



Koori Mail

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

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

EDITION 610

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

PUBLISHED SINCE 1991

Phone: (02) 66 222 666

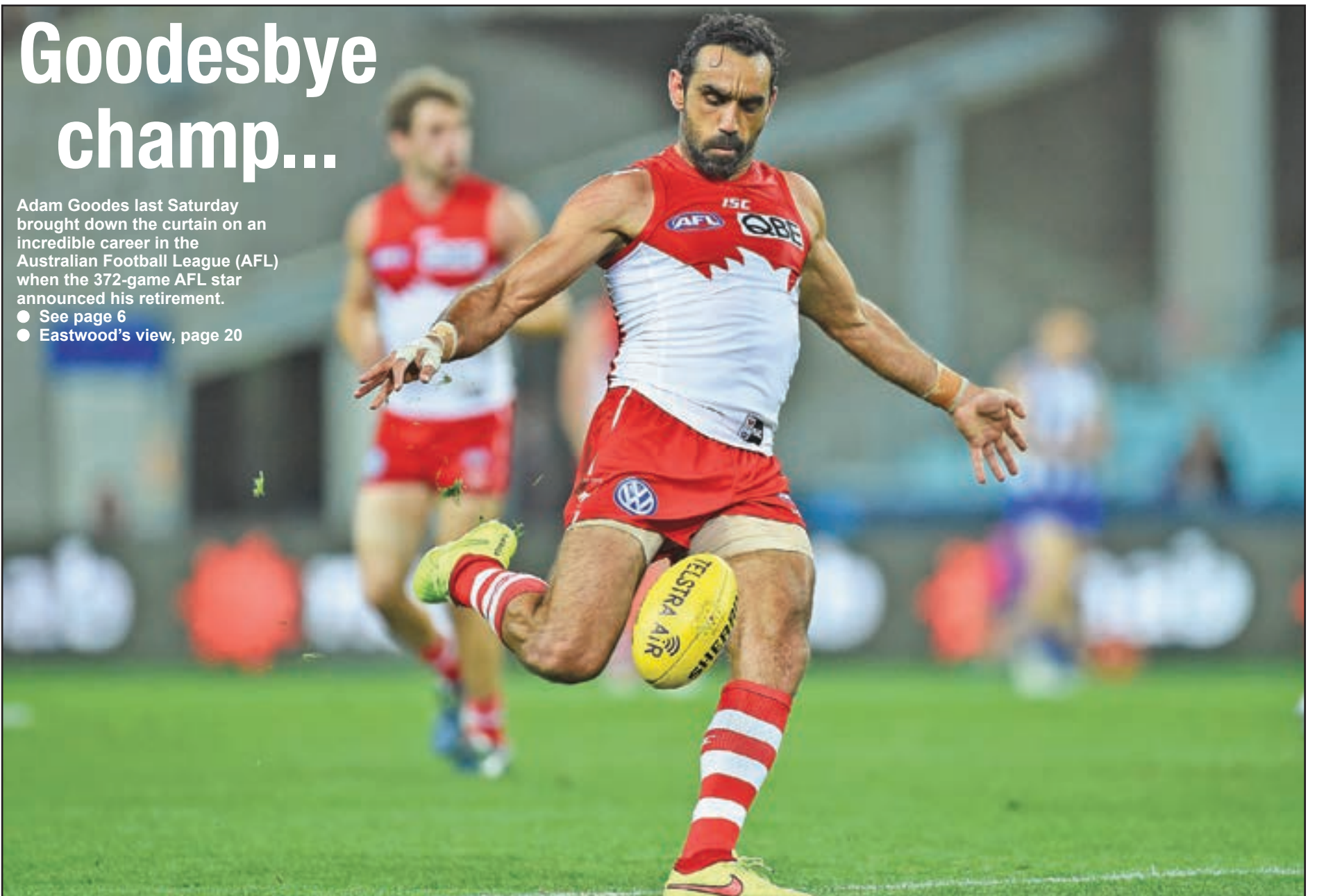
www.koorimail.com

Recommended price \$2.50 (GST-inclusive)

Goodesbye champ...

Adam Goodes last Saturday brought down the curtain on an incredible career in the Australian Football League (AFL) when the 372-game AFL star announced his retirement.

- See page 6
- Eastwood's view, page 20



Children gassed



THE Northern Territory Children's Commissioner has released a shocking report detailing violent abuse against Aboriginal children in detention, including the use of tear gas and hoods put over their heads. The report uncovered evidence showing children were kept in solitary confinement without water for days at the Don Dale Detention Centre, in breach of the NT's laws.

Amnesty International Australia Indigenous rights adviser Rodney Dillon told the *Koori Mail* that it was beyond comprehension that children could be

treated so badly at the hands of the state in this day and age.

"I just don't know where you would start with treating people that bad. I don't know how the police haven't charged these people with abuse of children," he said.

National Congress of Australia's First People's co-chair Kirstie Parker, who is also co-chair of the #ChangeTheRecord campaign that aims to reduce the over-representation of Indigenous people in prison, said Aboriginal children were being failed by governments all over the country.

"In the past week or two we've seen the truth emerge about brutal heavy-handed treatment of young juveniles incarcerated in

the NT, WA trumpeting about short-sighted opportunistic law changes and the Victorian Ombudsman observing that soon it'll come down to prison beds versus hospital beds, because governments seem to see prisons and more of them as the only answer," she said.

"They are not just negligent in terms of their responsibility to those in the criminal justice system, especially kids, they are actively working against those interests. "They should be ashamed."

Ms Parker said it was a sad indictment that there hadn't been a national outcry regarding the treatment of children in detention in the NT, 96% of whom are Aboriginal.

"For Aboriginal people who are the most directly and comprehensively affected by all of these things it's almost accepted as the norm," she said.

"Yet, when I talk to non-Indigenous parents and ask 'How would you feel if this was your child?', the look on their faces is one of sheer horror and non-comprehension.

"By and large it doesn't occur to them that this is a world that could ever be possible for their children – and that's got to change. Our kids are Australian kids too, and it shouldn't be a world that's possible for our kids either."

- Full report – see page 5
- Editorial, page 20

● Prime Minister Turnbull commits to meeting with Congress

INSIDE



Making music, and all that jazz

● Page 5



Call for cultural fishing rights

● Page 12



Taliqua's partner sings her praises

● Page 91



Davey dynasty not just the boys

● Page 92

My FAMILY

Owen Marpoondin – Aurukun/Palm Island



I WAS born at Aurukun and have so many family members there, even though I now live on Palm Island.

I am aged 64 and have memories of leaving Aurukun as a small boy.

My wife Theresa and I have seven children, with three being boys and four girls.

There are about 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren living at Aurukun or on Palm Island.

When anybody dies at Aurukun, I head back for the funeral and catch up with family and friends, so I really have strong emotional attachments to both places.

My son William plays for the Aurukun Kang Kang in the Cape York Cluster rugby league competition.

Every year William also plays for Palm Island Skipjacks when they meet the Australian Army Thunder side at the North Queensland Cowboys home ground or here on Palm.

Both of us are big supporters of the Skipjacks who compete in the Palm Island domestic competition.

Skipjacks is one of the oldest clubs here, dating back about 80 years.

We have close relatives in the

Bramwell, Massey and Coolburra families and there are many living at both communities and other places.

Also, there are so many nephews and nieces, we have almost lost count.

We are all very tied up in community events on Palm Island and many of my grandchildren are members of the Great Northern Dance Group that provides entertainment here.

During a recent open day for tourists, we were cheered by many from the mainland who visited.

My grandchildren – Nancy Coolburra, 15, Eileen Wallace, 19, Edna Coolburra, 17, Frances Wallace, 13, Winston Noble, 16, Schivanna Noble, 18, Terese Wilson, 13, and Alvina Parker, 11 – were in the group.

Also in the group was my nephew Arthur Bramwell.

Sometimes we head over to mainland Townsville on the ferry to do some shopping and we have many relatives there as well.

Life is so good on Palm Island with the waters around the Great Barrier Reef and we can catch what we want.

– As told to Alf Wilson

● ABOVE: Me (Owen Marpoondin) with a sister Kathy Marpoondin and a niece Evelyn Marpoondin.

Share your family with our readers

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

Koori Mail

Postal Address

PO Box 117, Lismore, NSW, 2480

Street Address

11 Molesworth Street, Lismore, 2480

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

STAFF

General Manager: Steve Gordon – manager@koorimail.com

Editor: Rudi Maxwell – editor@koorimail.com

Advertising: advertising@koorimail.com

Accounts: accounts@koorimail.com

Subscriptions: subs@koorimail.com

Advertising Rates

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

Advertising Format

Page Size: 38cm deep x 26cm wide

7 columns per page

Single column size 35mm • 2.5mm space between columns

Advertising Deadlines

Bookings 5pm on the Wednesday prior to publication.

Material 5pm Thursday prior to publication.

Koori Mail on The Web: www.koorimail.com

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

INFOKOORI site address

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

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

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

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

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

OUR CHILDREN



The Beat Walkers from Perth performed at the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care national conference in Perth last week. *Picture: Tash Nannup*

● Read the full report and see more photos on pages 30-31.

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

Young dancers get a taste of Bangarra



YOUNG Aboriginal dancers from NSW demonstrated their talent last

week at the State Dance Festival in Sydney.

Bangarra Dance Theatre mentored 23 young dancers for the elite NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company, which performed at the festival at the Seymour Centre in Chippendale.

Director of specialist programs Bill Anderson said being chosen to dance with the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company was a major accomplishment for these emerging dancers.

"Each member was selected as a promising dancer from workshops conducted around the state," Mr Anderson said.

"As members of the company, they are mentored by Bangarra Dance Theatre's Youth Program Team.

"They learn from Bangarra's Indigenous dance repertoire from some of Bangarra's leading artists."

Mr Anderson said the company performed at the Netball World Cup opening ceremony in August and would be the centrepiece of a segment in the Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on November 27-28.



Let's hear it for the boys. The male dancers of the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company, from left, James Boyd, Cody Cosson, Edan Porter, Jesse Murray, Isaiah Spearim, Kiarn Doyle and Kyle Pont combine during mentoring at the Bangarra Dance Theatre. *Picture: Anna Warr*

It's time for treaty talks



A GATHERING of First Nations people in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) recently

drafted a document to promote the discussion of treaty.

Narrungga Elder Tauto Sansbury told the *Koori Mail* that with culture and heritage under threat from reckless state governments, the time to push for treaty was now.

"Treaty has to be discussed. We have the right to have a treaty," he said.

"Other countries have done it. Australia is the only country shying away.

"I think governments are a little bit scared and uncertain about liability.

"We didn't want to present a list of demands. We know what we want in a treaty and that's basic protection for Aboriginal rights in Australia."

Mr Sansbury said the group was hoping to reignite passion for a treaty and mobilise Aboriginal people.

"We discussed how to rally up the troops, get busses to Canberra, bring out the song *Treaty* by Yothu Yindi and really push up the campaign," he said.

"We sat around under trees

The first draft document

On the path to unity it is the right of each family, clan and First Nation to light the fires and renew the serious conversation about how we see our place in the life of our Country.

We, the people, seek to unite the First Nations of Australia, bound to our Altjira, our Law/Lore, ancient bloodlines and timeless ancestry assert our inalienable rights on our land.

We seek unity among First Nations as the foundation of a new relationship with the rest of Australia, set down in treaties that honour these clear principles.

This land is defined by lines as clear to us as the Southern Cross and the dreaming trails, the songlines and ceremonies handed to us from the beginning of time.

at the old Telegraph Station and had a really good discussion about having a good push for Aboriginal Australians to move forward."

Mr Sansbury said there was a great deal of cynicism and skepticism regarding the

Our Altjira, our Law/Lore, is the essence of what it is to be here in this land.

Our women, too, are sacred, the givers of life, and along with our men make the law.

The sanctity of our families must be honoured and our children will not be taken away.

We have the right to practise our own religion, to obey our Turnintjamia (commandments), the right to speak and educate our children in our languages and the right to live our culture.

The land is our mother. We have the right to our lands, skies, waters, plants and seas with the resources that nurture us all.

In unity we will stand with our brothers and sisters to assert and defend their rights like our own.

government-funded Recognise campaign for Constitutional Recognition of First Nations people.

"They could have put something in the Constitution from day one but they didn't," he said.



Need a good place to stay for a while?

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

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

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

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



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited



ABORIGINAL
HOSTELS LIMITED

STAY WELL
WITH
AHL

Shocking child abuse

Report slams NT treatment of juvenile prisoners

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Northern Territory Children's Commissioner has released a shocking report detailing violent abuse against Aboriginal children in detention, including the use of tear gas and hoods put over their heads.

The report uncovered evidence showing children were kept in solitary confinement without water for days at the Don Dale Detention Centre, in breach of the NT's laws.

The NT Children's Commissioner investigated the circumstances leading up to, and after, the transfer of six teenagers to an adult prison in August last year following an incident at Don Dale.

Amnesty International Australia Indigenous rights adviser Rodney Dillon, a Palawa man, told the *Koori Mail* that it was beyond comprehension that children could be treated so badly at the hands of the state in this day and age.

"The Children's Commissioner report

has confirmed what was suspected all along: The tear gassing of juveniles at Don Dale was an overreach and overreaction," he said.

"Adding to that is the news that the teenagers who were transferred to the adult prison, after being gassed, were also hooded and taken to the maximum security jail block by force.

Blatant breach

"It's not just international protocols that are being ignored in the NT. The report documents how one of the kids was only 14 years of age, yet was still transferred to the adult prison, which the Children's Commissioner noted was a blatant breach of the NT's own *Youth Justice Act*."

The Commissioner noted some of the children had 'spit hoods' placed over their heads on arrival at the adult prison.

The investigation found that two of the children were not involved in the incident and had been compliant throughout the disturbance, yet were still gassed, transferred and part of the group who were punished.

"The report found, most disturbingly, that claims from Corrections that the detainees had 'assaulted staff with shards of glass, bricks and steel poles', were 'inaccurate and misleading'," Mr Dillon said.

In the lead-up to the incident, the children had been held in confinement for at least 22 hours a day without access to outside light or drinking water, for periods of between six to 17 days.

"I just don't know where you would start with treating people that bad. I don't know how the police haven't charged these people with abuse of children," Mr Dillon said.

"If anyone did any one of those things to children in their own home, it would be classified as child abuse."

High rate

The NT has the second highest rate of Indigenous incarceration in the country, following WA. Indigenous young people make up an average of 96% of all young people in detention in the NT.

Mr Dillon said the abuse must have "scared the living daylights" out of other

children in detention.

"I'd like to see the NT Government treat Aboriginal kids in prison – all kids in prison – with some kind of respect, provide a good education system that works, and to bring in policy that tries to reduce levels of recidivism," he said.

"Detention of children is supposed to be about rehabilitation.

"It's very sad that this is happening in Australia today. These prison officers would nearly qualify for a job at (notorious American detention centre) Guantanamo Bay.

"Sick to the stomach"

"I feel sick to my stomach as an Aboriginal person that our kids are being treated like that today.

"There's no excuse for the NT Government. They should hang their heads in shame.

"Chief Minister Adam Giles should go and have a talk with his minister and they should both have a look in the mirror and ask whether they would like their children to be treated like that."

Banding together to make music

By CHRISTINE HOWES



MORE than 50 primary school kids from three remote Cape York communities have jammed, played and learned from jazz legend James Morrison and his brother John.

The kids attended a three-day camp near Cairns earlier this month, culminating in a public performance at Palm Cove's Jazz on the Green.

Queensland Music Festival's (QMF's) Cape York Instrumental Project (CYIP) has worked with students from Aurukun, Hope Vale and Coen over four years to help create the same quality of music and band programs that would be found in any metropolitan Australian primary school.

Band camp leaders, multi-instrumentalist John Morrison and Jane Hopkinson, were joined by groups from QMF, Queensland University and the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts at the camp, along with musicians Will Kepa and Hannah Trotter.

Perfect example

Outgoing QMF artistic director James Morrison said CYIP was a perfect example of how music could transform lives.

"It's building self-esteem," he said.

"It's giving them the sense of accomplishment.

"They go and learn a song and play it and they think: 'Wow, I can do that,' and they take that into everything else they do then.

"And, of course, the energy and excitement of playing a song together is very different when you learn how to do a math problem – it's just as important to learn that, but you're more likely to excel in



James Morrison with some of the youngsters near Cairns. Picture: Christine Howes

other things when you've had this experience.

"It's not about the fact that all these people are going to become musicians; they're not.

"It's about what their life's going to be like because they've done this.

"And that's something kids need, particularly coming from remote communities. We take for granted in the city a lot of stuff like that.

"So, it's just incredibly valuable, I don't know where to start – it's fantastic."

John Morrison said it was their third camp since 2012.

"They're not the same kids

every year, they graduate, so that some of the first years are now gone on to high school and are playing in high school bands," he said.

"And we've got a young group. Many of these guys are on first-time camp which is, of course, what happens in schools; they come through and the others move on.

"It's a real time of growing up for them because they're away from home, away from community, making friends from other communities and also learning to share music together as a common language, which is an interesting part of music

because they do have a different world that they live in.

Mr Kepa, a Torres Strait Islander, said he was thrilled to be a part of the program.

"I've gone up with Jane (Hopkinson) to one of the communities a few months ago, to Coen, and started teaching some of the students up there some drums and bass particularly, and just helping out all-round," he said.

"I've been working with QMF for a couple of years now and becoming more and more interested in the brass band and certainly the bigger band stuff – outside of my comfort

zone, I guess, but it's very interesting and it's been a new thing for me for the last couple of years.

"I'm really enjoying just seeing some of the concentration and efforts that some of the kids put into learning what they need to learn. It's very satisfying and very rewarding as a teacher.

"It's a great thing to be involved in."

Friends from Coen, Alaina Walker and Aurora Pratt, said the camp was fun.

"Because we get to play in the band together and play sports together," Alaina said.

Goodes calls it quits



Adam Goodes kicks during the first AFL semifinal against North Melbourne at the Sydney Olympic Stadium last Saturday night. The Swans were beaten and Goodes announced after the game that he had retired.
Picture: AAP



SYDNEY champion Adam Goodes told his teammates it

was time to retire and talked about his epic Australian Football League (AFL) journey.

Goodes announced his retirement following his 372nd game in the semifinal loss to North Melbourne on Saturday night.

The 35-year-old dual Brownlow Medallist kicked the first and last goals of the game, booting 2.2 and tallied 18 touches and 10 marks in a solid swansong.

Emotion

There was emotion in the Swans rooms, but Goodes didn't speak to the media after the game, nor did he make any obvious farewell gestures to the crowd.

"It's a bit of a shock. He's a champion of this footy club," said Swans defender Rhyce Shaw, who had previously announced he was retiring at the end of the season.

"He's a champion of the AFL and one of the greatest people I've ever met."

Asked what Goodes said to his teammates, Shaw said: "He said it's his time; he's happy to bow out this way."

"He spoke about how it's been such a long journey for him, 18 years, coming up here and just giving it everything

he's got.

"And 372 games later he's had enough and he's contributed so much to the footy club and to the AFL."

"He can go out whichever way he pleases."

"The time's right for Goodes, that's all you can really say. He wanted to retire this way and he's done it and he deserves every accolade he gets."

Shaw was chaired off the field by his teammates after his 237th and final AFL game and would have liked Goodes to have been afforded a similar honour.

"It would have been fantastic for Goodes to be up there with me, but he wanted to do it his own way," Shaw said.

North Melbourne are heading back to an AFL preliminary final after knocking out Sydney with a gritty 26-point win.

Physical match

Returning to ANZ Stadium for the first time since last year's preliminary final obliteration, the Kangaroos banished their demons with an 11.11 (77) to 7.9 (51) victory in a physical match.

Goodes finished outright fourth on the Swans' all-time goalkickers list with 464, his brace on Saturday taking him two clear of Tony Lockett and leaving him three behind another former teammate, Barry Hall. — AAP

What they said...

Sydney Coach John Longmire:

"He's been an absolute icon to this footy club: 18 years, a couple of Brownlows, four All-Australians. He's been a superstar of the game."

Former Swans forward Michael O'Loughlin:

"I think he goes down as probably our greatest Swan."

AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan:

"Goodes and North Melbourne great Brent Harvey have been both extraordinary athletes; enduring and resilient and we may not see their likes ever again."

Sydney and North Melbourne great Wayne Schwass:

"2 Brownlows, 2

flags, 3 B&F's, 4 AA's 372 games, 18 years at the elite level. Well played sir @adamroy37 you star #halloffamer"

Sydney premiership player Jude Bolton:

"Had front row seats to see future HOF @adamroy37 play. Shared great times together. Premierships & footy trips. So proud of you brother."

Fellow Swans retiree Rhyce Shaw:

"It's a bit of a shock. He's a champion of this footy club ... He's a champion of the AFL and one of the greatest people I've ever met."

West Coast ruckman Nic Naitanui:

"Well done on a wicked career @adamroy37 #oneofthegreats" — AAP

O'Loughlin rates Goodes as greatest Swan

RETIRING Sydney star Adam Goodes has been rated the greatest Swan of all by the man whose club appearance record he broke.

Goodes, 35, made a low-key exit from the game he has graced since 1999, announcing his retirement to teammates in the sheds after Saturday's semifinal home loss to North Melbourne.

He eschewed the fanfare of an emotional public farewell out on the field and the chance to be chaired off the ground, like retiring teammate Rhyce Shaw.

At the end of an epic career and tumultuous season, Goodes leaves the game having chalked up 372 appearances, the eighth highest tally of all time and the

most by an Indigenous player.

He won two premiership and Brownlow Medals, a Rising Star award, made the All-Australian team four times, captained Sydney and the Australian side in the international rules series and was named in the Indigenous team of the century.

"I think he goes down as probably our greatest Swan," said former Swans forward Michael O'Loughlin, whose record of 303 games Goodes surpassed in 2012.

"That's no disrespect to anyone who has played for us before, but I think the influence and the winning percentage games that he has been able to play, for the longevity."

"Your superstars play for a long time and he's absolutely one of those

without a question.

"It was a pretty emotional night."

Sydney coach John Longmire echoed O'Loughlin's lofty valuation of Goodes.

"We've had a few great players over the past few years retire, none as great as Goodes, no disrespect to the others," Longmire said.

"He's been an absolute icon to this footy club: 18 years, a couple of Brownlows, four All-Australians. He's been a superstar of the game."

After taking a week off following booing from opposing fans at several away matches, Goodes finished his final season in strong fashion.

He was among Sydney's best players in

the back-to-back finals losses which denied him the opportunity to become the first Swan to win three premierships.

"The old man finished his season off pretty well over the last month and a half, two months," O'Loughlin said.

Longmire said it would be hard to imagine life at Sydney without Goodes and was full of praise for the way he had conducted himself through a turbulent campaign.

"He's been absolutely superb in the face of some really tough times for him," Longmire said.

O'Loughlin attributed the success of his close friend and former teammate Goodes to his strong work ethic. — AAP

Bill prompts dismay

Mandatory sentencing changes under fire



ABORIGINAL, human rights and legal organisations are dismayed that the West Australian Lower House has passed a Bill that will see more Aboriginal people in prison and teenagers tried as adults.

The *Criminal Law Amendment (Home Burglary and Other Offences) Bill* will extend WA's mandatory sentencing regime, which is already the toughest in the nation.

The new amendments tighten existing mandatory sentencing arrangements for non-violent home burglaries and introduce additional mandatory sentences for aggravated home burglaries, which will apply to 16- and 17-year-olds as well as adults.

Amnesty International Indigenous rights manager Tammy Solonec, a Nyikina woman, said Aboriginal people who are already massively overrepresented in WA's prisons, would be further disadvantaged by these laws.

"Mandatory sentencing is not the answer

to keeping communities safe because it does not address the underlying causes that lead to criminal behaviour," she said.

"These laws also fly in the face of international law, breaching the Convention on the Rights of the Child that provides that detention for young people should only be a last resort and for the shortest possible time.

"Rather than working to find a solution, the WA Government has taken the backward step of entrenching a harsh and punitive approach.

Unintended consequences

"We are concerned that these laws will have unintended consequences, particularly for young people and that, ironically, it will lead to increased offending behaviour because we know the more young people that end up incarcerated the more likely they are to reoffend."

Despite only making up around 6% of the youth population, Aboriginal people made up 78% of young people in detention in WA in 2013-14.

Ms Solonec said WA Labor, despite being 'unequivocally' opposed to mandatory sentencing in their own policy platform, did not oppose the Bill.

"WA already has the appalling distinction of having the highest rate of Indigenous youth in detention in Australia," she said.

"These laws will only add to that terrible distinction.

"Tragically, young people's lives will be irrevocably changed for the worse with the passing of these mandatory sentencing laws.

"Rather than spending an additional \$93 million to keep youth in detention and jails, the WA government could have shown some vision by putting this money into diversionary and preventative programs that address the underlying causes of crimes, including poverty, trauma and substance abuse."

National Congress of Australia's First People's co-chair Kirstie Parker, who is also co-chair of the #ChangeTheRecord campaign that aims to reduce the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in

prison, said Australia had been a signatory to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child for 25 years.

"And yet wave after wave of horrendous and frankly stupid and opportunistic lawmaking make a mockery of that commitment," she said.

"Big log for the fire"

"This furious raft of measures will propel people into prisons rather than keeping them out. Mandatory sentencing is a big log for the fire, but so many decisions are heading in the wrong direction.

"It's really hard to image how much more evidence and expert advice is needed to convince the WA Government they need to be smarter about this.

"I saw a report where former Prime Minister Abbott described these new laws as a 'political triumph'.

"How sad that governments are concerned with being politically opportunistic rather than smart on crime and the things that will make our society safer for all."

Property in hands of weetaipoona

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) has handed over the title to Murrayfield Station, to weetaipoona Aboriginal

Corporation at a ceremony last week on the 4100ha property on Bruny Island, off the south-east coast of Tasmania.

Murrayfield was acquired by the ILC in 2001, and is one of 20 land grants the ILC will make in its 20th anniversary year. Three-quarters of the 251 properties it has acquired have now been granted to Indigenous groups, creating opportunities for an economic basis for future generations.

ILC chairperson Dawn Casey labelled Murrayfield a significant property in the Indigenous estate that represented exactly what the ILC was set up to do – to assist Indigenous people to acquire and manage land to achieve economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits.

"Perhaps uniquely, it combines a rich traditional presence, wonderful environmental values and a first-class commercial sheep enterprise, producing 40,000kg of fine wool and 2000 prime lambs a year," she said.

"The ILC acquired Murrayfield Station for its great cultural significance. The purchase of Murrayfield and the decision to grant the land to weetaipoona was a decision the ILC approached with careful consideration."

In Tasmania, titles to most other areas purchased by the ILC and all land returned through legislation are held by a statutory body, the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania, in perpetuity for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

The title for Murrayfield contains caveats – should weetaipoona no longer exist, the title would be returned to the ILC.

The ILC still owns the business, and has entered a 10-year lease agreement with the new owners.

"Access to land on Bruny Island was denied to Aboriginal people and a major land acquisition like Murrayfield has allowed Tasmanian Aboriginal people a place to re-establish cultural traditions, hold social activities, and pursue economic opportunities," Dr Casey said.

Since 2008, Murrayfield has provided access to hundreds of Aboriginal visitors to hold more than 100 cultural events, hosted training programs in agriculture and land management, with many Aboriginal people



Local Aboriginal man Rodney Dillon who was instrumental in the ILC's purchase of Murrayfield, weetaipoona chairperson Ben Sculthorpe, ILC chairperson Dawn Casey and Neil Murray, ILC director and chairperson of National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises, at the title hand over.

completing accredited training. The property caters to school and university groups, various interest and tourist groups – with 2000 visitors each year.

Murrayfield now protects almost 300 Aboriginal heritage sites, is the site of George Augustus' first Aboriginal mission, and is a crucial habitat for endangered species.

It is lauded as example of profitable farming co-existing with heritage and environmental protection.

In conjunction with

weetaipoona, the ILC has managed Murrayfield for 14 years and developed a successful agricultural business.

Before the title handover ceremony, weetaipoona signed a joint management agreement for National Parks on Bruny Island, some of which border Murrayfield, with Tasmania's Parks and Wildlife Service.

Weetaipoona chairman Ben Sculthorpe hopes management will be stepped up for Aboriginal.

"Times are looking up," said a visibly emotional Mr Sculthorpe.

"Today was one of the proudest moments that I've had as an Aboriginal person.

"It meant so much to so many people. The hours and hours of work that they have done to try and get to this stage has been remarkable."

He said Murrayfield was a spiritually and culturally safe place to call home.

Founding weetaipoona member Rodney Dillon said it was time for something like the ILC to be set up to buy resources back out of the ocean.

Another Aboriginal voice for Tasmanians

CHAIR of the recently-formed Tasmanian Regional Aboriginal Community Alliance (TRACA) Rodney Dillon is hopeful more Aboriginal voices will be heard in discussions about land handbacks and world heritage.

"Organisations were frustrated with government not talking to groups, so we joined to make one bigger group to work with," he said.

"TRACA was born out of frustration –

we talk about self-determination, but we don't always practise what it means."

At the first meeting of TRACA, many Aboriginal people said they felt their views were not being heard because governments only dealt with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Council and the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre.

"We don't want to be seen as a threat to other groups – we're not," Mr Dillon said.

"Whoever is advocating for land handbacks, well and good, let's all have a fair go at it, let's try to get land back in a lot of areas, not just a selective group."

Mr Dillon said there were also concerns regarding State Government consultation and process regarding the Tasmanian Wilderness and World Heritage Area.

The group is holding another meeting soon in Campbell Town, between Hobart

and Launceston, where it will discuss negotiating a tri-partisan agreement with state politicians so that Aboriginal issues cannot be used as a political football.

TRACA includes representatives from the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association, South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation, weetaipoona Aboriginal Corporation, Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation and the Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation.

More funds to continue Ngadju work



THE Ngadju people of the Great Western Woodlands of southern Western

Australia have received a further two years' support to continue work on protecting the biodiversity of their country.

Rangelands Natural Resources Management (NRM) and Gondwana Link have signed an agreement to work in partnership to continue support of Ngadju Conservation through funding by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Rangelands NRM program manager Jane Bradley said the extended partnership would continue to underpin a number of key elements from the 2013–15 program, but with a stronger on-ground focus.

The program is run from Norseman and focuses on the five million hectares of the Great Western Woodlands over which Ngadju native title has been recognised.

Key targets include endangered species such

as the malleefowl and there is a broader focus on protecting the woodlands from invasive weeds.

"The Ngadju program puts 'eyes on the ground' over a vast area, where southern WA is particularly vulnerable to species entering from the eastern states, and work has already started work on eradication of a noogoora burr infestation near Norseman they identified in their weed training," Ms Bradley said.

The program has recently broadened to support establishment of the Ngadju Women's Group, coordinated out of Norseman by Jasmine McPhee.

