OOHCB case management field.

• **Notes:** The position is 35 hours per week and has been classified under the Social Community, Home Care and Disability Award. Salary Packages includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Attractive Salary Packages with a \$16,000 per annum tax free component will be negotiated with the successful applicant and will be based on qualifications and experience.

A Satisfactory NSW "Working with Children Check" and federal "Criminal Record Check" applies for this position. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised-by Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Enquiries and Information Pack: contact Ms Belinda Jackson- Abcare OOHCB Manager on (02) 6648 3678 email: Belinda@abcare.org.au

Applications should be addressed to the Chairperson Abcare Po Box 521, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450 and marked "Confidential"

Closing date for applications
Friday 4 September 2015 4pm.

Make a difference...

Koori Graduate Recruitment and Development Scheme

We are currently recruiting for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander graduates in a range of disciplines located in Melbourne CBD. These graduate positions will start in February 2016.

The 12 month graduate scheme offers professional development and training, with exposure to a cross-section of the departments activities leading to ongoing employment.

To apply, go to the careers section of www.justice.vic.gov.au

If you would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity please contact the Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 8074 or email koori.employment@justice.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Sunday 20 September 2015.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Department of
Justice & Regulation



Director of Business Services Nhulunbuy, NT

* Impressive remuneration package including \$147K base + super, salary sacrificing & fantastic benefits!

* Make a positive difference to the Indigenous communities of East Arnhem Land!

Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation has a rare and exciting opportunity for a **Director of Business Services** to join their head office in Nhulunbuy, NT on a full-time permanent basis.

This is a key senior leadership role in which you'll **help drive improved business systems and ensure that service delivery programs have best practice support in the areas of IT, business and financial systems.** This will involve effectively managing financial services, IT administration services and corporate assets across Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation. Don't wait to take the next step in your business services career in a stunning location — Apply Now!

**EMPLOYMENT
OFFICE**

Apply Online
ApplyNow.com.au/job69987

Director of Business Services Nhulunbuy, NT

* Impressive remuneration package including \$147K base + super, salary sacrificing & fantastic benefits!

* Make a positive difference to the Indigenous communities of East Arnhem Land!

Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation has a rare and exciting opportunity for a **Director of Business Services** to join their head office in Nhulunbuy, NT on a full-time permanent basis.

This is a key senior leadership role in which you'll **help drive improved business systems and ensure that service delivery programs have best practice support in the areas of IT, business and financial systems.** This will involve effectively managing financial services, IT administration services and corporate assets across Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation. Don't wait to take the next step in your business services career in a stunning location — Apply Now!

**EMPLOYMENT
OFFICE**

Apply Online
ApplyNow.com.au/job69987



Journalist - Parramatta

We need a reporter with a passion for local content. The ideal applicant can find great original stories, and help us tell them on TV, radio and online. Do you have what it takes?

For details visit abc.net.au/careers

The ABC strives for equity and diversity in the workplace and to promote a culture of opportunity. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

GT16757

Aboriginal Coordinator: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare's Brighter Futures program are seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated Aboriginal Coordinator to work full time on the Central Coast.

Applicants will require:

- Aboriginality
 - Proven ability to provide cultural supervision and leadership to staff
 - Sound understanding of the issues facing disadvantaged children, young people and families
- getacareerthatmatters.com.au**
Apply by 5pm Monday 17 August 2015. Please view job description for full details

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.

UnitingCare
Children, Young People
and Families

Operations Manager: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare CYPF is seeking a passionate and experienced Aboriginal Identified leader to oversee our Families team in Dubbo.

The successful candidate will be responsible for leading the operations in Dubbo; overseeing Program Managers delivering a range of services to children, young people and families reaching as far west as Broken Hill.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a highly reputable Not-for-Profit Organisation with great staff benefits. Don't let this amazing opportunity pass you by, apply today!

getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Apply online by 5pm Monday 17 August 2015.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.

UnitingCare
Children, Young People
and Families



A unique and challenging opportunity!

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(commencing March 2010)

Generous six figure remuneration package

CAALAS is funded by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department to provide legal advice and representation to Aboriginal people of the Southern zone of the Northern Territory. CAALAS has a team of lawyers and support staff who provide quality representation in a culturally appropriate manner in the area of Criminal, Civil, Family Law and Community Legal Education.

As leader, motivator, communicator and mentor you will play a key role in the direction, culture and daily operation of CAALAS, which remains the busiest legal practice in Central Australia.

The successful candidate for this rewarding and challenging role will have:

- Strong managerial expertise
- Demonstrated capacity for strategic decision making
- Outstanding written and oral communication skills
- Ability to relate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal peoples
- Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal peoples in Central Australia

Key responsibilities will include:

- day-to-day operational management
- reporting to and providing administrative support to the CAALAS Board
- developing and implementing policies to ensure the effective and efficient management of CAALAS
- promoting CAALAS as an efficient and effective legal service
- public representation of CAALAS in the media and public forums
- developing relationships and partnerships with key stakeholders
- Managing, supporting and inspiring staff

CONDITIONS:

Salary commensurate with experience to be negotiated. Some relocation assistance available.

For further information regarding this position, please contact Mark O'Reilly on (08) 8950 9300.

Applications close 5:00pm Friday 21st August 2015.

For a Position Description and Selection Criteria please contact Jodie Tilmouth on (08) 8950 9300 or email: recruitment@caalas.com.au

Please note this position is to be held by an Aboriginal person



The Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service Inc. is an equal opportunity employer



Screen Australia is the Commonwealth Government's primary agency for supporting Australian screen production. In partnership with content creators, Screen Australia aims to create an Australian industry that is innovative, culturally important and commercially sustainable.

We are seeking applicants for the following employment opportunity:

Co-ordinator, Indigenous Department 2 year Contract, Fulltime Sydney

Screen Australia's Indigenous Department is recognised locally and internationally for its achievements. The celebrated team fosters and supports Indigenous talent and distinctive stories, maintaining the strong presence of Indigenous screen stories through development and production funding programs and innovative initiatives for practitioners.

An exciting opportunity now exists for an experienced administrator to join the team as the Department Co-ordinator.

In this role, you will manage all administration for the department and provide secretarial support to the Head of Indigenous. You will be responsible for co-ordinating work-flows within the team and with other areas of the organisation, and ensure the smooth running of the department.

To be successful, you will need to be well organised, results oriented and able to manage a varied workload. You will need to demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills and be able to work effectively in a small, diverse and busy team environment. A willingness to contribute to the achievements of the team and passion for the Indigenous screen content are essential.

Please note that this is an Indigenous identified position. Applicants must be of Indigenous Australian descent, identify as an Indigenous Australian and be accepted as such by the community with which he/she is associated.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Job Information: For further information on this position and to apply, please visit the Screen Australia website: <http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs>

Closing Date: 5pm, Monday 24 August 2015

Project Firefighters

Opportunities available statewide

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Parks Victoria are searching for skilled, fit and healthy people to become firefighters this year.

We employ field based, seasonal firefighters to assist with planned burning and the prevention and suppression of bushfires in parks and forests. It's a job where no two days are the same.

Are you ready for the challenge?

Training will be provided and positions are open to those who:

- Have a high level of fitness
- Are a team player
- Hold a current manual drivers licence.

Positions available include firefighters, fire support officers, rappel and hover exit crews. Salaries commence from \$842.22 per week plus superannuation.

Successful candidates located at Parks Victoria work centres will be employed by Parks Victoria. All other successful candidates will be employed by DELWP.

Apply online at <http://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/pff>

For more information contact DELWP on 136 186 or Parks Victoria on 131 963.

Applications close Sunday, 30 August 2015.

A number of positions have been identified for Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander People. These are designated positions under "special measures" section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for these positions.



Healthy Parks
Healthy People!

Department of
Environment, Land,
Water & Planning



Aboriginal Targeted Admin Support Officer

- Package up to \$70k (Clerk Grade 1/2)
- Ongoing Vacancy (35 hours per week)
- Family Dispute Resolution (Central Sydney)

We are seeking a highly organised, capable candidate who is eager to work within a team environment. You will provide a range of services that supports business unit outcomes in a timely, reliable and effective manner. You excel at multi-tasking as you'll be required to respond to a wide range of customer enquiries and determine the appropriate responses or referrals on a timely basis.

Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003U69
Closing Date: Wednesday, 19th August 2015
Enquiries: Kate Harris on (02) 9219 5655

Z05633

Aboriginal Targeted Team Leader – Grants Division

- Package up to \$94k (Clerk Grade 5/6)
- Ongoing Role (35 hours per week)
- Central Sydney Location

We are looking for an experienced team leader to supervise, lead, guide, develop, train and monitor a team of Grants Officers in the delivery of high quality, client-focused services in accordance with Legal Aid NSW policy and budget requirements.

Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003TCV
Closing Date: Wednesday, 19 August 2015
Enquiries: Tracey Bosnich on (02) 9219 5863

Z05423

DURRI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL SERVICES



Durri Aboriginal Medical Service is currently seeking permanent staff for our Nambucca Heads Outreach Clinic:

- **General Practitioner**
full time (not identified)
- **Team Leader – Outreach Clinic**
Nambucca (RN, EEN, AHW preferred)
- **Aboriginal Health Worker**
Social and Emotional Wellbeing – Female
- **Registered Nurse**
Child & Family Health (not identified)
- **Aboriginal Health Worker**
Primary Health Care - Casual

Located at Nambucca Heads on the stunning Mid North Coast.

For an application pack go to our website:
www.durri.org.au

Applications close:
5pm on 18th September, 2015.



Manager Aboriginal Education and Training Senior Education Officer

Location: OTEN Strathfield
Reference No: 00003TB2

Total remuneration package valued to \$126,202 p.a. (including salary \$111,351 - 114,107 p.a.), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Notes: This is a child-related position. Applicants must have a valid and current Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance as a condition of employment. To apply for a WWCC Clearance, visit the Children Guardian's website at <http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/>

Duties:
Ensure the Institute maximises enrolments, participation and completions in vocational education and training leading to employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Ensure the Institute complies with key federal, state and departmental legislation and policy drivers, including the NSW Aboriginal Affairs Plan (OCHRE), TAFE's Aboriginal Education and Training Strategy, the National Indigenous Advancement Strategy and the National Indigenous Reform Agreement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977)
- Appropriate degree, diploma or equivalent and appropriate vocational and / or industrial experience.
- Demonstrated experience developing and evaluating innovative vocational programs and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in response to new business models, including the development of learning resources using a variety of formats, including on-line resources.

Other selection criteria also apply. The full selection criteria and further information about this role are available from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au (applicants must apply online via this website).

Closing Date: Wednesday 26 August 2015

Indigenous Australian Student Services

The Indigenous Australian Student Services (IASS) Team provides information, advice and support to Indigenous Australian students in relation to admission, enrolment, fees, accommodation, tutorial assistance, Away from Base funding, ABSTUDY, access to resources, counselling and other support services.

IASS is seeking enthusiastic individuals for the following full-time roles, based at the Lismore campus:

• Team Leader

Vacancy ID 15072

• Student Management Officer

Vacancy ID 15071

These positions are only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as per Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For full details, including selection criteria go to www.scu.edu.au/jobs

It's all about U * Southern Cross University



POSITION VACANT - RECOGNISE

Recognise is the campaign to build community awareness and support for the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and ensure there is no place for discrimination in it. Recognise is part of Reconciliation Australia (RA) an independent, national not-for-profit organisation promoting reconciliation by building relationships, respect and trust between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We are looking for a highly skilled, passionate and enthusiastic person to assist us in meeting our organisational goals through working in the Recognise Campaign.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Director of Communications will be responsible leading the Recognise Campaigns communications and media strategy. The successful applicant will be responsible for establishing and maintaining high-level relationships with journalists, editors and other media players, as well as, identifying and managing risks and opportunities arising from the delivery of the communications and media plan. You will also use your highly developed leadership skills to supervise and mentor media staff in the Recognise office and coordinate Recognise communications activities with the RA communications team.

The position is full-time, fixed-term up to 30 June 2016. The position will require domestic travel.

Reconciliation Australia is committed to improving employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and strongly encourages them to apply.

For further information about Reconciliation Australia and job description go to our website at www.reconciliation.org.au/employment or contact Recognise on (02) 8204-1500.

Applications should include a CV and address the selection criteria for the position.

Applications close: 5pm Wednesday, 26 August 2015.

Please send applications to:

'CONFIDENTIAL'
Chief of Staff
Recognise
PO Box K746
HAYMARKET NSW 1240
Email to: tony.morison@recognise.org.au



Family &
Community
Services

Housing Assistant Aboriginal

General Scale Clerk
Department of Family & Community Services
Housing Services

Reference No. 00003P8Y

- **Western District NSW**
- **Location:** Dubbo
- **Salary range:** \$28,417 – \$58,003 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About Us

Housing Services is a business stream within the Department of Family & Community Services and is one of the largest providers of social housing in the world. It provides a range of housing solutions to meet the needs of today's community. Housing Services provides safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities for those most in need so that they can live with dignity, find support if needed and achieve sustainable futures.

We have excellent career opportunities and access to family friendly working conditions, which include:

- Competitive salaries
- Training and career development opportunities
- Great work/life balance with flexible working arrangements
- Generous leave provisions including paid carers, study, maternity, adoption and parental leave

About the Opportunity

This is an entry-level position that works in a client service office supporting service delivery. The main duties are administrative tasks and providing a good service to our clients (face to face and over the telephone).

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. The position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14a of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

This position is available to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders only. A talent pool may be created from this recruitment for ongoing and temporary roles of the same position type that become available for filling over the next twelve months.

Prospective applicants may also contact the District Aboriginal Employment Support Officer (DAESO) Chelsea Stewart on (02) 6841 1529 or chelsea.stewart@facs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Thursday 13th August 2015 at 11:59 pm

For enquiries: Kerry McDermott on (02) 6885 7111

How to apply: For more information on available job vacancies and to apply online, please visit the careers page at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and refer to job reference number 00003P8Y.

Thank you for your interest in this position.

Z05412



AIATSIS
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

Access Officers (APS 5)

(two positions)
\$65,627-\$70,047
Full time, Ongoing

ROMTIC Officer (APS 4)

\$58,915-\$64,308
Full time, Ongoing

AIATSIS is Australia's premier national institution for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies. We house the world's most important and extensive collection of cultural and research material, and we promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge and culture.

