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## Making their mark



Indigenous players Hawthorn's Cyril Rioli, front, and Port Power's Jarman Impey battle for the ball during last Friday's AFL clash in Melbourne. Port Power downed the Hawks by 22 points in a hard-fought round-21 encounter.

● See sport for more AFL coverage AAP image

# Abbott backs down

## PM now gives his support for Indigenous-only conventions



INDIGENOUS-only conventions about constitutional recognition will now be held after Prime Minister Tony Abbott backflipped from his

previous hardline opposition.

Mr Abbott's change of position came after a meeting with prominent Aboriginal people Noel Pearson, Patrick Dodson, Megan Davis and Kirstie Parker, in Canberra last week.

Earlier in the month he rejected a proposal for publicly funded Indigenous-only conventions, angering many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Prime Minister had cited concerns that such meetings could create a "log of claims" that were unlikely to get general backing and developed a "them and us" dialogue.

The change of heart came after the delegation told Mr Abbott they weren't trying to construct an "additional agenda" to ideas already on the table.

The Indigenous-only gatherings will now be held concurrently with mainstream

meetings over the next 12 months, under the supervision of a referendum council.

Mr Pearson said there had to be a specific Indigenous process.

"I think we've put this show back on the rails," he said after the meeting.

Meanwhile, not all Indigenous people are happy with what has transpired.

Members of the Aboriginal Provisional Government (APG), meeting last weekend in Melbourne, detailed their concerns. They were also unhappy that none of the four members of the delegation that met with Mr Abbott attended their meeting.

APG secretary Michael Mansell, from Tasmania, said the meeting had considered constitutional recognition proposals and weighed them against alternatives.

Issues discussed included a treaty, weaknesses in the native title system, and lack of involvement by the Aboriginal community in the government-funded Recognise campaign.

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Noel Pearson



Megan Davis



Michael Mansell

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**T**HIS is me and some of my family at the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, after we had performed. We are known as the Waringarri Dancers.

I am sitting at the front with my husband Alan. When we dance he sings in his traditional language from Port Keats, NT. We share our song and dance.

Behind us are my granddaughter Kanetia, my daughter Dora and my sister cousin Agnes Armstrong.

I was born on Newry Station in 1948, and Alan was born on Victoria Downs Station in 1933. He has a big mob in Roper River and Daly River.

I was a promised bride from a little kid, in an Aboriginal way, and we married in a Catholic wedding at Argyle Homestead in 1964.

We have three sons and two daughters, and we now have 42 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren, with more coming up.

Except for four of the grandchildren, we all live in or near Kununurra.

We've got a block just over the border in

the NT. We are NT people really, been there for 11 years.

At Christmas all the family come out there and some years Alan dresses up as Santa for the grandchildren – he used to have a bigger belly.

On Mondays and Fridays we visit family and paint together at Waringarri Arts (Kununurra). We go fishing for barramundi, bream, catfish and turtle, and go hunting. It's annoying that we can't get goanna any more – the cane toads have taken them.

We teach our younger generations to dance so they can carry on culture.

We danced together in Perth in 2007 and in Gove at the Garma Festival in 2010.

We teach them culture and painting, and take them out hunting and show them bush tucker.

We still speak our language, and the children and grandchildren speak some and they understand it. It's important to me.

We all look alike, they all look like me or Alan – you can see it, eh?

– As told to Jillian Mundy

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MEMBERS of the Weipa and Napranum under 11 teams who played in the Cape York Cluster rugby league finals held recently. Picture: Christine Howes

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# High note for Desert Song Festival



THE centrepiece of this year's Desert Song Festival will be a new choral work, *Arrkanala*

*Lylilhitjika*, which tells the story of 120 years of European choral practice in central Australian communities.

The Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir has recently returned from Germany, where they performed the piece.

The 10-day festival will include chamber concerts, lunchtime recitals, workshops, and a progressive concert. There is also an opportunity to go on a singing tour through the West MacDonnell Ranges.

And community choir Asante Sana will revisit the place where it first performed, Trephina Gorge in the East MacDonnell Ranges, followed by a celebratory 'Big Sing and Bonfire' dinner, and capped off by 'A cappella in the Gorge' at the Ross River Homestead.

Desert Song runs from September 4-13 in and around Alice Springs.

For more information, tickets or to download the program, go to [www.desertsong.net.au](http://www.desertsong.net.au)

● **Pictured: The Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir performing in Stuttgart, Germany.**  
Picture: Barbara Stuart



# Recognition closer in WA



WESTERN Australia is a step closer to recognising Aboriginal people in its Constitution, after WA Labor's Bill passed through the Lower House of Parliament last week.

The *Constitution Amendment (Recognition of Aboriginal People) Bill*, introduced by Kimberley MP Josie Farrer, a Gidja woman, will amend the WA Constitution to recognise Aboriginal people as the first people and custodians of the state.

The bill has received bipartisan support, with members from all political parties speaking in support.

"Today we are another step closer to recognising Aboriginal people in our Constitution and another step forward in the reconciliation process," Ms Farrer said. "This is an historic moment for WA's Aboriginal people. The existing constitutional references to WA's Aboriginal people are a product of a bygone era that needed to be addressed.

"This amendment is a symbolic but crucial part of our journey as West Australians."

Labor's Aboriginal Affairs spokesperson, Ben Wyatt, a Yamatji man, said governments had for a long time viewed Aboriginal people as "less than human", and needing to be controlled and bullied to the point where it threatened their

a symbolic statement, ultimately we are human beings; we're creatures of symbol; we're creatures of spirit," he said.

"I think this is an important part of our journey as a state and our journey of that relationship between Aboriginal people and broader non-Aboriginal people that is really ultimately still a long way to go before that full reconciliation takes place."

Mr Wyatt said it was a small but important sentence that would acknowledge Aboriginal people. "The Aboriginal identity is the Australian identity – you can't have one without the other," he said.

"This is a very important victory for WA's Aboriginal people. It's an acknowledgment that Aboriginal people have been in Western Australia for tens of thousands of years and

have an extremely strong connection to country.

"Recognising Aboriginal culture and history is a precursor to any meaningful relationship with WA's Aboriginal people and this amendment provides that recognition." – *With AAP*

WA Labor MPs Josie Farrer and Ben Wyatt.



culture's existence.

Mr Wyatt said the bill would confirm in the WA Constitution what the High Court and *Native Title Act* said in the 1990s: that Aboriginal people are the traditional owners of Australia.

"Whilst it may be regarded as



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# Tropical treat from Bangarra dancers



WHILE August is often chilly in Melbourne, inside the Arts Centre it's sunny

and warm as the Bangarra dancers take audiences on a trip to the tropical Torres Strait Islands with *I.B.I.S.*

*I.B.I.S.* was created by Bangarra dancers Waangenga Blanco and Deborah Brown. Depicting colourful island life in their home, the Torres Strait, this is the first live dance theatre work for the company by either dancer.

The production is a celebration of the resilience and optimism of Torres Strait Islander people. Seven of the company's 16 dancers have Torres Strait Islander heritage, including Blanco and Brown. This will be the fourth work inspired by stories from this location in Bangarra's repertoire.

Coupled with *Sheoak*, this program is Bangarra's only visit to Melbourne in 2015.

Bangarra is performing two special shows for Indigenous people, with the community night tonight, Wednesday, August 26, and the Koorie kids' day on Wednesday, September 2. For tickets to these two events email [community@bangarra.com.au](mailto:community@bangarra.com.au)

To book other tickets go to [www.artscentremelbourne.com.au](http://www.artscentremelbourne.com.au)

● **Pictured: Deborah Brown and Waangenga Blanco in *I.B.I.S.*** Picture: Jeff Tan

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# First speech for Lindgren



THE first Aboriginal federal politician, Neville Bonner, used his maiden speech in 1971 to declare he was "first and foremost"

an Australian citizen. More than 40 years later, his great niece Joanna Lindgren made the same declaration in the same chamber of the Federal Parliament.

"This, too, is how I see myself in the Senate," she said during her first speech on Tuesday, August 11.

The Queensland Liberal National Party senator pledged not to continue the work of her uncle, because that had been completed by those before her.

"I am here to do the work of today," Senator Lindgren said.

"Uncle Neville sat in the old Parliament House and I now sit in the new Parliament House, which to me signifies that he was a man for his time and now I am for mine."

Prime Minister Tony Abbott was joined by Coalition MPs to watch Senator Lindgren give her first speech, three months after she filled a casual vacancy caused by Brett Mason's resignation.

A former teacher of 25 years, Senator Lindgren grew up in the low-socioeconomic suburb



of Inala on the outskirts of Brisbane.

"Growing up in Inala was simply magical," she said, saying she enjoyed going to school with first generation migrants whose names sounded exotic.

She says her past has moulded her into the tolerant, fair, patient and considerate person standing in the Senate.

Senator Lindgren, who has Jagera and Mununjali ancestry, said she owes her success to a sound education, something she wants for every Australian child.

"Education is the key to unlocking individual potential and success," she said.

Along with education, she plans to be a passionate advocate for the Defence Force, women in politics and Indigenous constitutional recognition.

"Aboriginal people give the modern nation of Australia 80,000 years of history in return for a few of lines in the constitution," she said.

Senator Lindgren is the first Aboriginal woman to represent the Coalition in Federal Parliament. She hopes the path to Canberra will one day become "quite normal and even expected" for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. – AAP



# Show captivates audiences



Ernie Dingo as one of the Berrimah Prison inmates who shared their story. The musical is set to the backdrop of a documentary of the same name.

By JILLIAN MUNDY

THE five-show season of *Prison Songs – the musical*, set to the backdrop of a 2014 SBS documentary of the same name, about the lives of 'Berrimah Hilton' inmates – was met with sell-out crowds and standing ovations at the Darwin Festival.

Starring Shellie Morris, Ernie Dingo and Kamahi Djordan King, and accompanied by a live band, *Prison Songs* tells the true stories of domestic violence, substance abuse, identity, relationships, desperation and hope of Aboriginal inmates in Darwin's old Berrimah prison.

While the production makes for a lively and entertaining piece of theatre, moving from light-hearted humour to gritty honesty and catchy poignant lyrics delivered in hip hop, blues, country, reggae and gospel, accompanied by dance, it carries a serious message.

In the Northern Territory, about 87% of prisoners are Aboriginal, although Aboriginal people make up about 28% of the population.

Berrimah Prison has been described as Dickensian with its dirt, rats, mosquitoes and heat.

When it first opened in 1979, it was designed to hold 115 prisoners. In 2014 it strained to hold more than 800. It is currently being upgraded.

The inmates who shared their stories are varied, both men and women, some from good homes,

others from dysfunctional families.

Many come from remote communities where English is the second or third language and traditional law is in conflict with European laws.

Singer/songwriter Shellie Morris penned the songs with composer and playwright Casey Bennetto, with contributions from Morris's partner Johnny Vuqa, in conjunction with the inmates who shared their stories.

"I think it changes the way people think," Ms Morris said.

"I've never been part of a production like it."

She said it gives a glimpse inside an Australian prison, especially of Aboriginal people.

"We were lucky enough that NT Corrections let us in to film. Normally the faces are pixelated. There's been a lot of positive things for the people involved," Ms Morris said.

"Some families have come in and cried through the whole thing. There was a (non-Indigenous) couple who said, 'I won't be so quick to judge any more' – and that's pretty powerful stuff – 'I won't be so quick to not understand that people sometimes have a lifetime of trauma and a lifetime of hurt.'"

"Inmates had to sign off on everything. They loved it.

"Some of them have gone on and done more positive things."

Ms Morris said she hopes to tour the show.

# Recognition backflip

## PM backs down over conventions



PRIME Minister Tony Abbott has backed down from his opposition to Indigenous-only conventions about constitutional recognition.

Mr Abbott made the concession during a meeting with prominent Aboriginal people Noel Pearson, Patrick Dodson, Megan Davis and Kirstie Parker in Canberra on Thursday.

Earlier in August he rejected a proposal for publicly funded conventions, angering many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Back then, Mr Abbott cited concerns the meetings could create a "log of claims" that were unlikely to get general backing and developed a "them and us" dialogue.

But the delegation promised Mr Abbott they weren't trying to construct an "additional agenda" to ideas already on the table.

The Prime Minister promised to hold the conventions concurrently with mainstream meetings over the next 12 months, under the supervision of a referendum council.

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## APG weighs alternatives

By RUDI MAXWELL

A GROUP of Aboriginal people met in Melbourne last weekend to consider constitutional recognition proposals and weigh them against alternatives.

The forum, which was facilitated by the Aboriginal Provisional Government (APG), considered three current recognition proposals: a preamble, anti-discrimination measures entrenched in the Constitution, and an Indigenous body to comment on federal legislation.

APG secretary Michael Mansell, a lawyer from Tasmania, said issues discussed included treaty, the weaknesses in the native title system and lack of involvement by the Aboriginal community in the government-funded Recognise campaign.

Mr Mansell said people at the meeting were disappointed that none of the four Aboriginal people who met with the Prime Minister last week to discuss constitutional recognition – Patrick Dodson, Noel Pearson, Megan Davis and Kirstie Parker – had responded to an invitation to brief the Melbourne gathering.

"What's come out of this meeting is that people are saying we understand why the idea of constitutional recognition has been raised but we're very unclear as to why that has to be the single focus of Aboriginal community meetings," Mr Mansell said.

"The response is 'Well, that's what these

meetings are about,' but people here are asking 'Who says?' and 'If the Aboriginal community is going to have a say, why aren't we talking about treaty, the weaknesses in the native title system and self-determination and management?'"

Mr Mansell said there was suspicion in the community about the Government's approach to constitutional recognition.

"It's imperative that Aboriginal people from the community are on the referendum council, that the processes are transparent and that people genuinely feel it's not being manipulated or stage-managed by Government," he said.

"There's going to be strong suspicion in the community if Government only meets with people who are going to agree with its position."

Mr Mansell said the meeting felt that none of the three options being discussed in the public sphere – a preamble, anti-discrimination measures entrenched in the Constitution, and an Indigenous body to comment on federal legislation – were workable.

"So we need to have other options. We'd be foolish not to," he said.

"If Mr Abbott is freaking out at an anti-discrimination clause that won't work, maybe we should start looking at legislation, which would be cheaper and doesn't need a referendum.

"They could legislate for treaty. You don't need to muck around with the Constitution."

a specific Indigenous process.

"I think we've put this show back on the rails," he said after the meeting.

A spokesman for Mr Abbott said the consultations were broadly in line with the original proposal from the four, who wrote to Mr Abbott

following an invitation-only summit on constitutional recognition in July at Kirribilli House.

The referendum council, to be picked by Mr Abbott and announced soon, would comprise equal Indigenous and non-Indigenous representation.

The Prime Minister denied he'd had an "about face" on the Indigenous conventions, saying he wanted a "unifying and unified process" that would ultimately produce a national consensus.

"Obviously it's important for Indigenous people to have a

chance to talk this through as thoroughly as possible," he said.

Prof Dodson played down any rift with Mr Abbott, excusing the hiccup on the complexity of the process.

But he hailed the backdown as a win for Indigenous people.

"We were drifting apart I think," he said. "There's now some clarity about the necessity for Indigenous people to have their say."

Prof Dodson said he hopes the outcome of all the regional conventions will culminate with a meeting at Uluru to finalise a model supported by Indigenous Australians.

Ms Parker said she was comfortable with an indication from Mr Abbott that the conventions would be funded.

The delegation acknowledged that settling on a uniform way forward on constitutional recognition was challenging, but said it would be a huge disappointment if politicians "threw their hands up" and said it was too hard.

"I think the Australians generally want to come to grips with this," Prof Dodson said.

Labor had backed the Indigenous conventions, and Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Shane Neumann said Mr Abbott needed to restore faith with the community after his "profoundly disappointing" rejection of Indigenous consultations.

"He said he'd sweat blood, and so far we haven't seen much blood sweated by him," he said. – AAP

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# Deal puts Darkinjung in pole position

By BRITTA LYSTER



THE long-term economic future of the NSW Central Coast has been given a

boost with the recent signing of a multi-million-dollar partnership to develop a major motorsport facility that is expected to generate long-term, widespread income and employment for the local Aboriginal community.

The signing of the 60-year land lease agreement between Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) and CASAR Racing will eventually lead to the development of two parcels of land along Bushells Ridge Road in the Wyong Shire. It is expected to generate \$17 million annually and result in 200 jobs, 200 training positions and, once the facility is fully operational, 150 indirect jobs for people in the region.

Darkinjung LALC members gathered last December to vote in favour of the CASAR development, which will eventually feature a 3.5km international standard tarmac race track, undercover pit garages, driver training facilities, a dual-use go-kart track/simulated driving environment and associated amenities.

The CASAR Park concept started in 2010 and is the



Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Sean Gordon, CASAR Racing's Brad Wilson and Tony Mylan and Darkinjung LALC chair Joshua Toomey signing the deal.

,brainchild of local business-minded people. It is aimed at combining a world-class motorsport facility with the provision of training, work

experience and social engagement opportunities for local youth.

Darkinjung LALC chief executive Sean Gordon says he

is excited about the project and what it will mean to the Indigenous community.

"This complex is a great step forward for the economic future of

the Central Coast and we are pleased to be able to support a project of this nature," he said.

"This proposed development would see a major boost to our local community and would provide increased job opportunities within our region.

"Our members put considerable thought and deliberation into this decision and, in light of the cultural and heritage value of the land, it was not taken lightly."

The official signing of the agreement between Darkinjung and CASAR Racing took place earlier this month during a board meeting at the land council headquarters at Watanobbi.

Darkinjung chairperson Joshua Toomey said he looked forward to working with CASAR Racing to bring the project to fruition.

"The proposed development is going to be an asset to our region, providing ongoing employment opportunities and economic sustainability for the Central Coast," he said.

The long-term project is broken into two specific stages. The first will involve the building and development of the motorsport facility on the 115ha site, with the second expected to involve the expansion of the amenities to include further facilities for tourism and recreation use.

# Wik people in mine law fight



YOUNG Wik leaders Gina Castelain and Llyle Kawangka followed their Elders' footsteps to the High Court last week, as they prepare for another fight with the Queensland

Government to protect their people's rights. The Wik and Wik Waya people's registered native title body, Ngan-Aak Kunch Aboriginal Corporation (NAK), achieved a significant first step in the High Court, after it ordered the state to file a defence by September 16 to NAK's writ to overturn a piece of Queensland law.

NAK is seeking to have the so-called 'Aurukun Provisions' of the *Mineral Resources Act* struck down by the High Court.

The 'Aurukun Provisions' were inserted into the Act in 2006 to fast track the mining of bauxite deposits in lease RA315, near Aurukun.

The Wik people have said that the provisions suspend the right to appeal or object to decisions made by the Queensland Government and that they are the only landholders in Queensland affected by these special provisions.

NAK will argue before the High Court that the provisions offend section 10 of the *Commonwealth Racial Discrimination Act*.

The Newman Government awarded preferred proponent status to mining giant Glencore, after a tender process.

However, NAK had signed an agreement with miners Aurukun Bauxite

Development (ABD), and had entered into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the company.

NAK director Mr Kawangka said ABD pledged a package of measures to NAK, including part-ownership through a 15% undiluted equity share, seats on the board and up to 300 local jobs.

"Our people have fought for decision-making rights over our land for 40 years," he said.

"We don't want to wait for royalties from a big mining company, which is just corporate welfare. We want to be mine owners."

The Young Wik leaders delivered a letter to Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Deputy Premier Jackie Trad last week, asking for their urgent reconsideration.

## Surprise

The Labor Government had agreed to revisit the mine tender process but in a move that surprised the NAC, last week announced they would ratify the former Government's decision to award Preferred Proponent status to Glencore.

"The Aurukun provisions were introduced by the Premier's father Henry, who was Minister for Mines in 2006, and we are hoping that the Premier will take a personal interest in the matter – that's why we are making this personal plea," Ms Castelain, who is a Wik native title holder and director of ABD, said.

Members of NAK said they were deeply upset and frustrated that the Government was not prepared to work

with the Wik people to "set an exciting precedent in how miners and Indigenous land holders can work together".

On August 15, Queensland Mines Minister Anthony Lynham flew to Aurukun for a meeting with Glencore.

NAK members say they and representatives from the Cape York Land Council, including chair Richie Ah Mat, were initially excluded from the meeting.

"The minister came to tell us about the decision to appoint Glencore as the miner, but won't tell us the details of Glencore's offer to native title holders of our land. It is wrong," Mr Kawangka said.

NAK chair Jonathon Korkatain said the Government should be having a proper conversation with the native title holders.

"My question to the minister was: If Glencore was the proponent, I'm the chair of the native title body. They bypassed me, not negotiating with me or communicating with me. At the meeting when I heard the proponent was Glencore, I got upset about that," he said.

"They should be coming to the traditional owners and the board that represents the traditional owners. We are the people to make those decisions, to make sure the traditional owners understand this process.

"I know that this mine will give our people the good opportunity, but let us make the right decision. It is not up to other people to make that decision for us."

# Vegemite in spotlight as issue brews



COMMENTS by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion about Vegemite being a "precursor to misery" in some Aboriginal communities that use the spread to make home brew

made international headlines recently. Biotechnologist Dr Claudia Vickers, a senior research fellow at the University of Queensland's Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology told NITV News that converting vegemite to alcohol was "theoretically plausible but highly unlikely".

She said that while yeast can be used to make alcohol, yeast grows well within a temperature range of 18-23 degrees and even around 30 degrees.

"But if you heat it up to temperatures that you would likely need to make Vegemite, that would be very likely to kill the yeast," Dr Vickers said.

But Senator Scullion said he had seen Vegemite used in home brews on Mornington Island, along with other ingredients.

"I have been told Vegemite is considered an essential ingredient in some home brews along with sugar, orange juice and cordial," he said. "In May this year, three other senators and myself met with health experts, police and the Community Justice Group (CJG) on Mornington Island that is dealing with the impact of alcohol and home brew.

"Home brews seized by police on Mornington Island have been tested and found to contain a number of ingredients including Vegemite. Despite being pressed, I have never called for a ban on Vegemite or a restriction in its sale. I have, however, urged communities to take more responsibility in dealing with home brewing and its consequences."

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# Focus on Desert prize entries

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A COLLECTION of 19 evocative and often intimate images from across central Australia is being

hung in preparation for this year's Desert Art Worker Photography Prize, which will be announced next week.

Desart Art Worker Program manager Marlene Chisholm said the prize, which is in its fourth year, is open to arts workers from the 41 arts centres involved with peak body Desart.

"The artworks have a quality that is immediately eye-catching," she said. "They reveal an intimacy not always available to photographers outside of their community."

"The photographers capture people, places, and special moments of their world with the sense of comfort and familiarity that may only be conveyed by one who belongs."

Ms Chisholm said the art workers provided unique and personal perspectives, finding inspiration from country, old ways and new, and drawing on a cultural heritage spanning millennia.

"Their personal stories add meaning and power to their images," she said.

Many arts workers picked up a camera when in 2012 Desart initiated photographic workshops for arts workers aimed at enhancing skills in recording artworks for administration and presentation, as well as creative and artistic purposes.



Desart's Marlene Chisholm with the perpetual Tjanpi Camera Art Worker Photography Prize trophy. This year's winner will be announced at the Desart Mob Symposium next week.

While the aim of the workshops was primarily to provide technical skills, Desart established the photography prize to encourage artistic outcomes.

Past winner Rhonda Dick has gone on to national and

international acclaim, with her photographs included in major collections.

Photographers in this year's prize include Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award winner for work on paper Robert Fielding.

Ms Dick and Mr Fielding participated in Desart photography workshops.

An overall winner and highly commended works will be announced during the Desart Mob Symposium, at the Araluen Art Centre in Alice Springs, on

September 4. Works will first be exhibited at POP-UP Gallery, 6/54 Reg Harris Lane, Alice Springs, from September 3-13, then as part of the Tarnanthi Festival at the State Library of South Australia, from October 8-18.

# Coroner warns over NT deaths



MORE Aboriginal people will die in custody unless controversial paperless arrest laws are scrapped, the Northern Territory coroner says. Greg Cavanagh handed down his findings last week into the death of 59-year-old Kumanjayi Langdon, who died of heart failure in a Darwin police cell three hours after he was arrested for drinking in public.

"He died in his sleep with strangers in this cold and concrete cell," the coroner said.

"He died of natural causes and was always likely to die suddenly due to chronic and serious heart disease, but he was entitled to die in peace, in the comfort of family and friends... he was entitled to die as a free man."

NT Police are allowed to arrest anyone who they believe has committed or is about to commit a minor offence, and to detain them for four hours, or longer if they're intoxicated.

But Mr Cavanagh said even serious criminals who were arrested were entitled to a lawyer, a bail application and court appearance within a confined period of time.

About 95% of people being held in NT cells for liquor offences are Aboriginal, and so there is an increased chance of their dying in police custody, the inquest heard.

"Unless the paperless arrest laws are struck from the statute books, more and more disadvantaged Aboriginal people are at risk of dying in custody," Mr Cavanagh said.

The coroner said there had been significant improvements in how police deal with Aboriginal detainees, and the care Mr Langdon received while detained was adequate.

But he said the new arrest scheme "imposes a burden that has caused the system to groan under the weight of new arrests" and police are unable to complete necessary risk assessments as a result.

The penalty for drinking in public is only a \$74 fine, and Mr Langdon was arrested while a police operation to target anti-social behaviour and liquor offences was under way.

## Questioned

He found the arrest was lawful but questioned whether it was disproportionate and unreasonable.

The implicit message from the Government and senior police "was that Aboriginal people drinking in designated public places could and should be taken off the streets".

"Kumanjayi Langdon, a sick middle-aged Aboriginal man, was treated like a criminal and incarcerated like a criminal; he died in a

police cell which was built to house criminals," Mr Cavanagh said.

The laws that enabled Mr Langdon's detention for such a minor offence have been slammed as "draconian" by the lawyer representing his family, Jonathon Hunyor.

"Kumanjayi Langdon shouldn't have died in custody, for the simple reason he shouldn't have been in custody," Mr Hunyor said.

Mr Langdon was not causing trouble when he was arrested by an officer who spotted him drinking from a soft drink bottle, which the officer believed contained alcohol.

Mr Hunyor said the policeman could have asked Mr Langdon to leave the area, issued an infringement notice, banned him from the central business district or taken him to a sobering-up shelter.

Arresting and detaining Mr Langdon was "unlawful, unnecessary and disproportionate", and infringed on his human rights, Mr Hunyor said. "No court could have locked him up for this offence, but police could," he said.

Mr Langdon was remembered by his cultural brother, Rex Granites, as an Elder, a leader and an educator from the central Australian community of Yuendumu.

He was an artist, writer and illustrator who wrote children's books used in the local Warlpiri curriculum. — AAP

## Ms Dhu's death not forgotten



GREENS senator Rachel Siewert has welcomed Senate support on a motion that noted one year since the death in custody of young

Aboriginal woman Julieka Dhu in Western Australia.

"The support of this motion notes one year since Ms Dhu's tragic death and that an inquest will not occur until the end of the year," Senator Siewert said.

"(WA) Premier (Colin) Barnett has already missed the mid-year deadline for an inquest that he has previously committed to, so I hope the promise of an inquest in November is fulfilled.

"Nationally, an alarming number of Aboriginal people have died in custody since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, and the majority of (its) 339 recommendations ... have not been implemented.

"Families of Aboriginal men and women in WA who have died in custody shouldn't have to lobby to get an inquest. They deserve answers and that means inquests into these deaths."

Senator Siewert urged Premier Barnett to honour his commitment to reduce Aboriginal deaths in custody.



# Widow's plea is rejected

By RUDI MAXWELL



LYN Howard has one final task she wants to do for her husband, who died in February. She wants to bring him home to Kimberley country. "Before he died, I promised my husband I'd take him home so he could be buried next to our twin boys, who passed in 1994," Mrs Howard, a Yamitji/Nanda woman, told the *Koori Mail*.

But, in order to be buried outside of a cemetery in Western Australia, permission needs to be granted by WA Local Government Minister Tony Simpson.

And Mr Simpson refused Mrs Howard's request, writing that, although there was a pre-existing grave on the site, it was not an appropriate location.

"It's been traumatic. My husband passed in February and the Government refused my request and we've been fighting them and paying the lawyers ever since," Mrs Howard said.

"The lawyer said if I had the money I could appeal. I just wish somebody in Australia would take our case on."

The Howards met in 1985 and were married in 1988. They had six children together and Mrs Howard had two children from a previous relationship.

"We moved out here to country after we were married and we just went about our business and built a future," Mrs Howard said. "We started from an old leaking caravan, we did it hard."

"My husband was a very determined man. He built our house from a kit, using his yellow drill. He used to say to me, 'When I go, keep that yellow drill and give it to our boys so they can build their own houses too.'"

"Everything we've ever done has been for our kids. We're just caretakers."

The loss of her husband, a Barrd man of the Dampier Peninsula, and the subsequent trauma caused by not being able to bring him home has meant that Mrs Howard has been forced to leave the job she loved, working for a not-for-profit helping children.

"Me and my children are all in limbo," she said. "I've just got to keep it together for my children."

"What the minister's done has put our family into conflict, something my husband would have hated."

"Nobody else has been denied."

Mr Howard's body remains in the morgue in Broome while his family searches for a way to honour his wishes.



The Howard family, from left, Chayne, Maurietta, Lyn and Terrence.

Picture: Erin Parke, ABC Kimberley

"We might be forced to cremate him. It wasn't his wish. It's not my wish. Mostly Aboriginal people don't get cremated," Mrs Howard said.

"I promised I'd take him home so he could lay next to our boys, and I don't want to cremate, but I think I'm going to have to."

"It shouldn't be this way. My

children and I haven't even been able to grieve. It's so, so unfair."

Mrs Howard said she had received support from the Aboriginal Lands Trust and some Elders, but she also believed there were a small number of traditional owners who had petitioned the Minister against allowing the burial on country.

"I'm so disheartened by the whole thing. I've got no faith in Aboriginal politics, no faith in anything any more," she said.

"These people are opposing our culture when they should be embracing the fact that an Aboriginal person wants to be laid to rest on country."

"We come from Mother Earth and we should return to Mother Earth."

## Congress elections near



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair elections are approaching.

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

Membership is free and open for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over age 18, and if you sign up before August 28, you will

be able to vote in the elections.

Current members have until August 28 to update their contact details, if they have changed.

Nominations for co-chairs open on September 1 and close on September 14. Nomination packs are available on the Congress website.

Voting opens on September 28 and closes October 19.

Non-Indigenous people can also sign up to become a Congress supporter.

For more information go to [www.nationalcongress.com.au](http://www.nationalcongress.com.au) or freecall 1800 266 477.



Choreographer Daniel Riley  
Picture: Peter Greig

## Daniel Riley part of a New Breed



WIRADJURI man Daniel Riley has been commissioned by the Sydney Dance Company and Carriageworks to create a new work as part of the New Breed initiative.

Mr Riley made his choreographic debut in 2010 with a work for Bangarra Dance Theatre titled *Riley*, and has since created dances for Bangarra, QL2 Dance, Queensland University of Technology, Third Row Dance Company in Britain and the Louisville Ballet in the US.

"Having been invited into the Sydney Dance Company studios to work and collaborate with such inspiring dancers has been such a joy and a privilege," he said.

"To have this sort of environment made available to me, as an independent choreographer, through the support of Sydney Dance Company, Carriageworks and The Balnaves Foundation, is an experience that is important in the development of my career as a choreographer, and one that should be more available to a wider array of independent choreographers."

Mr Riley joined Bangarra in 2007 and

has toured and performed throughout Australia's capital cities and regional centres, as well as remote Indigenous communities and international stages.

This year he makes his feature film debut, in Stephen Page's *Spear*.

Later in the year he will rejoin Bangarra Dance Theatre for international and regional tours and perform in the 21st anniversary performance of *Ochre* at Carriageworks, Sydney.

In the lead-up to the Australian premiere of their works in December, the four New Breed 2015 choreographers – Mr Riley, Kristina Chan, Bernhard Knauer and Fiona Jopp – will be given the opportunity to work with dancers from the Sydney Dance Company ensemble on the creation of their works, and will also have support from all departments of Australia's leading contemporary dance company, in readiness for the premiere of their works at Carriageworks from December 8-13.

For more information and bookings, go to [www.sydneydancecompany.com](http://www.sydneydancecompany.com) or [www.carriageworks.com.au](http://www.carriageworks.com.au)

The New Breed initiative is made possible through support from the Balnaves Foundation.



# Researcher looks at arts-health link



Maree Meredith at Indulkana Creek (Iwantja) in the APY Lands. According to local Anangu, it is the resting place and dreaming site of the Tjurki (owl). Picture courtesy of Alex Craig



LOWITJA Institute scholarship recipient Maree Meredith is finishing a doctorate examining the health benefits of arts centres in the

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of north-west South Australia.

For Ms Meredith, living in the community and having the opportunity to work alongside some of its most prominent artists opened up a new perspective on her research. She said she was drawn to the country and landscape of the APY Lands, where she spent three years living with her young daughter.

Ms Meredith grew up in south-east Queensland, but has moved around Australia pursuing work and study. While living in Alice Springs she worked in tourism development for the Central Land Council and witnessed the NT Intervention, which inspired her to look for a career in policy.

"Understanding Anangu's connection to country and linking this to their health and wellbeing has been one of the most rewarding and most challenging journeys I've ever embarked on," she said.

There are about 2800 people on the APY Lands, with some 460 engaged in art activities in seven centres.

Ms Meredith's research included case studies of two centres.

She said the highlight of the project was designing a survey with Anangu art workers, who then gave the survey to Anangu artists. This ensured that method, approach, analysis and interpretation 'fitted' with Anangu worldview and provided some return to the community through education.

Ms Meredith said significant input from industry partners made the research possible, including Flinders University, Anangu Arts and Culture, Poche Centre for Indigenous Health and Wellbeing (Alice Springs), the Centre for Remote Health (Alice Springs), Palya Fund, Wyatt Benevolent Institute and the Office for the Arts.

The Lowitja Institute has announced another round of PhD scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers. For more information and to apply, go to [www.lowitja.org.au/2015-phd-scholarship-application](http://www.lowitja.org.au/2015-phd-scholarship-application). Applications close on October 4.

# Traditional owners in mine challenge



WANGAN and Jagalingou traditional owners of Queensland's Galilee Basin are challenging Indian company

Adani's Carmichael mine proposal in the Federal Court.

Traditional owner Adrian Burragubba said that last week the Wangan and Jagalingou people added more named applicants to their native title claim.

"The Federal Court registered our new applicant, ending the fabricated myth that the majority of Wangan and Jagalingou do not oppose Adani's mine," he said.

"This dispels the malicious disinformation spread by Adani, which has always tried to paint our community as terminally divided.

"In any group, there is a variety of views. But a clear majority of our people said no to the Carmichael mine. Twice. This decision is final. What part of our democracy do they not understand?

"Adani is seeking to divide and conquer – a tactic that mining companies have used against Indigenous peoples standing up for their rights the world over.

"Once and for all: My people do not consent to this mine and never will. We have consistently fought the Carmichael mine and will do so until this Indian mining giant packs its bags and goes home.

"Nor will we stand by while the media mouthpieces of Adani and the Government insult us, representing us in story after story as simple, gullible patsies bought

## Govt moves to change law



THE Federal Government has announced it will try to repeal a section of environmental law that allows activists to challenge major projects. The decision follows the Federal Court's move to overturn approval of Indian mining giant Adani's \$16.5 billion Carmichael coal mine in central Queensland after Environment Minister Greg Hunt failed to follow the law.

"This Government will repeal section 487.2 of the EPBC (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation) Act which gives activists the standing to sabotage decisions," Prime Minister Tony Abbott told Parliament.

Attorney-General George Brandis said the laws as they stood allowed "radical green activists to engage in vigilante litigation" to stop important job-creating projects. Senator Brandis called on Labor to support the bill, which was expected to be introduced this week.

In response to questions from the *Koori Mail* on whether the changes to the Act had the potential to affect Aboriginal people's access to the courts, a spokesperson for Senator Brandis said it wasn't

a "matter for the department to respond", but was for the Environment Department.

A spokesperson for Mr Hunt said there was no change to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act* and that "the proposed amendments will not impact on the rights and interests of Indigenous communities affected by a project".

However, the solicitor who won the case regarding the Carmichael approval, NSW Environmental Defenders Office chief solicitor Sue Higginson, said there was certainly potential to affect Indigenous people.

"If the repeal goes ahead, it will certainly put us back in a more historic place, where Aboriginal people will have to – like any person – prove that they have a special interest in a project," she said.

"The law doesn't recognise automatically that Aboriginal people have a special interest. So many Aboriginal people who identify with their own traditional lands do not have the more Western contemporary property interest in those lands, would arguably be in a more disadvantageous position than they are now with regards to access to the courts."

off by greens. We are calling this out for what it is: a colonial attitude, and a repugnant mischaracterisation of us as a people. It is just the latest version of our dispossession. These misrepresentations do us serious harm.

"Let's set the record straight, again, and for the last time. We are an independent group of traditional owners. We cannot be bought and

sold by anyone, including outsiders like Adani. They offered us millions to consent to the ruination of our future.

"We rejected a land use agreement with them – twice. We told them to take their shut-up money and go home. We told them we autonomously determine our own interests. This means self-determination without dependency on mining."

The Carmichael project is facing major hurdles on several fronts.

Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt failed to follow the guidelines, meaning his approval was voided by the Federal Court earlier this month.

And potential financial backers have been pulling out, with London financier Standard Chartered the latest to withdraw support.

"The bank's decision brings this

disastrous project one step closer to its demise," Mr Burragubba said.

Standard Chartered is one of Britain's largest investment banks and was understood to be a key advisor and financier to Adani in funding the \$16.5 billion project. A senior executive of Adani Mining told a Queensland court earlier this year that Standard Chartered had loaned \$680 million to the project.

Earlier this year Mr Burragubba and others met with investment banks in the US, Asia and the Europe to tell them traditional owners did not consent to the mine.

Standard Chartered's decision follows news that the Commonwealth Bank has also withdrawn from the project. The Wangan and Jagalingou are calling on the remaining three of Australia's big four banks – NAB, Westpac and ANZ – which have not ruled out funding, to confirm they will not support the Carmichael coal mine with finance.

Wangan and Jagalingou traditional owner Murrawah Johnson said the Queensland and Federal governments should heed the message of the banks and recognise that Adani's mine is at a "dead-end in history".

"The future does not lie in the destruction of Aboriginal culture, the devastation of the environment, and the fuelling of dangerous climate change," she said.

"It is time for Australian governments to chart a sensible course on energy and development, and to leave our lands and waters alone."



# Anger as Qantas refuses to allow ceremonial boomerangs on plane

By RUDI MAXWELL



ALEC Doomadgee is fuming about the ways he and his cultural practice were disrespected when he attempted to take his ceremonial boomerangs on a flight from Brisbane to Mount Isa.

Mr Doomadgee, who is a member of the Waanyi, Garawa and Gangalidda tribes from the Aboriginal community of Doomadgee, a cultural advisor, actor and media personality, told the *Koori Mail* he had previously taken the boomerangs on many domestic and international flights. He had never had a problem before last week, when he placed the boomerangs on the conveyor belt to go through security.

"A lady was going to reach for them and I said, politely, 'Ladies can't touch them. They've been through tribal initiation,'" Mr Doomadgee said.

"Already the supervisor was very rude and disrespectful. He had that real smug look – that look that every Aboriginal

person knows, that mission manager's look.

"He shook his head and said they weren't allowed on board. I explained that they were used for tribal rituals and are spiritual objects. I was really calm, while he was very pushy and argumentative."

Mr Doomadgee went back to see Qantas staff and explain and says he was again treated disrespectfully.

"The lady from Qantas kept telling me that they were weapons," he said.

"I explained that there are all sorts of boomerangs – ceremonial, musical, hunting – but she kept repeating that they were a weapon."

"She wouldn't accept that an Aboriginal guy might actually have some knowledge about his own ceremonial objects."

"That's one of the main reasons I'm upset. These boomerangs are used in men's ceremony and two women touched them when they shouldn't have. It's very disrespectful."

"I didn't want to put them in my checked baggage because they're very valuable ceremonial tools, very significant. They've



Alec Doomadgee at Brisbane airport: "Why is it that in my own land, my spiritual ceremonial tools are not respected, not allowed?"

had Walalu songs sung into them."

Mr Doomadgee said had he been carrying Jewish, Christian or Islamic religious items he would not have been treated the way he was.

"Australia is uniquely racist to Aboriginal people," he said.

"We've become the

lowest form, under everyone. We're not just the dirt of society, we're treated like the infection that sits in the dirt, we're so far down."

"Why is it that in my own land, my spiritual

ceremonial tools are not respected, not allowed?"

Mr Doomadgee trusted his boomerangs into a

friend's keeping, then posted a Facebook message about his experiences.

"If there's any good to come out of this, I hope Qantas makes an effort to get in touch, and can adopt some policy changes for Aboriginal people, especially in regards to cultural objects and issues," Mr Doomadgee said.

He pointed out that a Qantas aircraft is painted with Wunala Dreaming by John Moriarty.

"That's my songline, those boomerangs were sung those songs," he said.

"We sing that song but they can't let me jump on a plane with the very boomerangs that were sung those songs."

Qantas had not responded to questions from the *Koori Mail* at the time of going to press, but provided a statement.

"The safety of our passengers and crew is our number-one priority, and for that reason sharp wooden objects need to be in checked baggage," the statement said.

"Our Airport Security team considered it safer for the boomerang to be checked in."

"We understand this item has cultural significance for the passenger, however boomerangs aren't permitted in the cabin."

"We regret there was a misunderstanding on this occasion."

Mr Doomadgee said he'd had a similar problem flying Qantas a few years ago, when a female employee touched a didgeridoo.

"I was trying to help those women when I said 'don't touch'. I wasn't being an arsehole and I wasn't playing the victim," he said.

"White Australians don't realise that Aboriginal people have been providing them with spiritual protection over the last 230-odd years. We do it out of compassion, out of love."

"When we've been treated terribly we still continue to protect with our love, because we respect all living things."

"We've adapted to the ways and lives of the Western world, adapted and thrived. How about a little bit of compromise and white people learn something about our ways?"

# Group targets suicide

By ALF WILSON



A GROUP of concerned Townsville people is hoping to help reduce the rates of suicide by Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people. Members are organising a suicide prevention event at Shark Park in Townsville on November 21 and have formed a group called HERE4LIFE.

HERE4LIFE coordinator Sam Reuben said that between November 2014 and May 2015 too many people had taken their own lives in the region.

"Those suicides were only people that we knew directly or indirectly, and when doing research we were counting a whole lot more with other families from around Townsville coping and stressing with suicide," he said.

"We also hear of incidents in our regions from Cairns and Mackay who also have been hit hard by suicide with numbers that are beyond belief."

Some high-profile people are behind the event, including Canberra Raiders rugby league player Edrick Lee and former league champion Petero Civoniceva.

Mr Reuben said the community was moving to look after each other.

"With every awareness process there has to be action, and this is



Aiming to prevent suicide: members of the HERE4LIFE group in Townsville, north Queensland.

what HERE4LIFE is going to achieve," he said.

"With the HERE4LIFE event, we want more than just awareness; we want to create an action to combat this horrible trend, because the current way of working has not been effective with the suicide rates peaking."

"So we figured to try and create a way of enhancing services that

deal with and get funded in that space of suicide for the community."

Mr Reuben said HERE4LIFE is aiming to consolidate services into one area, so people who are struggling can have face-to-face contact with people who can help.

"So instead of the community getting cards, pamphlets and phones numbers, which is

currently not fully working effectively, HERE4LIFE is actually trying to get community engaging with services and know that these actually exist," he said.

"This process will now put a face to a service and not a card, pamphlet or phone number."

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a

different outcome. Sometimes we need to sit back as a service and really examine how we are serving the community and how are we engaging. We may need to break the standard operating system and work outside the normal nine to five, because not all suicides happen within those timeframes."

"HERE4LIFE will get the community into one area, by creating a musical event with some amazing artists."

The artists include Justin Wellington, King Social, Rochelle Pitt and Shakaya (Simone Stacey and Naomi Wenitong back together for one night only).

"We will be releasing soon an announcement of two major international artists that will be here performing," Mr Reuben said.

He said a documentary will be made of the event so the grassroots HERE4LIFE model can be seen by other people across the country.

He said all would be able to have their voices heard.

The Torres Strait Islander Health Services is also supporting the HERE4LIFE event.

For more information go to [www.here4life.com.au](http://www.here4life.com.au)

● If you or anyone you know would like to discuss issues surrounding suicide, contact Lifeline on 131 114 or [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au) or phone the Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467 or [www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au)



# Payouts nearer in class action



A CLASS action run by law firm Maurice Blackburn on the false imprisonment of young people by police in

NSW has reached an in-principle settlement, but there may be more people yet to come forward.

The lead applicant in the class action was Einpwy Amom, who was arrested and unlawfully detained three times in western Sydney in March and April 2010. Forty-two others joined the class action,

claiming they were wrongfully arrested because of a long-standing problem with the police computer system containing out-of-date or incorrect bail information.

A person's bail status may change either when their case is finalised in the Children's Court or their bail conditions are varied, and often these changes are not being added to the police computer system, known as COPS (Computer Operational Policing System).

The NSW Government has agreed to a \$1.85 million settlement, but this amount may increase if additional people are identified as having been falsely imprisoned.

Maurice Blackburn associate Oscar McLaren said there was "money on the table for people we haven't reached yet".

They are looking for anyone who faced charges in the NSW Children's Court and was arrested before May 20, 2014 for a breach of bail conditions. Alternatively, if you weren't on bail at the time of your arrest, or on bail but not subject to the condition you were arrested for.

"The consequence of this problem

with the police computer system has been a devastating loss of freedom for the children and young people who are wrongfully arrested by police officers acting on the basis of wrong information," Mr McLaren said.

Mr McLaren said they aren't able to estimate how many people may have been affected. He estimated the

number of Aboriginal people involved in the class action at around a third.

If you think you may be eligible for compensation, contact Maurice Blackburn on free-call 1800 675 816 and fill in a registration form by October 9.

No further action is being taken against NSW Police at this stage.

**"The consequence of this problem with the police computer system has been a devastating loss of freedom for the children and young people who are wrongfully arrested by police officers acting on the basis of wrong information."**



## New home, new play for Perth company



YIRRA Yaakin Theatre Company's new production, *The Fever and The Fret*, opens in Perth on September 11. Written by Broome playwright Jub Clerc and directed by Kyle J Morrison, the play tells the story of three Aboriginal people trying to find their place in the world.

It stars Kelton Pell (*Redfern Now*, *The*

*Gods of Wheat Street*, *The Circuit*, *Waltzing The Wilarra*), Irma Woods (*The Cake Man*, *Waltzing The Wilarra*) and Ebony McGuire (*Kep Kaatijin*).

The production runs until September 24 at Yirra Yaakin's new home in the Subiaco Arts Centre, Perth. More details on (08) 9380 3040.

● **Pictured: Kelton Pell, Irma Woods and Ebony McGuire.**



Associate Dean (Indigenous), Deborah Cheetham AO and Darvell M Hutchinson in front of The Dulkka Warnglid Tapestry, 2014.

## \$45,000 Indigenous arts residency is open for application

Indigenous arts practitioners from Victoria are invited to apply for a year-long residency at the University of Melbourne, including a cash grant of \$40,000 and up to \$5,000 for materials as part of the Hutchinson Indigenous Residency.

Created to enable Indigenous artists to undertake significant projects of their choice, the Residency is based at the University's Southbank campus, home to the Victorian College of the Arts and Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (VCA & MCM).

Applications are open to Indigenous arts practitioners who identify with at least one of the 11 language families of Victoria. They must also have had at least three years' experience as an Indigenous arts practitioner and at least three years relevant experience in a related industry.

**Applications close Friday 18 September, 2015**

[vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/hutchinson](http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/hutchinson)





# 'Our ancestors are crying for us to return to our traditional land'

By ROY SMITH



THE 300 people of Oombulgurri, in Western Australia, are now displaced and totally demoralised, according to Clement Chulung.

"Families from the bush are living on top of one another in places like Wyndham and Kununurra," he said.

"Our ancestors are crying for us to return to our traditional land."

Mr Chulung, 57, who ran the once strong Aboriginal community of Oombulgurri in the East Kimberley, has lived at Katherine in the Northern Territory for the past 10 years.

In 2011, the people living at Oombulgurri

were evicted from their homes after the WA Government deemed the community 'unviable'.