"Working on Ngadju country has become my passion because my mum was in our Aboriginal women's corporation and in partnership with Mirning Aboriginal women as well," she said. "There's not a lot of Aboriginal women rangers out there, let alone Ngadju women rangers."

"I enjoy working on country because it helps me get back to my ancestors and sacred sites, and teach my children."



Ngadju Ranger and Women's Group coordinator Jasmine McPhee. Picture: Peter Price

PM's commitment



NEW Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has told the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples that he has a "very earnest commitment to meet with

the elected representatives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples at the earliest possible opportunity".

Mr Turnbull ousted Tony Abbott from the country's top job in a party-room spill.

He announced his new ministry on Sunday, with NT Senator Nigel Scullion remaining the Indigenous Affairs Minister.

Ken Wyatt – the first Aboriginal person elected to the House of Representatives – was promoted to Assistant Health Minister.

It was unclear whether Indigenous Affairs would remain under the auspices of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet or move to another home.

On Friday, Congress convened a meeting in Canberra, including national and peak Indigenous bodies in health, legal services, family violence, education, disability and the Stolen Generations to discuss the implications and opportunities arising from the change in Prime Minister to Malcolm Turnbull.

Priority

Congress co-chairs Les Malezer and Kirstie Parker commended Mr Turnbull for his commitment to engage with Indigenous representatives as a matter of priority.

"It is imperative that the Prime Minister starts off his relationship with our peoples on the right foot, and understands the priorities of his portfolio," they said.

"We are encouraged by today's commitment, and see it as a positive response to the calls made by our collective leadership."

In his outgoing press conference, Mr Abbott – who famously dubbed himself the 'Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs' – named as one of his achievements that he



Representatives from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies, including National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Kirstie Parker and Les Malezer, at a meeting in Canberra last week.

"was the first Prime Minister to spend a week a year in remote Indigenous Australia".

Ms Parker told the *Koori Mail* that Mr Abbott's legacy included the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and ripping more than \$500 million from frontline Indigenous services.

"Tony Abbott declared himself the Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs, which means the buck started and stopped with him," she said.

"It is crueler to raise expectations and then underdeliver than to signal that the status quo will continue. If you talk up change and that change is destructive and disrespectful, how can anyone be expected to trust what you say?"

Mr Abbott came under fire for hand-picking an Indigenous Advisory Council

(IAC) and refusing to meet with or listen to peak Indigenous bodies.

IAC chair Warren Mundine had not yet found out whether Mr Turnbull would continue to rely on the body for advice when the *Koori Mail* spoke with him on Friday.

"The IAC has been going well. It's been interesting with a whole new ball game and a reform agenda, the biggest for quite a while," Mr Mundine said.

Big reduction

"It was massive reducing program streams from over 100 to five, but it was a good move to reduce duplication."

"With the IAS, there have been some hiccups in the process, but you get that with any big reform process – we're sitting down in October to go through the IAS, look at

what needs to be done and see how to go forward.

"The Government's new procurement policy (where the Federal Government has committed all of its departments to spend at least 3% of their budgets on Indigenous businesses), in 10 years, we're going to look back and say, 'Wow, that was a game changer,' because we're going to see Indigenous companies earning millions of dollars a year and creating jobs for Indigenous people."

Ms Parker said the change in Prime Minister provided an opportunity to redress some of the poor decisions made under Mr Abbott's stewardship.

Early sign

"One of the first things the Abbott Government did – and I'm not just talking in Indigenous Affairs, but one of its very first acts – was to declare it would not support a voice chosen by our peoples for our peoples," she said. "It would not allow our people to determine who speaks on their behalf."

"So we had a very early sign of what was to come."

"Any government that is not big and ugly enough to ensure that some of the country's most vulnerable people have a robust and supported voice needs to understand what message this sends. And a very clear way to illustrate that is Australia's endorsement of the United Nations Declaration which enshrines the right of Indigenous peoples to determine their institutions and for countries that have signed on to do everything they can to support and enable that."

"Although we've had a change in Prime Minister, it is the same government and, until it is demonstrated otherwise, exactly the same policies and approach."

"Our people are watching and will be unforgiving if this state of play is allowed to continue."

Budj Bim closer to World Heritage listing



THE Budj Bim Cultural Landscape has been chosen as Victoria's number one priority for UNESCO World Heritage listing.

Home to the Gunditjmara people for 30,000 years, the Budj Bim area at Lake Condah, in Victoria's south-west, includes evidence of one of the world's oldest and largest aquaculture systems, constructed at least 6600 years ago.

Budj Bim hosts the remains of Aboriginal stone houses, as well as a sophisticated system of channels, fishtraps and weirs used for farming eels that suggests a large, settled Aboriginal community.

Gunditjmara people have been modifying the wetland system along the Budj Bim lava flow for thousands of years.

Scientific evidence

Gunditjmara Elder Denis Rose said that for more than a decade, Gunditjmara people had been gathering scientific evidence for the World Heritage nomination, backed by teams of archaeologists, historians and other scientists.

"Our people weren't just putting rocks across a creek, they were creating dams, weirs, channels, so we have a vast aquaculture system for growing and farming fish, rather than just trapping," Mr Rose told the *Koori Mail* earlier this year.



From left, Gundiitjmara Elder Denise Lovett, Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews and Gundiitjmara Elder Eileen Alberts.

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews visited Budj Bim to make the announcement and meet with the Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.

"Budj Bim's structures

pre-date Egypt's pyramids," he said.

Treasure

"It's a Victorian treasure, and should be recognised as an international treasure."

If successful, Budj Bim will be the 20th place to be recognised with a World Heritage listing in Australia, and the first for exclusively Aboriginal cultural values. Following the Victorian

Government's recommendation, proposed sites will be considered at a nationwide meeting of environment ministers later in the year. A final list will then be submitted to the Commonwealth.

Compo step closer

By NATALIE CROMB



MEMBERS of the Stolen Generations in NSW are a step closer to receiving compensation following a unanimous vote by the NSW Legislative Council

for a parliamentary inquiry into reparations.

The inquiry was launched with a forum at NSW Parliament House on September 17 when the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) Affairs brought together parties of interest and members of the Stolen Generations to discuss the case for reparation.

Panel member Michael Welsh, a survivor of the Kinchela Boys' Home and advocate for the Stolen Generations, spoke passionately about the need for action.

He said that given the age of the Stolen Generations and the ill health of many, time was of the essence.

Mr Welsh spoke of the devastating reality that with many members of the Stolen Generations, families found

each other too late and a reunion was held in a cemetery.

Matilda House, a Ngambri-Ngunnawal woman and survivor of Parramatta Girls' Home, spoke about the utter despair at the length of time it had taken for little to no action and the toll it took on the survivors.

"We have had to lean on one another as best we can because there is no way the Government can walk in our shoes and understand what it is we went through, but they don't seem to want to listen or help us either," she said.

"We have had to use our own limited resources to support each other through the many layers of our trauma."

Needs to listen

NSW Deputy Opposition Leader and Wiradjuri woman Linda Burney said the Government needed to listen to and consult with the community before driving forward with any 'solutions'.

"We need to have practical and meaningful resources for the ongoing trauma, not just for the people directly

affected, but the many who are caught within the repercussions of transgenerational trauma," she said.

Greens MLC Jan Barham, who is chairing the parliamentary committee into reparations, spoke of her sorrow for not only the past, but for continued poor policy.

"We can't move forward until we do this," she said.

Ms Barham said it was important the inquiry happened fast because many of those affected by the Stolen Generations were dying.

"And passing without their stories being known and the experience and what it meant to them and how it shaped their lives is a tragedy," she said.

"The recordings of those (stories) is important and the reason why is to ensure it never happens again."

Public Interest Advocacy Centre chief executive Edward Santow said it was important for the NSW community to have their say on how best to make amends for the devastating impact of past laws and policies on Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people.

"Almost two decades after the 1996 'Bringing Them Home' report, a committee of the NSW Upper House is assessing the response of the NSW Government to its recommendation for reparations," he said.

"This could finally lead to proper compensation for members of the Stolen Generations and their descendants for the trauma the removals policy caused.

"We know that the forced removal of Aboriginal children from their families has had lifelong tragic consequences for those taken, and continues to profoundly affect Aboriginal communities throughout NSW.

"The Australian Government's apology was an important step towards reconciliation. It is time for the NSW Government to reflect on its role in the removal of Aboriginal children and make reparations."

The inquiry is calling for submissions, which can take any written form from personal accounts to substantial policy suggestions. Submissions close on September 27.

Recognition acknowledged in amended Constitution



A BILL to officially recognise Aboriginal people in the West Australian Constitution has

passed through the State Parliament.

The *Recognition of Aboriginal*

People Bill, tabled by Kimberley Labor MP Josie Farrer, a Gidja woman, amends the WA Constitution to recognise Aboriginal people as the first people and custodians of the state.

Ms Farrer told reporters she was elated that the Bill had passed, adding it would give

Aboriginal people a platform to negotiate on issues.

"It gives them that security as to knowing who they are and how they sit with a lot of the policies in this country," she said.

Labor's Aboriginal Affairs spokesman Ben Wyatt, a Yamatji man, said WA had had some

'unfinished business' with its Constitution.

"Aboriginal people are mentioned in our Constitution, but in a very negative, derogatory way," he said.

"This is an important constitutional step to simply acknowledge that when that

legislation passed 126 years ago, that it had a big flaw and that was to not acknowledge the traditional owners."

Premier Colin Barnett said the recognition was long overdue.

The Bill received bipartisan support and has been forwarded to the Governor for royal assent.



Become an Instructor of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander MHFA Course

Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves.

Mental health first aid strategies are taught in training programs provided by Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Australia.

This course teaches members of the public how to provide culturally appropriate assistance to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who is developing a mental illness or is in a mental health crisis.

Intensive training courses are available to train suitable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to become instructors of this course.

Applications now open for the upcoming 5-day Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Instructor Course:

5th - 9th October, 2015 Melbourne

Get in quick – places booking fast!

For more information and to APPLY ONLINE, visit:
www.mhfa.com.au

Enquiries please call MHFA on:
(03) 9079 0200 or email: mhfa@mhfa.com.au



Department of Primary Industries

Draft Aboriginal cultural fishing regulation

A draft Aboriginal cultural fishing regulation has been developed by NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI), in association with the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council. To be established under Section 21AA of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, Aboriginal cultural fishing regulation will provide a formal, separate management framework for accessing fisheries resources for cultural purposes.

NSW DPI will be holding an advisory stall at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout tournament in Dubbo on the 3rd and 4th October 2015, to explain the draft regulation and to encourage feedback from those attending the event.

DPI will also be holding a series of face-to-face meetings in several locations around the state during October 2015 to discuss the draft regulation with Aboriginal people and communities. Dates and locations of these meetings will be available on the DPI website from 1 October 2015.

A consultation paper that explains the draft regulation will also be available on the DPI website at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/aboriginal-fishing/cultural-fishing from 1st October 2015. Print copies can be requested by emailing cultural.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Check the NSW DPI website for information on how to provide feedback.

**Closing date for feedback is
Monday 2 November 2015.**

Z06379



Call for nominations for Centennial Parklands Community Consultative Committee

Centennial Parklands is required under legislation to operate a Community Consultative Committee. The Committee's role is to represent the community by providing advice on visitor services policy and prospective new services, as well as assisting in the development and evaluation of service standards.

Applicants for this committee must be able to demonstrate:

- a strong commitment to Centennial Parklands;
- an ability to communicate with a variety of community groups and individuals that have an interest in Centennial Parklands; and
- a commitment to Centennial Parklands' diversity of values and stakeholder views.

Nominations are sought from suitable candidates to fill three vacancies on the Committee. Indigenous people with a recognised affinity with Centennial Parklands are encouraged to apply.

For more information on the Community Consultative Committee and to obtain an application form or contact the Trust:

- by phone: (02) 9339 6699;
- by email: ccc@centennialparklands.com.au
- in person: Parklands Office in Centennial Park (behind the Café) between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday;
- or visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/ccc

**Closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm, Friday
23 October 2015.**

Z06377



Community members including Cairns Regional Council's Michael White and Mayor Bob Manning, Local MP Rob Pyne, Queensland Housing Minister Leeanne Enoch, and Police Liaison Officer Kathy Lowah gather in Murray St, Cairns.

Parkland tribute for tragedy site

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE site of the tragic deaths of eight Torres Strait Islander children in Cairns late last year will be maintained as a public park after Queensland Housing Minister Leeanne Enoch handed the deeds of the former public housing site back to the local council.

The house was demolished in June and turfed by Council to create an extension of adjacent parklands.

"Not that long ago, just over there, a terrible tragedy occurred," Ms Enoch said.

"Something that impacted the broader communities, not just in Manoora but right across Cairns, Queensland and across the nation.

"It's in those darkest hours that we see communities coming together to support each other and today we get to support each other again.

"It is my absolute humble and humbling honour on behalf of the Queensland Government to hand over the Deed of Trust for this land to the Mayor in the hope we can see a new purpose, a new presence, for this land.

"A purpose that will bring more healing to the community, healing to the families, and that in the future, not only will it bring hope for those new generations that come forward but it will also respectfully remember the past."

The mother of seven of the children, and aunt to the eighth, Raina Mersane Ina

Thaiday, 37, has been charged with their murders.

Police Liaison Officer Kathy Lowah said so far the process of dealing with the land had gone smoothly.

"Everyone has had their input and also with our traditional owner groups that are here, and our community members. I think that's very important," she said.

Neighbour Beverley Underwood said she was also happy with how things had gone.

"The love and the care of the community of Cairns and the way they supported the families of the bereaved," she said.

"And there's been a uniting together of the people, the communities in Cairns, and they've come together and they've shown a lot of love to the people here in Murray St, and I know that that will continue.

"It's good to see the children remembered in this wonderful way; seems as though the focus of the whole nation, the whole world, has been on this and I know they loved children.

"And these children were loved. They were just normal children that played on the streets, and they were good kids."

Grandfather to seven of the eight children Rod Willie said it was only the second time he had visited the neighbourhood since the tragedy.

"I'm sort of overwhelmed a bit about it happening, but I think that the big thing is I'm sort of pleased that we've moved on nine months now, and it's nice to see the site cleared," he said.



Grandfather Rod Willie.

"I think I've only driven up this street twice, and the second time was yesterday, since it happened back on the 18th of December.

"It has been hard because I used to pull up there every day at 5.30 to see the grandkids."

He said he was keen to see the site maintained as a park or garden.

"I wouldn't necessarily like anything to be built there," he said.

"If they could plant some garden there, some flowers and that sort of thing. I don't think I'd like to see a monument. I think the monument is probably best served being at the grave site. If people really want to find out what happened they can read it there, rather than having it here and advertising it every day of the week.

"And I hope that all of us

that are involved in whatever happens on that block of land, that we're doing it as a togetherness and not individually."

Mayor Bob Manning said the importance of the site was understood by Council.

"We understand how important this site and the future memorial are to the Manoora community and beyond," Cr Manning said.

"While we acknowledge the tragedy that occurred there, we also recognise that, as part of the healing process, we need to focus on the future of this community.

"A memorial will provide a permanent tribute to the young lives lost and a place for family members to honour their loved ones, while the park will go on to nurture future generations and families as a focal point of the Murray St community."

Wajarri app keeps language alive



A WESTERN Australian language spoken by fewer than 50 people is being kept alive by the development of a dictionary app for smartphones, tablets and desktop computers.

Wajarri is the traditional language of the Murchison region of WA and the app is based on the printed *Wajarri Dictionary*, launched in 2012 after 25 years of compilation.

The app has been developed by the Bundiyarra-Irra Wangga Language Centre and Bundiyarra information technology and marketing departments.

It has a database of almost 2000 words and ensures that knowledge passed on from Elders is readily available for the new generation of speakers.

The voice you hear on the app is that of language worker Godfrey Simpson. At 37 years of age, Mr Simpson is one of the few younger Aboriginal people who have a solid grasp of the language.

"Sadly, many Aboriginal languages have been silenced throughout the years and the First Nations people throughout Australia have spent countless hours with linguists trying to revive their own languages," he said.

You can view the Wajarri Dictionary App from your computer at

www.bundiyarra.com.au/wajarriApp/

Or download it from Apple's AppStore and Google's PlayStore.



'Nganhu bujuba!' Wajarri for 'We did it!' Happy Bundiyarra faces with the Wajarri Dictionary App on their smart devices after the launch of the app. Back, from left, James Bednall, former linguist at Bundiyarra-Irra Wangga Language Centre; Dwayne Smith, website and IT manager; Jennifer Kniveton-Gregory, language centre coordinator; and linguist Rosie Sitorus. Front: senior language worker Leeann Merritt and language worker Godfrey Simpson. This picture has been digitally altered.

Ice on agenda



TWO elected representatives personally touched by the drug ice say more funding is desperately needed for rehabilitation.

Independent Aboriginal Queensland MP Billy Gordon told an ice forum organised by the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) that he's lost two relatives to ice, a drug he fears could "annihilate" Indigenous communities in his electorate.

And independent Tasmanian Senator Jacqui Lambie says she spent three days trying to get her ice-addicted son into rehab.

Both spoke candidly about their family's experiences with the drug and called for urgent action to help addicts. Mr Gordon paid tribute to his 22-year-old cousin and an uncle, who both took their own lives after taking ice.

"One guy (my uncle) had worked all his life really hard and had a family, a really capable bloke," Mr Gordon said. "Then to have a young fella (my cousin) who was starting off his life, in his first real relationship.

"It was quite ruthless."

Mr Gordon said ice was already in Indigenous communities and he was concerned about the potential impact on those struggling with education, health and substance abuse issues.

"My big fear is that a drug like this will take a foothold in a community like Aurukun and annihilate populations of young people," he said, adding that more funding was needed for rehabilitation and mental health services.

QAIHC chief executive Matthew Cooke said that it was imperative that governments listen to Aboriginal voices from the coalface and respond to community generated solutions.

"Our people and our health organisations have proved time and again that we are able and willing to work with governments to implement our own solutions," he said.

"For the sake of those struggling with addiction and their families, I hope that governments get behind our initiative."

Senator Lambie said if Australia could afford to drop bombs on Syria then there was no excuse for not increasing funding for preventative services and treatment.

"If you can afford to do that, why can't we afford more rehabilitation for our kids?" she said.

Senator Lambie is pushing for laws to give parents the legal right to put their ice-addicted children into rehabilitation.

She said she was saddened to hear that a woman in Rockhampton had built a cage to house her ice-addicted son.

The roundtable supported the QAIHC discussion paper submitted to the Queensland government, which calls for significant investment to increase the capacity of the Aboriginal health sector to help those affected by ice. — AAP

If you or anyone you know would like to talk about mental illness or suicide contact Lifeline 13 11 14 or www.lifeline.org.au or the Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467 or www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Empowering Regional Businesses



GET A FREE CONSULTATION

Based in Darwin, Latitude 12 provides tailored 'Managed Business Solutions' to clients in Northern Australia, with a suite of business services empowering Regional Businesses, Councils and Corporations to improve productivity, proficiency and profitability. Our expertise and understanding of regional requirements have helped us design each service and product to suit the business needs of Remote and Regionally based organisations.

3rd Floor, 43 Mitchell Street, Darwin, NT 0800

Tel. no. : 08 8944 4600

[f](#) [in](#) [t](#) Follow us on social media

www.latitude12.com.au

latitude 12
Business Solutions for Regional Australia

Five guilty of illegal abalone haul



FIVE Aboriginal men caught with 370 greenlip abalone have been found guilty of illegal fishing despite claims they had traditional rights to take the catch. Greg Wanganeen, Edgar Wanganeen, Robin Wanganeen, Phillip Dudley and Scott O'Loughlin were stopped by Fisheries officers in a dinghy at Point Pearce on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula in December 2011.

Their haul was almost 15 times the legal limit of 26 for non-commercial fishing, and 188 of the abalone were considered undersized.

In the Adelaide Magistrates Court last week, Magistrate Cathy Deland accepted they had a native title right to take abalone in the area but was not satisfied they did not intend to sell them.

Greg Wanganeen, 27, previously told the court he had fished since he was a child and any catch would often be cooked up on a barbecue and shared with the Point Pearce community, in line with their native rights.

Mr Wanganeen said the Point Pearce population would normally be about 100 but swelled dramatically over the Christmas and holiday period.

"On funeral days they could have 20 to 30 people hungry for fish at his grandmother's house as it was a bit of a drop-in house. But there is no evidence before me as to how many people there actually were in the community that day," Ms Deland said.

The magistrate said when Fisheries officers asked about their catch, they lied, admitting to only a "couple of strongfish and some squid".

She accepted large catches would sometimes be shared with the community but said she believed a greater variety of fish would be expected.

The men were found guilty of the sale, purchase or possession of a prescribed aquatic resource and will be sentenced next month. — AAP



John Brierley of Moruya talks about his frustrations as a commercial Indigenous fisherman with Sydney-based barrister Tony McAvoy, solicitor Kathryn Ridge and Greens MLC Jan Barham.

Call for cultural fishing rights

By LAURELLE PACEY



RESPECT cultural fishing rights and enact Section 21AA of the NSW *Fisheries Management Act* now was the unanimous

message to the NSW Parliament from a large gathering recently at Bingie on NSW's south coast, organised by the Aboriginal Fishing Rights Group.

This request in the form of a petition has since been tabled in the Legislative Council by Greens MP Jan Barham.

Group spokesman Wally Stewart of Narooma said, because Section 21AA has not been enacted, Aboriginal people along the coast are being persecuted for "carrying out the practices of our ancestors".

"Many of our young people are ending up in jail," he said.

"It's not right ... and it's having a devastating effect on the health of our communities."

Solicitor Kathryn Ridge said NSW Parliament passed an amendment to the *Fisheries Management Act* back in 2010 which gave Aboriginal people the right to unlimited fishing for personal and cultural purposes, but the Government has never enacted that amendment, identified as Section 21AA.

"As a result, since then there's been about 500 legal interactions with Fisheries officers on headlands and beaches along the coast that should not have happened," she said.

"That's people being issued with penalty notices, confiscation of gear and some prosecutions. It's totally unfair and unjust."

"That's also a lot of money and effort that could be better spent elsewhere."

The Bingie weekend forum of about 150 mainly South Coast people featured a range of speakers and workshops.

Some people complained of harassment by Fisheries officers when out with family and friends; many were angry that NSW lags behind other states in Australia in formally recognising



Among the people at the large cultural fishing rights forum at Bingie were Ron Mason of Narooma, Hayley Egan and Stephan Schnierer of Southern Cross University, and Aboriginal Fishing Rights Group spokesman Wally Stewart.

cultural fishing rights.

Associate Professor Stephan Schnierer of Southern Cross University said cultural fishing under the *Fisheries Management Act* was quite different to native title, and spoke about the desirability of communities coming up with Local Aboriginal Fishing Plans for different areas.

Hayley Egan, also from Southern Cross, spoke of the disconnect between international, national and state laws and Fisheries staff, of cultural fishing's strong link to community, and the need to make the general public more aware of the positive benefits of cultural fishing.

That should be assisted by a new two-year research project by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), financed by the Fisheries Research Development Corporation.

Dr Rod Kennett of AIATSIS said the project is about people and includes identifying the cultural, social and economic values of indigenous fishing, and what is important to Aboriginal communities in fisheries planning and management.

"People are healthier when out doing stuff on country," he said.

"We'll be looking at how we can measure these benefits."

Prof Schnierer said: "What Rod is doing has never been done before, and he's chosen the South Coast for this project."

Jon Rogers, Katungul Aboriginal Community Corporation and Medical Service chief executive, said they see a correlation with people's health and wellbeing and fishing, and pledged Katungul's support for the project.

Commercial fisherman John Brierley, one of only two Indigenous commercial fishermen left on the South Coast, spoke of his frustrations in trying to go about his business.

He alleged he was targeted by Fisheries officers who took his nets even though he was "all legal", and criticised their "discretionary powers".

Ms Ridge said what Fisheries does not appreciate is the huge cultural responsibility placed on people like Mr Brierley, both to pass on his skills to following generations and to also provide fish for some of his community.

"Government generally recognises community service obligations — it's not a foreign concept — but it does not seem to be accepted by Fisheries," she said.

2016 Indigenous Conference Services

--- CALLING FOR PAPERS ---

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For further information please visit the event's website:
www.indigenousconferences.com
or email us at: indigenousconferences@iinet.net.au
Indigenous Conference Services (Australia)

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider removal from 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 removal of the following item from the State Heritage Register.

Riverview Cottage, Berrima

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 **13 October 2015**. If you have any questions please contact Lucy Moore on (02) 9873 8535 or lucy.moore@environment.nsw.gov.au

Further details on the item, its proposed removal, the SHR and making a submission can be viewed at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ConsiderationForRemovalItems.aspx

Heritage Council of New South Wales
Locked Bag 5020
Parramatta NSW 2124
heritage@heritage.nsw.gov.au
(02) 9873 8500

206322



CSG protesters tell NT govt to 'frack off'



WITH 90% of the Northern Territory covered in unconventional oil and gas licenses or applications, a protest movement is growing that includes Indigenous people, pastoral landowners and environmentalists.

Last week about 100 people, led by a group on horseback, marched through Darwin to NT Parliament House to present Mines

Minister Dave Tollner with gasfield-free homeland declarations.

The Protect Arnhem Land and Don't Frack the Territory groups have been growing in recent years and Aboriginal people from the Barkly, Gulf, Daly, Central Australia and Arnhem regions all made their way to Darwin for the protest.

Heleana Gulwa from Maningrida said people first starting hearing about fracking – hydraulic fracturing, a controversial

mining method – four years ago and are beginning to understand the practice poses a threat to their land and water.

"Let's be cautious and protect the environment for the long term," she said. "We need to research what has happened overseas before introducing this to our communities and to our children's future."

It was a sentiment echoed by a group of traditional owners who made the trip in from Borroloola in

the Gulf Country, including Rachael McDianny.

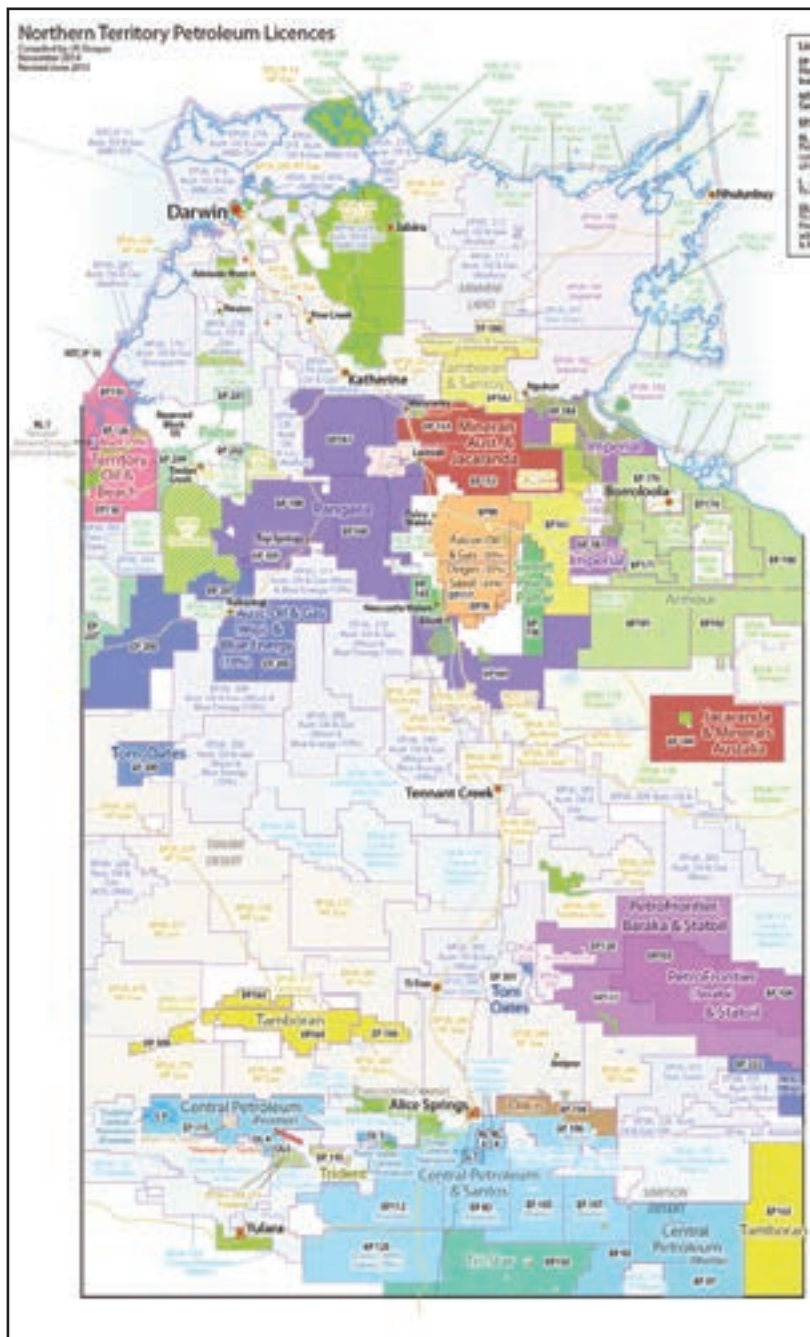
"There's a lot of people talking about it," she told the *Koori Mail*. "It's a big concern what fracking does to the waterways which affects all of us. Water is the most precious thing we have in our lives. If we damage that, we have nothing."

Gadrian Hoosan from the Garawa Land Trust said traditional owners wanted to send a "strong message to gas companies

exploring our lands without our permission through the Gulf.

"We will stop you and block you from drilling for gas that puts our water and land at risk," he said. "We don't want any more mining damaging our lands. We are fighting for a clean environment for future generations to live and work in."

Territory parliamentarians Larissa Lee and Alison Anderson came out to support the protest group.



Map of NT petroleum applications and licences.



Be deadly in your



Aboriginal Nursing & Midwifery Cadetship Program

Want to make a difference & help improve the health of our Mob?

NSW Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program

- Are you an Aboriginal person who wants to study nursing or midwifery at university?
- **or**, are you an Aboriginal person who is currently studying nursing or midwifery at university?

If you answered 'yes' to one of these, you can apply for support and assistance through the NSW Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program.

What does a Cadetship offer?

- Study allowance of \$600 (gross) per fortnight whilst studying.
- A \$500 per semester book allowance.
- Up to 12 weeks paid employment at your local public hospital or at Justice Health Facility.
- Support from an Aboriginal mentor, Cadet Coordinator and additional clinical support.
- Offer of ongoing employment upon successful completion of the program.

Want to find out more?

For further information on how to apply for a Cadetship position, contact the Aboriginal Strategy at the NSW Nursing & Midwifery Office on:

Freecall: 1800 155 325

Email: aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-nursing

Applications open 1 September 2015 and close 27 November 2015.

Court protects culture

By ANDY PARKS



BUNDJALUNG Elder Mickey Ryan had a win in the NSW Land and Environment Court back in

June to halt a residential subdivision on the North Lismore Plateau in north-east NSW.