These positions require applicants to communicate respectfully and demonstrate an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures and the issues affecting them today.

These positions are only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and constitute a 'special measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

HOW TO APPLY

For more information and application instructions visit:

aiatsis.gov.au/jobs

CLOSING DATE: 5pm (AEST) Tuesday 18 August



Lifeline
13 11 14



Galambila currently has four (4) positions vacant including:

- **Aboriginal Health Worker (Identified Position)**
- **Senior Receptionist (Identified Position)**
- **Program Support Officer – Community**
- **Health Programs (Identified Position)**
- **Principal General Practitioner**

Applicants must obtain a copy of the application package and address the essential criteria contained within it.

Copies of the packages are available from our website www.galambila.org

Contact: Carroll Towney on (02) 6652 0850
or via email Carroll.Towney@galambila.org.au

Some of these positions are designated Aboriginal positions under section 14 of the NSW Anti-discrimination Act.

Applications close on Monday 7 September 2015.



Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Project Officer (HM2) Aboriginal Identified

Classification: HSM2

Location: Malabar

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$88,612 – \$105,101 pa

Enquiries: Gregory Davison, (02) 9700 3050

Email: gregory.davison@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Reference No: 266358

Closing Date: 13 September 2015

**To apply for this position
please visit nswhealth.erecruit.com.au**
Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network
is committed to Work Health & Safety, Equal
Employment, Ethical Practices, and the Principles
of Cultural Diversity, Personal criminal records
checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as
declared under the *Child Protection (Prohibited
Employment) Act 1998* are not eligible to apply
for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health



The George Institute has a vibrant and growing program of research in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health across multiple research divisions and we are looking for a Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health to continue to help support, fund and develop this area.

You will provide strong leadership and strategic guidance for our researchers and students in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. You will be responsible for driving community engagement and establishing processes to ensure our research is based on community priorities, respectful relationships and strong partnerships.

You will oversee communication on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, including digital, print and other media. You will forge external relationships with key partners and ensure sustainable funding. You will chair the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research committee and report to the Australian executive committee.

You may design and conduct your own program of research, and an academic appointment may be pursued if appropriate.

This is a fixed term appointment with the term and hours variable dependent on the successful candidate.

This is an Identified Position

In this position, the incumbent's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**To apply for this job go to:
www.thegeorgeinstitute.recruitment.com.au
& enter ref code: 2302898.**

DISCOVERY INNOVATION IMPACT



Tourism Australia (TA) is a partnership marketing organisation, responsible for the global marketing of Australia as a leisure and business events destination and is acknowledged as one of the most innovative and successful tourism marketing organisations. TA is committed to working collaboratively with industry stakeholders to collectively achieve Australia's Tourism 2020 Strategy. Due to our growing demands, we are looking for a Business Unit / Administration Assistant to join our team.

About the Role

In this role you will be responsible for assisting the four business unit Managers in People & Culture, Finance, Technology Support and Governance with all aspects of administrative duties including:

- Coordinating the activities of the Managers including scheduling meetings, organising conferences/events, maintaining the Manager's calendars and diaries and organising travel schedules in addition to handling enquiries and re-routing urgent matters where necessary.
- Assist in the coordination of travel and accommodation requirements for the Managers.
- Financial management including expense claims, credit card reconciliations and processing invoices.
- Demonstrate advanced administration skills by using



Aboriginal Targeted Admin Support Officer

- Package up to \$70k (Clerk Grade 1/2)
- Ongoing Vacancy (35 hours per week)
- Family Dispute Resolution (Central Sydney)

We are seeking a highly organised, capable candidate who is eager to work within a team environment. You will provide a range of services that supports business unit outcomes in a timely, reliable and effective manner. You excel at multi-tasking as you'll be required to respond to a wide range of customer enquiries and determine the appropriate responses or referrals on a timely basis.

Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003U69

Closing Date: Wednesday, 19th August 2015

Enquiries: Kate Harris on (02) 9219 5655



Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO) - Part Time (Ref: 15692)

- **Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?**
- **Are you passionate about Aboriginal Health Care?**
- **Are you willing to contribute and make a difference to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients?**

WE NEED YOU!

Western Health has a unique opportunity for an Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer to join our experienced Aboriginal Health team. In this role you will liaise with Aboriginal patients, their families and carers as well as working with other health professionals to deliver culturally safe care by actively contributing to patient wellbeing, discharge planning and continuity of care.

You will enjoy contributing to strategies and guidelines to improve overall Aboriginal Health at Western Health through cultural awareness education programs and improving access to mainstream services and other initiatives.

As an AHLO you will need to work closely with the local Aboriginal community including Aboriginal community controlled health organisations. Engaging and developing trust with the community is key to this position. This is a diverse, enjoyable and rewarding role that will provide you with variety in your working day.

You will have:

- Experience in providing support and advocacy for Aboriginal patients and families.
- A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture, society and kinship networks and be accepted by the Aboriginal community.
- An understanding of Aboriginal Health issues, systems and policies at both the local and state level.
- Excellent verbal, written and computer skills.
- Confidence to liaise effectively with General Practitioners, nurses, specialists and allied health professionals.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

For further information please contact: Jacqueline Watkins on 0403 004 994 or email: Jacqueline.watkins@wh.org.au

Alternatively, please apply via the link below
<https://westernhealth.mercury.com.au/ViewPosition/15692>
or visit www.westernhealth.com.au

CLOSING DATE: 4 SEPTEMBER 2015

Western Health respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri and Boonwurrung Elders and peoples of the Kulin Nation as traditional owners of the lands on which Western Health sites are located. We are committed to improving the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their communities. Together, caring for the West.

Department of Health & Human Services Senior Project Officer

- North Division (Bendigo)
- Strategic Planning and Service Development
- \$86,493 - \$104,650 pro rata + superannuation
- Part Time (38 hours per fortnight), 12 months fixed term

This position will have a key role in implementing the tasks identified in area action plans developed through Taskforce 1000. Taskforce 1000 is a collaborative project between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Commission for Children and Young People. The project seeks to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people and inform future planning by reviewing the current circumstances of the approximately 1000 Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care.

The department encourages and welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit;

www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact
Coleen Howe on 03 9412 2618

Job Reference No: **DHS/N/ 453968**

Applications close: **19 August 2015**

For more information about the Department of Health & Human Services visit
www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health & Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au



Cairns
Singapore
Townsville



Dean, Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Strategy Townsville

At James Cook University we strive to be leaders in Indigenous education through the delivery of successful and sustainable services and programs which empower staff, students and communities to reach their full potential and achieve their goals.

Reflecting this commitment we are establishing a new unified Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre to provide leadership and co-ordination across student and community engagement, education and research relating to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The inaugural Dean, Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Strategy will have a unique opportunity to shape the new Centre and bring about enduring benefits for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our region and beyond.

The University seeks to appoint an experienced Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander academic leader with vision, the capacity to develop a sense of common purpose and a proven track record in learning and teaching and research.

For information on the role and application process or for a confidential discussion, please contact Jane Harlen of Odgers Berndtson Executive Search:

E AATSI.JCU@odgersberndtson.com.au

T +61 (0)2 9460 4501

Applications close: Wednesday 9 September 2015



NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
WATER

SOUTHERN RECHARGE
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY** for a 225mm diameter bore on Lot 1002 DP 826698, irrigation purposes on Lot 22 DP 1202162.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 382, Narrabri NSW 2390 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A6339).

Any queries please call (02) 67996626, Peter Cuell, Water Regulation Officer.

Z05432

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
WATER

NSW MURRAY DARLING BASIN FRACTURED ROCK
GROUNDWATER SOURCES
YOUNG GRANITE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a combined WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **AHMED CHEMEIT** for a bore (capacity 1.35 l/sec) and irrigation of 4 hectares, on Lot 15 DP 844982, Parish Young County Monteagle, for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006192)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808, Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z05467

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
WATER

BYRILL CREEK WATER SOURCE AND KUNGHURLOO
CREEK AND UNNAMED WATERCOURSE

An application for WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ZIMMER LAND PTY LTD** for one 50 mm centrifugal pump and two bywash dams, for conservation of water and irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP390311 and Lot 2 DP611556 (additional works and use replacing 30WA306376).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A0006421)

Any queries please call (02) 6676 7381 Brett McCulloch, Water Regulation Officer.

Z05392

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
WATER

MANNUS WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **BENJAMIN PETER WRIGHT AND JACQUELINE RACHEL WATT** for Irrigation purposes on Lot 6 DP1034633.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A006401)

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8859, Clare Purtle, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z05439

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

NORTH WESTERN WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **JOHN MONTGOMERY LORD** for one block dam, for stock and domestic purposes on Thackaringa Creek within Lot 4599 DP 767763 Parish of Victoria, County of Yancowinna (A006394).

LOWER MURRAY DARLING UNREGULATED WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **CHRISTOPHER KYM ANDREWS** for one block dam, for stock and domestic purposes on Acacia Creek within Lot 5359 DP 768270 Parish of Maharatta, County of Yancowinna (A006395).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to DPI 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.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

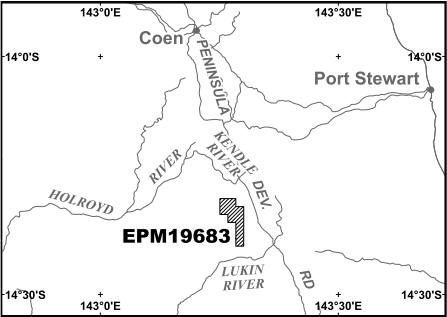
Z05314

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS
OR MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCE

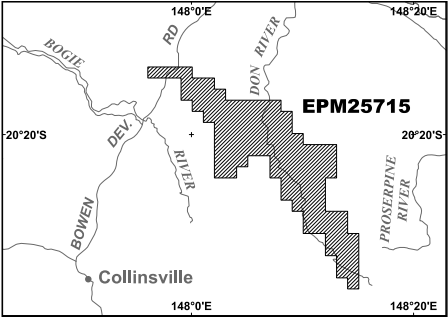
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals or Mineral Development Licence shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

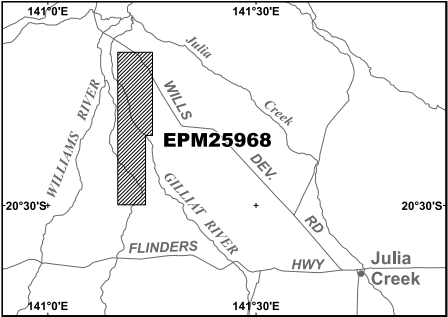
Exploration Permit 19683 sought by Prospect Hill Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 120 867 727, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (33 km²), centred approximately 46 km South of Coen, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



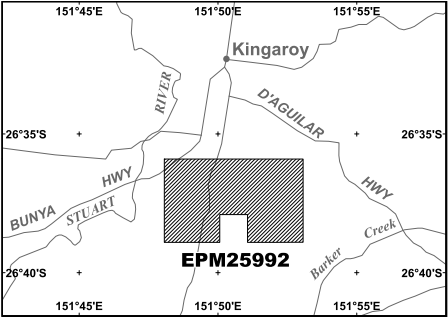
Exploration Permit 25715 sought by BGM Investments Pty Ltd, ACN 162 163 117, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321 km²), centred approximately 33 km North East of Collinsville, in the locality of the Whitsunday Regional Council.



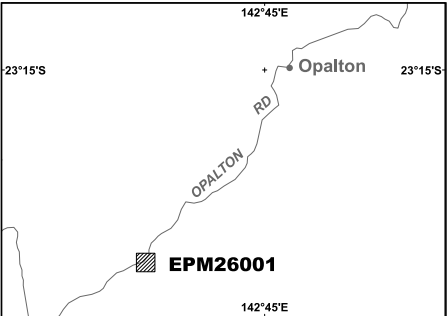
Exploration Permit 25968 sought by Austpec Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 150 139 512, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321 km²), centred approximately 70 km North West of Julia Creek, in the locality of the Mckinlay Shire Council.



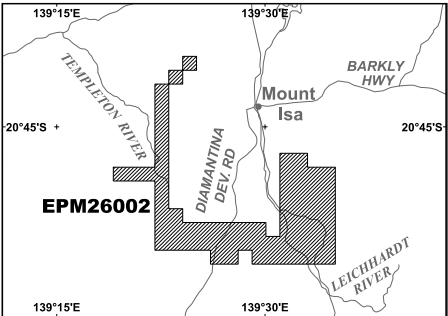
Exploration Permit 25992 sought by Moreton Resources Ltd, ACN 060 111 784, over an area of 14 sub-blocks (43 km²), centred approximately 10 km South of Kingaroy, in the locality of the South Burnett Regional Council.



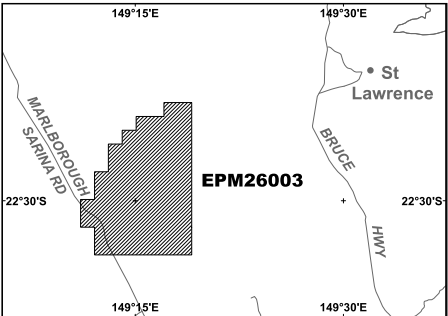
Exploration Permit 26001 sought by Geoffrey Vincent Walker, over an area of 1 sub-block (3 km²), centred approximately 23 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



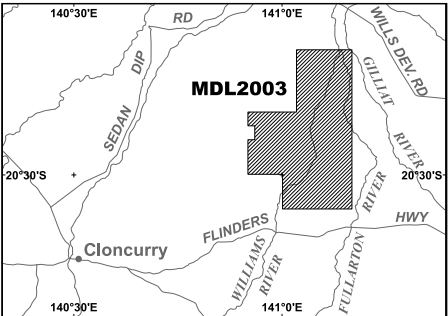
Exploration Permit 26002 sought by Red Earth Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 606 915 824, over an area of 67 sub-blocks (215 km²), centred approximately 10 km South West of Mount Isa, in the localities of the Mount Isa City Council, Boulia Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26003 sought by Orion Gold NL, ACN 098 939 274, over an area of 67 sub-block (212 km²), centred approximately 32 km South West of St Lawrence, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



Mineral Development Licence 2003 sought by Jems Exploration QLD Pty Ltd, ACN 153 655 273, over an area of 81,790 ha, centred approximately 64 km North East of Cloncurry, in the localities of Mckinlay Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014. Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 3, June 2014, pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant or renewal of the 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 or Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence 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 or Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

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: 2 September 2015



The Voice of Indigenous Australia

THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015. 53

100,000+

That's how many readers your ad will reach in every edition of the **Koori Mail!**
Koori Mail. The only Indigenous newspaper with independently audited circulation and readership*

**The Koori Mail is audited by the Audited Media Association of Australia for paid sales, not merely market distribution.*



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
59/935-I	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	471587	247.99HA	78km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 4' S	Long: 116° 56' E	PERENJORI SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
59/1445-I	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	471588	72.32HA	72km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 1' S	Long: 116° 59' E	YALGOO SHIRE
77/2219-I	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	470034	21.11HA	82km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 12' S	Long: 119° 39' E	KONDININ SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 12 August 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 **12 November 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. 12 December 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.

adcorp WG11061

Notice of applications to register area agreements
on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 19 August 2015



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Dinny McKellar, Phillip Eulo, Elizabeth McNiven, Margaret Hearn, Carolyn Hooper and Melissa Bryan on behalf of the Budjiti People are a party to all of the Pastoral Lease agreements listed and described in the table adjacent.