Although many residents refused to leave, the WA Government closed the health clinic, school, police station and shop, and shut off the town's power and water.

Mr Chulung heard reports that people were not able to gather their belongings as they were led out of the community by police on horseback.

There was a spate of suicides, sexual assaults, including of children, and other violence, and alcoholism in Oombulgurri.

Although these were the reasons the WA Government gave for closing Oombulgurri, Mr Chulung sees a larger picture, and points out



Former Oombulgurri resident Clement Chulung in Katherine: "I thought we had a 100-year lease."

that the biggest offenders somehow avoided prosecution.

He believes that Oombulgurri should not have been closed

because of the actions of a few, and that the Government has not adequately planned for the innocent people who have been displaced as a

result. "I can name at least 15 people from Oombulgurri who have died since the community closed down; three suicides and many young people ... are ending up in jail," Mr Chulung said.

The last residents from Oombulgurri were relocated to Wyndham, the northern-most town in the Kimberley.

Oombulgurri's residents and traditional owners have been fighting to return home since they were removed.

Mr Chulung says that the residents of Wyndham and Kununurra are facing unprecedented rates of crime and anti-social behaviour, which he says could get much worse as more people pour into inadequate housing.

"They are turning these towns into reserves

... the worst thing that is happening to us is the passing of the old people, the full bloods. They lived mostly traditionally and practised our culture," he said.

"They don't seem to survive away from their land for too long."

Mr Chulung says one of the biggest challenges is to find and reunify the people from Oombulgurri, to give a voice to families who have accepted what has happened and are trying to move on and also to those people who are increasingly isolated and disengaged.

"I thought we had a 100-year lease," he said.

Mr Chulung is seeking help to go to WA to find his relatives and record interviews with the remaining Elders.

# Native title win for Wulli Wulli

## Boundaries determined on Torres Strait island



THE Wulli Wulli people have been officially recognised as the traditional custodians of about 108,000 hectares of land and water between Moura and Taroom in

Queensland. Des Dodd, 62, is the only elected applicant of the Wulli Wulli People to have continuously represented his people since their claim was lodged in 2000.

"This determination acknowledges the Wulli Wulli people's strong connection to the country where our ancestors walked ... " Mr Dodd said.

"Lonesome Creek is the heart of our country, with many cultural heritage sites where Wulli Wulli ancestors camped, hunted, held ceremonies and gathered food.

"It holds special memory to me as I lived there with my aunts, uncles and cousins and they taught me to catch yellow belly (fish) and eels for food.

"This is where I learnt about my people, culture and tradition."

Mr Dodd said Camboon Station, which is included in the claim, was where his father, aunts, uncles and cousins were born, lived and worked.

"Camboon was important to the old people as a camp area and place of gathering and where they held ceremonies," he said.

"The Elders still tell stories of the old days at Camboon. My Uncle Doug told stories in language that were documented by his family before he passed on."

Queensland Natural Resources Minister Anthony Lynham said the Federal Court determination

acknowledged the non-exclusive native title rights and interests of the Wulli Wulli people over land including Theodore and Cracow, part of Isla Gorge National Park and the Precipice National Park.

"This determination recognises the Wulli Wulli People's non-exclusive native title rights to access, hunt, fish and gather and teach the stories of their cultural association with the land," he said.

Mr Dodd said the determination meant Wulli Wulli traditional laws and customs would be acknowledged and observed.

"As the First Peoples of Australia, the cultures of my people are essential to our distinctive character as a nation," he said.

### Agreement

The Queensland Government has also negotiated Wulli Wulli people a Protected Area Indigenous Land Use Agreement to manage the exercise of native title rights and interests in the Precipice and Isla Gorge national parks.

Under the agreement, Wulli Wulli have access to the parks for traditional activities.

Mr Dodd said the day was overwhelming. "One job has finished, now we move on to another one," he said, adding that he hoped the determination wouldn't cause infighting between Wulli Wulli people.

"It's a messy business at times. I'm cynical about the native title process, and very, very unhappy because of what I've seen over the years, how Elders can be pulled apart and not realise that the document they are signing is going to create major problems in the community."



Federal Court judge Justice Berna Collier, who made the determination, and Wulli Wulli native title applicant Des Dodd at the hearing.



ONE of Australia's most remote Islands has concluded a 12-month project identifying the land boundaries of its traditional owners, the Ugarem Le.

Stephen Island, traditionally known as Ugar, was formally recognised by the Federal Court in 2004, but the court determination did not contain all details about traditional land ownership.

The Ugarem Le have worked with contemporary project management techniques and geospatial technologies to map traditional boundaries, a project supported by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, the National Native Title Tribunal and the Queensland Government.

TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said a complex system of traditional laws and customs provide for different parcels on the small volcanic Island to be owned by different families, which is why identifying land boundaries was important.

### "Sophisticated"

"The traditional laws and customs involve sophisticated means of land inheritance and various forms of land transactions between families," he said.

"However, over time uncertainties about the alignment of some traditional boundaries, including markers like rocks and trees which had been moved, has caused some doubt as to where they lay.

"The outcomes have now cleared the way for some important infrastructure projects to be completed, including a helipad upgrade, fuel bowser, desalination plant, community hall and fisheries freezer, which were previously delayed for years because of the boundary confusion."

Logistics of the project included flying nearly 40 Ugarem Le Elders and other family representatives to the Island, many from the mainland.



# Retta Dixon fails kids



FORMER child residents who suffered years of abuse at a Darwin Aboriginal children's home have been vindicated after a royal commission found the Christian organisation that ran the centre repeatedly failed to protect them. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has found the Australian Indigenous Ministries (AIM), which ran Darwin's Retta Dixon home for Aboriginal children, "did not meet the obligations that it had to children in its care".

But the commission has not ruled if the Commonwealth failed in its duty of care as there was no evidence federal authorities were aware of abuse allegations made after 1966 or of the failed prosecution of house parent Donald Henderson, who was accused of abusing children in his

care. "However, a question remains as to whether in the circumstances the Commonwealth should have taken remedial action to protect the residents of the home from sexual abuse," the commissioners said.

During commission hearings in Darwin last September, AIM accepted that during the home's operation from 1946 to 1980 it did not have guidelines or procedures to help staff deal with child sexual abuse allegations and that it failed to provide adequate training.

It also accepted it did not remove staff accused of physically, emotionally and sexually abusing children after they were reported to AIM authorities.

Ten former residents gave harrowing evidence about the abuse they suffered, including a girl being hit so hard her nose broke, children being force-fed until they were sick and then having to eat the vomit,

children being chained to beds, being raped by Henderson and sexually abused by other children and being punished for trying to report the assaults. Abuse charges relating to five children were laid against Henderson in 1975, but were dropped by the Department of Public Prosecutions, which the royal commissioners found was wrong.

A public apology and counselling was only offered by AIM during the September commission hearings.

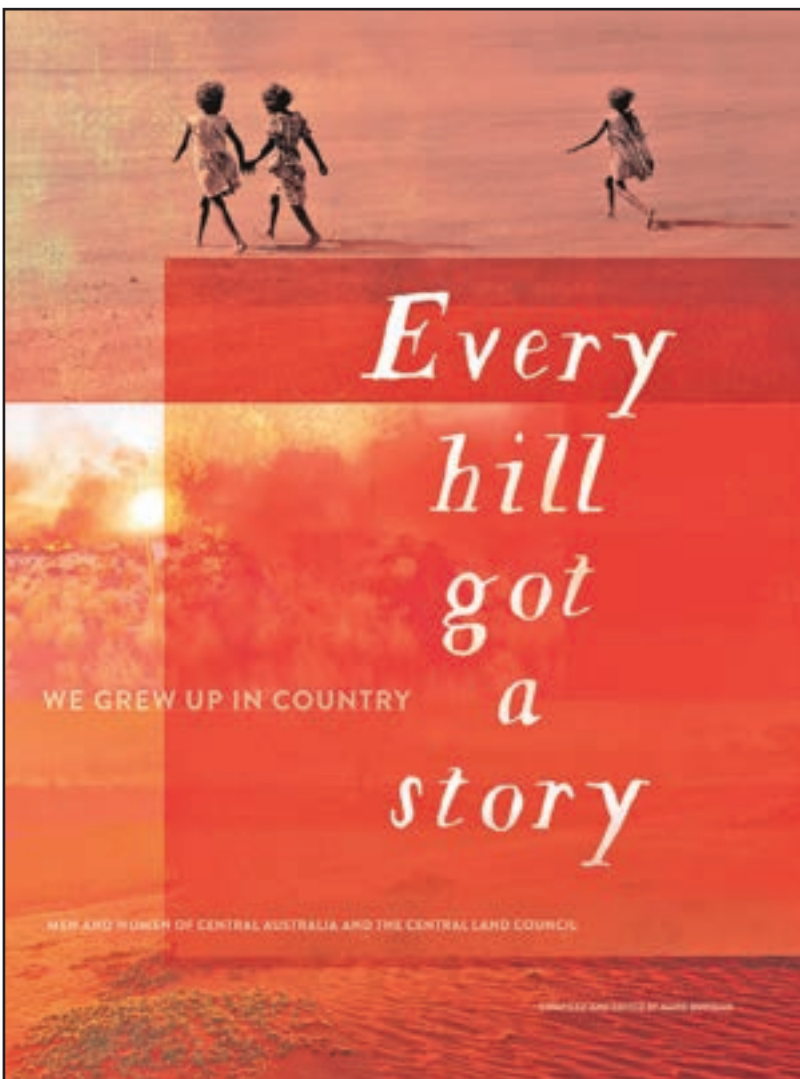
At first the organisation said it could not afford financial redress, but then agreed to sell a property worth between \$350,000-\$380,000 to do so.

The commissioners have recommended AIM, the NT and Federal governments consider creating a permanent memorial on the site of the home, as former residents have expressed a desire for one. — AAP



A historic image taken at the Retta Dixon home in Darwin.

## People tell their stories of country



A NEW book tells the story of Central Australia's Aboriginal people, in their own words and many languages. *Every Hill Got a Story – We Grew up in Country* began as an oral history project and records the testimonies of 127 eminent men and women who recall everything from surviving first contact, massacres and forced removals and resisting more than a century of top-down government policies.

Edited by Marg Bowman and published by Hardie Grant Books, the book paints an honest picture of life and work on the missions, cattle

stations and fringes of towns.

The storytellers also celebrate winning back ownership of more than 410,000 square kilometres of their ancestral lands.

Key to this achievement, and deeply entwined with the lives of the storytellers and their families, is the Central Land Council, which is governed by 90 elected Aboriginal representatives.

"Nyinanyi ngurangka – being on country – is not a 'lifestyle choice' but a hard-won right, a spiritual and cultural duty, a constant battle, a source of happiness and opportunity and the meaning of life all at the same time," the book's cover notes say.

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# Ceremony heals 'orphan school'



● Above: Danny Gardner, Sinsa Mansell, Cheryl Mundy, Craig Everett, Nathan Maynard and Colleen Mundy at the launch of the Kickstart Arts new building in Hobart.

● Right: Kickstart Arts chairperson Michael Fortescue, Plangermairreenner Elder Jim Everett, Kickstart Arts' Jami Bladel and Tasmanian Governor Professor Kate Warner with the plaque which acknowledges the repurposing of the building.



By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL ceremonies have been performed at an historical orphan school in Hobart to heal and then launch

Kickstart Arts creative community hub, in the Hobart suburb of Newtown.

Last Friday, Aboriginal people performed song and dance to open the repurposed building, which contains performance and exhibition spaces, offices for art workers and spaces for artists in residence.

A week earlier, Plangermairreenner Elder Jim Everett and Pakana Story Company founder Nathan Maynard performed a smoking ceremony to heal the place.

The building was home to Aboriginal and convict children between the 1830s and 1870s. While it was called an orphanage, many of the children were in fact not orphans, with one or both parents still alive.

Tasmanian Aborigines Mathinna, William Lanney (King Billy), George Walter Arthur and Fanny Cochrane Smith were among the Aboriginal children taken from their people and kept there.

"This place has got an infamous history of taking children away from Aboriginal families and the convict families and calling them orphans when at least one of their parents was still alive," Jim Everett explained.

He said the place needed healing because of all the sad things that happened with children, to refresh it and make it good.

"They are turning the story around from a sad story to a good happy story," he said.

"It's now a place for community creativity and friendship."

Kickstart Arts aims to make art to celebrate difference, share great ideas, promote possibilities, and for better health and positive social change.

## PM heads for Torres Strait



PRIME Minister Tony Abbott is due to spend this week in the Torres Strait islands, honouring his commitment to spend time in a remote

Indigenous community.

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) was expected to raise climate change as one of its main issues. The low-lying islands of the Torres Strait are particularly vulnerable to sea-level rise.

TSRA chairman Joseph Elu told *The Australian* that at least five of the region's lowest lying islands flooded every year.

"In the past few years, while everyone is talking about climate change and what to do about carbon emissions and how to cut them, we have been facing the impacts here," he said.

"You can play all the politics you like over it, but up here it is real and we can't afford to ignore it. Every year during the spring tides, the waters are now coming up and flow



TSRA chairman Joseph Elu

into our houses, our schools and it causes a lot of erosion as well."

The ABC reported that other members of Mr Abbott's ministry were expected to join him on the trip, including Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister Alan Tudge, Attorney-General George Brandis, Health Minister Sussan Ley and Social Services Minister Scott Morrison.



### ADVISORY COMMITTEE GREATER BLUE MOUNTAINS WORLD HERITAGE AREA

Call for nominations and applications  
**The Australian and NSW Governments are seeking applicants for the community and scientific Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWAH)**

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Members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed in their own right and not as representatives of any particular organisation, institution, discipline, interest sector or Aboriginal language group. Appointments are honorary and are for a period of three years. The Committee meets quarterly in different locations around the GBMWAH. Appointees are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses. Sitting fees are available for Indigenous members.

Nominations and applications are invited for the Advisory Committee positions and must address the selection criteria. Current members of the Advisory Committee are eligible to re-apply for appointment.

Application forms and information kits are available from the OEH website on [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/protectedareas/AdvisoryCommitteeOfTheGBMWAH.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/protectedareas/AdvisoryCommitteeOfTheGBMWAH.htm)

Enquiries contact Jacqueline Reid on 0419 307 099.

All nominations and applications must be received by 5pm on 18 September 2015 and should be posted to:

Jacqueline Reid  
Senior World Heritage Officer  
NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service  
Office of Environment and Heritage

PO BOX 6, GLENBROOK NSW 2773

or via email to: [jacqueline.reid@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jacqueline.reid@environment.nsw.gov.au)

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# ALP encourages preselection



THE Australian Labor Party's national conference has passed a motion that

hopes to encourage more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to seek preselection. The motion was put forward by the ACT member for Ginninderra Dr Chris Bourke and passed unopposed.

Dr Bourke is the convenor of the National Indigenous Labor Network and one of only 16 Indigenous MPs across Australia's nine parliaments.

The motion allows state and territory branches to set affirmative action rules that 5% or more of preselection positions be held by Indigenous people.

Dr Bourke, a Gamillaroi man, said the Labor Party has a strong commitment to social justice for Indigenous people.

"Indigenous Australians are 3% (of the population)," he said. "If 3% of the 822 MPs across Australia were Indigenous, we would have 24 members, a third more than now."

"I'd like to see that increase made up of Indigenous Labor Party members to reflect the generally strong support the

Indigenous community has given the party over the years."

Dr Bourke said there was a need to actively engage more Indigenous people to participate in party forums and overcome barriers to standing.

"We know that our Indigenous Labor MPs bring to their respective caucuses different backgrounds and perspectives," he said.

"They can advocate for new and more effective ways to deliver better services and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and build better outcomes for all Australians."



ACT Labor MP Dr Chris Bourke speaking at Labor's recent national conference in Melbourne.

## Diplomatic staff to experience culture



AUSTRALIAN diplomats will have the opportunity to volunteer their services in remote Aboriginal communities during work time. That's one of the goals of a new special Department of Foreign

Affairs and Trade strategy, which aims to help staff learn more about Aboriginal issues and then work overseas with other Indigenous and tribal groups.

The department also wants more Indigenous Australians to apply for taxpayer-funded opportunities to perform, study, volunteer and work overseas and aims to consult more with Indigenous people affected by the foreign aid program. – AAP

## Cultural transport



NEW information has been produced to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people access culturally appropriate transport services in NSW. The NSW Aboriginal Transport

Network (ATN) has released an Information booklet on who to contact, a brochure on what you need to do, a poster to display in local organisations and a short video showing how three Elders use community transport in meeting their medical, social and cultural needs.

If you would like a copy of any of these resources, phone Dave Kapeen on (02) 6685 8324, or email [dave@community-transport.org.au](mailto:dave@community-transport.org.au)

## Alleged abuser facing 14 charges



A 65-year-old man accused of sexually assaulting three young girls at a Perth care facility for Aboriginal children during the 1990s has made a brief appearance in court. Police allege Dennis Roy Michael abused the girls when they were aged

between four and 10, and being cared for at Manguri Residential Cottages in Queens Park between 1991 and 1996.

The man appeared in the Perth Magistrates Court last week, faced with 14 charges.

His bail was renewed and he will next face court on November 12. – AAP

## Grog bans remain



CONTROVERSIAL alcohol bans in Adelaide's parks will continue for another year despite criticism they unfairly target Aboriginal drinkers.

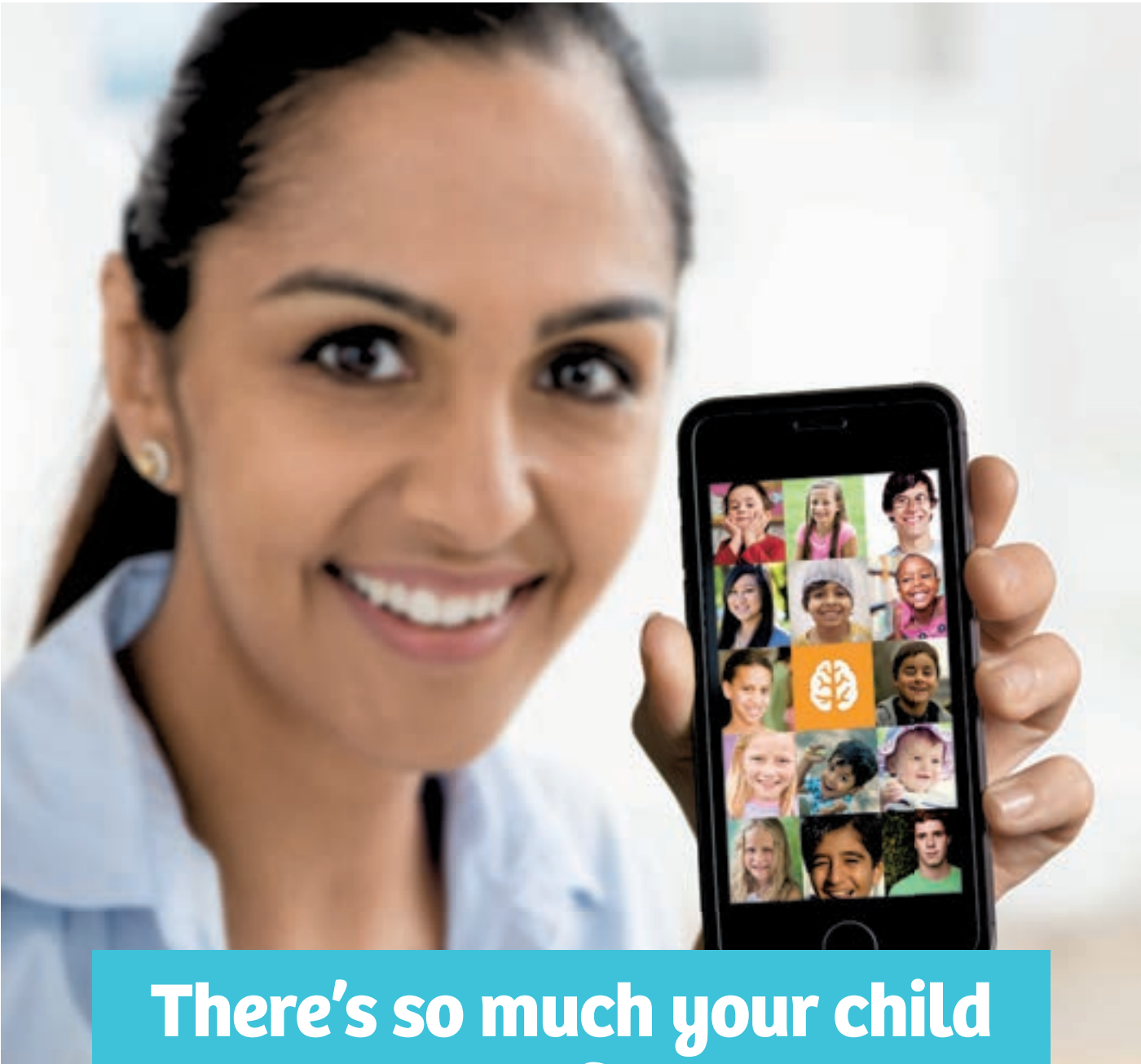
Last week Adelaide City Council supported a proposal to extend parkland dry zone regulations until September 2016 to reduce excessive drinking and anti-social behaviour in public.

The regulations ban drinking alcohol between 8pm and 11am in the city's parklands and around-the-clock in streets and squares.

Councillors acknowledged the regulations may disadvantage vulnerable people, voting to support strategies including voluntary drug and alcohol treatment to curb excessive public drinking.

A group of not-for-profits earlier criticised the dry zone rules, citing the case of an unnamed man who racked up heavy fines before he died earlier this year. – AAP

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## Gooda to oversee wages taskforce



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda will oversee the Queensland Government's Stolen Wages Taskforce.

The Government has created a \$21 million reparation fund to return wages to Indigenous workers who were unpaid or underpaid for 70 years from 1904.

Communities from around Queensland have been asked to nominate a representative for the taskforce.

The scheme is expected to start early next year.

## Women complete violence training



TANGENTYERE Council's second group of Town Camp women has completed the Women's Committee Domestic and Family Violence Training Program.

A graduation ceremony was held recently. Previous graduates who are now undergoing advanced training also attended the ceremony.

## \$30,000 awards on offer in Vic



EMERGING Indigenous leaders born in, or resident in, Victoria are being encouraged to apply for one of two \$30,000 awards.

The awards are offered by the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership. Since 2003 they have supported 15 emerging leaders who have been driving social and economic change across Victoria.

The emerging leader has the opportunity to work collaboratively with the fellowship, to come up with a flexible plan for their term.

To apply, go to [www.indigenousfellowship.net.au](http://www.indigenousfellowship.net.au) or contact Glenda Morrison on (03) 9686 4200. Applications close on September 7.

## Labor promises Parlt welcome



THE parliamentary year would begin with an Aboriginal welcome to country under a federal Labor government. Opposition Leader Bill Shorten made the pledge in Canberra while launching a book,

*Two Futures*, by Labor MPs Tim Watts and Clare O'Neil. The book suggests the idea of starting each year with an Aboriginal welcoming ceremony.

"In the standing orders, inviting guests onto the floor is referred to as welcoming 'strangers' to the House," Mr Shorten said.

"But it is us, the non-Indigenous Australians, who are the strangers.

"Let us renew each democratic year with an acknowledgment of the world's oldest continuing culture and a reminder to all of us of Australia's ongoing journey to reconciliation." — AAP

## Fisheries talks in the Torres Strait



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) says discussion on the region's aspirations for 100% ownership of Torres Strait fisheries was supported at the recent Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) meeting held on Thursday Island.

TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said members were encouraged to hear that community consultations are continuing on the draft plan to establish the framework of ownership.

"We already have full ownership of the finfish and beche de mer fisheries, but we need to keep working on Kaiar (tropical rock lobster) and the prawn fisheries," he said.

"Consultation to this end will continue."

# Calling anyone with a family link to Kinchela Boys Home



DID you or a family member grow up in the Kinchela Boys

Home (KBH) in Kempsey, NSW? If so, the Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC) is looking for you.

Set up in 2002, KBHAC is run by the KBH men. It aims to assist the men and their families to recover their identity, dignity and wellbeing. This includes reconnections of members to relatives, communities, culture and land.

KBHAC also works to empower its members to take more control of their own future and assist them to improve the quality of their lives.

KBHAC manager Tiffany McComsey said the legacy of KBH continues to affect the younger generations and families of the men who grew up there.

"There are many children and grandchildren who would be isolated and suffering without feeling understood as a result of their father or grandfather's experience in KBH," she said.

About 600 Aboriginal boys, as well as a small number of girls in its first years, had their childhood destroyed at the hands of staff and management of KBH, which operated from



Lesley Franks, left, and Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation volunteer coordinator Paulette Whitton.

1924-1970. The boys were stripped of their names, given numbers and denied their childhood.

Volunteer coordinator Paulette Whitton said the abuse and trauma that happened in KBH was hidden from the public.

### Trauma

"My dad's number was 31 and his twin brother's was 32," she said.

"That's like a prisoner of war or jail MIN (Master Index Number) system devised to rid the boys of their identities.

"I can't imagine what that feels like to a child who only wants to be loved and feel secure.

"It's only been since the 2002 KBH reunion that I realised we're one of hundreds of families that have suffered the consequences of KBH.

"I have now begun to understand why I grew up with a father who was there in the physical sense but absent in other ways."

The KBH Uncles still carry the emotional and physical scars of their experience, and

KBHAC has been supporting them and their families to help heal these wounds. KBHAC works with all the uncles and their families, including the children and grannies of the KBH men who have passed on, to ensure all the uncles' stories are not lost.

KBHAC aims to capture the men's accounts of what happened to them in the boys home, plus their life before and afterwards.

For more information, go to [www.kinchelaboyshome.org.au](http://www.kinchelaboyshome.org.au)

# Interim health service set up

By NATALIE CROMB



AS a result of the closure of the Aboriginal Medical Service of Western Sydney (AMSWS) in Mt Druitt, an interim health service has been set up until a long-term solution has been established.

The interim service has the backing of state and federal health authorities, including WentWest, the Western Sydney Primary Health Network.

NSW chief health officer Dr Kerry Chant has confirmed that the interim health service would not be a continuation of the services offered by AMSWS.

"NSW Health is committed to the provision of a longer-term service and will work collaboratively with a newly established Aboriginal advisory committee, which includes Aboriginal representatives from local non-government organisations, local health districts and the primary health networks," she said.

The tenuous nature of this interim service has local people concerned, especially given that AMSWS serviced 11,000 patients at the time of its closure and provided a multi-disciplinary health care service to its patients. The AMSWS

staff had specialist training in healthcare solutions for Indigenous patients.

The interim health service appears to be an attempt to take on board what psychiatrist Neil Phillips, who has a long history of involvement with Aboriginal mental health, including at the AMSWS, said in his open letter to Federal ministers Sussan Ley, Nigel Scullion and Fiona Nash.

"I have been in psychiatry for 44 years, much of it working with Aboriginal and rural and remote services," Dr Phillips wrote, urging the Government to support an ongoing community-controlled Aboriginal health service in the area.

### "So worried"

"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."

The interim health service will continue to provide core services to the community from the former AMSWS site, including child and family services, mental health, drug and alcohol, dental and services for patients with chronic conditions.

However, for any psychiatric conditions, those services will be provided by Western

Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains local health districts.

Criticisms include that the cost of the interim service will exceed the funds promised to AMSWS before the NSW election.

Patricia Delaney, from AMSWS, said that the previous State Government had approved funding and given the go-ahead to use savings for capital works which were undertaken to expand programs offered to AMSWS patients.

"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," she said.

A statement released by NSW Health on August 14 said Aboriginal health workers, registered nurses and general practitioners would be available to provide care to patients from 9am to 5pm on weekdays and that patient transport services were available.

"All former AMSWS patients can be assured their health information will be secure, their privacy will be protected and their records are available if they would like access to them."

● Open letter to PM, page 23



# Yolngu project begins



A NEW Mining Training Centre being developed for the Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land with \$2.4 million in support

from Rio Tinto will have the capacity to train up to 24 people at a time.

Construction of the new centre is set to start on the Dhupuma Plateau site, where accommodation and a small-scale bauxite mining operation is being established by the Gumatj Corporation.

A sod-turning ceremony was held at the site as part of the 17th annual Garma Festival gathering.

Gumatj Corporation deputy chairman Djawa Yunupingu said training Yolngu people in mining operations will help create long-term employment opportunities for the local community.

"We're developing a sustainable bauxite operation that will deliver on-the-job training, guaranteed work for our graduates, as well as providing ongoing funding for the training program in to the future," he said.

"Our vision is to build a sustainable Indigenous-owned business that will reap long-term economic benefits for Yolngu people."

The first intake for the Mining Training Centre is expected by March next year.

During the four-month course, trainees will be educated in all



Pictured, from left, Gumatj Corporation deputy chairman Djawa Yunupingu, Rio Tinto president and chief executive officer bauxite and alumina Phillip Strachan and Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles unveil a plaque to mark the start of construction with Lingiari MP Warren Snowden and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.

aspects of mine operations, and will rotate through practical sessions in mine rehabilitation, administration, catering, and classroom-based literacy and numeracy lessons.

Rio Tinto president and chief

executive officer of bauxite and alumina Phillip Strachan said they were proud to support the initiative, which is being driven by the local Yolngu community.

"It has the potential to help stimulate economic development

for the local community, beyond the life of our Gove bauxite mine.

"We are committed to seeing our operation work closely with the Mining Training Centre, and hope that in time we will see graduates also joining our

workforce to increase the representation of Indigenous people," he said.

The Gumatj Corporation, the Commonwealth and NT governments are also contributing funding for the training centre.

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- improve your organisation or club operations
- enhance the skills of coaches, officials or administrators
- help provide better access or participation opportunities for all members of the community.

The Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program provides up to two \$750 grants to assist with travel and accommodation costs related to competition or training for athletes, teams, coaches and officials.

Applications for both programs are now open for projects scheduled to start after 1 January 2016 with the Sporting Club Grants Program closing on 23 September 2015 and the Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program closing on 30 September 2015.

To obtain contact details for assistance with your application, please call our Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356 (for the cost of a local call) on any weekday between 8:30am and 5pm (except public holidays).

**For further information and to lodge your application online, please visit:**  
[www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants)

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## WHITE ROCK Wind Farm

ERM is preparing a Construction Heritage Management Plan for the approved White Rock Wind Farm (MP 10\_0160) located 20km southwest of Glen Innes within the Glen Innes Severn and Inverell Local Government Areas. The Conditions of Approval require the plan to be developed in consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and registered Aboriginal stakeholders as defined in the approval. A copy of the draft plan is being sent to registered Aboriginal stakeholders for comment. The proponent of the wind farm is White Rock Wind Farm Pty Ltd (WRWFPL), Level 23, 201 Elizabeth Street Sydney 2000.

WRWFPL is also commencing a process of updating the register of registered Aboriginal stakeholders for the project and registration of interest to be involved in future assessments are requested to be provided by 4/09/2015 in accordance with the OEH 2010 Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents.

**Written applications should be forwarded to:**  
Janene May  
Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd  
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Australia Square NSW 1215  
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## GRANT FUNDING

The Australian Government invites eligible organisations to submit applications to deliver nominated Commonwealth Home Support Programme service types at discreet communities on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, South Australia from 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2018.

The current service provider will cease its service delivery on 30 June 2016. The current service provider is committed to maintaining continuity of services to clients and will assist in an effective Transition Out Plan from 1 January 2016 for a full transfer complete on 30 June 2016.

**Applications for funding open on Wednesday 19 August 2015.**

Further information is available through the Department of Social Services website [www.dss.gov.au/grants](http://www.dss.gov.au/grants) or by emailing [grants@dss.gov.au](mailto:grants@dss.gov.au).

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# Mapoon rangers on track with turtle census

By CHRISTINE HOWES



MAPOON Land and Sea Rangers' Turtle Census Program has become famous for its adventure

and location over the years but for now, the rangers say, they are cutting back on the use of volunteers and visitors.

Team leader Thomas Pitt said the new season had just kicked off, launching the six rangers into the most intense six weeks of the year, with turtle nesting season.

"I'm looking forward to this opportunity. It allows the team that we've got to enhance their skills and to perform on a level where they're confident," he said.

Ranger Joel Bullio said he participated in last year's turtle program.

"It is challenging working late shifts and getting up early to start again, and getting your body in that process of up and running every morning and staying up late at night doing the turtle camp work," he said.

"We're always looking forward to a better outcome in endangered species that are on that beach."

Ranger Edwin Ling said an important aspect of the program was counting eggs and measuring nests.

Senior Ranger Laurie Booth said when they started the turtle program in 2004, many of those involved hadn't realised there were several species of turtle using the beaches.

"We got this thing up and running and we decided to make some money out of it as well so we got tourists in to help us save turtles and clean up the beaches for ghost nets and rubbish," he said.

"The program was to be able to tag turtles, count their eggs, release small turtles, hatchlings, and protect them from the predators, like pigs, that were on the beach eating them.

"And it was a great thing for new rangers coming in on the program and something for them to learn cause they probably only thought there was one species of turtle here.

"You got flatback, you got hawksbill, and you got Oliver Ridley; they're the main ones nesting there.

"We've got one of the biggest colonies of migrating birds, shore birds, on our country as well, so it was a big learning progress with the turtles and the birds.



Back, from left, Laurie Booth and Jocelyn De Jersey. Front, Edwin Ling, Thomas Pitt, Joel Bullio and Clarissa Wells.

"I think this program should go on for ever and ever because it's a great program for the kids and adults."

All the rangers are traditional owners.

"Living on country before becoming a ranger, I always thought, like Uncle Laurie said, that there was only one species of turtle here," Mr Pitt said.

"And as the years went by, I eventually got involved and became an employee of the Mapoon Council, as a Land and Sea Ranger.

"And as a traditional owner, now today, growing

more confident in myself, I just became more aware of how important it is because it was becoming a ranger that finally opened up my eyes.

both environments is a good thing.

"I think we can all agree to that – that's our passion as local traditional owners – to drive our team and our motivation."

Ranger Clarissa Wells said the turtle program was a highlight of the year.

"Just knowing that you're being a role model for the younger generation.

"We're just starting a junior ranger program here, which means

they'll get to go and see turtles nest as we work up there," she said.

"The last time I took a group of juniors out every single one of them said when they grow up they want to be a ranger."

**"The last time I took a group of juniors out every single one of them said when they grow up they want to be a ranger."**

**– Ranger Clarissa Wells**

"Things need to be taken care of.

"And as a traditional owner, I believe that it is crucial to have these programs because taking care of country and sea and the animals that surround



The cast members in a scene from *We Get It*.



# *We Get It* shows they've got it

By KATE L MUNRO



*We Get It*, a theatre production by Elbow Room as part of the recent NEON Festival of Independent Theatre, opened to a full house at the Melbourne Theatre Company and featured the talent of Gamilaroi/Kooma/Muruuwari actress Maurial Spearim.

Alongside five other women of exceptional acting talent, Spearim shone as a stand-out performer in this popular play that ran for 10 days over the festival and saw every session packed.

*We Get It*, written and produced by playwright Marcel Dorney and actor/writer Emily Tomlins, is an intelligent, riveting and confronting piece of theatre that has personal touches from each of the actors.

Directed by Dorney and writer/performer Rachel Perks, the cast/co-creators of the two-hour production are Maurial Spearim, Amy Ingram, Sonya Soares, Emily Tomlins, Tamiah Bantum and Kasia Kaczmarek.

Spearim grew up in Moree and Brisbane. Her father Paul speaks the Gamilaraay language and has passed down songs and traditional dance to his children.

Spearim moved from Brisbane to Melbourne in 2007 after securing a place at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA – University of Melbourne), graduating in 2009 with a Bachelor of Dramatic Arts degree.

Spearim's life as a professional actor has gone from strength to strength. She has been a performer in several touring productions under the nationally renowned

Maurial Spearim



Ilbigerri Theatre Company, the Melbourne-based Phunktional Arts and Eagles Nest Theatre. Also a singer with a strong resounding voice, *We Get It* was able to showcase a musical moment that allowed Spearim's voice to take centre stage.

Spearim is making a foray into television, with recent parts in the acclaimed *Redfern Now*, the TV mini-series *Secret River*, NITV's *Move It* and *Mob Style* and Foxtel's *Wentworth*.

"What I felt about working

on this show was the amazing synergy we all had. Everyone was really on the same page in striving to deliver the highest quality of story with brutal honesty," she said.

## "Great thing"

"That was the gift we were able to create as a team. The great thing about playing Antigone was that the part and her story of injustice have parallels with our nation's not-so-distant history."

*We Get It* begins with the women as contestants in a

reality TV show contest. The women, and the audience, are fed the illusion that they are free to act out the parts they are 'destined' to play, in the way they would like. The host (played by Tomlins) assures them that to 'win' they indeed are unable to be themselves, nor express their true nature through the 'parts' they play.

Projecting a humorous, fast-witted reflection of the reality TV genre, the truth is revealed as the women refuse to comply.

The premise of *We Get It* is: Now that sexism is a thing of the past and we're all equal, it's time to take a look back at the great heroines of classic theatre – Medea, Lady Macbeth, Antigone (portrayed by Spearim), Nora Helmer and even the male Hamlet.

Melding the age-old art of theatre with the new popular genre of reality television belies the truth in the deeper issues of the female experience, but also the experience of being female and not white.

This play is uncomfortable, yet determined; strong, yet unveils all of our vulnerabilities, not just for women, but for everyone.

*We Get It* is a vehicle for showcasing and driving the shifting perceptions of women as the 'weaker' sex, and aims to create balance in our rapidly changing world.

Spearim glows as she performs the final chapter in a play that rips open old wounds, forges past pre-ordained boundaries and exceeds expectations.

It is hoped to tour *We Get It* nationally.

You can see Maurial Spearim in up-coming film festival selection shorts *Kindred* and *Beyond the Water's Edge*.

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Darwin, NT, on 28th-30th September, 2015.

**International Indigenous Health Conference:**  
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## Heritage Act 1977

### Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

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

#### Stroud House, Stroud

Written submissions on the above-mentioned listing are invited in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place by 10 September 2015.

If you have any questions please contact  
Lucy Moore on (02) 9873 8535 or  
[lucy.moore@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lucy.moore@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Further details on all the nominated place can be viewed at:  
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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



### Julie Ashley

Artist and arts worker at Djilpin Arts, NT, originally from Gapuwiyak, Arnhem Land

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Turtle, bream and barra.

**Favourite other food?**  
Oranges, apples and bananas.

**Favourite drink?**  
Orange and mango, and orange juice.

**Favourite music?**  
Saltwater Band, Yothu Yindi and White Cockatoo.

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
Watching AFL (I'm a West Coast fan).

**Favourite read?**  
The newspaper, so I know what's happening.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Darwin to visit my friend.

**What are you watching on TV?**  
Footy.

**What do you like in life?**  
My family.

**What don't you like?**  
Drunk people.

**Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
My cousin sisters Vera Cameron, Noreena Ashley and Loritta George.

**Who/what inspires you?**  
Family.

**What is your ultimate goal?**  
To keep working.

**What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?**  
Help Aboriginal people to keep working.

## Quote



**"The Aboriginal identity is the Australian identity – you can't have one without the other."**

– WA Labor MP Ben Wyatt, a Yamatji man

● See page 3

## Unquote

## Change of mind deserves praise

**G**OOD on Prime Minister Tony Abbott for having the sense to listen to Aboriginal people about Indigenous conventions regarding constitutional recognition.

While Mr Abbott cops a lot of flak for his pattern of picking a position, sticking to it for a while, then backing down, sometimes a change of heart is the smart thing to do.

It seems that the whole process of constitutional recognition is in danger of excluding the very people it is supposed to be about empowering: the First Australians.

Mr Abbott's habit of hand-picking advisory groups is, understandably, met with suspicion in many Indigenous circles, as is the mainstream wish to have an Indigenous 'leader' who speaks for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on all issues.

The disconnect between what white Australia understands and the complex ways in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies function certainly adds to the confusion and scepticism surrounding constitutional recognition.

But it's not the only factor.

The feeling from many people can best be summed up in the words of a song by the brilliant Yothu Yindi:

*Words are easy, words are cheap  
Much cheaper than our priceless land*

*But promises can disappear  
Just like writing in the sand*

*Treaty yeah, treaty now, treaty yeah,  
treaty now.*



## OUR SAY

You can't have a proper conversation about recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution without talking about treaty.

Most constitutional lawyers have said constitutional recognition doesn't rule out a treaty.

So the question is, why can't we talk about it?

There are many different views on treaty, sovereignty and what they mean to Indigenous people.

But a main difference between constitutional recognition and treaty is that one would seek to bestow acknowledgement on our First Nations – and one treats the First Nations as equal to the nation of Australia.

And isn't equality under the eyes of the law a basic human right?

**F**or an airline that boasts Aboriginal art on several aircraft, Qantas obviously has some work to do on what reconciliation actually means.

Just ask cultural adviser Alec Doomadgee.

Our report on page 10 highlights just how far it seems our national airline has to go in this area.

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Sharing the love:  
Jimblah on stage.

# Bringing joy, love through hip hop

By JILLIAN MUNDY

**H**IP hop artist Jimblah considers his craft a vehicle of sharing the human story.

"This is my place. This is where I fit. I love being able to have a voice and tell a story. I want to enrich. I want to bring joy and love," he told the *Koori Mail*.

The Larrakia (NT) man, who has been based in Adelaide and is moving to Canberra next month, is in the final stages of recording his third album, due for release next year.

He was introduced to music and was bought a drum kit by his old man. "He was just a music head. He's a guitarist and piano player, songwriter as well. He was always playing all different kinds of music to me." Then Jimblah discovered hip hop.

But it wasn't an instant attraction.

"I didn't really dig it at first, because all I heard was the real gansta stuff," Jimblah says.

He liked the sounds, but as a 12-year-old kid with a good Christian upbringing, the lyrics and swearing were a bit too much.

What really caught his attention was Tupac's *Shawty Wanna Be a Thug*. While the beat appealed, it was the story that got him. It hit home, thinking of his own community.

"I'd never heard a story woven like that. It just blew my mind," Jimblah said.

"Then I started looking for more. I found really super conscience artists who really spoke about the struggle."

Jimblah got into workshops, learning about the history of hip hop.

"I couldn't get enough," he said. "I thought it was rap music, a genre of music, but I learnt it was a whole culture – it came from people rising up against oppression."

And so Jimblah was hooked.

"I used to want to be an author. I just wanted to tell stories," he said.

## Enjoys it

The self-confessed shy young man gave breaking, dance, aerosol art, turntableism, DJing and beat-making a go, eventually forcing himself to perform until today he enjoys it.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing. Hanging out on the wrong side of the law when he was around 17, Jimblah came close to losing his life crashing a car while drink driving.

"I was lucky to escape with my life," he said.

Jimblah knew it was time to sharpen up, and he threw himself into hip hop professionally.

Attending any hip hop workshop available, he also discovered his passion and talent in mentoring youth, leading to a career in youth work, from which he has taken a temporary step back to concentrate on his musical career.

"I'm a fulltime hip hop artist. When I think about it, it bugs me out. It's weird, but I feel very honoured and blessed."

Jimblah has remained true to the culture of hip hop. Earlier this month he teamed up with Sydney hip hop duo Horrorshow, Urthboy and National Indigenous Music Awards winner Thelma Plum on a new anti-racism anthem called *Any Other Name*.

The track is inspired by the Reclaim Australia rallies and the Adam Goodes racism and booing saga.

"We wanted to share our thoughts about it," he said.

"I thought I knew what (Goodes) was going through. I had a small grasp of it, but it wasn't until I dug deeper I saw the reality of what he was up against."

"It just blew me away. First I was frustrated, then I got really inspired by the way he continued to keep going out there."

"He's being so diplomatic. He's just being good about it, and he's leading in a real good healthy way."

"We need to get behind those people who are courageous enough to lead the discussion. Let's champion them."

"The stuff on and off the field – I see Adam Goodes as one of our national greats."

"Let's look at our education system, our laws, our media sector. People are not born this way."

"How strong we are and resilient, we didn't get taught that."



Hip hop artist Jimblah: "How strong we are and resilient, we didn't get taught that."



# Boomerang festival returns as part of Byron Bluesfest



INDIGENOUS arts and cultural festival Boomerang will be back in 2016 as part of Byron Bay's Bluesfest, held each Easter on the NSW far north coast.

Launched in 2013, Boomerang organisers were hoping the festival would be back this year, but they have been unable to secure funding to run as a stand-alone event.

Festival director Rhoda Roberts said incorporating it as an Indigenous arts precinct in Bluesfest is a "win-win" situation.

"This is an opportunity for us to

showcase the quality of the work to a much larger audience over the next few years; to grow it slowly and develop a loyal audience and then in four to five years we will have a sustainable stand-alone event," she said.

The Boomerang precinct will include multiple stages, a dance ground, workshop areas, traditional healing and a talks/ideas program.

Ms Roberts said organisers will aim to make the area a family environment, and feedback from the Bluesfest audience was they wanted somewhere to sit, talk and have workshops.

"The audience is essentially getting two festivals for no extra cost ... Aboriginal artists will benefit so much from this and my aim is always to keep our arts and culture alive because that's who we are," Ms Roberts, a Bundjalung woman, said.

"I'm over the moon. This is a godsend in the current (arts) climate."

Bluesfest director Peter Noble, who has been working with Boomerang since its inception, said it was all about "cherishing culture" and ending the disparity between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia. The full program will be released soon.

# Marshall wins Stanner award



From left, AIATSIS principal Russell Taylor, Sydney University deputy vice-chancellor (Indigenous strategy and services) Professor Shane Houston, 2015 W E H Stanner Award winner Dr Virginia Marshall and AIATSIS chairperson Professor Mick Dodson.



WIRADJURI Nyemba lawyer, researcher, teacher and advocate Dr Virginia Marshall has been named as the recipient of the

2015 W E H Stanner Award.

Her winning manuscript, *A web of Aboriginal water rights: examining the competing Aboriginal claim for water property rights and interests in Australia*, was chosen as the unanimous winner.

The Stanner Award, held every two years, is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors of academic works, with the author of the winning submission receiving \$5000 in prizemoney, an inscribed glass eel trap sculpture, and mentoring and editorial support to turn the manuscript into a publication.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) chairperson Professor Mick Dodson announced the winner in a ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra, saying over its history the award has led to some important and successful books for AIATSIS.

"This year's entry was noted as being 'a standout in terms of its interest area and scholarship', 'well-

written, well-argued, with an audience beyond the very immediate' and that it 'brought a whole new dimension to water rights in the legal frame'," he said.

Dr Marshall pointed out in her acceptance speech that from the time of British colonisation, through to the national water reform process and to the present day, Aboriginal communities have been disenfranchised from their property rights and interests in water.

## "Economic certainty"

"Aboriginal people's social, cultural and economic certainty rests on the right to control and manage customary water," she said.

"Aboriginal water rights and interests are integral to any national dialogue on Aboriginal health, just as unemployment and low incomes are linked to poor health outcomes for all Australians.

"If governments choose to ignore Aboriginal water rights and interests, the dire conditions of Aboriginal communities will remain unchanged."

Winning the Stanner Award has been a long journey for a girl who left school after Year 10 to work with horses, including a stint as a jillaroo, before becoming a professional

singer, studying and performing in Australia and Europe.

Dr Marshall said her research aimed to foster a deeper understanding of Aboriginal water rights and interests and to help address Aboriginal disadvantage by promoting a paradigm shift in water law and policy frameworks.

Dr Marshall pointed out that although her research was specifically on Aboriginal water rights and interests, and not those in the Torres Strait, there are historic and common issues.

"When I began my research, the Australian Government declared these years to be Australia's worst drought in living memory," she said.

"As I read through years of media articles on Australia's water crisis there were very few articles written on the impacts for Indigenous peoples in Australia. The national dialogue on water was aimed at other groups' needs, not the First Australians."

The Award acknowledges the significant contribution of the late Emeritus Professor W E H (Bill) Stanner to the establishment and development of AIATSIS and is administered by its publishing arm Aboriginal Studies Press.



Palawa actor Bree Langridge is playing Electra in the upcoming production of *Cats*.

## Bree says her latest role is just purrfect

By ANDY PARKS



WHEN the new Australian production of *Cats* opens in October, slinking around the stage in fake fur and whiskers will be palawa (Tasmanian) woman Bree Langridge. Ms Langridge is playing the role of Electra, one of the younger kittens

in the musical based on TS Eliot's poems, and understudying five of the other main roles.

"*Cats* is one of those shows I've always wanted to do," she said. "To be feline and larger than your human self."