The area has been identified by Lismore City Council as a future growth area and a plan for changes to their Local Environment Plan (LEP) to allow 1500 house lots on the 255 hectare site was sent to the NSW Planning Minister.

The LEP originally protected 28.5% of the proposed development within 'E-zones' (environmental protection zones) that protect Aboriginal heritage sites and areas of environmental value.

However, last-minute amendments removed these protections because of a State Government review of E-zones on the North Coast, and all the protected areas were changed back to rural zonings.

The court agreed with Mr Ryan and his Environment Defenders Office (EDO) solicitors that the State Government approved LEP amendments were fundamentally different to the ones put on public exhibition and approved by Lismore Council.

The court ruled the planning document invalid.

Council's strategic planning coordinator Paula Newman said



Mickey Ryan at the North Lismore Plateau site he wants to have protected from residential development.

they have been going through a process of rebuilding trust with the Registered Aboriginal Parties and there will be an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan completed later in the year that will identify areas of cultural heritage to be protected.

She said the E-zones have all been re-instated and the council is hoping to have a response back from the State Government within weeks. The plan will then go back on public exhibition for

people to make comments and submissions.

Council expects members of the Registered Aboriginal Parties group to comment and there may be further changes to zonings, depending on whether significant finds of artefacts are made during test digging.

Mr Ryan has vowed to fight on and is looking at legal avenues for further protection of the site.

"They (the Council) are not taking any notice of us. They still

want to develop our mountain," he said.

"I'll be there forever fighting against it."

Mr Ryan said he wants the entire site registered as an Aboriginal Place by the NSW Environment Minister because of artefacts and burial sites.

"They (the Council) said we could have that hole in the ground (an ex-quarry). I said, 'I don't want where you've been blasting for 55 years ... This is for our ancestors,

for our way,'" he said.

"Our ancestors fought and died for that country."

"The waterhole up there belonged to my grandfather. I drank from that waterhole and swam in it."

The process to determine what to do with artefacts discovered on the site is still to be determined.

Some other Bundjalung Elders and traditional custodians have differing views on what should happen on the site.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Forthcoming vacancies on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, is calling for applications from Victorian Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (the Council) was created under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* and is the only statutory decision-making authority in Australia whose members are all Traditional Owners. The Council's purpose is to work with all Victorians for the protection and enjoyment of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The Council's principal functions involve:

- advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in Victoria
- making decisions regarding the registration of Aboriginal parties (RAPs)
- promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage

Two positions are currently available on the Council.

To be eligible to be a Council member you must:

- be resident in Victoria;
- demonstrate traditional or familial links to an area in Victoria;
- have extensive knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues in Victoria;
- have demonstrated the ability to provide advice on issues affecting Aboriginal Victorians; and,
- have adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council.

Council members are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines.

Please send your written expression of interest, addressing the above criteria to:

By post: The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria
Department of Premier and Cabinet
GPO Box 2392
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

By email: Aboriginalaffairs@dpc.vic.gov.au

By fax: (03) 9208 3292

Expressions of Interest must be received no later than 5pm Wednesday 28 October 2015.

To ensure fairness to all candidates, late applications cannot be accepted.

For further information, please telephone Kristy Yeats on (03) 9208 3820 or at kristy.yeats@dpc.vic.gov.au

Z0540901

Department of Justice & Regulation

Notice that the Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Group intends to negotiate a Recognition and Settlement Agreement

The Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Group is seeking to negotiate a settlement with the State of Victoria under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic).

The Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Group describes itself as follows:

The 'Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Group' is a name adopted by the people who identify as Maar, Eastern Gunditjmara, Tjap Wurrung, Peek Whurrong, Kirrae Whurrung, Kuurn Kopan Noot and/or Yarro waetch (Tooram Tribe), amongst other names, who are Aboriginal people and who are:

- descendants, including by adoption, of the ancestors identified below;
- members of families who have an association with the former Framlingham Aboriginal Mission Station; and
- recognised by other members of the Eastern Maar People as members of the group.

The identified ancestors are: King of Port Fairy and Eliza, Old Jack (father of John Dawson), Charlie and Alice (parents of Albert Austin), Samuel Robinson and Mary Caramut, Lizzie (mother of Frank Clarke), Robert and Lucy (parents of Alice Dixon), Barney Minimalk and Nellie Whitburboin, Louisa (mother of William Rawlings) and Jim Crow (son of Beec).

The external boundary of the Eastern Maar's proposed agreement area is shown on the map below. The hatched areas are currently under discussion between the Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Group and neighbouring traditional owner groups.



Members of the wider Victorian traditional owner community are invited to comment on whether:

- i. the Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Group is the right traditional owner group for the proposed area;
- ii. the Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Group description includes all the traditional owners for the area; and
- iii. all members of the Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Group have had a reasonable opportunity to participate in the full group decision-making that has led to the lodgement of the threshold statement.

Submissions may be made to the Manager of the Native Title Unit, Department of Justice & Regulation, GPO Box 4356, Melbourne VIC 3001, or by email to:

nativetitle@justice.vic.gov.au

Submissions must be received by **4 November 2015**. Note that submissions may be referred to the Eastern Maar Traditional Owner Group and/or Native Title Services Victoria Ltd (NTSV) for their comment.

For further information, including a background document and detailed map, visit www.justice.vic.gov.au/easternmaar or call the Native Title Unit on 03 8684 1306.

Z0550896



DOING THE
MOST GOOD

Flag flies over Parl House



THE Aboriginal flag is now permanently flying over Victoria's Parliament

House.

Premier Daniel Andrews said the addition of the Aboriginal flag – to fly alongside the Australian and Victorian State flags – acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, and the continued strength of Aboriginal identity.

While previously flown to mark special occasions, including NAIDOC and Reconciliation weeks, the Aboriginal flag has not previously been a permanent fixture over Parliament House.

The change was initiated by Aboriginal Affairs Minister



The Aboriginal flag flying over Parliament House, Melbourne.

Natalie Hutchins and received multi-party support.

"Flying the Aboriginal flag is more than just symbolism," Ms

Hutchins said.

"It acknowledges Aboriginal people's deep and continuous connection to the land."



The Central Australian Aboriginal Women's choir was a major drawcard for the recent Desert Song Festival held in and around Alice Springs.

Sweet voices need no accompaniment



ALICE Springs' third annual Desert Song Festival wrapped up with Acappella in the Gorge – a voices-only concert at the Ross River Resort, celebrating 10 years of the Asante Sana community choir.

Festival director Morris Stuart, who recently coordinated a tour of Germany for the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, said the women's choir was a major drawcard for festival attendees.

"People came from all around just to hear those women; it's a fantastic sound," he said. "Something has happened this year (since the tour)."

"They have worked very hard ... The concert itself was accompanied by projections from Naina Sen, who is an award winning filmmaker who works in

remote communities.

"It's a quality production and they (the choir) were very impressive in Germany, but they have stepped up. There is a maturity and presence and the Aboriginal Women's choir was definitely one of the highlights (of the festival)."

The festival utilises historical buildings in and around Alice Springs, with the Stuart Town Gaol converted into a concert venue for one event, and a progressive concert staged across five venues with a different ensemble performing at each venue.

"It's a two-and-a-half hour concert that is also a walking trail of five central heritage buildings in Alice that covers 400 years of music from European, Irish, African and Aboriginal traditions," Mr Stuart said.

museums
australia
victoria

Cultural Collection & Exhibition Skills Workshop in Shepparton

13 October 2015

\$20 per person

contact Kitty Owens, free call 1800 680 082, or book online <http://www.mavic.asn.au/events>

2015 Indigenous Conference Services

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

National Indigenous Say No to Domestic Violence Conference

Gold Coast on 7th- 9th October 2015



Hon. Bess Price, Minister for Local Government & Communities Services. Northern Territory Legislative Assembly.

Jacqueline Burke, Clinical Director Rape & Domestic Violence Services NSW Australia

Jan Sky, Behaviour change specialist and consultant. Founder ESI - Executive State Identification NSW Australia.

Ashlee Donohue, Life Coach, Educator, Rape & Domestic Violence Services NSW Australia

Jo Bryant, Chief Executive Officer. Protect All Children Today / Victim Assist Qld.

Mark Yettica- Paulson, Founder/Director Yettica Group RECOGNISE NSW Australia

Professor Norman Sheehan, NSW Child Death Committee/Professor. Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples NSW Australia.

Dr. Aunty Ruth Hegarty, Traditional Owner.

Hetty Johnson MA, Founder and CEO Bravehearts Inc. QLD Australia.

Carol Vale, Managing Director/Consultancy MURAWIN QLD Australia.

Libby Davies, CEO White Ribbon QLD Australia.

Professor Peter Shine, Director of Aboriginal Health. Australian Catholic University NSW Australia.

Helen Potiki, Senior Policy Analyst. Ministry for Women New Zealand.

Lily Harper-Hinton, Policy Analyst Ministry for Women New Zealand.

Roseanne Fisher, Youth & Family Case Manager KYC Trust QLD Australia.

Kylie Hillard, Barrister Griffith Chambers, QLD Australia.

Louise Gorman, Community Development Organisation Support Coordination Developer Domestic Violence Prevention Centre QLD Australia.

For more information please visit our website: www.indigenousconferences.com
Ph: (07) 4194 2803 or (0455) 776 668 or email us at: adminics@iinet.net.au

Indigenous Conference Services (Australia)

Department of Communities,
Child Safety and Disability Services

MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN



We need more Child Safety Officers to work with Indigenous children and families.

Cadetships are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students in their final year of studying a Bachelor of Human Services or Bachelor of Social Work.

GO TO www.communities.qld.gov.au

OR EMAIL icpp@communities.qld.gov.au



0211_AUG-15



Australian Government
Cancer Australia

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Supporting people with cancer Grant initiative 2016 grant round now open

Cancer Australia invites interested community organisations to apply for funding under the **Supporting people with cancer** grant initiative. The grant program aims to reduce the burden of cancer through the provision of grants to community organisations, and encourage effective partnerships between organisations in order to:

- improve the coordination, accessibility and development of quality cancer support networks
- better support people affected by cancer
- focus on local community needs
- develop innovative approaches to support options
- build community capability and demonstrate an impact at the health system, community and consumer level
- initiate visible partnerships and linkages to services which will foster appropriate referral to information and support.

Cancer Australia's 2016 priority target areas for the grants are included within a framework (**applicants will choose from one category only**):

Category one will improve outcomes for people whose outcomes are poor and demonstrate impact at a health systems level and/or community systems level for:

- people whose outcomes are poorer
- regional and rural communities.

Category two will improve support, consumer involvement and evidence based information at a local level for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- people who are socioeconomically disadvantaged.

Applicants can apply for grants of up to \$120,000 (GST exclusive) over a three year period (2016-2019).

For further information, the application form and grant guidelines, visit canceraustralia.gov.au or email contactofficer@canceraustralia.gov.au

Applications are now open

Closing date: 2pm (AEDST) on 25 November 2015



Young dad Buddy Matthews holding daughter Milah, Willy Hammond and Jordan Hammond at the Toronto launch of Stayin' on Track, a new program to support Aboriginal fathers.



Craig Hammond is mentoring new Aboriginal fathers.

Keeping fathers on track

By BRITTA LYSTER



YOUNG Aboriginal men making the transition to fatherhood will be able to benefit from the launch of an innovative new program in several NSW regional

centres that will include mentoring, a website and also a smartphone app.

Launched by the University of Newcastle in partnership with the Young and Well Co-operative Research Centre, Stayin' On Track is a novel and unique new program designed to support young Aboriginal men becoming fathers.

It offers web-based information services and personal mentoring and supported additionally by the program's Mood Tracker, which will SMS a mentor if one of the young dads responds that he doesn't feel things are going well and one of the mentors will immediately call them back.

The website will include short video stories produced by award-winning filmmaker Gavin Banks. Stayin' On Track features young Aboriginal men talking

about their experiences of becoming a new dad and will be supported by mentors Craig Hammond and Charlie Faulkner. Filmed with one of these respected Aboriginal mentors and a cameraman present, the young men speak with amazing honesty about their feelings and the changes having a new baby has made to their lives.

Mr Hammond is a senior counsellor and Mr Faulkner chairs the board of the Awabakal Co-operative. They're both football coaches and together they've been mentoring young Aboriginal men from Moree, Tamworth and Newcastle.

The project is supported by researchers in rural health, fathering, psychiatry and Indigenous health. Brief accounts of the young fathers' stories will hopefully engage other new Aboriginal fathers as they are able to see other young dads telling their stories.

It is hoped that this project will help Close the Gap by supporting young fathers to build a strong male identity and strong relationships with family but particularly their new babies.

Pioneering fathering researcher Dr Richard Fletcher, from the University Of Newcastle Family Action Centre who is coordinating the program, says he has identified that several issues young Aboriginal fathers may face along their parenthood journey include substance abuse and relationship breakdowns. He said the challenge was getting the information out to new parents.

"We know it can be difficult for them to access resources, but we know they use mobile phones so this use of technology takes the support to the new dads," Dr Fletcher said.

"With Craig and Charlie, we are tapping into the strength of Indigenous culture. The two mentors have really shaped this project. They lead, and we take direction from them."

Mr Hammond says that new Aboriginal fathers are often overlooked, with much of the focus on new mothers, and that part of the project's aim is to utilise services in the target areas to provide young fathers with the support they may need.

"There are first time dads out there that

are looking for a bit of support or guidance, in terms of them being a dad for the first time, whether it be before the birth, during the pregnancy or after the birth," Mr Hammond said.

"We want these dads to connect on the internet to see what services are out there.

"We want to plant seeds in these young dads' minds on how they raise their kids and then how they will eventually raise their grandkids.

"We want to try and change the culture and the way of thinking of these service providers and reinforcing the importance of the fathers just as much as the mothers and the equal value of the raising of these children in the Indigenous family unit."

The Stayin' On Track project was launched late in August at the three regional locations Moree, Tamworth and Toronto, where there was a great turnout despite the heavy clouds and showers. Local Elder Gerald Edwards kicked off the proceedings with a welcome to country.

The Millibah Group from the Hunter School of Performing Arts kept the crowd entertained.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Marrickville Council is calling for nominations from individuals who would like to participate on the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee which was established to advise Council on the needs of Aboriginal people living in the Marrickville Local Government Area. The MACC will work with the community to promote an increased knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society in the wider community and develop the interests of Aboriginal people in the local area.

The role of the committee is to:

- Promote an increased knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society in the wider community and develop the interests of Aboriginal people in the local area;
- Advise Marrickville Council on issues relating to Aboriginal people;
- Act as a representative of Council on issues relating to the Aboriginal community;
- Work to achieve the vision of the Community Strategic Plan – Our Place Our Vision.

Members of the Aboriginal community who live, work or study in the Marrickville local government area are encouraged to apply. Suburbs of Marrickville include: Camperdown, Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Lewisham, Marrickville, Newtown, Petersham, St. Peters, Stanmore, Sydenham and Tempe.

- maximum of seven (7) Aboriginal community members will be selected and one (1) non-Aboriginal community member
- the appointment will be for two years
- membership is voluntary
- meetings will be held every two months – in the evenings, dates to be confirmed

Nominations for membership on the MACC:

- Please supply your name, address, contact phone number and/or email address, and detail whether you live, work or study in Marrickville Local Government Area;
- An acknowledgement of your Aboriginal status by the local Aboriginal community, where appropriate;
- A short description about yourself including what skills, knowledge and experience you will bring to the MACC to serve the local community.

For any enquiries regarding the nomination and selection process, please contact Rebecca Carroll, Aboriginal Projects Officer on telephone: 9335 2243 or email rebecca.carroll@marrickville.nsw.gov.au

Expressions of Interest should be with Council by close of business **Friday 6 November 2015**

Address nominations to MACC Committee Nominations, General Manager, Marrickville Council. PO BOX 14, Petersham 2049



Dancers seek sponsorship for NZ trip

By ALF WILSON



THE popular Ngulumburu Boonyah Women's Dance Group from Townsville has been invited to attend the Healing Our Spirits Worldwide, the Seventh Gathering, in Waikato, New Zealand, and members need sponsorship to make the trip.

Ngulumburu Boonyah spokeswoman Janine Wyles said the group would be performing traditional Aboriginal dance and presenting on bush tucker and bush medicine at the gathering, from November 16-19.

"The gathering is for indigenous cultures worldwide to come together," she said.

"It provides a forum to share initiatives, programs and solutions, connect and learn from each other as Indigenous people, share strengths, hope and wisdom, celebrate and express cultural practices, keeping alive the cultural and spiritual foundation of indigenous people."

Community events

In the Townsville region, Ngulumburu Boonyah have performed at numerous community events, including the Cultural Fest in late August.

"We have also been invited to Alice Springs to learn bush medicine productivity methods, collecting bush medicines with the Indigenous women and making into soap and lotion which will be of benefit to people as a healthier alternative to pharmaceutical products," Ms Wyles said.

"We are also in the process of establishing women's traditional healing camps within the Townsville, Palm Island and Magnetic Island Indigenous communities.

"These camps are purposeful and are capacity-building while fostering



Ngulumburu Boonyah Women's Dance Group members, from left Louisa Lay, Janine Wyles, Lilian Willis, Stephanie Wyles, Jamaica Lampton, Leah Wyles, Culleah Wyles and Melinda Wyles. Picture: Anita Moore Photography

leadership, strengthening our spirits and encouraging relationships in a cultural setting. Our camps are a forum for cultural practices, connecting and sharing with each other, empowerment and advocacy for women."

Ms Wyles said the group members believed in – and through experience,

acknowledge – the importance of a holistic approach to women's wellbeing, in which physical, spiritual and mental health went hand in hand.

"We strive to achieve this through our camps, cultural practices and supporting and empowering women to find resources for healthy living and other relevant

information," she said.

"We ask for your support to empower women to lead happy and healthy lives and appreciate any help we can get to help us to go to New Zealand." Anybody who can assist can contact Ms Wyles on 0448 440 261 or email janinewyles@y7mail.com

Dutton blasted for 'racist' comment



A REMARK by former Abbott Government Immigration Minister Peter Dutton to the former prime

minister has been characterised as racist and insensitive.

Mr Dutton was recorded on the Friday before Mr Abbott was deposed as prime minister, 'joking' about the plight of Pacific island nations facing rising seas from climate change, remarking that a late-starting meeting was running to 'Cape York time'.

Mr Abbott replied: "We had a bit of that up in Port Moresby," with Mr Dutton replying: "Time doesn't mean anything when you're about to have water lapping at your door."

The remarks came just days after Mr Abbott had visited Papua New Guinea for the Pacific Islands Forum, where neighbouring nations had asked for Australia to ban new coal mines and embrace tougher carbon emission reduction targets, due to their concerns about sea-level rise.

Cape York man Gerhardt Pearson labelled Mr Dutton's views "soft bigotry" that harked back to the mission days of the past century. Minjungbal (northern NSW)

woman Amelia Telford, national director of the Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network, said the remarks were disrespectful to Indigenous cultures.

"We are horrified to hear this heartless joke from Peter Dutton, but it shines a light on the heartless attitude this government is taking to global warming," she said.

"Peter Dutton and Tony Abbott are effectively declaring they're willing to see whole cultures disappear to protect the coal industry.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people express our solidarity with people across the Pacific – we'll stand with you against our government's disgraceful approach."

The president of Pacific nation Kiribati has called the joke "vulgar" and "quite unbecoming of leadership".

Days after his remarks, following sustained criticism, Mr Dutton sort of apologised.

"I made a mistake. I apologise to anyone who has taken offence. It was a light-hearted discussion with the PM and I did not mean any offence to anyone," Mr Dutton told Sky News. – With AAP

● Gerhardt Pearson responds to Mr Dutton, page 23



Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network director Amelia Telford: "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people express our solidarity with people across the Pacific – we'll stand with you against our government's disgraceful approach."

App to assist women victims of assault



DAISY 2.0 is a phone app that connects women affected by sexual assault, domestic and family violence, to services and information in their local area.

Its focus is on support for rural and remote women and culturally and linguistically diverse.

The app contains descriptions of the services, including details such as hours of operation and which services are free. The upgraded version includes translated information in 28 languages, text to voice functionality for women with vision impairment or low literacy, and an SMS function for women living in rural and remote areas.

Daisy is free to download from the App store for iPhones, and Google Play for Android phones.

Program aims to boost healthy lifestyles



WA SPORT and Recreation Minister Mia Davies has announced \$280,000 for a healthy lifestyle program called Kaat Koort n Hoops (KKH) for kids in Perth's eastern suburbs.

Kaat Koort n Hoops is taken from the Ballardong dialect of the Noongar people of the Wheatbelt region. Kaat means heart, koort means heart and hoops means basketball.

"A program like this offers children with great potential, but not always the opportunity, the chance to shoot for the stars and beyond," Ms Davies said.

KKH will partner with Governor Stirling Senior High School and other local high schools to engage 13-17 year-old Aboriginal students in accredited courses.

"Once qualified, these students will become mentors and deliver basketball skills training to children aged four to 12 years," Ms Davies said.



Parents and staff members protest at the closure of the Nyirripi Aboriginal Family and Child Centre.

Manual to track families



A NEW book to help Aboriginal Stolen Generations from the Northern Territory discover and reconnect with their families and communities has been released by the National Archives of Australia.

Tracking Family: A guide to Aboriginal records relating to the Northern Territory compiles information on link-up and relevant counselling services, as well as on the records held by 26 institutions across Australia.

The book lists organisations that provide general assistance and support, relevant homes and missions, institutions holding records, resources in other states and contact details.

It is the second edition of the book and includes current website links, updated link-up organisations, homes and records identified since the first edition was published, and further details on defence force service.

Assistant director-general of the National Archives Louise Doyle said the initial publication in 2006 had been welcomed by the Aboriginal community and welfare organisations that support and assist Aboriginal people.

"We realised the need for a new edition, as many contact details have changed and additional information about records and homes has since become available," she said.

The guide is available free of charge on the Archives' website www.naa.gov.au

It has also been published in hard copy for those who don't have internet access and can be obtained from the National Archives office in Darwin.

Kids left 'out in cold'



THREE new remote community childcare centres in the Northern Territory, built at a cost of more than \$4 million, will close due to a lack of funding, leaving little kids out in the cold.

The new centres located in Atitjere (Harts Range), Yuelamu (Mt Allen) and Nyirripi were built by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services and have only been operational for six months.

The Central Desert Regional Council sought an additional \$55,000 per centre so that they could employ coordinators to support local Indigenous staff in each service. Instead, the federal Department of Social Services decreased their funding by almost \$100,000 across the three centres.

Central Desert Regional

Council chief executive Cathryn Hutton said she was stunned by the offer.

"We have the evidence that employing coordinators in the centres not only improves their usage, but they also protect the taxpayers' asset," she said. "Everyone wins."

"We've provided the evidence to the Government and their response was to reduce funding. "They don't seem to be interested in evidence-based practice."

Ms Hutton said she's exasperated at the intransigence of the Commonwealth Government.

"We are being offered \$128,000 per annum to run each centre," she said.

"They want the centres full. They want children to be safe. It is not enough money to run the centres, employ local staff and also employ a coordinator to

help train, supervise and support the local staff."

Central Desert Regional Council president Adrian Dixon said he is furious with the lack of vision shown by the Commonwealth Government.

"This is an attack on children, this is an attack on families, and this is an attack on Aboriginal people living in remote communities. This is treating us like we're second-class citizens," he said.

"This Government talks about protecting children, giving them the best start in life, improving school attendance and helping adults find and keep jobs."

"Childcare centres do all these things. But the Government is not listening; it's too busy talking at us."

The Council has now closed the centres, leading to a loss of 15 full-time and part-time jobs for Aboriginal people and the

termination of a critical service for kids and working parents in remote central Australia.

The Abbott Government's Social Services Minister Scott Morrison said it was disappointing the Central Desert Regional Council had made the decision to close the childcare centres, but was confident of finding a replacement organisation to reopen and run them.

"The government provided \$484,282 in 2014/15 for up to 30 children to be provided with care by 15 staff members," he said.

"The Department is confident it will be able to find replacement organisations to continue these services and negotiations with the NT Government to this effect are progressing well. It is my hope this situation will be resolved shortly."



Northern Territory Government

7th Indigenous Economic Development Forum

18 – 20 October 2015, Alice Springs NT

DEVELOPING THE NORTH



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

Then register now!

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

Attending will provide the opportunity to:

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

Break-out sessions are targeted at people who are:

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

Indigenous Business Expo

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

Welcome Reception

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



A GLENORE COMPANY



Australian Government
IP Australia

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY



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

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

14 years' jail for brutal DV death



AFTER savagely beating his wife for hours as she pleaded for mercy, Conway Stevenson left her bloodied, naked and alone to die in the Bagot Aboriginal community in Darwin.

He'd already served multiple stints in jail for previously bashing Teresita Bigfoot, the Northern Territory Supreme Court was told, including having struck her with a wooden plank and a metal pipe, and stomped on her.

"This time you killed her," Justice Jenny Blokland said.

As a result, she sentenced him to 14 years' jail for reckless manslaughter.

On the night of the November 2013 attack, Stevenson was angered because Ms Bigfoot wouldn't stop drinking with her cousin to go home with him.

He told his grandmother he was going to kill her and beat her for hours.

He repeatedly punched and hit her in the face with a stick, punched and stomped on her stomach, jumped on her head and slammed it onto the bitumen.

"I love you," Ms Bigfoot repeatedly told him as he attacked her.

An autopsy found she had a broken jaw, two broken ribs, a ruptured bowel and internal bleeding.

"You did not stop when she begged you to. You just kept on bashing her," Justice Blokland said.

"After you bashed Teresita, you did not help her. You left her lying naked to die in the dark alone."

She said several people witnessed the attack and saw Stevenson with blood on his hands and clothes but no one did anything to help.

"No one helped her, no one tried to stop him and no one called the police," Justice Blokland said.

"What are we? What have we become, if we do not try to help each other when terrible things like this are happening?"

Ms Bigfoot was a caring and loving woman, the court heard, who helped her family whenever anyone had problems and looked after their children.

They felt terrible grief and anger at her loss, Justice Blokland said.

Stevenson was sentenced to a non-parole period of eight years.

Taking into account almost two years already served, he could be eligible for parole in November 2023. — AAP



Olkola land manager Glen Kulka shows the tour participants the nest of the threatened golden shouldered parrot inside a termite mound and talks about recovery attempts for the endangered bird.

Olkola embrace new tourism opportunities



THE first group of travellers have taken part in a new cultural tourism venture on the Cape York Peninsula.

Following the historic land handover of 737,320 hectares of land to the Olkola people last year, the traditional owners have now partnered with Intrepid Travel and the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) to develop tourism opportunities.

Olkola Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Amanda Hogbin said she hopes the partnership will create jobs for Olkola people and provide opportunities for cultural exchange.

"We're giving them (travellers) an experience that is not just about

traditional Aboriginal culture, but modern Aboriginal culture as well, and we want our young people to access country," she said.

"The Olkola people want to develop sustainable livelihoods and live on country.

"We recognise that we need to be smart about our enterprise and development if it is going to work. That means working with an established business while we develop our expertise and our business model."

The initial group of about 12 participants were predominantly from Sydney and Melbourne. They camped in tents and traveled each day to different areas of Olkola country. Their guide, Michael Ross, was able to share the Olkola's story of

dispossession and then having their country returned. They also looked at nests of the threatened golden shouldered parrot and went to cultural and rock art sites.

"The feedback I got from one couple was that it was an amazing experience, so I think it went well," Ms Hogbin said.

She said they plan to run more tours next year in the dry season.

The land was handed back in December 2014 after former pastoral properties were purchased by the Queensland and Federal Governments. The deal included 364,000 hectares of Aboriginal freehold land with a further 103,690 hectares returning to the Olkola once mining permits expire over the next five years.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

This money is payable to carers of children who were in school in **2009, 2010 and 2011.**

Over 300,000 people have not claimed it yet.

The average payment is \$2,458 for a carer with 3 children.

To check if you are eligible please ring

1300 173 301

and leave your name, address and contact details.

We will be able to get you the money before Christmas.

DONT MISS OUT

No refund = No fee.

2015 Indigenous Conference Services

REGISTRATION ARE NOW OPEN

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

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

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

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

Calling for Submitting Paper for each of 2015 conference.

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

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

Indigenous Conference Services (Australia)

Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LOCATION: Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation - Gongolgon

DATE: 22.10.2015

START TIME: 11am

AGENDA

1. Welcome To Country
2. Confirmation of minutes of previous annual general meeting.
3. Presentation of general report by directors.
4. Presentation of the financial statements and audit report for 2014-15
5. Election of directors*.
6. Appointment and remuneration of an auditor.

Proxies: Under rule 4.12 of the corporation's rules a member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting by proxy.

*Note that the corporation's rule book states at rule 5.4 that the board of directors (excluding non member directors appointed under 5.7) of the corporation will be made up as follows:

- no more than two directors who are resident in a single town within the "Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation Membership Zone" may be directors at the same time.
- no more than five directors who are resident in Brewarrina, Walgett and Bourke can serve as directors simultaneously.
- not more than one person of an *immediate family* can be appointed as a director at the same time (notwithstanding that they may reside in a different towns within the Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation Membership Zone").

Immediate family means any living person related in any of the following ways: grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, husband, wife, defacto partner, son, daughter, sister, brother or step-children.

EASY CAR LOANS

Phone approvals - Australia wide

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

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

(02) 9395 4270

**WEEKENDS / AFTER HOURS
CALL or SMS**

0421 622 133

www.ezyvehiclefinance.com.au

*conditions apply subject to approval

ACL-391113

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Renee Williams

Bindal, Juru and Torres Strait Islander heritage from Erub and Mer, living in Cairns, Queensland

Favourite bush tucker?
I don't really have a favourite. I like lots of bush tucker.

Favourite other food?
Coconut chicken curry – by my brother Carl.

Favourite drink?
Coffee.

What are you reading?
The Alchemist, by Brazilian author Paulo Coelho.

What are you listening to?
Nothing Left to Lose by Mat Kearney.

Who is your favourite sporting team?
The Brisbane Broncos – I'm a Queensland girl, through and through.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Obama, Eddie Koiki Mabo and Jackie Huggins.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Improve our health status through changing the health system.

Quote



"If anyone did any one of those things to children in their own home it would be classified as child abuse."

– *Amnesty International Australia Indigenous rights adviser Rodney Dillon on the treatment of children in detention in the NT*

● See page 5

Unquote

Children being badly let down

The Northern Territory Children Commissioner's report about the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre makes for shocking and disturbing reading.

Children kept in solitary confinement without water for days – in contravention of NT laws, the UN Declaration on Rights of the Child and so morally wrong it's hard to know how anyone could countenance such action.

No wonder the children were involved in an "incident".

And then Corrections staff responded with tear gas and by transferring children to an adult prison and putting 'spit hoods' over their heads.

Isolation, deliberately withholding water and then putting hoods over the heads of children – that sounds like torture.

That children in an already vulnerable situation have been abused and treated so appallingly is a disgrace.