Description of the agreement areas:

The agreement areas are:

- located within the external boundary of the Budjiti People native title claim which was determined on 23 June 2015 (QUD53/2007).
- depicted by grey fill, labelled and described in the table adjacent.

The table also contains the names of the Pastoral Lease(s) to which the agreements relate. For copies of the maps of the individual agreement areas, please contact the Tribunal Case Manager on the number below.

The common parties to each of the agreements and their contact addresses are:

Dinny McKellar, Phillip Eulo, Elizabeth McNiven, Margaret Hearn, Carolyn Hooper and Melissa Bryan on behalf of the Budjiti People
c/- Queensland South Native Title Services
Level 10, 307 Queen Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

The additional parties to each of the agreements are listed in the adjacent table.

Each of those parties' contact address is as follows:
c/- Thynne & Macartney
GPO Box 245
Brisbane QLD 4001

Agreement Number	Agreement Name	Description of Agreement area	Additional Party to the Agreement
QI2015/024	Budjiti People/Boodgherree ILUA	The agreement covers about 380 sq km, located about 50 km north west of Hungerford and falls within the Local Government Authority of Bulloo Shire Council.	Geoff Barton
QI2015/025	Budjiti People/Bulloo Downs ILUA	The agreement covers about 12 sq km, located about 50km south of Thargomindah and falls within the Local Government Authority of Bulloo Shire Council.	Gibson Grazing Pty Ltd
QI2015/027	Budjiti People/Bundoona ILUA	The agreement covers about 9 sq km, located about 95km east of Thargomindah and falls within the Local Government Authority of Paroo Shire Council.	Bundoona Nominees Pty Ltd and Randal Kenneth Newsham
QI2015/028	Budjiti People/Dynevor Downs ILUA	The agreement covers about 1455 sq km, located about 20km south east of Thargomindah and falls within the Local Government Authority of Bulloo Shire Council.	Michael Gibson and Marie Therese Gibson
QI2015/029	Budjiti People/Humeburn ILUA	The agreement covers about 73 sq km, located about 85km north east of Eulo and falls within the Local Government Authority of Paroo Shire Council.	Matthew Donald Parkinson
QI2015/030	Budjiti People/Jandell and Kyeene ILUA	The agreement covers about 111 sq km, located about 60km east of Thargomindah and falls within the Local Government Authority of Paroo Shire Council.	Brian Sidney Betts, Jill Elizabeth Betts and Brian John Betts
QI2015/031	Budjiti People/Wathopa ILUA	The agreement covers about 282 sq km, located about 35 km south east of Thargomindah and falls within the Local Government Authority of Bulloo Shire Council.	John Charles Keane
QI2015/032	Budjiti People/Kilcowera and Zenoni ILUA	The agreement covers about 730 sq km, located about 35km north west of Hungerford and falls within the Local Government Authority of Bulloo Shire Council.	Gregory Noel Vicary Sherwin
QI2015/033	Budjiti People/Wiralla ILUA	The agreement covers about 113 sq km, located about 45 km north east of Thargomindah and falls within the Local Government Authorities of Bulloo and Paroo Shire Councils.	Louise Ann Battye and Richard John Harries
QI2015/034	Budjiti People/Moombidary ILUA	The agreement covers about 902 sq km, located about 35 km west of Hungerford and falls within the Local Government Authority of Bulloo Shire Council.	Weemabah Pty Ltd
QI2015/035	Budjiti People/Wombula and Yenloora ILUA	The agreement covers about 760 sq km, located about 60km north west of Hungerford and falls within the Local Government Authority of Bulloo Shire Council.	Brian Richard O'Connell
QI2015/036	Budjiti People/Thargo ILUA	The agreement covers about 357 sq km, located about 30km north east of Thargomindah and falls within the Local Government Authorities of Bulloo and Paroo Shire Councils.	Timothy George Ecroyd and Margaret Meredith Ecroyd
QI2015/037	Budjiti People/Yakara ILUA	The agreement covers about 122 sq km, located about 35km south of Thargomindah and falls within the Local Government Authority of Bulloo Shire Council.	Gordon Charles Easton and Eileen Jean Easton
QI2015/038	Budjiti People/Merimo ILUA	The agreement covers about 130 sq km, located about 95km north east of Hungerford and falls within the Local Government Authority of Paroo Shire Council.	Shane William Joseph Warner and Peta Warner

The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either section 24EB(1) or subsection 24EBA (1) or (4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These fourteen applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the above map. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000 by 19 November 2015**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreements are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Shared country, shared future.



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 section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0132	BUNBURY ENERGY PTY LTD	668.1 km ²	Donnybrook-Balingup Shire (8.1%) Busselton City (<0.1%) Capel Shire (57.8%) Dardanup Shire (30.7%) Bunbury City (3.4%)

LOCALITY

The application is a State Onshore Exploration Permit application located in the Perth Basin. The application occupies a total of 11 5'x5' blocks of which 7 are full and 4 are part blocks. These are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet S150 (Albany). A State Onshore application means that it covers the Australian mainland and islands within the application block to the extent above the AMBIS (Australian Maritime Boundaries Information System) Territorial Sea Baseline – AMB v2 2006 which defines the LAT (Lowest Astronomical Tide). The application follows the Indian Ocean coastline of Western Australia from approximately 7.5 km south of the settlement of the Peppermint Grove Beach and northwards to approximately 11 km south of Bunbury. It encompasses the towns of Capel and Donnybrook. The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 2.8 km east south east of the township of Bunbury, the north-east corner being approximately 30 km west of township of Collie and the south-east corner being approximately 34 km north west of the settlement of Greenbushes. The application commences at a point 115°40'5.42"E, 33°19'55.77"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°50'5.41"E, 33°19'55.76"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°50'5.43"E, 33°34'55.77"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°27'8.13"E, 33°34'55.81"S which is situated on the AMBIS Territorial Sea Baseline – AMB v2 2006, thence in a north easterly direction along the AMBIS Territorial Sea Baseline – AMB v2 2006 along to a point 115°35'45.99"E, 33°24'55.78"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°40'5.43"E, 33°24'55.77"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 115°40'5.42"E, 33°19'55.77"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: 12 August 2015

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons 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 **12 November 2015**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries 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, and 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. **12 December 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).

adcorp WG10981

Notice of non-claimant
applications for determination
of native title in the State of
Queensland

Notification day: 26 August 2015



National
Native Title
Tribunal

These applications are 'non-claimant' applications, being applications made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicants have a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application(s) as described in the notices below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in any of these areas may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 25 November 2015. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **25 November 2015**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to any of these non-claimant applications must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 25 November 2015**. After **25 November 2015**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: The Osborne Property Company Pty Ltd
Federal Court File No: QUD401/2015
Non-native title interest: Lot 301 on Crown Plan HG843491
Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a Determination that native title does not exist.
Description: The application area (Lot 301 on Plan HG843491) covers about 1.49 sq km and is located approximately 30 kilometres west of Atherton.
Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council.



Applicant's name: Arcella Family Investments Pty Ltd
Federal Court File No: QUD413/2015
Non-native title interest: Lot 469 on Crown Plan NR5837
Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a Determination that native title does not exist.
Description: The application area covers about 1.6 sq km and is located along the Barron River approx 6 km south east of Mareeba.
Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

GT16799

Shared country, shared future.

Sport

Off the street and
on to the NCIE
basketball court



THE National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) is the venue for a monthly 3on3 basketball for Sydney's young Indigenous people.

More than 40 young people from Redfern and other suburbs turned out for the inaugural night on July 30.

NCIE programs coordinator and 'Black Diamond' of Aboriginal sport Claude Williams said the monthly sporting event was a great way to get the local mob off the streets and being active.

"The event is a great night for the whole community. We offer a safe environment for our young people to meet, enjoy a healthy hot meal and a night of fun, free activities," he said.

"It's very satisfying and rewarding to see the young ones on the court. The competition is

always friendly and everyone has a great time. If they have fun and can walk away wanting to live a more active lifestyle, than that's great."

The Friday nights are not only about having fun, but aim to encourage youth to live a more active and healthy lifestyle. Over dinner, participants watched *Clouded History*, a documentary produced by the NCIE's Talking About Tobacco Use program, which follows Marcus Corowa as he explores the history and consequences of tobacco use for generations of Indigenous people and the community initiatives tackling it.

Indigenous film and television star Luke Carroll joined in the fun on the night and ensured the competition on court was fair and fun.

Friday Night Live is held on the last Friday of every month. The next event will be on Friday, August 28, from 6.30pm. Details: ncie.org.au



Actor Luke Carroll, centre left, with some of the Friday Night Live 3on3 basketballers at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.

Fewer interchanges, RL
shot clock on the way



THE number of interchanges will be reduced to eight and a shot clock will be introduced to reduce stoppages

under landmark changes to the National Rugby League (NRL) premiership from next season.

NRL head of football Todd Greenberg said the changes, which followed a detailed review of the current interchange system, would be the most significant to the game in decades.

They will see:

- the number of interchanges reduced from 10 to eight;

- four players remain on the bench to make the interchanges;

and

- a shot clock introduced for drop outs and scrums.

Mr Greenberg said the reduction in interchanges combined with the shot clock would form a package that would give fans a more continuous and free-flowing game while

ensuring the game became safer for the players.

He said that pending further analysis during the 2016 season, interchanges could be reduced further.

"We think these changes are a significant first step because they will reward endurance and fitness and open up the game," he said.

"As a result of these changes, there will be a greater emphasis on skill to complement power and size.

"We have conducted significant research into the evolution of, and current trends in, the game – how the players are getting bigger, faster and stronger, but more importantly, what they will look like 10 years from now?"

"We believe that unless we take action now, the game will become more structured, defensive and predictable.

"So these changes are designed to ensure we stay ahead of the curve – it is about shaping how the game will look in ten years and beyond."



Trip to remember



Brooke Kennedy was happily hard at work during her six-week stay in South Africa.



ELEVEN Classic Wallabies Exchange participants have returned

to Australia after doing voluntary work in South Africa.

The Classic Wallabies' Exchange is an Eidos Institute initiative delivered in partnership with the Classic Wallabies, and Australian Volunteers International through the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) program.

It offers Indigenous Australians a leading edge scholarship that includes a six-week group volunteer assignment with South African community-based organisation Children's Eco Training (CET).

Overseas study

The program also offers a study abroad component to Indigenous tertiary students at a South African university in 2016.

This year, the 11 Indigenous men and women worked alongside teachers, students and CET staff to establish a fourth eco-village program.

The main role of the volunteers included building an eco-garden and an environmental classroom within Hloaia Primary School located

in the Acornhoek area, and delivering a school holiday program for children.

Participants were selected for demonstrating leadership in their home communities through volunteering, sport or academics.

Volunteers worked Monday to Friday, 8am-3pm, for five weeks and organisers said the results were outstanding.

Nominations for the 2016 Classic Wallabies' Exchange will open in November, 2015.

This year's Classic Wallabies' Exchange participants: Kayne Fernando, 23, Coonamble (Kamilaroi); Tara Liddy, 28, Alice Springs (Arrernte/Luritja); Melissa Kennedy, 25, Mildura (Tati Tati/Wadi Wadi); Brandi Salmon, 18, Dubbo (Wiradjuri); Dale Weegberg 30, Melbourne (Yorta Yorta/Mutti Mutti); Clint Wilson, 28, Lyndhurst (Adnyamathanha); Bee Cruse, 22, West Sydney (Kamilaroi/Wiradjuri/Yuin-Monaro); Kathryn Axten, 25, Alice Springs (Arrernte); Brooke Kennedy, 23, Tamworth (Kamilaroi); Kate Axten, 25, Alice Springs (Arrernte); Bee Cruse, 22, Sydney (Kamilirio, Waradjuri and Yuin-Monaro); Clint Wilson, 28, Lyndhurst, SA (Adnyamathanha); Justine Anderson, 26 (Kooma); Jackson Parkes, 19 (Ngemba).



● ABOVE and BELOW: Before and after pictures of the eco-garden.



Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the State of Queensland

Notification day: 26 August 2015



National Native Title Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 25 November 2015. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **25 November 2015**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title.** The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084 George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 25 November 2015.** After **25 November 2015**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Lex Malcolm, Hazel Mae and Brian Clifford Exelby

Federal Court File No: QUD422/2015

Non-native title interest: Rolling Term Lease 0/217874

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: Application covers about 8.375 sq km over Lot 153 on Plan SP104507 approx 26 km south west of Ingham.

Relevant LGA: Hinchinbrook Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

GT16753

Shared country, shared future.



Classic Wallabies Exchange participant Kayne Fernando, 23, from Coonamble, NSW, takes time out to have fun with one of the locals.



Eight of the 11 volunteers at the Sydney Opera House before their departure for South Africa. From left: Bree Cruse, Kayne Fernando, Mel Kennedy, Brandi Salmon, Brooke Kennedy, Tara Liddy, Justine Anderson and Clint Wilson.

Five in Premier League cricket



Nathan Price toured India with an Australian Indigenous side in 2012.



ABORIGINAL players Ayden McGregor-Baptista and Tyrell Sinclair are in the Eastern Edge team competing in the 2015 South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) Premier League competition.

In the Northern Territory, Blair Dalton, Nathan Price and Luke Lavender are in that

team taking part in the same competition.

The SACA has named the squads for its four teams that will compete in the SACA Premier League.

The three Indigenous players in the NT Strike squad are products of the Imparja Cup competition, now to be known as the National Indigenous Cricket Championships.