Ms Langridge grew up in Hobart and traces her lineage to Fanny Cochrane Smith, who was the daughter of Tanganuturra. Around 1847 Fanny was removed from Flinders Island and taken to Oyster Cove.

"Which is where our lineage comes in, known as the Mouheneene people ... I grew up with blonde hair (and) green eyes but with a mother who always taught me to put my hand up and be proud of my Aboriginal heritage, so I did," Ms Langridge said.

She started dancing when she was four, did some gymnastics and singing for a while, and was accepted into the Victorian College of the Arts to do musical theatre.

Ms Langridge said she spent a few years doing "bits and pieces" while she learnt about the industry and her place in it, before getting a contract to perform in a *Peter Pan* stage show at Universal Studios in Japan.

From there she got an ensemble role in *Wicked*, which took her all over Australia and to parts of Asia for three years. That was followed by roles in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Show Boats* and in between there have been lots of children's theatre, cabaret, singing in bands and doing her own Motown-inspired soul music.

## Particularly exciting day

But as somebody who had loved *Cats* from an early age, getting the opportunity to audition was a particularly exciting day.

"Audition can be a gruelling experience, but I was super excited for *Cats* ... It's a show I've wanted to do at some stage in my career and at 30 I'm not the youngest kitten in the litter," Ms Langridge said.

The show opens in New Zealand on September 11 and will visit most capital cities in Australia, including Hobart, and Ms Langridge is particularly excited about performing for her extended family there.

Ms Langridge said her mum has always encouraged her and given her opportunities that she never had herself.

"It's pretty incredible she's allowed me to do this ... She never once said get a back up (career)," she said.

With only a few more weeks of rehearsal and six parts to learn, Ms Langridge said she was feeling "daunted" at the moment, but believes the show will continue to be a hit for many years to come.

"This show is incredibly popular worldwide, and some people have been doing it for a long time which is a credit to the show that it keeps evolving," she said.

"Lots of people keep coming back because it is really special. *Cats* is as successful as musicals get."





On page 24, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation chair Matthew Cooke hits out at what he calls the Vegemite home brew distraction.

## ACBF seeking testimonials

The ACBF group of companies has been helping with funeral costs for more than 20 years. We have provided funeral plans for many Aboriginal people Australia-wide.

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Over the years, many of our members and plan holders have told us that this is their preferred method of payment, as they never have to worry about making the payments themselves, and would never get bank fees for taking the money out of their bank account before they should.

Currently we have more than 80% of payers using this method.

We found out via a media release from

the Minister for Human Services in May that funeral insurance is now being phased out of Centrepay deductions, due to its need to run for an indefinite period.

We have been assured this is by no fault of ACBF's operations, and is a departmental decision.

Our lawyers have written a letter asking for a meeting with the Minister for Human Services, Scott Morrison, so we need your help to prove to the Department of Human Services that this is your preferred method of payment.

ACBF is endeavouring to obtain testimonials from our members and plan holders, along with our field representatives asking members and plan holders to sign a petition when they are visiting them.

We need you to voice your opinion on this, by mail to PO Box 1188, Coolangatta Qld 4225 or email to [kerrie@acbf.com.au](mailto:kerrie@acbf.com.au)

**KERRIE MCCALLIE,**  
ACBF Plans Administration,  
Coolangatta, Qld

## Plea to help AMSWS

**This is an open letter to Prime Minister Tony Abbott**

THE Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney (AMWS) could become the latest victim of your Government's maniacal strategy to cripple the Aboriginal self-determination movement generally and where it concerns health in particular.

I describe the motivation as ideological because that is what it is. Your policies fly in the face of reason, of evidence and of human rights.

My ancestors told me to speak out, and to speak out plainly. That is what I shall do here.

If AMSWS were a bank, a farming concern, a chocolate factory, a friend of the Liberal Party or a people smuggler, your Government would simply 'cough up'. But where Aboriginal peoples are concerned, actually where the lives of Aboriginal people are concerned, your Government puts ideology first and people second, much like the modus operandi that informs the actions of terrorists.

The AMSWS is an excellent organisation that tried its best to deliver high-quality services for almost 30 years, and in my opinion it has succeeded in that aim. I am proof! That is not just my opinion, but also one that is shared by significant players in the health sector, in academia and, above all,

in the Aboriginal community.

The pre-eminent consideration is that the AMSWS is a terrific organisation and that it needs to be allowed to go on to do its job. The AMSWS board of directors provided departmental officers with a balanced proposal to remedy this unfortunate situation, given sufficient time without the threat of transitioning.

Prime Minister, \$4 million is not a lot of money in the scheme of things. It is even less money when we have to consider an organisation that has over 11,000 active patients – equivalent to half the Aboriginal population of Victoria or South Australia. It is just under a quarter of the Aboriginal population of the Northern Territory.

NSW has been grossly underfunded in relative terms when compared to other jurisdictions in relation to expenditures in Aboriginal health. Expenditure figures can be accessed from the Department of Health, Australian Institute for Health and Welfare, as well as the 2014 Indigenous Expenditure Report, which clearly indicate extremely unfair variations even when remoteness is factored.

Does that mean that Aboriginal people in NSW are somehow less important than Aboriginal people elsewhere? Why should that be? Can we please have a bit of transparency on that question?

\$4 million could be found in a



**Prime Minister Tony Abbott**

flash if there was political will, but the real agenda appears to be to crush Aboriginal community control and our right of self-determination, regardless of the consequences.

Let us call a spade a spade here. I can say categorically that as an 81-year-old Kamilaroi Elder, the establishment of Aboriginal community-controlled medical services, in Redfern in 1972, saved my life and allowed me to enjoy the coming of four generations and an active quality of life.

Prime Minister, the so-called 'transitioning' option provided by officers of the Commonwealth will

be a death sentence. An esteemed colleague who is a doctor with over 33 years of experience in Aboriginal health also confirms this.

Bureaucrats and politicians will seek to claim that such a view is without foundation, but we do know what will happen because we were around when there were no AMSes about. None of the current bureaucrats nor any politicians can claim that experience or expertise.

Our voices do not inform the policy process.

Prior to the appointment of the fund administrator, funds were on hold during the October to December period. The holding of funds added to the burden. With the appointment of the Funds Administrator (FA) it took up to six weeks to put their systems in place. I can provide evidence for that if you are willing to come and visit us in Mt Druitt, which is not that far from your Manly office.

In fact, the FA said, when he first started (in January 2015), "I am surprised you only had the tax debt outstanding." He further added that "normally an organisation in this situation has multiple debts".

Prime Minister, AMSWS is a terrific organisation with 96 very competent staff, 84% who are Aboriginal and have undergone further education and training and

are excellent in their jobs. If the Government, for whatever non-reason, could not simply write a cheque for \$4 million, surely a \$4 million loan could have been raised and perhaps the Government could have contributed in part to the repayments.

Now, any prospect of a private loan appears in jeopardy. The Government has actually undermined the commercial interests of the organisation. It would never do that to its friends in business.

The sad truth is that AMSes have had to put up with a mix of ideological posturing against Aboriginal community control, incoherent policy direction and inexperienced, often vicious, bureaucrats. It is an open secret that they are the most inexperienced of the public service.

If you had to find \$4 million in cost savings, you would know exactly where to look.

I respectfully seek an audience with yourself, your Health Minister Sussan Ley and our local MP for Lindsay Fiona Scott, who has in the past declared her support for AMSWS.

**ANSELM JOHN DELANEY**  
Kamilaroi Elder  
Western Sydney

## 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.

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– EDITOR

## Card concern

I WAS really disturbed to read about the 'Healthy Welfare' card trial in Ceduna (*Koori Mail*, August 12), supported by Michael Haynes, the chief executive of Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation.

Blackfellas all over Australia need to unite about this BS.

To happen in 2016, this method is terrorism gone mad, when any fool can see that education and getting teams of professional health workers into Ceduna community would be the best solution.

Getting into people's banks will cause other issues.

Is Michael Haynes going to do the same? Ceduna, don't agree to this.

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# Vegemite home brew beat-up a distraction

**R**ECENT calls for the banning of Vegemite in some Aboriginal communities are a distraction from the real issues of substance misuse.

The Vegemite story was picked up by many media outlets following reports that some people in remote communities are using the popular spread to brew alcohol. Stories appeared in national dailies, on television network news and even the international media, and the Prime Minister himself scotched plans for what he described as a "Vegemite watch".

Vegemite may or may not be commonly used to brew grog.

What we do know however, is that you can make alcohol out of practically anything — fruits, potatoes, grain. These ingredients are available to any Australian household and contain the sugars needed to brew alcohol. Australia is full of wild yeasts that are perfectly able to break sugar down into alcohol without the need for Vegemite.

So let me say this again, the Vegemite story is a distraction from the real challenges facing our health and residential rehabilitation services from alcohol, cannabis and most recently the rapid growth of crystal methamphetamine (ice) use.

While the media and some politicians focus their attention on whether access to Vegemite should be controlled, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in common with other Australians, are struggling to deal with increased ice use and the consequent rise in community and family violence, trauma and incarceration.

The real tragedy playing out in Queensland is not the availability of Vegemite; it is the absolute lack of investment in the front-end strategies such as promotion and prevention programs that focus on education and harm minimisation. Evidence suggests that the best way of dealing with alcohol and illicit drug addiction is strategies that target the entire



**Matthew Cooke**

population and aim to prevent or delay the use of drugs.

In an options paper delivered to the Queensland Government, Queensland Aboriginal and

Islander Health Council (QAIHC) suggests the need to develop targeted drug and alcohol policies and programs that reflect strong collaborative partnerships that support community capacity and responsiveness. This, of course, needs to be backed up by quality research, which, in turn, reflects local preventative methods of reducing experimentation and use of alcohol and illicit drugs.

The responses to both home brews and methamphetamine are contained in the recent Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) Communique on a National Ice Action Strategy: support local communities to develop local solutions; raise community awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse; and development of robust data collection tools and rigorous research so that policy responses are based on real evidence rather than anecdotes and shock-jock opinion.

QAIHC is hosting a Queensland Aboriginal Ice

Roundtable in mid-September to bring together politicians, government departments, including Queensland Health and the Queensland Police Service, Aboriginal and Islander-controlled health services, and community leaders to discuss the best way of reducing ice use. Together we are planning an effective community response to the latest drug threat.

Finally, as a nation, we need to continue to deal with the underlying causes of drug and alcohol misuse including poverty, unemployment and poor housing. We need governments that are both engaged and committed for the long haul if we are going to succeed.

*Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council chief executive Matthew Cooke is a proud Aboriginal and South Sea Islander from the Bailai (Byellee) people in Gladstone, Central Queensland. He also chairs the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).*

# Welfare payments fuelling alcohol and drug abuse

**W**HAT responsibility should we have over how welfare is delivered to those in need? Since the introduction of federal unemployment benefits in 1944, the Government has provided welfare in cash. The reason is expedience: dropping cash into an account is simpler and cheaper than the traditional church welfare of providing clothes, food or vouchers.

But what happens if the cash is wasted on drugs, alcohol and gambling, leading to catastrophic social consequences?

This is the question the Abbott Government has been grappling with following the recommendation in Andrew Forrest's Creating Parity report to introduce a cashless debit card for welfare recipients in vulnerable areas.

The logic is inescapable. We have places where welfare is a major part of the local economy and the welfare dollar is fuelling gambling, alcohol and drug abuse.

It's not just that individuals are wasting welfare payments but welfare abuse is destroying the lives of women and children.

In a place such as Kununurra, the hospitalisation rate from assaults is 68 times the national average. Across the Northern Territory, Indigenous women are being bashed every year at a rate of 11 assaults per 100 women. These are just the reported cases. Two-thirds are related to alcohol, nearly all of which is paid for by welfare cash. It is not uncommon for kids to go hungry because there is no food on the table. Not because of poverty — an

unemployed couple with three young children could have \$800 in welfare cash a week after housing costs — but because the money is wasted in the first few days after "payday". The National Crime Commission says towns of high welfare dependence are being targeted by criminals selling ice.

Most of the measures taken in the face of such evidence have been on the supply side, tough rules about what can be sold at pubs and what can be imported into a community. Such restrictions typically have halved the rate of violence in those places. But even in remote communities it's hard to sustain initial gains and stop the grog runners and drug dealers. In urban areas, restricting supply (other than through hours of sale) is nearly impossible.

## Reducing demand

Forrest's proposal is to work on the demand side. He argues that in certain areas, all welfare payments — except old age and veterans' pensions — be placed on an ordinary bank debit card that could be used anywhere to purchase anything, but simply cannot be used at liquor stores or gambling venues. Because cash would be limited, illicit drugs could not be bought.

The government believes this concept is worth trialling and I have introduced legislation to implement the idea in two or three regions. These regions will be chosen on the basis of (a) high welfare dependence and social harm caused by welfare-fuelled alcohol and drug abuse, and (b) willingness of community leaders to participate in the



**Alan Tudge**

trial. The Ceduna region will be the first trial site and we are in discussions with East Kimberley leaders about that region being the second. Our view is the debit card could reduce the social harm welfare-fuelled abuse can cause, while still providing as much individual freedom as possible to welfare recipients.

We have been negotiating with banks and community leaders over how the card could be designed and implemented. How a card would be issued, how online transactions would occur, how people could get account balances and how fees

would be structured to minimise or eliminate costs to the user are issues being worked through. The intent is for the card to look as much as possible like the ordinary debit card most people carry in their pocket daily. 80% of payments will be placed on the card, with the other 20% continuing to go into the recipient's bank account.

Where there is a desire to do so, we will implement a local board that will have control over the settings of the card. This board would have power to lift the amount of welfare placed into an individual's cash account. Key additional services such as alcohol counselling and financial management assistance may need to be introduced.

This proposal is not income management. There will be no compulsion for anyone to spend their payments in a particular way, although of course people will be encouraged to establish a budget. There will be complete freedom, with the exception of two restricted products.

I acknowledge that for some people, using a card rather than cash to pay for everyday items will be an initial inconvenience. The potential upside, however, is a transformed community where women are safer and more money is available for children's needs.

If successful, this will represent a radical new positive approach to the distribution of welfare.

*Alan Tudge is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister.*



# Stories must be recorded

*"And the thing that has kept most of us almost crippled in this society has been our complete lack of knowledge concerning the past." – Malcolm X*

By JOHN MAYNARD

FROM 1883 until 1969, the lives and affairs of Aboriginal people in NSW were governed and controlled by the Aborigines Protection/Welfare Board, yet there is no definitive history of the board and its activities in NSW.

For the first time, a comprehensive investigation of the board's activities and subsequent impact on the lives and families of Aboriginal people in NSW will be researched with the assistance of the Australian Research Council and conducted by the University of Newcastle's Wollotuka Institute.

Government directives to the board extended to housing, clothing, rationing of food, control of marriage, the imposition of Christianity, denial of education, as well as the removal of children.

The removal of children from their families and communities accelerated after 1910 and was one of the reasons for the rise of people like my grandfather Fred Maynard – to try to stop that horrific process of institutionalising thousands of Aboriginal children.

Aboriginal boys were put into institutions to train them as nothing better than farm labourers; the girls were placed in institutions to be trained as domestic servants. This segregated institutionalisation



The team that will be researching the history of the Aborigines Protection/Welfare Board is, from left, Dr Ray Kelly, AIATSIS's Lachlan Russell, Dr Lorina Barker, Professor John Maynard and Associate Professor Victoria Haskins.

also worked to keep them apart. If the girls and boys were kept separate, they couldn't have children and the Aboriginal people would be 'bred out'.

However, significant numbers of these girls became pregnant to their white 'carers' and employers.

These are stories we hear about the 'Deep South' in the US, but the same things were happening here and the actions of the Aboriginal Protection/Welfare Board have left a lasting impact on Aboriginal lives in NSW.

There's been a long demand from Aboriginal people to get these stories recorded, and

this research will collect information from communities, families, archives and cultural collections from local history societies and museums to the NSW State Library and NSW Archives.

There are situations where official archival records are missing. There are instances where there's been a fire in the past – particularly with police records. This is why oral and personal histories are important.

Many individuals and communities kept correspondence from the board, so while the official

correspondence is missing, we have the recipient's half of it.

A heavy component of this project will involve interviewing people who lived on missions and reserves through those years and finding out what their lived experiences were during those decades of control and how it affected their families.

But we must get these stories recorded now. Those people who lived under the control of the board are getting older and the reality is it won't be long before they're gone.

We need to document their experiences and memories while

we can. (The life expectancy for Aboriginal men and women born in NSW between 1996 and 2000 is still just 60 and 65 respectively – AIHW 2006: 234.)

Hopefully, there is a healing process when people recognise that we can all join hands and walk toward a future that is just for all Australians, in which there is equality for all people and we can be – dare I use the word – reconciled.

*Professor John Maynard, a Worimi man, is the director of the Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle.*



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# Culture coming alive

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people showcased their culture, food and art at the 21st annual Cultural Fest in Townsville from August 19 to 23.

It was held at the old Jezzine Army Barracks and celebrated multicultural diversity. The theme this year was Unity In Diversity.

It featured 350 cultural art, food and performance groups and several stages were used for a variety of entertainment.

Visitors came from Townsville, nearby cities and many parts of Australia and overseas.

Culinary delights from around the world were in the international food court, while arts, crafts, meditation, healing, fashion and produce were showcased in the Global Village marketplace.

Naianga's Torres Strait Island kai kai stall was swamped with hungry customers and Millianna Davey, of Darnley Island descent, was at her Erub craft stall.

The Torres Strait food stall was doing a roaring trade and chief chef Naianga Tamwoy, who has Aboriginal and Badu

Island heritage, was delighted.

"This is my sixth year at the Cultural Fest," she beamed.

Gladstone man Robbie Congoo was there with family and friends and enjoyed it.

Aboriginal artist Brian Fisher from Cherbourg and John Paiwan, of Mabuia descent, had a combined art stall.

"There has been a lot of people here and it is good that our culture is on show," Mr Paiwan said.

An estimated 50,000 people were there over the five days and organiser Dr Farvardin Daliri told the *Koori Mail* it was the most successful fest on record.



Robbie Congoo from Gladstone was in the Global Village.



Salomee Babia of Badu, Moa and Saibai descent, holding food, with her brother George and niece Ava Passi-Savage, 3.



Tori Weka and Lausi Weka at their stall in the Global Village.



Police liaison officers Ngaire Nogar and Zane Prior at the Cultural Fest.



Aboriginal artist Uncle Brian Fisher, left, and Torres Strait Islands man John Paiwan had an art stall.



Naianga Tamwoy in front of her Naianga's Kai food stall which proved popular.

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# Huge mural transforms station



QUEENSLAND Rail has teamed up with Aboriginal artist Lloyd Hornsby Gawura and students from Caboolture High School to transform the walls of Caboolture railway station.

The station's new 47m artwork focuses on the history and cultural heritage of the Caboolture region.

Local MP Rick Williams said the mural was a welcome addition to the station.

"It's fantastic to see what the students were able to achieve after they collaborated with Lloyd. The vibrant and creative artwork is certainly something for all involved to be proud of," he said.

Mr Hornsby Gawura said the mural depicts the pathway to the Bunya Mountains.

"The Bunya Mountains were formed about 30 million years ago and are thought to be the remains of an old shield volcano," he said.

"Every four years, coinciding with the fruiting cycle of the bunya pine, tribes from 37 nations came together for celebration and a gathering.

"The tribes came from as far south as South Australia, along the eastern seaboard, from as far north as the cape and out to the Northern Territory border.

"A selected member from each nation, along with their family, would travel to this special place to celebrate and to discuss Aboriginal customary law relating to the systems and practices amongst Aboriginal Australians which have developed over time from accepted moral norms in Aboriginal societies, and which regulate human behaviour, mandate specific sanctions for non-compliance, and connect people with the land and with each other, through a system of relationships."



Artist Lloyd Hornsby Gawura stands in front of the mural at Caboolture railway station in south-east Queensland.

# NSW Governor visits Awabakal

By BRITTA LYSTER



ONE of Australia's oldest community organisations

has shown its services and programs to NSW Governor David Hurley.

Late last month, General Hurley and his wife Linda met with Newcastle-based Awabakal Medical Service staff, clients, local Elders and program partners.

Awabakal chief executive Raylene Gordon said she felt the visit was a genuine effort on behalf of the Governor and his wife to interact with an Indigenous community organisation on a grassroots level.

"Mr Hurley and his wife both seemed really genuinely interested and he took the time to speak with our program staff and interacted with several Elders who had been invited to attend," Ms Gordon said.

"With all the cuts to funding and the changes to reporting at Awabakal we are really into innovation and doing things outside the box, so we were able to show him some of that and also highlight some of the partnerships we have



NSW Governor David Hurley and his wife Linda (at rear) with officials and staff at the Awabakal Medical Centre in Newcastle.

established, including the Cancer Council and also introduced him to leading Indigenous ear, nose and throat specialist Professor Kelvin Kong."

Awabakal, established as a cooperative in 1977, now caters to Indigenous people in Newcastle, Port Stephens, Lake Macquarie and the Lower Hunter region.

Ms Gordon said the Governor's visit provided the

opportunity to not only highlight the positive and innovative programs run through the centre – including the Deadly Dolphins swimming program, the L'il Mike Hearing Health program and the Kurra Kong Men's Group – but also the more challenging aspects of health issues in the Hunter area, including a campaign about the drug ice.

"We showed him the warm

and fluffy but we also showed him the really hard-hitting stuff that we are trying to tackle, so we took the opportunity to really show the Governor everything," Ms Gordon said.

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The 2015 ACAR Essential Guide is available and provides information on the assessment process, guidance on completing the application form(s), and incorporates the 2015 Regional Distribution of Aged Care Places that identifies where places are being offered in this year's ACAR and any geographic locations, key issues or special needs groups that are the focus of this round.

The Essential Guide, application forms, and the Questions and Answers for the 2015 ACAR, as well as additional guidance material for culturally and linguistically diverse applicants, can be downloaded from the Department of Social Services website at [www.dss.gov.au/2015ACAR](http://www.dss.gov.au/2015ACAR).

Applicants are encouraged to submit their completed forms in the electronic format detailed in the Essential Guide.

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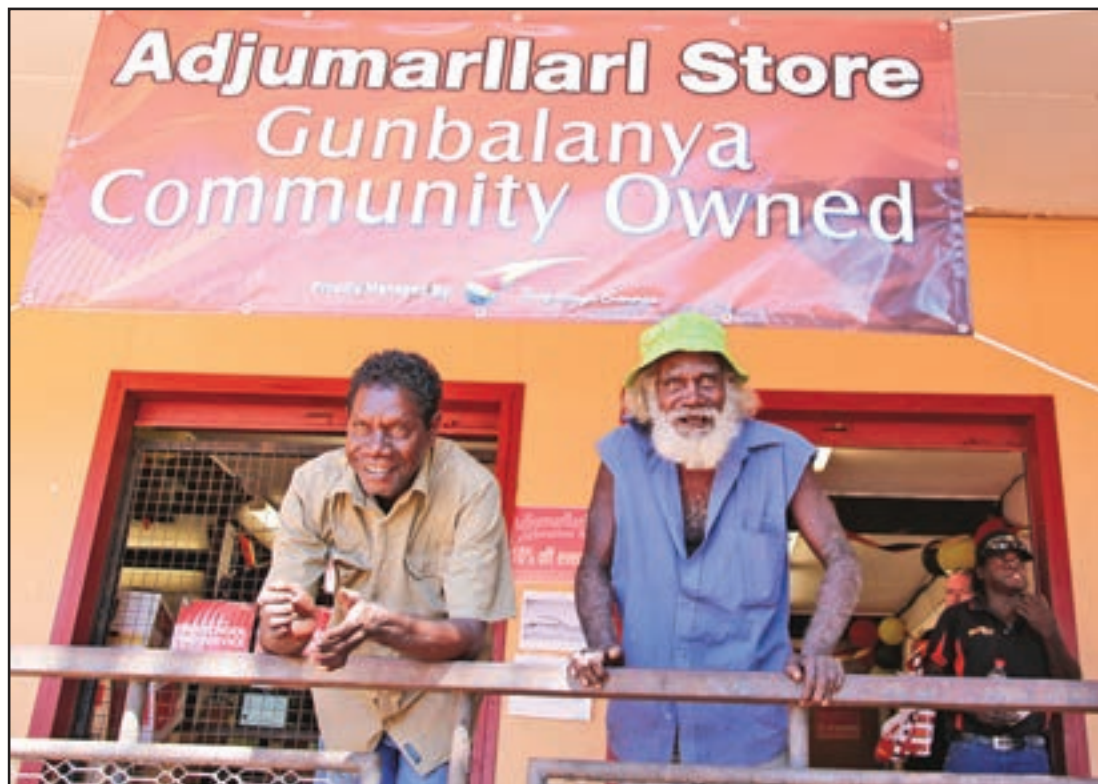
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At the store opening are Isaiah Nagurrurrba, left, and Mangrog Nabegeyo. Mr Nabegeyo helped to build Adjumarllarl Store in the 1970s. Photo courtesy of Francine Chinn

# Store returns under control of local hands



THE Aboriginal people of Gunbalanya in the Top End have celebrated the return of their store to local ownership following a five-year campaign.

Store licence holders Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) hosted a community barbecue sponsored by the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA), which manages store operations.

Celebrations included discounts on goods and giveaways during the day and an evening of dancing and singing.

Originally built by the local church with community labour, the Gunbalanya Store was absorbed into the West Arnhem Regional Council under the 2008 amalgamations, as were a number of other stores across the Northern Territory. This is one of the last stores to be divested back to the community.

AAC chair Andrew Maralngurra said the organisation was set up in 2012 to take on a community development role after consultation around the management of the store.

"We are all very proud now the store is back in local hands," he said. "We have been working very hard to lead the way for our community and to make sure everyone can receive the benefits from our new business and services."

"Taking on the store licence has meant Adjumarllarl can now take up an Aboriginal Benefits Account grant to build a new store, which has been sitting there for a number of years awaiting its return to community ownership."

"So it's a very exciting time ahead and we want to make sure this construction leads to more local jobs and skills."

Early this year, AAC was awarded a lease over the store site under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* – a major step in securing the store as an asset for the community.

The corporation also recently obtained funding as a facilitating partner under the Federal Government's Stronger Communities for Children program. This will bring more than \$2 million into the community for services designed by local community groups to improve education, family health and safety.

# Funds for research into alcohol harm to infants



THE WA Government has allocated \$195,000 to fund clinical research into a major factor behind juvenile crime – foetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD).

Acting Corrective Services Minister Liza Harvey said the grant would enable the University of Western Australia-based Fastrack Clinic to conduct training, research and assessment in young people under the age of 18.

"Young people with FASD are more likely to end up on the wrong side of the law and are at higher risk of developing other conditions such as drug and alcohol addiction," she said.

"Children with FASD may experience impulsive behaviour, language and speech difficulties and problems with learning, sight and hearing. It's a form of brain damage that is a lifelong condition."

The funding was approved by the Youth Justice Board, which was established in

2014 to identify innovative programs to tackle juvenile crime, especially among young Aboriginal people.

Mrs Harvey said Fastrack's role would include providing care plans to FASD children, building a clinical database for researchers and helping mothers reduce alcohol intake during pregnancy.

"This work, coupled with research by the Telethon Kids Institute, will increase our capacity to assess FASD and deliver treatment and prevention measures," she said.





Cape York mayors during their recent meeting in Napranum with Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk.

# Cape mayors say their alliance is paying dividends

By CHRISTINE HOWES



INDIGENOUS mayors across Cape York have been working together in an alliance they hope will bring results to their communities – and they have succeeded, Lockhart River Mayor Wayne Butcher says.

Cr Butcher is also the chair of CIMA (Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance), which he says is all about unity.

“We all have similar issues,” he said. “We all get funded the same bucket of money (from the Commonwealth and Queensland), so we learn from each other how to do things better.”

“In the three years we’ve done it, we’ve actually got results. One of the key results is lobbying the Government to become the principal contractor in the roll-out of all the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing programs.

“So all those social houses that are being rolled out, new constructions, major upgrades, some of the minor upgrades and the maintenance of all houses, we are the principal contractor, we get the first offer if we want to do it or not. If we choose not to, we do what we can and then we tender the rest out.”

“And that has made a big difference, especially with the type of houses that get built.”

Cr Butcher said an offshoot of CIMA, the Peninsula Business Alliance (PBA), was also working on securing the same deal for road contracting across the region.

He said more than \$252 million was

already on the table for contractors.

“\$52 million of that is meant for our community roads, so that’s money that’s going directly between all the Indigenous shires on Cape York,” Cr Butcher said.

He said the formation of the PBA was to ensure Indigenous business in civil construction on Cape York could take advantage of the opportunities.

“And that goes towards their skills in civil construction but also an opportunity to skill people in the other aspects of the area in civil construction, like building culverts,” he said.

**“We’ve certainly put up a few of our proposals to (Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk) about some of the funding schemes, and there’s a lot of long-running issues there that we brought to her attention.”**

**– Mapoon Mayor Peter Guivarra**

Cr Butcher said a recent meeting in Napranum with Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk gave CIMA the opportunity to raise the issue of government-run stores in communities.

“The retail stores are an ongoing saga with government. It’s just like a hot potato, always in the hard basket and always at the bottom of the pile – no one wants to touch it,” he said.

“We’ve been pushing now for nearly 30 years on getting community control over the retail stores. They are worth a lot of money.”

“The six stores in Queensland still owned by the Government turn over an average of \$24 million a year that comes out of our communities, and that’s the last thing you want.”

“I think the beauty of offering solutions ... from your side after identifying issues is a great advantage.”

Mapoon Mayor Peter Guivarra said the council leaders had welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Premier.

“She met with 10 regional mayors here and some from down south too,” he said.

“We’ve certainly put up a few of our proposals to her about some of the funding schemes, and there’s a lot of long-running issues there that we brought to her attention.”

“Hopefully we can get more favourable response in those areas, most certainly around economic development. We are demanding it, actually.”

“We lived here all our lives and we know that’s the only thing that’s going to get us out of this jam.”

“That’s how the world goes around, and we want to be part of that world.”

Ms Palaszczuk said it had been a positive meeting.

“This is how I understand community issues – by speaking directly with community,” she said.

“I look forward to more discussions with Cape leaders in the future about the issues that affect them.”

## NT tourism council to give advice



A NEW tourism advisory council formed to develop and enhance Indigenous business opportunities in the Northern Territory

has held its first meeting.

Chief Minister and Tourism Minister Adam Giles said the council included representatives from the industry, land councils and Tourism NT who will work to develop sustainable and prosperous Indigenous tourism.

“My government is working hard to support economic development in remote areas by building the capacity of Aboriginal communities so they can take full advantage of business and job opportunities,” he said.

“We already have some exceptional Indigenous tourism products in the NT, but there is more work to be done to fully capitalise on international and domestic visitors’ continuing thirst for authentic Indigenous experiences.”

Mr Giles said the advisory council will help to identify ways to enhance new and existing businesses, as well as opportunities for access to Aboriginal land and communities where there is a willingness to be involved in the tourism industry.

“Tourism is already the Territory’s biggest employer, providing jobs for around 16,000 people, but we want the industry to grow even more and that’s why we’ve made the largest government investment in tourism infrastructure in the Territory’s history,” Mr Giles said, referring to the new \$4.75 million Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund.

## TSRA and PBCs in agreement



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has signed its first two memorandums of understanding (MOU) with

registered native title body corporates (PBC) for funding under a fee-for-service model.

The MOUs with the Mer Gedkem Le and Mura Badulgal PBCs means funding for support, operations and capacity building will be given by the TSRA in return for services provided by those PBCs either to the TSRA, to their communities or to other PBCs in the region.

TSRA acting chairperson Aven S Noah said the Mer and Badu PBCs are the first to change their funding from being totally dependent on grants to earning the funds required for operational activities.

“The MOUs signify positive steps towards realising self-determination in the management of traditional land and sea country,” he said.

The MOUs are for three years and will be reviewed annually by each party.



# Moree Boomerangs celebrate



Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and Boomerangs A Grade Coach Chris Binge.



Moree Boomerangs players and committee members past and present.



Lloyd Munro and Moree Boomerangs president Mitchell Johnson.



Local band Backroad Connections performs.

Pictures by NAOMI MORAN



THE Moree Boomerangs celebrated 90 years of rugby league recently with a dinner at the Moree Town Hall.

Lyall Munro Jnr shared the history of the club on the night with the large crowd of around 100 people.

Current first grade coach Chris Binge acknowledged past and present players and the huge contribution they'd made to the club.

The Boomerangs are vying for their third consecutive Group 19 A Grade grand final this season.

The night was attended by the club's life members, past and present male and female players, past and present committee members, the local community and supporters.



Brian Saunders and Jeremy Smith.



Boomerangs life members, from left, Doug McGrady, William Pitt, Lyall Munro Snr and Godfrey Swan Snr.



Past Boomerangs player Warren Sampson with his son and current player Zackery Sampson.



Corinna Dahlstrom and Anthony Robinson.



Trevor Connors, Peter Roberts and Leo Saunders.



Maria Sines and Gary Binge.



# 90 years of rugby league



Moree Boomerangs women's players with club life members Doug McGrady and Lyall Munro Snr.



Glen Crump, Valmai Pitt and Trent Duncan.



Selwyn Benge, James Smith and Damian Smith.



Dave Green, Colin Hammond and Jason Saunders.



Blossom Pitt, Katie Smith and Crystal Duncan.



Chris Roberts, Gaye Roberts and Paul 'Ringside' Craigie.



George Copeland, Brian Saunders Snr and Ian Swan.



Tameaka Smith, Angela Ralph, Lizzie Swan, Tammy Green and Marilyn Swan.



Shiona Weatherall and Bianca Wells.



Cheryl Simpson and Debbie Swan.



Donna Taylor, Shirley Lomas, Joselyn Smith and Carol Duke.



# NSW Aboriginal Land Council



Western Region group photo.



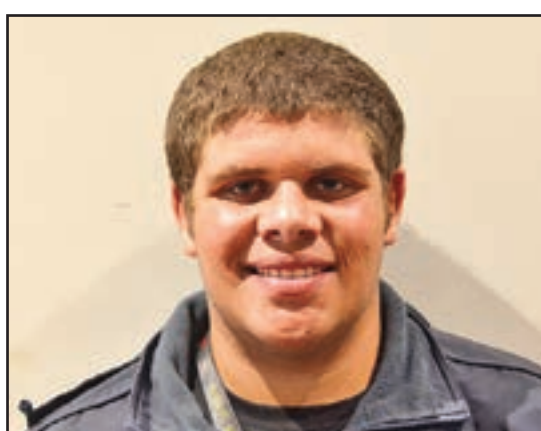
Lady Sandra O'Regan and keynote speaker Maori Elder Sir Ta Tipene O'Regan, from New Zealand.



NTSCorp staff, from left, Nikayla Sines, Sam Cherian, Madison Rotumah and Natalie Rugiano.



Diane Rutherford, Yvette Pacey and Michelle Donovan.



Cody Walker, from Yamba.



Noel Walker and Tolly Walker, from Baryulgil.



Shane Carriage, Paul Keith and Fred Carriage, from Ulladulla LALC.



Denise Williams, North Coast State councillor Tina Williams, Wendy Morgan and Aunty Eileen Morgan.



# annual statewide conference



Delegates from the Far North Coast Region.

Pictures by MELISSA BOLT



REPRESENTATIVES from the 120 Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) in NSW attended the statewide conference in the Hunter Valley last week.

NSWALC chair Craig Cromelin said this year's conference theme was "Our Land Council, Our Mob, Our Future".

"The statewide conference is an opportunity for the land rights network to take time out from the day-to-day business agenda and set aside time to think strategically and creatively about our future," he said.

Panel discussions and seminars included talks

about the future of land rights, economic development, culture and heritage.

Keynote speaker Sir Ta Tipene O'Regan – a Kaumatua (Elder) of the Ngai Tahu tribe in New Zealand – spoke about his experiences in building an economic base while enriching culture.

Other speakers included NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Leslie Williams and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.

NSWALC elections will be held on Saturday, October 31.

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



Vince Hall and Natalie Bolt from Forster LALC.



Priscilla and Joan Bell from Jubullum LALC.



Sally Skyrig, Sean Gordon, North West Region councillor Anne Dennis and Aden Ridgeway.



Ross Hampton and Ann Weldon.



Far Western Region councillor Des Jones, NTS Corp chief executive Natalie Rotumah and NTS Corp community facilitation manager Neville Kim.



Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council's Jenny Thwaites and Tibooburra Local Aboriginal Land Council's Jody Whitehair.





Participating in Seasons for Healing in Dubbo are, back, from left, Claude Hall, Trudy Hanson, Ricky Knight and Joe Gordon. Front, from left, Trixie Watts, Alex Carr, Emma Nolan, Iris Doyle and Jesseka Flakelar.

## Support to deal with loss and grief



A NEW program run by the National Association for Loss and Grief (NALAG) Centre in Dubbo is helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people dealing with issues of loss and grief.

Seasons for Healing is a culturally appropriate small group education program that examines the impact of changes such as death, separation, divorce, and natural disaster upon lives, and how we can learn to live with and grow from these experiences.

Aboriginal staff from Neami

National (mental health services) in Dubbo have been trained in the program and are keen to hear from anyone in the area who would like to take part.

For more information contact NALAG Centre for Loss and Grief on (03) 6882 9222, or on their website [www.nalag.org.au](http://www.nalag.org.au)

# Organ donors sought



COMMUNITY advocacy group ShareLife has warned that the low rate of organ donation in Australia is impacting hardest on Indigenous Australians.

In 2012-13, 18% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged over 18 years had indicators of chronic kidney disease. About 2.6% of Indigenous Australians get a transplant each year compared to about 12.2% of non-Indigenous Australians.

So not only is demand for organ transplants higher amongst Indigenous Australians, but the supply is lower.

Sharelife is reform group made up of business professionals and medical experts who want to see organ donation rates in Australia lifted to world-leading standards.

ShareLife director Brian Myerson said initiatives over the last two decades had a very limited impact on organ donation rates.

"This tactic clearly isn't working, as we're still ranked 20th in the world despite the commendable political will to change that," he said.

The targets set out in 2008

included reaching 72.6 transplant recipients per million of population by 2012. The latest analysis shows the number of yearly transplant recipients per million of population has only moved from 39.4 in December 2008 to 45.8 in June 2015, an increase of only 2.5% per year.

In May this year, Assistant Health Minister Senator Fiona Nash announced an inquiry into the management of the National Reform Program for Organ Donation, which was supposed to make Australia a "world leader" in organ donation.

It aims to transform Australia's in-hospital organ donation systems to look more like the leading countries such as Spain and Croatia, which have double Australia's donation rate.

But advocacy groups say that the processes used in our hospitals don't bear much similarity to those of the leading countries.

"We need government to stand up against entrenched practices and make changes that will enable real reform, for the sake of the one in five Indigenous Australians who have indicators of chronic kidney disease, and the thousands of others whose lives could be transformed through the gift of a transplant," Mr Myerson said.

## Campaign to target funeral scammers



CONSUMER Protection in Western Australia has launched a campaign to help prevent Indigenous consumers from signing up for funeral plans that can be expensive, complex and not suitable for their needs.

WA Commissioner for Consumer Protection Anne Driscoll said the Avoid a Funeral R.I.P-off campaign provides advice for Indigenous Australians about their rights under Australian consumer law before buying a funeral plan or funeral cover.

"Indigenous consumers are losing significant amounts of money on funeral products, where they have not understood the contract and the costs involved," she said.

"Some consumers have signed up for funeral insurance without realising that, if they can't make all

of the scheduled payments, then the policy may be cancelled and they lose all of the money they have already paid."

She also said some Indigenous consumers are not be aware that they may be entitled to community or government bereavement payments to help pay for the cost of a funeral.

A new video highlights the pros and cons of the various options available to pay for a funeral and helps consumers to make informed choices when purchasing funeral products and services.

The video can be seen on the Consumer Protection website at [www.commerce.wa.gov.au/cp/funerals](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/cp/funerals).

Consumers with funeral product concerns are encouraged to contact Consumer Protection by emailing [consumer@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@commerce.wa.gov.au) or by calling 1300 30 40 54.

## Aged care support packages available



Margaret Da Silva of Narrabeen has been on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island (ATSI) specific Home Care package for over a year after having operations on both eyes, both knees and abdominal surgery.



COMMUNITY Care Northern Beaches (CCNB) is providing subsidised home care packages that cater to the needs of Australia's First Peoples living in Northern Sydney.

After being assessed as eligible by an aged care assessment team, support can be tailored to an individual's needs. They will also choose the amount of control they wish to have over the management and organisation of their care package.

Clients will have an individual budget according to their assessed needs. A monthly income and expenditure statement will be provided so they can easily see whether their spending on services is within their budget. They can also have the option of working with someone who will help them to manage the budget.

The types of services provided under a home-care package will vary according to individual needs, but may include:

- allied health services;
- maintaining health and wellbeing;
- household assistance;
- nursing services; and
- personal care.

For more information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged care packages, phone (02) 9998 2900 or visit [www.ccnb.com.au](http://www.ccnb.com.au)



## Deadly divas to showcase songs



Desert Divas mentor Cassandra Williams supports young Diva Kylla Pepperill at the 2014 Bush Bands Bash.



MUSICNT is seeking Indigenous female musicians, singers, songwriters, rappers and performers from Central Australia to play with the Desert

Divas at the 2015 Bush Bands Bash in Alice Springs on September 5.

Desert Divas provides aspiring and established female musicians with workshops in songwriting, singing, performing and music industry. Participants then put what they've learnt into practice by performing their songs in a showcase at the Bush Bands Bash at Snow Kenna Park.

The Desert Divas began in 2010 in Alice Springs with six participants. In 2013 the Divas program expanded to cover all the Northern Territory, featuring the Saltwater Divas in Darwin and Barkly Divas in Tennant Creek.

Participant numbers have increased every year.

Alice Springs singer/songwriter Catherine Satour, one of the leaders in the inaugural Divas program, said she was proud with how the program had grown.

"Divas is now Territory-wide and it's because of the diverse and incredibly talented young women who begin their musical journey through the program," she said.

"Divas is the program for women who want to create, express, explore and build opportunities in music supported by our communities, the Territory music industry and mentors."

This year's Desert Divas mentors are Mandy Garling, Jacinta Price, Katie Harder, Edi Donald, Cassandra Williams (assistant) and Kirra Voller (trainee coordinator).

Registrations are essential at [www.musicnt.com.au/divas](http://www.musicnt.com.au/divas)



The opening of *Yellowcake Country*, an exhibition about uranium mining.

## Artists inspired by yellowcake



ARTISTS in WA have marked the fifth anniversary of the Walkatjorra Walkabout – a four-week journey through the desert

to highlight concerns about uranium mining – with a new exhibition *Yellowcake Country*.

The exhibition features an eclectic mix of sculpture, photography, stencils and

painting to reflect the environment, industrialisation, peace and resistance.

The Walkatjorra Walkabout departed from Wiluna on August 16 and will arrive at Leonora on September 19. It brings together traditional owners and others concerned about uranium mining.

Both the exhibition and the walk are organised by WA Nuclear Free Alliance (WANFA),

an Aboriginal-led alliance working with communities on education and support around nuclear issues, chaired by Kado Muir.

"We are happy to be celebrating five years of holding the line and keeping uranium in the ground," Mr Muir said.

The *Yellowcake Country* exhibition runs until August 31 at Fremantle's Moores Building Contemporary Art Gallery.



A scene from *Putuparri and the Rainmakers*, one of the films featured at CinefestOZ.

## Feast of Indigenous film at CinefestOZ



THE focus will be on Indigenous film and culture today (August 26) at the CinéfestOZ Film Festival.

Held in and around Busselton in Western

Australia, the annual festival includes award-winning, established and emerging Indigenous filmmakers.

Today's IndigifestOZ Cultural Day celebrates Aboriginal culture through film, art, music and food.

Events include bush foods and interactive Indigenous activities at Busselton's Art Geo Cultural Precinct.

From August 27, Indigenous short films will be incorporated into free community screenings in Bunbury, Busselton,

Dunsborough, Margaret River and Augusta.

On August 30, the Side Bar Indigenous Showcase at Caves House will feature short films. Other events with exclusive Indigenous content are detailed in the program at [www.cinefestoz.com](http://www.cinefestoz.com)



# Jono's Reality Check

By ANDY PARKS



EMERGING hip hop artist Eskatology hopes his upcoming album *Reality Check* will propel him and his music into the spotlight of the Australian scene. "I'm hoping to project myself a bit more... gain a bit of notoriety and be respected professionally," he said.

"A few more festivals and tours, collaborating with different artists, mixing different styles with hip hop."

Eskatology's first EP *Conscious Reality* came out in 2008 with help from an Arts SA grant and he followed it up in 2012 with *Eskape Reality* and *A Dose of Reality* in 2013. In between he has performed over 100 live shows including some big supports for US star Xzibit and Torres Strait hip-hop artist Mau Power.

Eskatology means 'the end of all things' and the person behind the moniker is Ngarrindjeri man Jono Stier.

He grew up in Port Augusta, north of Adelaide and moved to the big city when he was about 20. He said he started writing when he was about 11 or 12 years old as a way of expressing himself.

"I used to hold feelings within

and I found writing was very therapeutic for me," he said.

He first discovered hip hop listening to an old NWA tape that his cousin put him on to.

"I loved the messages they were putting out; writing about poverty, being black and loving it – that's when I started writing my own stuff," he said.

Eskatology said he draws inspiration from his life experience and he likes to write about the things that other people go through.

"The challenges that people face in life inspire me to write. I want to shed a light," he said.

"I write a lot of political stuff, about the rights of Aboriginal people, racism, our traditions. Music is a vehicle for social change, political awareness, and spiritual thought."

*Reality Check* will be the last in his 'Reality series' and he said he's enjoyed having the chance to collaborate with different artists.

One of his latest songs, *Colour Lines*, features the vocals of Bianca Levai, who he first saw performing with the CASM Soul Band.

"That song came together really well. It's about how we're racially divided and I was looking to connect with someone and Bianca was just fantastic."

Find out more at [www.eskatology.net/](http://www.eskatology.net/)



Hip hop artist Jono Stier aka Eskatology

## Music helps battle

By ANDY PARKS



A REFORMING ice dealer and addict said the power of hip hop is helping him to get his life back on the straight and narrow. Wayne Noble-Hegargy (21) and his brother Duncan (22) have written and recorded 26 tracks in the last couple of years, using a \$450 laptop and a \$200 microphone.

Wayne said he is trying to recover from years of addiction now that he has a baby son and found writing helps keep him stable.

"Hip hop is what it's all about. I get off on that now. That's what I'm trying to pursue. That's my addiction now," he said.

"There's thousands of us (addicts) who want a change in life. I'm trying to get the word out there that we need to look at the youth (who are) slowly killing themselves with drugs."

Wayne is a Kungunji man from Yarrabah community near Cairns in far north Queensland. His family moved to Gympie when he was 15 and he became exposed to drugs and started selling to support his own habit.

He is currently on probation for some vandalism and graffiti charges and said he is more



Wayne and Duncan Noble-Hegargy

determined than ever to stay out of jail and stay positive.

"I've got to pick myself back up. It's time to turn around," he said.

Wayne, a concreter by trade, said sitting on the couch with a pen and paper and getting lyrics down is the best feeling he knows.

"It's like a break from Earth, you're in your own realm," he said. "No-one can defeat you."

"It's an unbelievable feeling. What I can't say in

words, I can say in a rap."

Wayne and Duncan have uploaded a couple of songs onto Youtube and are hoping to find a way to get some better equipment and a bit of help getting their music uploaded.

"It's like building, you need the footings and a structure before you can build something," he said.

Check out the song *Nightmare* at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?ns=fb&v=t9SSehsQ5VE>

## Exhibition reveals rare stone relics



A RARE collection of Aboriginal stone tools showing technologies that date back 20,000 years will be on display as part of a new exhibition at the University of Sydney's Macleay Museum.

*Written in Stone* curator Matt Poll said the exhibition reveals the significance of stone tools to Aboriginal culture and identity, past and present. Among the 600 treasures on display are axes, blades, needles and grindstones, collected from across Australia.

Stone played a pivotal role not only as a practical tool but also as a marker of shared cultural knowledge. Examining these implements today reveals a wealth of information of the experience and everyday lives of Aboriginal people in ancient Australia.

*Written in Stone* celebrates the remarkable ingenuity and resilience of Aboriginal people as they migrated across the continent, adapting their tool-making techniques over many millennia in response to the changing environment.



An unidentified stone tool from Santa Teresa, Northern Territory. Picture: Carl Bento

The exhibition will also feature a special October school holiday program, which will include hands-on activities using 3D-printed models of the stone tools on display.