Amnesty International Australia Indigenous rights adviser Rodney Dillon, a palawa man, told the *Koori Mail* that it was beyond comprehension that children could be treated so badly at the hands of the state in this day and age.

"I just don't know where you would start with treating people that bad. I don't know how the police haven't charged these people with abuse of children," Mr Dillon said.

"If anyone did any one of those things to children in their own home it would be classified as child abuse."

Reports – since shown to be false – of child abuse in the NT ultimately



OUR SAY

contributed to the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act so the Howard Government could enact the Intervention.

Here we have a verified report by the office of the Children's Commissioner.

And what action have we seen so far?

Silence – on the part of both the NT and Federal governments.

And that is simply not good enough.

WA Liberal MP Ken Wyatt, who has Noongar, Yamatji and Wongi heritage, keeps earning new places in the history books.

As well as being the first Aboriginal person elected to the House of Representatives, Mr Wyatt is also now the first Aboriginal assistant minister, after new Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced his ministry last weekend.

While Tony Abbott's final press conference as Prime Minister included the line that he was proud he'd spent a week in remote Indigenous communities, it's not enough if you don't learn from your experience or listen to the people.

Mr Turnbull has committed to meeting with representatives from Indigenous peak bodies – that's a more promising start and more than the self-proclaimed Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Filipino links studied

By ROBYN HUTCHINSON

MEMBERS of the Torres Strait community on Hammond, Horn and Thursday islands engaged in yarning about Filipino and Islander shared heritage with Sydney women who came to the islands to explore and yarn about oral history.

The team, led by Deborah Wall, a Filipino-Australian, and Peter Sabatino, of Hammond Island, have a dream of sharing stories of early pearl divers in Torres Strait who formed families with the islanders – their descendants now marking seven generations since the late 19th century.

The day after arrival, the Sydney visitors attended a mass on Hammond Island presided by Father Saju, a priest from India, who looks after the Catholic parishes such as Hammond and Thursday Islands.

The mass was at St Joseph's Church, a church affectionately called the 'Stone' or the 'Rock' church.

The church was constructed 'stone on stone' primarily with the assistance of Filipino men called 'Manila men' – Filipino pearl divers or pearl diver descendants.

From the 1860s and during the mid-1880s, the pearling industry recruits for pearl shell divers included Filipino, Malay, Japanese and South Pacific Islanders. Some of the indentured workers who stayed on the islands married the locals.

The team's oral history project focuses on the stories of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and Kimberley Aboriginal people who are descendants of Filipino pearl divers.

It was at St Joseph's Church where the Sydney team met some members of the Hammond Island community.

Project discussed

After mass, the team was led to a primary school at Hammond where they talked about the purpose of their project. After a few days of yarning and joining in the activities at the Home and Community Care (HACC) Centre on Thursday Island, where older and retired people gather once a week and socialise, the Sydney group felt that they had gained their trust and created lasting relationships.

At HACC, community members get together once a week and engage in craft work, singalong, dancing, and sharing a meal.

Yarning took place over the week with several generations of Torres Strait Islanders who were able to trace their heritage over seven generations. Those who shared stories included Peter Sabatino, Josephine David-Petero, Josie Cowley, Camilla Sabatino, Mary Binjuda, Mario Sabatino, Regina Turner, Patrick Mau, Lillian Majid, and Mary Bowie.

Bipo Taim (before time), a phrase used by Elders intrigued the Sydney group. Bipo taim is a time zone of innocence as recalled by Elders when they were children. It was a time when



From left, Denise Barry, Peter Sabatino, Fr Saju, Deborah Wall and Robyn Hutchinson in front of St Joseph's Church (the 'Rock' Church), Hammond Island.



The Sydney women and Torres Strait Islanders yarning in the kitchen on Torres Strait-Filipino connections.



The Sydney women were given a taste of Torres Strait culture.

they frolicked in the sea, played in the sand, enjoyed relative freedom on their pristine islands — before the onset of colonial rule and missionary church regulations in orphanages and schools.

Adopting children 'out' was another practice that drew attention when a young narrator who enumerated his siblings mentioned a name of one who was 'adopted out'. The narrator explained that one or two of the children was given to the extended family to raise that child. In sparsely populated isolated islands, one could imagine the sharing of responsibility for raising families that transcended Western notions of 'exclusive' nuclear families.

Some narrators, now in their 70s or 80s, who yarning with the team were raised in families numbering ten or more children.

In an interview with Jenni Enosa of Radio4MW, Torres Strait Radio, Deborah Wall and Peter Sabatino pointed out how Filipino pearl divers ended up working in Australia's pearl shell industry.

There was a migration revolution, with

some Filipino men leaving the country at the onset of Filipinos' revolutionary struggle against Spanish colonial rule.

The pearling boom industry in Australia also led to the recruitment of indentured labourers from the ports of Singapore, Hong Kong and Colombo.

Cultural influences

Filipino cultural influences were also evident in Torres Strait Islander cuisine such as dishes like dinuguan (using pig's blood) and adobo (using vinegar in cooking pork and chicken), and rice wine which some descendants recall their grandfathers produced called tuba.

The team undertaking oral history aims to publish a coffee table book that will feature people's own stories and photos – old and new – coming from two locations: Broome and Torres Strait Islands. Other spin-offs are also emerging, with folk wanting to explore their own heritage by one day visiting the islands in the Philippines where their ancestors were born.

The narrators' stories were captured

on tape and film, and will be transcribed, and approved by storytellers before going to print. Assisting Deborah and Peter were Robyn Hutchinson, who took photographs of the yarning journey, and Denise Barry, artist, who sketched as we yarning.

The book project team also included Dr Christine Choo, from Perth, and Dee Hunt from Brisbane.

Apart from using contemporary photographs, they plan to include in the book archival photographs and documents that reflect the policies and governance of earlier times that shaped the community's past experiences.

Touchstone

A sign inscribed on the footpath on Thursday Island hit a chord for the project: "The past must exist, for the present to create the future." — E Bani

* Deborah Ruiz Wall (Filipino-Australian) and Robyn Hutchinson are members of the Institute of Cultural Affairs, Australia and Women's Reconciliation Network, Sydney.

New light on art



Spinifex artist Simon Hogan, *Spinifex Country, the Great Victoria Desert*, 2015.
Picture: Stephen Oxenbury



TARNANTHI, the inaugural Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, will open on October 8 in Adelaide and aims to cast new light on the art of Australia's rich and diverse Indigenous cultures.

Tarnanthi – pronounced 'tar-nan-dee' – is a Kurna word from the traditional owners of the Adelaide plains. It means to come forth or appear – like the sun and the first emergence of light, or a seed sprouting. For many cultures, first light signifies new beginnings.

Festival director Nici Cumpson, a Barkindji woman, said the festival's artistic vision encouraged new beginnings by providing artists with opportunities to create significant new work.

The festival team has been working with Indigenous artists across the country to extend the practices they have been developing in studios, art centres, institutions and communities.

Ms Cumpson said Tarnanthi would

include a series of exhibitions, presented in partnership with cultural institutions across South Australia, which would showcase the extraordinary, the significant and the unique, and would challenge existing notions of Aboriginal art.

"It's been amazing," she said. "One of the big things is that we knew we would be able to present a festival on a massive scale and support other cultural organisations."

"A lot of people are involved who haven't worked with Aboriginal artists before, and who wanted advice and guidance, so I did my best to match the right people with the right organisation."

"For example, at the Museum of Economic Botany and the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, we have an exhibition of artists from Bula'bula Arts in Ramingining, in the Northern Territory."

"They have woven pandanus leaves, stripped and dyed them to create beautiful colours in natural materials, from roots and leaves. They boil them up on pots on the fire, take them off and dry them. Then, when

ready, they wet the leaves and start the weaving process. I wanted people to be immersed in the space and mats, to take their shoes off and walk on them."

"These mats were made to protect people from sand."

"The name Nganmarra – the container of life – has a beautiful symbolism, for something made from natural materials and used to sustain us on country and protect."

"They're functional objects and also very beautiful, with lovely patterns and colours, and smell. You get the full scent when you enter the space in the Museum of Economic Botany."

"Volunteers are acting as guides in the Botanic Gardens, so you can link directly in to the gardens, see the different plants where the dyes come from."

Other exhibitions include the *Spinifex Art Project* and the *Desert Salon* at the Art Gallery of SA, the *Tarnanthi Art Fair* at Tandanya and the *Desert Photography Prize* at the State Library of SA.

For more information go to www.tarnanthi.com.au



Men's Collaborative by Simon Hogan, Lawrence Pennington, Roy Underwood, Winmati Roberts and Fred Grant. Pitjantjatjara people, Western Australia, Kaanka, 2015. Courtesy the artists and Spinifex Arts Project. Picture: Amanda Dent



Terrain by Karen Mills. Picture: Silva Photographics



- LEFT: *Portrait of Damien Shen* by Damien Shen, 2015. Picture: Richard Lyons.
- ABOVE: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards works on paper winner Robert Fielding in front of his winning work *Milkali Kutju*, 2015. Picture: Fiona Morrison/Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and Mimili Maku Arts
- RIGHT: Detail of installation: *Nganmarra – the container of life* by Frances Djulibing Daingangan, Mary Dhapalany, Robyn Djunginy, Julie Djulibing Malibirr and Evonne Munuyngu. Courtesy the artists and Bula'bula Arts, Ramingining. Picture: Grant Hancock





New tone needed to improve the political climate

ABBOTT Government Health Minister Peter Dutton has time to laugh and joke about the natives up north, or living on neighbouring islands.

Up here on Cape York, every second of time means something.

Time to build enterprises and create jobs in communities where youth unemployment tops 80%.

Time to get our kids to school, and to complete high school and get into universities, something unheard of in previous generations.

Time to heal deep wounds in our communities from dispossession and poverty.

We are constantly burdened with the view espoused by the

likes of Dutton: it's one of soft bigotry and low expectations, and it continues to dominate policy responses.

In olden Mission days, well-paid managers used 'Murri time' to cast Bama as lazy good-for-nothings.

Dutton's joke using this tired old stereotype reminds me of how white superintendents ran our lives, dressed in their safari jackets and white helmets, pipe in their mouths, hands in their pockets; and how they would look down at my hard-working grandfather, mother or brother, as if they were his slaves.

GERHARDT PEARSON
Cape York, Queensland



Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott, centre, laughs at remarks made by his Health Minister Peter Dutton (right) with Social Services minister Scott Morrison.

Grubby polities

WHAT a grubby mob these politicians are. Who in their right mind would want to be captain of either of these teams? They all suffer from a loyalty of convenience.

If you don't agree, read the definitive book by Laurie Oaks, *Power Plays*, and you will see politics is a blood sport that destroys good people.

RON REDFORD
Ceduna

In search of a song and site

I'm trying to find the song about Lionel Rose, who sang it and title.

From my limited memory the song is about young Lionel travelling down to watch George Bracken

fight. My Uncle has passed and he would always sing his song. Any help would be very much appreciated.

And if anyone has any recommended social media sites to buy songs and

albums by Indigenous artists, that would be appreciated too.

I can be contacted via email: mervyn.lockyer6718@icloud.com

Merv Lockyer

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

Even if sent via email, all letters and

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

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

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

– EDITOR

More letters on page 26 ➡

POETRY

Our History – Our Land

I was born in the Out-back
Where my people once
roamed the land

I fished in peace
Where the cod would rule the
dams
where yellow-belly would
swim
Deep into the streams
Whilst in the wet seasons
The rain would come in teems

As my people did once roam
the lands
White-man came and broke
their clans
Fire thunder lightning strikes
My people stood up for our
rights

They lived in humpies
They lived in caves
And pictured on rocks
To show our ways

Today we still fight
For what our people died for
But we're getting nowhere
It's like hitting brick walls

D CHATFIELD
Wellington Correctional Centre

Aboriginal genocide

The white generation
unrepentant until this day
And no we didn't is what they
say

The natives forsook their own
kids
And we were forced to raise
them

But that's just a myth
I say own up and live the truth
As so very low you did stoop
Just be honest as we already
know

That you kicked them hard
with your big toes
Though you buried the
indigenous
In your hand there's still a
hatchet

And some of your cruelty
Even Hitler couldn't match it
Your theft and your lust for
land

And today you still make evil
demands

But tomorrow things will
change

And your attitude will be
rearranged

Deliverance for all the natives
And there will be no more
hating

Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW



Mail

The Editor, PO Box 117,
Lismore, 2480



Phone

You can reach us
on 02 66 222 666



Fax

Send it to us on
02 66 222 600



E-mail

The address is:
editor@koorimail.com

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

Time for a seventh state?

There is a common principle that all Aboriginal leaders abide by and that is that everyone is trying to do their best for Aboriginal people. There are differences on strategies to achieve that end.

If we are to maintain our identity, protect our culture and get as much land back as possible, we have to find ways, short and long term, to increase our access to power.

I want to mention two options. One is long term, the other more immediate.

We are not alone in the world of having suffered under a takeover of our country. It happened nearly everywhere. However our progress in overcoming our situation has been painfully slow compared to others.

Since the UN was formed in 1945, 750 million people regained control of their territory and themselves. We cannot be counted among them.

The Whitlam Government established the first national Aboriginal representative body – the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC) – in 1974, followed by ATSIC in 1989 and now the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. Significantly, none of these bodies controlled the Aboriginal affairs budget, or had territory or legislative powers. Their tenure was completely at the mercy of governments.

East Timor declared independence the year after NACC was established in 1974. In 2002 they got their country back. Scottish independence began with limited autonomy in 1978. Last year they held a referendum to decide whether to become completely independent from the United Kingdom or remain part of it. We, too, need to launch 30-year campaigns, not three-month or three-year stints.

I put up for your consideration a model that has to be legal under Australian law, offers real Aboriginal sovereignty in practice and is a model for internal self-determination. It is the seventh state of Australia. The discussion of the seventh state model, unfortunately, cannot be openly discussed without first dealing with preconceived prejudices.

No, a seventh state does not mean Aboriginals have to move to central Australia. They stay where they are, wherever they are, if that is their preference. To participate in the seventh state does not require physical relocation of anyone – black or white.

No fences

And no, there would not be fences put around a new state and no, people would not be prevented from traversing from one state to the new state.

1. A newly established state under the constitution requires territory. Many would be surprised that Aborigines currently own, or have native title interests to 2.3 million square kms of land, or 31% of Australia's land mass. Those land holdings or interests might serve as a beginning for negotiations for a territory of the new state.

2. States must agree to surrender territory to a new state. It is not unusual for the states to surrender parts of their territory. It has been done before. The Northern Territory of South Australia was surrendered to the Commonwealth by the SA parliament in 1907. In 1909, the NSW parliament surrendered the Australian Capital Territory to the Commonwealth.

3. Revenue will need to be raised to pay the costs of services to all people within the new state. The big question is whether traditional



Michael Mansell

owners have a veto over development on their land; the other is whether the Assembly can override the veto, and in what circumstances? Could an Aboriginal group owning an oil rich area bringing in billions refuse other groups any share of the benefits? Or the opposite: could a group refuse exploitation on their own lands but expect to share in the benefits derived from development on the lands of other Aboriginal groups?

4. For many Aboriginal people, customary law is an essential feature of their society and their identity. The West Australian Law Reform Commission Report in 2006 acknowledged customary law as governing all aspects of Aboriginal life, establishing and regulating each person's responsibilities and relationships to others within and outside the group, as well as to the land and natural resources. The seventh state constitution could provide that customary law applies.

5. While the Federal Parliament may decide "the extent of representation [of a new State] in either House of Parliament, as it thinks fit, the number decided upon cannot be set at nought." Currently each state has 12 senators. The NT, with a population of 241,006, has two senators, as does the ACT with 383,000. How many senators is the new Aboriginal state likely to get?

Assuming that all Aboriginal people are able to participate in the new Aboriginal state's political process regardless of whether they live within or outside the territory of the new state, the highest Aboriginal population figure would be 669,900. That presumes that every single Aboriginal would want to enrol to vote in the new state, a highly unlikely occurrence. Taking the highest possible figure, the Aboriginal population, together with non-Aboriginals residing in the territory of the new state would make the eligible population double that of the NT. On those figures the number of Aboriginal senators should at least be four. And Tasmania has 12 senators with a population of 513,000 – 150,000 less than the national Aboriginal population.

6. The idea that Aboriginal people could design their own seventh state without federal interference is, unfortunately, far from guaranteed. Section 121 of the Constitution provides that where the Federal Parliament establishes a new state the parliament "may upon such admission or establishment, make or impose any terms and conditions ... as it sees fit".

7. States have responsibility for their parliament/assembly elections; for law and order (including customary law) police and prisons; religion, education, health, housing, main roads, public transport,

electricity generation and supply, agriculture, vacant lands, local government, state taxation, environment and land use and planning. This would be the same for the seventh state.

Such a proposal could not be achieved overnight. In the immediate future, 13 Indigenous seats in the Parliament could not only advance the cause of the seventh state but also make Australia more representative.

Representative democracy should normally provide for the makeup of parliaments to reflect the society they govern.

13 seats

An effective proposal is for 13 Indigenous seats in the Senate – 12 Aboriginal and one Torres Strait Islander. Two Aboriginal seats could be set aside from each of the more Aboriginal populated states of Queensland, NSW, SA and WA, and of course the NT. One seat could be from Victoria and one from Tasmania, making 12 Aboriginal seats all together. One more could come from the Torres Strait Islands. Two electorates in each of the more Aboriginal populous states/territories could be designated either by creating a roll of Aboriginal voters in the same way that ATSIC held elections, or by drawing electorates that circled Aboriginal community areas.

In the latter option, voters in it the electorate might be nearly all Aboriginal, but not exclusively. Based on the 'community of interest' criteria in existing electoral distribution law, this would not seem to pose a problem. They would not specifically be 'Aboriginal only' divisions, but mostly so.

Palawa man Michael Mansell is a lawyer and activist from Tasmania.

Bark petition 'gross misuse' of tradition

A group of 30 Indigenous Australians, backed by evangelical Christian groups, recently presented an 'Uluru bark petition' opposing marriage equality to the Federal Government via Senator Eric Abetz. The petition reads, in part:

"Although Aboriginal People come together as one nation through many different self-governing language and kinship groups with unique cultures and traditions, the sanctity of marriage between man and woman continues to be held in honour among all."

No, "the sanctity of marriage between man and woman" is held in honour among the 30 people who signed this petition.

First, let me say that "bark petitions" are not a 'traditional' thing. There are two petitions from 1963 across two pieces of bark. These particular petitions, the Yirrkala Bark Petitions, are of historical importance in regards to traditional ownership of land and self-determination. The so-called Uluru bark petition is a gross misuse of these historical acts.

Second, the 30 or so people who have signed this petition do not speak on my behalf.

Pastor Peter Walker – an organiser of the petition who in 2012 said, "I'm convinced that homosexuals (re)produce themselves by molesting children" – does not speak on my behalf.

I am a member of the Manganyi

people in the Northern Territory, where my great-grandmother was born – most people know her as Bett-Bett, the "little black princess" from *We of the Never Never*. My grandmother was born on the island of Maubiag in the Torres Strait. I do not speak on their behalf. I do not speak on the behalf of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. But I speak with much confidence on what I know to be true.

I received a photo of one of the bark petitions via text. I then came across this gem on Twitter: "It's sad when Aboriginal activists troll Aboriginal Elders over their traditional view of marriage."

Behind these authentic faces that you see holding up these pieces of bark and standing in front of Parliament House you will find the mechanics of white influence.

The definition of marriage is not transferable from 2015 back thousands of years. That's not how things work. Marriage as defined by the Marriage Act is only 63 years old, with an amendment made in 2004 to ensure the exclusion of homosexual people from marrying other homosexual people of the same sex.

My concern with this petition is twofold. It misrepresents Aboriginal people and Aboriginal culture. But that is the intent of white supremacy, to create disunity among Aboriginal people.

The second is the social and



Dameyon Bonson

emotional distress that this behaviour will inflict on young Aboriginal lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people and the potential life-ending implications due to this distress. As Aboriginal people, we face relentless aggressions based on our Aboriginality. Ask Adam Goodes.

Monsignor David Cappo defines social exclusion as "the process of being shut out from the social, economic, political and cultural systems which contribute to the integration of a person into the community".

Marriage inequality does this. It shuts out everyday Australians and

denies us equitable access to these systems because of who we love and want to marry. Anyone who infers that this denial of access does not have significant mental health implications should read this report into mental health and marriage equality to get up to speed. It shows that: "There is a clear link between prejudice and ill health that has been widely demonstrated for the LGBTI group." My lived experience tells me this also. The World Health Organisation has also done some work on social exclusion as a determinant of health.

In my role as founder of Black Rainbow, I have seen first-hand these conclusions to be true. Do you know what else causes mental health distress? It's racism. In Pat Anderson's Empowerment and Closing the Gap speech, she concluded that "disempowerment, social exclusion and racism have negative effects on health".

I can't help but think that the 30 signatories to this bark petition are experiencing some kind of internalised racism. Their behaviour and process regarding marriage equality defies all protocol that we, as Aboriginal people, deem appropriate.

Same sex attracted Aboriginal people get hit on three fronts: We are socially excluded via racism, disempowerment and marriage inequality. But now from within our own mob, our love too is excluded.

I respect that freedom of religion

is a human right, but I also expect freedom from religion to be my human right. Too often, when Aboriginal people raise anti-marriage equality or homophobic views, there is religion behind it; religion that has been adopted from mainstream society and has nothing whatsoever to do with Aboriginal cultures. It is usually the work of neo-traditionalists to suit their own agenda.

I can only wonder if this mob of 30 religious Elders – and indeed people like Anthony Mundine who said in 2013 that homosexuality was not accepted in Indigenous society – know of the heightened risk they force upon an already vulnerable group at high risk of suicide and self-harm.

Social exclusion in the form of racism and homophobia, including marriage inequality, are just two of the burdens that Indigenous LGBTI people face. They are also preventable. So are the suicides.

My question to the group is, "What role do you want to play?"

Mangarayi/Maubiag Island man Dameyon Bonson is the founder of Black Rainbow Living Well, an advocacy and research organisation for Indigenous LGBTI people. He is also a national advisor to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project and a member of Melbourne University's Indigenous Suicide Prevention Expert Panel.

Yet another PM leaves wide Indigenous gap

Another prime minister has gone, this one the self-proclaimed champion for Indigenous people whose personal mission was to redress our country's "national failure".

Tony Abbott lauded Indigenous leader Noel Pearson as a visionary, a prophet. Pearson returned the compliment: Abbott was the "Nixon to China" conservative who would lead a nation to reconcile its history and write the missing words in our constitution: that we acknowledge and respect the original people of this land, its history and customs.

Abbott appointed Warren Mundine to head his hand-picked advisory council on Indigenous affairs. He made a pledge to spend a week each year in an Indigenous community. He vowed to "sweat blood" for the cause. But words are easy.

We have grown used to the lofty pronouncements of our political leaders, sometimes augmented with tears. If words were solutions, my people would have already broken the chains of our history and been delivered from the margins to the mainstream of this country's social and political history; our traditions and identity not just intact but enhanced.

But let's take Abbott at his word – words like "lifestyle choices". As prime minister he saw little future in small, remote communities. He backed a plan in Western Australia to shut them down. The government, he said, can no longer "endlessly subsidise lifestyle choices".

It's necessary to debate how we provide services and health care in remote communities, let alone the employment and education that are vital for all Australians, and more so for impoverished and isolated Indigenous people.

Yet, the Prime Minister spoke



Stan Grant

neither of consultation nor cooperation, sensitivity to connection to land, history nor kinship.

Tony Abbott's "prophet", Noel Pearson, was less complimentary after those words. Abbott was leading a "deranged debate", he was "disrespectful", a man "casting fear" into people.

Warren Mundine – Abbott's "friend", who took him on a personal journey of understanding – now reminded him that this was not about choice, like a coastal tree-change. This was about a people's very essence, their very culture.

Abbott has never fully appreciated the essence of Aboriginal culture, not if we take him at his word. This is the man who in 2014 said white settlement was Australia's "defining moment", the moment "this continent became part of the modern world".

Mundine again had to remind his "friend" that this defining moment was also a disastrous defining moment for Indigenous people.

Tony Abbott is a man bound by his ideals. I don't doubt for one

Abbott has never fully appreciated the essence of Aboriginal culture, not if we take him at his word. This is the man who in 2014 said white settlement was Australia's "defining moment", the moment "this continent became part of the modern world".

moment they're sincerely held. But his ideals were formed by the myths, lies and distortions of an Australian history still founded on the concept of Terra Nullius – empty land.

Again, let's take the former prime minister at his word. Just last year he was moved to reflect that before the coming of the British this land was "nothing but bush" and the pre-colonisation civilisation was "extraordinarily basic and raw".

In Abbott's words of 2014, I hear an echo of the mid 19th-century clergyman John Dunmore Lang, who justified settlement in 1856:

"God in making the Earth never intended it should be occupied by men so incapable of appreciating its resources as the Aborigines of Australia."

Abbott, in so many ways, seemed forged of earlier times, a man from the past delivered here and destined to grapple with very modern challenges. From attitudes to women, homosexuality, refugees, climate change or Indigenous people, he could appear out of step.

It has produced a man of contradictions. A man derided for misogyny, yet the father of three women. A man who admitted to being threatened by homosexuality, which challenges

"the right order of things"; yet who greatly loves his lesbian sister. A man of great personal loyalty who could not command the loyalty of his own party.

And here was a man bound by his history who just last month could stand at the grave of Eddie Mabo – the man whose legal challenge to uphold his native title overturned Terra Nullius – and declare it a "sacred place".

This is the nub of the failure of Abbott's prime ministership. Here was a man confined by his view of his country, confronted by an Australian people who looked to transform their view of this country.

The self-proclaimed "prime minister for Indigenous people" leaves a legacy unfulfilled. He spoke of closing the gap and redressing Indigenous disadvantage yet stripped half a billion dollars from spending on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

He spoke of his desire to lead a referendum to recognise Indigenous people in the constitution yet leaves leaders like Noel Pearson stranded somewhere between disillusion and hope.

Abbott is far from alone in this. In December 1992 I stood on a stage in Redfern to introduce an earlier prime minister as he

challenged our country to reconcile its history. Paul Keating took responsibility for dispossession, murder, stolen children, discrimination and exclusion.

"We cannot sweep injustice aside," he said. Yet Paul Keating exited politics with his vision unrealised.

Earlier this year I spoke at length to another former prime minister; a leader who made the great apology. Kevin Rudd said sorry and he told me of his pride and great humility in a moment when our parliament spoke to what can unite us.

Yet, Kevin Rudd too exited politics, and his hopes for the plight of my people remain elusive.

We remain today as Indigenous people, at the bottom of every socioeconomic indicator. We have the worst health, housing, education, employment; we die younger and we die still of diseases that no longer kill our fellow Australians.

In a country as successful, as rich and tolerant and accepting as ours I can only ask why? All of the words, the ideals, the leadership – still we fall short. I know it is complicated, that the web of our past entangles us still. Yet I also know, deep down I know, that if we wanted to cure it, we would cure it, just like we cured polio.

The great Scottish poet Robbie Burns said: "If I could write all the songs, I would not care who wrote the laws." Politicians write the laws and the laws are inadequate. The song: that is ours, and only we, a people – beyond prime ministers – can complete it.

Wiradjuri man Stan Grant is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster. He is the international editor at Sky News and host of NITV current affairs program Awaken. This piece first appeared on Guardian Australia.

6th SNAICC National Conference

For Our Children

Ngallak Koorlangka

Community Voices: Sharing Knowledge and Practice

15 – 17 September 2015 | Perth

The SNAICC National Conference is for

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



CONFERENCE FEATURES

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

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

Reforms needed to break trauma cycle

JUST after the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody report was released in 1991, I started work as the psychologist in a Queensland prison. I was horrified by what I observed in the 21 months that I worked there and I resigned a month before parts of the prison were burned down in a riot. I have never forgotten the men I met in prison and what I learned about the lives and circumstances of Indigenous people in Australia. Since then I have visited inmates in many prisons in Queensland and New South Wales in a professional capacity, doing presentencing reports for Legal Aid and ATSILS.

I am not Indigenous but I am not Australian either. I was born in Africa with mostly European heritage and an ancestor who was a slave. Sometimes I wonder if it is her spirit that drives me to try to find real solutions to problems of social justice.

Ever since 1991, I have been hearing about the over-representation of Indigenous people in Australian prisons and the ill effects of imprisonment on

Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike: physical and sexual assault, poor health, mental illness, suicide, family breakdown, lack of employment, and poverty. The children of prisoners are six times more likely to go to prison themselves. But I have never read a serious article in an Australian newspaper or magazine offering a solution to the problem.

Justice reinvestment sounds like the solution but in what should we be reinvesting?

Employment and educational programs? If the children locked up in the juvenile justice system were able to succeed at school and at work, why would they be in detention in the first place? I am afraid that the problem runs much deeper than substituting school or work for arrests and incarceration. As a former president of the Australian Psychological Society said, the social problems in

Aboriginal communities are the well-known consequences of intergenerational trauma, anxiety, depression and despair.

“The children of prisoners are six times more likely to go to prison themselves. But I have never read a serious article in an Australian newspaper or magazine offering a solution to the problem.”

This is what 24 years of yarning with people in prison and in juvenile detention has taught me. Children who grow up with neglect and violence, whether in a family or in a mission dormitory, are traumatised. This means that their brains are set on the “alert! danger!” response so they are highly anxious and angry; they are also hyperactive and cannot concentrate at school. If they are

taken away from their families they are more traumatised and become more anxious and angry. Often, at the age of 10 or 12, they run away

or hang out on the streets where there is more danger. They may be used for sex or given alcohol and other drugs. They may steal to survive, get arrested, locked up in juvenile detention centres and further traumatised. By the time they get to adult prisons they are suffering from chronic severe multiple posttraumatic stress disorders and depression. Their only relief is marijuana, perhaps even heroin or ice. Many complete suicide.

How do we change this heart-breaking story? We have to start at the beginning and support the children in their families and in their communities. It has been done before, in Canada. Instead of taking the children away from their parents, community health workers visit the family every day,

helping to feed and bath the children, getting them off to school. Or, if necessary and if the parents are willing, the whole family moves into a detox and rehabilitation centre. It may sound expensive but it would be much cheaper than building prisons and funding juvenile detention. We know that children who are removed and placed in out-of-home care often end up in juvenile detention and that the children in juvenile detention are very likely to end up in prison. We stop this by ending the practice of removing children.

We also have to face the fact that there is racism involved. Children are safe when there is a community looking after them, rather than one or two people, but white Western case workers do not trust the community. We need to find ways to work together so that no child, Indigenous or non-Indigenous, is removed from their extended families and their home communities. Justice reinvestment must, first and foremost, be about supporting families.

MEG PERKINS
Hastings Point, NSW

No feuds, only family fun

By LUANA SANDERS

FOUR sister-cousins kept their lips sealed for close to two months as they made their exciting journey to Melbourne for their debut on the Channel Ten TV Show *Family Feud*.