NT coach David King is pleased with the balance of experience and young talent in his squad.

"The 21-man squad is of a high calibre, with some of the more experienced members being supported by promising younger players with a wealth of experience," he said.

"The inclusion of all-rounder Nathan Price will bring a wealth of experience gained through his NSW grade cricket and National Indigenous Squad involvement.

"We will focus on improving our 50

over games and I would not be surprised if we selected slightly different squads for the 50 over and 90 over formats, based on the strengths and performances of squad members. Opportunities are expected for all players.

"The future of men's senior cricket in the NT is looking very good."

NT Cricket chairman of selectors Ralph Wiese said the inclusion in the NT Strike squad was another step in the NT pathway and brought Northern Territory cricketers closer to achieving their cricketing aspirations," he said.

Six teams

Now in its third year, the SACA Premier League will again see the NT Strike join four South Australian teams (Eastern Edge, Western Grit, Northern Mavericks and Southern Force) and the PNG Barramundis in one-day and two-day matches in Darwin, Adelaide and Alice Springs.

McGregor-Baptista plays club cricket in Adelaide with East Torrens. Tree Gully.

Northern Territorians Dalton is from Southern Districts in Darwin, Levender is from Pint Cricket Club and Price plays with Tracy Village.

Price also plays club cricket in Sydney and has represented NSW at the Imparja Cup.

The Premier League competition will start on September 19 with NT Strike taking on Southern Force in a one-dayer at Marrara Oval, Darwin.



Ayden McGregor-Baptista bowls for South Australia against Tasmania at the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs last February. Picture: Getty



Luke Lavender
Picture: Peter Argent

Teamwork is what Larissa likes about dragon boats



WHEN Larissa Woosup, 18, moved to the ACT from Mackay in north Queensland to accept a scholarship

to Canberra Girls Grammar, she'd never heard of dragon boat racing.

Next week she will paddle in the Australian women's under 24 team at the world championships in Ontario, Canada, and carry the Aboriginal flag at the opening ceremony.

"What I like most about dragon boating is the team aspect," Larissa, a Wakkom Ankamuthi woman, said. "Everyone works together, with 20 paddlers in one boat."

Dragon boat racing originated in China. The fibreglass boats are about 12m long and decorated with a dragon's head and tail. Each boat holds up to 20 paddlers sitting in pairs. There is a sweep, who steers the boat, and the paddlers are kept in time by a drummer.

Larissa has been training four times a week in the lead-up to the world championships.

"It was freezing this week," she said.

"On one morning, it was minus three. You couldn't feel your hands, and, when we were loading the boats, there were sheets of ice peeling off.

"It was a surprise when I was selected in the Australian team. I'm the youngest in the under 24 side, so I'm pretty excited.

"I was shocked at first, since I've only been paddling for three seasons."

Larissa also plays basketball and netball.

Last month was recognised with a senior leadership award from Indigenous education organisation Yalari. Adam Goodes presented her with the award.

"Adam spoke so well, he talked about leadership and how he feels about it," Larissa said.

"All the booing of him has been huge. I think it's really sad and disappointing that people in our society have made someone so highly regarded feel that way, that he's thinking about retiring. It's so wrong."

Larissa is heading into her final year of school, juggling training and schoolwork.

"I haven't really decided what I want to do when I finish school but I know it's something in the sports industry," she said.

"I love playing sports and keeping active."



Larissa Woosup

Captaincy would be honour for Titan Bird



CONROVERSIAL Gold Coast back-rower Greg Bird hasn't given up hope of regaining the National Rugby League (NRL) club's captaincy.

The NSW and Australia representative was axed as Titans co-captain at the end of last year after receiving a criminal infringement notice for public urination in Byron Bay.

Bird has endured a year to forget since then, being charged with cocaine possession along with several of his teammates, and also copping an eight-week suspension that ruled him out of the State of Origin series.

The 30-year-old is fighting the cocaine charges in court and faces another date in front of a magistrate in October, but was back as captain for the Titans' 24-14 win over Parramatta.

With regular captain Nate Myles injured and vice-captain Will Zillman also sidelined, it was Bird who led the Titans out at CBUS Super Stadium.

Myles is heading to Manly next season and Bird says he would love to be given another shot at leading the Titans if it was offered to him.

"I enjoy it, a bit of extra responsibility on the football field. I love captaining the team." – AAP



The Cape Cluster winners, Weipa Raiders.



Beaten finalists, the Napranum Twals.

Weipa Raiders too good in Cluster league

Story by ALF WILSON
Pictures by CHRISTINE HOWES



WEIPA Raiders won the final of the Cape Cluster rugby league competition, beating Napranum Twals 40-20.

The gala day was held at Weipa's Andoom Oval on August 1 before a large crowd.

For the star-studded Raiders, Ryan Madua scored two tries, with singles to Trevor Callope, PJ Ahmat, Shaquel Nixon, Branden Ramsamy and Kareem Tabuai.

James Baira booted six goals.

Ramsamy had had a great season, starring for Northern United which lost 32-30 to Queensland Outback on Thursday Island the week before when he also scored two four-pointers.

Les Hall, Dale Pablo, Graham Alexander and Je Bond scored tries for Napranum Twals and Alfred Bond and William Parry kicked the goals.

To earn its spot in the decider Napranum Twals scored a 14-8 victory over the

Lockhart River Scorpions.

William Parry scored two tries for Napranum and Steven Bally a pair for Lockhart River.

In the other qualifying semifinal, Weipa Raiders defeated Aurukun Kang Kang 42-8.

Ryan Madua scored two tries for Raiders, with one apiece to Trevor Callope, William Bond, James Baira, Jack Sagigi and Lumbee Pablo.

James Baira kicked seven goals for an individual tally of 18 points.

Cape York footballers will now have numerous All Blacks carnivals to look forward to, including one on Badu Island in late August.

The Zenadth Kes Cup will be held on Thursday Island on October 16-18, and the NPA Dan Ropeyarn Cup at Bamaga on October 29-31.

Male and female players from Cape York will also travel to the Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri carnival in southern Queensland on September 24-27.

There are also All Blacks carnivals in Townsville and Cairns during October.



● ABOVE and BELOW: There was plenty of action in the Cape York Cluster rugby league final between the Weipa Raiders and the Napranum Twals.



Aurukun Kang Kang were beaten 42-8 in their game against Weipa.



The Lockhart Scorpions were beaten 14-8 by Napranum and missed a place in the final.

Good reason to celebrate

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

THE National Rugby League (NRL) Indigenous Round has allowed me to reflect on how far we have come in terms of Indigenous rights and respect as well as looking forward to what we still need to achieve.

And I am not just talking about rugby league – I am talking about society in general.

I have written separately about my stance on all that Adam Goodes has encountered.

The level of support for Adam was deserved and gives me even greater confidence for future generations.

This does not disguise that there are many entrenched areas of disadvantage for our peoples that still need to be addressed.

Advances

That being said, we have made significant advances in rugby league and the announcement of next year's All Stars match in Brisbane underpins this.

As I have often said, All Stars is far more than a game of footy.

The ranges of education and community programs that have come from the game have made a real difference.

Inspiring our kids is one thing – working alongside them is the key to long-term success.

When I look at the next generation of players coming through, I have every confidence that we are making a real difference.

Parramatta Eels NYC player Tyrell Fuimaono embodies all that the game wishes to

celebrate during the Indigenous Round.

A graduate of the NRL Indigenous School to Work program, he combines his studies at the University of Western Sydney with similar standards of excellence on the field, having gained selection for the Junior Kangaroos and the victorious NSW under 20s State of Origin team.

A proud Wiradjuri man, he has grown up in the western suburbs of Sydney, but has maintained connections with his mother's family from Cowra.

Although proud of his father's Samoan heritage, he has always strongly identified with his Aboriginality and was a product of the NSW Indigenous Rugby League program conducted by Steve 'Bear' Hall.

Plenty of support

In his senior years at school, he was appreciative of the mentoring and support provided by Belinda Solomon through the School to Work program funded by the All Stars game with the support of the Australian Government.

"I had already decided my career path, but Belinda made me fully aware of the opportunities on offer and helped organise interviews as I completed my HSC," Tyrell said.

"The opportunity to hang out with other Aboriginal kids with similar dreams also helped me maintain my determination to succeed."

Balance

As part of the program, Tyrell made contact with Dean Feeney, who now works at Parramatta as the club career coach.

"Dean has been an enormous help to me and ensures I maintain a balance between football and my studies," Tyrell said.

"He has also helped me link up with the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education at UWS, who have been great.

"It's been tough maintaining a full study load with training, and the support and resources provided by Badanami has been a big help and has also allowed me to mix with other Indigenous students."

Something is obviously working for Tyrell Fuimaono as he is maintaining distinction and credit grades in his Bachelor of Business and Commerce specialising in property development.

Tyrell also had the opportunity to mix with NRL Indigenous



Tyrell Fuimaono in action for Parramatta against St George in a National Youth Competition game. Picture: nrlphotos.com

greats Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis when he attended the NRL Indigenous Leadership Camp at the invitation of Dean Widders.

"It was an awesome experience," Tyrell said.

"Learning more about my culture and being able to share experiences with the other players gave me extra motivation to succeed.

"Being part of the development of the war cry with the team made me proud of who I am, and I thought that it would be great to have the opportunity to perform it as a member of the All Stars one day.

"My Mum would be rapt." In the meantime, Tyrell has been developing a reputation for excellence on the field as well.

Ambitions

"It's been a tough year for Parra, but we are starting to come good at the right end of the season and still have ambitions to make the finals," he said.

"Because we were struggling, it came as a surprise when I was selected in the Junior Kangaroos and for me it was a massive achievement.

"It is a huge honour to be

selected for your country at any level."

Tyrell knows he is yet to achieve his main goal in the game and that is to gain selection at the NRL level and become a consistent performer at that level.

At the same time, he is setting a foundation for his life beyond football with his UWS studies.

Example

He modestly does not see himself as a role model, but hopes he is setting an example for other Indigenous youth to follow.

"I would like to be seen as an honest person who leads not by speaking, but by doing," Tyrell said.

His actions to date certainly suggest he is an Indigenous leader of the future wherever his career takes him.

Tyrell is a great example of the next generation of potential stars coming through our game.

At a time when the sporting industry has been the focus of a national debate on racism, we should not overlook our success stories.

Tyrell and his mates give us reason to celebrate.

Name it, and Jessica is good at it...



ALLROUND sportswoman Jessica Jia is fast becoming the pride of her home town of Mapoon, on Cape York, with her prowess in several sports.

At the age of 17, Jessica has already represented in several sports for north Queensland, scoring no less than 58 points over six games of rugby league.

She is age champion and senior sportswoman of the year at Western Cape College (Mapoon), and she also plays touch, otag and netball.

"I play sports and do my best because I want to make a name for myself. I also do it because I love playing," she said.

"I always try to do the best I can because I want to make my family and friends proud, especially my parents.

"So many people always compliment on how well I go with my sports and I am proud of that and I love that so many kids are looking up to me.

"I am grateful for everything."

Proud mum Debra said Jessica had also run 100m in just under 11 seconds.

Mapoon Mayor and grandfather Peter Guivarra said Jessica had made Mapoon and her family very proud.

"So, keep it up Jessica – you're making your granddad and all your family proud and we love you very much," he said.

– Christine Howes



Jessica Jia

Focus on coaching

Chance Batemen looks at career in the west

By CHRIS PIKE



CHANCE Bateman's return to his original West Australian

Football League (WAFL) club didn't turn out as he hoped due to injury, but the Hawthorn premiership star is rightfully proud of his football career that's now over as he turns his focus to a career in coaching.

Bateman was drafted to Hawthorn from WAFL club Perth in 1999 and went on to make history in the AFL at the Hawks until his retirement from the top level at the end of the 2012 season when he missed selection in the grand final loss to the Sydney Swans.

Hawthorn had never been a club with a strong link to Indigenous footballers, but Bateman was the one to begin to change as he became the first Aboriginal player to play 100 games and then become a life member of the Hawks.

Bateman became a key player in a successful team at Hawthorn and was instrumental in the 2008 premiership team that beat Geelong in the grand final with his hard-running ability, and famous dreadlocks making him a favourite for the Hawks' faithful.

Trailblazer

He set the scene for the likes of Mark Williams, Lance 'Buddy' Franklin, Brad Hill and Shaun Burgoyne to go on to be key players with Hawthorn as Indigenous stars.

Bateman played 177 matches with Hawthorn until the end of 2012 and then once out of the AFL, he was never going to play anywhere but back at his original WAFL club Perth.

While things didn't quite go to plan with Bateman limited to just 28 games in three seasons due to injury and with the Demons having won just 15 of their last 57 matches, Bateman regrets nothing about his decision to return and is



Chance Bateman in his playing days at Perth.

proud of everything he achieved.

"I see myself as being really fortunate that I've been able to stay in the game for as long as I have. I spent 13 years at AFL level and then came back to the Perth footy club for three years now," Bateman said.

"It probably hasn't turned out the way I would have liked, but I still consider myself very fortunate that I've been able to stay in the game for as long as I have."

Injuries plagued Bateman's last couple of seasons in the AFL with Hawthorn and now his three years with Perth in the WAFL, and ultimately the news that he required another shoulder operation meant that he knew it was time to end his decorated playing career.

However, looking ahead, the 34-year-old wants to help Perth coach Earl Spalding and a young playing group in an assistant coaching role for the rest of the 2015 season and then he will weigh up his coaching options.

"We played Claremont earlier this year and won our first game, but I came

down from a marking contest a little bit awkwardly and I ended up having a little tear in one of the tendons in my rotator cuff," he said.

"I ended up missing a couple of weeks and then got a cortisone injection into it to see if I could get through the rest of the year, and it worked for a few games, but then it got to the point when I was at home getting ready for training and as I bent down to pick up my runners, I felt something in my shoulder.

"We got that scanned and just that movement was enough to rupture that tendon that had already been damaged. Once I had that information, we took it to the surgeon and he said that it would require surgery. It will mean I was unable to play for the remainder of the year, so that was the main reason behind me retiring.

"But I didn't want to leave the club high and dry. I still want to see some success for the players at the club so I've agreed to stay on in a bit of a coaching role to help out Earl and the other assistants."

Big day of sport at Walgett



MORE potential George Roses and Ricky Walfords were on show at Walgett last Wednesday when 200 of north-western NSW's best primary school rugby league players contested the nine-a-side Ricky Walford Shield.