Entry is free and the exhibition runs at the Macleay Museum until August next year.



# Stock stories on show



The survey helicopter at Natawalu (Well 40) with, from left, Wimmitji Tjapangarti, Mickey Candle, Ngangu, Brandy Tjungurrayi and Dick Cowboy in 1957. Picture: John Veevers, John Veevers Collection, Audiovisual Archive, AIATSIS



Old Days of the Stockmen, 2012, by Mervyn Street, Mangkaja Arts.



Wirlki ('number 7' boomerang). Picture: Jason McCarthy, National Museum of Australia



Nyar, 2007, by Brandy Tjungurrayi, Warlayirti Artists.



Right: Canning Stock Route Country, 2007, by Clifford Brooks, Birriliburu Artists.



A NATIONAL Museum of Australia (NMA) exhibition reimagines the world's longest historic stock route through the paintings of the Aboriginal people whose land it cuts through.

*Kaninjaku: Stories from the Canning Stock Route* explores the history of Western Australia's Canning Stock Route, built between 1906 and 1910 to bring cattle from the Kimberley in the state's north to the mining populations in the south.

"The exhibition is about an Aboriginal interpretation of Australian history, told through the prism of that one road," ANU

anthropologist Dr John Carty, who curates the exhibition, said.

"*Kaninjaku* is a story of how history unfolded in the 20th century for Western Desert people. It explores how one droving road impacted Aboriginal life, law and ecology in different ways.

"It is a story told through art, but it is also a story about where that art comes from."

*Kaninjaku: Stories from the Canning Stock Route* is a follow-up to a 2010 exhibition of the Canning Stock Route collection, *Yiwarra Kuj*, which drew a record attendance for the NMA.

*Kaninjaku: Stories from the Canning Stock Route* is on show in the Focus Gallery at the NMA in Canberra.

# Learn song and dance at NAISDA



NAISDA Dance College is looking for tomorrow's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and has extended its audition applications for study in 2016 until October 9.

NAISDA recently held their 2015 mid-year show *Come we all Dance* (Gayi Ngiyang Nhangara in Darkinjung language), which included traditional songs and dances from Moa Island in the Torres Strait and contemporary works.

Contemporary works were created in collaboration between guest Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists and NAISDA developing artists.

A number of NAISDA's developing artists also choreographed and performed their own works as well as creating music for the performances.

Choreography was inspired by various themes and moments in time

including Medieval France, equilibrium (yin and yang), flashbacks to young love before a loving husband passes, body image, DNA that binds us together, closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, change and making the right choices in life, country music connecting young people to their family and home, the relationship that women have with the sea and cultural dances from Wug Village, Moa Island, in the Torres Strait.

NAISDA will be auditioning for developing artists from November 30 to December 4 for those seeking to study in 2016. Audition applications close on October 9.

Abstudy can assist eligible participants with their travel and accommodation costs.

For more information download the NAISDA audition pack at [www.naisda.com.au](http://www.naisda.com.au) or phone 1800 117 116.



One of the dances from Moa Island in the Torres Strait, performed at *Come we all Dance* (Gayi Ngiyang Nhangara in Darkinjung language), NAISDA's mid-year show.



# World class educators



THE Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle has received Australia's first World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) accreditation.

WINHEC provides an international forum and support for Indigenous people to attain common goals through higher education, and Wollotuka director Leanne Holt says this accreditation ensures it can work with Indigenous leaders to highlight the importance of education while enhancing and protecting Indigenous beliefs.

"We are extremely excited about the accreditation and that our leadership in Indigenous higher education is being recognised internationally," she said.

"The opportunities for cultural academic and research exchange as well as the building of networks and relationships with Indigenous nations globally are endless."

The accreditation process started with a letter of intent in 2012, a presentation of Wollotuka Cultural Standards in 2013, a self study in 2014 in Hawaii and an accreditation site visit in May 2015.

"When the panel visited Wollotuka they commented that our practice and environment was the best they'd seen anywhere in the world," Ms Holt said.

The accreditation process outlines 21 criteria in which institutions are assessed against, and informed by, their own local 'cultural standards'.

Wollotuka says its cultural standards are defined in five key areas: respect and honouring (ngarralin marrung), community responsiveness (ngiyang ngangalidhi), cultural celebration (guthi wangga), academic and research (djuwal ngarralgu), and inter-institutional relationships (bula wiyawiyelli).

The accreditation was awarded during a ceremony this month at Seven Generations Education Institute, in Ontario, Canada.

A highlight of that ceremony was the conferring of an honorary doctorate on Elder Aunty Colleen Perry, who was part of the Wollotuka accreditation team.



Elders and staff at the University of Newcastle's Wollotuka Institute.

# High schoolers tackle engineering problems



STUDENTS from Wadja Wadja Aboriginal Community High School in Woorabinda have been

shown opportunities in the resources sector through an initiative by the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) and Anglo American.

They were taking part in 'Hands On Our Future', a half-day event aimed at Year 9 and 10 students.

During the event, students worked in groups to complete a series of hands-on activities around the different skills required by mechanics and engineers.

Industry professionals from Anglo American were on hand to mentor and inform the students.

"The support provided by Anglo American has been invaluable in providing insights into the industry and the potential pathways that are available for students destined for both trade and professional



Year 10 students Lauryn Hill and Madeline Richardson and Year 9 student Patreece McLean work on an engineering challenge.

careers," QMEA director Katrina-Lee Jones said.

A virtual academy of 34 Queensland schools, the

QMEA provides information on careers in the resources sector.

The academy is an

industry/education partnership between the Queensland Resources Council and the Queensland Government.

# Uni enrolments rise



NEW data show Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments at university in 2014 increased by 9.7% from the previous year. Federal Education Minister Christopher Pyne said it was a

fantastic result.

"And absolutely essential if we want to close the gap that exists between the health, education and employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," he said.

The data was released in the Selected Higher Education Statistics 2014 Student Data – Full Year report which showed 1,373,230 students were enrolled in higher education in 2014, which is up 4.5% across the country on 2013.

# Playgroup with vision



ABORIGINAL families with young children in the Derby region of Western Australia will now be able to access an early years playgroup service.

WA Community Services Minister Tony Simpson said the Government had provided \$150,000 to World Vision to set up and run the service.

"World Vision's Bubanil Playgroup will build on the cultural strengths of Aboriginal families to help them meet the needs of their children aged from pre-birth to five years," he said.

"The playgroup is an informal and comfortable meeting space where families and their young children can play and learn together while supported and guided by qualified early years staff."

With Aboriginal children making up 85% of children in the West Kimberley, and more than 25% of Derby children considered to be developmentally vulnerable, Mr Simpson said the State Government was focused on ensuring Aboriginal children received the best possible start in life.



# USC leading the way



**INDIGENOUS** education leaders will gather at the University of the Sunshine Coast on August 29 for the ninth annual Indigenous Education Symposium.

With the theme 'Education is the way', the symposium will explore ways to work effectively together with the Indigenous community. It is open to all educators, students and interested people.

The event will include keynote addresses from some of Australia's most prominent Indigenous education academics, as well as presentations on education, social work, psychology, nursing and business/accounting.

USC Indigenous services student advisor Nicole Copley will discuss the approaches used by the university to teach Indigenous students.

"I'll be speaking about the

strategies and practices we use at the Buranga Centre to engage our Indigenous students, which can be quite different to the strategies for non-Indigenous students," she said.

"Offering a culturally safe space and community helps give them a sense of belonging."

The all-day event will also feature the work of local Indigenous artists.

USC Elder on Campus Aunty Judi Wickes, who is organising the symposium, said it was significant that all 19 speakers were Indigenous university graduates.

"It's fantastic that the symposium will feature highly educated Indigenous professionals, and ensure the Indigenous voice is at the forefront rather than simply being a subject," she said.

For more information, contact USC's Buranga Centre on (07) 5456 5889 or email [Indigenous\\_Services@usc.edu.au](mailto:Indigenous_Services@usc.edu.au)



USC Elder on Campus Aunty Judi Wickes is organising the symposium.

# Course makes students stronger



**THE Stronger Smarter Institute** is celebrating 2000 participants passing through its flagship leadership program at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney.

For 10 years the Stronger Smarter Institute has collaborated with educators, school leaders and Indigenous community leaders to create better educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across our country.

Stronger Smarter Institute chief executive Darren Godwell said the milestone was important for many reasons.

"It's a measure of our commitment and our serious efforts," he said.

"We believe every Indigenous student is deserving of a great education, no matter where they attend school. And to get to that goal requires work, hard work."

The 2000 people who have attended the Stronger Smarter Leadership Program include Indigenous community leaders, school support staff, educators and principals from 530 schools from across the nation.

"It's our estimation that on a school day those 2000 Stronger Smarter participants are shaping the classrooms of over 38,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across Australia," Mr Godwell said.

"On these numbers alone the Institute is Australia's largest Indigenous initiative in education, (and) then there's the positive impacts and changed lives."



More than 2000 people have participated in the Stronger Smarter Institute's leadership program, including this group of Indigenous educators who did the course at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence in Redfern last week.

# Scholarships for community minded



**TWO** Aboriginal South Australians who hope to work in their communities have been named as the joint recipients of this year's Terry Roberts Memorial Scholarship. SA Higher Education Minister Gail Gago said the selection panel unanimously agreed to award two scholarships, rather than one, to Christine Abdulla and Nola Davey.

The Terry Roberts Scholarship, established in 2007 in memory of the late Minister for Aboriginal

Affairs, provides \$2000 annually for up to four years to assist recipients with their study and living expenses.

"Both Nola and Christine have a strong desire to help and transform their communities, and their work will honour Terry and his vision to help the Aboriginal people of South Australia thrive through education," Ms Gago said.

SA Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Kyam Maher presented Ms Abdulla and Ms Davey with their first cheques.

"This year's recipients are

inspiring in their commitment to their studies and their desire to give back to their communities through stories, activism and medicine," Mr Maher said.

Ms Abdulla, 61, of Cheltenham, is in her second year of a Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology) at the University of Adelaide, and aims to undertake a doctorate and document Indigenous history.

"My mother is Ngarrindjeri and my father is an Afghan," she said.

"I would love to trace my father's ancestry back through anthropology. He is from the old

cameleers who came to the Australian outback.

"I would also love to write children's Dreamtime stories in my own language, and I am an activist so I will always be active in rights for our people."

"Being older and studying, it helps you appreciate and value what you are learning. We all learn from each other."

Ms Davey, 34, of Mansfield Park, is currently completing the University Preparatory Program at the University of Adelaide, with plans to transfer to a Bachelor of Registered Nursing next year.

Her long-term goals, drive to succeed, and her leadership and mentoring role to others, all while caring for three children as a single mother, were important elements in her selection for the scholarship.

"I feel very privileged. It will help tremendously."

"I'd like to go out and work on Aboriginal communities, to put procedures back in place that help with health and wellbeing and with the understanding of why health is so important to everyday lifestyle," Ms Davey said.



# Project targets 'the Big C'

By BRITTA LYSTER



THERE is no word for cancer in any Australian Indigenous language.

But cancer is often referred to as 'the Big C' and considered by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be a certain death sentence.

My Cancer Journey, a multi-pronged campaign aimed at Aboriginal people diagnosed with cancer in the Hunter and New England areas of NSW, is aiming to alleviate some of the questions, fear and uncertainty surrounding a cancer diagnosis for sufferers and their families.

On average, around two Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are diagnosed with

cancer every day, with lung and breast cancer the two most commonly diagnosed cancers. It was this information that prompted Hunter New England Area Health Service cancer services manager Rose Wadwell to look at how best to break down the barriers and make services and information more readily available for Indigenous cancer sufferers.

The project was developed by the Hunter New England Area Health Service and is believed to be the first of its kind in Australia.

My Cancer Journey looked at what could be done to help Indigenous people who have little or no knowledge about what service providers, workers and hospitals in general can do.

The Cancer Network is committed to addressing poor outcomes for Indigenous people

and cancer treatment and aims to provide information and screening services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Ms Wadwell said she hopes My Cancer Journey will make it easier for cancer patients, their families and loved ones to access services, especially now Ms Wadwell and her team will be travelling out to individual communities to spread the word and alleviate the stress, fear and uncertainty associated with a cancer diagnosis.

"We have worked really hard with the Indigenous community in the hope that it will now be easier for cancer patients to access services and information and not put it off out of fear, ignorance and distance," she said.

The project was launched at three separate venues including Taree, Newcastle and Tamworth.



Hunter New England Local Health District director Aboriginal health Tony Martin and cancer services manager Rose Wadwell at the launch of My Cancer Journey.



During the visit, from left, Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service's Andrew Marshall, North Queensland Primary Healthcare Network's Robin Moore, Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service's Dr Jill Newland and Vonda Moar-Malone, and North Queensland Primary Healthcare Network's Trent Twomey.

# Strait gets health tour



THE new North Queensland Primary Healthcare Network (NQPHN) will have a presence in the Torres Strait and Cape York regions.

Board and executive members of the new network joined Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service chief executive Dr Jill Newland on a tour of the region.

Dr Newland said the board and executive were keen to meet local people and leaders.

Network board chair Trent Twomey said the group had visited Saibai, Masig and Thursday islands, where they met local government councillors, community

representatives and staff members at the health facilities.

"We are very keen to work with local governments in all our regions, including the Torres Strait, as well as local health services, general practitioners and pharmacies," he said.

Mr Twomey said the visit to the Torres Strait was part of the network's listening tour of northern Queensland.

"What we plan to do is analyse what gaps there might be in existing health services and then work with other health service providers, both public and private, to see how we can best close those gaps," he said.

"Our role is to plan and coordinate

primary care services across the region.

"As such, our job is to understand the healthcare needs of communities across northern Queensland through analysis, planning, working closely with service providers and listening to the community.

"NQPHN is designed to remove the focus on backroom bureaucracy and concentrate instead on delivering improved access to frontline services.

"By working closely with our region's hospital and health services, and other health providers, we are confident we can deliver an effective primary health care system that tackles chronic disease and supports preventative health at the grassroots level."

# Kiwis docs to collaborate on health plans



THE Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) and the Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand (Medical Deans) are set to have even closer ties.

AIDA president Dr Tammy Kimpton said the two organisations had signed a new collaboration agreement, the fourth such partnership, cementing a commitment to increasing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical workforce.

"The numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical students and doctors continue to grow, which is a clear result of the success of our partnerships with medical education institutions," she said.

Medical Deans president Professor Nicholas Glasgow said strong partnerships between educators, communities and lead bodies such as AIDA were the best way to address the gap in health outcomes for Indigenous people.

"Only through strong partnerships with our educators, our communities and lead bodies such as AIDA can we hope to address the gap in health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," he said.

Medical Deans and AIDA also marked the 10th anniversary since the signing of the inaugural agreement and are proud of some significant milestones achieved during this time.

"Implementation of the National Medical Education Review and the Building Indigenous Medical Academic Leadership project are stand-out achievements for the collaboration," Dr Kimpton said.

Dr Kimpton said reaching population parity for the intake of domestic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical students in 2011 was also a significant milestone.

Professor Glasgow said he was looking forward "to further progressing this important agenda with AIDA through our joint leadership in the education and workforce sector".



# Health plan launched



NORTHERN NSW now has a specialized health plan for Indigenous residents. The Northern NSW Integrated Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Plan

2015-2020 was more than 12 months in development, with over 35 consultation sessions held across the region.

The sessions identified a need for more cooperation between agencies and better consultation with local Aboriginal people.

Groups involved included the Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) Aboriginal Elders, Aboriginal Medical Services, Ngayundi Aboriginal Health Council, North Coast Primary Health Network, Family and Community Services, Aboriginal Learning Circle – TAFE, and NSW Police.

“Through the consultation process, Aboriginal communities repeatedly raised concerns about substance abuse, sexual health and communicable disease, maternal and child health, chronic disease, and the lower life expectancy with Aboriginal people,” NNSWLHD chief executive Chris Crawford said.

“However, the poorer Aboriginal health status is not just about health. It is also about the provision of housing, drinking water and sewerage services for local residents.”

The plan sets out priorities and action to deliver improved health and wellbeing services to Aboriginal people.

“The plan recognises the differing needs of Aboriginal communities across northern



At the signing of the plan, from left, Aboriginal Learning Circle North Coast TAFE director Heather McGregor, Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation's Steve Blunden, NSW Police inspector Nicole Bruce, NNSWLHD chief executive Chris Crawford, NNSWLHD board member Deb Monaghan, Bullinah AMS chief executive Mark Moore, Family and Community Services representative Kym Langill, Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation's Scott Monaghan, and North Coast Primary Health Network chief executive Vahid Saberi.

NSW, and provides for more effective engagement between government and non-government agencies and the broader Aboriginal community, to provide a more

integrated approach to planning, funding, and delivering health services to Aboriginal people,” Mr Crawford said.

The plan includes a detailed profile of

Aboriginal health and wellbeing in the Northern Rivers Aboriginal communities of the Bundjalung, Yaegl, Gumbaynggirr and Githabul nations.

## Top award for improving rural birth outcomes



THE director of a program that has helped many Top End mothers and babies has won national recognition.

Professor Lesley Barclay (pictured), who heads up the University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH), has been praised by the Federal Government for leading one of Australia's top-10 research projects over the past year.

The Ten of the Best research projects were selected for their innovativeness and potential to make a difference to the lives of Australians and people worldwide.

Prof Barclay's team conducted extensive research on birthing practices in rural and remote communities in the Northern Territory's Top End. This led to the rollout of a model of care that is helping Aboriginal mothers and their babies.

“The benefits include



improved care for mothers with potential for increased birth weights for infants,” said Prof Barclay, who began her career as a midwife.

“At present, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women still have a higher maternal mortality rate than women in Sri Lanka or Malaysia, with twice as many Indigenous babies (11% in total) being of a

lower birth weight than the general Australian population.

“While most Australian mothers in urban centres have access to high quality maternity and infant care, those living in rural and remote Australia aren't so lucky, and Indigenous Australian mothers in these locations are at a particular disadvantage.

“Based on my own experience and the research findings, it was clear that too many women were missing out on proper evidence-based care, while the care they did receive was delivered in ways that weren't respectful to women, and were not family-centred.”

Prof Barclay and her team are now working to develop the Australian Regional Birthing Index, a version of a calculation designed by Canadian researchers. This tool estimates the level of maternity service required for a given regional population based on its characteristics and isolation.

## Infrastructure funding going down the drain



MORE than 100 major environmental health infrastructure projects have been delivered across the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) region over

the past 17 years under a government partnership.

The Torres Strait's Major Infrastructure Programme (MIP), is delivered by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Queensland Government's Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP).

TSRA acting chairperson Aven S Noah said MIP projects have resulted in improved environmental health infrastructures and facilities, playing a key role in improving the standard of living for communities across the region since 1998.

“This is a great example of what can happen when different levels of government, including the Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), Torres Shire Council (TSC) and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC), all work together to strategically invest in communities,” he said.

TSIRC Mayor Fred Gela said there is no denying MIP has

contributed to the greater health of people in the Torres Strait region.

“MIP has been successful in providing the basic health infrastructure to our islands that many southern centres take for granted,” he said.

“A good example of this is the recently completed desalination facilities on Mer, Masig, Poruma lama, Boigu and Warraber Islands, giving residents a reliable source of drinking water through periods of low rainfall.”

To date, the Federal and Queensland governments have provided about \$208 million towards health infrastructure projects in the Torres Strait and NPA, completed through stages one to four of the MIP. Now in its fifth stage, the program is continuing across the region in 2015-2016.

“Communities can expect to see a range of works undertaken over the next two years, including roads, drainage and sewerage upgrades in the NPA to further water and sewerage upgrades in the outer island communities,” Mr Elu said.

MIP stage five will also include the continuation of works in Wasaga Village, Horn Island, making further improvements to the community's roads and drainage.



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.

## National

**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](http://www.carersnsw.org.au)

**Until September 6:** Dance Rites, Australia's National Indigenous Dance Competition, nominations open. Held at Sydney Opera House on November 22. Register now. Details: (08) 9520 7281 or email [dancerites@sydneyoperahouse.com](mailto:dancerites@sydneyoperahouse.com) or visit [www.sydneyoperahouse.com/whatson/dance\\_rites](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/whatson/dance_rites)

**Until September 28:** *Head Full of Love* performing lines national tour. The story of the friendship forged between a black woman from the Red Centre and white Sydneysider, who cross paths in the lead-up to the annual Alice Springs Beanie Festival. Details: (02) 9319 0666, for tour dates visit [www.performinglines.org.au](http://www.performinglines.org.au)

**September 2:** Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) Indigenous Literacy Day at the Sydney Opera House and schools and businesses around Australia. Details: [www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/the-great-book-swap](http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/the-great-book-swap)

**September 3, September 18:** Governing Girls, A Masterclass in Indigenous Governance. A chance to be one of 30 people to get insider 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>

## South Australia

**Until September 26:** *Tandanya South Australian Living Artists (SALA): The expanding Field of RAWH* exhibition, featuring artists Amanda Radomi and Henry Jock Walker. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, Mon-Sat, 9am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**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](http://www.naccho.org.au)

## NSW-ACT

**Ongoing:** ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan St, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

**Ongoing:** 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 September 27:** *The Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Annual Exhibition.* View finalists from this and previous years, and find out more about each of the prizes. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, daily 10am-5pm. Cost: \$7-\$15 entry. Details: 1800 679 278 or visit [www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au)



Special guest at the Big Deadly Yarn Ups Kevin Kropinyeri with North Coast TAFE Institute director Elizabeth McGregor.

# Yarn ups will be big and deadly



ABORIGINAL people between Taree and the Tweed are invited to Aboriginal learning circle days of yarnning, comedy, interactive activities and stories, to be held at six North Coast TAFE campuses.

Hosted by Andrew Saunders and featuring special guest comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, the Big Deadly Yarn Ups are designed to determine the learning needs of Aboriginal people, and of Aboriginal communities and businesses across the region.

Director of the Aboriginal Learning Circle at North Coast TAFE Heather McGregor says that the events are all about "finding out what is possible" by

connecting people and ideas through stories and activities.

"The key here is for us to explore and share everyone's stories in a fun and entertaining approach and, along the way, get some clear insights into what Aboriginal people on the North Coast want to learn and how they want to go about that learning," she said.

The Big Deadly Yarn Ups will be held from 11 am-2pm (for people) and from 2:30-3:30pm (for organisations) at Kempsey TAFE on August 31, Taree TAFE on September 1, Coffs Harbour Education Campus on September 2, Kingscliff TAFE on September 7, Lismore TAFE on September 8 and Grafton TAFE on September 9.

**August 29:** Apma Creations Aboriginal art gallery and gift shop launch. Held at Apma Creations, 17 Corkhill Drive, Central Tilba, from 4pm. Details: Jasmin on 0497 281 464 or email [acceo@southeastarts.org.au](mailto:acceo@southeastarts.org.au)

**August 31-September 9:** Big Deadly Yarn Up. Come along to find out more about education pathways with the Aboriginal Learning Circle. Includes yarnning, learning, interactive activities, stories and a laugh with guest Kevin Kropinyeri. Held across six North Coast TAFE campuses. Details: Neil Brown on (02) 6586 2315 or 0438 624 804.

**September 2:** *The Intervention – An Anthology* book discussion, including speakers Larissa Behrendt, Eva Cox and Thalia Anthony. Held at Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo St, Redfern from 6.30pm. Details: Alex on 0449 184 801 or visit [www.stoptheintervention.org](http://www.stoptheintervention.org)

**September 3-4:** Free youth mental health first aid training if are a community-based youth worker based in regional or rural New South Wales. Held at Lismore Workers Club, 231 Keen St, Lismore from 9am-5pm. Book now, limited places.

Details: 1800 100 024 or email [lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au) or visit [www.wesleymission.org.au](http://www.wesleymission.org.au)

**September 4:** Freedom Ride '65 unpublished photos from the archive. Held at the Gallery Room, State Library of NSW, Macquarie St, Sydney from 10.30am. Reply by August 31.

Details: (02) 9273 1770 or email [rspv@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rspv@sl.nsw.gov.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.mirrimirri.com.au](http://www.mirrimirri.com.au)

**September 10-13:** Banaam Indigenous Surf Titles. Activities include surfing, music, food, markets, prizes and more. Held at Fingal, NSW. Cost: \$85 entry fee. Details: [www.facebook.com/Banaam-Indigenous-Surf-Titles](http://www.facebook.com/Banaam-Indigenous-Surf-Titles)

**September 10:** Law awareness community forum, including short sessions on debt, family law, child protection, cyber bullying discrimination and more. Held at Kyogle Primary School Hall, Groom St, Kyogle from 10am. Free. Details: Nicole Mercer on (02) 66322 473 or 0417 025 919.

**September 19-20:** Northern United Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. Includes prizemoney, capped at 16 teams. Held at Crozier Oval, Lismore. Nomination Fee of \$750 per team. Details: Grantley Creighton on 0402 309 582.

## Queensland

**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. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit [www.wag.com.au](http://www.wag.com.au)

**Until September 15:** *Out of Queensland: New Indigenous Textiles* exhibition. Held at Cairns Regional Gallery. Details: (07) 4046 4800 or visit [www.cairnsregionalgallery.com](http://www.cairnsregionalgallery.com)

**Until September 30:** Quandamooka Festival 2015. A three-month festival of events celebrating culture, country and people of the Quandamooka (Moreton Bay) region. Details: (07) 3358 5600 or visit [www.communiy.org.au](http://www.communiy.org.au)

**August 28- September 6:** Cairns Festival. A 10-day celebration of a tropical lifestyle with

performances, exhibitions, music and film. Details: Claire Heathcock on (07) 4044 3694.

**August 30:** AFL Cape York House Students 'Stand Up Against Domestic Violence' high tea. Includes traditional dance performance, raffles and guest speakers. Held in Cairns. Details: Rick Hanlon on 0402 116 610.

**October 10-11:** Woorabinda Warriors Cup Rugby League Carnival at Saleyards Park, Rockhampton. Team nomination \$1500. Nomination close September 18. Details: [murritime@hotmail.com](mailto:murritime@hotmail.com)

## Victoria

**Until September 13:** *Punuku Tjukurpa: Wood Carvings*, telling stories across three generations. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at the Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton. Open daily 10am-5pm. Cost: Adults \$12, concess and children free. Details: 13 11 02 or visit [www.museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka](http://www.museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka)

**October 16:** The Long Walk – 11th Women's Luncheon Melbourne 2015. Celebrate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, enjoy guest speakers, entertainment and conversation. Held at The Atrium Grandstand, Flemington Racecourse from 11.30am-3pm. Cost: \$120 a person, with tables of 10 available. Details: Kathy Braithwaite on (03) 8340 2143 or visit [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://www.thelongwalk.com.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](http://www.yirrayaakin.com.au)

**Until September 6:** *Post-hybrid: reimagining the Australian self* exhibition. Held at John Curtin Gallery, Building 200A, Curtin University, Kent St, Bentley, Mon-Fri, 11am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 9266 4155.

**August 26-30:** CinefestOz, a showcase of Indigenous film and culture. Includes a cultural day, showcase and Indigenous films. Held at venues including Busselton, Margaret River, Augusta and Bunbury. Ticket prices apply. Details: 0427 088 601 or visit [www.cinefestoz.com](http://www.cinefestoz.com)

**September 11-24:** *The Fever and the Fret* play at the Main Auditorium, Subiaco Arts Centre, 180 Hamersley Rd, Subiaco on Tues and Thurs, 11am and 7.30pm for ages 12+. Cost: \$26-\$46 a person, (seniors, students, groups & concessions available). Details: (08) 9380 3040 or visit [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)

## Northern Territory

**September 4:** Desert Mob symposium – 'Through images, film, animation and performance', a day of presentations by artist, art centres and special guests. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, 61 Larapinta Dr, Araluen, Alice Springs from 10am-3.30pm. Details: (08) 8951 1122 or visit [www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au)

**September 4-13:** Desert Song Festival 2015. Held around Alice Springs. Entry fees apply depending on event. Details: Morris Stuart on 0409 003 004 or email [morrisstuart@optusnet.com.au](mailto:morrisstuart@optusnet.com.au) or visit [www.alicedesertfestival.com.au/about](http://www.alicedesertfestival.com.au/about)

**September 5:** Desert Mob Market Place. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, 61 Larapinta Dr, Alice Springs, from 10am. Details: (08) 8951 1122 or visit [www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au)

**September 5:** Bush Band Bash (BBB) 2015. A cultural celebration of desert music. Held at Snow Kenna Park, Alice Springs, from 5pm. Cost: \$5 a person, under 16 free. Details: (08) 8981 1995 or [www.musicnt.com.au/BBB](http://www.musicnt.com.au/BBB)

**September 9:** *Head Full of Love*, a play about two women and the unlikely but inspiring friendship which forms between them. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs. Costs apply. Details: (08) 8951 1122 or visit [www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au)



## Community on the mend



Northern Territory Community Services Minister Bess Price with Crocodile Rangers Adrian Yunupingu, Fabian Gaykamangu, and Dennis Row, who have been working on the rebuild at Milingimbi.



NORTHERN Territory Community Services Minister Bess Price has visited the remote community of Milingimbi to see the progress on the rebuilding of a workshop belonging to the Milingimbi and Outstations Progress Resource Association (MOPRA).

The workshop was badly damaged by cyclones Lam and Nathan earlier this year.

The workshop is an important part of the Milingimbi community and is used as a mechanical, electrical and plumbing workshop, meeting area, and office for MOPRA.

"The Northern Territory Government worked with

MOPRA to develop a plan to rebuild the workshop including maximising MOPRA staff labour on the project," Ms Price said.

"The workshop rebuild community project is a great example of a community and government working together to identify local priorities and create community development outcomes."

## Employment partnership promises jobs



that will create jobs for more than 1100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the partnership was part of the Employment Parity Initiative (EPI) under which major Australian

employers work with the Government to build their Indigenous workforce.

"The jobs with ISS will be located in at least 12 communities across Australia, in a range of industry sectors, from resources to aviation, health, catering and cleaning," he said.

"Getting First Australians into work is one of the Government's highest priorities in Indigenous Affairs.

"The EPI encourages

Australia's largest employers to increase their Indigenous workforce to 3% – employment parity – to get 20,000 more First Australians into private sector jobs by 2020.

"Under this initiative, the Government tailors supports that are available to employers to assist with any additional costs of employing and retaining Indigenous Australians, including people with extreme barriers to employment.

"Employment parity contracts already signed with two other companies have secured an additional 1,700 jobs for Indigenous Australians and talks are continuing with other major employers.

"All payments are linked to 26-week outcomes and net increases in the number of Indigenous employees. This is the key to ending the endless cycle of training for training's sake."

ISS Australia and New Zealand chief executive officer Dane Hudson said his company was extremely proud to have been invited to take part in the initiative.

"We have finalised our first ever Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which demonstrates our achievements over the past six years and recognises that we are now in a strong position to further our commitments," he said.

### It's your guide to employment

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## Housing Application Support Officer

### Background

An opportunity is currently available to join the Tenant Support and Education Project team.

**Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.**

The project aims to support Aboriginal housing tenants to strengthen and sustain their tenancies through the provision of community education, case management, service collaboration and community engagement.

### Employer

To be employed by Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing Management Cooperative, Coonamble Local Aboriginal Lands Council and Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation acting as a collective partnership.

### The Role

The Housing Application Support Officer will work with the Project Manager to implement five initiatives in the communities of :

- Bourke / Enngonia
- Brewarrina/Weilmorlinge
- Dareton
- Goodooga
- Coonamble
- Menindee
- Walgett
- Gulargambone
- Wilcannia
- Murrin Bridge / Lake Cargelligo / Euabalong

With an initial focus on **Bourke, Brewarrina, Wilcannia and Dareton.**

**Status:** Full time. Up to 30 June 2016.

**Salary Package:** Negotiable up to \$60 000. With salary packaging available.

**Closing Date:** 5.00 pm, Wednesday, 2 September 2015.

### Applications:

To apply you will need to obtain an application package from Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing Management Co-operative – Suite 2, 31-37 Macquarie Street, Dubbo, Coonamble Aboriginal Land Council - 16 Castlereagh St, Coonamble, or Murdi Paaki Regional Housing - 428 Blende Street, Broken Hill or contact the Project Manager, Danika Tonna, 0408 265 094 or danika.tonna@mlahmc.org.au

### Your application should include:

- A covering letter (maximum 2 pages) which includes a brief response to the essential and desirable criteria outlined in the position description.
- An up to date resume' of no more than 5 pages which clearly demonstrates your skills and experience relevant to this position.

Please forward your application marked '**confidential**' to Danika Tonna, danika.tonna@mlahmc.org.au or PO Box 810 Parkes, NSW, 2870.



## Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc)

### Diversion Officer (50D) x 2

ALSWA is seeking to fill 2 vacancies in its Perth Office for Diversion Officers. Previous experience working closely with the criminal justice system and/or the children's court would be an advantage. Qualifications in either social work or psychology are prerequisite of these roles and the requirement for one male and one female is a genuine occupational qualification for this positions as is Aboriginality section 50 (d) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

For details on salaries, allowances, roles, responsibilities and how to apply please visit our website: [www.als.org.au](http://www.als.org.au) under employment section.

For further information call HR on (08) 9265-6663.

**Applications close on Friday 11 September 2015.**

## Blacktown City

*Blacktown City is a modern city of 48 suburbs, home to over 330,000 people. Council is continuously evolving and our Vision will inspire and motivate you to be part of Blacktown City's future.*

### Aboriginal Arts Development Officer

#### Temporary Part Time

**Position No: BC154**

This is a leadership role which develops and implements our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts program, including economic and professional development opportunities for Aboriginal artists, and to ensure that opportunities are made available for the development and recognition of arts development in Blacktown's Aboriginal communities. You must have tertiary qualifications in a related field, extensive experience in a similar role, a current Class 'C' Driver's Licence and Aboriginality.

(In accordance with Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.)

This position is available for 3 days per week and is a 12-month temporary position.

**Salary Range:** \$1,350 to \$1,512 pw (Grade 13) prorata + Car Allowance.

**Enquiries:** Jenny Bisset on 9839 6081.

**Closing Date:** Friday 11 September, 2015.

**Internal Ref:** BCC1064.

To apply visit Council's website [www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

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## Hunter PRIMARYCARE

### Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker [Newcastle/Lake Macquarie/Port Stephens]

Hunter Primary Care is a leading primary health care organisation in the Hunter region. Our purpose is to keep people well and out of hospital and includes:

- Delivering consumer-focused, quality primary health care services that improve health outcomes
- Leading and supporting primary health care professionals to enable them to provide effective health care

**This is an identified position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act.**

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker will work as part of the Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Care [IIMPC] program. The aim of this role is to provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members and their families, in accessing primary health care services, as well as enabling best practice care to be delivered by GPs and other health professionals.

The position is full-time, fixed-term until 30 June 2016. The potential for contract extension will be subject to funding. Annual remuneration is \$60,113, plus superannuation and generous salary packaging benefits.

To find out more and to apply for this position, visit our Careers page at [www.hunterprimarycare.com.au](http://www.hunterprimarycare.com.au) and follow the links to upload your resume and cover letter.

**All applications must individually address the essential and desirable selection criteria found in the position description.**

Enquiries should be directed to Keith Drinkwater, Primary Care Executive Tel. 4935 3231 or Email: [kdrinkwater@hunterml.com.au](mailto:kdrinkwater@hunterml.com.au)

**Applications close at 9am, 9 September 2015.**

Hunter Primary Care is an equal employment opportunity employer.



## Aboriginal Mental Health Case Worker

### About the Organisation:

*Wandiyali ATSI Inc. is a Newcastle based community organisation that delivers services such as Out of Home Care case management, Brighter Futures (Early Intervention), Child Care (long day care), Indigenous Community Links, OOH Mentoring, Housing and much more!*

### About the Programme:

Brighter Futures is funded to target early intervention support for vulnerable children and families. Wandiyali ATSI Inc is the lead agency developing and implementing the Brighter Futures Programme in Newcastle.

The role involves case management, access to child care, parenting programs, home visiting and brokerage in order to improve emotional, social, health, educational and developmental outcomes for children and their families. The Mental Health case worker is responsible for administering and delivering mental health services to individuals and families.

### How to Apply:

To apply for this position, please forward your expression of interest in the position to: [shannon@wandiyali.com.au](mailto:shannon@wandiyali.com.au), stating the position in the subject line. You will be forwarded an application form, a position description and instructions on how to apply.

### More Information:

For more information about the position or the organisation please send your queries to [shannon@wandiyali.com.au](mailto:shannon@wandiyali.com.au)

**Applications Close:**  
**5pm Friday 11 September 2015**



## Justice Juvenile Justice

### Assistant Manager Identified

**(Juvenile Justice Community Office)  
JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**Requisition No: 00003QZ7**

- **Ongoing full-time**
- **Armidale NSW**
- **Clerk Grade 8, Salary (\$94,423 pa – \$97,426 pa), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. An on-call allowance also applies during occupancy of this position.**

### Role Description:

Direct and control resources and service delivery functions of a community office, leading a team providing services directly to youth justice conferencing clients, victims of crime, court mandated young people and their families.

For identified positions, an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Applying for the role:** To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)  
**Requisition No: 00003QZ7**

**Enquiries:** Fallon Roberts on (02) 6770 1515

**Closing Date:** 9 September 2015



### Community Engagement / Client Support Worker

**Ceduna - Contract**

*In this critical and rewarding role you will be in a position to make a difference.*

*Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation (SA) (FVLSAC) is funded by the Australian Government to provide legal and support services to victims/survivors of family violence within Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities. The organisation has 3 service locations operating in South Australia with offices in Port Augusta, Port Lincoln and Ceduna. Each location provides legal representation, advice, information and client support services. FVLSAC offers free, accessible, safe and culturally appropriate services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.*

In this full-time role you will be responsible for engaging with the local Aboriginal Community about the organisation's services and for providing support to individual clients. You will perform a multi-faceted role, liaising with Aboriginal community, organisations and other service providers, assisting with the development of early intervention and prevention programs, educational material, and providing a case management role supporting clients.

It will be essential that you have a strong awareness of the issues affecting FVLSAC's clients, integrity and consultative skills, and the capacity to represent the organisation sensitively and effectively. You will need to be self-motivated and well organised with reasonable writing skills. Experience in a social or legal services environment will be necessary.

Imperative in this role will be your style, approach and ability to engage with the community.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to [abby.paynter@fvlsac.org.au](mailto:abby.paynter@fvlsac.org.au)



*Blacktown City is a modern city of 48 suburbs, home to over 330,000 people. Council is continuously evolving and our Vision will inspire and motivate you to be part of Blacktown City's future.*

## Apprenticeships 2016 Placements

**Position No: BC101**

Become a professional in your preferred trade. Throughout the first three years of your apprenticeship, you will receive on-the-job training and be completing a relevant TAFE Certificate. Your fourth year will be purely practical experience. Throughout your apprenticeship you will be working with, and supported by qualified tradespeople.

Apprenticeships for 2016 placements are:

- **Heavy Vehicle Plant Mechanic x 2**
- **Air-Conditioning (HVAC) Technician x 1**
- **Plumber x 1**
- **Electrician x 1**
- **Gardener x 6**
- **Greenkeeper x 1**

The salaries and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Blacktown City Council Enterprise Agreement.

### Note:

- The selection process requires selected applicants for all positions to undertake an aptitude test and a medical examination.
- Morning and afternoon shift arrangements will apply from the second year onwards for the Heavy Vehicle Plant Mechanic apprenticeship.
- Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

**Enquiries:** Human Resource Services on 9839 6000.

**Closing Date:** Friday 11 September, 2015.

**Internal Ref:** Apprenticeships.

## Traineeships 2016 Placements

**Position No: BC103**

Council is offering traineeships commencing in 2016 in Administration and Children's Services. These 12-month traineeships provide a combination of on-the-job work experience and one day per week attendance at TAFE completing a Certificate III in Business Administration or Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Traineeships are available in the following areas:

- **Arts and Cultural Development (Arts Centre)**
- **Blacktown City Information Centre**
- **Civil and Park Maintenance**
- **Finance**
- **Human Resource Services**
- **Records Services**
- **Communications and Marketing**
- **Children's Services**
- **Events and Sister Cities**

You will be motivated, enthusiastic and committed to providing a high standard of customer service. You will also possess strong communication skills, both verbal and written.

The salaries and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Blacktown City Council Enterprise Agreement.

### Note:

- The selection process requires selected applicants for all positions to undertake an aptitude test and a medical examination.
- Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

**Enquiries:** Human Resource Services on 9839 6000.

**Closing Date:** Friday 11 September, 2015.

**Internal Ref:** Traineeships.

To apply visit Council's website [www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)



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## Aboriginal Health Worker / Practitioner

Adelaide, SA

\* Generous remuneration circa  
\$58,172.66 - \$69,902.82 + super!

\*Join a well respected organisation, renowned  
through South Australia!

\* Keep your ideal work/life balance, with family-friendly  
hours & extra leave entitlements in this unique role!

Nunkuwarrin Yunti has an exciting opportunity for a passionate, hard working **Aboriginal Health Worker/ Practitioner** to join their Primary Care Services Team. In this role you'll be responsible for **working collaboratively with the Practice Nurse, GP's and other members of the health care team to provide day-to-day clinical care at the Brady Street clinic.** Your dedication to the organisation will be rewarded with **generous leave allowances**, as you receive **7 days paid leave** over the Christmas period, in addition to your **four weeks of annual leave!** The successful candidates will be rewarded with an **attractive salary circa \$58,172.66 - \$69,902.82 per annum plus super.** This package provides you with **excellent flexible salary sacrificing options** which will allow you to **significantly increase your take home pay.**

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At Act for Kids we believe that all kids should have a safe and happy childhood, free from abuse and neglect. Unfortunately, that's not always the case. In 2013-14 over 40,844 children suffered from abuse or neglect in Australia – that's one child every 13 minutes. That's why we are working tirelessly to prevent and treat child abuse. We need skilled and qualified professionals to enable us to do our important work. Would you like to join our team?

We are currently recruiting for:

**Family Support Practitioner  
(Identified) – Gold Coast**

**Engagement and Referral  
Practitioner  
(Identified) - Gold Coast**

**House Parent (Operations)  
Aurukun**

**House Parent (Practice)  
Aurukun**

**Interested?** Please go to our careers page <http://www.actforkids.com.au/careers.html> and look at the position description and information on how to apply. So that we can collect all the information we need from you, we prefer that you apply for this job directly from our website.



## Child Support Worker, Part Time

**Location:** Based in South West Sydney.  
**Remuneration:** Level 4 SCHCADS Award plus the option of salary sacrifice.  
**Hours:** 28 hours per week.

### About the Organisation

Bonnie Support Services Ltd (BSSL) was established in 1974 and supports women with children who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or are affected by Domestic or Family Violence. BSSL services are based on a feminist, client-centred model aimed at assisting women to maintain and sustain their tenancy in a violence-free environment. BSSL's aim is to be a leading provider of support services in Sydney's South West to "at risk" women and their children.

### About the Opportunity

Bonnie Support Services Ltd is looking for a compassionate and dedicated Child Support Worker to join their team. You will be working alongside our Family Workers and with parents to provide an assessment of immediate needs of the children entering the service and provide case management to address those needs. You will also have the opportunity to facilitate workshops for children and young people in liaison with another Child Support Worker.

**Your key responsibilities will include, but may not be limited to:**

- Providing assessment and direct case management, as well as coordinated support and care for women and their children;
- Developing, implementing and monitoring individual care plans;
- Organising and participating in case conferences and inter-agency meetings;
- Working collaboratively with other agencies on client case management;
- Linking women to child and youth services and support networks within the community;
- Facilitating child and youth specific workshops; and
- Assisting with the administrative functions of BSSL.

**Being a female is a genuine requirement as specified under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.**

Please contact Karen Grant for a Position Description or further information on 02 9729 0939 or email: [programmanager@bssl.org.au](mailto:programmanager@bssl.org.au)

**Please Note:** Please address each selection criteria.

**Applications close 5pm 31st August 2015.**



## Reconciliation Officer

City of Melbourne.  
Salary \$82,043 + 9.5% Super.  
Fulltime through to 30 June 2018.

For more information visit:  
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## Store Assistants



### Flexible locations across Melbourne

We are seeking a fashion-savvy Store Assistant with previous retail experience and exceptional organisation skills to contribute to the work of the largest humanitarian movement in the world.

You will contribute to the attractive presentation and rotation of merchandise, ensure merchandise is priced and prepared in accordance with guidelines and provide shopfloor customer service.

Visit our careers page at [www.redcross.org.au](http://www.redcross.org.au) and search for reference number 498846 or contact Debra Patrickson on 0466 192 255.

**Applications close 31 August.**

*Applicants must be  
Aboriginal or Torres Strait  
Islander. This is a special  
measure under section 12  
of the Equal Opportunity  
Act 1995 (Vic).*



Burrundalai OOH & FSS provide foster care for Aboriginal children and young people in the Port Macquarie and Taree areas.

We are currently seeking applications and offering an attractive salary package to a suitably qualified Aboriginal persons for the positions of;

- **Case Worker Out of Home Care, Taree**
- **Reception/Admin, Taree**

ALL applicants must obtain an application package. The package includes essential and desirable criteria ALL criteria must be addressed or your application will be rejected.

Applicants must have a Working With Children Check or the ability to obtain one.

**To obtain an application package for the above roles please call:** Sophie Cubillo on (02) 6562 1913 or email [sophie@burrundalai.org.au](mailto:sophie@burrundalai.org.au)

**Closing Date: 11th September 2015 4.30pm**

*N.B. It is an offence under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 (section 33) for a person convicted of a sexual or violent offence to apply for this position. The Commission for Children & Young People Act 1998 require that all recommended candidates are screened for national criminal records, relevant Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs), and relevant employment proceedings*



**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](mailto: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](http://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**



## MANAGING DIRECTOR Noongar Mia Mia Pty Ltd

Noongar Mia Mia Pty Ltd is an Indigenous Housing company in Western Australia operating for over 15 years.

We offer the best quality, and culturally appropriate affordable housing rental and property management options for Indigenous people and businesses in Western Australia.

As a part of our strategy to continue to be best provider for Aboriginal Housing in Perth and surrounding regions we are searching for an outstanding highly self-motivated individual who is able to implement our Board's strategy, lead the organisation's operations in a transitioning environment and to develop sustainable business partnerships with key industry stakeholders.

This is an opportunity to work with us in building a successful sustainable Indigenous housing and property management business in a challenging environment.

**The Managing Director reports to the Board of Directors, and will be responsible for;**

- Managing the day to day operations of the Company, its people and resources.
- Organisation planning, co-ordinating and operational direction of the Company to achieve strategic, financial and operating objectives.
- Formulating and recommending business and financial strategies and plans to achieve performance targets.
- Work in collaboration with Organisation stakeholders to identify and establish commercial property opportunities.

**The ideal candidate will be;**

- a self-starter, fast thinker, innovative, high performance team leader with integrity
- possess proven corporate leadership, negotiating, interpersonal, communication, reporting and presentation skills
- be able to develop and implement strategies, direct operations and provide business development plans to achieve or exceed agreed levels of housing and commercial development.
- Be required to travel within Perth, WA Regional and Interstate as needed.

An attractive remuneration package is offered starting at \$150,000 in year 1, with a generous superannuation, subsidised accommodation if relocating, private use of vehicle and a 3-year contract, and an annual bonus based on operational performance and strategic achievements.

For more information on this exciting and challenging role and to obtain a copy of the selection criteria, please contact, Yvette Carolin via email at: [yvettecarolin@noongarmiamia.com.au](mailto:yvettecarolin@noongarmiamia.com.au)

**Experienced Indigenous People are strongly urged to apply**

**The closing date for this position is 20th September 2015.**



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Linfox in partnership with AFL SportsReady are seeking applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander job seekers wishing to be considered for the Linfox Ready Program commencing this October.

The job opportunities include, Truganina, Wodonga, Dandenong, Derrimut, Notting Hill and Laverton.

Upon successful completion of the four week Linfox Ready Program, participants will be guaranteed an ongoing role with Linfox in warehouse operations.

To find out more please contact Dean Heta from AFL SportsReady on (03) 8413 3537 or email [dean.heta@aflsportsready.com.au](mailto:dean.heta@aflsportsready.com.au).

Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. This action constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

**Apply online at [www.aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board](http://www.aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board)  
Applications close Friday, 11 September 2015.**

*"Come and be part of Linfox. We lead the way in safety, training and innovation and offer a range of job opportunities and long term career growth."*



The VTEC initiative is funded by the Australian Government and is based on the GenerationOne employment model.





## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Canobolas Local Area Command, Orange  
Clerk Grade 3/4 – Permanent Full-Time  
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00003V71

**Salary Package:** \$77,341. **Salary:** \$64,008 – \$70,087. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

### Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 6, Clause 28 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, driver's licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- For your application to be considered you **must**:
  - attach an up-to-date resume; and
  - supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application or via attachment.
- A Working With Children Check (WWCC), is a prerequisite for this position.** The applicant is responsible for applying their own WWCC (*an employer cannot apply on behalf of a worker*) and if the outcome is a clearance, the Check is valid for five years and may be used for any child-related work in NSW. You can apply for your Working With Children Check here: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check)
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Detective Sergeant Yonneka Hill on (02) 6363 3400

For the Selection Criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply – please go to Jobs.NSW ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 000033V71.

**Closing Date: Sunday 20 September 2015**

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Family &  
Community  
Services

## Aboriginal Casework Manager

Intensive Family Based Services (IFBS)

**Temporary opportunities available now in South Western Sydney and Newcastle**

- Are you passionate about improving the lives of vulnerable children, young people and families?
- Do you have strong leadership skills and experience working with children and families?

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in Child Protection practice.

Aboriginal IFBS provide an intensive, time-limited, home based program for Aboriginal families in crisis whose children are either at risk of entering out-of-home care due to protective concerns or whose children have been placed in out-of-home care.

Join FACS as an Aboriginal Casework Manager where you will manage and lead a team of Aboriginal Caseworkers who provide an intensive support service to vulnerable Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

Please visit [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and quote reference number 00003TCC to apply.

Closing date: 31 August 2015

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Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited

## JUNIOR SOLICITORS (Criminal) - DUBBO

Permanent / temporary full time positions  
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We are proudly Aboriginal, we are fearless in our advocacy, and we are making a difference to create a better future.

We are seeking a Solicitor to provide high quality legal advice and representation to clients, primarily in criminal matters.

You will enjoy an attractive salary and benefits, including generous salary packaging, rostered days off, study leave plus the opportunity to work for a legal practice committed to social justice and advocacy.

A full position description, including key accountabilities and selection criteria, is available on our web at [www.alsnswact.org.au/getinvolved/careers/search](http://www.alsnswact.org.au/getinvolved/careers/search) for jobs E-mail the application (or mail hard copy) by the closing date. Applicants should ensure mailed applications will be received by the close of business 5 pm on 1st September 2015 to Sonya Mooring Regional Administration Co-ordinator at [sonya.mooring@alsnswact.org.au](mailto:sonya.mooring@alsnswact.org.au)

Phone 6841 6966 or Post PO Box 446 Dubbo NSW 2830

**We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Solicitors to apply**

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**Looking for a new challenge? Ready for a key position in care? Want to work for a company which values its people?** Make the most of your passions and step forward with UnitingCare Ageing NSW.ACT.

**Our Community Care Team based in Narooma has an immediate opportunity for a Support Advisor to join their dynamic team on Permanent Part Time basis.**

**As the successful candidate, you will ensure case management is provided to deliver effective care and support for clients that enhance self-determination, capacity and resilience, as well as improving functional independence, social engagement and quality of life for the client and family carer.**

Our people make us the industry leader we are. If you meet the essential criteria for this role and have a genuine passion for working in Aged Care then we want to hear from you. Please see the attached position description for the full accountabilities and requirements for the role.

### Essential Criteria

- Degree qualifications in Allied Health, Nursing or other relevant field or working towards
- Certification with the Case Management Society of Australia
- Current First Aid certificate
- Current driver's license
- Proficient application of Case management principles
- Well-developed understanding of care delivery in community care and a commitment to best practice and continuous improvement
- Excellent written documentation and assessment skills
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and problem solving skills
- Proficiency using computer applications including; MS Word / Excel/ Outlook and a willingness to learn new programs

### Desirable Criteria

- Minimum of 5 years' experience in a similar role within the Aged Care, Community Services or Allied Health Industry

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### TO APPLY NOW

Please visit our careers page [www.unitingcarensnswact.org.au/careers](http://www.unitingcarensnswact.org.au/careers)

For further information about this position, please contact Elaine Goddard on 0437 899 091

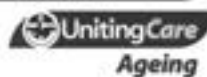
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**Closing Date: 5pm on 4th September, 2015**

UnitingCare is proud to be an EEO employer. UnitingCare supports an inclusive approach in the workplace. We celebrate our diversity and welcome staff regardless of ethnicity, faith, sexual orientation, gender identity and lifestyle choices. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Appointment will be conditional upon a satisfactory Federal Criminal Records check.

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Aboriginal Legal  
Service of WA (Inc)

## COURT OFFICER South Hedland

ALSWA is seeking a Court Officer for its South Hedland office. Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position (S. 50(d) of the EEO Act 1984). The role requires the employee to appear as an advocate in the Magistrate's Court in relation to criminal law matters, attend jails and juvenile detention centres to assist and advise clients whilst working closely with lawyers.

Details on salary, allowances, role responsibilities and how to apply please visit our website: [www.als.org.au](http://www.als.org.au) under employment section.

For further information call HR on (08) 9265 6663.

**Applications close on Friday 20 February 2015.**

## Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Aboriginal Identified) Broome, WA

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## Human Resource Manager Broken Hill, NSW

An executive position providing leadership and expertise across the complete scope of human resource functions from workforce, performance and development planning, to industrial relations and operational support within an accredited and award winning regional health service.

The emphasis is working collaboratively with a demonstrated commitment to Indigenous leadership and career development and organisation capacity building within a framework of financial accountability.

This is a challenging and diverse role; you will need the ability to be a strategic business contributor as well as to effectively respond to issues and practical day to day functions.

### Further information

Attractive remuneration, salary range 115k - 138k, generous salary packaging provisions, relocation support and professional development opportunities.

For further information please view our website and see the Strategic Plan 2014-2019 and Annual Report at [www.maarima.com.au](http://www.maarima.com.au)

### To talk about the position

Please contact Glenis Barnes, telephone 0418 639 578 or email [Glenis.Barnes@maarima.com.au](mailto:Glenis.Barnes@maarima.com.au)

Maari Ma Health has a smoke free workplace policy. A clear National Criminal Record Check is an essential requirement for this position. Having a criminal record will not necessarily stop you from being employed. We will talk with you about it privately.



**To apply, you will need to complete an application package.**

Please contact Renae Roach on telephone  
08 8082 9818 or email [workforce@maarima.com.au](mailto:workforce@maarima.com.au)  
to receive the package electronically.

**Applications close 5:00 pm  
Wednesday 16th September 2015**





CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

## ASSISTANT TO THE COORDINATOR

The position is an ongoing part-time position, 3 days (22.8 hours) per week, at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The role of the Assistant to the Coordinator embraces the roles of Secretary to Victorian Aboriginal Catholic Council (VACC) and FIRE Carrier Project Coordinator.

**Further details**, including a position description can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

## Technical Advisor



### Program Effectiveness, Accountability and Learning Team - East Perth

Promote outcome focused service delivery through the application of program management and community development and standards, tools and systems; risk management; monitoring and evaluation; and accountability to clients and communities.

You will have demonstrated experience in one or more of the areas of: community development, monitoring and evaluation, program management, community services practice improvement or quality improvement within a social services environment. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is deemed essential.

For more information please see the online ad by searching 499204 on the Australian Red Cross careers site.

*Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This is a measure intended to achieve equality under section 352D of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA).*




### Business Manager (Change Management Program)

Yulara or Alice Springs , NT

**\* Join an organisation dedicated to supporting Indigenous Australians with education and employment opportunities!**

**\* Attractive remuneration of \$130,000 (pro rata) PLUS super!**

**\* Suite of additional benefits including salary sacrificing PLUS company car and more!**



Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation (NAC) currently has an exciting position available for a talented and independent thinking Business Manager to join their team working within WU - the commercial arm of NAC in either Yulara or Alice Springs, NT on a temporary 6 month contract.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, you will work alongside the Executive Director of WU and will be responsible for taking on the day-to-day management responsibilities that the Executive Director currently has, in line with the ED's succession plan.

To be successful in this role, you'll have relevant tertiary qualifications in a business field such as finance. A CPA level financial qualification will be highly regarded.

You'll also require an expressed understanding of the recent history of economic and employment development as it impacts Anangu in the Central Western desert. In addition, you'll have demonstrated commercial acumen in relation to business development, within a remote indigenous context.

*If you are looking for a job where you can drive positive change, Apply Now!*



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## Family & Community Services

### Client Service Officer (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 2/4

Department of Family & Community Services Housing NSW

- Location:** Newcastle
- District:** Hunter New England
- Salary range:** \$62,097 – \$71,839 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

**Job Notes**  
This is an on-going role in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.

Aboriginality is an essential requirement. The role has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14a of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**More Information**

**Closing date:** Sunday, 30 August 2015 at 11:59 pm

**For enquiries:** Please call Natalie Carroll on (02) 4926 9340

**To apply:** Please visit [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) reference: 00003SYQ

**Thank you for your interest in our role.**



## Health

### Hunter New England Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at <https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/Default.aspx>

### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Wallsend

Enquires: Sarah Neal, (02) 4924 6414

Reference ID: 270721

**Closing Date: 4 September 2015**

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**




## Applications sought for Disability Council NSW

Applications are sought from people with disability and other members of the community for membership of the Disability Council NSW.

The Council plays a strategic role in advising the Minister for Disability Services on issues affecting people with disability and their families. Established under the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014*, the Council comprises between eight and twelve members, the majority of whom are people with disability. The Act requires that Council members must include:

- members of, or persons employed by, organisations concerned especially with the interests of people with disability, and
- other persons with appropriate skills and experience in matters relevant to the interests of people with disability.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are drawn from Council members and are appointed by the Minister for up to 12 months. The Chairperson must be a person with disability.

Applications are encouraged from Aboriginal people, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, young people, and those living in rural and remote NSW.


For an information pack on how to apply please contact Diana Qian on (02) 8879 9100 or [disabilitycouncil@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:disabilitycouncil@facs.nsw.gov.au)

For people with speech or hearing impairments please contact us via the National Relay Service on 1800 555 660.

Further information about the Council can be found on [www.disabilitycouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.disabilitycouncil.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications close at 5pm on 25 September 2015.**

**Minister for Disability Services**



## (Care & Protection) Newcastle

### Field Officer

*Aboriginal & Torres Strait Identified position*

### Solicitor

**Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Solicitors highly encouraged to apply**

Work Type: Temporary fulltime to 30 the June 2016 .Highly likely to be extended.

**Applications close:11.59 pm on 30 th August 2015**

Full position descriptions, including key accountabilities and selection criteria, are available on our web at [www.alsnswact.org.au/getinvolved/careers/search](http://www.alsnswact.org.au/getinvolved/careers/search) for jobs


The ALS provides legal services to Aboriginal clients across NSW/ACT. It was established as a Public Benevolent Institution and operates to assist economically and socially disadvantaged Aboriginal people to understand and protect their rights in the legal system.

We are proudly aboriginal, we are fearless in our advocacy, and we are making a difference to create a better future.

The Care and Protection Division provides advice, non-court assistance, duty lawyer and representation to clients in matters in the Children's Court, District Court, Supreme Court and the Administrative Decisions Tribunal. Care and Protection lawyers provide these services from one metropolitan and two regional offices (Lismore, Wollongong, and Parramatta), many of which also conduct outreach services to assist more distant clients. Lawyers in the Care and Protection Division also provide Community Legal Education.

You will enjoy an attractive salary and benefits, including generous salary packaging, rostered days off, study leave, plus the opportunity to work for a legal practice committed to social justice and advocacy.

Contact Officer Regional Administration Co-ordinator  
Brittany Tilden  
Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited  
PO Box W 37 Parramatta Westfield  
Parramatta NSW 2150 or  
[Brittany.tilden@alsnswact.org.au](mailto:Brittany.tilden@alsnswact.org.au)  
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## Family & Community Services

### Disability Support Worker (Aboriginal)

Accommodation and Respite  
Ageing, Disability and Homecare  
Five Ongoing 24 hour per week Part-Time positions

- Western Sydney District**
- Locations:** Doonside, Bonnyrigg, The Ponds and Auburn
- Salary range** \$49,799 pa – \$61,314 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

**About the Disability Support Worker Role**  
There are few jobs as personally rewarding as those that help improve the quality of life of other people. As a Disability Support Worker with Ageing, Disability and Home Care, you will provide care and support to people with a disability living in community-based group homes.

The needs of the people we support can vary, so you will need to remain flexible, adaptable and positive in everything you do. You will be required to work on rostered shifts and you will have the opportunity to undertake a Certificate IV in Disability.

The role provides professional and appropriate support and care to the people of supported accommodation and respite services in order to support people's daily living and life experiences and promote their independence and skill development.

**Job Notes**


- Must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- This is an ongoing part-time (24 hours per week) role. In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- A current NSW driver's licence and either a First Aid Certificate or an Emergency Response Certificate is required for this role.
- This role works with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients.
- The *Disability Inclusion Act 2014* prohibits a person who has been convicted of a criminal offence as outlined in Schedule 2 of the Act to be employed to provide disability supports and services directly to people with a disability in a way that involves face to face or physical contact
- The Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*; requires persons engaged in children related work to have Working with Children clearances. If successful in this role you will be required to provide a Working with Children Check clearance number prior to commencing in the role.
- If successful in this role you will be required to undertake a National Criminal History "Record Check in accordance with the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014*.

**To apply, please visit:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) Refer to Requisition No: 00003UTW

**Closing date: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Should you have any enquires please contact: Michael Green on (02) 9407 1947

**Thank you for you interest in the Disability Support Worker Aboriginal Role with Western Sydney District**



## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Deniliquin Local Area Command, Deniliquin  
Clerk Grade 3/4  
Permanent Full-Time  
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00003V7K

**Salary Package:** \$77,341. **Salary:** \$64,008 – \$70,087. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**  
The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

**Job Notes:**

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 6, Clause 28 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, driver's licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- For your application to be considered you **must**:
  - attach an up-to-date resume; and
  - supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application or via attachment.
- A **Working With Children Check (WWCC)**, is a **prerequisite for this position**. The applicant is responsible for applying their own WWCC (*an employer cannot apply on behalf of a worker*) and if the outcome is a clearance, the Check is valid for five years and may be used for any child-related work in NSW. You can apply for your Working With Children Check here: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check)
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

**Enquiries:** Inspector Peter Hayes on (03) 5881 9449

**For the Selection Criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply – please go to Jobs.NSW ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 000033V7K**

**Closing Date: Sunday 20 September 2015**





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](http://www.galambila.org)

**Contact:** Carroll Towney on (02) 6652 0850  
or via email [Carroll.Towney@galambila.org.au](mailto: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.**



### Project Manager – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

The purpose of this role is to develop and manage a range of projects and policy advice in relation to social and emotional wellbeing and mental health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The position holder will also contribute to building cultural awareness and competency of beyondblue staff and operations.

Reporting to the General Manager, Workforce and Discrimination, the role will require the successful applicant to have high level experience and skills in project and/or program management, contract management, stakeholder engagement and policy advice. Knowledge, skills and experience in working effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations and/or promoting social and emotional wellbeing among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is essential.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applications are strongly encouraged to apply.**

An attractive remuneration package is available, which includes salary packaging and access to flexible work arrangements and other benefits.

For the full position description and selection criteria email [Andrew.Johnston@beyondblue.org.au](mailto:Andrew.Johnston@beyondblue.org.au)

A CV (4 pages maximum) and a letter addressing each of the selection criteria should be sent to this email address.

For queries related to this role contact Andrew Johnston, General Manager, Workforce and Discrimination, on (03) 9810 6212.

**Applications close on 21 September 2015.**

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



a leadership, watchdog, advocacy and sector support role, and has a commitment to Aboriginal self-determination. It is the health voice for Aboriginal people across South Australia, representing the expertise, needs and aspirations of Aboriginal communities at both state and national levels based on a holistic perspective of health.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will provide day to day leadership to the organisation to ensure the implementation of AHCSA's vision and strategic direction, build an organisational culture that leverages the resilience, experience and knowledge of Aboriginal people to improve health outcomes for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and ensure that the effort of AHCSA staff is in line with the organisational plan. The CEO will also manage AHCSA's financial, physical and human resources while creating new opportunities for strengthening the health voice of Aboriginal people so that identified community needs are clearly understood by all levels of government.

This is a very grounded role and would suit a consummate professional experienced in oscillating between strategy, advocacy and support. The successful candidate will be appropriately qualified with senior management experience within an organisation servicing diverse stakeholders and a proven practice of cultural competence. Genuine interest and credibility in the health arena, together with an ability to demonstrate strong evidence of the capacity to collaborate and influence, is essential. Other important qualities include strategic thinking, high level negotiation, communication, organisation and financial acumen.

**Applications close Wednesday 9 September 2015.**

**For a job and person specification, please visit [www.hender.com.au](http://www.hender.com.au) and for further information on our client, please visit [www.ahcsa.org.au](http://www.ahcsa.org.au).**

**Applications in Word format only should be forwarded to Justin Hinora by email to [19578@hender.com.au](mailto:19578@hender.com.au). Telephone enquiries are welcome on (08) 8100 8849.**

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## Gaba Yula: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare Burnside in partnership with Gaba Yula OOH service are looking for an Aboriginal Identified Carer Support and Recruitment Worker and 2 Aboriginal Identified Caseworkers to join our friendly Foster Care team based in North Parramatta on a full time basis.

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**[getacareerthatmatters.com.au](http://getacareerthatmatters.com.au)**

Applications close 3 September 2015. Please view job description online for full details.

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### Financial Counsellor (Aboriginal Identified)

- Package up to \$79k (Clerk Grade 3/4)
- 35 hours per week
- Temporary vacancy till June 2017

We are looking for an enthusiastic Aboriginal financial counsellor to work with Legal Aid's Civil Law Service for Aboriginal Communities. The successful candidate will work with Aboriginal clients across NSW to build financial capability and assist with financial disputes.

Apply Online: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003UW4

Closing Date: Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Enquiries: Jemima McCaughan on (02) 9219 6330



**Health**  
Western NSW  
Local Health District

### Aboriginal Health Worker

Classification: Dependent on qualifications

Salary: \$941.00 – \$1,605.80 per week

Location: Bathurst

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time (up to 31/07/2016)

Enquiries: Jackie Corliss, (02) 6330 5634

Email: [jackie.corliss@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jackie.corliss@health.nsw.gov.au)

Reference Number: 270385

**Closing Date: 1 September 2015**

Please apply online by visiting:  
[7984ynotmakeityou.com.au](http://7984ynotmakeityou.com.au)  
(click on *Our Vacancies*)

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**Health**  
Justice Health &  
Forensic Mental Health Network

### Administration and Data Support (AO4) Aboriginal Identified

Classification: Health Employees' Administrative Staff (State) Award-Admin Off Lvl 4

Location: Malabar

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$57,276 – \$58,654 pa

Enquiries: Gregory Davison, (02) 9700 3050

Email: [gregory.davison@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gregory.davison@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au)

Reference No: 270402

**Closing Date: 7 September 2015**

To apply for this position please visit  
[nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://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**



**Health**  
Illawarra Shoalhaven  
Local Health District

### Indigenous VAN Counsellor – Social Worker Level 3 / Psychologist

Ambulatory & Primary Health Care – Nowra  
Permanent Full-Time – job share will be considered  
Enquiries: Kimberly Chiswell, 4423 9211  
Reference ID: 270445

**Closing Date: 9 September 2015**

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Apply online at:**  
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## City of Blue Mountains

*Experience career and lifestyle at its best, all within the beauty of a World Heritage National Park.*

### 2016 TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM

Applications for Blue Mountains City Council's Apprentice and Trainee program are now open for commencement of work February 2016.

Take this opportunity to kick start your career and earn while you learn!

You will be given the opportunity to learn new skills, gain a qualification and be mentored by long-standing Council employees while serving the local community.

- **2ND YEAR PLUMBING APPRENTICE**
- **CIVIL CONSTRUCTION – ROAD MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION (x 2)**
- **HORTICULTURE (TARGETED ABORIGINAL POSITION)**

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background – exemption granted under section 126 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Closing Date:** Friday, 11 September 2015.

**How to Apply:** View position details and download an application form at <http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/yourcouncil/careers/apprenticeshipstraineeships>

**Further Information:**

Please contact Kate Meehan on 4780 5519 or

[kmeehan@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kmeehan@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)



### Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, Mt Druitt

**ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**



**Are you passionate about children and their learning experiences?**

**Do you want to work where you can make a difference?**

We have a range of positions in our centre that require casual work which may lead to full time;

- **Early Learning – Teacher, Diploma, Cert 3 and cook.**
- **Bus driver/Gardener (We will require a two year good driving record)**

We are seeking experienced Child Care Workers and other staff to join our team that is dedicated to the provision of quality care for 0-6 year olds. The position is responsible for providing care for children that promotes 'being, belonging and becoming', and is knowledgeable with the Early Years Learning Framework. This is a perfect opportunity if you would like to work for an integrated agency that values its staff and is committed to quality childcare.

We will require you to have qualifications, a Working with Children Check, resume and referee contacts.

Please contact the office on 02 9625 6357 for an Information Package including job description or send your resume to [Admin@yenuallowah.org.au](mailto:Admin@yenuallowah.org.au)

Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre is an integrated service based in Mt Druitt, Western Sydney NSW.

**Applications close:**  
**5pm Monday 14th September 2015.**

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## POLICY MANAGER

Expected vacancy. Ongoing. Full time position.

**Location:** Canberra, ACT

**Salary range:** \$97,000 - \$103,000 per annum, plus superannuation and salary sacrifice.

**Closing date:** COB 9 September 2015

AIDA's ultimate goal is to reach population parity in the medical profession of Indigenous doctors, and to inform and support a culturally safe health care system.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

**Duty statement and selection criteria online:** [www.aida.org.au/our-work/vacancies](http://www.aida.org.au/our-work/vacancies)

**Enquiries:** [jobs@aida.org.au](mailto:jobs@aida.org.au)

## Nepean Blue Mountains PHN

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker

**Full time / Part time (Penrith office)**

The Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network is seeking an Outreach Worker to join our office in the Penrith area. You will have knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and cultures. Aboriginality is an essential selection criteria of this position under the terms of *Sect 50(d) of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1984 and Sect 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*.

The primary role of the Outreach Worker is to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to access health care and follow up services as well as supporting and advocating for the health needs of individual Aboriginal people living in the NBMPHN region.

Attractive salary packaging, leave loading plus superannuation offered. Visit [www.nbmphn.com.au](http://www.nbmphn.com.au) for more information and to apply.

**Applications close 5pm Wednesday 2nd September 2015.**

NBMPHN acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and acknowledges Elders both past and present.



Magistrates' Court of Victoria

## CISP ADVANCED KOORI CASE MANAGER

*Magistrates' Court*

*VPS Grade 4*

*\$74,962 - \$85,052 plus Super*

*Role No: MC1924*

The CISP Advanced Koori Case Manager position forms part of the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) team, based primarily at Melbourne. The CISP integrated service delivery model features a coordinated, multidisciplinary team based approach that provides for an efficient and effective response to both the court and the accused. This service delivery model maximises resources by identifying accused persons for appropriate intervention, streamlining processes and systems, and coordinating service delivery.

The aim of the CISP Advanced Koori Case Manager is to address the issue of the over-representation of Koori people in the Victorian justice system by working with Koori clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Koori people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Further information:** Glenn Rutter, Manager, Court Support and Diversion Services on (03) 9032 0794

**Applications to:** [careers@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:careers@justice.vic.gov.au)

**Applications close 6 September 2015**



**Australian Government**

**Department of Human Services**

The Department of Human Services (the department) is about people and is the Government's focal point for delivering social and health related services to all Australians at different stages of their lives. The department includes Child Support, Centrelink and Medicare, and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with the department and each year we deliver more than \$140 billion in payments. The department is in the process of filling a wide range of jobs in many locations and is seeking talented and motivated people to join the department.

## Ongoing (permanent) customer service positions available in the Department of Human Services

**The filling of these employment opportunities is intended to constitute a *Special Measure* under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* and is restricted to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants. If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander we have job opportunities for you.**

The Department of Human Services is now recruiting for APS 3 and APS 4 Service Officers.

Jobs are available Australia-wide including locations in metropolitan, regional and remote areas.

Salary range: \$56,069 - \$69,239 (depending on APS classification level: APS Level 3 – APS Level 4)

For information on the jobs and how to apply please visit

**<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/careers/>.**

These positions are advertised under the RecruitAbility Scheme. Should you declare you have a disability, opt into the scheme, and meet the minimum requirements for the positions at the shortlisting stage, you will be progressed to further assessment.

For more information see: **<http://www.apsc.gov.au/priorities/disability/recruitability>.**

Applications close at 11:59 pm Friday 11 September 2015.

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## Youth Program Coordinator

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Program (ATSIPP)**

- An excellent opportunity to join one of Australia's leading international not for profits
- Full Time, 35 hours per week
- Melbourne based

Around the globe, Oxfam works to find practical, innovative ways for people to lift themselves out of poverty and attain their rights. We support programs and campaigns that change peoples lives for the better.

### The Role

The Youth Program Coordinator role is an exciting role within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Program (ATSIPP) at Oxfam Australia. The position is within a committed team working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to empower them to claim their rights and achieve their aspirations.

The position specifically works in partnership with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support them to build on existing skills and knowledge to make the change they want to see in their lives, workplaces and communities.

This is an exciting opportunity to support the personal development and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and gain experience and develop your own skills in a leading international development organisation.

### Selection Criteria

**You will have experience in:**

- Understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young peoples' experiences and the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to achieve their rights and aspirations.



- Working in or coordinating community development programs and/or initiatives.
- Leading and managing young people, including building staff and participant capacity through mentoring and training.

### We can offer you

- A base salary of \$70,482 plus superannuation and access to generous NFP tax concessions (specifically, a salary packaging scheme offering up to \$21,100 of your salary tax free)
- The opportunity to match your career to a compelling cause
- A flexible, supportive, and diverse workplace with ample opportunities for career progression and development.

### Apply now

- Please visit <https://www.oxfam.org.au/my/jobs> for application details.
- To apply, please submit your CV, cover letter and a response addressing the required selection criteria outlined above in this ad.

**Applications close: Monday 28 September 2015 at 10am.**

*Oxfam Australia is committed to the safeguarding of children and young people.*

## Health & Wellbeing Coordinator

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Program (ATSIPP)**

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- Full Time, 35 hours per week
- Melbourne based

Around the globe, Oxfam works to find practical, innovative ways for people to lift themselves out of poverty and attain their rights. We support programs and campaigns that change peoples lives for the better.

### The Role

The Health and Wellbeing Coordinator role is an exciting role within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples program at Oxfam Australia. The position sits within a committed team working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to bring about health equality.

The role leads the planning and implementation of Oxfam's engagement with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples and organisations relating to health issues. A key responsibility of this role is to manage a range of Indigenous health partners and an innovative small grants program. Additionally the role will contribute to two major public campaigns: Close the Gap and Change the Record by ensuring our program work with partner organisations compliments our public campaign work.

This is an exciting opportunity to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people achieve health equality and gain experience and develop your own skills in a leading international development organisation.

### Selection Criteria

**You will be able to demonstrate experience in:**

- Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities, including demonstrated experience building positive relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.
- A good understanding of the social, cultural and political factors impacting on Indigenous health and wellbeing; and

strategies address these issues so Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples achieve their right to good health.

- Managing programs that engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and organisations including community development initiatives.
- Current knowledge of key organisations and agencies working in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing at the national and state level.

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## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT

**SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)**

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under the section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0129	CANNING PETROLEUM PTY LTD	5471.09 km <sup>2</sup>	Halls Creek Shire (43.8%) Wyndham-East Kimberley Shire (56.2%)

### LOCALITY

The application is a State Onshore Exploration Permit application located in the Ord Basin. The application occupies a total of 67 5'x5' blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SE52 (Halls Creek) of which 53 are full blocks and 14 are part blocks. The east boundary of the application is along the boundary of Western Australia and Northern Territory. The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 47 kilometres east south east of the Dunham River Homestead. The north-east corner of the application is located approximately 170 kilometres south of the top north eastern point of Western Australia on the boundary of Western Australia and North Territory. The south west corner of the application is located approximately 89 kilometres east north east of the Alice Downs homestead. The application commences at a point 128°40'4.41"E, 16°24'54.92"S, thence east along parallel to a point 129°0'1.76"E, 16°24'54.91"S, which is located on the boundary of Western Australia and Northern Territory, thence south along Western Australia border to a point 129°0'1.80"E, 17°34'54.93"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°45'4.42"E, 17°34'54.93"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°45'4.42"E, 17°29'54.92"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°50'4.42"E, 17°29'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°50'4.42"E, 17°24'54.92"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°55'4.42"E, 17°24'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°55'4.42"E, 17°9'54.92"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°40'4.42"E, 17°9'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°40'4.42"E, 17°4'54.92"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°30'4.43"E, 17°4'54.93"S, thence south along meridian to a point 128°30'4.43"E, 17°9'54.93"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°20'4.43"E, 17°9'54.93"S, thence south along meridian to a point 128°20'4.43"E, 17°14'54.93"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°10'4.44"E, 17°14'54.94"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°10'4.44"E, 17°9'54.94"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°15'4.43"E, 17°9'54.93"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°15'4.43"E, 16°54'54.93"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°25'4.42"E, 16°49'54.93"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°30'4.42"E, 16°49'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°30'4.42"E, 16°44'54.93"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°35'4.42"E, 16°44'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°35'4.41"E, 16°29'54.92"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°40'4.41"E, 16°29'54.92"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 128°40'4.41"E, 16°24'54.92"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: 26 August 2015**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons and those who are a body corporate have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **26 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*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for either native title determination or prescribed body corporate to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e **26 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).

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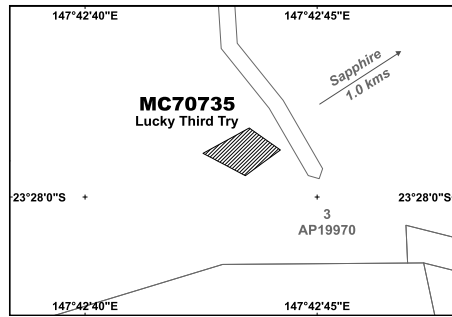


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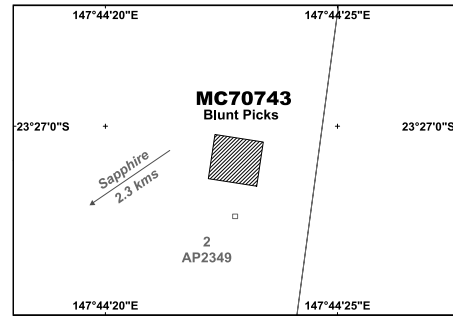
## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC70735, MC70743, MC70811, MC70910, MC70983, MC71010, MC71113, MC71143, MC71164, MC71199, MC71207, MC71208, MC71306, MC71958, MC72084, MC72138 and MC72139 and grant of MC72311, MC72400 and MC72401 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

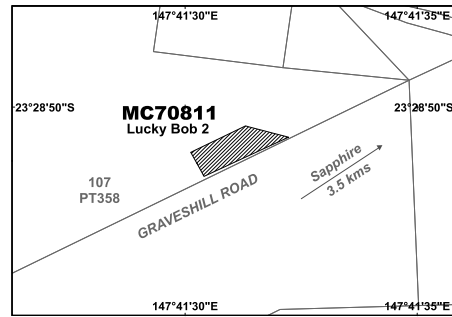
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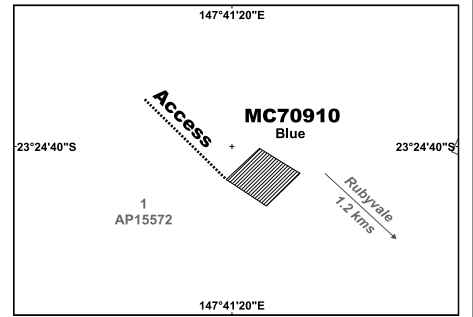
Mining Claim 70743 renewal sought by Darrell John Clayton, over an area of 818 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 2.3 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



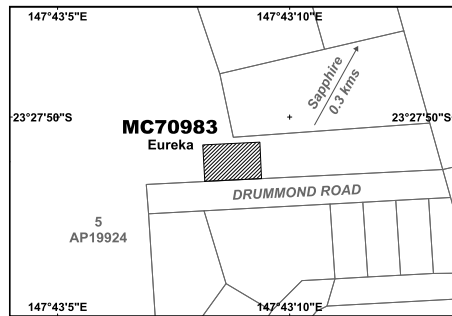
Mining Claim 70811 renewal sought by Robert Owen Pullen-Cameron, over an area of 885 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 3.5 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



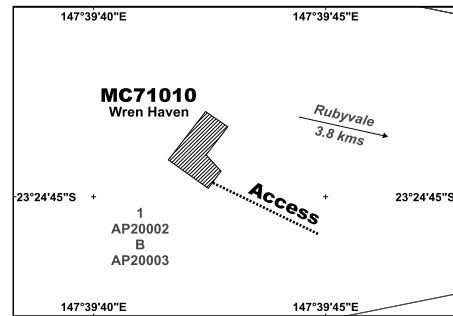
Mining Claim 70910 renewal sought by Stephen Joseph Reid, over an area of 881 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.2 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



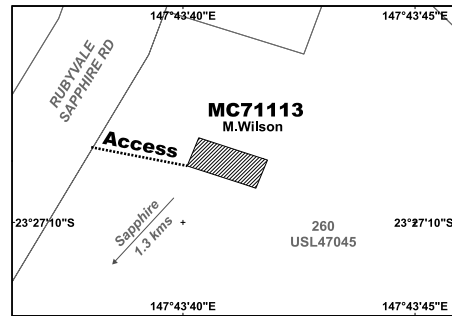
Mining Claim 70983 renewal sought by Alexis Yvonne Aylward, over an area of 875 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 0.3 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



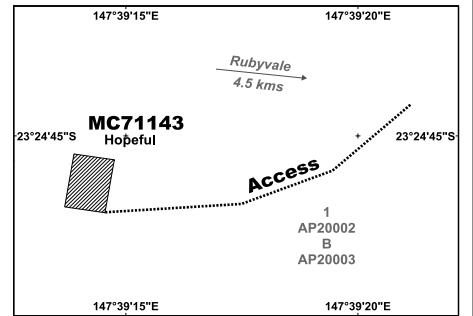
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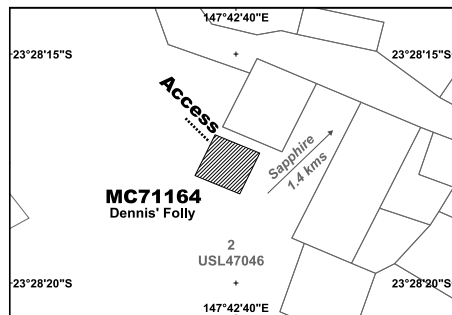
Mining Claim 71113 renewal sought by Jonathan George King, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.3 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



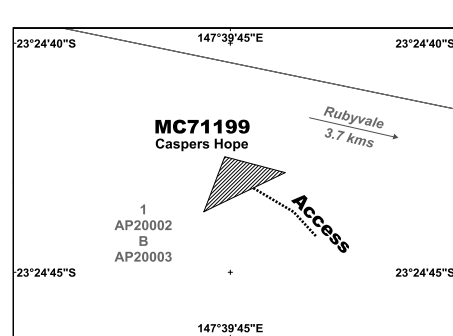
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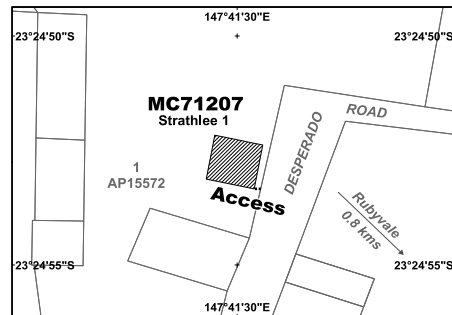
Mining Claim 71164 renewal sought by James William Cowan (50%) and Barbara Anne Cowan (50%), over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.4 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



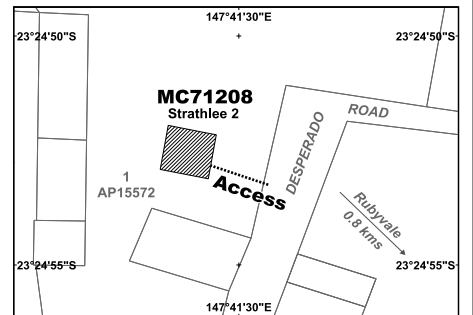
Mining Claim 71199 renewal sought by Delma Ruth Hunt, over an area of 754 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 3.7 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



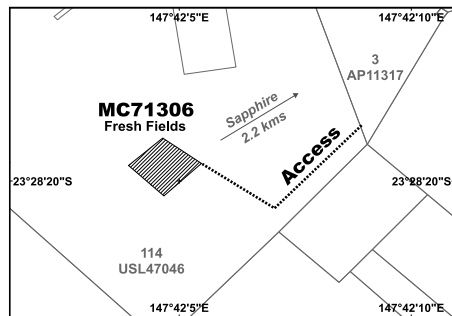
Mining Claim 71207 renewal sought by Gysbert Delwig (50%) and Sheryl Delwig (50%), over an area of 899 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 0.8 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



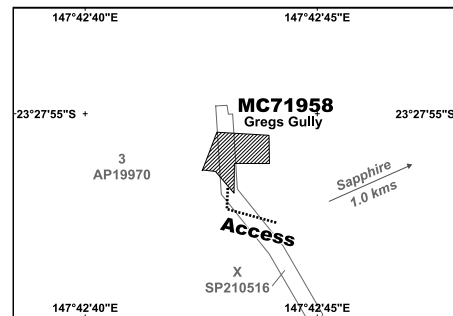
Mining Claim 71208 renewal sought by Gysbert Delwig (50%) and Sheryl Delwig (50%), over an area of 899 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 0.8 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



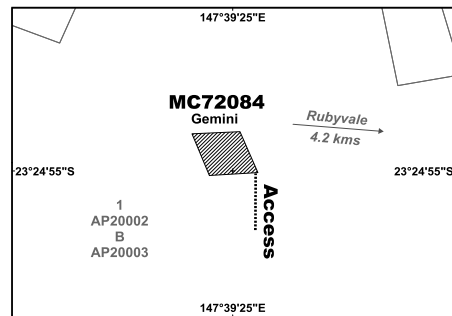
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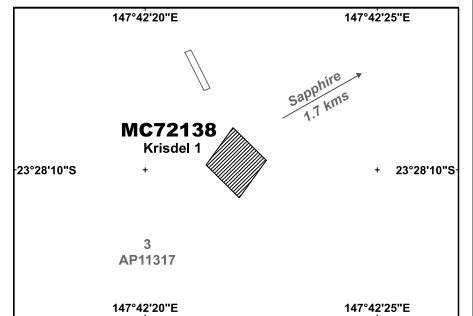
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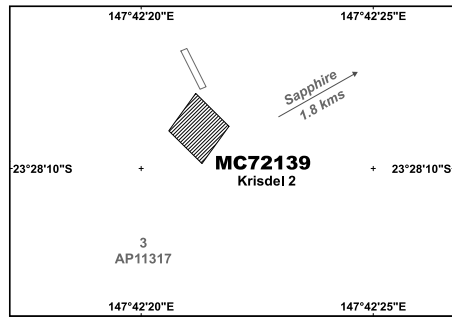
Mining Claim 72084 renewal sought by Karl Waldemar Gustafsson, over an area of 835 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 4.2 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



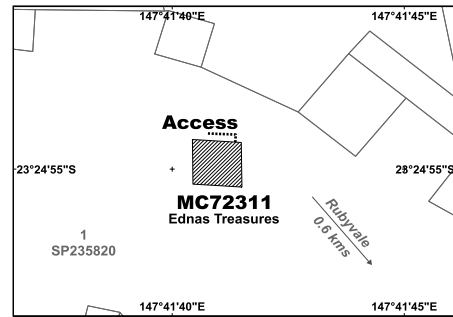
Mining Claim 72138 renewal sought by Kristina Doris Margaret Delahunty, over an area of 873 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.7 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



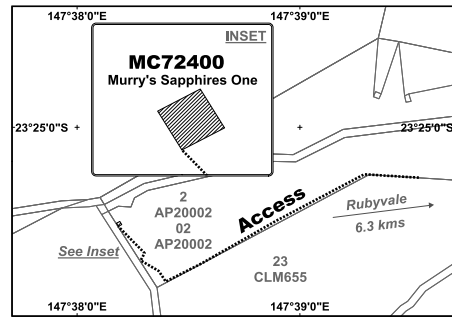
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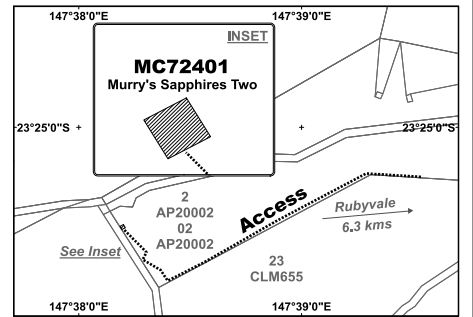
Mining Claim 72311 sought by Raymond Reginald Weekes, over an area of 897 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 0.6 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72400 sought by Murray Allan Hazelton, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 6.3 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72401 sought by Murray Allan Hazelton, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 6.3 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The renewal or grant of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals or Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 16 September 2015**

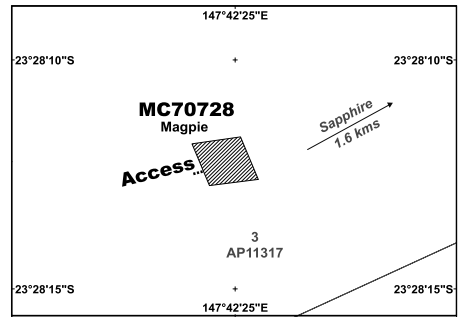


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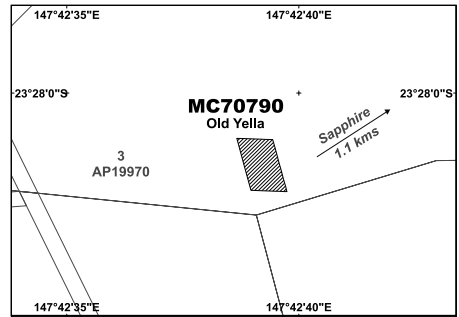
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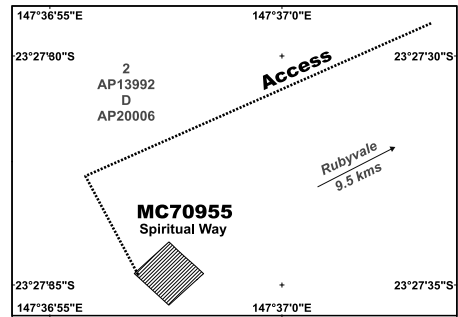
Mining Claim 70728 renewal sought by William Murgha Crockett, over an area of 888 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



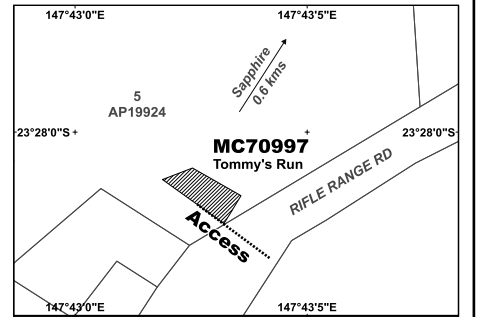
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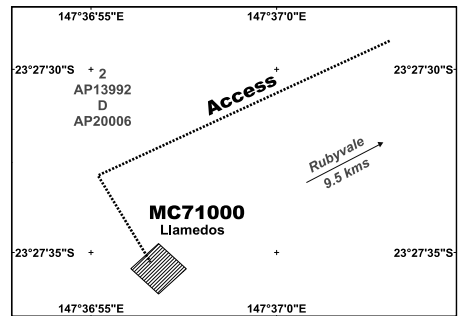
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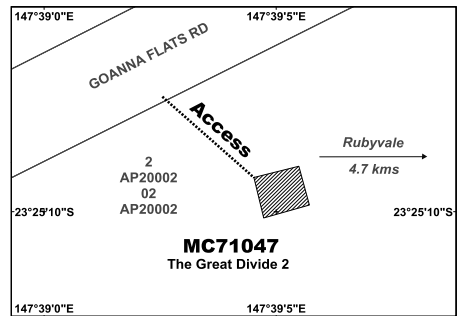
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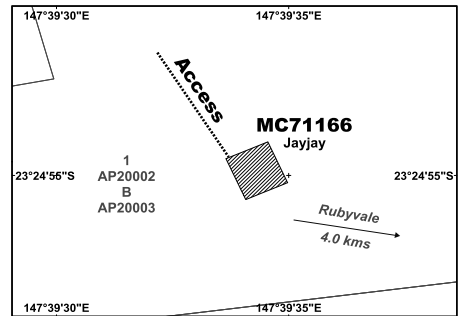
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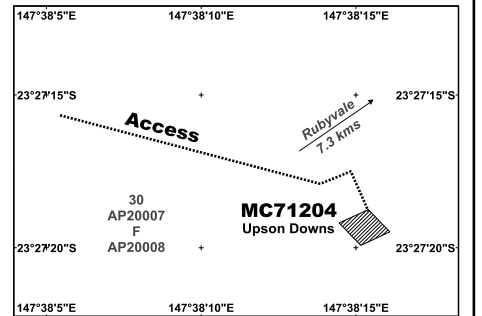
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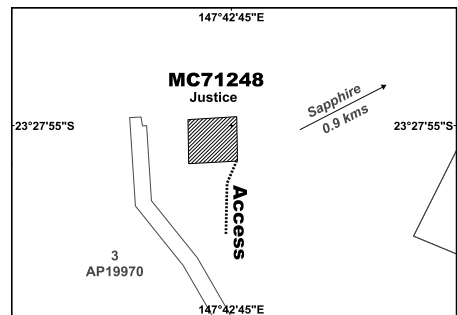
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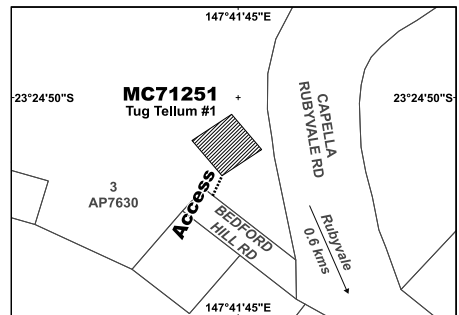
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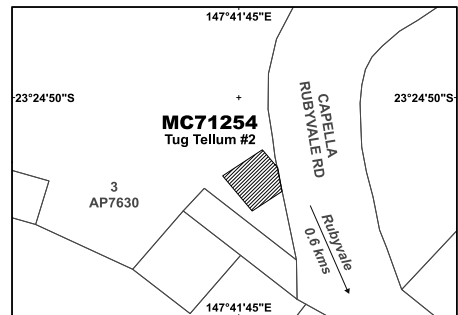
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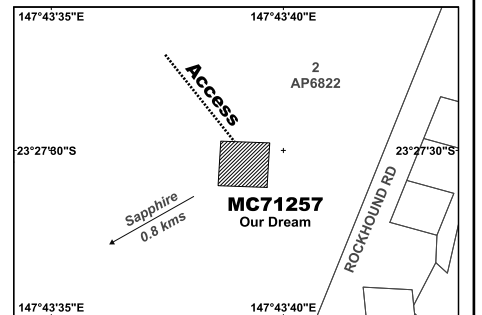
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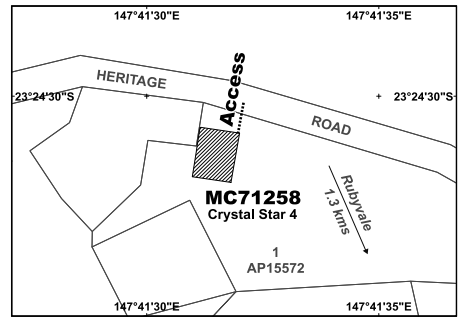
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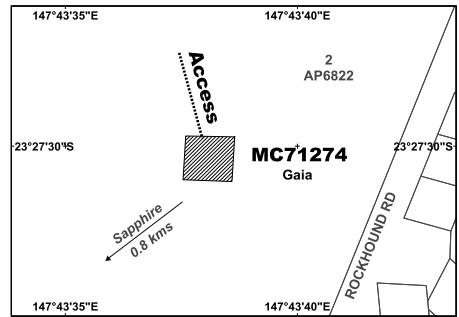
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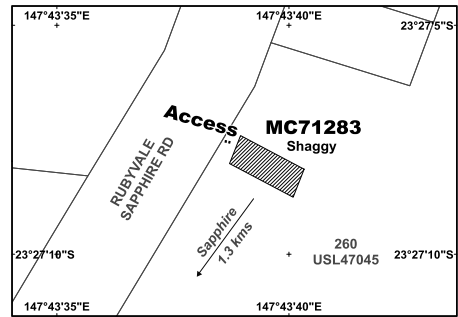
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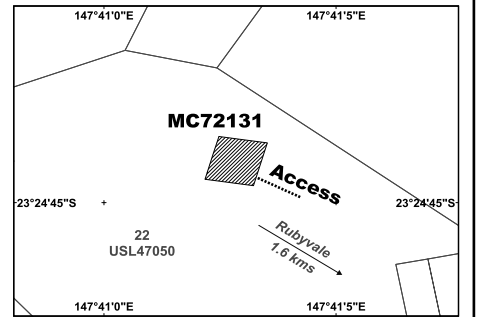
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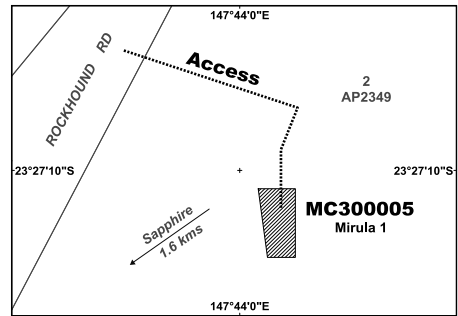
Mining Claim 71283 renewal sought by Stephen George Arch, over an area of 885 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.3 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