The sister-cousins hail from the Gooreng Gooreng First Nations People of Central Queensland. They are proud of their history and weren't afraid to let Australia know who they were and who they represented. They are also direct descendants of the people of Tanna Island, Vanuatu, and hold their grandmother Dorothy Johnson with the upmost respect and regard. They attribute their humorous sides to her.

I am Luana Sanders, a senior project officer in Brisbane, Naomi Johnson is an Indigenous affairs officer in Gladstone, Melody Ingra works as a senior policy officer in Brisbane and Nikki Johnson is a truck driver for the mines in Central Queensland.

Together the sister-cousins' whole purpose was to get on national television



From left are Melody Ingra, Nikki Johnson, Naomi Jackson and Luana Sanders.



the lack of diversity is quite evident. We may have only been on national television for three nights but the conversation and attention we have drawn has

been nothing but positive.

Complete strangers have been approaching us in Rockhampton, Gladstone and Brisbane – all over the place – expressing their best wishes. They were talking about our episodes at coffee shops, in school yards, at workplaces and all over Facebook, where we have been dubbed the Facebook Queens for completely smashing one of the questions.

Evidently there has been a lot of

positivity in the right direction. We wanted Australia to know that we are here and we are proud of who we are and what we represent. No negativity and typical stereotypes here!

We are smart, witty, educated and naturally humorous. Mainstream Australia got to see how we roll, how it just comes natural with no scripts needed. Being funny is an everyday occurrence for blackfullas and it is rarely seen and acknowledged by non-Indigenous people.

We hope to see more First Nations people build up their courage and apply for reality or game shows – whatever is on offer there, put your hands up, people!

The show was aired Tuesday, September 8, through to Thursday, September 10, and the Johnson family's winnings totalled \$11,150 and if you missed any episode you can catch it online at www.tenplay.com.au

Bwgc Colman Youth Festival – Palm Island

Youth talent on display

By ALF WILSON



THOUSANDS flocked to north Queensland's Palm Island for the inaugural Bwgc Colman Youth Festival, held from September 3-5.

Almost half of the Palm Island population of 3500 is aged under 24.

These youths and children took centre-stage at the huge festival, which was run as part of the annual Spring Fair.

They celebrated what it means to be a young person living on Palm Island with three jam-packed days of music, dance, art, sport, health and cultural activities.

The youth festival included live performances, yarnning circles, a market, short-film making, music video production and a youth parliament panel to discuss issues that are important to young people.

The local Youth Council Parliament consisted of Shamika Curley, Kathleen Haines, Heath Lacey, Jeriah Coutts, Janesha Robertson and Lindsay Parker-Geesu.

Young people had the opportunity to learn new skills in small group workshops.

Allan Palm Island welcomed people to country at the official opening.

Palm Mayor Alf Lacey said Council was proud to hand over the reins to young people for the annual Spring Fair.

"The Bwgc Colman Youth Festival is an event that has been planned by the Palm island young people," he said. "It provides an opportunity for our future leaders to come together and discuss

issues that are important to them, celebrate their culture and set the direction for a strong future."

Visiting entertainers included Chris Tamwoy, Toby Adams, Dizzy Doolan, Briscoe Sisters, Zennith, Dubmarine, Troy and Dean Brady, Justin Wellington, the Last Kinection, The D Hip Hop group and Australian Festival of Music Choir.

Local performers included the Bwgc Colman and St Michael's Junior Dancers, Great Northern Dancers, Mother's Dust, Pacific Flower Hula Dancers, Descendants of Darnley Island Dancers and Badu Island Dancers.

Townsville entertainers included the TS Komet group and the popular Shalom Arnhem Land Dancers, who brought with them the Saltwater Band from Elcho Island.

Renowned singer Maggie Walsh was MC for the final day during which Ilbijerri Theatre Company and Belvoir presented their *Beautiful One Day* documentary, about the events surrounding the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee in the Palm Island lock-up.

Ilbijerri included locals Aunty Maggie Blackley, Harry Reuben, Kylie Doomadgee and Rachael Maza.

Netball, rugby league, touch football and boxing workshops were held on the footy oval with special guests former NRL star Scott Prince, champion boxer Brad Hore and North Queensland Cowboys Gideon Gela-Mosby, Cameron King and Braden Uele.

On the last day, the Palm Island PCYC Boxing Club hosted a tournament at which the local lads had great success.



Youth Council members who were heavily involved in organisation of the event.



Shalom College East Arnhem Land and Saltwater Band singers from Elcho Island in the NT.



Clarissa Wales at her stall.



Dizzy Doolan performs.



Bwgc Colman State and St Michael's Catholic School junior dancers.



Pacific Flower Hula Dancers.



Great Northern Dancers from Palm Island and Aurukun with MC and renowned singer Maggie Walsh, left, and Owen Marpoondin.

Dementia rate double



RESEARCH by the University of Western Australia has confirmed that the incidence of dementia in remote Aboriginal communities is the highest in the world, with head injuries and age the greatest contributing factors. UWA researchers revisited a target group of Aboriginal

people based in WA's remote Kimberley region, originally tested 10 years ago, to review the clinical and socioeconomic factors contributing to dementia. They hoped to improve detection rates and target preventative measures. Professor Leon Flicker, WA Centre for Health and Ageing director of Geriatric Medicine, said they found that each year 21 out of every 1000 Aboriginal

Australians over the age of 60 develops dementia – a rate at least twice as high as the general Australian population. "This is a world first study that has provided comprehensive clinical data on the cognitive health of a group of older Indigenous people," Prof Flicker said. "Dementia is placing strain on these Aboriginal communities. The greatest risk

factors we found were head injuries, as were stroke, a low body mass index and high blood pressure. "Head injuries can be explained by the higher than average number of car and other accidents, and falls." Data was collected from 363 remote and rural Aboriginal Australians aged over 45 years living in the Kimberley, who were originally recruited

between 2004 and 2006 and then reassessed between 2011 and 2013. Researchers found that 75% of the original group who had already been living with dementia had died. "By further exploring the contributing risk factors we are now looking to target preventative measures such as preventing head injuries and controlling strokes," Prof Flicker said.

Unique opportunity to EARN while you LEARN

Indigenous employment opportunities

Airservices is now recruiting for our 2016 technical trainee program.

Have you completed year 12 or are finishing at the end of this year? Do you have sound math skills and a passion to start your career in a technical and interesting industry?

Apply now to become involved in operating and maintaining equipment which delivers air traffic control, aviation telecommunication, and radar and radio navigation services.

Find out more at www.airservicesaustralia.com

Applications close **4 October 2015**



airservices
connecting australian aviation



Aunty Hazel Moreton with some of the Narooma school children in her Durramah class – Jarrod, Thomas, Joey, Reece, Erin, Taja, Mariah, Ebony and Jumaia.

Aunty Hazel joins growing list of 'Deadly Aunties'

By LAURELLE PACEY



THE recent launch of *Aunty Hazel and the Guardians* means Aboriginal children at Narooma Public School on NSW's south coast now have two books in their 'Deadly Aunties' series, with more to come.

In the book, Aunty Hazel tells how Aboriginal people are guardians of country. "Our idea with this series is for children to have an inspiring book to read at home about an Aboriginal person they know," said co-author Tashe Long, of the school's community centres project.

Aunty Hazel Moreton of Bodalla helps teach the school's Aboriginal students about their culture.

With 16% of Narooma's school population identifying as Aboriginal, her Durramah class

is offered to students as a third option to scripture and ethics, and is proving very popular.

In launching the book, Aunty Hazel thanked the students and their parents who, she said, brought so much knowledge to the book.

"Without them this book would not have happened," she said.

All the drawings and most of the words have come from the students in her class where she talks about Aboriginal culture, history and the connection between Aboriginal people and the land, and how they care for country.

"Aboriginal people are the guardians of country, and they've been looking after country for more than 60,000 years," Ms Moreton said.

"They learned how to live in deserts, in mountains, in rainforests and collect everything they needed.

"They learned to find everything they needed to live a

good healthy life in all these lands. Aboriginal people are the original 'fresh food people'.

"They learned to know and respect the seasons.

"Now we Elders are looking to our children to be guardians of country."

This book is aimed at primary school children, particularly six to eight years old.

It was funded by the Families NSW Initiative and distributed at no cost to Aboriginal families and schools in the area.

It is also available at no cost to anyone who would like a copy, by emailing Tashe Long tashelong@bigpond.com

Aunty Hazel is greatly respected for her work in early childhood in Sydney over about 30 years before moving back to Bodalla, supposedly to retire.

Narooma School's first book in the 'Deadly Aunties' series was *Aunty Recheal Becomes a Train Driver*.

download now
KOORI MAIL NOW AVAILABLE



WITH FREE
SAMPLE ISSUE!

Available via Apple Newsstand, iTunes, Google Play for Android market or www.pocketmags.com

Latest issue & Back Issues just \$1.29 each.

Subscribe for six months or one year at a reduced rate.

Download to your iPad, iPhone, Android device, Mac, PC or Kindle Fire.

A digital subscription to the **KOORI MAIL** is the perfect way to treat yourself!



Also available via

pocketmags.com



www.koorimail.com

Yarrabah tackles ice



MANY of the stop signs in Yarrabah aren't just there for motorists.

"Stop Ice," the graffitied signs read.

The highly addictive drug – and its potential toll on youth – is a fresh threat to the small far north Queensland Indigenous community already battling alcohol and tobacco dependency.

But locals are trying everything they can to make sure it doesn't get a stranglehold.

Staff from the Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation have been knocking on doors and taking surveys to gauge how much of a toll the illicit substance is taking.

It's the first step in getting some hard data for service providers, who have until now relied partially on rumours circulating within the community of less than 2500.

The corporation's Greg Fourmile told AAP results from the first two days of surveys confirmed what rehab workers had suspected – ice usage was on the rise.

Gindaja chief executive Ailsa Lively knew of three users in the town a year-and-a-half ago, but estimates there are now up to 40, with around half that number confirmed in the first days of surveying.

She's even heard of a 14-year-old using.



Dr Mark Wenitong

The oldest was in their 30s.

Acting Senior Sergeant Andrew Pool hadn't heard of juveniles taking the drug, but said young males were the main risk takers.

Police have seized small quantities of the drug in the community and made a number of arrests thanks to local tip-offs.

But the problem is far less widespread than in nearby Cairns, thanks in part to an extremely strong anti-ice sentiment, Acting Snr Sgt Pool said.

"A lot of the stop signs in Yarrabah have been graffitied with 'Ice' under it," he said.

"I think that's a really positive visual image that the community's not hiding from it."

It's thought most users get their drugs 50 minutes away in Cairns, but police also have their ear to the ground for murmurings of local cooks.

Stopping the inflow from Cairns completely will be a challenge for the community, with many residents regularly switching between the two locations.

"A few members have identified family who have moved out (of Yarrabah) and brought it (ice) back when they were visiting," Mr Fourmile said.

Ice use in Indigenous communities has become a high-profile topic, with a number of leaders speaking out about the issue.

"Get hands dirty"

Last week, Queensland MP Billy Gordon went public about losing an uncle and a 22-year-old cousin to ice-related suicides and called on governments to "get their hands dirty" and increase funding for mental health services.

The comments were made at a meeting organised by the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council with police and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services, which called for more funding to

Indigenous organisations to address the issue with culturally appropriate programs.

While no-one knows for sure which Queensland communities are worst affected, Dr Mark Wenitong from the Apunipima Cape York Health Council said it was expected towns near mines and regional centres would have the biggest problems.

One such community is Aurukun, where Mayor Derek Walpo is concerned the drug is flowing in from nearby mining town Weipa.

He's been distributing flyers and posters around his locality in an effort to get through to the town's youth before a major problem takes hold.

Further south in Yarrabah, Mayor Errol Neal believes the extent of the ice problem has been exaggerated.

But in saying that, he realises the importance of nipping it in the bud.

His council will join the Gindaja Treatment and Healing, local health groups and community members this week for a march through the town's main street that hopes to draw attention to the possible havoc ice could wreak.

"We have to address this issue and make sure it doesn't creep out of control," he said. – AAP

App helps police caution in 18 Aboriginal languages



PEOPLE can now be cautioned by the Northern Territory Police in 18 different Aboriginal languages.

NT Community Services Minister Bess Price congratulated the Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS) on completing the police cautions

app for smart devices.

She said the app would help Indigenous people understand their rights and remove significant language barriers.

"People who speak English as an additional language are less likely to understand their responsibilities or use their rights when interviewed by police, and this was a major challenge that had to be

addressed," Ms Price said.

"The police caution app on police-issued iPads includes English subtitles to be used in the field at the time of apprehension, so that people understand their rights rather than waiting for an interpreter, and police will also know what part of the caution is being read out."

AIS worked in partnership

with Northern Territory Police and the Northern Territory Department of Attorney-General to ensure the police cautions include two versions – an 'In Custody' version and a 'Not in Custody' version.

Both versions can be used by law-enforcement at any time, and meet all the legal requirements for the courts system.



Senior Sergeant Matthew Parsons demonstrates the police cautions app with Ben Grimes the project officer at AIS.

'Healing hub' aimed at helping share knowledge



A NEW web 'healing hub' has been developed by Edith Cowan University's Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said the web portal aimed to make it easier for people working to heal the trauma affecting Indigenous people to work more collaboratively and share information.

"So much positive work is taking place around the country to heal our Stolen Generations, their descendants and everyone affected by colonisation and past government policies, but because this work spans many sectors and locations, it hasn't been easy for people to share their knowledge," he said.

"For the first time, the portal brings together information about what is working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing in one accessible resource."

HealthInfoNet director Professor Neil Drew said the portal will bring together the vast amount of information available in the area of Indigenous healing and make it available for everyone, from policy makers and academics to practitioners and frontline workers.

The portal can be accessed at www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/related-issues/healing



Richard Weston

Call for urgent action



MORE than 1000 people attended the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care's (SNAICC's) national conference in Perth last

week.

After three days of sharing, learning and discussion, the conference came up with a list of resolutions to provide better systems and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

The conference called for as matters of urgency:

- a Coalition of Australian Governments (COAG) target for early intervention investment to address the under-representation of Indigenous children in the early childhood education and care system and their over-representation in the child protection system;

- all jurisdictions to establish independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mechanisms to monitor the exercise and enjoyment of Indigenous children's human rights, building on the example of the Victorian Aboriginal Children's Commissioner Andrew Jackomos;

- the Australian Government to quarantine a proportion of the Child Care Assistance Package for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children; and

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led research to expand the evidence base for supporting child wellbeing and cultural continuity.

Many of the more than 100 presentations at the conference provided strong evidence that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander models of services and care were working across a diverse range of

situations and places.

A SNAICC spokesperson said the cultural strengths of communities and caregivers – women and men – should be the basis upon which the rights of Indigenous children were ensured.

"It is time to respect and trust this knowledge, and work with our people and services to provide quality of life for our children," the spokesperson said.

"These services should be delivered through a holistic, integrated, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led approach.

Last resort

"The removal of children from their families should be the option of last resort and if removed, the focus should be to reunite them with their families and communities.

"The lack of respect for our culture and

our knowledge is a major contributing factor to the overrepresentation of our children and young people in the child protection system.

"We are outraged by the discrimination still embedded in the system. And we despair that we are not being heard. We also despair that current funding models are not delivering what is needed on the ground.

"We are all too aware of the hurdles we face in giving our children a fair start. These resolutions give us a renewed collective vision of what must be done to rectify these faults and the required targets to make sure these measures are achieved and not forgotten."

SNAICC committed to organising a national day of action in 2016 to raise awareness of child removals from Indigenous families.



SNAICC chair
Geraldine Atkinson



Marninwarntikura
Women's Resource
Centre chief
executive June
Oscar



The Beat
Walkers
perform on the
last day of the
conference.



Kay Benham, Department for Child
Protection and Family Support acting
director general, speaks at a panel session.



From left, Narelda Jacobs, Cindy Blackstock, Muriel Bamblett, Family Court Judge Matthew Myers and Kay Benham.



Workshops were well-attended at the SNAICC national conference.

to protect our children



Valerie Martin



One of the workshop sessions at the conference.



Ned Hargraves



Sandra Andrews, Eric Holmes and Helena Baxter.

Focus on Victorian prison numbers



A NEW report by the Victorian Ombudsman has again highlighted the need for urgent

action to address the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the justice system.

The report, 'Investigation into the rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners in Victoria', examines the effectiveness of Victoria's criminal justice system and notes that there are significant issues with the prison system as a whole.

Fastest rate

The report highlights that the overrepresentation of Indigenous people is a major issue and notes that Victoria has the fastest rate of increase in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander imprisonment in

the country.

Despite spending more than \$1 billion each year, Victorian prison numbers and rates of reoffending have continued to increase.

Shane Duffy, co-chair of the Change the Record Coalition that aims to reduce the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in prison – argued that this report highlighted that building more prisons was not having the effect of making communities safer or reducing crime.

Mr Duffy said a more effective approach would be to invest in early intervention, prevention and diversion strategies that focused on addressing the reasons that individuals came into contact with the criminal justice system in the first place.

"As we have said time and again, we need all levels of government to shift away from seeing our prison system as the



Shane Duffy

answer," he said.

"The evidence clearly demonstrates that strong, healthy communities are the most effective way to prevent crime and make communities safe.

"Every dollar spent on prisons is one less dollar available to invest in reducing social and economic disadvantage through education, health, disability, housing, employment and other programs. Government funding must be reinvested into initiatives that address the underlying causes of crime.

"We welcome the Victorian Ombudsman's recommendations, including the calls for greater availability of culturally tailored services and programs, expansion of problem-solving courts and the establishment of Justice Reinvestment pilots in disadvantaged Victorian communities."

Change the Record co-chair Kirstie Parker pointed to the report's recommendation for a whole-of-government approach to addressing imprisonment and reoffending rates, as well as the

creation and publication of targets and performance measures.

National value

"Whilst the report has a Victorian focus, these recommendations could be usefully considered at the national level, through the creation of federal justice targets to help drive co-ordinated national action on this issue," she said.

"Now is the time for critical bipartisan leadership. In the lead-up to the November meeting of the Council of Australian Governments, we are calling on all levels of government to commit to working together on a long-term intergovernmental strategy to address the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the criminal justice system, and reduce the rates of violence."

Claim rejected, but group says fight not over



THE traditional owners of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve in Western Australia have made the decision to withdraw their claim against the State of Western Australia for compensation for the extinguishment of their native title rights and interests to the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve.

The decision was made due to a finding by Justice Barker in July 2015 that petroleum tenure granted in the 1920s was validly granted and had the effect of extinguishing the strongest form of native title right: the right of possession, occupation, use and enjoyment to the exclusion of all others.

Justice Barker's finding limited the group's compensation claim to non-exclusive native title rights and interests, significantly impacting their prospects of securing the return of the nature reserve to the control of its traditional owners.

It was distressing for the group to comprehend how an oil licence from the

1920s, which appears to never have been accessed or used, could so drastically diminish their rights.

Justice Barker's decision was another blow for the traditional owners of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve, who in 2005 were close to having a new form of title recognised to their land under the proposed Indigenous Conservation Title, which passed through both houses of Parliament, but was swept aside due to the timing of the state election. The Barnett Government then allowed the Bill to lapse.

Central Desert Native Title Services chief executive Ian Rawlings said political process and the Native Title Act had failed these culturally strong desert Elders.

"(They are) members of the last traditionally intact Indigenous society to stay on their lands before contact with the western world," he said.

The group has not given up and is gearing up again to gain control of their land through all of the political processes available to them.



Fred Ward, the lead applicant in the case for native title over the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve.

Carl Webb on probation after drunken rampage



FORMER rugby league star Carl Webb, a Torres Strait Islander man, will have to undergo a mental health assessment after a drunken rampage in Cairns earlier this year.

The 34-year-old was sentenced in the Cairns Magistrates Court to 18 months probation after appearing on a string of charges resulting from the March incident.

Webb was charged with threatening violence, wilful damage and three counts of entering a dwelling with intent.

The former State of Origin player and Australian Test front-rower is alleged to have threatened neighbours and jumped on the bonnet of a car during the incident near his Cairns home in the early hours of a Saturday morning.

Webb has been ordered to submit to medical, psychological and psychiatric assessment and treatment as directed.

He has also been ordered to pay two separate compensation amounts totalling \$2137 for the damages caused. – AAP

Better communications for remote Territorians



TELSTRA and the Northern Territory Government have announced \$30 million for mobile phone and fixed broadband in remote Aboriginal communities.

Telstra is also investing \$4 million over three years for digital literacy, cyber safety and telehealth programs, it announced.

A full list of which communities will receive upgraded services will not be made available until October, but Chief Minister Adam Giles said works would begin first on Groote Eylandt. – AAP

MP urges land councils to apply for funds



NSW Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has encouraged Aboriginal land councils to apply for a share of \$200,000 to help clean up and prevent illegal dumping on Aboriginal land.

Mr Marshall said round two of the Aboriginal Land Clean-Up and Prevention grants were part of the NSW State Government's \$465.7 million Waste Less Recycle More initiative.

Individual grants of between \$5000 and \$50,000 are available. Eight local Aboriginal land councils were awarded \$253,353 in the first round of grants.

The grants are open to all NSW Local Aboriginal Land Councils. Applications close on Monday, November 2. For details visit: www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/alcup.htm

Govt warned: Don't underestimate us



THE power of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to determine the outcome of the next federal election should not be underestimated, according to ACTU secretary Dave Oliver.

At an Indigenous leadership conference in Cairns, he said the Government would face a strong fight from unions after its attacks on living standards and paternalistic approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

He called for a grassroots campaign in communities to rally against the forcible closures of WA communities, cuts to Indigenous Affairs funding, and the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia which he said will allow businesses to exploit free Indigenous labour.

SA University Unaipon College set to close



A STAND-alone Indigenous college at the University of South Australia is set to close by the end of the year.

Programs offered by the city-based David Unaipon College for Indigenous Education and Research will be absorbed by other UniSA campuses, a university spokeswoman says.

The moves comes after a review recommended a shake-up of Indigenous education delivery. – AAP

Sore and sorry, but they loved it



The Koori Males may not have won the Masters Games cricket competition in Lismore last

weekend, but they certainly had fun playing. Team member Ron Randall said the boys all look forward to meeting up every two years for the Masters Games. "It's just great. We've been doing it for about nine years now, and some of us are getting a bit long in the tooth, but we still turn up," he said. "We love the Masters cricket. We have a good time with it. We're not necessarily there to play dead seriously; we go out and have fun with it. "We just hope we'll all be there in two years – I won't be; my legs are getting too tired to keep chasing that little red ball, but hopefully all the others will." The Koori Males are sponsored by the Koori Mail and Mr Randall is a director of the board.

Yarn ups get the message out there



THE NSW Government has conducted 28 Yarn Up information sessions across the state to hear from Aboriginal Home Care clients including Elders, Aboriginal people with disability, their friends, families and carers.

Deputy Secretary for Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) Jim Longley said the sessions were helping to build capacity and resilience in preparation for major national reforms to aged care and disability services.

"More than 520 participants attended these Yarn Ups, run by Family and Community Services, and were given information about the national aged care and disability service reforms, and the transfer of Home Care, including Aboriginal Home Care, to a non-government operator," he said.



A Yarn Up information session at Parkes Aboriginal Homecare in western NSW.

EDUCATION 2016

Your guide to what's happening in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education

Hats off to graduates



UNIFORMED course participants celebrate after this year's passing out parade for the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP) held at Batchelor Institute in the Northern Territory. A total of 28 students received formal qualifications at the graduation ceremony, with many now looking towards careers with the Australian Defence Force. See more Batchelor Institute reports on pages 38 and 65 of this feature.



ACPA

Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts

Application forms available on
our website www.acpa.net.au

AUDITIONS

Are you interested in a career in Acting, Music or Dance?

ACPA is an innovative and exciting performing arts college based in Brisbane. It is nationally recognised, delivering accredited training in dance, music and acting from Certificate IV through to an Advanced Diploma.

**ACPA is holding Auditions on
28-29 September 2015**

at 59-69 Shafston Avenue, Kangaroo Point, Queensland.

For more information please contact:
Barbara on (07) 3392 4420 or email barbarab@acpa.net.au

Dream careers

James Cook University is committed to making the university experience for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students a positive and successful one.

Direct entry and alternative pathway programs are available at JCU. The Indigenous Health Careers Access Program (IHCAP) is an alternate pathway into a health degree. The program is designed to build skills and strengthen the capabilities of students for successful study at university. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are provided with social, cultural and academic support services by dedicated Indigenous staff and within their health degree program.

'Study hard and never give up your goals no matter what obstacles are thrown at you.'

Niels Kirsten
Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Niels Kirsten is from the Nywaigi Nation, he grew up in Townsville and attended Thuringowa State High School. Niels is completing the final year of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery. When he graduates Niels aims to become a dentist and improve oral health in rural and remote communities.

'My goal is to continue to improve my skills in oral surgery and eventually specialise in a specific area of dentistry. There have been many highlights throughout my studies, however reaching the final year of my degree has been the major highlight of my study so far.'

'I want to be able to make a difference and give back to my community... in a positive way.'

Bujimulla Yanner
Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Bujimulla Balyarinyi Mambalia Mungabayi Yanner is from the Gangalidda Nation in the Gulf of Carpentaria. He grew up in Burketown and Cairns and graduated from St Teresa's College Abergowrie, in 2013.

'Being at university has challenged me academically and I have learnt to overcome my challenges and become independent. The Indigenous staff and my family are supporting me while I am at JCU and I enjoy the great facilities, friendly people and the natural environment... go for it and don't look back.'

'My parents, uncles and aunties have given me integrity and the fighting power to strive for my future.'

Gari Watson
Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Gari Gangulu Watson is an Aboriginal man from the Gurang, Gangulu, Biri Gubba Nations in Queensland. Gari has completed a Bachelor of Dental Surgery and graduated from JCU in 2014. He is now practising at the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health in Southeast Queensland.

'Moving away from home to study at JCU Cairns has allowed me to grow strong in myself and become independent. It has allowed me to become involved in things I never thought I would do and over the years I have made great life-long friends.'

Cairns
Singapore
Townsville

Apply now. 1800 246 446 | study@jcu.edu.au | jcu.edu.au

Deadly Alumni celebrating

CELEBRATING its first anniversary, the University of South Australia's Deadly Alumni chapter is hoping to raise the profile of, and commitment to, the Peter Varcoe Memorial Fund to encourage Indigenous engineering students to complete and excel in their university studies.

Current and past students and the executive branch will join in the first birthday celebrations at a networking event at the Richmond Hotel, Adelaide, on October 30.

Peter Varcoe, a Wirangu man from the west coast of South Australia, was the first Indigenous engineering graduate from UniSA.

The memorial fund in his honour supports prizes for Indigenous engineering students at UniSA.

In the first year of its operation, members of UniSA's Deadly Alumni chapter have helped Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students connect with their peers, former students and professional stakeholders, building an already strong support network.

Embracing not only graduates but existing UniSA students, the Deadly Alumni offers current students

opportunities to both find mentors and to become mentors to secondary school students, as well as a chance to connect with professionals who can offer graduate positions and internships.

The Deadly Alumni aims to strengthen relationships with Indigenous graduates, provide professional development opportunities, enhance career opportunities and ensure that current and future students are supported, as well as affording members all the usual UniSA Alumni benefits and services.

Many will benefit

Deadly Alumni executive committee president Sally Clark says many students will benefit from being a part of the chapter.

"We want to try to connect with as many students as possible," she said.

"By being connected to the chapter students become part of a community that encourages them to stick at their university studies and connects them to a wide network of support, not only from the Deadly Alumni, but from UniSA as a whole."

Ms Clark believes there is always more that can be done to support

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at university, and that networks such as UniSA's Deadly Alumni can play a pivotal role in improving retention and completion of degrees.

"It's not just a nice thing to do – to go to university – it's something that we need to do to help every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in Australia," she said.

"We are all role models for each other and we have to succeed more than ever. That is the only way our people are going to be self-determined at the end of the day."

Ms Clark says alumni and students have a great deal to gain by becoming members of the chapter.

Graduates can register or update their details at reconnect.unisa.edu.au/Stay-Connected/form

● **More information about the networking event and the Deadly Alumni can be found at www.unisa.edu.au/about-unisa/governance-and-management-structure/indigenous-scholarship-engagement-and-research/alumni-chapter/**



University of South Australia Deadly Alumni executive committee member Sophie Murray, left, with Deadly Alumni graduate Yasmina Tadic.

Pro Vice Chancellor: Indigenous Leadership Unaipon Chair



University of
South Australia

- > Executive university leadership role
- > Five year fixed term contract

The University of South Australia is a leader in the education and employment of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The University was the first to develop a statement of commitment to Australian reconciliation; the first in South Australia to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan, and has committed itself to becoming Australia's Indigenous University of Choice.

We are seeking to appoint a dynamic leader who will galvanise the University and lead engagement with its communities to improve the educational opportunities and life outcomes of our first peoples.

The successful candidate will be a member of the University's Senior Management Group, reporting to the Vice Chancellor and will have responsibility for leading the development of a whole of institution approach to the recruitment, support, retention and success of Australian

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our University. The position will also implement teaching, learning and research strategies that advance understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge, perspectives, experiences and cultures.

The successful candidate will be an established Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander academic leader with an outstanding record of achievement in strengthening curriculum and research outputs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, as well as fostering relationships with government, industry organisations and communities.