Canterbury Bulldogs star Tony Williams was a special guest, along with former NRL player Wes Patten and future stars Bernard Lewis and Dallas Campbell.

The Ricky Walford Shield is in its 23rd year and is an annual celebration of sport and community.

It is played in conjunction with a girls' netball tournament (Jenny Wright Memorial Shield).

This year, there were 27 schools participating in the rugby league competition.

Former Dragon and now the Indigenous program manager at the NSWRL, Walgett-born Walford is grateful of the support since the tournament, named in his

honour, was first staged in 1993.

"I'm very thankful of all the support in the community of the north-west region and isolated area of Walgett," Walford said.

"Everyone – players, referees, parents, coaches and sponsors – has been supportive of the tournament since its inception.

"It's great to be able to give kids the opportunity to participate in a great day and meet some of their heroes while encouraging community involvement."

Fifita ban will hurt, says Sharks CEO



CRONULLA boss Lyall Gorman says Andrew Fifita's six-game ban will hurt the Sharks' National Rugby League (NRL) finals push, but

the suspension and the \$30,000 fine meted out to the former representative star was deserved.

After a horror 0-4 start to the year, the Sharks have emerged as a genuine top four candidate, on the back of a purple patch of mid-season form that has included wins over premiership heavyweights Sydney Roosters, North Queensland and Canterbury.

Fifita has been one of the Sharks' stars over that period.

But after being hit with the suspension for his abuse of a referee, he now won't play again until the final series, if the Sharks are there.

"Our boys have gone through a really rugged start to the year. We have regrouped as a playing group and it (Fifita's suspension) has got to have an impact," Gorman said.

"We are a strong club and a strong group and our momentum should continue. But it has been a distraction, there is no doubt about that."

\$30,000 fine

Fifita copped the six-match suspension and \$30,000 fine for abusing a referee.

Fifita will also be required to perform 25 hours of community service to support junior rugby league as punishment for his abuse of the referee last month at a match administered by Penrith and District Junior Rugby League.

The former Kangaroo and NSW representative will also undergo an anger management course and send a written apology to the officials involved.

Andrew's brother David, who was also a party to the incident, has been banned for six games.

Sharks boss Lyall Gorman said Andrew was hit with the extra punishment of the fine because of a history of off-field issues.



Andrew Fifita Picture: nrlphotos.com

"This is hopefully a line in the sand that makes a strong statement about the ideals and image of the game, the fundamental and vital role match officials play in the NRL's and our club's view that this sort of behaviour is not acceptable in the code," Gorman said.

"Both boys have expressed genuine and serious remorse about the incident. Things got out of hand and they didn't react to it well. It's not a look and feel for the game we endorse."

The Fifita brothers were also banned from Penrith junior rugby league matches for 12 months.

Wests Tigers prop Matthew Lodge was also banned for the remainder of the year by the Penrith Junior Rugby League over the same incident at Glenwood.

Andrew Fifita is alleged to have said "I'll smash you" to a referee during the incident.

Andrew and David Fifita were said to be upset after the referee Tim Hannon didn't stop the game for an injured player. – AAP



Jake Gillett, left, and Jason Edwards after being presented with their NSW Rugby League Indigenous under 17 rugby league tour jumpers. Jake is from Colyton, and Jason from Glenmore Park.

Trip of a lifetime



A TRIP of a lifetime is how a tour by 36 young Indigenous rugby league players from NSW is being described.

The under 16 non-elite team will leave Sydney on Sunday, November 8 to tour France, Spain and Italy, returning on Friday, November 27.

The NSW Indigenous Under 16 Young Achievers side is made up of players and support staff from throughout NSW,

including Wilcannia, Bourke, Collarenebri, Bega, Dubbo, Newcastle, Kempsey and Wagga Wagga.

Their first official engagement will be a reception at the Australian Embassy in Paris.

As well as visiting some of the world's most famous landmarks, the boys also will visit World War I battlefields at the Somme and will be guests of the mayor of Villers Bretonneux and will lay wreaths on Armistice Day.

The tour is being backed by community partner KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated.

Players taking part in the tour must have an 80% school-attendance record.

Their trip is as much about social and cultural learning as it is about playing rugby league.

The tour is self-funded, with monetary support and resources provided by the NSW Rugby League and KARI.

The World War I battlefields inspired the

design of the ANZAC-themed jersey to be worn by the boys. It was designed by the son of NSW rugby league Indigenous programs officer Steve Hall.

Jason Edwards and Jake Gillett are two players who will represent NSW and their Indigenous community in November, and for Jake, this will be the second time he has received the call-up.

The touring party of 60 will fly to Paris via Dubai and will leave Rome on the return trip, again stopping over in Dubai.

Ferguson re-signs with Roosters



BLAKE Ferguson has set his sights on playing out his career with Sydney Roosters, after re-signing with the National Rugby League (NRL) club last

Wednesday.

Ferguson has put his checkered past behind him to emerge as a key figure at the Roosters this year, after his 18 month self-inflicted exile from rugby league.

He has been rewarded for his efforts with a new two-year deal at Bondi and the former Cronulla and Canberra three-quarter said he wanted to stick with the foundation club for good.

"I do hope to stay at the club beyond this," Ferguson said.

"I have just signed this contract so I have to honour that first, but when the time

comes, I can hopefully sort out another one.

"I've signed for two years and now the incentive is there (to work) for another contract after this."

"I wanted to change and better myself not for other people, but for my own self satisfaction and to be rewarded with a new contract is really pleasing."

Ferguson, 25, missed a season and a half of football after being sacked by Canberra for off-field issues and being found guilty of indecent assault in February last year. He said he thought for a time that he would never return to the game.

"There were times there when I thought my career had ended and I started to look for other things to do," he said.

"I was trying to find ways to make money, but this now is not about money for me, it is about me being happy.

"The club has helped me on and off the field and basically just shown me love and I love the group of guys we do have here."

Coach Trent Robinson praised the way Ferguson has fitted into the Roosters' set-up.

"There's no denying that Blake is a terrific athlete, but more importantly, he's worked hard to gain the trust and respect of the coaching staff and his teammates via his attitude to training and his commitment to being a positive contributor off the field as well," Robinson said.

"I have no doubt that Blake will continue to work hard and be a keen contributor at our club over the next few years."

Ferguson has scored six tries in his first 11 matches for the Roosters this season, after struggling with a recurrent ankle injury earlier this year. — AAP



Blake Ferguson
Picture: nrlphotos.com

Indigenous side in SA rugby league

By PETER ARGENT



IMPARJA Cup cricketer Jamie McCafferty was captain-coach of the Indigenous All Stars Rugby team when it collected a win and two losses in the third annual National Rugby League (NRL) South Australian All-Stars Carnival on July 18 at Hanson Reserve, Woodville Gardens.

Former Aboriginal NRL footballer David Peachy, who played 266 first grade games Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks and South Sydney, was this team's marquee import, while Nathan Merritt, former NSW and South Sydney Rabbitohs player, was on the coaching staff.

"Our first clash was a fast-paced game, with our opponents, the SA side scoring in the opening 10 minutes," McCafferty said.

"We came close to crossing the line

but couldn't hold the ball for long enough periods to break the SA defence, losing 6-0.

"Impressive efforts in this contest came from youngster Brodie Black and from Bradley Peters.

"In game two, we won 14-10 against New Zealand.

"Outstanding tries from halfback Francis Wapau and gun lock Michael Holland meant the Indigenous side came out on top.

"We received big performances

from halves Peachy and Wapau.

"Our final game was against the Pacific Islander All Stars, going down 10-0. This was a very physical contest and we couldn't keep up the momentum.

"Losing players to cramp and injury throughout the game made it difficult to maintain any pressure on the big Pacific Islander side."

The Indigenous All Stars won the inaugural NRL SA All-Stars event in 2013.



The South Australian Indigenous All Stars side that took part in the South Australian All Stars carnival at Woodville Gardens. Guest player David Peachey is in the back row, sixth from left.

The next generation

By PETER ARGENT



THE next exciting generation of Indigenous stars is preparing to step on to the national stage

after winning places in the 2015 Australian Football League (AFL) Draft Combine.

They included Wayne Milera, who is already a South Australian National Football League (SANFL) footballer at Central District, Jade Gresham, from Victoria who plays his TAC Cup football with the Northern Knights, West Australian Callum Ah Chee, who hails from South Fremantle, and Darwin pair Davin Ferriera and Daniel Rioli.

Darwin Wanderers' Eagle Ferriera is now at Norwood, in SA, and Rioli, from St Marys, is with the North Ballarat Rebels.

This year the Draft Combine will be held again in Melbourne after the AFL grand final, but starting on Thursday, October 8, and going through to Sunday, October 12.

The Aboriginal players are part of 76 players in total, including footballers from every state and territory.

Ah Chee has followed a long line of Aboriginal stars into West Australian Football League (WAFL) ranks at South Fremantle.



Callum Ah Chee

In his league debut, Ah Chee kicked three goals against Easts in a thrilling eight-point win on July 19.

"Callum is a respected team player, with a great sense of humour," his WA under 18s coach Andrew Lockyer said.

"He was an important member of our squad on and off the field." Milera has bloodlines that



Wayne Milera

include AFL Hall of Famer Michael O'Loughlin and Robbie Muir, and, like Ah Chee, is seen as a first-round selection.

"There is a bit of Shaun Burgoyne about the way he moves and his composure in traffic," SANFL talent manager Brenton Phillips said.

Rare breed

"Those players who can create time and space are a rare breed."

Gresham is the captain of the Northern Knights and is held in high regard by his coaching staff.

"He's a ripper – a good lad, a rock solid young man," Gresham's Victorian Metro coach



Jade Gresham

David Flood said.

Ferriera played under duress during the national championships, injuring his ankle, and is hopefully back playing just before the SANFL finals.

AFL national and international talent manager Kevin Sheehan said the AFL Draft Combine

played an important part in the decision-making process for AFL recruiters.

"The Draft Combine will bring together the best young talent in Australia for a final round of testing," he said.

"It not only gives recruiters an insight into the players, but also provides the footballers with another opportunity to press their case for selection in the AFL Draft."

To attend the AFL Draft Combine, players must be nominated by at least four clubs.

State Combines

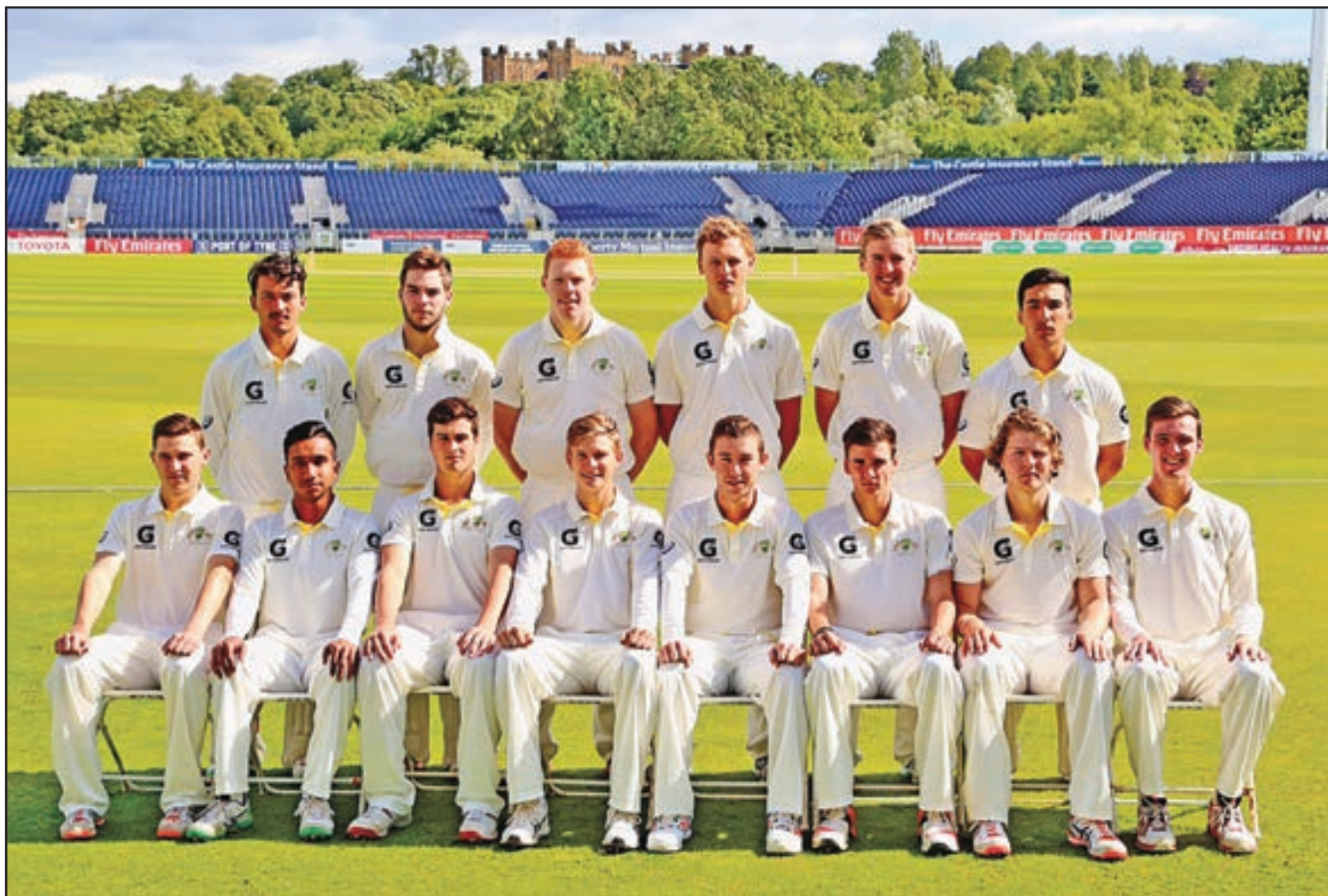
A further 100 players will be tested at State Combines in Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth.

These included the AFL Academy duo of Yeatin Eates, from Vic Country, and SA lad Kieran Aguis, along with small utility Michael Hagan, from the Northern Territory.

Others at state screenings are 18-year-old John Shaw, from Swan Districts, and one of the more intriguing stories in Western Australian football, Shane Yarran and fellow mature-aged player Marlon Pickett.

Claremont footballers Francis Watson and Shane McAdam, from Halls Creek, are two other WA lads who will be tested.