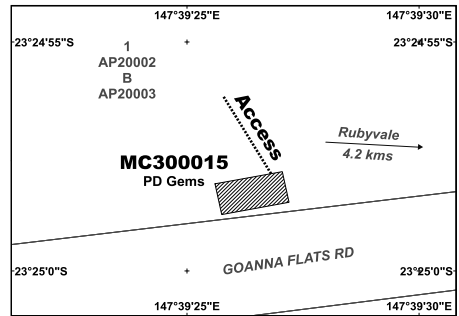
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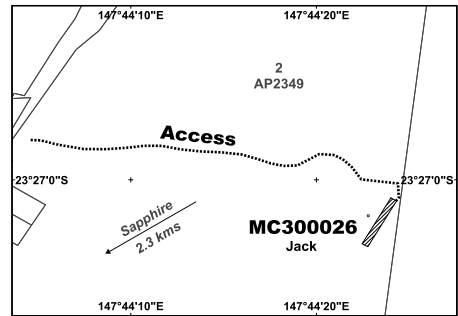
Mining Claim 300005 sought by Michael Frederick Kemp, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.6 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



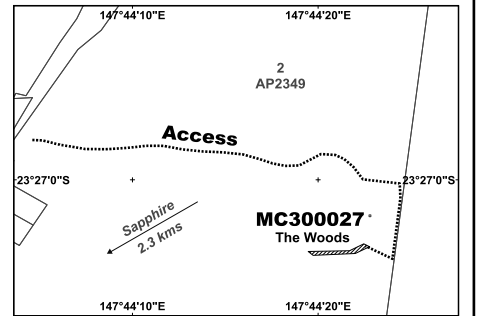
Mining Claim 300015 sought by Dallas Ursula Allan, over an area of 882 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 4.2 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300026 sought by Ivan John Dwyer, over an area of 887 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 2.3 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300027 sought by Sharmaine Rose Huskisson, over an area of 576 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 2.3 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



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**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals or Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 16 September 2015**

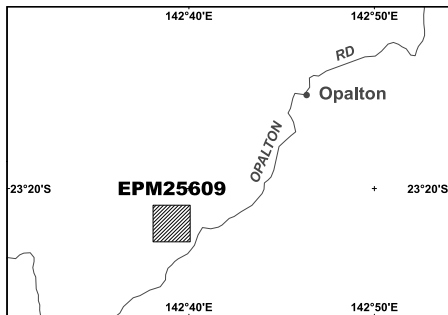


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS, RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS AND RENEWAL OF MINING LEASES

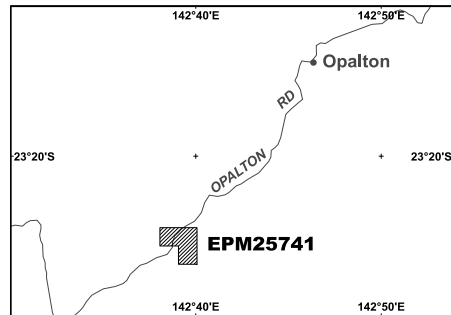
## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of EPM25609, EPM25741 and EPM25971 and renewal of MC95159, MC95161, MC95167, MC95168, MC95299, MC95320 and MC95324, and grant of MC300016, MC300019, MC300025, MC300030 and MC300033 and renewal of ML95438, ML95439, ML95474, ML95491 and ML95498 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

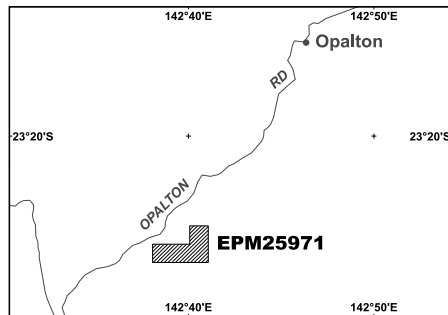
Exploration Permit 25609 sought by Janelle Collins, over an area of 4 sub blocks (13 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 17 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



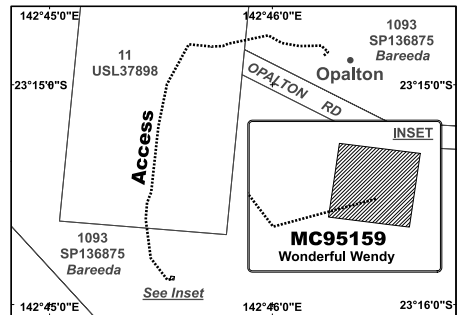
Exploration Permit 25741 sought by Neil Robert William Black, over an area of 3 sub blocks (9 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 22 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



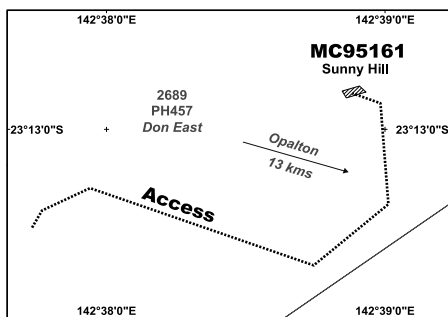
Exploration Permit 25971 sought by Opal Essence Australia Pty Ltd, ACN 010 220 390, over an area of 4 sub blocks (13 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 23 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



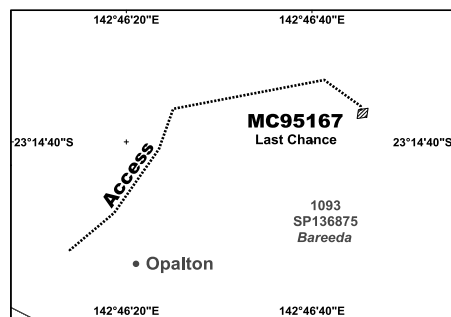
Mining Claim 95159 renewal sought by Geoffrey Ross Weller, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 2.2 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



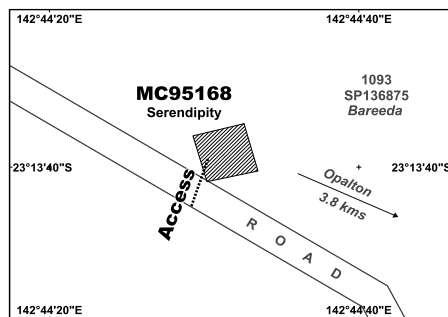
Mining Claim 95161 renewal sought by Karl Johann Beringer, over an area of 6,098 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 13 km North West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



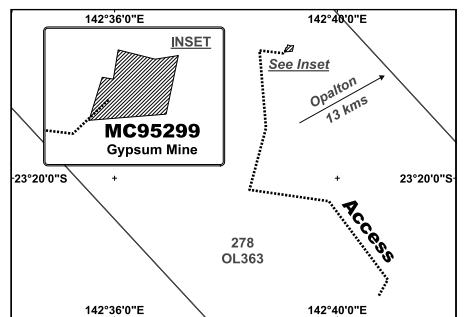
Mining Claim 95167 renewal sought by Paul Antony Moro, over an area of 861 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 0.8 km North East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



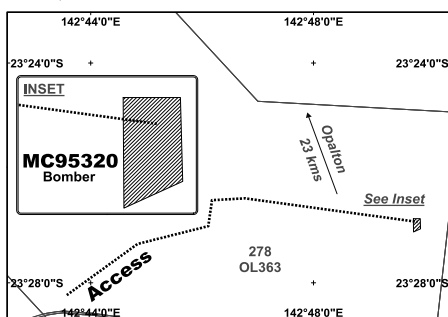
Mining Claim 95168 renewal sought by Noella Ann Chelman, over an area of 9,393 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 3.8 km North West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



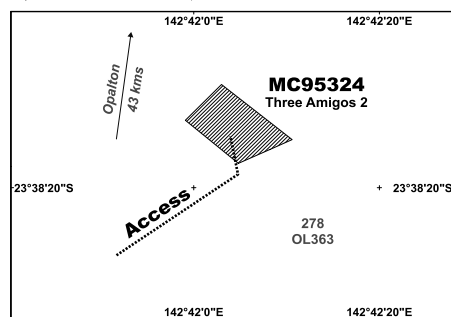
Mining Claim 95299 renewal sought by Graham John Neshausen, over an area of 43,653 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 13 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



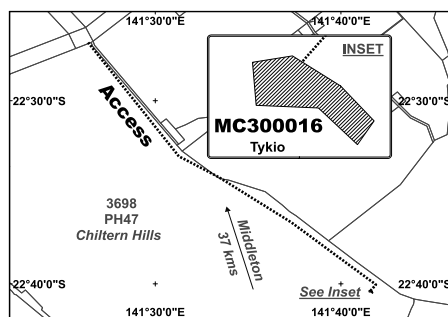
Mining Claim 95320 renewal sought by Kyle Leslie Fickling, over an area of 83,551 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 23 km South East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



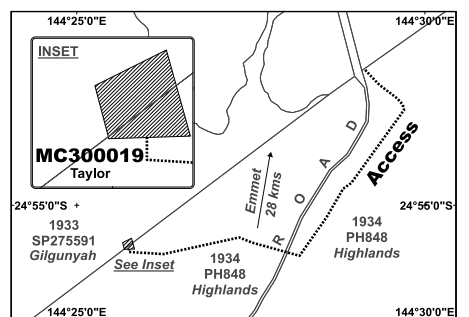
Mining Claim 95324 renewal sought by Welcorp Pty Ltd, ACN 010 783 776, over an area of 41,495 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 43 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



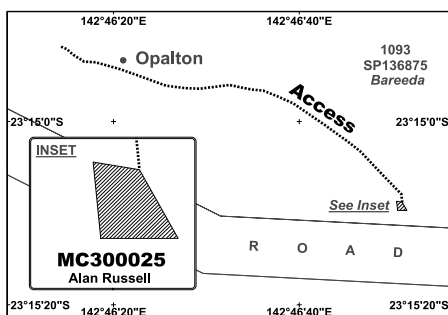
Mining Claim 300016 sought by Michael John Mann, over an area of 50,000 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 37 km South South East of Middleton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



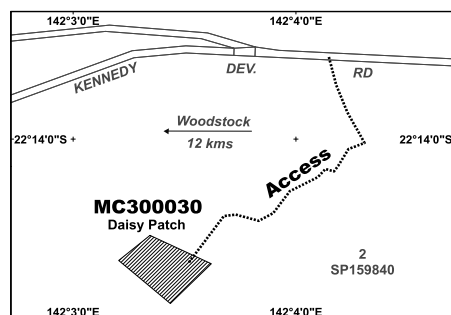
Mining Claim 300019 sought by Andrew John Taylor, over an area of 57,890 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 28 km South South West of Emmet, in the locality of the Longreach Regional Council.



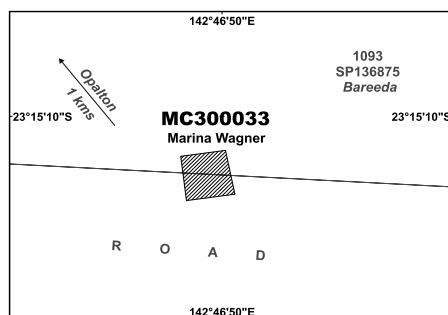
Mining Claim 300025 sought by Alan James Russell, over an area of 651 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.0 km South East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



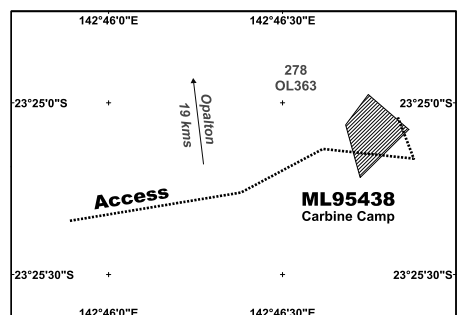
Mining Claim 300030 sought by Tracy Ann Parry, over an area of 202,100 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 12 km East of Woodstock, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



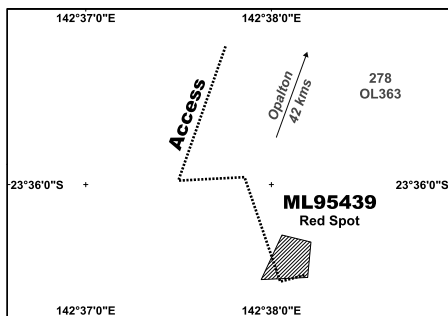
Mining Claim 300033 sought by Marina Wagner, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.0 km South East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



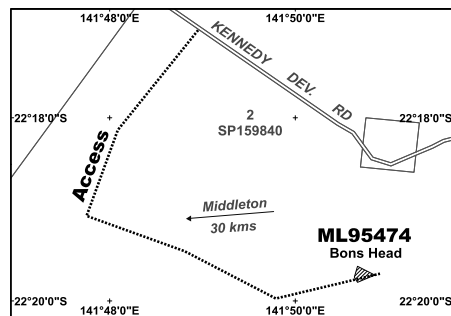
Mining Lease 95438 renewal sought by Martin Gerard Mitchell, over an area of 69,545 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 19 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



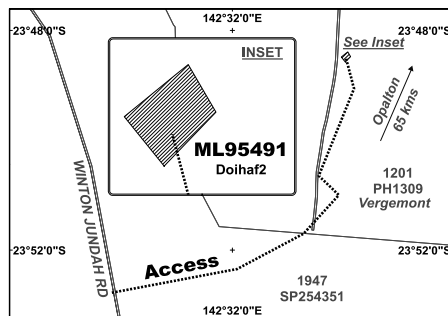
Mining Lease 95439 renewal sought by Gotap Pty Ltd, ACN 103 696 537, over an area of 142,333 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 42 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



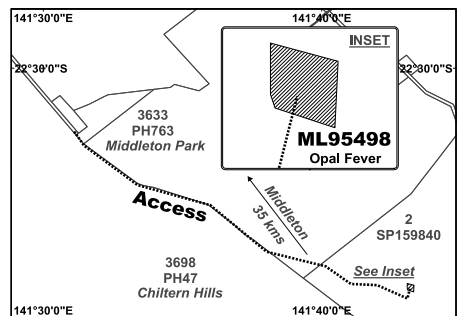
Mining Lease 95474 renewal sought by Boulder Opal Pty Ltd, ACN 093 980 360, over an area of 61,755 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 30 km East of Middleton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Mining Lease 95491 renewal sought by John David Wilton, over an area of 47,157 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 65 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



Mining Lease 95498 renewal sought by Sempo Mining Company Pty Ltd, ACN 077 599 387, over an area of 177,688 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 35 km South East of Middleton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of Exploration Permits under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for Exploration Permit 25609 for a term not exceeding one (1) year, for Exploration Permit 25741 for a term not exceeding four (4) years and for Exploration Permit 25971 for a term not exceeding five (5) years. The renewal or grant of Mining Leases and Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Exploration Permits be granted, the Mining Claims and Mining Leases be renewed or granted, subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Exploration Permits, Mining Leases and Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit, Mining Lease and Mining Claim Applications or Renewals may be obtained from the Department

of Natural Resources and Mines, Small Scale Mining Hub, Court House, Vindex Street, Winton, Queensland, 4735, Telephone: (07) 4657 1727.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Exploration Permits, Mining Leases and Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 16 September 2015**



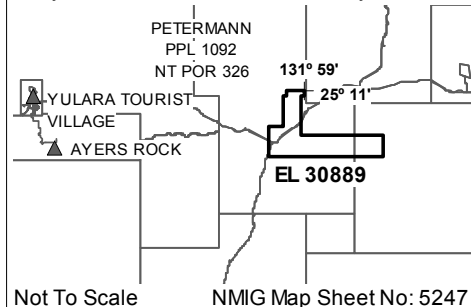
# NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

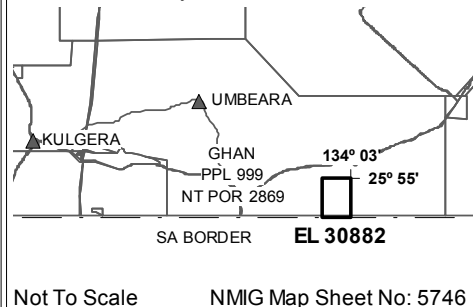
The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

### Applications to which this notice applies:

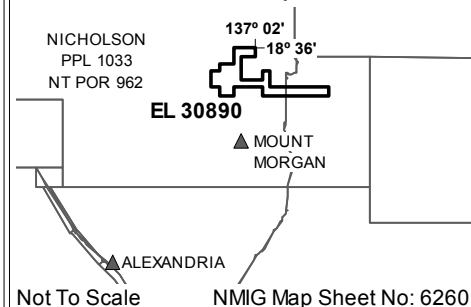
Exploration Licence 30889 sought by FRONTLINE GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 146 080 579 over an area of 142 Blocks (442 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CURTIN locality.



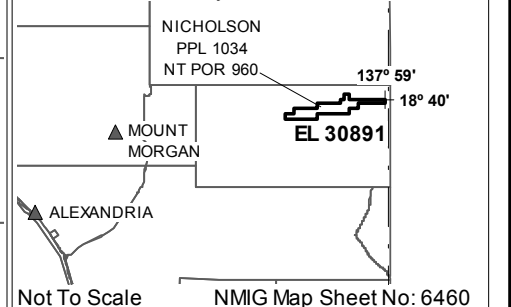
Exploration Licence 30882 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 20 Blocks (61 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BEDDOME locality.



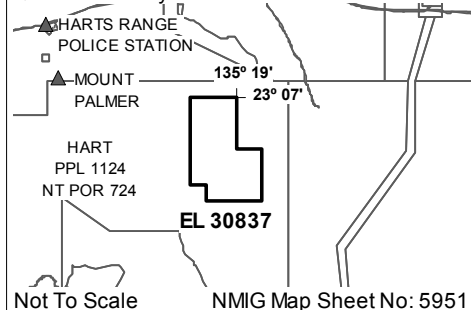
Exploration Licence 30890 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 31 Blocks (101 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MITTIEBAH locality.



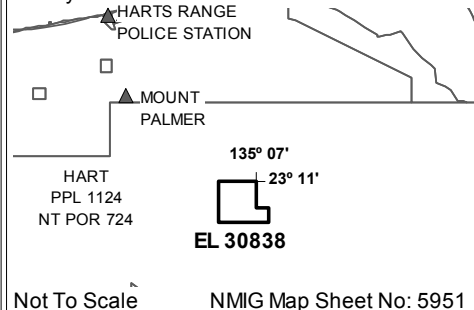
Exploration Licence 30891 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 39 Blocks (127 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



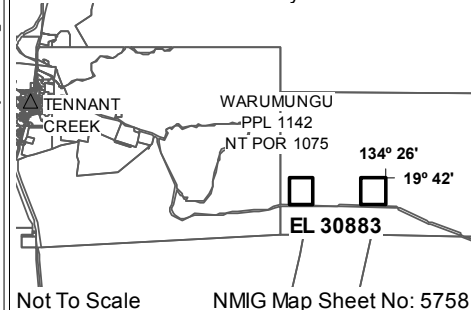
Exploration Licence 30837 sought by PINNACLE EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 605 748 196 over an area of 86 Blocks (272 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



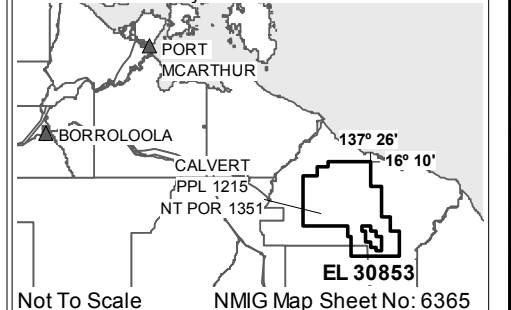
Exploration Licence 30838 sought by PINNACLE EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 605 748 196 over an area of 10 Blocks (32 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



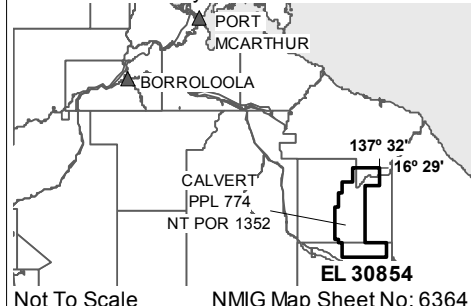
Exploration Licence 30883 sought by RESOURCE HOLDINGS (WA) PTY LTD, ACN 079 106 684 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



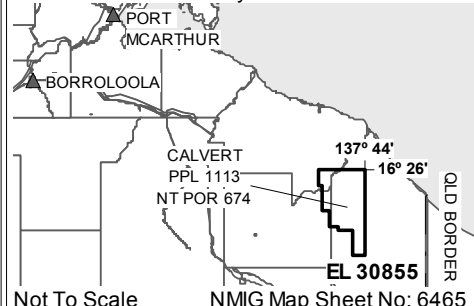
Exploration Licence 30853 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 241 Blocks (795 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ROBINSON locality.



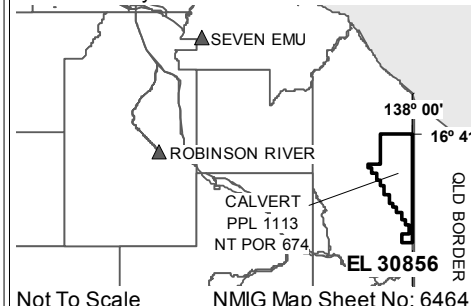
Exploration Licence 30854 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 230 Blocks (757 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PUNGALINA locality.



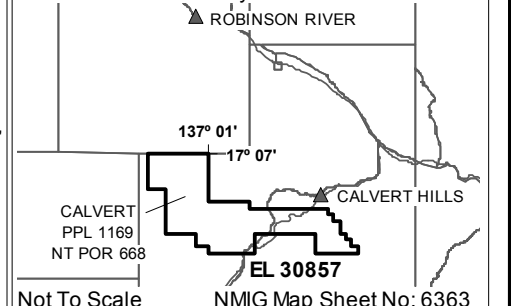
Exploration Licence 30855 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 175 Blocks (577 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT RIVER locality.



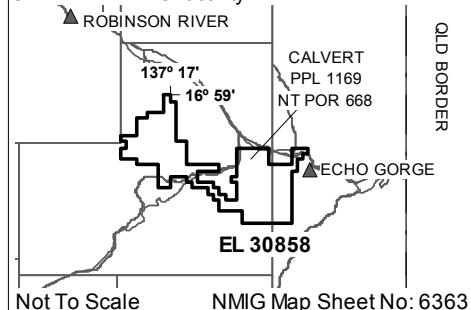
Exploration Licence 30856 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 154 Blocks (481 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



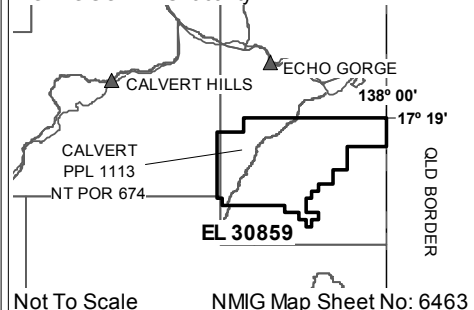
Exploration Licence 30857 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 247 Blocks (803 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



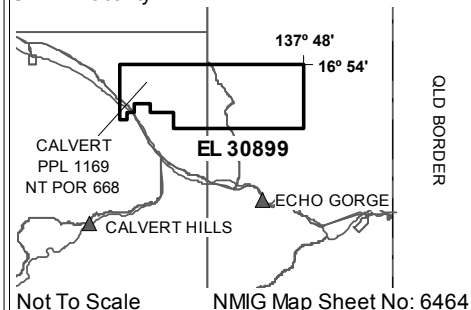
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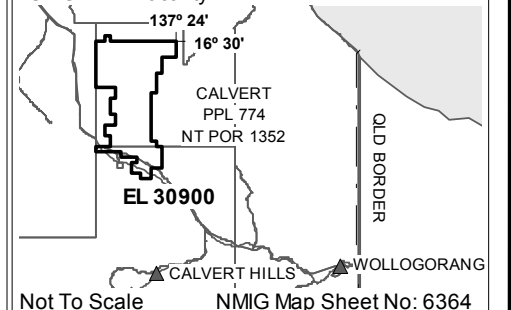
Exploration Licence 30859 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 231 Blocks (753 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WOLLOGORANG locality.



Exploration Licence 30899 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 177 Blocks (582 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



Exploration Licence 30900 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 250 Blocks (823 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PUNGALINA locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 26 August 2015

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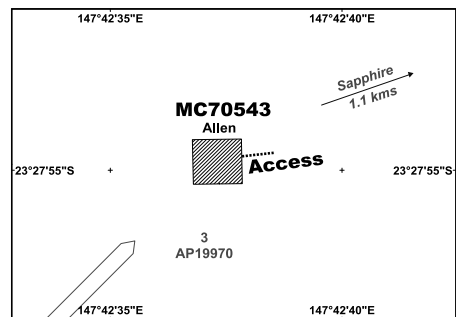


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS

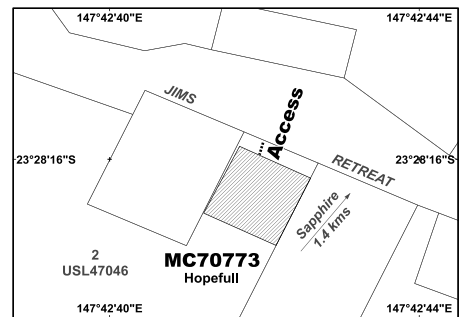
## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC70543, MC70773, MC70878, MC70879, MC70975, MC71117, MC71141, MC71158, MC71160, MC71210, MC71242, MC71249, MC71259, MC71273, MC71380, MC71383, MC71403, MC71404, MC72080 and MC72135 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

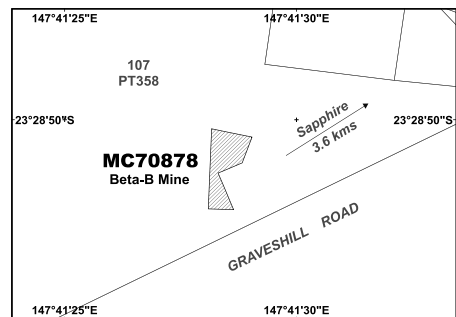
Mining Claim 70543 renewal sought by Annette Margaret Andrews, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.1 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



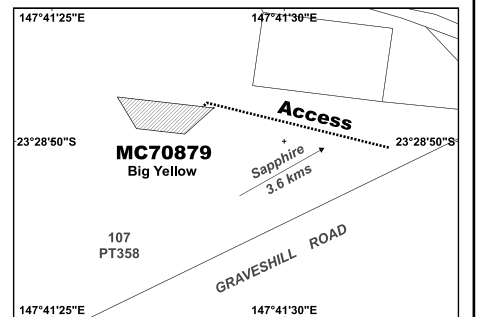
Mining Claim 70773 renewal sought by Brian Robert Douglas, over an area of 877 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.4 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



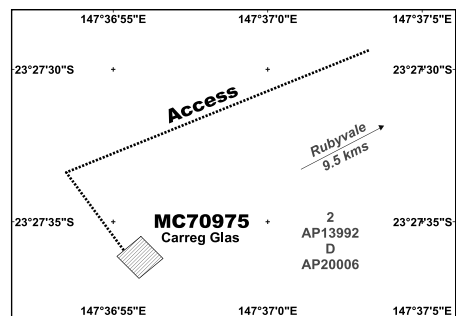
Mining Claim 70878 renewal sought by Cheryl Lea Pohlmann, over an area of 790 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 3.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



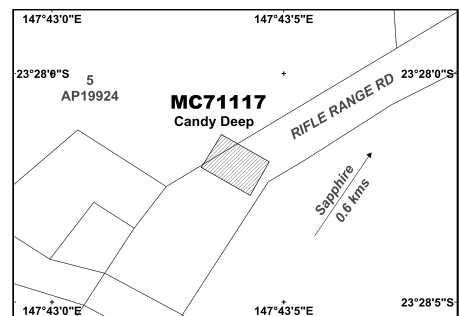
Mining Claim 70879 renewal sought by Alan James Money, over an area of 871 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 3.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



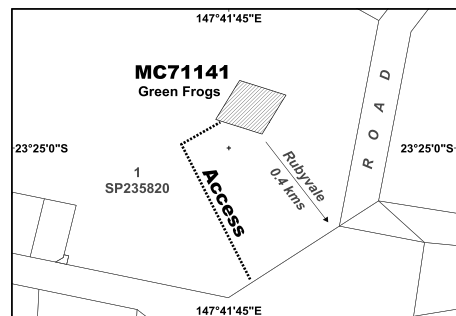
Mining Claim 70975 renewal sought by Raymond Alfred Smith, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 9.5 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



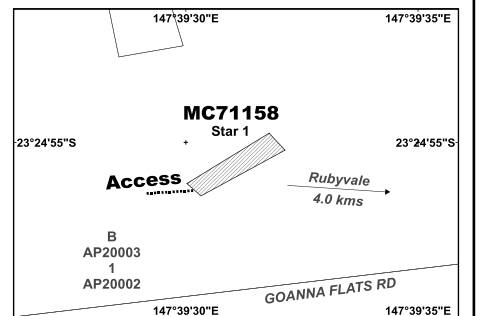
Mining Claim 71117 renewal sought by John Ewart Allen, over an area of 888 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 0.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



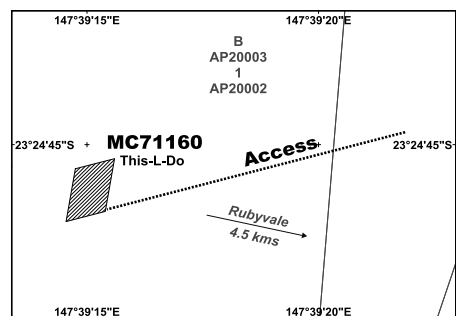
Mining Claim 71141 renewal sought by Dennis Vernon May, over an area of 887 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 0.4 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



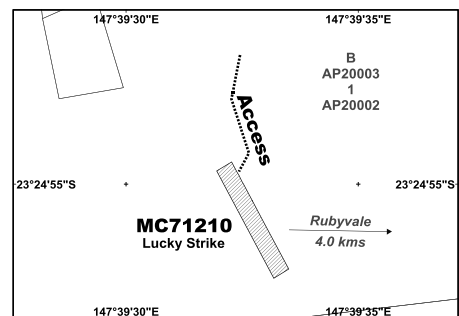
Mining Claim 71158 renewal sought by James Stanley Rule, over an area of 798 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 4.0 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



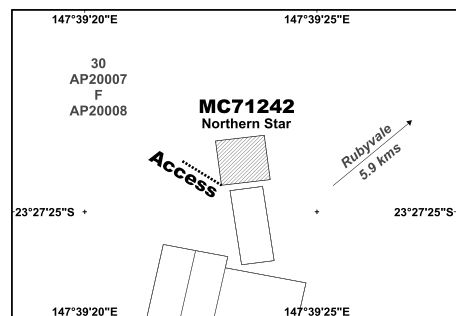
Mining Claim 71160 renewal sought by Trevor Edward Smith, over an area of 816 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 4.5 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council



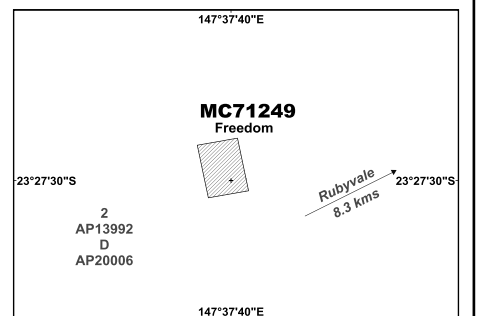
Mining Claim 71210 renewal sought by Stephen John Mathis, over an area of 871 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 4.0 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



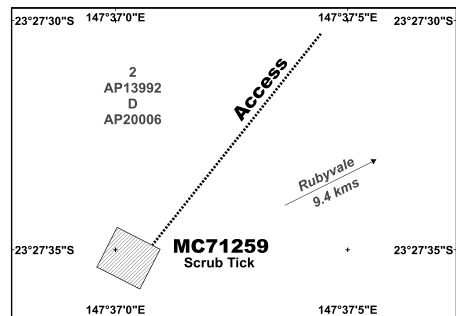
Mining Claim 71242 renewal sought by Neville Lawrence Marsh, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 5.9 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



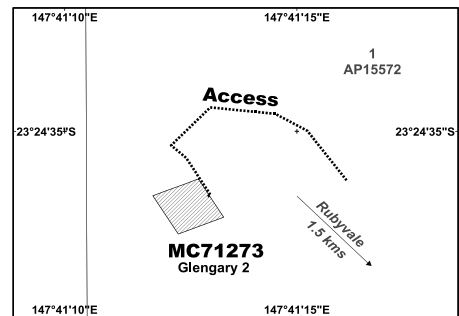
Mining Claim 71249 renewal sought by James Sydney Court, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 8.3 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



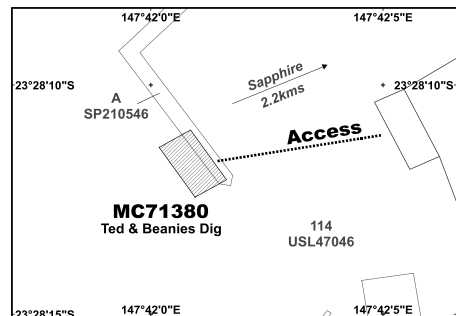
Mining Claim 71259 renewal sought by Colin John Zahmel (50%) & Rita Angela Zahmel (50%), over an area of 883 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 9.4 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



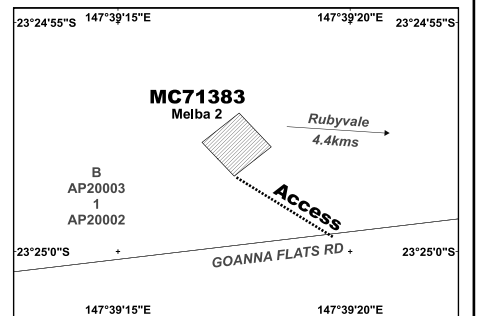
Mining Claim 71273 renewal sought by Steven Eygenraam (34%), Harry Eygenraam (33%) & Ellen Myra Eygenraam (33%), over an area of 889 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.5 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



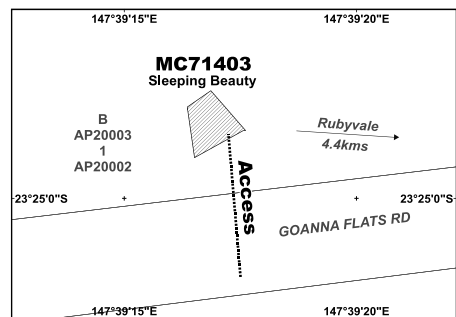
Mining Claim 71380 renewal sought by Richard Leonard Torney, over an area of 899 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 2.2 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



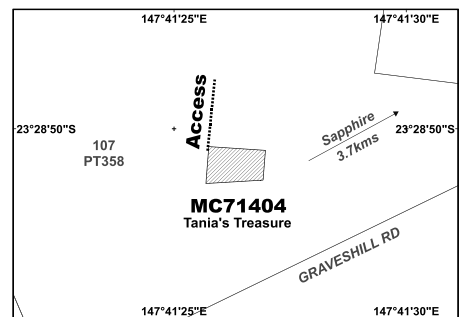
Mining Claim 71383 renewal sought by Noel John Carter, over an area of 900 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 4.4 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



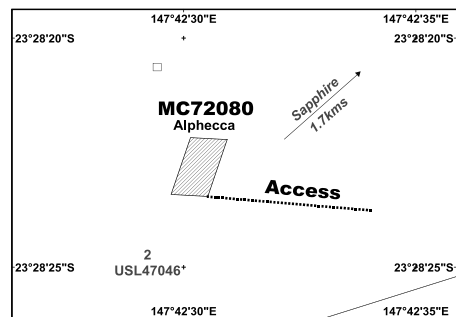
Mining Claim 71403 renewal sought by Richard Allan Small, over an area of 868 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 4.4 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



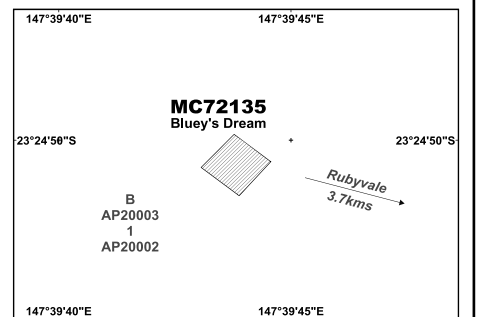
Mining Claim 71404 renewal sought by Richard Allan Small, over an area of 778 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 3.7 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72080 renewal sought by Peter Wayne McIntyre, over an area of 873 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 1.7 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72135 renewal sought by John Walter Shepherd, over an area of 883 m<sup>2</sup> centred approximately 3.7 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The renewal of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 16 September 2015**



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## MITHAKA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS



Map: Map 1.

The **Mithaka People** have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia (QUD6033/2002 Scott Gorringer & Ors on behalf of the Mithaka People v State of Queensland & Ors) seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

The application covers areas within the Diamantina, Quilpie and Barcoo Shires of South-West Queensland as shown on **Map 1**. (**Note:** Map 1 is indicative only)

The **Mithaka People**, who are members of the native title claim group for the application outlined above, are currently described as follows:

- (1) The native title claim group is comprised of the Mithaka People, being those persons who, according to traditional laws acknowledged and customs observed –
  - (a) are traditionally connected to the area covered by this application (the area claimed) through –
    - (i) spiritual, religious, physical and historical associations;
    - (ii) biological, classificatory or adoptive descent through the four grandparental lines of father's father, mother's father, father's mother and mother's mother; and
    - (iii) processes of succession; and
  - (b) have a communal native title in the area claimed, from which rights and interests derive.
- (2) More particularly, the Mithaka People are all those Mithaka persons descended from the following Aboriginal apical ancestors –
  - (a) Nangkaliya; which includes Mithaka persons in the following families: Gorringer, Fortune, McKellar, Lander, Curran, Hunter and Walton; (b) Jacky Frew; (c) Njira Taffy; (d) Joe St Clair; (e) Pantya-Wanku-Ngawiranha; (f) Butcher; (g) Tyuka-Putali; (h) Wargally and wife Moopina; which includes Mithaka persons in the following families: McCarthy, Mallyer, Crawford, Burns, Murphy, Rose, Gray, Martin, Naylor, Troutman and Turnbull; (i) Mingelli Joe and sister Maggie; (j) Cameron Downs; (k) Bluff Wanna.

### AUTHORISATION MEETING #1

**This Notice invites** all members of the **Mithaka People** as described above to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

**Date of Meeting:** Saturday, 5 September 2015  
**Venue of Meeting:** Cedar Centre, 36 Baker Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350  
**Time of Meeting:** 8.00 am (for 9.00 am start). Registration opens 8.00 am.

#### The purpose of Authorisation Meeting #1 is to:

1. Consider and authorise essential and necessary amendments to the claim group description for the Mithaka application, in the form set out below (with amendments by way of redescrptions and additions shown in underlining below), so as to ensure that the application is consistent with the best available supporting evidence. The changes proposed are:
  - (a) to **redescribe** the current apical description, “**Nangkaliya; which includes Mithaka persons in the following families: Gorringer, Fortune, McKellar, Lander, Curran, Hunter and Walton**”, as “**Nangkaliya**”;
  - (b) to **redescribe** the current apical description, “**Wargally and wife Moopina; which includes Mithaka persons in the following families: McCarthy, Mallyer, Crawford, Burns, Murphy, Rose, Gray, Martin, Naylor, Troutman and Turnbull**”, as “**Katie/Kitty Wallerina (also known as Kathleen Mallyer and Kathleen Thompson)**”;
  - (c) to **redescribe** the current apical description, “**Joe St Clair**”, as “**Mingelli Joe (also known as Joe St Clair / Mentuli / Minchoolie / Mintulee / Joe the Rainmaker)**”;
  - (d) to **redescribe** the current apical description, “**Mingelli Joe and sister Maggie**”, as “**Maggie (sister of Mingelli Joe)**”;
  - (e) to **remove** the current apical ancestors, “**Bluff Wanna**” and “**Butcher**”;
  - (f) to **include and add** the following **new apical ancestors** – “**i. Bunbili; ii. Puthi (also known as Frank); iii. Natkillie Billy; iv. Warinyawarinyi (also known as Jacky); and v. Donald Morney**”.

If authorised, the **amended Mithaka People claim group description**, as newly described, will be:

The Mithaka People are Aboriginal people who:

1. are the descendants of the following people:
  - (a) Nangkaliya;
  - (b) Katie/Kitty Wallerina (also known as Kathleen Mallyer and Kathleen Thompson);
  - (c) Njira Taffy;
  - (d) Mingelli Joe (also known as Joe St Clair / Mentuli / Minchoolie / Mintulee / Joe the Rainmaker);
  - (e) Maggie (sister of Mingelli Joe);
  - (f) Donald Morney;

- (g) Bunbili;
- (h) Jacky Frew;
- (i) Pantya-Wanku-Ngawiranha;
- (j) Tyuka-Putali;
- (k) Cameron Downs;
- (l) Puthi (also known as Frank);
- (m) Natkillie Billy;
- (n) Warinyawarinyi (also known as Jacky);

2. identify themselves as Mithaka People.

### AUTHORISATION MEETING #2

**Depending on the decision made at Authorisation Meeting #1, a further authorisation meeting will be held for those people who fall within the amended Mithaka People claim group description above.**

**This Notice invites** all members of the Mithaka People, as newly described, to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

**Date of Meeting:** Saturday, 5 September 2015  
**Venue of Meeting:** Cedar Centre, 36 Baker Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350  
**Time of Meeting:** Not before 11.00 am

#### The purposes of Authorisation Meeting #2 are to:

1. Authorise an Applicant (which may include reappointing members of the previous Applicant) for the Mithaka application in accordance with section 66B of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth);
2. Authorise an amendment to the claim area covered by the Mithaka application as depicted on **Map 1**; and
3. Consider and endorse the section 87 agreement and consent determination orders proposed for filing in QUD6033/2002 Mithaka People v State of Queensland & Others.

### MEETING #3 OF PROPOSED MEMBERS OF THE PROPOSED KARUWALI MITHAKA PRESCRIBED BODY CORPORATE (PBC)

**This Notice invites** all members of the Mithaka People, as newly described, to attend a Meeting of the proposed Karuwali Mithaka PBC at the time and location below:

**Date of Meeting:** Sunday, 6 September 2015  
**Venue of Meeting:** Cedar Centre, 36 Baker Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350  
**Time of Meeting:** 8.00 am (for 9.00 am start)

#### The purposes of the Meeting are to:

1. Consider agreeing to the incorporation and registration of the proposed Karuwali Mithaka PBC;
2. Approve the proposed Karuwali Mithaka PBC Rule Book;
3. Nominate the members who will become directors of the proposed Karuwali Mithaka PBC upon registration by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (**ORIC**);
4. Nominate the member who will become the contact person of the proposed Karuwali Mithaka PBC upon registration;
5. Nominate and authorise the member who will be the applicant on the application for registration of the proposed Karuwali Mithaka PBC to ORIC; and
6. Authorise the directors who will nominate the proposed Karuwali Mithaka PBC to the Federal Court, and consent to it being determined as the PBC which will perform the functions of a registered native title body corporate after being entered on the National Native Title Register.

### AUTHORISATION MEETING #4

**This Notice invites** all members of the Mithaka People, as newly described, to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

**Date of Meeting:** Sunday, 6 September 2015  
**Venue of Meeting:** Cedar Centre, 36 Baker Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350  
**Time of Meeting:** Not before 1.00 pm

**The purpose of Authorisation Meeting #4 is to:** authorise 7 individual ILUAs between the Mithaka People and the lessees of the following pastoral properties:

1. Adria Downs (Part Lot 5331 on SP255336)
2. Arrabury (Part Lot 2 on AD3), Cluny (Part Lot 1 on CP910369) and Mt Leonard (Lot 7 on SP210331)
3. Cuddapan (Lot 418 on HA844093), Durri (Lot 17 DE844097), Glengyle (Lot 1 CP910370), Mooraberree (Lot 443 on PH1645) and Morney Plains (Lot 444 on HA844091)
4. Currawilla (Part Lot 352 on SP214030)
5. Davenport Downs (Part Lot 2 on SP120219) and Palparara (Part Lot 6 on CP805063)
6. Monkira (Part Lot 1 on MR1)
7. Waverney (Part Lot 1 on GE40)

The pastoral properties listed above fall within the external boundaries of the **proposed amended Mithaka People claim** (QUD6033/2002) as illustrated on **Map 1**.

Each proposed ILUA covers a number of matters that will affect native title and include the manner of exercise of some native title rights and interests in the relevant proposed ILUA area.

All members of the Mithaka People who are invited, as relevant, to attend the above authorisation meetings are to contact Ron Fogarty, Community Relations Officer at Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd (**QSNTS**) on **freecall 1800 663 693**, or 07 3224 1200, to register their intention to be present at the meetings.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meetings or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meetings.

In order to fully inform the Mithaka People about the upcoming Authorisation Meetings, QSNTS has organised the following information sessions to be held on 2 different dates prior to the authorisation meetings:

#### Information Session #1:

**Date of Meeting:** Saturday, 29 August 2015  
**Venue of Meeting:** Cedar Centre, 36 Baker Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350  
**Time of Meeting:** 10am – 4pm

#### Information Session # 2:

**Date of Meeting:** Friday, 4 September 2015  
**Venue of Meeting:** Cedar Centre, 36 Baker Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350  
**Time of Meeting:** 10am – 4pm

All members of the Mithaka People are invited to attend **any or all** of the information sessions above.





**NSW OFFICE OF WATER  
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER  
LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK has been received from **RODNEY FOSTER AND ROWAN FOSTER** for an irrigation bore on Lot 46 DP 756400 Parish Cadell, County Urana.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A6542)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2772 Sarah O'Brien, Water Regulation Officer.