Enquiries may be directed in confidence to

pvcindigenous@unisa.edu.au

Telephone enquiries are welcomed on

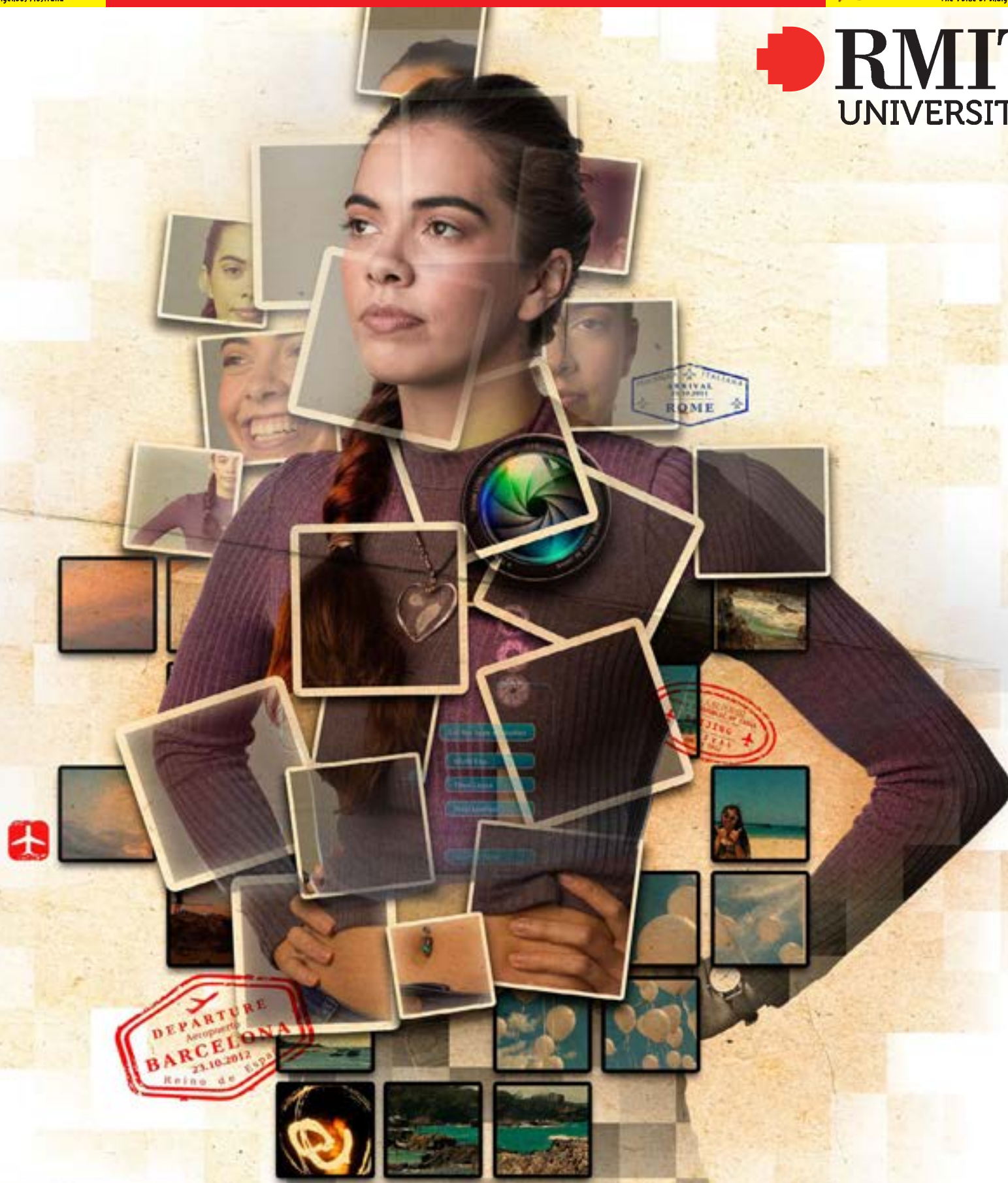
(08) 8302 1700

A detailed candidate booklet can be downloaded at:

unisa.edu.au/workingatunisa

Applications close: Friday 16 October 2015





Be true to you

Picture yourself at RMIT

The Ngarara Willim Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples will challenge and support you to reach your potential.

We are a cultural hub within RMIT University, dedicated to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to engage and succeed in tertiary studies.

We can provide assistance and support with your entry into RMIT through our alternative entry scheme, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Program.

Once at RMIT, sign up to our Gama-dji Orientation Program to help you prepare for tertiary study, meet with new and continuing students, community and staff, and explore RMIT and Melbourne.

Want to put your best foot forward? Then register for the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme, which offers specialised tuition for students across a broad range of disciplines.

See yourself at RMIT? Then get in touch today:

t: +61 3 9925 4885 | e: ngarara@rmit.edu.au | w: rmit.edu.au/ngarara | f: [ngararawillim](https://www.facebook.com/ngararawillim)



Artwork by Wurundjeri artist Mandy Nicholson

NGARARA WILLIM
CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES



Auntie Phyllis Pitchford. Picture: Scott Gelston

Praise flows for Auntie Phyllis

AUNTIE Phyllis Pitchford looks back with great fondness and pride at her time at the University of Tasmania's Riawunna Centre, but is relishing the chance to spend more time with her family and pursue her creative interests in retirement.

Auntie Phyllis has served her community in many capacities over the past 35 years, and is widely regarded as a passionate advocate for Tasmanian Aboriginal people, their rights, culture and traditions.

She first came to the University of Tasmania as a student in 1994 and was long involved with the Riawunna Centre at Newnham, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students while working on her own writing and poetry.

"My youngest son Chris said to me, 'Mum I'm really happy, because to me the community has had a big enough bite of you and I hope they've left something for us,'" Auntie Phyllis said.

"I'm retiring but I'm still going to be writing. I've got poetry ready for a couple of books and I'm also going to do a couple of children's poetry books. My daughter is a wonderful artist and she's going to do illustrations for me."

As well as a talent with the written word, Auntie Phyllis has a gift for listening and helping others with their worries. Her warm, welcoming embrace, compassion and interest in the lives and welfare of others proved an asset over

the past four years in her role as senior Elder in residence.

"Students would come to me for advice or for a talk. If they had deep problems they'd come and what would be disclosed within these walls always stayed in these walls," she said.

"I found that really rewarding because a lot of people have said to me, 'I'll never forget the first day I met you and what a help you've been.' And that's the kind of thing that makes me feel good."

Auntie Phyllis was raised on Cape Barren Island before moving to Launceston 40 years ago. Her extended clan includes four sons, one daughter, 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren scattered between Australia and New Zealand – plus her beloved Roxy, the Maltese Shitzu terrier, who by all accounts will appreciate seeing more of her mum at home.

Instrumental

Auntie Phyllis has been instrumental in involving the Council of Elders with Riawunna across Tasmania and linking community members and students with local communities, organisations and families. Her commitment and dedication was recognised with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Advisory Council Award for Elders and Leaders in Higher Education in 2013.

Deputy vice-chancellor (students and education) Professor David Sadler paid

tribute to Auntie Phyllis' contribution to the university and her lasting legacy.

"Auntie Phyllis has been a valued mentor, colleague and friend to many at the university through Riawunna, and supported a great number of students and staff members to fulfil their potential," he said.

"This invaluable work will continue in her absence, as we continue to build Aboriginal participation at all levels of the University under the guidance of the Aboriginal Policy Working Group. We are privileged to have been a collective recipient of her knowledge and experience, and she will be greatly missed."

Professional accolades aside, it is bringing joy to others that Auntie Phyllis sees as her greatest achievement.

"The proudest moment in my life is to put a smile in the eyes of a child. That is vital to me, so important," she said.

Auntie Phyllis looks forward to seeing Riawunna continue to grow and open out into the wider community in the future.

She also has a message for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

"I say to them be proud of who you are, not what you are. Walk tall, walk proud," she said.

"I've seen the battles they've had to face. With a lot of them I've seen the pride that has been instilled in them and I think it's that strength from that pride and self-esteem that have really helped them get through."

naisdadancecollege
PROUDLY DANCING ON DARKINJUNG LAND

DREAM DANCER CAREER

APPLICATIONS CLOSING 9 OCTOBER 2015

NAISDA Dance College is looking for the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers. If you think you are a deadly dancer this could be the career for you!

- // Australia's premier Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance College
- // Nationally accredited course
- // Full time study
- // Abstudy will assist with Audition travel and accommodation costs for eligible participants.

Visit www.naisda.com.au to download the NAISDA Audition Pack or phone **1800 117 116**.

If you have any further questions about NAISDA Dance College, please refer to the NAISDA Developing Artist Handbook (available on our website) prior to contacting NAISDA.

AUDITIONS COMMENCE 30 NOVEMBER - 4 DECEMBER 2015
APPLICATIONS CLOSING 9 OCTOBER 2015

RTO CODE: 5639

Renewal at Batchelor

BATCHELOR Institute has had a face lift. Australia's only dual sector tertiary education provider recently unveiled a new logo as it undergoes a period of renewal and refocusing.

It comes after 40 years of providing training and higher education to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Batchelor Institute chief executive Robert Somerville says it is an exciting period for Batchelor and its students as it seeks to realign itself with the education and training needs of industry and employers.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population continues to grow, and more employers are seeking to establish employment targets within their workplaces," he said.

"I believe Batchelor has an obligation to ensure that we are providing not only the people of the Northern Territory, but across Australia, with the understandings, knowledge and skills to access these opportunities.

"Industry and job growth is expanding in north Australia and Batchelor needs to ensure that it is contributing to building the workforce of the future and that means re-evaluating our



In front of the new logo are, from left, Batchelor Institute Council chair Professor Markham Rose, Batchelor Institute chief executive Robert Somerville, artist for Batchelor's first logo Isobel Windy, NT Education Minister Peter Chandler and Batchelor executive director Central Australia division Mike Crowe.

education and training programs so that they deliver the skills sets required of employers and industry. This is a task that

Batchelor is well placed to deliver, especially with our Two-Ways delivery mode that uses Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

knowledges to interpret a Western education and training system.

"Our new logo represents a renewed, refocused and

re-energised Batchelor Institute that is moving to a more sustainable, innovative and demand-driven business."

THE NGUNNAWAL CENTRE A CENTRE JUST FOR YOU

 **UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA**

The Ngunnawal Indigenous Higher Education Centre at the University of Canberra is your supportive community – a home away from home. It exists to offer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a range of pathways and on-going support throughout your university education.

Since its official opening in 1991, the centre has helped countless Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students achieve their academic and career goals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

T (02) 6201 2454

E ngunnawal@canberra.edu.au

www.canberra.edu.au/ngunnawal-centre

The Centre has a number of programs and services available:

- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program; helping students prepare for university study via UC College
- Tutorial Assistance; providing you with extra tuition if needed
- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Association; run by students for students, where you can make new friends at social and fundraising events
- Scholarships to help with the cost of education and living expenses.



Program on right track

AN Indigenous internship program that is rebuilding community trust by asking corporate Australia to make a 10-year commitment is now targeting the tertiary sector.

The CareerTrackers University 10x10 Program was launched at QUT in Brisbane by chancellor Tim Fairfax, vice-chancellor Professor Peter Coaldrake, and CareerTrackers founder and chief executive Michael Combs.

QUT has become the first university to sign a 10-year agreement with the national non-profit organisation, which has linked Indigenous university students with private sector internship opportunities since 2009.

Across Australia, QUT has the highest number of CareerTracker interns (46 this year alone) and was one of the early adopters of the program.

CareerTrackers works with 37 Australian universities to link students with 86 companies by placing them in paid internships, with the aim of moving from intern to fulltime employee on completion of their university degree.

The new University 10x10 program aims to cement the long-term future of the internships, and follows the success of a similar corporate 10x10 program.

For QUT business graduate

Andrew Niven, the program has already kickstarted his career.

Mr Niven, 22, of Manly, was CareerTrackers' national intern of the year in 2014 after completing internships with National Australia Bank and Indigenous Business Australia (IBA).

"I successfully applied for a place in IBA's graduate program during my final year of uni and transitioned straight into a job," he said.

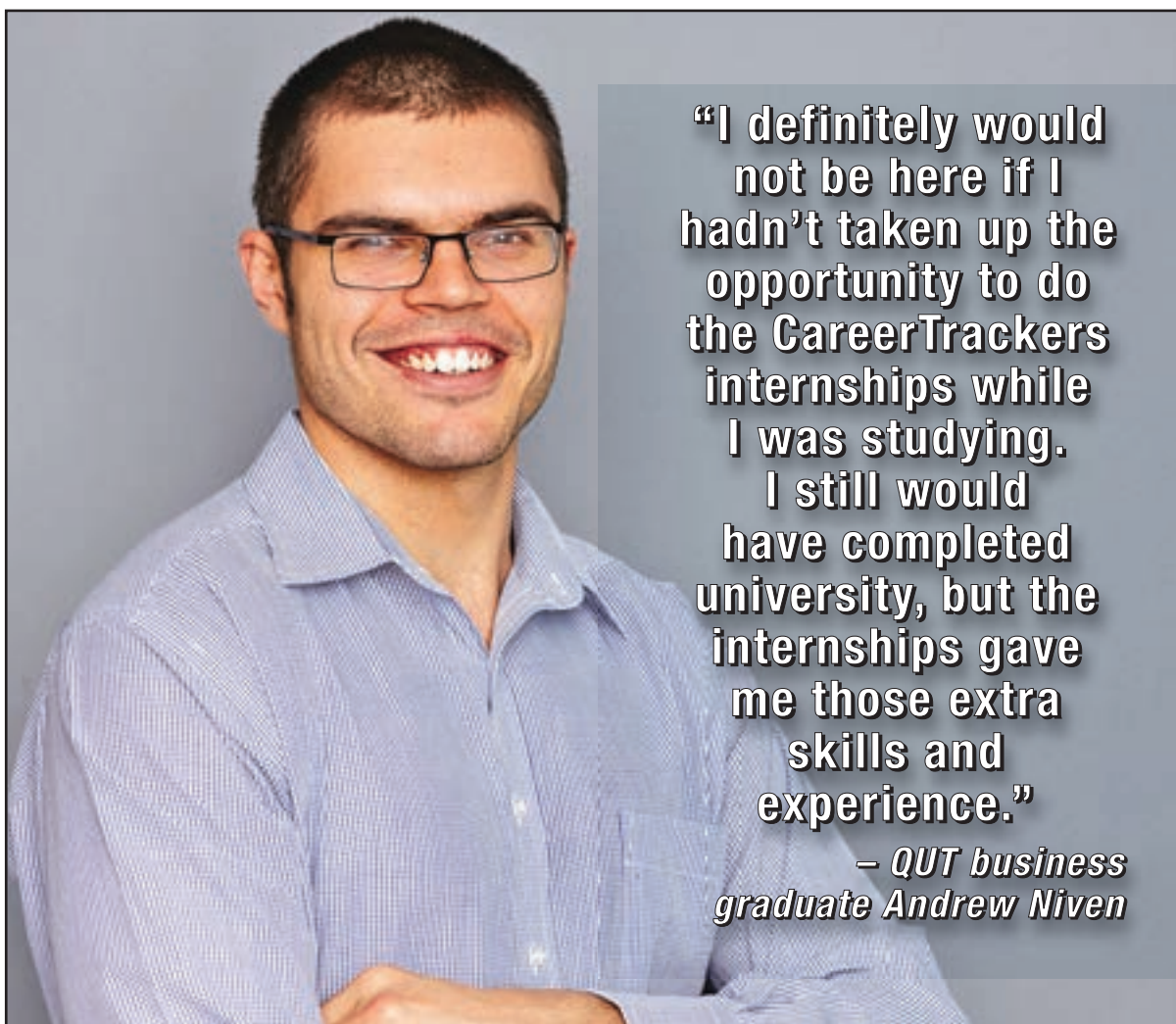
"I've now completed the graduate program and am an associate in the transactions team which helps invest IBA's investment portfolio.

"Passion"

"It's a great job because it involves project management and strategic thinking and I share IBA's passion where every transaction has both a community and financial focus.

"I definitely would not be here if I hadn't taken up the opportunity to do the CareerTrackers internships while I was studying. I still would have completed university, but the internships gave me those extra skills and experience."

Mr Niven's career highlights so far have included travelling to Cairns to represent IBA at a Northern Land Council PBC meeting where he did an investment options presentation.



"I definitely would not be here if I hadn't taken up the opportunity to do the CareerTrackers internships while I was studying. I still would have completed university, but the internships gave me those extra skills and experience."

– QUT business graduate Andrew Niven



REAL Opportunities for the mob

QUT's Oodgeroo Unit – with assistance from a team of dedicated professional and academic staff – supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their university life.

Indigenous students can apply through the Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP) – giving you access to the incredible range of degrees on offer at QUT. Enquiries for 2016 enrolments are now being accepted. Contact us today to find out more about our informal interview process, as well as the various student support programs and generous scholarships we have available.

CASP Interviews will commence from October so to discover a "whole other world" contact QUT's Oodgeroo Unit on 1800 645 513 (toll free) or email casp.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au



QUT Oodgeroo Unit

Looking to the future

By deputy vice chancellor,
Indigenous strategy and
services Professor Shane
Houston

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander students who complete their Higher School Certificate are champions! It can be an important passport to bigger things and a better life.

For many years now we have seen increasing numbers of young people getting an HSC, but only about half of these students get an ATAR – the key to university for recent school leavers. The higher the ATAR the more choices our young ones have about which university they go to and, ultimately, what future careers are open to them.

All of us play a significant role in helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students succeed. Clearly it is important for the future of our young people that families, communities, schools and universities build a strong partnership that promotes positive cultural identity, leadership and academic excellence. We owe it to these young champions to make sure that all their effort and dedication pays off.

The University of Sydney recently hosted our second Making Tomorrow forum,



Attending the Making Tomorrow forum are, from left, educator Dr Chris Sara, Bianca Williams, Simone Armstrong, Nathaniel Tamwoy and Professor Shane Houston.

bringing together more than 140 educators at schools and universities and non-government organisations from across Australia.

Strong Murri man Dr Chris Sara led an exciting conversation

about the practical and strategic things that school and university staff can do to transform schools, communities, universities and, ultimately, opportunities for our young people.

We heard from inspiring young

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who showed us that if these partnerships are well oiled and working, they will not let us down. They will grab opportunities and make us proud.

Over the next few months,

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people around the country will be sitting exams. What young ones do after high school is a big decision, and if a university degree is part of the thinking, students should look carefully at each university and make up their mind which is best for them.

There are plenty of people who can provide advice and support. I encourage students to reach out to universities, colleges, careers advisors, teachers and family for advice on next steps. Ask the hard questions of universities you are thinking about – what's their track record and how many students complete their degrees?

Summer is fast approaching, and some universities and colleges around the country offer workshops, camps and schools for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to get a taste of university.

Our young ones are going to be our future community leaders, lawyers, doctors, physicists, vets, politicians or professors.

Getting students, families, schools and universities connected and focusing on excellence is vital, and finding the right university will give these champions and our communities a brighter future.

Discover your potential

As an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person you can apply to the University of Sydney through our Cadigal Alternative Entry program.

Cadigal can help you gain entry to a course if you miss the ATAR cutoff, and provides ongoing academic and personal support once you're here. It's just one reason our Aboriginal students have the highest graduation rate of all the leading Australian universities.

Applications are now open for 2016 enrolment, for students of any age. Visit our website to discover more.

sydney.edu.au/indigenous



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



Crown fits for Murray

ORIGINALLY from Perth, Murray Riley came to Melbourne last year with his partner and young son to embark on a new life and find his career path.

"Ever since I was about 16, I wanted to live in the city of Melbourne, so my partner and I resigned from our jobs in Perth, packed up and moved cities," he said.

"Not being from Melbourne, it was important for me to find a place of employment which had cultural understanding of Aboriginal people and a real sense of community. I definitely found this at Crown."

Crown is one of Australia's largest entertainment and gaming groups.

Through Crown's Indigenous Employment Program, Mr Riley secured fulltime employment. It wasn't until he was seconded into Crown's human resources department, to assist with the recruitment and training of new employees through the Indigenous Employment Program, that he says he truly found his calling.

"I got to meet all of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees who started work at Crown and I realised how much of a passion I have for human resources," Mr Riley said.

He is now working as a table games administrator, assisting the table games training team with administrative tasks.

For Mr Riley, one of the true highlights of this role is organising the family and friends events, where new dealers invite their family and friends to Crown for an evening, to showcase the new skills they have learned in dealer school.

"I love working with the table games training team, because I get to meet new people every day," Mr Riley said.

Passion

Through his pathway at Crown, Mr Riley says he now knows where his true passion lies – in human resources.

"Once you've got your foot in the door at Crown, you are well looked after and there are just endless opportunities," he said.

"My experience at Crown has just been so awesome – it's almost hard for me to put into words."

Mr Riley's goal is now to develop his career at Crown and he aims to become one of the managers at Crown's new Sydney property, when it opens in 2019.

"I've truly found my community and my career here at Crown!" he said.



Murray Riley: "Once you've got your foot in the door at Crown, you are well looked after and there are just endless opportunities."



TO LEAD, INSPIRE AND SUPPORT SUCCESS

ACU is committed to providing support during your undergraduate or postgraduate studies. Our Indigenous Higher Education Units offer academic, personal and cultural support in a welcoming and culturally safe space. We offer flexible study options including Away From Base courses and provide a range of scholarship and bursary opportunities.

1300 ASK ACU

Start Now! Contact your nearest Indigenous Higher Education Unit at either Brisbane, Strathfield, Canberra or Melbourne.

www.acu.edu.au/indigenoussupport

Australian Catholic University – CRICOS registered provider: 00004G

Tracy puts her money where her mouth is



Tracy Saunders: "I see a lot of expectations of Koori kids being watered down ... Academically, I expect the same from everyone."

EIGHT years ago, Tracy Saunders became an Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW) after a tense meeting with non-Indigenous parents who complained about the disruptive classroom behaviour of Aboriginal students at her child's school.

Ms Saunders says the five-year-olds "didn't want to be there ... they didn't understand the rules of the game. They didn't like the rules of the game."

Some of the Aboriginal students were so difficult that she nearly quit in the first three weeks.

Four years later, Ms Saunders began exploring teacher education study options so she could move beyond being an AEW with no career pathway.

"I just started asking at the (AEW) conference 'Are you studying to be a teacher? Where do you go?' Everyone said, 'Go to ACU (Australian Catholic University) Yalbalanga.'"

Each semester, Ms Saunders does two separate weeks of intensive, residential study in Sydney – 'Res Week' – with like-minded, mainly mature-age students from across NSW. "I'm able to work, have a family

(with three children) and still study," she says.

"We all share a common story. We were tired of sitting in the back of the classroom watching the way things were being done for our kids. So we all put our money where our mouths were, basically.

The "brilliant support" for students includes workplaces granting special study leave and accommodation being organised so students can concentrate on their study.

"I have prioritised study, work and family, and anything after that sort of fell away – so no social life. Res Week is basically your social life in one hit," she says.

High expectations

Ms Saunders is looking forward to teaching, with high expectations of students, when she completes her degree next year.

"I see a lot of expectations of Koori kids being watered down ... Academically, I expect the same from everyone," she said.

As an AEW, Ms Saunders understands the importance of

community in education.

"You've got to know what's going on out in the community because you're one of the links that brings it into the school. It's their culture being acknowledged in the school space," she says.

Ms Saunders' longer-term goal is to work on improving Indigenous education policy and course content.

"I think we need more education of not just our current teachers but our pre-service teachers," she says.

"I've done four Indigenous units in my course, but I think mainstream students barely do two. It's kind of ironic.

Ms Saunders says that with a large vision "you've got to start taking bites somewhere".

"Pre-service teacher education is where I'd like to start taking the bites," she says.

The Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE) works with the MATSITI project team to support the commitment of universities to increase graduate numbers through the More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative.

ENROL NOW! APPLICATIONS OPEN

Become a teacher and leader in 2016!

#OURMOBTEACH

scholarships available

f

www.facebook.com/ourmobteach
www.twitter.com/ourmobteach

For more information visit:
matsiti.edu.au/ourmobteach16

Doors leading to jobs

A TRADES program for Yolngu people in the Northern Territory is creating jobs and helping local Indigenous people shape the future of their own communities.

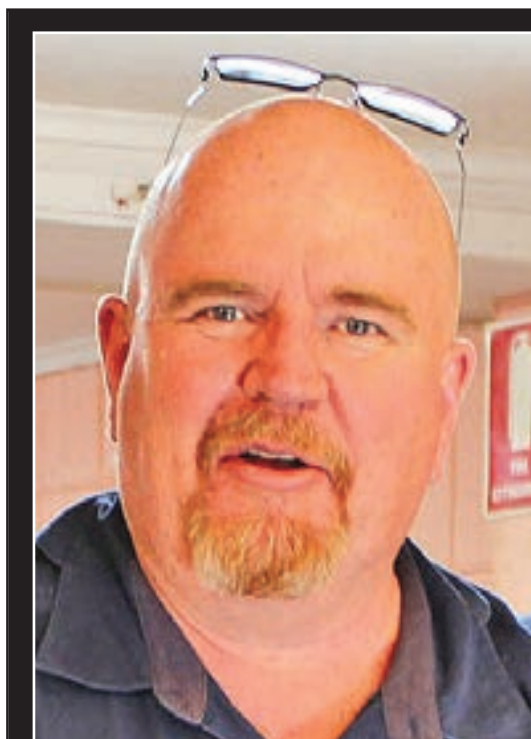
Swinburne University of Technology has partnered with the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA), the largest Indigenous employer in Australia, to deliver trade skills training in remote NT communities.

The pilot program, called Doors 2 Jobs, was launched last year and focused on repairs to windows and doors as well as the safe operation of tools and equipment.

"We had 27 students take part in the pilot program, of which 19 have been working between eight and 32 hours a week, one of the best results we've had for a remote area training program," program convenor Terry McEvoy, from Swinburne's Department of Trades and Engineering Technology, said.

"The idea was to equip local Indigenous people with the skills needed for employment with local labour hire companies."

The training is offered to locals who live on the remote islands of Milingimbi and Ramingining, in



"Working on these programs has got to be one of the most fulfilling things I've done in my career, something I'm very proud to be part of."

— Swinburne University of Technology's Terry McEvoy

the Crocodile Islands about 500km east of Darwin.

"In these communities, there is very little industry and very little employment," Mr McEvoy said.

"The day-to-day maintenance issues for public buildings and housing have been neglected due to the costs associated with

flying in skilled people to do basic repairs.

"Our plan was to create maintenance people who can report on the condition of specific properties, create maintenance programs and carry out the actual maintenance where required."

As part of the hand and power

tools training, students were required to make basic coffee tables and drawer sets.

"One of the students asked to make a bed for his pregnant wife. And as the first bed came together, many others thought they would like one as well, so they made beds for themselves

and, eventually, orders came from other people in the community," Mr McEvoy said.

The projects have not only enabled the students to be employed while learning new skills, they are filling a community need of affordable furniture and maintenance work.

"The key to the program's success is that the community is driving the learning. They tell us what they want and need and we're there to meet that need," Mr McEvoy said.

"We have very dedicated and capable staff who stay in communities for 10 to 12 weeks at a time to ensure continuity in training, and the community respects our commitment to their growth and success."

The Doors 2 Jobs program is now in its first year of operation after last year's pilot program.

Now Mr McEvoy and his staff have identified another need, resulting in Cementing their Futures, a program where locals will be taught how to box and prepare concrete, and how to test concrete strength before pouring it.

"Working on these programs has got to be one of the most fulfilling things I've done in my career, something I'm very proud to be part of," Mr McEvoy said.



SWINBURNE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Swinburne University of Technology's Indigenous Futures Collaboration project seeks to promote and support higher education in Indigenous communities.

As part of the project we are offering scholarships to encourage participation in online study. The project is funded by the Commonwealth Higher Education Participation Program.

What the scholarship covers

The scholarship funds the tuition fees for one unit in any bachelor degree offered through Swinburne Online. If the student completes the unit, the scholarship will fund tuition fees for a second unit. If the student wishes to continue their study after completing the second unit, they will be provided with support to apply for a further scholarship to complete the course.

Available courses

Bachelor degrees are available in the areas of business, communication, design, education and social science.

Visit www.swinburneonline.edu.au/courses

How to apply

For more information and to apply, contact:

Angela Burt

Swinburne HEPPP Indigenous Futures

aburt@swinburne.edu.au

We will support you through the application process.





TAFE^{NSW} WESTERN
CHANGING LIVES

GET SKILLS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

- Career training
- Gap year options
- Stepping stone to university
- Skills to get a part time job
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- TAFE at school

Enrol Now. Enrol Anytime.

90009 TAFE NSW - Western Institute.

**A BETTER FUTURE
MADE BY TAFE NSW**



TAFE^{NSW} WESTERN
CHANGING LIVES

iSmile Dental Assisting Training Program

iSmile provides Aboriginal people with training for a career in oral health.

Students commence by undertaking Certificate III in Dental Assisting (HLT31812) in conjunction with Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training (10089NAT).

On completion, a range of pathways are available to university courses such as Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) and Dental Science.

Talk to us
✉ tafeismile@tafensw.edu.au

90009 TAFE NSW - Western Institute.



TAFE^{NSW} WESTERN
CHANGING LIVES

Charles Sturt University

iCount Accounting Pathway Program

Have you considered a career in Accounting or other areas in the finance and business industry?

iCount sets you on a pathway with TAFE Western to a degree at Charles Sturt University in Business and Accounting.

TAFE Western is calling for Aboriginal students to register their interest to be a part of this exciting new program.

Talk to us
✉ tafeicount@tafensw.edu.au

90009 TAFE NSW - Western Institute.

Talk to us

☎ 1300 823 393

🌐 www.tafewestern.edu.au

📱 📷 📺 🐦



Bangamalanha CONFERENCE

26 – 28 October, Dubbo, NSW

'Share with each other'

Post-school education and training conference

Bangamalanha Conference are excited to announce the keynote speakers for 2015.

- Jeremy Donovan
- Daryl Monaghan
- Professor Mark Rose
- Michele Hall
- Lewis Burns, Master of Ceremonies

The keynote speakers for Bangamalanha Conference are passionate about Aboriginal Education, Training & Employment. They are well respected in their chosen field and are excited to share experiences, successes and initiatives that will support effective outcomes for Aboriginal peoples who have left school.

Register now

www.bangamalanha.edu.au

Follow the conversation #bangamalanha

DO YOU WANT A CAREER IN THE NSW POLICE FORCE?



INDIGENOUS POLICE RECRUITMENT OUR WAY DELIVERY



APPLY NOW FOR 2016 IPROWD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Australian Government, the NSW Police Force, TAFE NSW and Charles Sturt University are working in partnership to offer IPROWD training programs across NSW which will assist Aboriginal people to gain entry into the NSW Police Force.

Expressions of Interest are now being taken from potential applicants to register. Courses may be located at a range of locations across NSW.

TALK TO US

☎ 1300 823 393 ✉ iprowd@tafensw.edu.au 🌐 www.iprowd.tafensw.edu.au



Celebrity chef Mark Olive will be front and centre at this year's Bangamalanha Conference in Dubbo.

Bangamalanha to get a taste of Olive

CELEBRITY chef Mark Olive will bring vibrant colours and ancient outback flavours to this year's Bangamalanha Conference in Dubbo.

Mr Olive, affectionately known as 'The Black Olive', was Australia's first high-profile Aboriginal chef. He hosts his own television series *The Outback Café* on the Lifestyle Network, makes regular appearances on Network Ten's *The Circle* and even held his own master class on *MasterChef*.

His outback flavours will be a highlight of the three-day Bangamalanha Conference, which aims to provide employers, educators and trainers with a better understanding of the importance of connecting with Aboriginal people.

"I attended last year's Bangamalanha conference as guest speaker and I jumped at the chance to return at the invitation of

the organising committee because it's a great opportunity to promote our native foods," Mr Olive said.

"My passion is cooking, sharing and promoting the amazing array of native bush foods that we have in our country. I'm looking forward to being able to showcase this at the Bangamalanha Conference dinner."

"Taste sensation"

Mr Olive said the menu promises to be a "taste sensation, with our native foods the heroes".

"People will be able to have a taste of kangaroo and emu, as well as an assortment of our spices and fruits," he said. "If you want to find out more, you will have to come along to the conference!"

Bangamalanha Conference coordinator Tenesha Bell said Aboriginal artist and performer Lewis Burns had been appointed master of ceremonies for the

conference, with other guest speakers coming from Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland.

"Last year's inaugural conference was a great success," she said. "We had more than 160 delegates attend and made real progress in creating better outcomes for Aboriginal peoples and service providers."