Pattison, Smith in Australian under 19 team



The Australian under 19 cricket team now touring England. It includes two Indigenous players, Jonte Pattison and Brendan Smith, both from NSW. Pattison is at far left in back row and Smith is at far left in front row. The Australians were last week playing England in the First 'Youth Test' at Durham. The tour includes one Test match and four one-dayers.

Carroll in squad for Rio



JOEL Carroll, who has been missing from recent Australian

men's hockey appearances because of injury, but he has made it into the 27-strong national squad preparing for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

Hockey Australia last month confirmed its national senior and development squads.

Carroll, from Darwin, is the only Indigenous player in either squad.

The naming of the squads follows the Kookaburras' successful World League Semi-Final campaign that saw the Australian men's hockey team qualify for the 2016 Olympics.

Key dates for 2015:

September 25-October 2, Men's Australian Hockey League, Darwin

October 21-25, Oceania Cup, Stratford (NZ)

November, Tests v India in India

November 28-December 6, World League Final, venue to be announced.

Outback's close win

By ALF WILSON



NORTHERN United lost a representative game 32-30 to Queensland Outback on Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval in the main game of a gala 'Super Saturday' of rugby league.



A big crowd turned up at the 'Rock' on July 25 and there were two KRL club fixtures as curtain-raisers.

In those local club matches, Mulga Tigers defeated Torres Eels 34-20 and premiers Roosters beat arch rivals Suburbs 44-38.

The Outback team was made up of Indigenous and non-Indigenous players from Charleville, Mt Isa, Stanthorpe, Blackall, Roma, Ilfracombe, Barcardine, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Killarney and Longreach.

Northern United was coached by Thursday Island's Thomas Loban and his assistant was Weipa's Garreth Smith, a former champion forward who is the veteran of many All Blacks carnivals in the Torres Strait.

The side was picked after the Remote Area Rugby League Far North Queensland Challenge at Cairns in late June, which was won by Northern Cape.

The other sides were Palm Island Barracudas, Torres Strait Stingers and Southern Cape.

For Northern United, Brandon Ramsamy scored two tries, with singles to Manu Wigness, Fred Bulsey, George Gabey and Tremayne Bowie.

Clifford Beetham booted three goals.

Bowie was named best on the ground, along with Outback's Michael Purcell, who scored three tries.

Veteran Cairns referee Rod 'Hairy' McCrae was a touch judge for the game and said the United players performed well.

"It was played in overcast and windy conditions, blowing 40 knots, and was very exciting," McCrae said.

Garreth Smith told the *Koori Mail* that centre Tremayne Bowie was outstanding.

"He showed plenty of class and made hard work for his opposite number to contain," Smith said.

"Remus Phineasa was solid in defence and Manu Wigness proved a handful, scoring a great individual try in the first half.

"Jack Sagigi, from Weipa, showed plenty of experience and worked hard in the back row.

"The side had no weak links, they played well and understood their roles, they adapted well."

Smith said that United played well and stuck to the game plan.

It was the third such clash between the sides, with Outback now having won twice.

United won 30-24 last year on Thursday Island and the year before Outback was the victor 60-22 in Cairns.

A positive outside of football was that players engaged with many local communities and conducted clinics alongside NRL development staff in schools.

Queensland Outback 32 (Michael Purcell 3, Thomas Krosch, Braden Russell, Anton Saltmere 1 tries, Jason Willmot 4 goals) d Northern United 30 (Brandon Ramsamy 2, Manu Wigness, Fred Bulsey, George Gabey, Tremayne Bowie 1 tries, Clifford Beetham 3 goals).



● ABOVE: The Northern United team on Thursday Island before their game against Outback Queensland.

● RIGHT: United's Isaac Rokeby tackles an opponent.

● BELOW: Action on Thursday Island.



Goddard part of rugby 7s at Youth Games



KENTHURST (NSW) youngster Harrison Goddard is the only Indigenous boy in the Australian boys rugby sevens squad nominated for the Commonwealth Youth

Games in Samoa in September.

He also recently was named as one of two Indigenous lads in the Australian Schoolboys rugby union team to take on Samoa and New Zealand schools.

Cody Walker was the other Indigenous player.

Harrison attends Oakhill College in Sydney and is the youngest of three talented rugby brothers.

He played for Australian Schoolboys in 2014.

Harrison has represented NSW under 16s, NSW Schoolboys 1st XV in 2014 and 2015 and also the Australian Schoolboys 1st XV in 2014 and now 2015.

He also captained the National Indigenous Team at the 2015 ARU National Youth 7s.

Harrison is Oakhill College's sports captain in 2015.

He is an Oakhill Indigenous group leader and also involved in Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME).

Balanced

Australian Boys Sevens head coach Hugh Carpenter has selected a 12-man squad that he says is balanced and features plenty of variety.

Players from NSW represent half the squad, with three players from Victoria, two from Queensland and one from Western Australia.

"A lot of these players will no doubt feature in Super Rugby or the Australian national Sevens program in the coming years," Carpenter said.

The boys' competition at the Commonwealth Youth Games will take place at the Apia Park Sports Complex between September 9-11, featuring Australia, England, Fiji, Samoa and South Africa.

The boys' and girls' squads chosen for the competition were selected on the strength of performances at the 2015 National Youth Sevens Championships in March and subsequent training camps at Sevens headquarters at Narrabeen, north of Sydney.



Harrison Goddard



Rigby Barnes Picture: Peter Argent

Barnes' fine debut for SA

By PETER ARGENT



RIGBY Barnes made his debut in South Australian colours when he turned out for the annual Australian football match against

Western Australia at Mandurah Oval, Perth, on July 25.

Barnes, one of the stars of the SA Country Championships in Port Augusta during the first weekend in July, made a significant contribution in South Australia's 19.12 (126) to 6.12 (48) win.

Coach Steve Lubcke called the 13-goal victory an absolute team effort and a complete performance.

"Everyone contributed," Lubcke said.

"Our pressure acts got us off to a good start.

"We had winners on every line.

"Our defence was frugal again and worked well as a unit.

"The margin actually undersold the team's performance as we should have won by four or five more.

"Rigby was a part of the strong midfielder rotations, starting in the middle and moving across half forward, where he kicked a goal."

Barnes confirmed his first time donning a SA state jumper was a special event.

"Being the first time I

represented my state was an awesome experience and I thoroughly enjoyed it," he said.

"The standard of football was very good, certainly a step up from the weekly country football I've been playing most Saturdays.

"You needed to adjust to the pace at the start of the game, and the quickness of the ball movement, but I felt comfortable at the level.

"I reckon I played my part without having the same impact as I did in the final of the country champs.

"The coaching staff used me in a three-way rotations with (Barry Stringer Medallist) Jack Kenny and Campbell Combe."

SANFL interest

Barnes' exciting performances in the SA Country Championships, and in Perth with the state team has elicited interest from a number of SANFL clubs who are keen to entice him into league ranks in 2016.

Centreman Barnes, who has played under 19 and reserves football with South Adelaide, is now at the peak of his game.

He started his football with the Aldinga Sharks and now has been with Encounter Bay in the Great Southern League, an hour south of Adelaide for four years.

Away from football, Barnes works as a project officer in the Aboriginal Oral Health Program.

Three girls in game against Japan



THREE Indigenous players – Mahalia Murphy, Taleena

Stanton and Tanisha Stanton – were in the 11-strong Australian rugby union sevens squad that took on Japan last Saturday night.

The Australian mens and women's sevens played Japan in curtain-raisers to the Bledisloe Cup match between Australia and New Zealand at Sydney Olympic Park.

Women's coach Tim Walsh

wasn't expecting big things, saying it was the beginning of pre-season.

"We'll be going out there to entertain – I don't expect us to be at our peak as yet – but we'll try our level best to put on a show."

Meanwhile, utility player Samantha Maxwell was named in the Australian Commonwealth Games Association Australian girls' rugby sevens squad nominated by the Australian Rugby Union for the Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa next month.

Coach Dale Roberson says

he has selected an exciting squad that boasts five Youth Olympic Games gold medallists – three of whom are contracted to the national women's sevens program. Seven of the players are from Queensland, two from New South Wales and one player from the ACT, Western Australia and South Australia.

Maxwell is an Indigenous player from Cootamundra, NSW.

Another Indigenous rugby player, Amber Pilley, from Tugun, Queensland, was not considered because of injury.

Just like Uncle Adam

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

magic@koorimail.com

SOMETIMES it takes the innocence of youth to put things into perspective.

My seven-year-old son James and his older sister Taya and younger sister Leni have been central to my thoughts in dealing with all the controversy surrounding my great mate Adam Goodes over the past few weeks.

While watching my beloved Swans play the West Coast Eagles, I was disgusted at the booing directed at Adam.

My son just looked at me and asked: "Why are they booing Uncle?"

No answer

I had no answer as I searched for the words to articulate to a seven-year old what he was witnessing.

"Has Uncle done something to those people," James asked.

The simple answer was nothing, but that was not sufficient.

For the first time in my life, I did not want to watch my team as I dealt with my mixed emotions of anger, sadness and disappointment.

How could I explain to my son what I was feeling and, more importantly, the pressure his uncle was experiencing.

And how hurtful and unjustified some of the media have been in their commentary.



Flashback to June, 2005: Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin celebrate the Sydney Swans' victory after the round 13 AFL match against the Collingwood Magpies at the Telstra Stadium (now ANZ Stadium), Sydney. O'Loughlin writes that he was lost for words when his son James asked why his Uncle Adam Goodes was being booed. Picture: AFL Photos/GSP

All my son wanted to do was to watch his uncle play football.

Adam has been a warrior, a role model and a leader for all Australians and has been a source of inspiration to many in his years in the public eye.

Disgusted

I was disgusted that somebody who had contributed so much to the game and to the community could be treated in such a cowardly fashion.

I've known Adam since he was 17 when he first walked through the doors at the Swans.

He was a shy, talented kid who was pretty new to the world of AFL footy, so to see his transition to becoming one of Australia's great leaders and football players has been unbelievable.

The way he has handled

everything that has been thrown at him has left me astounded in his ability to get back up when he has been down and to recover to become bigger and better.

Adam's a true inspiration to all Australians – he's a leader on and off the field and we've all been so lucky to witness his courage, conviction and perseverance.

His ability to keep giving and giving is remarkable; he's always fighting for the little guy.

That is why I think so many of the AFL community and people across society reacted in such a positive way in support of Adam.

The Swans dealt with the issue admirably and ensured that the main concern was for Adam the person, not Adam the player.

It was the same across the

crowds at games where clubs, players, coaches and genuine supporters all stood behind Adam.

The Swans' game against the Crows reflected the depth of this support in an amazing display of solidarity.

While the great man did not play, he felt and appreciated the amount of love on display.

Amazed

I stood on the ground before, during and after the game amazed at how the crowd of 40,000 people had rallied in support of Adam.

The standing applause when the game hit the 37th minute was a moving tribute to the man who wears that number on his jersey.

I was speechless at the response as old and young

united to stamp out the underbelly of racism that is still part of Australia.

It was emotional and powerful stuff.

The other day, we sat down as a family to discuss the whole episode – why it started and why people say hurtful things at certain times.

Unfortunately, I do not think this will be the last time we have this conversation.

I want my children to be proud of their people, their country and their culture.

I know that they will experience tears, anger and sadness at stages of their life.

I want them to stand strong and tall, black and proud.

I want them to be dead.

Just like their Uncle Adam. Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Rugby league celebrates Indigenous Round



THE National Rugby League (NRL) last weekend celebrated its Indigenous Round, with activities highlighting the contribution that Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander people had made to rugby league on and off the field.

At all venues, the RECOGNISE symbol was emblazoned on 40-metre lines in an acknowledgement of the movement pressing for recognition by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the

Australian Constitution and to ensure there was no place in it for racial discrimination.

NRL head of community Adam Check said the round was an important occasion on the NRL calendar for players and fans.

"The NRL has long been a proud supporter and advocate for Indigenous people and communities, and this weekend is another opportunity for us to recognise equality for all," he said.

"We were the first national sporting code to develop a Recognition Action Plan (RAP) in 2008 and we continue to strengthen our

resolve in implementing Indigenous strategies and programs, ensuring that our support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is at the forefront of our game."

During the Indigenous Round, referees wore an Indigenous jersey designed by contemporary Indigenous artist Chern'ee Sutton, whose heritage is with the Kalkadoon people from the Mt Isa area of Queensland.

Traditional dances were combined with welcome to country and acknowledgements

at games throughout the weekend.

Indigenous players were involved in coin tosses and local Indigenous teams played during half-time.

Young Indigenous players ran out with the teams.

Fans at the Broncos-Bulldogs match at Lang Park, Brisbane, had a special treat. They saw NRL ambassador Jessica Mauboy perform before the kick-off.

Teams wearing special Indigenous jumpers included the Cowboys, Sharks, Broncos, Eels, Panthers and Storm.



● ABOVE and BELOW: Adam McDermott opens the batting and bowling for Queensland at the Australian Indoor Cricket Championships in Brisbane. Pictures: PowerShots Photography



Adam shines at Australian indoor cricket



QUEENSLANDER Adam McDermott is an inclusion in Cricket Australia's High-Performance Camp in Brisbane in September following strong performances at indoor cricket.

The Queensland Imparja Cup player was stand-in captain for most of the weeklong Australian Indoor Cricket Championships in Brisbane and emerged as the star of the tournament.

He stepped in as captain after regular captain Lyle Tseke was injured early in the week.

The Queenslanders reached the final where they were beaten by the ACT.

McDermott was subsequently named as one of only 12 open level players invited to CA's High-Performance Camp at the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane in late September.

During the indoor tournament, McDermott's 'contribution average' of 9.6 (which is calculated based on net runs scored less net runs conceded during the event) was the highest of all 72 players in open men's division.

He played 10 matches and scored a net of 196 runs and took seven wickets while conceding 100 runs. The 196 scored was also the highest run aggregate in the open men's division and the second highest in the entire tournament which also had the open ladies, 19 and under boys and Lord's Taverners Shield divisions.

The CA High-Performance Camp will see the players experience the elite cricket training facilities, play in two exhibition matches at the start of the WICF World Indoor Junior series and help mentor the eight Australian junior teams competing in the Junior World Series in Brisbane in late September.