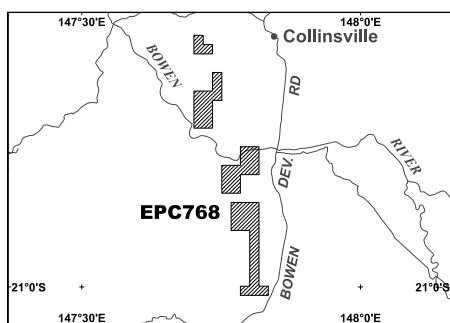
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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL AND GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

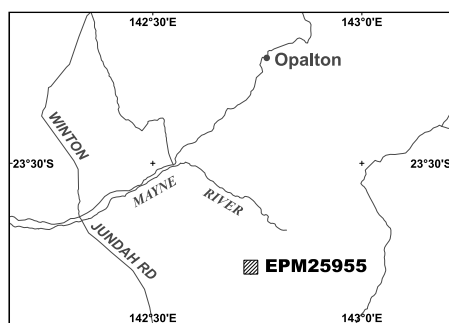
### **NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29**

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of the Exploration Permit for Coal and grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

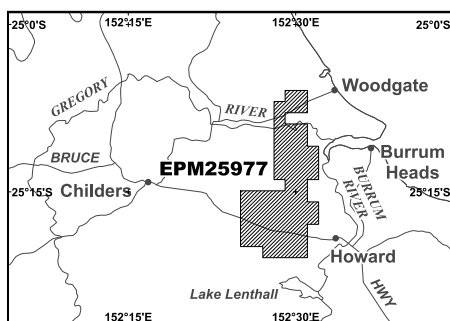
Exploration Permit 768 renewal sought by Rosella Creek Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 134 947 121, over an area of 44 sub-blocks (141 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 25 km South of Collinsville, in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



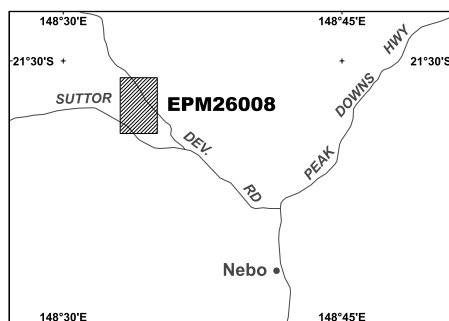
Exploration Permit 25955 sought by Nada Madeline Middleton (60%) and Stephen Branislav Tasic (40%), over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 55km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



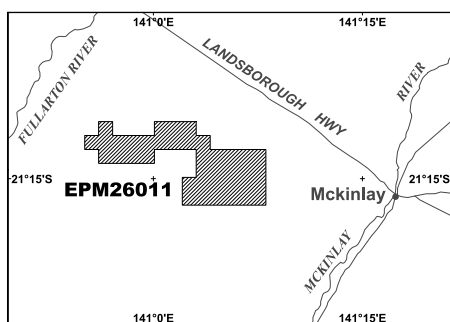
Exploration Permit 25977 sought by Albatross Bauxite Pty Ltd, ACN 152 604 521, over an area of 62 sub-blocks (193 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 21km East of Childers, in the locality of the Bundaberg Regional Council.



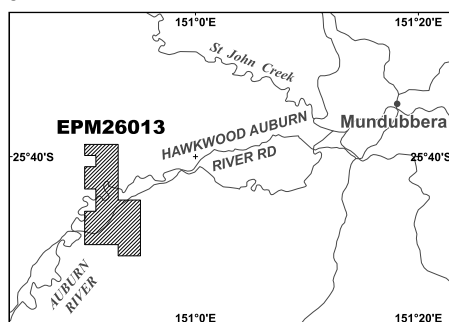
Exploration Permit 26008 sought by Ellenkay Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 607 195 184, over an area of 6 sub-blocks (20 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 20km North West of Nebo, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 26011 sought by Queensland Mining Corporation Limited, ACN 109 962 469, over an area of 39 sub-blocks (125 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 27km West of Mckinlay, in the locality of the Mckinlay Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26013 sought by Archer Resources Limited, ACN 121 572 192, over an area of 34 sub-blocks (111 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 46km South West of Mundubbera, in the locality of the North Burnett Regional Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The grant or renewal of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for coal or minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant or renew Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant or renewal of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant or renewal of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted or renewed unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grants and renewal may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

**Notification Day: 16 September 2015**



**NSW OFFICE OF WATER  
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER  
LOWER NAMOI GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL (amendment) has been received from **PHILLIP THOMAS WALL** for a 356 mm casing diameter bore, on Lot 50 DP 757105.

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 to specify the grounds of objection. (A6512)

Any queries please call (02) 6799 6626, Peter Cuell, Water Regulation Officer.

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER  
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER  
WYBONG CREEK RIVER WATER SOURCE**

An application for a water supply work and use approval has been submitted by Hilton William Carrigan for a multistage pump with a capacity of 5 kl/hour located on Lot 198 DP 750957 for irrigation, stock and domestic purposes on Lots 35, 39, 40 and 41 DP750945.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 2213 Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511 Heather Dewson.

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER  
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER  
REGULATED MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER WATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES** for a pump on the Tumut River, at/adjacent to Lot 1//668537 Parish of Tumut, County of Wynyard, industrial purposes (road works). New work.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The application must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A6489)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2743, Angela Lepper, Water Regulation Officer.

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER  
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER  
MACQUARIE AND CUDGEGONG REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE  
THAT PART OF THE WATER SOURCE DOWNSTREAM OF THE UPPER LIMIT OF  
LAKE BURRENDONG**

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **GRADGERY STOCK & DOMESTIC SCHEME** for three multistage 50mm centrifugal pumps on the Five Mile Cowal on Lot 19 DP 753466 and associated pipeline, Parish of Marebone, County of Gregory for Domestic & Stock purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval 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. (A006490)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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# Stars out at school footy

By PETER ARGENT



THREE teenage talents had a big impact in the biggest week of school football on the South Australian calendar. At Norwood Oval on Tuesday night, August 18, in the grand final of the Secondary School Sport SA (SSSSA) open knockout, Aziel Stuart exploded into the contest, kicking two critical goals in the decider.

Having playing two days earlier in the annual intercollegiate match against Assumption College (Kilmore Victoria), Sacred Heart were seen as underdogs going into the final with Prince Alfred College.

Stuart, who hails from the South Augusta Football Club in the north of the state, kicked his first goal in the final seconds of the first half to get his team back into the game.

With the game on the line at three-quarter time, Stuart also kicked a goal in the last quarter, with Hearts going on to win a classic encounter by 10 points, in a low scoring game 9.11 (65) to 8.7 (55)

“Aziel is a special talent with speed,” Sacred Heart First XVIII coach Anthony Goodrich said.



Aziel Stuart



Izak Rankine Pictures: Peter Argent

“That opportunist goal right at the end of the second quarter was critical to keep us in touch.

“We started slowly and they had the momentum early.

“He nearly held on to a real hanger in the last quarter as well.

“This was another great advertisement for college football.”

The following day at Glenelg Oval, Henley High were endeavouring to break the longest current winning streak at any level of South Australian football. Sacred Heart College had won the Year 8-9 Metro Open Boys title every year since 2001.

Two Aboriginal lads in the public school side Henley played pivotal roles in this game.

In the break-through victory by Henley, Izak Rankine kicked a game-high five goals and was second best on ground.

Deacon Braun won a position in the side, showing his pace and strong skillset.

“Izak was one of the team captains and a real leader in the program,” Henley sports master and Central District champion Paul Thomas said.

“He’s a likeable and infectious character who was one of the mainstays of our program.

“He played with a leg injury,

which makes his effort even more impressive.

“He also is a talented basketballer who plays for the Forrester Eagles and is looking at options in an American college program.”

Rankine certainly has sporting talent in his family, as older

brother Matthew, a former state under 18s footballer, is playing SANFL league for South Adelaide.

Braun still has another year at this level.

“He is a very quiet lad,” Thomas said.

“He has natural speed and is

good at hitting up a short target with his kick.

“We played him at half-back and his confidence continued to grow – he’s getting better.”

Henley halted Sacred Heart’s 14-year domination at this level defeating them by eight goals – 13.10 (88) to 6.4 (40).



## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under the section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0128	CANNING PETROLEUM PTY LTD	8002.26 km <sup>2</sup>	Wyndham-East Kimberley Shire (97.1%)

### LOCALITY

The application is a State Onshore Exploration Permit application located in the Ord Basin. The application occupies a total of 100 5'x5' blocks of which 78 are full and 22 are part blocks. There are 75 blocks situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SD52 (Darwin) of which 58 full and 17 part blocks, and there are 25 blocks in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SE50 (Halls Creek) of which 20 are full and 5 are part blocks. The blocks forming the application covers both mainland and ocean. A State Onshore application means that it covers the Australian mainland and islands within the application block extent above the AMBIS (Australian Maritime Boundaries Information System) Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006 which defines the LAT (Lowest Astronomical tide). The Baseline and Three Nautical Mile Limit are interpreted and defined by Geoscience Australia, the Federal Government's Mapping Agency. The application is located in the far north eastern corner of Western Australian. It encompasses the town of Kununurra and the Lake Argyle. The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 63 kilometres west from the top north-east point of Western Australian. The south-east corner of the application is on the boundary of Western Australia and Northern Territory and is located approximately 73 kilometres south south west of the township Kununurra. The application commences at a point 128°25'4.4"E, 14°47'35.17"S which is situated on the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006, thence in a easterly direction along the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006 along to a point 128°52'14.01"E, 14°49'54.91"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°52'57.42"E, 14°49'54.91"S which is situated on the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006, thence in a easterly direction along the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006 along to a point 128°53'51.08"E, 14°49'54.91"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°54'35.13"E, 14°49'54.91"S which is situated on the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006, thence in a easterly direction along the AMBIS Territorial Baseline – AMB v2 2006 along to a point 129°0'4.38"E, 14°52'03.07"S on the West Australian – Northern Territory border, thence south along (West Australian – Northern Territory border) to a point 129°0'0.17"E, 15°9'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°55'4.38"E, 15°9'54.91"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°55'4.38"E, 14°59'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°45'4.39"E, 14°59'54.91"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°45'4.39"E, 14°54'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°35'4.39"E, 14°54'54.91"S, thence south along meridian to a point 128°35'4.40"E, 15°9'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°30'4.41"E, 15°9'54.91"S, thence south along meridian to a point 128°30'4.41"E, 15°24'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°30'4.41"E, 15°24'54.91"S, thence south along meridian to a point 128°30'4.41"E, 15°29'54.91"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°45'4.40"E, 15°29'54.91"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°45'4.40"E, 15°24'54.91"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°55'4.39"E, 15°24'54.91"S, thence south along meridian to a point 129°0'0.17"E, 15°29'54.91"S, on the West Australian – Northern Territory border, thence south along (West Australian – Northern Territory border) to a point 129°0'0.18"E, 16°24'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°35'4.41"E, 16°24'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°35'4.40"E, 15°59'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°30'4.41"E, 15°59'54.91"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°30'4.41"E, 15°49'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°25'4.41"E, 15°49'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°25'4.41"E, 15°9'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°20'4.41"E, 15°9'54.91"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°20'4.40"E, 14°49'54.91"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°25'4.40"E, 14°49'54.91"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 128°25'4.4"E, 14°47'35.17"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:** 26 August 2015.

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons and those who are a body corporate have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **26 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*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for either native title determination or prescribed body corporate to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **26 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).

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of ML 20587, ML 20745 and ML 20755 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

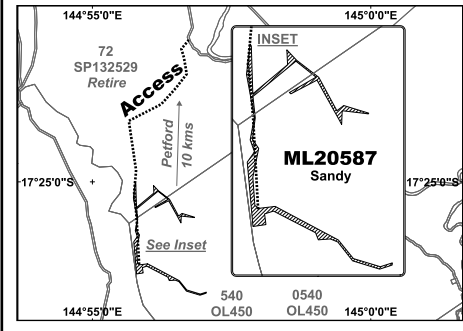
**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding three (3) years for ML 20587, fifteen (15) years for ML 20745 and ten (10) years for ML 20755 with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding three (3) years for ML 20587, fifteen (15) years for ML 20745 and ten (10) years for ML 20755.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

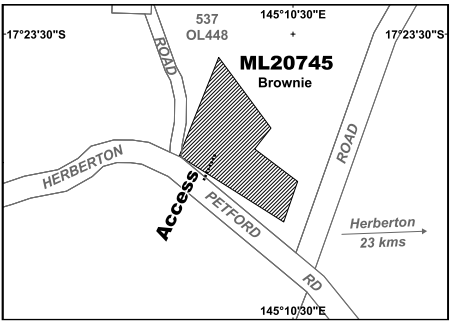
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Applications may be obtained from Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3008 5742; or from Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after

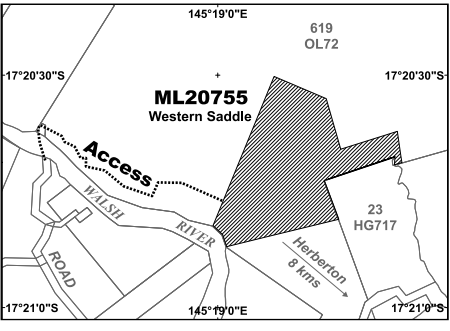
Mining Lease 20587 sought by William David McGrath, over an area of 50 ha, centred approximately 10 km South of Petford, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Mining Lease 20745 sought by Australian Porphyry Stone Pty Ltd, ACN 139 035 859, over an area of 5.8353 ha, centred approximately 23 km West of Herberton, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Mining Lease 20755 sought by James Allen Harrold Murray, over an area of 26.0064 ha, centred approximately 8 km North West of Herberton, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



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](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au) Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 16 September 2015**





# The world at their feet



TWO LISMORE Indigenous youngsters are making soccer officialdom take notice as they forge promising careers.

Piara Anderson, 16, who has never played a representative game of soccer, has taken up a full-time scholarship with the Australian Youth Football Institute (AYFI) until the end of 2016.

Theo Clarke, 11, has also come to the attention of the AYFI and like Piara, will soon head overseas on tour with an AYFI team.

Piara, a Warrabal/Goongooloo/Yiman Murri and Bundjalung Goori, is off to England next month for 16 days.

A few days later, Theo will set

off to tour Malaysia.

Piara has had a remarkable rise.

Since he was old enough to walk, Piara has always known how to kick a ball.

Piara had never tried out for representative football, but his natural ability, his years of playing and his love of the game made him a standout when the AYFI, based at Sydney Olympic Park, conducted training sessions at Lennox Head, on the NSW Far North Coast.

He was keen to participate in the 10-week program with AYFI and then was invited to a 10-day trial in Sydney by AYFI director and founder George Lazarou.

There, Piara experienced life as a professional footballer, training three times a day,

including gym sessions, to build strength.

Following on from that, Piara was offered a full-time scholarship with AYFI until the end of 2016.

During the upcoming September-October school holidays, Piara will travel to the UK for a 16-day tour playing against some of the big name clubs such as Manchester City.

## Living the dream

His parents Vivian and Dyonne Anderson said Piara was living his dream, but still had a long way to go.

They see this experience as a stepping stone in getting him closer to being the second Indigenous player in the English Premier League. He certainly has

the determination and drive to get there.

Piara is continuing his schooling through Distance Education so his discipline and management of time is a big challenge for him.

But living in Sydney gives him the opportunity to train up to 18 hours a week.

Coach Lazarou is excited at the prospects of Piara and Theo.

"They can play football ... make no mistake about that," Lazarou said.

"Theo is on the way to becoming a little legend and soon will be ready to play circuit football at a high level in Australia or overseas."

Lazarou said Piara and Theo were great kids and were examples of the level of untapped Indigenous talent in Australia.

He said children living outside metropolitan areas did not get the attention they deserved and it was his aim to have this trend reversed.

Theo will leave Sydney on September 27 with the AYFI team contesting the Borneo Cup in Malaysia.

The 11-year-old St Carthage's Primary School Grade Six student plays for Richmond Rivers in the Far North Coast under 13 division.

"I could use numerous words to describe Theo's prowess on the field, but it is Theo the lad that impresses me and his various coaches," Richmond Rivers

president Vicki-ann Bugden said.

"He's a very humble, likable, talented and courteous lad who always does his best in whatever role he is placed."

Theo also excels in futsal, athletics swimming, rugby union and rugby league and is an active school leader.



Theo Clarke is showing amazing soccer skills for his age.

## Notice of applications for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 9 September 2015

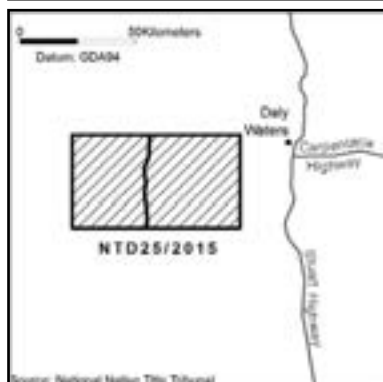


## National Native Title Tribunal

These three applications are by separate native title claim groups which are asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 1806, Darwin, NT, 0801 on or before 8 December 2015. After 8 December 2015, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



**Application name:** Hidden Valley Pastoral Lease  
**Federal Court File No:** NTD25/2015  
**Date filed:** 25 May 2015  
**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.  
**Description:** Application area covers about 2,800 sq km and is located over Hidden Valley Pastoral Lease approx 20km west of Daly Waters.  
**Relevant LGA:** Roper Gulf Shire



**Application name:** Buchanan Downs Pastoral Lease  
**Federal Court File No:** NTD26/2015  
**Date filed:** 25 May 2015  
**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.  
**Description:** Application area covers about 1,200 sq km and is located over Buchanan Downs Pastoral Lease approx 40km south west of Daly Waters.  
**Relevant LGA:** Roper Gulf Shire.



**Application name:** Victory Downs, Mt Cavenagh, Mulga Park and Umbeara Pastoral Leases  
**Federal Court File No:** NTD20/2015  
**Date filed:** 19 May 2015  
**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.  
**Description:** Application area covers about 10,210 sq km and is located approx 215km south of Alice Springs along the NT-SA border.  
**Relevant LGA:** MacDonnell Shire.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Lisa Jowett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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Shared country, shared future.



Piara Anderson with his dad Vivian.



# Bring back Barracudas, says MP



PALM Island Barracudas should be admitted to the Townsville and District Rugby League (TDRL) next season, according to Whitsunday state MP Jason Costigan, who is a former newspaper and television sports journalist.

The Barracudas last played in the TDRL in 2002 when they enjoyed huge support, but dropped out due to financial considerations.

Costigan is the State Member for Whitsunday and made the remarks after catching up with

Barracudas legend Josh Geia when on Palm Island for the NQ Local Government Association conference in July.

Geia had played for Mount Isa and Townsville in the then prestigious Foley Shield competition.

Several political figures with a background in rugby league were at the conference, including Townsville City councillor Pat Ernst, and Dalrymple MP Shane Knuth.

Costigan spoke at the conference about the importance of having Palm Island back in the TDRL.

“That’s the special thing about rugby league. It brings people together – regardless of the colour of their skin, what they do for a living or where they’re from,” he said.

“If we’re fair dinkum about social inclusion, fair dinkum about giving Indigenous people a fair go, then we need so see some government funding to make this happen.”

The Palm Island Community Rugby League which hosted a four-club domestic competition this season, is looking at submitting an application to join the TDRL next season.



Pictured on Palm Island are, from left, Cr Pat Ernst, representing the Townsville City Council, local rugby league legend Josh Geia, his wife Paulette (nee Dorante), Palm Island mayor Alf Lacey, Dalrymple MP Shane Knuth and Whitsunday MP Jason Costigan. *Picture: Alf Wilson*



## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2721	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	104km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 116° 45' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2724	MOORE, Michael James	56BL	153km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 115° 13' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2728-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	54BL	102km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 27' S Long: 115° 51' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2144	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	43BL	145km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 26' S Long: 117° 13' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2145	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	50BL	108km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 0' S Long: 124° 36' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1447	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	52BL	17km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 13' S Long: 121° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	15/1471	ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	26BL	15km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 14' S Long: 121° 49' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1472	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	1BL	42km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/538	MINEX (AUST) PTY LTD	58BL	58km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2489	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL	189BL	171km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 123° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2545	STONEFORM HOLDINGS PTY LTD	46BL	149km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 123° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2551	BREAKER RESOURCES NL	25BL	89km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 122° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/955	SIBERIA MINING CORPORATION PTY LTD	5BL	53km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 9' S Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/845	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	7BL	29km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 120° 59' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1234-5	GAHAN, Nicholas Justin RHIND, Robert John	2BL	29km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2951	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	15BL	19km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3078	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	11BL	195km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 124° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1880	SOKLICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD	7BL	73km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 122° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1881	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	3BL	80km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 122° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3278	PEAK OIL & GAS LIMITED	19BL	63km S'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 16' S Long: 122° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4578	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	113km Ely of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 32' S Long: 121° 8' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1074	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	11BL	81km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 56' S Long: 120° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1079	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	2BL	75km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 3' S Long: 120° 49' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3305	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LIMITED	9BL	109km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 37' S Long: 116° 21' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3307	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	5BL	117km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 41' S Long: 116° 39' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3310	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	6BL	56km NW'ly of Newman	Lat: 22° 54' S Long: 119° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3323-I	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL	26km NW'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 8' S Long: 119° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1689	KING, Alastair Graeme	2BL	87km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 119° 14' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1694	RILUKIN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	14BL	46km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 118° 34' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1695	RILUKIN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	2BL	46km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 59' S Long: 118° 38' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3135	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	6BL	105km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 118° 42' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3298	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	123BL	130km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 21' S Long: 117° 27' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1831	AUSTRALIAN MINERAL PARTNERS PTY LTD	7BL	94km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 9' S Long: 119° 27' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1850	DAHDAI, Fadi	3BL	96km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 51' S Long: 119° 25' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2131 & 59/2134	RAGGED RANGE MINING PTY LTD	37BL	67km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 117° 4' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1750	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	30BL	106km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 23' S Long: 120° 40' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3383	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	195BL	287km SW'ly of Blackstone	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 126° 38' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4038	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	6BL	30km NW'ly of Toodyay	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 116° 20' E	TOODYAY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4560	LUNARD NORTH PTY LTD	3BL	27km SW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 115° 44' E	WANNEROO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4692	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL ACN 121 370 232	66BL	19km NE'ly of Toodyay	Lat: 31° 28' S Long: 116° 38' E	GOOMALLING SHIRE, NORTHAM SHIRE, TOODYAY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4733	ROCLA PTY LIMITED	6BL	33km NE'ly of Albany	Lat: 34° 46' S Long: 118° 4' E	ALBANY CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4737	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	89BL	17km SW'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 34' S Long: 118° 45' E	KONDIRIN SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2288-I	FLATROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	9BL	72km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 119° 16' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2303	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	31BL	73km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 22' S Long: 119° 37' E	KONDIRIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2305	MONTAGUE RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	2BL	87km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 14' S Long: 119° 45' E	KONDIRIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4955	EAST KIMBERLEY RESOURCES PTY LTD	21BL	126km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 50' S Long: 128° 20' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4957	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL	7BL	44km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 26' S Long: 127° 19' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4958	SORRENTO RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	35km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 29' S Long: 127° 29' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2248-50	KLONDYKE GOLD PTY LTD	421.66HA	9km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 117° 51' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4978	PIXLEY, Michael Grant	41.18HA	40km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2323	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	73.77HA	43km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4056	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	188.59HA	11km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8587	BAKER, Ryan Robert	128.26HA	60km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 56' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5469	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	65.41HA	34km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 6' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1635	AUSTRALIAN COAL PARTNERS PTY LTD	197.55HA	95km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 119° 22' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1675	MAZZA, David	43.24HA	21km W'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 13' S Long: 115° 55' E	MANJIMUP SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1677-9	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	450.31HA	10km N'ly of Pinjarra	Lat: 32° 32' S Long: 115° 54' E	MURRAY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1680	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	17.60HA	11km SE'ly of Pinjarra	Lat: 32° 42' S Long: 115° 56' E	MURRAY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4316	WILLIAMSON, Craig Andrew	9.50HA	27km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 118° 59' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4317	WELSAND, Andreas	161.52HA	24km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 118° 58' E	YILGARN SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day: 26 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 applications. The 3 month period closes on **26 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 *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.


**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 26 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.      \* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km<sup>2</sup>

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# Gideon breaks league record



## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	53/1098	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	599.66HA	61km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 41' S Long: 120° 14' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1336	GRANT, Regan Scott GRANT, Melita	203.24HA	60km NE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 28' S Long: 119° 14' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1340	GRANT, Regan Scott GRANT, Melita	178.15HA	58km E'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 8' S Long: 119° 4' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE


**Nature of the act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day:** 26 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 applications. The 3 month period closes on **26 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 *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 26 December 2015**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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## 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-0130	CANNING PETROLEUM PTY LTD	8119.55 km²	Halls Creek Shire (100%)

**LOCALITY**

The application is located in the Ord Basin. The application occupies a total of 100 5'x5' blocks of which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SE52 (Halls Creek) of which 90 are full blocks and 10 are part blocks. The east boundary of the application is along the boundary of Western Australia and Northern Territory. The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 73 kilometres south south east of Mabel Downs homestead. The north-east corner of the application is located approximately 51 kilometres north north east of the Nicholson homestead on the boundary of Western Australia and the Northern Territory. The south west corner of the application is located approximately 48 kilometres south east of the Ruby Plains homestead. The application commences at a point 128°40'4.42"E, 17°34'54.93"S, thence east along parallel to a point 129°0'1.80"E, 17°34'54.93"S which is on the West Australian border, thence south along West Australian border to a point 129°0'1.84"E, 18°24'54.93"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°35'4.43"E, 18°24'54.92"S, thence south along meridian to a point 128°35'4.44"E, 18°34'54.92"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°30'4.44"E, 18°34'54.92"S, thence south along meridian to a point 128°30'4.44"E, 18°39'54.91"S, thence west along parallel to a point 128°5'4.45"E, 18°39'54.91"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°5'4.45"E, 18°34'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°0'4.45"E, 18°34'54.92"S, thence west along parallel to a point 127°55'4.45"E, 18°29'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 127°55'4.45"E, 18°24'54.93"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°0'4.44"E, 18°24'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°0'4.44"E, 18°19'54.92"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°5'4.44"E, 18°14'54.92"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°10'4.44"E, 18°14'54.92"S,thence north along meridian to a point 128°10'4.43"E, 18°9'54.92"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°15'4.43"E, 18°9'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°15'4.43"E, 18°4'54.92"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°20'4.43"E, 18°4'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°20'4.43"E, 17°54'54.92"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°25'4.43"E, 17°54'54.92"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°25'4.42"E, 17°49'54.93"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°30'4.42"E, 17°49'54.93"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°30'4.42"E, 17°44'54.93"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°35'4.42"E, 17°44'54.93"S, thence north along meridian to a point 128°35'4.42"E, 17°39'54.93"S, thence east along parallel to a point 128°40'4.42"E, 17°39'54.93"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 128°40'4.42"E, 17°34'54.93"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:** 26 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 **26 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*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, 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. 26 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).

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By ALF WILSON



RISING rugby league star Gideon Mosby-Gela, of Darnley descent, became the leading try scorer ever in a national Holden Cup under 20 competition season when his North Queensland Toyota Cowboys side won their round 23 game.

Mosby-Gela, who has re-signed with the Cowboys for another two seasons, scored two tries in round 23 of the Holden Cup when the Cowboys beat South Sydney 44-30 at Townsville's 1300Smiles Stadium on August 13.

The Cowboys are on course for a berth in the semifinals.

The talented outside back took his season's try tally to 31 and the Cowboys were sitting second on the table.

Mosby-Gela, 18, has passed the previous record set by West Tigers' Jake Mullaney with 29.

The Cowboys' victory over South Sydney was the side's 11th straight win of the season.

Cowboys community relations coordinator Bruce Muller said many members of Mosby-Gela's family travelled from Cairns and Thursday Island to watch him.

"That included his mum and dad," Muller said.

Mosby-Gela has toured France and England with the Australian Schoolboys after lining up for the



Gideon Mosby-Gela.

Queensland under 18 side at the National championships in Darwin.

The quietly-spoken speedster also scored a try for the Queensland under 20 side in the recent junior State of Origin match.

Mosby-Gela has also been part of the Cowboys Time! program and has joined club legends Brent Tate and Aaron Payne delivering workshops at Townsville's Shalom Christian College.

They spoke with students about setting goals and the importance of personal values.

## Sydney Olympic Stadium popular sports venue




AFTER a whirlwind 220 days of sport and entertainment, ANZ Stadium has topped 1 million fans for 2015 and is on track to post its highest annual attendance for events since the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

The 73,824 fans who passed through the gates to witness an unforgettable Bledisloe Cup Test took the aggregate 2015 attendance for events at ANZ Stadium to 1,172,812.

This was the seventh event to top 50,000 spectators this year, following the AFC Asian Cup in

January and a monster week of major events in late May-early June that featured State of Origin I (80,122) and visits by English Premier League clubs Tottenham Hotspur (71,549) and Chelsea (83,598).

As Sydney prepares to celebrate 15 years since the 2000 Olympics next month, the total attendance for events at the city's Olympic stadium since it was opened in 1999 in the lead-up to the Games is 23,016,911. This figure does not include visits to the stadium for more than 160 corporate and private events each year.



## 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
20/457-I	SINOSTEEL MIDWEST CORPORATION LIMITED	472430	352.20HA	59km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 59' S Long: 117° 33' E	CUE SHIRE
63/1712	POLAR METALS PTY LTD	472242	398.52HA	27km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 57' S Long: 121° 46' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
63/1712	POLAR METALS PTY LTD	472243	136.12HA	27km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 56' S Long: 121° 42' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
77/2141-I	BLACK OAK MINERALS LIMITED	471073	537.47HA	96km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 119° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
77/2142	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	471767	194.47HA	14km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 119° 24' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/2220-I	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	469975	86.60HA	78km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 18' S Long: 119° 40' E	KONDININ SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day:** 26 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 **26 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. 26 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.

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## Tonga named in team of decade



WILLIE Tonga has been named in the Bulldogs' rugby league Team of the Decade.

The team was named on August 1 in Sydney at a dinner to celebrate the club's 80th anniversary.

Tonga has a Tongan father and Wiradjuri mother.

He played National Rugby League (NRL) football first with Parramatta, then Canterbury and North Queensland before returning to Parramatta.

He also represented Queensland in State of Origin.

He is now playing for the French club Catalans Dragons in the English Super League.





# Kicking more goals

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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In the whole recent controversy surrounding Adam Goodes, there was significant criticism of the Australian Football League's (AFL's) handling of the whole affair.

While much of this was warranted, the most disappointing aspect was that the game appeared to have lost so much ground in advancing the cause of Indigenous Australians.

And I am not just speaking in terms of the game itself.

The AFL could stand proud in its contribution to promoting key issues of understanding and reconciliation and has not only been a leader in the sporting

industry, but in Australian society in general.

The AFL has also contributed and driven a number of community programs that have specifically targeted education, employment and social outcomes for a community.

As a result, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids have gravitated to the game as their sport of choice.

Not only is there seen to be a level of acceptance, but they have had their heroes to look up to and believe their dream to make the top is realistic.

### Plenty of examples

This belief has been nurtured by programs like the Flying Kangaroos, the AFL Sportsready traineeship program, the Indigenous All Stars games and the leadership camps run by the AFL Players Association.

It was not as if the recent drama took away these achievements.

It felt as if we had not just lost momentum, but had also failed one of our own in Adam.

Despite my personal disappointment in all this, my faith was restored somewhat when a new agenda was launched by AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan.

His statement went well beyond recent events as it painted a positive future, backed up by a commitment of resources to the cause.

The AFL is determined to strengthen the game's place as Australia's number one sport and has targeted the next generation of talent within multicultural and Indigenous communities as one

if its priorities.

The fact that he chose a key event just after announcing the \$2.5 billion war chest from a newly signed broadcast deal to announce this strategy gave confidence that this was more than a public relations exercise.

Addressing the National Press Club in Canberra, McLachlan said 'radical' proposals – including a new zoning system supported by new funds – were currently before clubs to deepen the code's place as the number one sport in the country.

"Australia is changing and if we want to continue to be Australia's game, we need to change too," he said.

"While we can be proud of our history ... it doesn't mean we own the future."

In the seat of Australia's Parliament, McLachlan likened the struggle for sporting talent and support to that of a fiercely fought marginal seats political campaign.

With more than \$300 million invested in AFL clubs and training facilities, and thousands of people working within the AFL system, McLachlan said the sport needed to win over non-traditional AFL fans and talent.

"We have a machine and we need to pivot and focus on new and emerging communities," he said.

"After a positive discussion with the (AFL) Commission, the AFL has also received support from our club CEOs to examine a new zoning system where a region is assigned to each club and the clubs are empowered and funded to develop talent and

recruit in Indigenous or multicultural communities.

"It would mean carving up areas in our suburbs, inner and outer, (and) regional communities, for clubs to grow their talent base and ultimately their support base.

"The talent developed in those zones will be available to clubs through a priority draft bidding system."

McLachlan said potential young players needed 'heroes' they could relate to and looked like them.

"Our game needs to be able to tell stories that all Australians can recognise, men and women, kids and families have arrived here from Sudan, from China, from India, from wherever," he said.

"It must be their story too."

### Contribution

McLachlan then paid tribute to the contribution of Indigenous Australia to the game.

"We created a place where Indigenous Australia can be accepted, not just by mimicking white Australia, but by bringing something unique that enriches our game as a whole," he said.

"This is still a work in progress, but it's profitable to look back and see how far we've come."

The AFL leadership now has the opportunity to learn from recent times and make sure this commitment reaches fruition.

This commitment will also allow clubs to show their individual level of support for Indigenous, regional and other cultural groups.

By linking the zones to priority

draft opportunities, there is a real footballing reason for clubs to invest time and resources into the initiative.

Having worked within the Swans Academy system, I know how this can not only help grow the game, but also develop new elite player pathways.

A recent visit to Coffs Harbour and the Northern Rivers area of NSW left me amazed at the level of young Indigenous talent just waiting to be developed.

I am confident that if the system is implemented properly, there could be a player drafted from this region within the next five years.

This would be reflected in Indigenous communities across the land.

We need to embrace this opportunity in our communities and begin to utilise the opportunities to motivate our youth to achieve their sporting and non-sporting dreams.

When participation in these programs is linked to other outcomes like school attendance and education and employment, the game has a really powerful tool to make a positive difference.

While recent times have been difficult to deal with, there were positives in the level of support for Adam and in the broader debate on Indigenous issues.

It is always good to keep expectations low so we are not disappointed.

This should not stop us from aiming high.

Let's kick goals for our next generation!

Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!

# New direction for squash champ



PEOPLE could be forgiven if they thought they were seeing double earlier this month.

Newcastle-born

Queenslander Steven Bowditch continued his exceptional form on the US Professional Golfers Association (PGA) tour with a tie for 12th in the World Golf Championships Bridgestone Invitational in Ohio.

Rewind the clock four decades to when another Steven Bowditch (Darwin-born Aborigine) had an amazing sporting career that led to him just recently being inducted into the Australian Squash Hall of Fame to stand alongside legends Heather McKay and Geoff Hunt.

During his squash career in the 1970s and 1980s, Bowditch was known for his inventive and precise shot making – winning the 1981 International Squash Rackets Federation (ISRF) World Championships in Sweden and captaining the Australian team in that same year to be runner-up in the World Teams event.

Later, he took on the super-fast

American hardball game where he reached No 2 in the world rankings and was twice runner-up in the North American Open, including against the great Jahangir Khan on a glass portable court on the New York Broadway stage in 1985. Squash legends Geoff Hunt and Chris Dittmar called Bowditch the most talented rackets skills player ever.

Bowditch was also exceptional in other sports, reaching A grade level at 15 years in basketball and tennis and playing A grade for the Waratah (Darwin) Football Club in Aussie rules before giving up that game at 16 and starting his world squash journey.

Later, he briefly played the Space Coast Golf Tour in Florida, USA, won several club championships in Germany and Australia, and won the Arnhem Land Open at Kakadu in 1993. He once even shot eight-under-par for nine holes in a chook run.

In Rex Bellamy's book *The History of Squash*, he invites comparison with Evonne Goolagong.

"Bowditch looks dreamy and

casual, but is a wonderfully facile and tricky player for his nature insists that life, squash included, must always be interesting, even if this demands taking risks," Bellamy said.

These days, Bowditch is following that tradition by writing a mystical sports book cum memoirs. He is asking enthusiasts to fund the project via crowd sourcing: *Tips from Squash Legends and Dreamtime Sky Hero*. He says it is a chronicle of his worldwide walkabout and includes lessons from all of the legends of the game.

He relates his adventure to his mother's Aboriginal dreaming at Kati Thanda – Lake Eyre (South Australia). Their group, the Arabana people, were recognised as native title traditional owners in 2012 by the Australian Federal Court.

People can help kickstart the book by pre-buying or sponsoring online at [www.mangirri.com](http://www.mangirri.com) or via [stevenbowditch8.com](http://stevenbowditch8.com). A free chapter can be downloaded from the site.

Bowditch's father Jim Bowditch was a long-time editor of the *NT News*.



Steve Bowditch in action against Jahangir Khan on Broadway in 1985. Picture: US Squash News





Chad Wingard takes the Mark of the Year during Port Adelaide's round 12 clash with St Kilda at the Adelaide Oval in June, 2014. Picture: Peter Argent



Cyril Rioli celebrates after kicking a goal for Hawthorn during the 2013 AFL grand final against the Fremantle Dockers at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Picture: AAP



Eddie Betts takes off for the Adelaide Crows in their showdown with Port Adelaide at the Adelaide Oval last month. Picture: Peter Argent

# Who's the best?

By PETER ARGENT



WHO is the Australian Football League's (AFL's) premier small forward?

There is no argument that Hawthorn's Tiwi Island wizard Cyril Rioli, Murray Bridge lad Chad Wingard and Eddie Betts, from that famous football nursery at Mallee Park, Port Lincoln, are the best three in the competition, but which one is the best?

Rioli is a game-breaker, Wingard is a match-winner and Betts is mercurial in front of goal.

The three of them have claims for the small forward role in the 2015 All-Australian side.

Each is in great form and has been key players for their respective clubs.

The Adelaide Crows' Betts is the senior statesman of the trio and is loved by Crows fans. They have even named a pocket after him at the Adelaide Oval.

Engaging, cheeky, flamboyant and a team player, he is a mentor to the club's other Indigenous forward Charlie Cameron.

Going into last weekend's round 21 clash with Brisbane, Betts was on the brink of his second consecutive 50-goal season with the Crows and the third of his career.

In 2006, Betts kicked the AFL Goal of the Year and in 2007 played in the Indigenous All Stars representative match. He also played the international rules game in 2010 and 2013.

Interestingly, while Betts has been an All

## Statistics after round 20

### Cyril Rioli

Disposals - 270  
Marks - 69  
Tackles - 80  
Goals - 32  
Points - 18

### Chad Wingard

Disposals - 376  
Marks - 76  
Tackles - 58  
Goals - 47  
Points - 24

### Eddie Betts

Disposals - 248  
Marks - 65  
Tackles - 52  
Goals - 49  
Points - 20

Australian nominee three times (2011, 2012 and 2014), he is yet to gain this honour.

He was runner-up to the Carlton best and fairest in 2012.

The Crows, after one of the most traumatic years in their 25 years at AFL level, are in a fight to play in the major round.

### Shining light

While Port Adelaide has had a modest year and will not play major round football in September, their athletic jumping jack Wingard has been a shining light.

He is the most versatile of the trio - accomplished as a small forward and equally damaging as a ball-winning midfielder or a wingman.

Don't be surprised if Wingard later in his career follows the likes of Andrew McLeod and Shaun Burgoyne, becoming a classy half back, with noted kicking skills.

Last year against St Kilda, Wingard captivated fans after grabbing the mark of the year in a Saturday evening match at

Adelaide Oval during June.

We need to remember that Chad Wingard has just turned 22 and is just in his fourth year in the competition.

In his first season - 2012 - Wingard was the Round 22 Rising Star nomination and in just his second year, 2013, he collected All-Australian honours along with the John Cahill Medal that year as the Power's best and fairest.

His Showdown Medal performance at Football Park in 2013 proved in his second year in the game he is a match-winner off his own boot.

He claimed an international rules cap in the Test against Ireland in Perth last year and made the AFL Players' under 22 team. He kicked 43 goals in 2013 and 2014.

He already had a career-high 47 goals going into last weekend's round.

He would be favourite for a second best and fairest at Port Adelaide this year.

While Betts and Wingard have had stunning seasons, the most exciting and dynamic player in the AFL in the small

forward role is Hawthorn's freakish Cyril Rioli.

From Darwin's St Marys Club and Scotch College, his sporting genes are elite and I first saw him kick seven goals in a national under 18s game at Victoria Park.

He was seen as a bargain when he drifted out to pick 12 for Hawthorn to collect in the 2007 AFL draft.

He would play in the club's 2008 premiership in his first year and continue that success with back-to-back titles in 2013 and last year.

Rioli has an extraordinary leap for his size, along with special evasive skills and is one of the best tacklers in the competition. He does not have the endurance of many modern footballers, and his body has let him down on occasions, especially when the Hawks were trying to give him more time in the midfield, but he is the person people pay their money to see.

### Goal of the Year

In 2009, Rioli won the AFL Goal of the Year for his effort against Essendon, which displayed the very best of his talents.

He was an All Australian in 2012. In the recent round-20 game, against modern rivals Geelong, he kicked a career-high six goals in that win.

Hawthorn are among the flag favourites again this year and if Rioli is a part of that side, he and teammate Shaun Burgoyne will share the accolade as the Aborigines with the most AFL/VFL premierships.



# Beau Champion retires because of ACL injury



PARRAMATTA centre Beau Champion has retired from the National Rugby League (NRL)

because of an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury sustained during the round two match against Canterbury.

Champion, 28, went into intensive rehab after the injury, but it did not heal, forcing his retirement.

"I trained so hard in the pre-season and trialled well. I was back in a good state of mind mentally and physically where I wanted to be," Champion told Fox Sports.

"Unfortunately, I copped that injury ... Being hyper-mobile and how

unstable my knee was basically forced me into retirement."

Over the course of his 100-game career, Champion has been notably injury prone with four ankle reconstructions and a knee injury.

However, even with his career cut short, Champion is keeping in high spirits and proud of what he managed to achieve.

"I just wanted to play one NRL game as a kid. To play with the Souths last year, to be in the squad last year in the grand final ... it's something that I look back on and say that I'm very proud to have done it," he said.

Champion began his 10-year career in 2005 playing for the Rabbitohs but moved to Melbourne

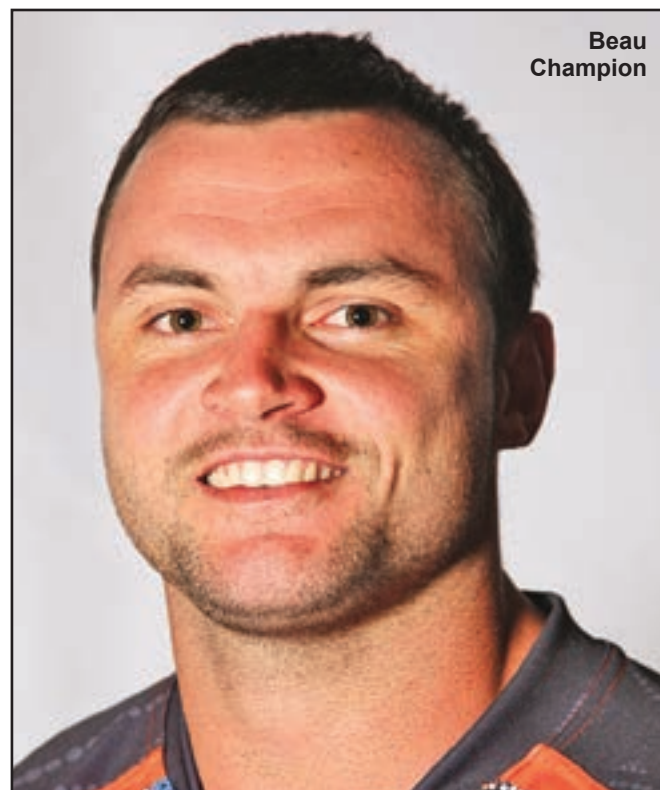
Storm and Gold Coast Titans before again returning to Souths in 2013.

In 2015 he signed for the Eels, but injury deprived him of spending more time with the team.

"I'm very thankful to Brad Arthur and the Parramatta club for giving me the opportunity this year to play NRL," he said.

"I've had a really great time here, made a lot of friends, and the fans were always great. I'm just sorry it had to end this way and I couldn't give more to the club because the club gave me so much."

Champion said he now plans to shift his career towards running a fitness business and working within the community. – AAP



Beau Champion

# Look out... it's 'GI'

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

YOU can liken it to prodding a sleeping bear with a stick.

Over the past month, Greg Inglis has shown ominous signs of returning to his dominating best.

In the last Origin match, we saw glimpses of the real GI and with September just around the corner, you can sense that the giant is awakening.

During the season, comment has been made about GI's form with people questioning his fitness or whether the responsibilities of captaincy were a burden.

There may be an element of truth in both these claims, but there is one thing I learned in my rugby league career and that is to never question or write off a champion.

It can take you a long time to wipe the egg off your face when they prove you wrong.

There is little doubt that Greg has been aware of the criticisms

aimed at him and he knows the only way he can respond effectively is on the field.

Like all champions, he has a professional and personal pride in his performances.

He is also acutely aware of his position in the game and his role as an Indigenous leader and I am certain that recent off-field events have also been a factor in his return to top form.

The recent clash with the Cowboys was seen by many as a litmus test of North Queensland's hopes of a maiden premiership.

A barnstorming performance from Inglis in Townsville broke the Cowboys' resolve.

The clash may have been billed as a possible dress rehearsal for the grand final, but 80 minutes later, two key themes were rammed home.

One – South Sydney's title defence is well and truly alive.

### Back to drawing board

Two – the Cowboys need to find another gear quickly to be a serious contender in the playoffs after crashing to their second consecutive loss.

It was GI himself who found the extra gear and he was rapt with his side's answer to the previous week's 28-8 loss to Manly.

"We didn't aim up, but we knew we had to get a job done tonight," he said after the win over the Cowboys.

"We don't like to compare this team to last year's, but to walk away with the two points... it's a credit to our boys."

That classic understatement was a sign that GI's back.

It was the same last year when Inglis exploded into life against the Broncos in a career-defining performance marked by the 10th hat-trick of his career.

Few will forget his special try in that game that stands with the best I have seen.



Greg Inglis celebrates with a goanna crawl after scoring a try for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars on the Gold Coast last February 13. Picture: AAP

Those performances lift the confidence and form of players around him and the whole team have regained ominous signs of the dominance that took them to the title.

To my mind, there was also a link to the 2015 Indigenous Round that coincided with the Adam Goodes controversy.

It gave GI an opportunity to reflect on his standing in the game and the legacy he wants to leave.

"As I've become older and a leader within the club and our community, I now understand my role as an Indigenous Australian with a profile to support initiatives that can really change people's lives," Inglis said.

He did not want to compare himself with Goodes, but acknowledged they shared a common goal.

"He's a great indigenous leader — I am much quieter — but we both want to achieve things for our community and he's a great leader for our country."

Greg is not only having an impact in the community — he is

also leading the way for the next generation of Indigenous players.

Titans forward Ryan James has spoken about how the development of Greg Inglis into one of the most significant Indigenous figures in Australia has inspired him to become more of a leader at his club.

Three-times Indigenous All Stars representative James said he had seen a massive change in the Rabbitohs, Queensland and Australia fullback in recent years.

"He's really taken leaps and bounds in the sense that when I first went into the All Stars camp, he was a bit quieter," James said.

### All-round leader

"We all looked up to him and he had a voice, but he just didn't really want to use it whereas this year's camp he was just an all-round leader.

"Just the way he carries himself and the way he has worked to get to the spot where he is and him as a person and a player has helped him realise that he is probably the biggest

Indigenous player in the game along with 'JT' (Thurston).

"(The war dance) was good because it came from the players and the players made up the dance so it came from the players' point of view and what they wanted to do.

"With 'GI' popping up in the middle there, it signified that we were ready to go. He's probably our Indigenous leader at the moment."

Twelve months after watching the inaugural All Stars match in 2010 with 20 members of his family, James was invited into the inner sanctum for his All Stars debut in 2011.

The impact of GI on his development cannot be underestimated.

At the same time, the importance of his role as a leader cannot be underestimated as he prepares for another finals series.

He is a winner and has his sights set on the legacy he wants to leave as a captain as well as one of the dominant players of his era.

The bear — or goanna — is awakening!



## City-Country match looks to be a casualty



League (NRL) will compensate by bringing more games to the bush.

COUNTRY Rugby League boss Terry Quinn has conceded the City-Country game will be scrapped, but is confident the National Rugby

The NRL has yet to make a final decision on the annual fixture, which has come under a cloud with the announcement of a record \$925 million free-to-air deal with Channel Nine that begins in 2018.

With Origin II now to be played alongside international Tests on a stand-

alone representative weekend, the traditional game looks set to be squeezed out. Quinn said he was resigned to losing the City-Country clash.

"I've just got that gut feeling that's the way it's looking," he said.

After 87 games between the Country and City players, Quinn said he hadn't

given up hope of continuing the representative match, but warmed to the idea of having more NRL games hosted in the bush.