"We want to continue to build on that momentum at this year's conference, which is already shaping up as an important tool in closing the gap Aboriginal people face when it comes to education and employment."

The Bangamalanha Conference will be held in Dubbo from October 26-28, with the conference dinner on October 27.

For details or tickets, email bangamalanha@tafensw.edu.au or call Tenesha Bell on (02) 6393 5943.

IPROWD opens doors

YOUNG Aboriginal people in western NSW are being encouraged to consider the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) program. State IPROWD coordinator Peter Gibbs believes the program offers participants a meaningful opportunity to not only pursue a career in the NSW Police Force, but to become role models in their local communities.

"IPROWD is not only an important first step to gaining entry into the NSW Police Academy at Goulburn, but it opens the doors to many different and exciting careers," he said.

"Since 2008 when IPROWD was introduced, more than 500 students have enrolled, with 70 going on to gain employment with NSW Police as frontline police officers, on the front counter at local police stations or in the community as liaison officers."

"A further 180 students have secured other types of employment and more than 50 have pursued further education, studying law, teaching, nursing and justice studies."

"These results are really pleasing because we need our young people to make positive contributions to their communities and be positive role models for other family members."

"Viable first step"

The IPROWD program is delivered at TAFE colleges across NSW, and TAFE Western Institute director Kate Baxter has urged those "searching for an exciting, action-packed career" to consider the IPROWD program as "a very real and viable first step".

"IPROWD offers participants a unique and exciting opportunity to be a part of something special," she said. "So many participants are already achieving great things in their communities, so I'm hoping those eligible will give this rewarding program some consideration."

The Federal Government recently confirmed a further \$2.5 million for the IPROWD program over the next two years.

"IPROWD is a vitally important investment for our people," Mr Gibbs said.

"It's delivering real results and this further investment will ensure a minimum of 67 more participants gain employment as probationary constables with the NSW Police Force, and up to 203 participants access a variety of other employment opportunities."

For more information, visit the website iprowd.tafensw.edu.au/



● Pictured above: IPROWD students, from left, Talisha Kuras, Shania McDonald, Ricki Johnson and Katherine Milgate.

● Pictured left: IPROWD students with senior figures including NSW Deputy Premier Troy Grant, left, and NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione (in uniform).



YOUR JOURNEY

BEGINS...

CROWN RESORTS INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Crown Resorts is the ideal place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to begin a career. Through the award winning Indigenous employment program Crown provides opportunities in diverse roles, training and ongoing support. Recently awarded the Victoria Employer of the Year award, Crown Resorts prides ourselves on offering a culturally safe place to work.

Contact us now to find out what opportunities there are for you.

Crown Melbourne

E: indigenous@crownmelbourne.com.au

W: crowncares.com.au/indigenous-employment-program

M: 0427 462 735

Crown Perth

E: indigenous@crownperth.com.au

W: crownperth.com.au/careers/indigenous-employment

M: 0438 969 232



CSU on right course

CHARLES Sturt University (CSU) says graduates from its School of Agricultural and Wine Sciences will have an excellent range of job prospects.

The NSW-based university says agriculture is facing many new challenges and demands, with skilled professionals with new ideas, new ways of learning and new ways of producing in high demand.

It says graduates from the CSU School of Agricultural and Wine Sciences will be well-trained, knowledgeable, dynamic thinkers, confident and job-ready.

CSU, Australia's largest provider of tertiary agricultural studies, has campuses in some of the most productive agricultural regions of south-eastern Australia. It says its courses are scientifically based and practically applied, giving students a solid foundation.

The CSU Agricultural Science degree course also offers students the opportunity to complete a professional placement in their fourth year. Students will have the option of choosing the organisation they go to, ensuring a connection to country and community.

CSU says the course offers a wide range of opportunities across the supply chain and the broader communication process, including in finance, science, marketing, media,



CSU Indigenous Teacher Education in Community (ITEC) students attending a residential excursion at Beni Forest, Dubbo. CSU says specific activities such as these help students to bond, develop capacity to understand the environment and provide important consolidating social interactions.

sales and information technology.

For more details, go to www.csu.edu.au/courses/agricultural-wine-sciences

The case for studying business

Managerial positions usually come with higher pay, higher status

and greater control over working conditions, but Indigenous people are underrepresented in them.

CSU says studying business courses at university is a way to get into these jobs, but there are other good reasons for Indigenous Australians to pursue business studies.

For example, the number of Indigenous enterprises has grown significantly in the past 20 years. For these enterprises to be successful, there is a strong need for Indigenous Australians with management and business-related qualifications.

CSU says non-Indigenous

organisations will increasingly demand Indigenous employees with management/business qualifications as more and more major Australian businesses develop and implement Reconciliation Action Plans.

This view is supported by Michael Newman, an Indigenous student in the Bachelor of Business (Management) degree at Charles Sturt University.

"Studying has given me the skills to progress into management and to build on the skills that I've developed over the last five years," he said. "We need a lot more Aboriginal people in management and I would encourage everyone to enrol in a management/business course."

Vanessa Sakal, also an Indigenous business student at CSU, says: "I enrolled as a mature-age student, and being a student who is married, works fulltime and has two teenage boys to juggle, it has challenges at times."

"I have been fortunate that my learning journey has been extremely rewarding as the support I've been given is priceless."

For details on the Bachelor of Business (Management) Indigenous Supported Program, call Dr Calvin Wang on (02) 6051 9786 or email cwang@csu.edu.au

CSU INDIGENOUS ACCESS PROGRAM

MAKE TRACKS AND GET STARTED ON YOUR PATHWAY TODAY...



Charles Sturt University (CSU) is offering an Indigenous Access Program. This program offers a supported pathway into university while assessing skills and suitability for academic life. The Indigenous Access Program will provide a personalised pathway for you to make tracks to a great career!

What is the Indigenous Access Program?

Successful completion of this intensive three-day program will provide entry into a range of Bachelor courses. All applicants will receive follow-up and ongoing support from the Indigenous Student Liaison Officers to ensure successful transition to university.

**Applications close
Friday 9 October 2015**

Who can participate?

Recent school leavers

Students who completed their HSC in 2014 or 2015 can attend the Port Macquarie Program on Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19 November.

Mature-aged participants can attend the Bathurst Program on Tuesday 24 - Thursday 26 November.

Travel and accommodation will be provided and there are no associated costs for eligible participants in NSW.

Places are filling fast so submit an application today! Complete the application form (either online or paper form) if you wish to attend either the Port Macquarie or Bathurst events.



For more information, contact:

Rebecca King
Bathurst: 02 6338 4523

Nina Cass
Port Macquarie: 02 6582 9362

Email: isc@csu.edu.au
Visit: www.csu.edu.au/iap

**Charles Sturt
University**

Helping our students soar to new heights

WIRLTU Yarlū Aboriginal Education at the University of Adelaide is situated in the heart of traditional Kaurna country in South Australia. In the language of the Kaurna people, Wirltu Yarlū translates to 'Sea Eagle'.

Wirltu Yarlū says it encourages its mob to "soar to new heights" through a number of unique programs.

The centre is responsible for running the University Preparatory Program (UPP), a free, one-year program that prepares

participants for further tertiary study.

UPP, taught by Indigenous lecturers in Adelaide and Port Augusta, celebrates its 20th year of operation in 2016.

Wirltu Yarlū also runs an alternative entry pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wanting to study at university. Called the Aboriginal Access Scheme, it supports students with scholarships, financial and Centrelink assistance, accommodation, counselling, education



Wirltu Yarlū students enjoy their study the University of Adelaide in South Australia.

and academic needs.

Wirltu Yarlū administers the Indigenous Tutorial

Assistance Scheme (ITAS), which provides eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

students with weekly personal tutoring for subjects they are enrolled in.

As well, Wirltu Yarlū offers an Indigenous Knowledges and Society major which can be studied as part of a Bachelor of Arts, or as electives within other degrees at the University of Adelaide.

The Indigenous Knowledges and Society courses, taught by Indigenous lecturers, explore issues relating to culture, language, history, politics, and society through local and international

perspectives.

Students at Wirltu Yarlū may be supported through overseas study tours, internships and cadetship opportunities.

Applications for 2016 open mid-October.

Wirltu Yarlū Aboriginal Education is at the University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus, Adelaide, and the Port Augusta Learning Centre, Port Augusta.

For details, free call 1800 651 763, phone (08) 8313 3623, fax (08) 8313 4396, email wirltu.yarlū@adelaide.edu.au or go to www.adelaide.edu.au/wirltu-yarlū

For details, free call 1800 651 763, phone (08) 8313 3623, fax (08) 8313 4396, email wirltu.yarlū@adelaide.edu.au or go to www.adelaide.edu.au/wirltu-yarlū



THE UNIVERSITY
of ADELAIDE



Soar to new heights...

at the University of Adelaide

Aboriginal Access Entry Scheme

Wirltu Yarlū offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples an alternative pathway for entry into all our university undergraduate degree programs.

Student Support

- > Student Services Officers
- > Accommodation Services
- > Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS)
- > Counselling Services
- > Student computer suites
- > Student community events

Wirltu Yarlū University Preparatory Program (UPP)

This is a FREE one year university preparation program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students over 17 years old. The program can lead to a successful transition into undergraduate degree programs.

CASM—Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music

The CASM Foundation program for aspiring Indigenous music students offers a clear pathway to either the Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Talk to us

Freecall: 1800 651 763 Phone: 08 8313 3623
Email: wirltu.yarlū@adelaide.edu.au
web: www.adelaide.edu.au/wirltu_yarlū

adelaide.edu.au

seek LIGHT



Wirltu Yarlū
Aboriginal Education



UTS BUSINESS SCHOOL

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Join this new, innovative degree for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals. Improve your knowledge, capabilities and confidence to become a business leader of tomorrow.

- > Build on your existing corporate, public sector or indigenous community organisation work experience
- > Study in small, supportive classes taught by world-class academics
- > 6 intensive weeks per year over 3 years, with the flexibility of Diploma or Advanced Diploma options
- > Balance work and other commitments with your study
- > Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders throughout Australia with travel, meals and accommodation support for eligible students
- > Award-winning learning and support facilities in the heart of Sydney
- > Direct entry via interview - no ATAR required
- > Enrolments now open to start in February 2016

For more information contact UTS Business School at business@uts.edu.au or visit bba.uts.edu.au



UTS CRICOS PROVIDER CODE 00099F 19971



Alexandria Park Community School (Sydney) Aboriginal education officers Deb Daley and Hilton Donovan.

'Uncle Hilt' celebrates milestone

HILTON Donovan is a name any Aboriginal person from Redfern and surrounding areas would know. That's just what happens when you have been the Aboriginal education officer at Alexandria Park Community School (formerly Cleveland Street High), in central Sydney, for a quarter of a century.

Since 1994, 'Uncle Hilt' has also been joined professionally by Deb Daley, another stalwart of the Redfern community who originally hails from the town of Tingha in northern NSW.

Over three decades, they have seen the bar raised for Aboriginal educational standards and they credit a renewed pride in Aboriginal identity being linked to academic achievement and overall school retention for Indigenous students.

Last month, Mr Donovan quietly celebrated the 25th anniversary of his work with Indigenous students at Alexandria Park Community School.

Hailing from Macksville in northern NSW, he started his professional career as an apprentice auto-engineer.

Mr Donovan's footballing ability brought him to the 'big smoke' as a teenager in 1975 when he was recruited by the Newtown Jets, who at that time were one of the stronger clubs in the NSW Rugby League (now NRL).

He played for the Jets until 1983 and continued to work as an auto-engineer around the inner Sydney area.

Then he was recruited short-term as the Aboriginal education assistant back at Macksville High School when his cousin Lynette went on study leave.

He was chosen to travel to many Aboriginal communities throughout Australia and saw first-hand the diversity and complexity of different communities.

Mr Donovan was contacted by his sister and told to apply for a job at what was then Cleveland Street High School back in Sydney, where an Aboriginal education assistant was needed. At the time the school had a poor reputation – something that's since been reversed.

In his time, Mr Donovan and Ms Daley – 'Aunty Deb' – have seen the school change its name to Alexandria Park Community School and eventually embrace the identity of the school's many

Indigenous students.

"Now we thrive on Aboriginal pride being part of the day-to-day running of the school," Ms Daley says.

Alexandria Park school now has six Aboriginal staff, and it also credits organisations such as NASCA, AIME, Babana and Tribal Warrior for helping with its success.

"Now we thrive on Aboriginal pride being part of the day-to-day running of the school."
– 'Aunty Deb' Daley



Naomi Broom and Khaila-Rose Prior, who both work for Legal Aid NSW, are undertaking the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) course at UTS.

UTS group gets down to business

THE first group of students in a new business degree designed specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals are now in their second semester of study at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

The Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) is aimed at Indigenous professionals who have experience but want to add a degree qualification to their CV.

The initial group of 14 students ranges in age from people in their 20s through to their 50s, with backgrounds as diverse as government and the mining industry.

They have come from all points of the compass for the program, which is being taught in flexible 'block' or residential mode to give students the flexibility of studying while continuing to work and balance other responsibilities.

The program – the equivalent of three years' full-time study – covers the core functions of management and business administration, giving students the opportunity to explore various divisions and responsibilities and how to operate effectively in a dynamic global business environment.

Student Clarence Slockee, who works in environmental education with the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, is hoping the BBA will help him into a higher managerial role. He says he is enjoying the degree so far, and welcomes the block mode of delivery.

Naomi Broom, a grants officer at Legal Aid NSW, is also keen to move ahead, and sees the BBA as a great way to do this. She praised the other BBA students, saying there is a real support network between each other.

Khaila-Rose Prior also works at Legal Aid NSW, as a project officer in human resources. Like the other BBA students, she wants to get ahead. "I know that in order for me to progress within my career within the public service I need a qualification, so I thought this degree would give me a really good underpinning to help me advance," she says.

Christian Hampson is regional manager in the heritage division of the Office of Environment and Heritage. As a senior



BBA student Christian Hampson.



BBA student Clarence Slockee.

manager, he's keen to move to the executive level and sees the BBA as the way to do this, as well as network and meet other Aboriginal people.

For more details on the BBA, go to www.uts.edu.au/future-students/business/business-study-areas/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-business



UTS: JUMBUNNA
INDIGENOUS HOUSE OF LEARNING

JUMBUNNA directentry PROGRAM

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GO TO UNI



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2016

“Through Jumbunna’s direct entry program, I was prepared for my studies, to see what Uni life is about, what is expected to get through my degree and whether Uni is for me. My future has changed a lot since coming to Uni; it has opened up many doors of opportunity and hopefully many more to come.”

Chris Combridge Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science

DIRECT ENTRY

Future Students: UTS Direct Entry

Whether you're a current school leaver, (with or without an ATAR), a recent school leaver or mature aged, you can apply for direct entry to undergraduate degrees at UTS.

Our Direct Entry Program offers you an opportunity to show your capability for higher education through a testing, assessment and interview process.

Closing dates of program – 30th October

Three day program – 17th -19th November

Contact our Outreach Officers for more information:
atsirecruitment@uts.edu.au or call (toll free)
1800 064 312

Visit: jumbunna.uts.edu.au



Kahli King Elliot with Dr Sue Gordon at the Western Australian Training Awards in Perth.

WA title to Kahli

A FORMER Kununurra student has been named Western Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year 2015 at the WA Training Awards held in Perth.

Kahli King Elliot, now living in Pinjarra, began a two-year traineeship with the WA Police Academy in Perth in 2014 and is also a graduate of the Follow the Dream: Partnership for Success after-school education support program, a partnership between The Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation, the WA Department of Education and Rio Tinto.

In addition to her police cadet traineeship, Ms King Elliot also works as an Australian Navy Cadets staff member at Training Ship Perth in Fremantle.

President and patron of The Graham Farmer Foundation Sue Gordon said the award was well deserved, and "a testament to Ms King Elliot's excellent work ethic

and passion for her industry".

"The judging panel were extremely impressed with Kahli's application, and in her interview were moved by the drive she has to inspire others," Dr Gordon said.

In accepting the award, Ms King Elliot thanked the other finalists, the WA Police Service for the opportunity to become a police cadet, her mentors in the WA Police and her family for their support, including her grandparents who flew to Perth from Kununurra to be with her at the awards night.

Proud

Ms King Elliot said she was proud to represent Aboriginal people and the WA Police.

As part of the award, she received a \$5000 grant to help her continue to achieve her goals and aspirations, and has been invited to participate in the Australian Training Awards in Hobart this November.

AFTRS

2016 FLEXIBLE & ONLINE COURSES

2016 BACHELOR OF ARTS (SCREEN)

2016 MASTERS PROGRAMS

SHORT COURSES

email the School for more details:
indigenous@aftrs.edu.au



AUSTRALIAN FILM TELEVISION OF RADIO SCHOOL





THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA

national leaders in higher education welcome Indigenous students

2014/9444 | CRICOS Provider Code 00109J

The University of Newcastle are National Leaders in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education.

Studying at the University of Newcastle you will share an educational experience with a community of over 1000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, staff and Elders, which is why we are recognised as a leader in higher education.

The Wollotuka Institute provides students with a community that shares their academic journey within a tertiary environment, celebrating success and together overcoming any challenges that may occur. For many students it is a 'home away from home'.

"...so thank you to all of you who make Wollotuka run, who add to the community spirit, who welcome the students who are without families of their own, and the wonderful lessons you offer both inside and outside of classrooms" (Student Feedback, October 2013)

**For information on how to join our community at any three locations:
Newcastle, Central Coast and Port Macquarie, call 02 4921 6863 or
go to www.newcastle.edu.au/indigenous**

THE
WOLLOTUKA
INSTITUTE

Business good at ANU

STUDENTS at the Australian National University (ANU) College of Business and Economics have the opportunity to learn from some of the finest academics in the world.

The Graduate Certificate of Management (GCM) offered by the ANU college comprises four business and management courses, and can be undertaken full-time and completed in one semester or part-time over a year. The courses can be taken on campus or online, or a combination of both.

Flexible

ANU says the GCM has flexible admission requirements, and can be taken as a stand-alone program or used as a springboard into other programs such as the MBA, Master of Management, Master of Project Management or Master of Commerce.

According to the 2014 Global University Survey, ANU graduates are the most employable of all Australian universities.

To find out more about the Graduate Certificate of Management, visit cbe.anu.edu.au/business-management or speak to one of the representatives at the Postgraduate Information Evening from 4-7pm on October 15, at ANU University House, or register at cbe.anu.edu.au/pie

For scholarships, see cbe.anu.edu.au/scholarships, and for Commonwealth supported places, see cbe.anu.edu.au/csp



Research students at the Australian National University in Canberra.



**Australian
National
University**



**BRILLIANT CAREERS
START HERE
APPLY NOW FOR 2016**

Scholarship applications open 1 October 2015

Image Brogan Goode, ANU College of Business and Economics
Undergraduate Scholarship for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Student

ANU graduates have been rated as the most employable in Australia, and among the best in the world*.

The ANU College of Business & Economics offers a range of flexible study options:

- > accounting
- > actuarial studies
- > business administration
- > business information systems
- > commerce
- > corporate sustainability
- > economics
- > finance
- > international business
- > statistics
- > management
- > marketing

Submit your application by visiting uac.edu.au

Scholarships

We offer a number of undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships to offset some of the costs of studying at ANU.

Applications for the ANU College of Business & Economics Undergraduate Scholarship and Graduate Scholarship for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students open on 1 October 2015.

Available scholarships are listed online at anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-support

Information

E domestic.cbe@anu.edu.au W cbe.anu.edu.au



900 expected at conference

THE National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference (NATSIEC) in

Melbourne this November 10-13 will bring together a network of 900 leaders and educators from across Australia to share knowledge and work towards goals of community empowerment and local ownership.

NATSIEC is held in a different city every two years, and the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI) is proud to bring the conference to the land of the Kulin Nation.

VAEAI's belief in holistic approaches to education is reflected through a diverse program spanning early childhood through to higher education, innovative online approaches to learning, and alternative models, such as arts education for Indigenous prisoners.

VAEAI sees NATSIEC 2015 as a timely opportunity to reflect on the progress achieved through the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Policy (AEP), now in its 26th year.

In the mid-1980s, just 1% of

Aboriginal students passed Year 12. This figure led to the development of a national policy in 1989.

Panelists Paul Hughes, Chris Robinson and Peter Buckskin, who were each instrumental in the development of the AEP, will come together at NATSIEC 2015 to reflect on its impact and consider how Indigenous communities can shape the future of education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families.

Speakers

Keynote speakers will include Lois Peeler, who led the development of the first independent Aboriginal secondary school in the early 1980s, Esme Bamblett, chief executive of the Aborigines Advancement League which is one of the first Aboriginal community-controlled organisations in the country, and Benson Saulo, the first Aboriginal person to be appointed the Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations.

NATSIEC 2015 will feature more than 80 interactive sessions and presentations by organisations such

as the Stronger Smarter Institute, LIME (Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education), and the First Nations Foundation, which will present on financial literacy. Topics include 'Aboriginal English: An Expression of Social and Cultural Identity' (Robyn Ober), 'High Expectations – A Culture That Creates Community' (Judd Burgess and Jason Pritchard) and 'International Research Collaborations and Connections Between First Nations Academics' (Dr Sandy O'Sullivan).

An emphasis on cultural learning will see artists Vicki Couzens and Lee Daroch create a possum skin cloak on site and seven cultural programs for delegates to choose from.

The opening ceremony will feature performances by Lou Bennett, who is an advocate for the revitalisation of Aboriginal language through song, and renowned Archie Roach. The gala dinner will include a performance by Dan Sultan.

For more conference details and to register, go to natsiecvic.com.au

Daen Ellis attended the World Indigenous Peoples Conference: Education 2008 which was also hosted by the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. Picture: Wayne Quilliam



NATSIEC 2015

THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

November 10 – 13
Pullman & Mercure Hotel,
Albert Park, Melbourne

VAEAI Register at: natsiecvic.com.au

A network of 900 leaders and educators from across Australia

Over 80 interactive sessions and presentations

7 Cultural Programs to choose from

Artist in residence **Vicki Couzens** creating a possum skin cloak on site

Opening Ceremony with performances by **Lou Bennett** and **Archie Roach**

A Gala Dinner to remember with a special performance by **Dan Sultan**

Women realise dreams

MAKING the choice to study at university can be overwhelming, but it could be the best thing that you choose to do. It was for these two women.

Dr Virginia Marshall's tertiary education journey started at TAFE because she left school in Year 10. After completing two Certificate IVs she started to think about enrolling into university.

"I commenced university in 1997 after having applied for three courses hoping that I might be offered one of them. When I was offered three places, I ended up doing three undergraduate degrees concurrently, which was a real challenge," she said.

Dr Marshall completed each of those three degrees and went on to do a graduate diploma, a masters and then a doctorate.

"I have had four graduations at the University of Wollongong (UOW), and every one of them became an important step in my journey towards my doctorate," she said. "A strong highlight of my UOW journey was being admitted into the Golden Key Honour Society, which recognises outstanding scholastic achievement."

Dr Bronwyn Carlson, also a UOW graduate, has a similar story to tell. At age 30 and with four children to support, she decided to do research on her



University of Wollongong success stories Dr Bronwyn Carlson, left, and Dr Virginia Marshall.

family. Dr Carlson made contact with Woolyungah Indigenous Centre (WIC) and after speaking with the student support officer

decided to apply for the Alternative Admissions Program.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Aboriginal

Studies (distinction) before going on to receive first class honours in sociology. In 2012, Dr Carlson finished her PhD.

The Stanner Award is presented every two years to the best academic manuscript written by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander author. Dr Carlson won it in 2013 for her thesis titled *The politics of identity: who counts as Aboriginal today* and Dr Marshall won the 2015 Stanner Award for her manuscript titled *A web of Aboriginal water rights: examining the competing Aboriginal claim for water property rights and interests in Australia*. Both works will be published by Aboriginal Studies Press in 2016.

Support

Both of these women made sacrifices and juggled family and work in order to achieve their educational dreams. They were also lucky enough to have each other as support during their time at UOW, partnered with the support of WIC.

Their message to any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person thinking of studying?

Dr Marshall says: "Make every effort to build up strong networks. If you find yourself in a difficult situation, reach out to others – don't bear the burden alone."

And Dr Carlson says: "If you are contemplating study at university, I encourage you to do so. There is nothing more liberating than knowledge."



SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS THROUGH ACADEMIC SUCCESS WOOLYUNGAH INDIGENOUS CENTRE

Woolyungah Indigenous Centre is the University's Centre responsible for Indigenous student recruitment, access and support. Our programs aim to foster equity by supporting Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples from entry to University, through to successful completion.

WIC offers an alternative pathway into UOW's Undergraduate and Enabling courses through our Alternative Admissions Program. Applications are now open for study in 2016. Closing date is October 26, 2015.

For further information, contact our team.

CONTACT US:

Phone: (02) 4221 3776
wic-enquiries@uow.edu.au
www.uow.edu.au/wic



**UNIVERSITY OF
WOLLONGONG**
WOOLYUNGAH
INDIGENOUS CENTRE



Key pathways to Monash

Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS)

DoTS is an alternative entry pathway to Monash. It is a one-year program that is equivalent to the first year of a university undergraduate course.

Successfully completing DoTS, with the required average, allows you to enter directly into the second year of a selected range of Monash courses. DoTS provides the choice, flexibility and support you need for success at university. You will begin studying towards your chosen degree from day one, and have the flexibility to choose a stream that interests you from business, business administration, education or nursing.

Unlike many other university courses, your DoTS application is based on more than just your Year 12 score, and takes into account your life experience, drive, and desire to succeed at university. This makes DoTS a terrific option if you didn't get the ATAR you expected, or if you are looking to return to university as a TAFE graduate or mature aged student.

Entry requirements

To apply for DoTS you need to have:

- completed Year 12 with an ATAR of at least 50, or
- completed a graded TAFE certificate IV with a distinction (70%) average or a graded TAFE diploma with a credit (60%) average, and
- ensure that you have met the English and mathematics prerequisites, and
- complete an online supplementary form telling us why you want to study at Monash.

Indigenous programs

Monash is committed to increasing access and success for Indigenous Australians.

The Indigenous Enabling Program (IEP)

The Indigenous Enabling Program is designed for students whose ATAR score falls below the minimum requirements for entry to their preferred degree, and for those who are seeking mature-age entry and have not completed Year 12.

The program runs for one semester and consists of three units of study and an assisted tutorial program designed to develop the study skills needed to enter an undergraduate degree. This program is ABSTUDY-approved for full-time students.

If you successfully complete the Indigenous Enabling Program you will then be able to enrol in a Monash undergraduate degree.

Indigenous Non-Award Pathway (INAP)

In this pathway we assist you to choose and enrol in two first-year university units.

Successful completion of these two units enables you to enrol in a Monash undergraduate degree with credit for these two units. We provide you with a tutor for each of your units to help you make a successful transition to university study. INAP is also suitable for adults returning to study.

For further information on admissions, pathways and scholarships available at Monash University, please contact the Indigenous Student Recruitment Coordinator, Kristel Keleher at kristel.keleher@monash.edu or 9905 8699.

For more information please visit: monash.edu/study/life/indigenous



Stephanie Lilardia Jane Briggs

Stephanie Briggs has a strong family connection to Monash. Not only did her mother study at the university, but one of the Clayton campus's residential halls is named in honour of her great grandmother, Yorta Yorta Elder and renowned community activist, the late Geraldine Briggs AO.

But it wasn't the family ties alone that enticed Stephanie to study at Monash. She is now studying a Bachelor of Arts, focusing on Indigenous studies and anthropology, having completed the Indigenous Enabling Program, a one-semester course comprising two Monash College units and one university-level unit. As for the future, Stephanie has ambitious achievements she wants to reach, if not definite plans just yet.

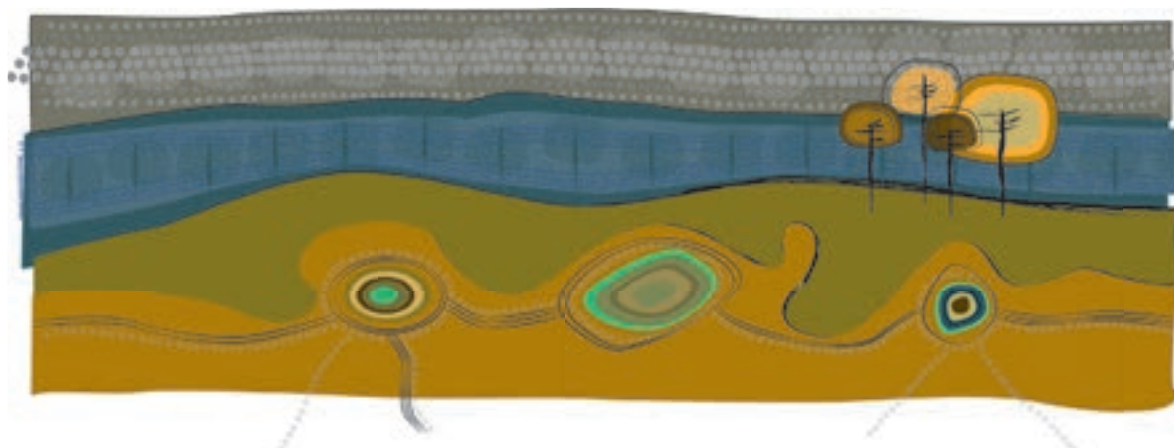
"I was happy with the courses and units provided... and I felt that I had support to start and finish my studies from the very beginning," Stephanie says.

"The program allowed me to enhance my writing skills as well as get used to the design of university and fully prepare myself for it. During this semester, I was able to move onto campus with the aid of a scholarship. Coming from a big family, moving away from home really helped me focus on my studies," Stephanie explains.

"I'd love to travel. And work in Indigenous affairs. I look forward to the time I will be able to help my community and the wider Indigenous communities with what I have learnt in my time at university."

Advice for students

A couple of words of advice I would give any future students are to be focused and determined. Be the best student you can be now. Don't wait until you get to uni, or don't just do the minimum workload. If you start doing the hard work as soon as you can, it would make everything following that so much easier and you can look back on all your hard work with pride.



CRICOS provider: Monash University 00008C



MONASH University

Support at St Teresa's

ST TERESA'S College, Abergowrie is a Catholic secondary boys boarding college in the Herbert River Valley, 38km from Ingham in far north Queensland.

The college, on Warrgamay land, includes students from the Australian mainland, islands and Papua New Guinea. More than 40 communities are represented and as many as 70 languages and dialects are spoken.

While the religious context of the college is Catholic, many other religious and cultural traditions are represented. The college says they "enrich the living of the message of Jesus Christ and strengthen the embrace, truth and challenge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the college community".

For more than 80 years the college has played a major role in the development of the young men who have attended.

St Teresa's operates on the premise that students are, first and foremost, their parents' son and

that family is paramount.

"Consequently we are conscious that we are entrusted not only with educational expectations, but with the care and welfare of the whole person," the college says.