Jawai eyes ticket to Rio

By CHRIS PIKE



POWERHOUSE Australian basketballer Nathan Jawai took some giant strides towards getting back to his best form this

past season playing in Spain, and now he's looming as a key part of the Boomers qualifying for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Jawai had a monumental rise to the top of the sport with one outstanding National Basketball League (NBL) season with the Cairns Taipans leading him into the US National Basketball Association (NBA), where he played with the Toronto Raptors and Minnesota Timberwolves.

He then moved to Europe, playing with strong clubs in Serbia (Partizan), Russia (Unics Kazan), Spain (FC Barcelona) and Turkey (Galatasaray), but then a nasty fall during a game late in 2013 led to a serious concussion and neck injury.

Career in jeopardy

Jawai's career was in jeopardy, but he returned to Galatasaray early in the 2014-15 season where the expectations were that he would be the force he previously was.

But his body wasn't yet up to that.

He then returned to Australia and worked hard at the Australian Institute of Sport's Centre of Excellence to get back to full health and fitness, and was rewarded by taking part in the Boomers campaign at last year's FIBA World Cup.

Jawai then signed with Spanish club MoraBanc Andorra and put together a solid season, averaging 8.5 points and 3.5 rebounds a game while shooting an impressive 55 per cent from the field.

Tall Blacks next

The 28-year-old has now just returned from Slovenia where he played for the Boomers in warm-up matches ahead of this month's Olympics qualifying series against New Zealand.

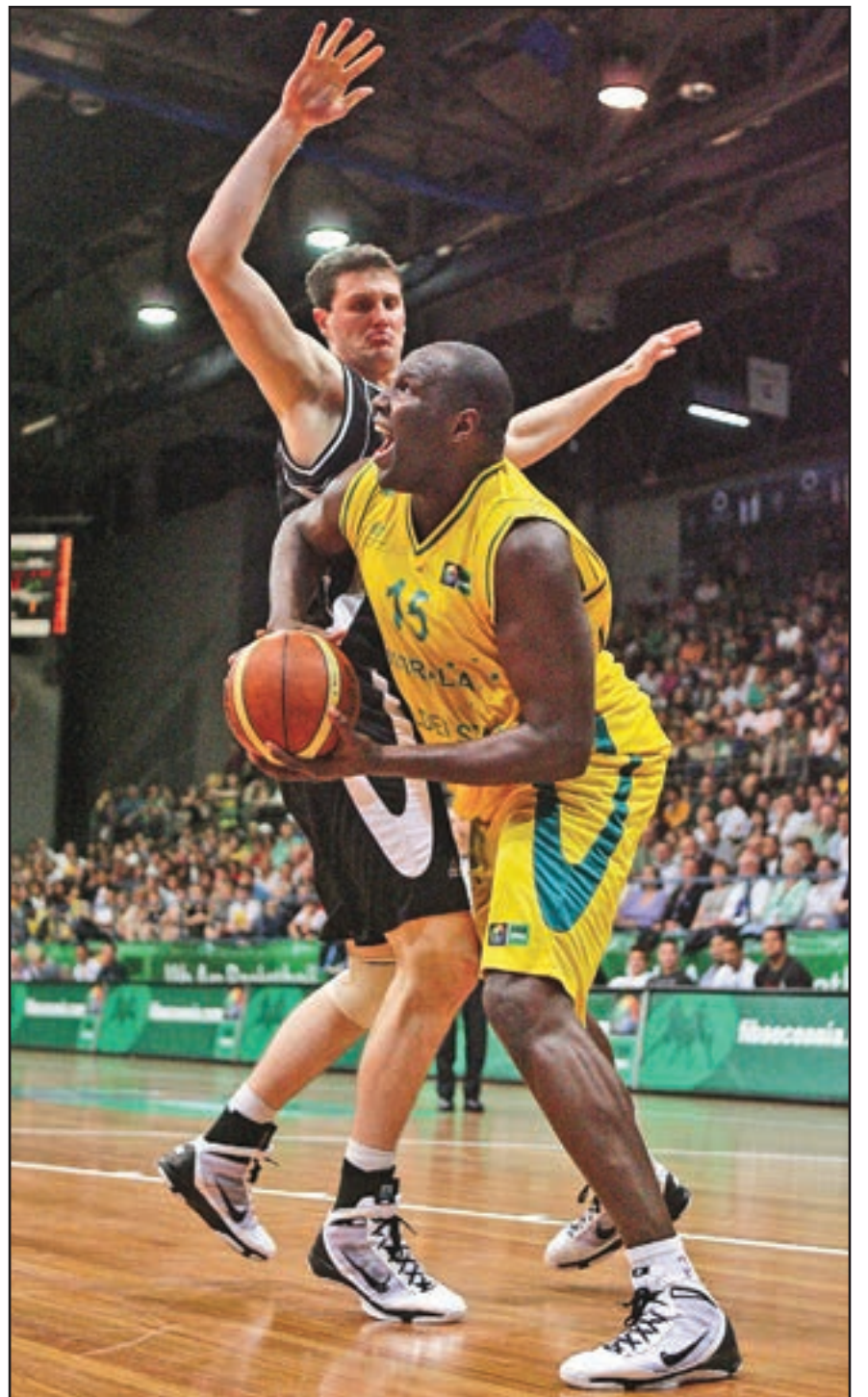
If Australia wins, it will be on to the Olympic Games in Rio and Jawai wants nothing more than to help that become a reality after everything he's been through.

"I rehabbed for six months and waited for clearance from the doctors to return to pro ball," he said.

"I was dribbling and shooting the whole time, but I was ordered not to engage in contact because another knock could have done permanent damage after how serious my injury was."

"Without the help of the people at the AIS, the Centre of Excellence, the Australian national team and head coach Andrej Lemanis, none of this would have been possible.

"I feel grateful for everything they've done for me and now I hope to repay them by helping us qualify for the Olympics, and then being there part of



Nathan Jawai attempts to shoot during game one of the Ramsey Shield series between the Australian Boomers and the New Zealand Tall Blacks at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre in August 2009. Picture: Getty

it in Rio next year. We have a real chance at a medal if all our squad is all available, so I want nothing more than to be part of it."

No disrespect to the Spanish club MoraBanc Andorra, but it was a far cry from playing in the NBA or with the European power clubs.

Opportunity

But he is glad they gave him an opportunity before looking to step back up another level next season ahead of the Olympics.

"I'm on the path to become the force I once was in Barcelona. I'm not far from getting there and I appreciate MoraBanc Andorra for giving me the opportunity to play," he said.

"Being there was humbling and it motivated me to work hard and get back to the elite European clubs.

"I was happy to get a chance to return to Galatasaray as I have great memories of the fans and the club. I wanted to finish what we started a few years ago, but things didn't work out because the head coach expected me to be the player I was before my injury.

"It was extremely hard to live up to that given what I've gone through and it's a shame things didn't go as planned, but chapter two usually is never better than the first.

"Hopefully, I get another chance at a big club like Galatasaray for next season though. That's what I'm aiming for."

Sandow settles in at Wolves



CHRIS Sandow is settling in at his new rugby league surroundings at the Warrington Wolves' Halliwell Jones Stadium after leaving the Parramatta Eels with a sour taste in his mouth.

The former Parramatta halfback was welcomed by Warrington fans at the Wolves' home ground on August 3.

He landed in the UK on Friday evening, July 31, and according to the Warrington Wolves website, there was a buzz around the club and town waiting for that first glimpse.

Sandow was introduced to the media, including some Aussie press, before heading pitch side for his first photo shoot in his new colours and numerous interviews.

"It was a good reception here today. I didn't expect that, but it shows that Warrington Wolves have a really good supporter base around them," Sandow said.

On stepping out on to he field at the Halliwell Jones Stadium, Sandow said: "I'm really excited. I can't wait. I'll probably shed a few tears, but that's normal."

On what he can bring to the squad: "A lot of spark and a lot of energy; that's what I like to play with."

Sandow meanwhile has hit out at Peter Sterling over the Parramatta great's criticism of him.

Sterling called for the Eels to part ways with Sandow after a number of below par National Rugby League (NRL) performances shortly before he was granted a release by the Eels to move to the English Super League last month.

Respected NRL commentator and four-times premiership winner Sterling was particular critical of Sandow's defensive efforts.

"You cannot be responsible for setting up two smashing tries but then be directly responsible for conceding three," Sterling said at the time.

It is criticism that clearly still stings Sandow, with the 26-year-old taking the opportunity to return serve to Sterling as he was presented with his Wolves jersey in his first official outing for the club.

"Sterlo is a legend of the game, he's got his own opinion, but he's probably done that a bit in his time too, set up a few tries and let a few in," Sandow said.

"He didn't play with any slouches in his team. He played pretty much with a whole Australian team behind him.

"With Ray Price in the forwards and Mick Cronin and Steve Ella doing all their stuff, Sterlo probably didn't have to do much."

Back on course

Sandow also said he had overcome the gambling and drinking dramas that had plagued him for much of his career.

"That's behind me," he said.

"It's just the culture of the NRL. All the boys like to have a beer and a punt and I got caught up in the middle of it.

"It's what football players like to do in their time off, and we're entitled to our time off and to do whatever we want, when we want. There were plenty of blokes at my last club, and the one before that, that were probably worse than me, but I've got it under control and it's all a fresh start here." – *With AAP*



Jett Bennett and his 2015 Victorian Formula Ford Series open wheeler. It is capable of speeds of up to 240km/h.

Sky the limit for this Jett



INDIGENOUS karting sensation Jett Bennett is about to take the next step in the world of motor sport, competing in the 2016 Victorian Formula Ford series.

The 14-year-old Sydneysider has been invited to join the national Formula Ford Series champions – Synergy Motorsport.

Synergy Motorsport watched Jett's karting achievements over the past few years where he became one of the most talented junior karters in Australia, and could see a potential champion driver.

This belief in Jett's dedication, talent and skills led to the Synergy offer.

Because Jett will only be 15 next year, he will not be eligible to compete in the NSW Formula Ford Series, as the minimum age in NSW is 16.

But in Victoria, the minimum age is 15 – hence the reason why Jett will be racing in Victoria and not in NSW.

Jett will start testing with Synergy Motorsport at the end of this year – after his 15th birthday.

Synergy Motorsport have identified many

successful drivers, one of the most recent drivers who was mentored, coached and trained by Synergy is current V8 Supercar driver Chaz Mostert.

Formula Ford is the developmental breeding ground of motor champions and has developed such racing talent as Craig Lowndes, Garth Tander, Jamie Whincup and David Reynolds.

Jett hopes to one day add his name to that list of champions.

Jett's Formula Ford race car has a tubular space frame, a 1600cc 125hp Ford Fiesta engine, four-speed manual gearbox, front and rear pushrod activated dual damper system, and full racing car suspension design.

The chassis balance is adjustable and controlled by damper, spring and anti-roll bar combinations

It will have a top speed of about 240km/h

Motor racing is extremely expensive and Jett is looking for businesses to sponsor him in 2016. A sponsorship prospectus is available for interested businesses. For details, contact Jett Bennett Motorsport on 0411 360 190.



Chris Sandow with his new Warrington jumper. Warrington is about halfway between Liverpool and Manchester, in England's north. Picture: George Thornton (Warrington Wolves)

League stars call for fewer games in season



AUSTRALIAN rugby league skipper Cameron Smith has called for a shortened National Rugby League (NRL) season, saying fewer matches will guarantee higher quality matches and make for better TV viewing.

Smith says a reduced schedule will not necessarily translate to lost revenue, as the NRL negotiates a new broadcast deal which will run from 2018 until the end of 2022.

"Less games but higher quality," Smith told Fox Sports.

"If it's higher quality and we're seeing close matches every week, there's no blowouts, then let's keep the broadcast deal the same, if not increase it a bit more."

TV rights for the new five-year deal are expected to sell for close to \$1.7 billion.

St George-Illawarra star Benji Marshall says a reduced program will also make for a fairer competition.

"It would be fairer if every team played each other once. For example, we might struggle against Canberra and we have to play them twice while some teams only play them once," said Marshall.

"Teams at the top like the Roosters, Cowboys, Broncos and Rabbitohs, it's not as fair if you have to play them twice in a year opposed to someone you could possibly beat twice a year."

News Corp reported last week that the deal between the NRL and Fox Sports could see major changes to match scheduling, including a Thursday night game and possibly ending Monday night football.

Only one match would be held on Friday night under the new deal, with three on Saturday and again on Sunday and the new Thursday night football fixture.

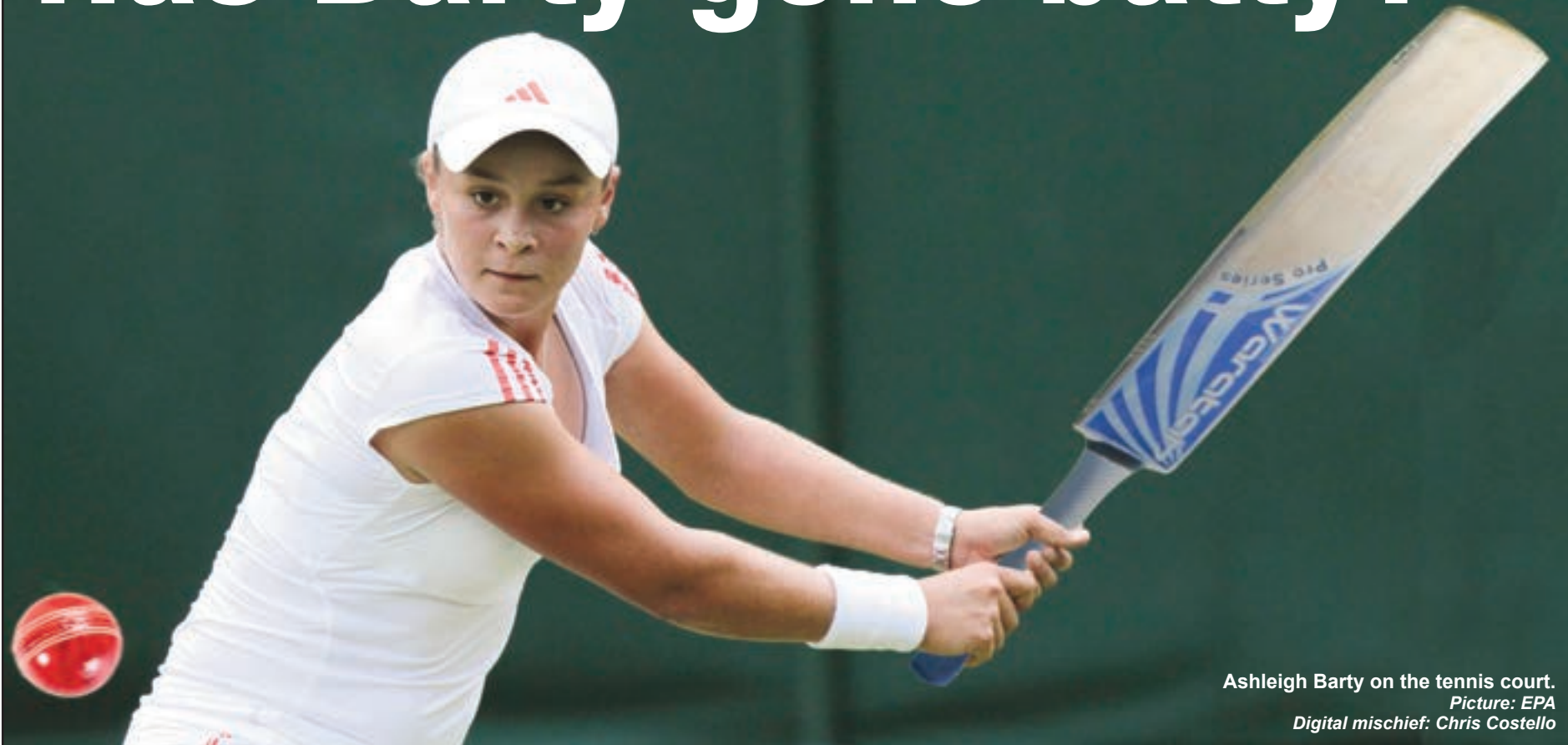
All eight matches would be shown live on Fox Sports, with an additional three games to be broadcast live on free-to-air television.