"If we can do both, it'd be great. That'd be our push, to try and fit the game in, because it means so much to a lot of people," he said. – AAP

# Perseverance pays dividends



League (AFL) seasons ago.

Ah Chee, who was drafted by Port in 2011, played his standout AFL game for the club on August 15, kicking three goals in a best-of-afiel display against Greater Western Sydney.

It was the West Australian's eighth game – all this season – and five have been as a substitute.

But Ah Chee, who has overcome knee injuries, has earned a one-year contract extension, noting the deal is early. Normally he would have to wait until season's end to find out if an offer is coming.

"Two years ago I could easily have been delisted, but the Port Adelaide footy club has shown that much faith in me that I have to give back," Ah Chee said.

"I just feel like I owe the club so much, so for me whenever I run out it's just a blessing that I am still here.

"To have it signed and out of the way is real peace of mind."

The 22-year-old midfielder's strong recent form ensured selection for last Friday night's fixture against Hawthorn.

The Power lost to the Hawks in a preliminary final thriller last season, but have slipped to 12th spot and will miss this year's finals.

The patience the club is showing with Ah Chee is starting the bear fruit.

Against the Giants, he displayed many attributes that suggest he can be a long-term footballer.

### Sensational handball

In the final quarter, fans saw the first real glimpse at AFL level of what can be described as the 'Brendon Ah Chee handball'.

This 40-metre effort reminded many of the great exploits of dual Brownlow Medallist Greg Williams at his peak.

First selected in 2011 National Draft at pick 45, Ah Chee finally debuted in round three this year – against North Melbourne at Etihad Stadium.

He previously had played three seasons of SANFL football with the Port Adelaide Magpies.

In his first season on the Power list, although he played a couple of NAB pre-season matches, he spent all the 2012 campaign in the Magpies' reserves team.

He made his SANFL league debut in 2013, and last year was a member of the Port Adelaide Magpies grand final side that agonisingly lost to Norwood in a thriller by four points.

In total, Ah Chee played 53 games

with the Power's SANFL side – the Port Adelaide Magpies at both league and reserves level – before gaining his initial opportunity

"I'm really happy to remain at Port Adelaide and I love being part of this group," Ah Chee said.

"This year I finally got a full pre-season behind me and that gave me confidence to compete at the top level and I'm looking forward to making further improvements.

"I'm pretty pleased with how my year has gone.

"I am fitter, but something that comes with that is confidence, which is even more important.

"In previous years I've been starting behind the eight-ball in terms of fitness

and structures, but this year I've been in the thick of it since the beginning."

Senior Power coach Ken Hinkley said Ah Chee had taken big steps in 2015 after having an injury-plagued start to his career.

"Arch' has shown great perseverance to make his AFL debut this year," Hinkley said.

"We look forward to him getting another full pre-season under his belt so he can go again next year and help make the team stronger."

Ah Chee's little brother Callum recently debuted at WAFL league level with South Fremantle and is expected to be a top 10 selection in this November's AFL draft in Adelaide.

– Peter Argent and AAP



Brendon Ah Chee takes a mark for Port Adelaide in the AFL match against GWS at the Adelaide Oval on August 15. Picture: Peter Argent



Kurtley Beale, of the NSW Waratahs, is tackled by Christian Lealiifano, of the Brumbies, during the Super Rugby match at GIO Stadium, Canberra, last May 1. Picture: AAP

## Beale is off to rugby World Cup



FIFTY-two-Test veteran Kurtley Beale is the only Indigenous player in coach Michael Cheika's 31-man Australian rugby union squad to contest the 2015 World Cup in the United Kingdom.

In front of a packed gallery in the Qantas hangar at Sydney Airport last Friday, Cheika named the 17 forwards and 14 backs with more than 1200 Test caps between them.

The Wallabies will be captained by Stephen Moore in his third consecutive Rugby World Cup campaign.

Also playing in their third World Cup campaigns will be 2003 finalist Matt Giteau and Wallabies vice-captain Adam Ashley-Cooper.

Cheika said it was the collective effort of his broader Wallabies playing group that had laid the platform for his chosen squad to lead Australia against the rest of the world.

"It's essential that we continue to improve over the next four weeks as a squad and we'll be working hard to make sure we deliver on the qualities we want people to see in the Wallabies team of 2015," he said.

The Wallabies will start their preparations with a series of camps in Sydney, Indiana and Bath. An additional 10 players have been named to join the squad until the time the 31-man Rugby World Cup squad departs for England on September 13.

The squad will head to the United States to set up camp at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

They will take on the US Eagles in Chicago before flying on to England for the World Cup.

The Wallabies will play their opening match of Pool A against Fiji at Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, on September 23, followed by Uruguay at Villa Park, Birmingham, on September 27.

The Wallabies will then take on England and Wales at Twickenham in London on October 3 and October 10, respectively. The two highest-ranked teams at the end of the pool stage will advance to the quarterfinals.



# Williams returns

By CHRIS PIKE



JARRYD Hayne's move from the National Rugby League (NRL) to the US National Football League (NFL) might be attracting all the attention, but

there's another Australian on the verge of making his debut in perhaps the biggest-money sport in the world and he's had just the small matter of cancer to overcome in recent months as well.

While Hayne's transition from being an Australian rugby league superstar to being on the verge of playing in the NFL season proper with the San Francisco 49ers has attracted all the headlines, the story of Queensland's Jesse Williams is even more remarkable.

Williams plays a defensive tackle in American football and was drafted into the NFL by the Seattle Seahawks in 2013 following a strong college career at University of Alabama, but his first two seasons in the big time of the NFL didn't go to plan due to knee injuries.

While yet to make his NFL debut, the man nicknamed 'Tha Monstar' for his massive build had a setback that might have ended the career of many just three months ago when diagnosed with Papillary type 2 cancer that led to him having a kidney removed.

However, not to be deterred, the 24-year-old has made a stunning return to pre-season training and has hit the field in the Seahawks' opening pre-season game ahead of the 2015-16 NFL season against the Denver Broncos in Seattle.

And not only did the Thursday Island-born Williams hit the field – he impressed so much that he is very much in the plans of coach Pete Carroll to play a key role in starting the season for the Seahawks as they look to make a charge towards another Super Bowl, having been victorious in 2013 when Williams was part of the squad, and did receive a ring for despite not hitting the field.

First things first – Williams had to battle through dealing with the cancer treatment and recovering from the removal of his kidney, but he hopes that his run of bad luck is behind him.

"It definitely was a little bit of a shock coming out and having cuts all over me and stuff like that when I first got out of hospital," he said.

"But I bounced back pretty quick and ran out of there the day after and was moving around pretty good.

"I've just tried to progress every day to get back on the field. The team believed in me and they gave me a chance. You know I had a pretty rough start already with the knee injuries, but hopefully getting rid of the bad kidney got rid of a bit of the bad luck I had as well.

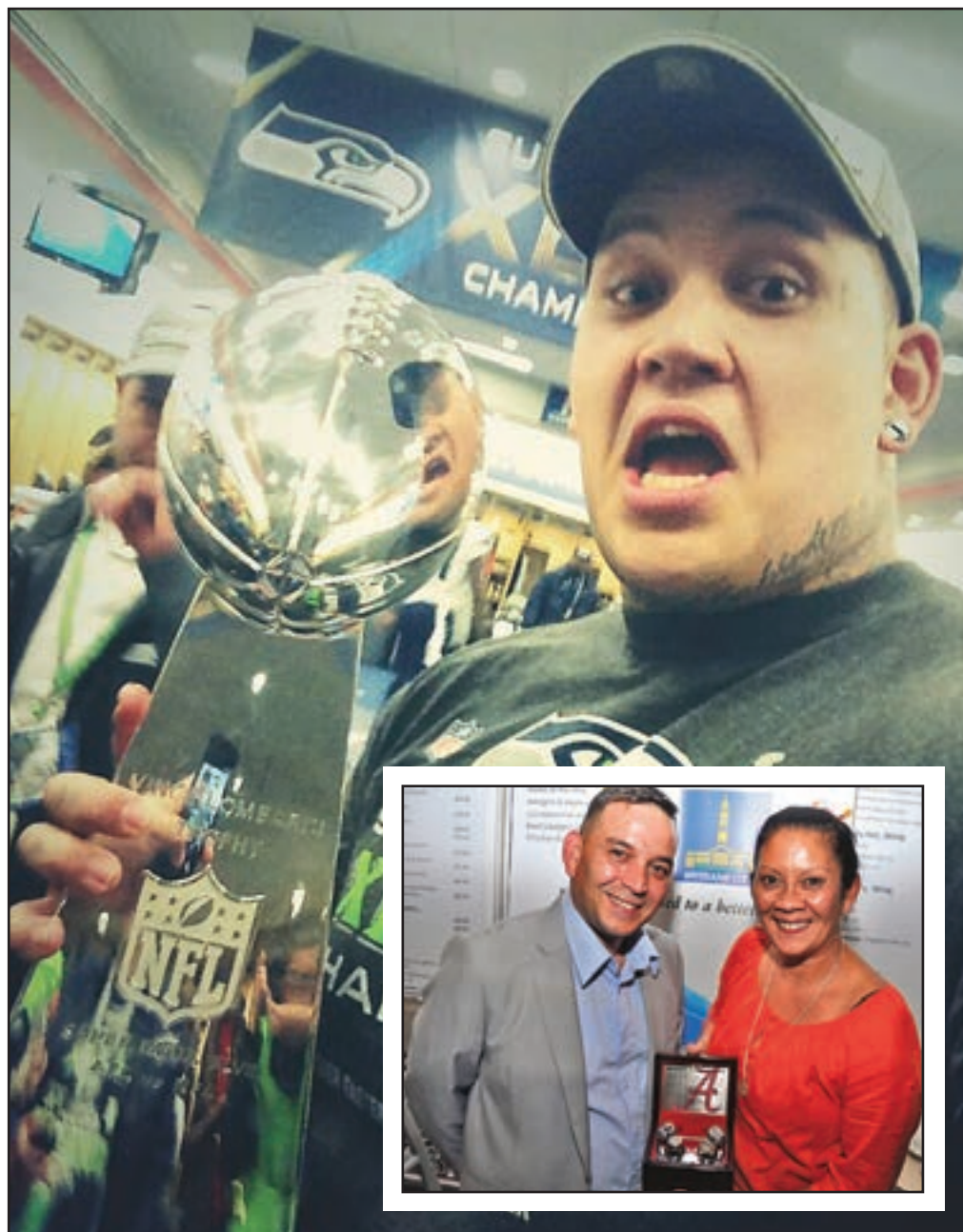
"I'm now looking forward to progressing and staying out there on the field as best I can from here and not looking back. I don't really think about it too much, but three months ago there were a lot of questions about my health and if I would ever play in the NFL."

## Emotional

It was an emotional experience for Williams running out on to the field to play after everything he's been through, but now that he has shown that he can perform in the NFL even in a pre-season contest, his eyes are firmly set on making an impact in the 2015-16 season proper with the Seahawks.

"I felt like crying running out of the tunnel. A lot of downs the last couple of months, but to be out there running around with my team, make some plays, have fun and just do what I'm supposed to be doing and getting back to my normal life means a lot to me," Williams said.

"To be past all that and be able to be out there and part of it is huge. It's a quick turnaround from my diagnosis and surgery, but I've done everything I can to be right to go. Hopefully I can just stay out there now and keep making some plays, and continue to do it for the rest of the year."



Jesse Williams with the Super Bowl Lombardi Trophy won by his Seattle Seahawks in 2014. ● INSET: Jesse Williams' proud parents Arthur and Sonia with the set of rings presented to Jesse after the Seahawks' 2014 Super Bowl win.

# Vanessa pitches in for new club

By CHRIS PIKE



AUSTRALIAN softball pitcher Vanessa Stokes' rapid rise in the popular sport is continuing with her now having helped lead the newly founded

Dallas Charge into the playoffs in the United States just months after joining the team.

Stokes was born in Alice Springs before moving to South Australia where she soon picked up softball and started playing among women as a 14-year-old at Port Adelaide before joining Glenelg in 2011 as an 18-year-old.

Some starring performances for South Australia saw her then earn her first call up to represent her country in the Aussie Spirit softball team. Her first representation for Australia came in December 2011 against New Zealand, and she has been a regular member of the team ever since.

That has included playing at the World Championships in Canada in 2012 where Australia claimed bronze and again in 2014 in Amsterdam, where the Aussie Spirit again finished third.

Softball is a major female sport in Japan alongside baseball and that's where

Stokes really began to build her reputation as one of the best pitchers in the game.

That led her being courted by several American teams and it was the newly formed Dallas Charge who secured her signature.

The Charge joined the National Pro Fastpitch League in 2015 and qualified for the playoffs with Stokes a key part in that as the first Australian-born player to take part in the NPF.

Stokes was even given the honour of hitting the mound as pitcher in the Charge's first ever game against the Pennsylvania Rebellion at Dallas Charge Stadium in McKinney, where she didn't allow a run in an impressive debut.

## Successful debut

While the season ended for the Charge with a semifinal loss to the defending champion USSSA Pride team, it was a successful inaugural season for the team and certainly for Stokes, who enjoyed every minute of living and playing in Texas.

The 28-year-old ended up with some impressive numbers for the season and she certainly showed enough to suggest she will be in line to return with the Charge in 2016 or a rival club in the NPF league.

Not only is Stokes proud of the

progress – pitching for Australia and playing in two of the strongest leagues in the world in Japan and the United States – she is proud of her Indigenous heritage and gives back whenever she can.

She credits her athletic genes to her mother Fiona and Stokes and is proud to do work as an Aboriginal role model, including getting back to Alice Springs when she can, but also as an Indigenous softball program officer in South Australia.

She is the first Indigenous pitcher to represent Australia and the ninth Aboriginal overall to wear the green and gold, but helping the youth is something she takes great pride in as well as enjoying her first season playing in Texas with the Dallas Charge.

"I have just tried to use my international experience of playing softball and try to always have a plan to go out there and hit good spots, and attack the hitters. I think I was able to do a good job for the most part," Stokes said.

"I'm a native Australian and it's pretty special for my people to be able to represent them because there's a lot of disadvantaged things going on back at home at the moment. So I'm proud to be representing my people and my country over here in Dallas, Texas."



Vanessa Stokes Picture: Peter Argent





Johnathan Thurston holds the Arthur Beetson Trophy after the Indigenous All Stars beat the NRL All Stars on the Gold Coast last February 13. *Picture: nrlphotos.com*



Sam Thaiday *Picture: nrlphotos.com*

# Eddie Gilbert Medallist – who will it be?

By GRAHAM HUNT



EDDIE Gilbert Medallist Johnathan Thurston is one of the frontrunners to win the 2015 Eddie Gilbert Medal in Brisbane on October 16.

Indigenous Sport Queensland (ISQ) awards the Eddie Gilbert Medal each year to the person judged Queensland's outstanding Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander sportsman/woman.

Rugby league star Thurston won the first award in 2007.

Basketballer Rohanee Cox was the Eddie Gilbert Medallist the following year.

Thurston is having another wonderful season with the North Queensland Cowboys as they shoot for the National Rugby League premiership.

He also was a key component in Queensland regaining the State of Origin trophy from NSW.

One of his main rivals for the Eddie

Gilbert Medal this year could be another rugby league player – Sam Thaiday.

The Brisbane Broncos forward has been leading by example as his team also pushes for the NRL premiership.

Thaiday also was in the Queensland State of Origin team.

Thurston and Thaiday also are seasoned internationals.

Queensland Firebirds netball sensation Beryl Friday is another in the running for the Eddie Gilbert Medal.

The 21-year-old Friday joined the Firebirds in 2014 in the ANZ championships and her aim is to make the Australian Diamonds team.

She is a member of the Australian under 21 squad and helped the Firebirds win the 2015 ANZ championship with a last-gasp come-from-behind win over the NSW Swifts before 7000 jubilant fans at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre in June.

The Eddie Gilbert Medal awards night will be held at the Ithaca Room, Brisbane City Hall, on Friday,

October 16.

Tickets are \$80 or \$700 for a table of 10 for a three-course meal, entertainment and drinks.

The ISQ awards include the Catherine Freeman Junior Award, the Leigh Ann Goodwin Encouragement Award and the Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor's Volunteer Award.

Something new this year will be regional wards covering south-east Queensland, south-west Queensland, central Queensland, far north Queensland, north Queensland and north-west Queensland.

Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk will present the volunteer award.

Entries for the regional awards are still being received.

Indigenous Sport Queensland is a non-profit incorporated association that aims to promote and advocate Indigenous sport in Queensland.

It was established in 2007 and is chaired by Wayne Coolwell.

To make a booking for the awards night, contact wayne.coolwell@caie.com.au or mobile 0458 000 743.

# Bring on Mundine – Green



DANNY Green says he has plenty of fight options and his long-time rival Anthony Mundine needs him more than he needs Mundine.

After an almost three-year absence, 42-year-old Green made a successful return to the boxing ring with a unanimous points decision over Argentina's Roberto Bolonti at Melbourne's Hisense Arena last Wednesday night.

Green dished out plenty of punishment, particularly to the body of Bolonti, but his opponent, whose record is now 40-4, went the distance against the former International Boxing Organisation (IBO) cruiserweight and World Boxing Association (WBA) light-heavyweight world champion.

Green said he felt some rust in the fight, although he still dominated from the outset, and admitted it was a relief to get the result.

"It's been a long time coming. There's been a lot of stress and pressure on me to get the job done," Green said.

"Physically, Bolonti was a very strong man and I was happy to get a victory.

"I wanted to do it in convincing fashion and I won most of the rounds."

Green wasn't sure if he would fight again this year, with the re-match with Mundine still a chance in 2016.

## Sticking point

The pair met in Sydney nine years ago in a money-spinner for both fighters, but so far Mundine won't come to the party for a return match, with financial terms a sticking point.

Green said the figures told the story.

"The public have spoken with the amount of pay per views for his fights, and the amount of pubs and clubs that buy his fights and the amount of people who actually pay to see him fight," Green said.

"That speaks volumes so I don't have to say much.

"In his insular world, he is the king, but he needs to look outside his bubble."

But Green said he "wouldn't be fussed" if the fight never happened.

"He needs a fight with me more than I need a fight with him," he said.

"Look at the fights I've had and the fights I've got on.

"If he wants to do it than we'll do it."

Before the Bolonti fight, Green said: "I think Mundine realises that all of the burrows that he's been crawling under to avoid me have been blocked.

"Main Event don't want to see him fight, the people of Australia don't want to see him fight, and they've proven that with the numbers he's getting.

"He doesn't sell; he's got no room to move."

In Green's first fight in a long time, all three judges scored the contest 100-90 in favour of the West Australian.

Green dominated from the outset but the opening rounds were low on scoring punches, with Bolonti happy to take some punishment.

Bolonti threw some wild haymakers, looking for a quick knock-out, but none found their target.

Green stepped it up in the sixth round, landing a huge body shot, but the 36-year-old Argentinian was still unmoved.

The West Australian started to tire in the eighth round and looked grateful for a short break for some handiwork on his gloves.

But he showed he still had what it takes, with his jab doing some damage and his defence tight enough to deflect any of Bolonti's blows.

The full-house in Melbourne cheered Green home in the final round, but he couldn't finish off his opponent.

Mundine meanwhile has a fight booked for Melbourne on October 14, but it still to find an opponent. – AAP



# Top-shelf Indigenous basketballers in action

# Series against Maoris



THE Trans-Tasman basketball clash between the Australian Indigenous team and New Zealand Maori team will be held next month in Mackay, Queensland.

It follows on from last year's event in Wellington, New Zealand.

The three-game series will be played from September 24-26 at the Mackay Basketball Multi-Sports Stadium.

The winner will be determined by games won, with the Australian Indigenous team seeking revenge from 2014 when the Maoris were 18-point victors in game one before clinching the series on point differential despite losing game two 105-110.

Queensland Basketball League program manager Joel Khalu is thrilled to be hosting an event of this calibre.

"It's not only fantastic for the Mackay Basketball Club, but for the entire Mackay community," Khalu said on Basketball Australia's website.

"Regional places are sometimes starved for high-level sporting events, so this is definitely something that will generate a lot of buzz."

Run concurrently with the men's tournament this year, New Zealand will also bring over a national Maori women's team to face the Mackay Meteorettes QBL team in a three-game exhibition series.

"It's great to have the women involved this year and in particular, having the Mackay women's representative side participate," said Khalu.

"It will definitely be an exciting match-up, with the NZ Maori women's side being strong and physical and the Mackay Meteorettes being three-times defending QBL champions."

From last year's men's side, Darryl McDowell-White will return after he helped Australia over the line in game two with 18 of his 24 points coming in the fourth quarter.

He will be accompanied by his brother and fellow returnee



**Joel Khalu**

William McDowell-White, as well as Deba George, who led the Indigenous All-Stars in scoring in both games, brothers Chris and Michael Cedar, Curt Ahwang, Tidjane Diop and Steve Hall, who all participated in 2014.

Rounding out the side will be Kerry Williams, from Cairns Marlins, Verle Williams Snr, from Southwest Metro Pirates, Zach Bourne, from Gold Coast Rollers, and Reece Craigie, from Sutherland Sharks.

## Amazing

"The inaugural 2014 series was amazing," Khalu said.

"To see it become a reality was pretty special and not only was the basketball played at such a high and exciting level, teams also took part in a number of cultural and community engagement events too.

"Mackay has a tremendous basketball support base, so hopefully we'll have a sold-out stadium for all three days."

The 2015 Australian Indigenous All-Stars: Curt Ahwang (Cairns Marlins), Zach Bourne (Gold Coast Rollers), Chris Cedar (Mackay Meteors), Michael Cedar (Gladstone Power), Reece Craigie (Sutherland Sharks), Tidjane Diop (Mackay Meteors), Deba George (Albury-Wodonga Bandits), Steve Hall (Coburg Giants), Darryl McDowell-White Jnr (Brisbane Spartans), William McDowell-White (Townsville Heat), Kerry Williams (Cairns Marlins), Verle Williams Snr (Southwest Metro Pirates).



Deba George receives some treatment during a tournament in Melbourne in 2011. *Picture: Graham Hunt*



The McDowell-White brothers, William, left, and Darryl, will turn out for the Australian Indigenous men's basketball team against the NZ Maoris in Mackay in September. They are pictured here at last year's Indigenous Sport Queensland awards. *Picture: Graham Hunt*

## Tournament postponed



THE Australian Indigenous Basketball Championships set down for Brisbane next

month have been put back to around next Easter.

Spokeswoman Cherissma Blackman said interest in the tournament had not been as good as expected and after consultation with Brisbane basketball legend Leroy Loggins, it was decided to switch the tournament to next year.

"Even though our refs, venue and officials had been booked, we decided the best way forward was to have more time for our potential sponsors and funding bodies to

support the event," Blackman said.

"There is the possibility of gaining government and basketball clubs abroad support, and having the event in September could have left us liable regarding insurances.

"We apologise for this, but we are open for suggestions in all our operations and functions.

"It still will be held at the Carina venue and we will work to make sure it is bigger and better than ever."

The tournament will be open to men's and women's open teams, masters (35+) and junior boys and girls (under 12 to under 17).

Contact details: indigenousbasketball2@gmail.com

## Chapman hits 'ton' in Darwin cricket



Tasmanian Zac Chapman now plays club cricket in Darwin



PALAWA (Tasmania) Imparja Cup player Zac Chapman is making a name for himself in club cricket in Darwin.

The New Town Cricket Club (Hobart) right-hand batsman and wicketkeeper scored a century for Pint on his former home turf at Darwin's Gardens Oval.

The ex-Waratah player steered his side out of trouble with an unbeaten 137 in day one of their two-day clash.

The Greens were in all sorts of trouble when Chapman came to the crease with skipper Tim Garner (35) at 5-81.

A score of well below 200

looked on the cards, but Chapman and Garner added 97 for the sixth wicket.

Chapman was full of praise for Pint's three tailenders, who hung around while another 91 runs were added.

They gave Pint a defendable total.

The National Indigenous Squad member said it was nice to notch up his biggest score in "quite a while" and coincidentally, it was against his old club.

"We've had some tight matches lately like the T20 final," he said. "Before the match we thought anything about 250 would be par, but we lost some early wickets."

At stumps, Waratah was 3-29.



## Murphy joins rugby 7s



**Mahalia Murphy shows gold after the Australian rugby league Jillaroos beat the Kiwi Ferns at Brisbane's Lang Park earlier this year.**

Picture: nrlphotos.com



MAHALIA Murphy has joined the Australian Rugby Union women's sevens program.

Murphy impressed management with a string of fine performances during last month's Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea where she helped an inexperienced team claim a silver medal.

The 21-year-old rose to fame after scoring a hat trick for the Jillaroos rugby league side against New Zealand.

"Sevens is a lot quicker than playing league for the Jillaroos and requires a lot more fitness. It's also a lot more unstructured than league so you have some quick decisions to make on the field," she said.

## Carnival for Lismore



TEAMS from the Queensland border to Taree will line up at the *Koori Mail* Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival in Lismore on September 19-20.

Many teams use the carnival as a final hitout before the big NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, to be held this year at Dubbo.

Local teams playing in the Lismore knockout will include Tabulam, Coraki, Mulli Mulli, Cabbage Tree Island, Maclean and Lismore.

The carnival will be restricted to 16 teams and will have a knockout format, with games being played at Crozier Oval.

It cost teams \$750 to enter.

Admission is \$10, with children under 12 free.

Details: Grantley Creighton 0402 309 582.

## Roberts to join Titans



THE Newcastle Knights have granted halfback Tyrone Roberts an early release to join NRL strugglers Gold Coast from next year.

Roberts

has signed for two seasons with the Titans, ending their search for an experienced half-back following Daly Cherry-Evans' controversial backflip earlier in the year.

The 24-year-old, who is the cousin of current Titan James Roberts, was seeking a release from the

Knights after they captured NSW halfback Trent Hodkinson from next season. – AAP



**Tyrone Roberts**  
Picture: nrlphotos.com

## Carnival's new format



THE Gordonvale All Blacks rugby league carnival has a new name and a new date.

Organisers have moved the carnival to November 7-8 at Alley Park, Gordonvale, and will call it the Reconciliation Rugby League

Football Carnival.

It is being called the Reconciliation Carnival because organisers have had interest from Papua New Guinea and South Pacific islands.

The drug and alcohol-free event will feature open men's and under 18 teams.

It will cost teams \$1500 to enter.

Games will consist of 25-minute halves, with a five-minute changeover, with no time extensions.

Details: Jason Joinbee 0466 780 928 or email gvaleindigenourugbyleague@gmail.com

# Hodges out to end on a high



HE'S already had one fairytale ending in 2015, so you can't blame Justin Hodges for chasing another.

The Brisbane captain announced on August 10 that he will retire at the end of the National Rugby League (NRL) season, but not before he has a crack at leading the Broncos to this year's premiership.

After bowing out of representative football in Queensland's 52-6 thrashing of New South Wales to claim this year's State of Origin campaign, Hodges will now hope to inspire the table-topping Broncos over the final few weeks of his club career.

Hodges says winning the 2006 premiership with the Broncos remains one of the highlights of his 16-year career, a victory that also combined with the departure of another club legend in Shane Webcke.

"No one gave us a chance and it was Webby's last year and to see a great player like that and to be a part of that was probably the most special part of my career so far," Hodges said.

### Time is right

"The time's right. The club's in a great position. We've got so many wonderful players at our club.

"Obviously, the body's starting to break down; it's not as fast and mobile as it once was having so many big injuries. Having a good chat with Wayne (Bennett, coach) and my family and close friends, the time felt right.

"I can move on knowing the club is in great hands with so many great players we still have at our club."

Coach Wayne Bennett and former skipper Darren Lockyer were sounding boards in Hodges' decision making.

Bennett says he was honest in his assessment of whether the 33-year-old had another season of first grade in his legs.

"Your biggest fear as a coach is that you don't want your champions to play a year too long and it all goes pear-shaped on them and they find themselves in the headlines for all the wrong reasons week after week," Bennett said.

"He's been remarkable with the injuries alone that he's had to overcome. Knee reconstructions, Achilles, shoulders – he's had them all and he's continued to compete at the highest level for a long period.

### Signs were there

"But we could see at training and things like that that his time was coming to an end."

The Broncos used last Friday night's home game against St George Illawarra to honour Hodges.

But Bennett says this year's premiership campaign won't become a 'do it for Hodgo' scenario.

"It will be in our minds – there will be no doubt about that – but at the end of the day if you don't want to do it for yourself, then we've got no chance," he said.

"That's the way he wants it, that's

the way I want it.

"If we're all doing our best, he's got a chance of being a part of something pretty special in the footy team."

He made his NRL debut as a 17-year-old for Brisbane in the 2000

season, playing two seasons with the Broncos before heading south to the Sydney Roosters in 2002.

He returned to the Broncos for the 2005 season and featured in their 2006 grand final win over Melbourne. – AAP

## Justin Hodges' NRL career

**Clubs:** Brisbane (2000-01 and 05-15), Sydney Roosters (2002-04)  
**Games before last weekend:** 245  
**Tries before last weekend:** 99  
**Representative honours:**  
● Queensland (2002-04, 2006-09, 2011-15): 24 games, five tries

● Australia (2006-09, 2011-13): 13 games, four tries  
● Won 2002 premiership with Roosters and 2006 premiership with Broncos  
● 2007 Dally M centre of the year



**Justin Hodges in action for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars at Cbus Stadium, Gold Coast, last February.** Picture: nrlphotos.com



## Home beach advantage



Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

Clancy and partner Louise Bawden are the world tour's fifth-ranked women's pair.

One of the Olympic Games' key qualifying tournaments will be held in Australia.

Volleyball Australia has been selected to host next June's Asian Continental qualifiers, with the possibility the sport may return to Sydney's Bondi Beach for the first time since the 2000 Games.



Taliqua Clancy

But other beaches may also bid for the event.

A team can book a spot with a top-15 world ranking, with the Asian qualifier the other avenue to qualify a second team. — With AAP

## Barba out with injury



UTILITY National Rugby League back Ben Barba is to miss another week with an ankle strain.

The former Dally M winner left the field after coming on late in Cronulla's 30-2 NRL loss to Melbourne at Remondis Stadium

on Monday, August 17.

He is expected back for the side's crunch final round match against Manly, who are fighting to get into the top eight.

Cronulla dropped to sixth with their loss to the Storm. — AAP

## Darcy joins world elite



KARATE kid Darcy Claveria is back home after finishing third in two events at the US Open World Championships on Orlando, Florida.

The

Liverpool (Sydney) youngster was placed third in 10-11-year-old point sparring, and third in clash sparring.

Darcy is from the IMC Prestons club in Liverpool.

He was the only Aboriginal member of the Australian team.

Darcy was introduced to International Sport Karate Association (ISKA) Kempo karate three years ago and mixes his passion for the discipline with jiu jitsu, where he holds a yellow belt.

He also plays soccer in the winter months and oztag during summer.



Darcy Claveria

## Brisbane to host games



BRISBANE has been named as the host city for the 2019 Inas Global Games.

The Games — a weeklong event featuring nine sports (athletics, basketball, cycling, futsal, swimming, tennis, table tennis, rowing and taekwondo) — will attract more than 1000 of the world's elite athletes with an intellectual disability.

The opening ceremony will be on October 19, 2019.

Inas — the international federation for sport for para-athletes with an intellectual disability — awarded the fifth Inas Global Games to Brisbane following a bidding process by Ausrapid.

The Games will be held across a number of internationally certified sporting venues such as the Chandler Velodrome, Brisbane Entertainment Centre, Chandler Swimming Complex, QE11 Stadium and QSAC.

# One more hurdle for IMP runners



RUNNERS in the 2015 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) team have taken a step closer to their goal of competing in the New York

Marathon.

They took part in the City 2 Surf race in Sydney on August 9, with Murray Bridge (SA) member Daniel Lloyd leading the team home in 1:02:46.

The 2015 IMP squad lined up with more than 70,000 other runners for the 14km run from Sydney to Bondi Beach. It was 7km shorter than the Gold Coast Half Marathon they completed just a few weeks earlier, but the hills made it just as challenging.

They were supported at the start line by IMP graduates Georgia Gleeson, Nathan Riley, Charlie Maher and Raymond Ingram.

Daniel Lloyd was the first 2015 runner to finish, soon followed by Chris Guyula.

Harriett David was the first female, and, just one minute later, was joined by Jessica Lovett-Murray, who is Victoria's first female IMP representative.

One by one, all runners made their way home.

The next — and final challenge — is the 30km selection run in Alice Springs at the end of September.

This run will determine the final squad that will head to New York.



The Indigenous Marathon Project 2015 New York Marathon team in Sydney for the City 2 Surf race. Their next run will determine if they are selected to go to New York in November.

City 2 Surf placings: Daniel Lloyd (Murray Bridge, SA), 1:02:46; Chris Guyula (Gapuwiya, NT) 1:12:19; Harriett David (Cairns, Qld) 1:14:56; Jessica Lovett-Murray (Reservoir, Vic) 1:15:57; Alicia Sabatino (Thursday

Island, Qld) 1:21:32; Jacinta Gurruwiwi (Galiwinku, NT) 1:25:06; Aaron West (Queanbeyan, NSW) 1:34:25; Dwayne Jones (Timber Creek, NT) 1:36:18; John Leha (Marrickville, NSW) 1:38:42; Eileen Byers (Casino, NSW) 1:39:40.

# Fun run focus on warriors

FATHERS Day is set to be even more special this year with the Indigenous Marathon Foundation's (IMF) inaugural IMF Father's Day Warrior Fun Run in Sydney's iconic Centennial Park.

The IMF is inviting everyone in the community to support the event and enjoy a special day with Dad, walking or running the 5km and 10km distances on offer.

The IMF, a charity with tax deductible benefits, is the organisation behind the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP), which began in 2009 and has since mentored and trained 43 Indigenous Australians across the finish line of major international marathons, including New York, Boston and Tokyo.

The Warrior Fun Run, on Sunday, September 6, is a major fundraising event to celebrate great men and fathers and highlight the importance of strong and positive men in families, communities and society — especially Indigenous families and communities.

Its aim is to empower men and celebrate the role and positive contribution of fathers, uncles, brothers, sons and grandfathers.

IMF director, world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella said there needed to be a focus on the positive impact and influence of men, fathers and significant



IMF director and IMP founder Rob de Castella, right, with IMP coach Mick Rees, left, and IMP 2015 New York Marathon team member John Leha, at the Bondi finish of the Sydney City 2 Surf race. De Castella will be taking part in the IMF Warrior Fun Run in Sydney's Centennial Park on Sunday, September 6.

male role models.

"Culturally, men have been seen as the strong protector and provider — the warrior," he said.

"However, in recent times, especially in some Indigenous families and communities, the role, respect and value of men have been eroded and they are losing some of their hierarchy, self-respect and significance.

"This must change and we want to celebrate and promote, in a fun but powerful way, what it means to be a man."

Funds raised from the event will be used to further the goals of the IMF.

An event hub will be established at the finish with Indigenous music and performers, health promotion

facilities and organisations and other appropriate Indigenous activities that celebrate men.

To find out more information about this event and to register, visit [www.warriorrun.com.au](http://www.warriorrun.com.au)

Smaller Warrior runs will also be held on the day in Indigenous communities around the country.





Eliza Mills has room to move at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles. Pictures: Peter Muhlbock, Special Olympics Australia



Dean Pallier is on the attack for the Australian men.

# Golden homecoming



INDIGENOUS Orange (NSW) athletes Eliza Mills and Dean Pallier have returned from the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles with gold medals.

They were members of Australia's basketball teams.

The Games were held at the famous LA Coliseum from July 25 to August 2.

For Eliza, it was her third World Games gold medal while Dean was competing for the first time.

The World Summer Games 2015 are the largest sporting event in the world this year. It showcased 7000 athletes with intellectual disabilities from 177 countries who

competed across 26 sports.

Team Australia was represented by 76 athletes and 29 volunteer officials. They competed in 12 sports, and included 16 basketballers.

## Medal haul

Overall, Team Australia returned with 23 gold medals, 19 silver, 18 bronze and 22

place ribbons (4-8).

The Aussie basketballers dominated, with the women winning for the third consecutive time.

The Australian men beat Jamaica 43-24 for the gold medal, while the Aussie women beat Russia 56-13.

The next World Summer Games will be held in 2019.

# Whopping TV rights deals signed



THE Australian Football League (AFL) has inked the biggest broadcast deal in the history of

Australian sport, signing a whopping \$2.508 billion broadcast deal last Tuesday.

It follows hard on the heels of the National Rugby League (NRL) signing a deal worth "up to \$925 million" with the Nine Network.

NRL chief executive Dave Smith hailed the deal as a boon for fans with twice as many games to be shown on free-to-air TV as previously.

The NRL announced that Nine had secured the rights to broadcast the NRL from 2018 to 2022.

Meanwhile, AFL and broadcast executives have agreed on a six-year deal that locks in the Seven Network, Foxtel and Telstra as the code's broadcasters until 2022.

The deal confirms the current 22-game home-and-away season and finals format across the life of the agreement.

AFL supremos Gillon

McLachlan and Mike Fitzpatrick were joined by broadcast executives for the announcement, including News Corp Australia executive chairman Rupert Murdoch and Seven chairman Kerry Stokes.

McLachlan said the agreement would allow the code to "stay Australia's game".

"This agreement will allow us to focus resources to the foundations of our game – to ensure they stay strong, and grow into new areas, into new communities, to create new generations of supporters, members, players and volunteers," he said.

## In control

"We are delivering maximum reach and maximum exposure and we, the AFL, remain in charge and in control of our fixture.

"For clubs and players, we are delivering financial security to allow growth and certainty."

While the new deal brings unparalleled prosperity to the sport, the number of matches on free-to-air television could go backwards from four a week to

## AFL'S broadcast deal

● Seven will broadcast one Friday night match, one Saturday night match and one Sunday afternoon match a week.

● It will also telecast public holiday and a number of Thursday night matches – dropping the average of free-to-air matches each week from four to 3.5.

● Foxtel has acquired the rights to on-sell a Saturday afternoon match to another free-to-air provider, meaning there could yet be more AFL on free-to-air television from 2017.

A typical AFL round:

- One Friday night match
- Two Saturday afternoon matches
- One Saturday twilight match
- Two Saturday night matches
- Two Sunday afternoon matches
- One Sunday twilight match

an average of 3.5 without an optional deal being struck.

Foxtel has the optional rights to on-sell a weekly Saturday afternoon match to another network should it wish to.

While the AFL retained the right to decide the time of the AFL grand final, Stokes used the occasion to mention that twilight and night matches rated higher than afternoon fixtures.

"We've made some suggestions," he said.

Meanwhile, News Corp media magnate Rupert Murdoch served up a thinly veiled attack on the NRL for blocking other media organisations from its own television deal.

A week earlier, the NRL sealed the \$925 million, five-year deal with free-to-air broadcaster the Nine Network for the rights to

## NRL's broadcast deal

● The number of live games on free-to-air TV will increase from the present two to four, with matches to be played during prime time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday at 4pm.

● The second match in each State of Origin series will be played on a Sunday night as part of a stand-alone weekend of representative football which will also feature Pacific Nation Tests.

● The premiership will be played over 25 rounds, one less than the current model.

● International rugby league will be given a new priority and will be played in a dedicated window after the NRL season.

● The NRL has also regained control of the premiership schedule from broadcasters.

screen four live NRL matches a week, the top-rating State of Origin series and finals.

News Corp's executive chairman pulled no punches at the announcement of AFL deal with Foxtel, the Seven Network and Telstra.

"We've always believed this (AFL) is the premium code in Australia – it's the national game," Murdoch said. – AAP



# Bound for Rio!



Patty Mills on the attack for Australia in game one of the 2015 FIBA Oceania Championships against New Zealand in Melbourne on August 15. Australia won that match and then secured their place in the Rio de Janeiro Olympics by winning the return game in New Zealand the following Tuesday night. Picture: AAP



THE Australian men's basketball team – the Boomers – have booked their ticket to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics with another win over New

Zealand.

Exerting their physical presence with a 41-25 rebound advantage, Australia took game two of the Oceania Championship 89-79 in Wellington, New Zealand, to advance to the Rio Olympics in August 2016.

Patty Mills and Nathan Jawai played in both games against the NZ Tall Blacks.

Leading by seven points at half-time,

Andrew Bogut (ten points, ten rebounds and three blocks) took it upon himself to open up a game-winning advantage in the third term despite a persistent back niggle.

Jawai (four points, three rebounds) set a massive screen on Reuben Te Rangi, sending him to the floor while freeing up Patty Mills (nine and five with four assists) for a three-pointer.

The physical nature of Australia's play helped them get out to an 18-point lead and ice the match.

The Boomers shot 53% and hit 13 more free throws while the Tall Blacks kept the margin close thanks to 11-28 shooting from long range.

The physical influence of Bogut and Jawai gave complete control of the match to Australia straight out of the main break.

The Boomers have joined the Opals in qualification for Rio in 2016 while the Tall Blacks have a final chance to make it to the Olympics at the 2016 FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament for men.

In Melbourne earlier in the week, NBA star Patty Mills predicted the Boomers' thrilling 12-point win over New Zealand in Melbourne in game one would be the start of a basketball renaissance in Australia.

More than 15,000 people filled Rod Laver Arena to watch the women's and men's teams play the first of a two-leg

series against their trans-Tasman rivals to qualify for the Rio Olympics.

It was the biggest basketball crowd in the country since the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Mills declared it the best he's ever played in front of at home.

"It's a great feeling to play in front of a crowd like that," said 27-year-old Mills, who knocked down two three-pointers in the final quarter to stave off a resurgent Tall Blacks and secure the victory.

"The guys really enjoyed it, I think they thrived off it and I think this is just the beginning of basketball in Australia coming back alive again." – AAP

## One step at a time for Nathan Jawai

A LITTLE more than a year ago, Nate Jawai was blind in one eye and couldn't dribble a basketball.

His memory was so bad he had to watch videos of himself and others to re-learn a game he had played for more than a decade.

They were the long-lasting effects of a traumatic neck injury suffered while playing for Turkish club Galatasaray in October 2013 and, unsurprisingly, took a toll on the 208cm power forward.

"It was very hard," the 28-year-old said.

"I couldn't dribble the ball when I started my rehab. I couldn't see from one eye.

"I had to build slowly."

After six months of intense rehabilitation at Canberra's Australian Institute of Sport, he earned a recall to the national team ahead of last year's FIBA World Cup.

While grateful for the faith Boomers coach Andrej Lemanis had shown in him, Jawai was disappointed he couldn't deliver on-court.

"It didn't go to plan," he said.

"It was frustrating because it wasn't me. I had to learn how to play again. It was sad because I had to watch videos."

But Lemanis persisted, and along with his assistant Luc Longley, pushed Jawai to his limits.

He joined the Boomers for their

tour of Europe late last month and remained part of the 12-man squad for the two-leg Rio Olympic qualifiers against New Zealand.

Former NBA champion Longley, in particular, has stayed by Jawai's side.

"I have spent a lot of time with

Nate and I've enjoyed working with him," Longley said.

"He's someone I figured I could help from early on in the campaign, so I have focused on him for sure."

Jawai said Longley had worked on his footwork and hand-eye coordination since the World Cup

last year, and saw a marked improvement in the few weeks they spent in Europe.

"I'm heaps better than when I was in Europe because of him," he said.

But Longley's support was beyond the physical.

"I've been getting down on myself too much," Jawai said.

"After what I've been through with my injuries ... everything for me has been new.

### Big influence

"Mentally, he's been trying to prepare me before games and he's helped a lot.

"He's a big influence, him and Andrej, for me coming back on court.

"They've rejuvenated my career, actually.

"Having their trust, their support, means a lot.

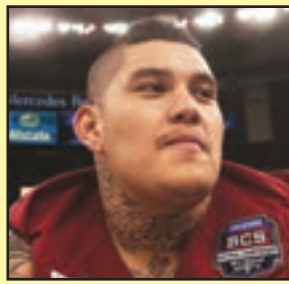
"My relationship with Andrej has grown and I enjoy being around him and the team, even if it's for a minimal role.

"Before I probably would've complained, but now it's alright, I like being a part of it." – AAP

Nate Jawai is challenged by the Tall Blacks during game one of the 2015 FIBA Oceania Championships in Melbourne on August 15. Picture: AAP







**Jesse Williams is back**

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## Win some... lose some



THE highs and lows of elite football are clearly shown in these two photos.

At left is Port Adelaide Power player Chad Wingard celebrating the Power's upset win over Hawthorn in the Australian Football League (AFL) match at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, last Friday night.

Port Adelaide pulled off one of the boilovers of the AFL season, winning 16.12 (108) to 13.8 (86), and most likely sabotaged Hawthorn's top-two hopes.

Wingard kicked four goals.

At right is South Sydney rugby league star Greg Inglis being escorted from the field during the Rabbitohs' National Rugby League (NRL) 32-18 loss to the Canterbury Bulldogs at the Sydney Olympic Stadium on Friday night.

Souths' chances of defending their NRL premiership very much depend on having Inglis on the paddock. Pictures: AAP

● Preston Campbell, who wrote his regular Koori Mail column just hours before Inglis was injured, reckons Inglis is on the verge of more great exploits. (See page 63.)



# Carnivals to clash

## Stages set for the big two rugby league showcases

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE two biggest Indigenous rugby league carnivals in Australia – the NSW Aboriginal Knockout and Queensland's Arthur Beetsen Foundation Murri Carnival – will clash this year.



The Murri carnival will be held at Redcliffe's Dolphin Oval from October 1-4.

The NSW Knockout will be held at Dubbo's Caltex Park from October 2-5. The Koori Mail is a major sponsor of the 2015 Knockout.

What this will mean for some players is that they will have to choose in which carnival they are going to play. Some top players previously have turned out for teams in the Murri carnival and a short time later joined teams competing in the NSW Knockout.

The Knockout has a long and proud tradition, while the more recent Queensland Murri carnival has established itself as the premier Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rugby league carnival in that state. The National Rugby League (NRL)

cemented the status of the two carnivals when it organised the annual Murri v Koori Interstate Challenge – bringing together the winners of the Koori and Murri carnivals.

The NRL is believed to be reviewing this arrangement.

In this year's Interstate Challenge, Murri carnival winners Kulpiyam, from Badu Island, beat NSW Knockout champions Walgett Aboriginal Connection (AC) 30-22 on the Queensland Gold Coast.

Walgett AC will host this year's NSW Aboriginal Knockout after winning the carnival last year at Raymond Terrace.

Walgett AC chose Dubbo as the host city for the 2015 Knockout.

### Tradition

The Knockout tradition is for the winning team to decide where the following Knockout will be held.

Walgett AC last weekend hosted a delegates' meeting in Dubbo, where arrangements and rules and regulations for the 2015 Knockout were discussed.

Something new at this year's NSW Knockout will be a gala dinner at the Dubbo RSL Club on Wednesday, September 30.

Tickets are \$150 per person or \$1200 per table.

### Web links to follow

Where to find details of the NSW Knockout and the Arthur Beetsen Foundation Murri Carnival:  
<http://walgettaboriginalconnection.com.au>  
<http://murrirugbyleague.net>  
<https://www.facebook.com/MurriRugbyLeague>

People requiring details about the NSW Knockout can log on to [www.walgettaboriginalconnection.com.au](http://www.walgettaboriginalconnection.com.au)

The Murri carnival again this year will involve teams from the Gold Coast to Badu Island.

This year there will be teams in the under 15 boys, open women's and open men's divisions.

Sides will be selected in each competition to represent Queensland Murris as official QRL teams in other games and tours.

The Queensland women's Murri team chosen after the carnival will tour New Zealand for 12 nights from October 14 and play two matches.

Organisers say the Murri carnival is

much more than rugby league as it also has a focus on health and education.

All players must complete a health check as a requirement to participate and all under 15 players must have a 90% school attendance rate in the three months leading up to the carnival.

### Top-line entertainment

A big attraction this year will be performances at Dolphins Oval by Troy Cassar-Daley and Archie Roach.

Cassar-Daley will entertain on the first night of the carnival at 7pm.

Roach's concert will start at 7pm on Friday, October 2.

Ellie Lovegrove will also perform on October 2.

The concerts are included in patrons' general admission price for a four-day pass.

Major support from the Moreton Bay Council has resulted in the event returning to Redcliffe for the second year running.

It costs teams \$2750 to enter.

The draw for the Queensland Murri Carnival will be conducted by the QMC executive committee at the Redcliffe Leagues Club Wednesday, September 30 at 5pm.

● Boomers qualifying for Rio de Janeiro Olympics – page 71