State of Origin, said to be more valuable than even the NRL grand final, will remain on free-to-air.

The \$1.7-billion broadcast windfall will be a 70% increase on their current \$1-billion deal, which would help the NRL to lift the salary cap from \$7.5 million to \$11 million.

Grants to clubs would also rise from \$7.8 million to \$12 million, helping them retain the game's elite players. – AAP

Has Barty gone batty?



Ashleigh Barty on the tennis court.
Picture: EPA
Digital mischief: Chris Costello



ASHLEIGH Barty is turning to cricket, saying she likes the idea of playing a team sport.

Brisbane's *Courier Mail* said the tennis stayaway had trained with Queensland's women's cricket team in another sign that her exile would continue from the sport in which she earned more than \$600,000 a year as a 17-year-old.

The *Courier Mail* said Barty trained with the Queensland Fire team at Allan Border Field and had told cricket coaches she liked the idea of playing a team sport.

It's been nearly 12 months since

Barty walked out on the World Tennis Association Tour, saying she needed a break and wanted to spend more time with her family.

According to the *Courier Mail*, the former world number-two tennis junior impressed Fire players with her aptitude for fielding and batting, especially for someone who had not played competitive cricket.

Fire coach Andy Richards told Barty she would be welcomed back if she was keen and it was expected she would return.

Queensland Cricket said it would help her with a pathway should she pursue cricket.

The *Courier Mail* said Barty thought

of dipping her toe into the water with cricket soon after she was invited to address the Australian women's cricket team in Brisbane about life as an elite athlete.

She told National Cricket Centre female high-performance manager Shawn Flegler that she liked the idea of playing a team sport.

Barty earned \$US540,652 in official prizemoney in 2013, the year in which she, at the age of 17, and Casey Dellacqua made three Grand Slam doubles finals.

In Grand Slam women's singles events, she was eliminated in the first round at Wimbledon in 2012, and reached the second round in the 2013

French and US Opens.

In doubles, she and Dellacqua reached the finals of the 2013 Australian and US Opens and Wimbledon 2013, and was a quarterfinalist in the 2014 French Open.

Her highest singles ranking was 129 in September 2013. Her highest doubles ranking with Dellacqua was 12, also in 2013.

Barty's recent Twitter posts encouraged the Australian Southern Stars team playing for the women's Ashes trophy in England.

She loves Australian rules football and is an avid Richmond supporter.

Mayweather plan excludes Mundine



ANTHONY Mundine's hopes of a big fight payday against champion Floyd Mayweather have

been dashed.

The unbeaten Mayweather has officially announced he will go toe-to-toe with Haitian-American boxer Andre Berto on September 12 in his last bout under a multi-million-dollar six-fight contract with Showtime.

The clash will take place at Las Vegas' MGM Grand Garden Arena, the venue where Mayweather defeated Manny Pacquiao.

Mundine penned an open letter to Mayweather last month where he described himself as the 'uncrowned best athlete of all time'.

But Britain's Amir Khan, with a

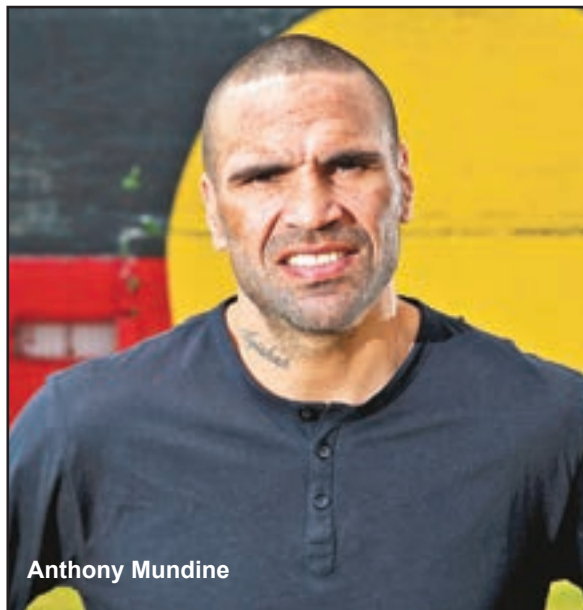
record of 31-3 with 19 knockouts, has a more realistic chance of taking on Mayweather.

Super welterweight Mundine now has a 47-6-0 record. Twenty-seven of his wins came within the distance, while two of his losses were KOs.

His last fight was a split decision points victory over Sergey Rabchenko (Belarus) in Melbourne for the World Boxing Council (WBC) Silver super welterweight title last November.

Before that, he was beaten on points (unanimous) by American veteran Joshua Clottey in Newcastle.

According to the BoxRec website, Mundine has pencilled in a fight in Melbourne on October 14, but no opponent has been announced. — *With AAP*



Anthony Mundine

Hammond's rise through the ranks continues



CAMERON 'The Hammer' Hammond's steady rise in the welterweight ranks of professional boxing is continuing.

The Moree-born former amateur champion stopped Sedat Tasci (NSW) in the fifth round of a 10-rounder at Narrabri, NSW, on July 25 for the World Boxing Association (WBA) Oceania welterweight title.

All three judges had Hammond ahead 40-36 when referee Ray Wheatley stopped the fight one minute and 12 seconds into the fifth round.

Hammond, the number two-ranked welterweight in Australia, now has had 13 fights for 13 wins — seven inside the distance.

Tasci's record now stands at eight wins (3KOs), two losses (1 KO) and four draws and is now ranked 14 in Australia's welterweights, while the World Boxing Association (WBA) has him in the top 20 world welterweights.

Hammond had a successful career before turning pro. He represented Australia at the 2012 London Olympics and the 2010 New Delhi Commonwealth Games.



The West Australian women players join the men's celebration of their 2015 all-Indigenous Imparja Cup cricket carnival final victory against Queensland in Alice Springs last February. *Picture: Graham Hunt*

We love our cricket

Indigenous participation rates go through the roof



NEARLY 27,000 Indigenous Australians, which is 13,000 ahead of Cricket Australia's target for 2014-15, are playing various forms of cricket.

Cricket Australia (CA) last week trumpeted that beyond the overall participation figures, there had been a mass of Indigenous cricket activity.

CA provided a detailed breakdown of the Indigenous numbers involved in the forms of cricket and highlighted the achievements of leading Indigenous players.

It said 26,427 Indigenous players were overall participants.

This included 12,145 involved in MILO in2CRICKET Skills, 721 in MILO in2Cricket, 439 in MILO T20BLAST, 2413 club cricketers and 3000 Clontarf Academy students.

Imparja Cup flagship

At the top of Indigenous carnivals around Australia was the annual Imparja Cup tournament in Alice Springs.

Other carnivals were the Dingo Cup (NT), Barra Cup (NT), Nitmiluk Cup (NT), Rainforest Cup (Qld), Western Rivers Cup (Qld) and the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) statewide carnival.

The report highlighted the success of the recent national Indigenous Squad camp at

CA's National Cricket Centre in Brisbane, with the squad playing against the women's Australian Southern Stars, and the National Performance Squad which consisted of players from the Australian under 19s and Australia A players.

The Indigenous squad was coached by high performance coaching staff Jeff Cook (head coach) and assistant coaches Greg Shipperd and James Hopes.

Other highlights were:

- Samara Williams and Jacinta Goodger-Chandler awarded female cricket scholarships to attend the National Cricket Centre with the elite female under 18s team;
- Jonte Pattison and Brendan Smith now in England playing against England with the Australia under 19s;
- Josh Lalor (NSW) and Dan Christian (Vic) currently listed with the state teams;
- Ryan Lees, who is a member of the National Indigenous Squad, currently listed as a Rookie with Tasmania;
- Ashleigh Gardner awarded the 2014-15 the Lord's Taverners Cricketer of the Year;
- Damon Egan named in the 2015 Cricket Australia Pathway Rookie Squad;
- Ashleigh Gardner named in the Shooting Stars Squad; and
- Seven Big Bash League (BBL|04) Community Rookies.

CA said plans for the 2015-16 season included:

- a formalised partnership with the STARS Foundation that would see more the 800 Indigenous girls playing cricket;
- the Imparja Cup to transform into the National Indigenous Cricket Championships – to be held in Alice Springs from 2016-18; (The championships will be played in 50 over and T20 formats.)
- continue to support the Clontarf Foundation by providing cricket programs and regional carnivals to more than 3000 boys.

Australia's biggest sport

CA said that, overall, a record 1.2 million Australians participated in cricket in the past year, which according to research, makes it the country's highest participation sport.

The census was independently conducted by specialist researcher Street Ryan which also undertakes research for other major participation sports, including rugby league and Australian rules football. It found that cricket participation increased by 9% since the previous round of research in June 2014.

CA chief executive James Sutherland said the results demonstrated that cricket was a sport of choice across Australia and the approach to attracting, developing and keeping people in the game was

continuing to improve.

"Among other things, cricket plays an important role in helping men, women and children from all different backgrounds to lead healthy, active lifestyles," he said.

"With an aspiration to be Australia's favourite sport, and a sport for all Australians, it is pleasing to see the continued increase in diversity across our sport.

Female figures soar

"Female participants are now nearly one-quarter of our playing base and while this growth is something that we are particularly proud of, diversity will continue to be an area of strong focus, including the desire to see significant increases in Indigenous and multicultural participant numbers."

There are close to 25,000 cricket teams across Australia that in combination with 1605 registered entry-level programs, amounts to 415,104 participants – a 6% increase on 2013-14.

Traditional 11-a-side club cricket accounted for 344,053 participants across 23,000 teams, including 90 new female 11-a-side teams.

A 'participant' is defined by the Australian Cricket Census as someone who participates in at least four sessions of a formal cricket program.



**Hammond
makes it
13 from 13**

● See page 70



To subscribe to the
Koori Mail call
(02) 66 222 666

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Back to Brisbane

All Stars to return to Suncorp Stadium on February 13



SUNCORP Stadium, Brisbane, will be the venue for the 2016

Rugby League All Stars match on Saturday, February 13.

Tickets have already gone on sale and can be bought for as little as \$10.

Sam Thaiday, Josh Morris, Jessica Mauboy and Wayne Bennett last Thursday joined National Rugby League (NRL) head of football Todd Greenberg and chair of the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council, Linda Burney to make the announcement and reaffirm the importance of the game.

Greenberg encouraged as many fans as possible to secure their tickets early for another blockbuster All Stars match.

Affordable

"We've made tickets to the 2016 All Stars games as affordable as possible, so everyone can get along and see their favourite players live in action," he said.

"The All Stars match is an opportunity to celebrate our Indigenous players and fans and highlight their fantastic achievements." Broncos star Sam

Thaiday said he looked forward to another blockbuster next year.

"Our game is built on inclusiveness and teamwork and matches like the All Stars allow all people to come together as one," he said.

"I'm looking forward to hopefully being selected in the Indigenous team again and being part of all the build-up ahead of the match.

"It's always a special time to bond with fellow Indigenous players and our communities and learn more about our heritage."

Queensland Tourism and Major Events Minister Kate Jones said she welcomed the opportunity to host the 2016 All Stars at Suncorp Stadium, the best rugby league stadium in the world.

"This match is a fantastic celebration of cultural diversity within rugby league and a highlight on our events calendar," she said.

"Queenslanders love their rugby league and next year's game at Suncorp Stadium will welcome fans across Australia and New Zealand."

Tickets to the 2016 All Stars match are on sale at www.nrl.com/tickets



Josh Morris, NRL Indigenous ambassador Jessica Mauboy and Sam Thaiday at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, last Thursday with the Arthur Beetson All Stars trophy. Picture: nrlphotos



Digital altering by
Chris Costello

**What's
this?
Ash
Barty
with a
cricket
bat in her
hands?**

● See page 70

Rugby league Knockout delegates meeting called for August 22



A DELEGATES' meeting ahead of this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival is to be held at Dubbo on Saturday, August 22.

It will begin at 10am in the Dubbo RSL Club, 178 Brisbane Street, Dubbo.

Knockout spokesman Geoff Simpson urged representatives from all teams intending to enter the Knockout to attend the delegates' meeting.

It would be an opportunity for them to be briefed on the Knockout and to seek clarification on rules and expectations leading up to the Knockout.

The NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout is generally regarded as the biggest cultural gathering of Aboriginal people in Australia and has been described as a modern-day corroboree.

This year's Knockout will be held at Caltex Park, Dubbo, from Friday to Monday, October 2-5.

It is being organised by Walgett Aboriginal Connection, winners of the 2014 Knockout.

Something new this year will be a gala dinner at the Dubbo RSL Club on Wednesday, September 30.

Nomination forms and information on the Knockout are available at walgettaboriginalconnection.com.au

● 'Why are they booing Uncle Adam?' – See page 67