St Teresa's has a strong pastoral care program based on the development of a Christian environment for students. "It enables boys to live with the residential community and to realise their potential in the academic life of the college."

Strengths

St Teresa's says successful transition from primary to secondary school has always been one of its strengths. "Our first priority is always to ensure students feel comfortable and secure in our environment, as this is widely recognised as having a significant impact on academic development."

The college is now accepting students for 2016. It says places are filling fast. For details and to get an enrolment pack, contact the college on (07) 4780 8300.



Students at St Teresa's College, Abergowrie. The college says it has a strong pastoral care program based on the development of a Christian environment for students, enabling boys to live with the residential community and to realise their potential in the academic life of the college.

ST TERESA'S COLLEGE

— A B E R G O W R I E —



NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
PLACES FILLING FAST

AN ALL BOYS CATHOLIC SECONDARY BOARDING SCHOOL | YEAR 7 - 12

P 07 4780 8300

| www.abergowrie.catholic.edu.au





Sadie Heckenberg at Kūkaniloko Heiau. Kūkaniloko is the centre piko (navel) of O'ahu and one of only two sites in the Hawaiian Islands where Kapu Ali'i chiefs were born.

Protecting knowledge

WIRADJURI (NSW) woman and Fulbright Scholar Sadie Heckenberg, from the University of South Australia's David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education, has spent the past 12 months in Hawaii completing her scholarship in the area of indigenous oral history.

Now studying a PhD titled 'Nothing About Us Without Us: Protecting Indigenous Knowledges through Oral Histories and Culturally Safe Research Practices', Ms Heckenberg hopes her research will contribute to dialogue on Indigenous knowledge protection.

"I have found that Indigenous communities are very interested in my work for our rights in protection of our copyright and intellectual property," she said.

"I work very closely with Elders and I think writing Elders' stories and helping to protect their knowledge is vital to the

continuation of our community knowledge, our culture and our traditional values.

"It is important in terms of Indigenous cultural sovereignty that Indigenous people own the copyright and intellectual property to their own knowledge.

"Often once researchers have been into communities and published work based on knowledge collected in those Indigenous communities, the copyright becomes that of the researcher, or their organisation, instead of the intellectual property of those it came from."

Practices

Ms Heckenberg wants to change this and ensure that future researchers undertake and maintain culturally safe practices to protect Indigenous communities and cultures.

Reflecting on her time in Hawaii, Ms Heckenberg believes she was able to engage with and explore different experiences

due to her indigeneity.

"I was able to participate in programs and events that many others either would not have been invited to or may have had no interests in," she said.

"I have gained my own Kūpuna (grandparents or elders) who make sure I am well. Being completely introspective, I think being a native person means you are almost always looking at the culture beneath the norm. I fully discovered this in Hawaii.

"I sought the company of my peers, of native/indigenous people with whom I could honestly reflect, and I think this bought a real-ness and honesty to my work that may not have been there otherwise."

The University of South Australia offers a range of programs including a Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Cultures and Australian Studies) and postgraduate and research qualifications in Aboriginal Studies.

Meaningful connections

INDIGENOUS STUDIES AT UNISA

Be inspired by experienced academics and expand your understanding of the past as you build the future of Australia with our Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Cultures and Australian Society) or a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters in Aboriginal Studies.

Offering flexible study options, including online delivery, practical learning opportunities and pathways into the Master of Teaching, you will develop the skills and knowledge required to make a difference and empower local communities.

Apply now to start in 2016. For more information visit unisa.edu.au/meaningful-connections

Indigenous artwork depicting South Australia, painted by Chris Ackland and UniSA students during 2014 Reconciliation Week.



**University of
South Australia**



20-year plan to reach top

RMIT student Kim Lovegrove is on a mission to succeed. She's got a 20-year plan to make it to the top, and is getting there with a kickstart from a scholarship supported through RMIT's Annual Appeal.

The Melbourne-based university's appeal helps many disadvantaged students with valuable scholarships.

Ms Lovegrove said she overcame many challenges when she moved from Adelaide to study marketing at RMIT.

"There was the financial hardship I faced trying to save as much money as I could, and the challenges of finding and moving into my new place, plus getting all of my textbooks and making sure I had the right programs on my laptop," she said.

"I moved by myself, so I didn't really have anyone I could talk to, just a cousin who lives four hours from Melbourne.

"I received a scholarship to support my studies and it definitely motivates me to work harder. I think that's what most

people who get scholarships are like – they are people who are determined and have that persistence to work their hardest.

"My cousin was the one who gave me this inspirational quote (pictured at right) to put on my wall. Last year I was finding it difficult to keep concentrating. I had my family telling me, 'You can do it! We believe in you!' but they live so far away.

"Inspirational"

"I'm a motivated person and I don't want anything to push my plans backwards, so this quote is very inspirational. When it gets a little hectic or when I have assignments to do, it's a physical reminder for me to stay motivated.

"It also reminds me to think of my 20-year plan for what I want to do after university. Within the first five years, I want to get my degree done, then do some employment experience around the city of Melbourne and eventually move over to Sydney to work at a major record

label in music public relations.

"My end goal is to be CEO of a record label in either Australia or America.

"I am very much into giving back into the community because they've helped me so much, so that's what I want to do for RMIT.

"I work with the Ngarara Willim Centre, and earlier on with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Research Advisory Group. At the moment I'm speaking to the student union about creating an Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander club, because there's not a lot of clubs where the Indigenous students can go and feel welcome.

"I was also approached to be a student representative of RMIT, because I went to a small career expo and I spoke about how awesome RMIT is. I told the students, 'You may not feel like university is for you, because you may think it's all for high-achievers, but RMIT can build you up to being a high achiever.' That's actually what RMIT has done for me in the last year."



RMIT student Kim Lovegrove with the quote that keeps her on track.



WESTERN SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY



UNLIMITED.

We believe in a world of unlimited opportunity. Where the potential for success is unlimited for those with drive, talent, confidence and ambition. Success starts here.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can apply directly to Western Sydney University through the Badanami Alternative Entry Program.

Testing for commencement in 2016 will be held on 16–17 November.

PHONE 1300 937 837
WESTERNSYDNEY.EDU.AU/INDIGENOUS

She's inspiring others

KAYTLIN Kelly, a Tjupan woman from Tjupany country on her mother's side and a Nyoongar woman from the south-west of Australia on her father's side, is using her degree to inspire others.

Currently studying for a Bachelor of Education at the University of Canberra, Ms Kelly says the course has given her the opportunity to realise her dream of working with, and encouraging, children from Indigenous and low-socio economic backgrounds.

"I have received a tremendous amount of support from the university's Ngunnawal Centre and its staff," she said.

"It has exposed me to a number of new opportunities and shaped me into the strong leader I am today."

Volunteer

While her study program is full-on, Ms Kelly says she always finds time to work as a volunteer with the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience. In her role as a mentor, she encourages young children to attend and enjoy school. Ms Kelly says she achieves this by facilitating fun, educational activities that revolve around health and fitness and, importantly, embracing and learning Indigenous culture.

Ms Kelly believes students are stronger than they think and that education empowers people.

"After all, our ancestors were warriors, and we have their blood running through our veins," she says.

"Let us be the new warriors, where our new weapon is knowledge. Let's use this to lead and create a stronger way for our people."



University of Canberra student Kaytlin Kelly: "Let us be the new warriors, where our new weapon is knowledge."



Indigenous Arts Management graduates Rheanna Port and Ben Graetz. Photography by Jorge de Araujo

Enhance your career in the visual and performing arts

The Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development plays a vital role in connecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists with a pathway to tertiary studies in visual and performing arts.

As part of the Victorian College of the Arts and the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, the Centre is able to provide support to future students through relocation assistance, referrals to specialist Indigenous organisations, pastoral support, financial advice, personal advocacy, advice and advocacy regarding student allowances through Abstudy, and promotion and development of Indigenous scholarships and grants.

Applications are now open for all graduate courses.

If you'd like to make an application please contact the team at wilin-centre@unimelb.edu.au or visit the website.

vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/future_students

Wilin



She's helping to close gaps

CLOSING gaps in Aboriginal education is a high priority for University of New England nursing graduate and Vice-Chancellor's Scholar Samantha Snow.

Ms Snow, who is from Urunga in NSW, is one of several VC's Scholars who act as mentors in the Peer Support initiative which complements UNE's Oorala Aboriginal Centre's TRACKS Tertiary Preparation Program.

As high-achieving students at UNE, VC's Scholars have had the opportunity to provide personal and academic support to TRACKS students through the Peer Support initiative funded by the VC's Scholar program.

"It is truly a privilege that I am in a position where I can assist students in the TRACKS program", Ms Snow said. "You get to know their story."

Ms Snow met with students

during TRACKS Orientation, where she gave presentations and offered advice to students on assignment preparation and other academic or practical support for their studies.

She also caught up with the students in Q&A sessions through Skype, which she says were productive.

"The key is to offer support and guidance at every opportunity so that students can utilise my experience as a resource to give them the best chance of success in their study."

"I could answer questions directly," she said.

The TRACKS students in turn learned from Ms Snow how her own studies have taken her into her nursing career, which she recently started with a major hospital in Sydney.

"The opportunity to provide

peer support in the TRACKS Program has been positive and rewarding," she said.

"I have learned that students who are just starting university could benefit from many kinds of advice or support, and whatever support I offer will be appreciated by students in some way."

Referring to her mentoring role, Ms Snow believes in "being there" for the TRACKS students. "The key is to offer support and guidance at every opportunity so that students can utilise my experience as a resource to give them the best chance of success in their study," she said.

To find out more about TRACKS, go to www.une.edu.au/orala/

● **Oorala will have an information stall at this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Dubbo from October 2-5.**



University of New England nursing graduate Samantha Snow continues to mentor TRACKS students. The Vice-Chancellor's Scholar program, of which Ms Snow is a part, has been running since 2013. To find out more, go to www.une.edu.au/vc-scholar/



Tahnia Scott-Postle, TRACKS student from Armidale, NSW

Make Education Part of Your Story

The Oorala Aboriginal Centre, at the University of New England (UNE), offers programs and support to help you achieve your dream.

Study from home or on campus, and be part of UNE's community of more than 600 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who share your goals and interests.

Oorala supports your study at UNE and our entry programs can help you start the course of your choice.*

Entry programs available at Oorala include the:

- **TRACKS Tertiary Preparation Program**[^] - a year-long course that develops your skills for university study.
- **Internal Selection Program (ISP)**[~] - a one day university entry testing program.

Contact us today and begin the next part of your story. Apply now to start studying 2 November, 2015 or Trimester 1, 2016.

For further information visit

- une.edu.au/orala-courses
- une.edu.au/askUNE or freecall 1800 622 384

Find us on Facebook: Oorala Aboriginal Centre

* Some courses have additional entry criteria.

[^] Applications now open for 2016.

[~] The next ISP will be held on 8 October 2015.



Alice ceremony a first

EARLIER this year, the first Indigenous valedictory ceremony was held at the Charles Darwin University (CDU) Campus in Alice Springs by the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership.

It was to celebrate and commemorate the achievements of this year's Indigenous Higher Education (HE) and Vocational Education and Training (VET) graduands from central Australia.

The event included an Awelya (smoking) ceremony by Arrernte women Elders from the Akeyulerre Healing Centre.

A graduation was held previously at CDU's Casuarina Campus in Darwin, and in total CDU had 384 Indigenous graduates for 2015, comprising 41 in Higher Education, 334 in VET and nine through either the Tertiary Enabling Program or Preparatory Tertiary Success program.

At both ceremonies, graduands were presented with a CDU Indigenous Leadership pin, and those students who completed a VET Certificate III, IV, diploma and/or HE course received an Indigenous stole.

In his speech, CDU vice-chancellor Professor Simon Maddocks said he would "pledge my commitment to CDU's vision for reconciliation and its work to become a recognised leader in



Some of the successful students at the Charles Darwin University graduation ceremony in Darwin earlier this year.

tertiary education, a place where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people achieve comparative levels of success through best practice in provision of student access, education and support".

Graduate Joel Liddle talked about his time at school in Melbourne, where he and his sisters were the only Aboriginal kids at the school, and his family the only Aboriginal family in the area. He found school confusing because the content was about Russian and French history, and he never felt like he really fitted in.

A constant theme through his journey was a desire to learn about his identity and Indigenous

Australian history, as he found it a struggle being an isolated Arrernte person.

After moving to Alice in 2012, Mr Liddle decided to do a Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Knowledges at the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges (ACIKE) at the CDU Campus in Alice Springs.

"I had had enough doing my own research, and I wanted to empower myself and, in turn, those around me," he said at the ceremony.

"I was able to study in depth Australia's contact history, its political history and political movements and, as a bonus, was able to enrol in two elective

subjects in written and spoken central/eastern Arrernte."

Mr Liddle, who studied part-time while working full-time, went on to say, "I found that my most recent study experience has opened my eyes and I have grown in confidence knowing that I actually have something useful to contribute.

"I am also more comfortable in myself and what I know about Indigenous history, the current lay of the landscape and exactly where I fit into the mix.

"My study has opened doors to public speaking at events like this, mentoring and talking to aspiring students who may be struggling with study and life in general, and it



Graduate Joel Liddle

has opened new professional opportunities for me in employment and other areas."

Indigenous leadership at Charles Darwin University

Charles Darwin University (CDU) is committed to leading Indigenous participation and contributing to the social, cultural and economic well-being of Indigenous Australians.

Through our Office of Indigenous Leadership, we:

- embrace Indigenous perspectives to strengthen recognition and equity
- nurture transformational leadership and research
- support Indigenous students to thrive academically
- build aspirations, expectations and capacities of Indigenous Australians to pursue further education

Through the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education (ACIKE), CDU proudly partners with the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education to deliver a unique range of flexible undergraduate course options specialising in Indigenous knowledges, policies and education, through to higher degree by research.

T. 08 8946 6339

E. opvcil@cdu.edu.au

W. cdu.edu.au/indigenous-leadership



Health careers beckon

EIGHT Year 10 and 11 students have been selected for a School Based Trainee (SBAT) program providing an opportunity for Aboriginal students on the NSW Central Coast to embrace career opportunities in the health sector.

The SBAT program was developed last year through a partnership between the Central Coast Local Health District, Hunter TAFE, the Aboriginal Learning Circle Hunter, Central Coast schools and the Aboriginal community as a long-term regional strategy for Aboriginal training and employment.

The two-year program gives Indigenous students the opportunity to study a Certificate III in Health Services Assistance and gain work experience at the health district one day a week, while continuing their Higher School Certificate studies.

Benefits of the program include on-the-job training, skill development, real-world work experience as well as ongoing mentoring from experienced Aboriginal staff.

Health district director of workforce and culture Belinda Collier says that as the largest employer on the Central Coast, the organisation takes a proactive approach in developing and supporting its Indigenous workforce.

"These traineeships are a great opportunity for talented young people to learn real work skills and open the door to a long and rewarding career in health on the Central Coast," she said.

"We are so pleased that three of the trainees from last year's program are now permanently employed with us, and we hope to place the fourth and final trainee by December.



This year's Aboriginal School Based Trainees and staff from the NSW Central Coast.

"A number of trainees have also gone on to further study which is a great outcome.

"It is very rewarding to see these young people exploring their potential and taking the first steps towards achieving their career goals."

Hunter TAFE head teacher Petrina

Heinze said the success of the program was the result of a collaborative effort, an innovative delivery model and dynamic teaching strategies to ensure students were given the best chance of success.

Narara Valley High School student Drew Albert, who started the SBAT program

in May, is currently employed one day a week as a trainee at the health district and will complete the program at the end of 2016.

"Our class is very relaxed and our teachers made fun through interesting teaching methods," he said.

UNSW Indigenous entry programs

Nura Gili offers two alternative pathway programs for Indigenous Australians depending on the degree you want to study.

UNSW Indigenous Preparatory Program

The Pre-programs are four week residential programs that involves participation in lectures tutorials, group work, social activities, exams and assessments.

Target Areas: Business, Education, Law, Medicine and Social Work.

UNSW Indigenous Admission Scheme

IAS is a one-day alternative entry program that involves submission of an application through Nura Gili, an interview with faculty and Nura Gili staff and completion of a 90 minute written task.

Target Areas: Arts & Social Science (excluding Education & Social Work), Art & Design, Built Environment, Engineering, Exercise Physiology and Science.

Nura Gili
Centre for Indigenous Programs

For more Information
call us
(02) 9385 3805 or visit
nuragili.unsw.edu.au

**Our entry programs
into your dream
degree**

Apply now

Never Stand Still

Nura Gili



UNSW
AUSTRALIA

Graduation in Alice Springs

BATCHELOR Institute and a large crowd celebrated the success of more than 100 students on September 4 at the Alice Springs DPC campus graduation ceremony.

Special guests included Northern Territory Education Minister Peter Chandler and Batchelor Institute chair Professor Mark Rose, as well as business and community leaders.

Students from 28 communities across the NT and interstate received awards.

The Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) Award and *Koori Mail* Award were presented to Christine Williams, from Alice Springs, in recognition of outstanding achievement by a student enrolled in Broadcasting or Media Studies. Both awards encourage further study in the media field.

The NBC Consultants Award was presented by Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT) chair Peter Renehan to Phillip Carter, from Alice Springs, in recognition of the most outstanding VET student to have completed a Certificate I, II or III in Business.

Susan Walker, who completed the Diploma of Education Support, gave a response on behalf of all graduands.

"With encouragement from my



Batchelor Institute graduates with their lecturers and Alice Springs Mayor Damien Ryan (right).

lecturers and principal I went on and completed the Diploma of Education Support in 2014," she said. "I have just started studying the Advanced Diploma of Education. This qualification will

give me advanced credits towards a full teaching degree.

"My goal is to become a fully qualified teacher and have a class of my own."

Institute chief executive Robert

Somerville said the event was "a wonderful day to celebrate the achievements of our students, which is a true reflection of Batchelor Institute's 'Both-ways' approach to learning".

"The institute would like to thank the communities of central Australia, and especially Alice Springs, for joining us to celebrate the achievements of our students," he said.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

INSTITUTE OF
KOORIE
EDUCATION

Through a combination of on- and off-campus teaching, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can study without having to leave their communities for substantial periods of time.

After completing a one or two-week long intensive, students return to their communities where they are supported through community-based tutoring, teleconferences with lecturing staff, community visits by teaching staff and CloudDeakin (online resources).

FACULTY OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

Entry pathways with our Associate Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Creative Arts
- Bachelor of Education Primary and Early Childhood Education

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND LAW

- Bachelor of Law

FACULTY OF HEALTH

- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Social Work

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

- Master of Public Health
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Education
- Masters by coursework/research
- Doctorate studies

Applications for 2016 are now open, for more information on the Institute of Koorie Education and how to apply visit deakin.edu.au/ike or call 1800 063 383



Students complete program

EDUCATION students from Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Dubbo have become the first pre-service teachers from an Australian university to complete the Healthy Culture Healthy Country Program.

The program, delivered by the NSW and local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (AECG), involved three days of hands-on class and field work to help the students understand their local contemporary Aboriginal community.

24 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) students worked with the Talbragar Mission, TAFE Western, the local Aboriginal medical service and Allira Pre-School as part of the program.

"The Healthy Culture Healthy Country Program has developed the students' cultural understanding and skills to work with Aboriginal students, their families and communities," CSU School of Teacher Education lecturer Maria Bennet said.

"As the first pre-service teachers to complete the program, our students will be able to lead by example in their profession and demonstrate the importance of cultural understanding in education."

University is offering new health course

THE University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) will from next year offer a Bachelor of Health Science (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health) degree course. Lecturer in public health Dr Jane Taylor said students of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health major would gain the skills and knowledge to make a difference in the lives of Indigenous people at an individual and population level.

"It's the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health undergraduate program in Queensland," she said. "The program will give graduates a deeper knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and the unique challenges faced in the area."

"There's also the chance for people already working in this space to gain credit for their existing certificates and diplomas, so they can extend their opportunities for leadership and management."

The new degree was welcomed by Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service Program manager of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Sharon Barry, who said it could lead to a range of fantastic career opportunities.

"They could be working as an Aboriginal health worker, in hospital liaison, as team leaders or in management," she said.

"Graduates would be well placed to enter this field and take on its unique challenges."

For details, go to www.usc.edu.au/rise-and-shine

● **Pictured: USC lecturer Michelle Costello, who will help teach the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health major.**



New project adds up

YuMi Deadly Centre director Professor Tom Cooper.



QUT's YuMi Deadly Centre has been selected to deliver the mathematics element of a new project to direct Indigenous students toward a so-called STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) career.

The centre's YuMi Deadly Maths program forms a key part of an Indigenous STEM education project which is managed by CSIRO in partnership with the BHP Billiton Foundation.

The QUT-based program is recognised for its kinaesthetic (where learning takes place by the students carrying out physical activities, rather than listening to a lecture or watching demonstrations) and cultural approach to learning.

YuMi Deadly Centre director Professor Tom Cooper, from QUT's Faculty of Education, said the program had given Indigenous students an edge in mathematics education because it was based on the belief that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can be strong in mathematics.

He said the program taught the highest level of mathematics, but the teaching approach differed from a mainstream method.

"The teaching is dependent on the way the maths is introduced into the culture and background of the students," Prof Cooper said.

He said \$3.4 million in funding will enable the program to be expanded and taught in 60 additional schools, reaching 336 teachers and 4200 Indigenous students.

The maths element of the STEM

education project, called PRIME Futures, targets Foundation to Year 9 students in mainstream metropolitan and regional schools. It uses the YuMi Deadly Maths approach to improve student results in mathematics.

Prof Cooper said there was a natural interaction between maths and science.

"I would like to see integrated investigations introduced in the same school to allow students to think through a problem and solve it," he said.

"For example, how to measure a puddle isn't just about capacity, size and depth, as the investigation can cross the disciplines with students proposing problems, and the right answer will depend on the analysis and data collected."

Partners

CSIRO and the BHP Billiton Foundation have partnered on the project to increase the number of Indigenous students in STEM-related professions.

CSIRO Indigenous education program director Marian Heard said an increased focus on STEM education could help improve students' ranking among their international peers and secure a stronger economy.

"Many sought-after careers, from engineers to electricians, require a solid foundation of mathematics, and this program aims to improve students' understanding and increase the number of Indigenous Australians in STEM careers," she said.

NAISDA helps Kelly

NAISDA 2012 graduate Thomas E S Kelly has credited NAISDA Dance College with giving him the opportunity to become an artist on a professional level.

However, he makes it clear that dancers need to work hard and persevere. Natural ability and talent, he says, will only get you so far. Dancers give years of their lives plus their sweat, tears and sometimes blood to have the honour and pleasure of performing on stage.

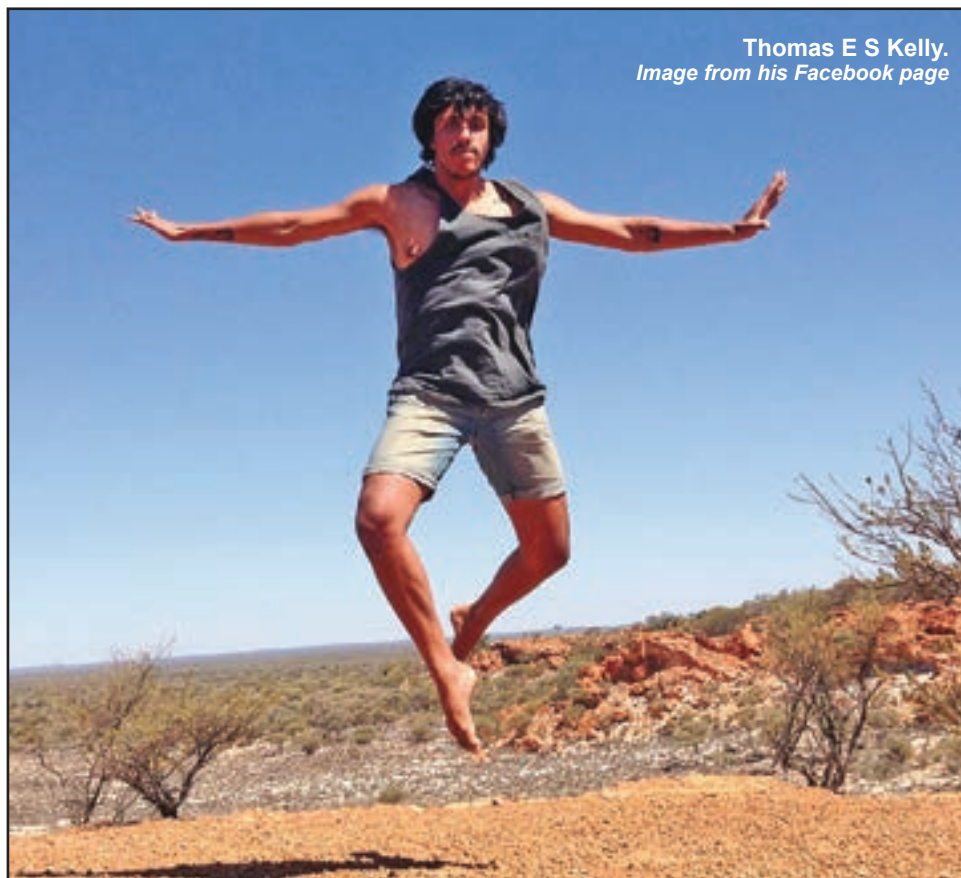
Studying at NAISDA Dance College and then transitioning into the world of dance and performing arts only happens through hard work and passion. NAISDA, Kelly says, gives people the tools, then it's up to them.

Kelly is an independent artist of the Bundjalung and Wiradjuri (both NSW) nations. Since graduating in 2012, he generates his own choreography while performing for and with some high-profile artists in the industry.

His recent performances include *Long Grass*, which was choreographed by NAISDA graduate Vicki Van Hout and premiered at Sydney Festival. This contemporary Indigenous dance piece tackled complex issues around Aboriginal people living in 'long grass' in Darwin. Long grass is the term for Aboriginal people perceived as being homeless and on the fringes, yet living in the middle of the city.

Recently, Kelly also performed in *Am I* with Shaun Parker at the Georgetown Festival in Malaysia.

Kelly was the 2014 Australian representative at the Indigenous Dance Residency at the Banff Centre, Canada. He



Thomas E S Kelly.
Image from his Facebook page

was also the 2014 Jump mentor recipient, an Australia Council grant program that supports emerging artists to work towards a professional career. He used the \$10,000

grant to develop and practice dance while studying at NIDA. Kelly then created a solo performance, *Jarrah's Old Uncle*.

Kelly has been the music composition,

tour manager and performer for NAISDA and Musica Viva's *Datiwuy Dreaming*, and he spent two months in Europe creating development opportunities and participating in workshops with Hofesah Shecter, Ultima Vez and Rosas.

He is now creating a first major dance theatre work for next year's Ware Festival in Melbourne, which will preview in May 2016. He will also be part of NAISDA's 40th anniversary celebrations in 2016.

Further to this, Kelly is venturing into other areas of the creative world – acting, spoken word, music, composition and filming – and would eventually like to own his own dance company.

Performing arts and dance has also given Kelly the opportunity to share his cultural knowledge on a national and international stage.

NAISDA is proud of Kelly and his achievements, and continues to have a strong professional and personal relationship with him.

● If you think you have what it takes to dance all over the world, or you would like to have an amazing career like Thomas E S Kelly, come to the NAISDA studios on the Central Coast of NSW for the auditions from November 30 to December 4 for those seeking to start study in 2016. Audition applications close on October 9.

Abstudy travel and accommodation costs are available for eligible participants.

For more information, download the NAISDA Audition Pack at www.naisda.com.au or phone 1800 117 116.

– by Sheree Foley



Deadly Alumni artwork designed by Jordan Lovegrove, Dreamtime Public Relations.

University of South Australia

DEADLY ALUMNI GATHERING

Join future and fellow Deadly Alumni for a complimentary drink, food and a good yarn.

Mingle with special guest presenters and representatives to build your future!

Places are limited.

RSVP to deadly.alumni@unisa.edu.au by Friday 16 October.

See you deadly mob there!

Date: Friday, 30 October 2015

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Location: The Hotel Richmond,
128 Rundle Mall, Adelaide

Dress: Neat casual



#DeadlyMob #DeadlyFuture /DeadlyAlumni



University of
South Australia

Aspiring to study health



INDIGENOUS students from remote northern Australia have experienced a week in the life of a university student at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus.

The 25 high-schoolers took a week out to become embedded into university life as part of the Hands Up Uni Experience Camp, which encourages Indigenous students to pursue a career in health.

The five-day camp is hosted by Griffith University and training firm Connect 'n' Grow.

Griffith University director of First Peoples Health Unit Professor Roianne West said the program was a unique opportunity for the teenagers.

"These students are considering a career in health so we were able to give them a good insight into nursing, midwifery, medicine and our allied health services," she said.

"National and international research identifies a highly skilled and well-educated Indigenous health workforce as necessary to achieve substantial

gains in Indigenous health.

"While the importance and demand of an Indigenous health workforce continues to increase parallel to the increase in chronic and complex disease in Indigenous communities, it is acknowledged that the development of a more highly-skilled and well-educated Indigenous health workforce is not reflective of this issue.

"Australia boasts a world-class higher education system, however not all Australians fare equally in terms of the opportunity to participate nor successfully complete.

"Australia's Indigenous population is well underrepresented in its university system, and it's worse again for people from remote and very remote areas of the country."

Griffith aims to address this issue through the inception of the First People's Aspirations and Pathways to Health (FPAPH) Program.

The program focuses on developing more clearly articulated, seamless and supported pathways.

It will start and end in the students' respective communities



Indigenous students interested in studying health visited Griffith University's Gold Coast campus.

and transition students through the secondary, vocational and higher education sectors.

The participants, many of whom are undertaking Certificate II in Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Health through Connect 'n' Grow Training, experienced academic workshops, talked with Griffith University's Gumurri Student Support Unit, lecturers and

students as well as education providers.

Hands Up Uni Experience Camp is funded by Higher Education Pathways Participation Project.

UNE strengthens ties



THE University of New England in Armidale, northern NSW, recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Northern Region Forum, an umbrella group representing 14 local Aboriginal land councils from the local region.

The land councils are Amaroo, Anaiwan, Armidale, Ashford, Coonabarabran, Dorrigo Plateau, Glen Innes, Guyra, Moombalene, Nungaroo, Red Chief, Tamworth, Walhallow, and Wanaruah.

UNE vice-chancellor Professor Annabelle Duncan said the agreement would strengthen ties between UNE and the Northern Region Forum and increase access to education for local Aboriginal people.

"UNE will also develop course offerings in line with the strategic aims of the Northern Region Regional Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Plan and develop new ways of

identifying gifted Aboriginal students and supporting them in their educational careers," she said.

Other initiatives include the development of an Elders Supporting Education program to foster academic aspirations in young people in the region; the development and implementation of mentorship programs; and the development of research partnerships in the fields of Aboriginal culture, language and health, and social and economic attainment.

Under the agreement, the forum will facilitate professional placements for UNE students within Aboriginal community organisations and promote UNE as the preferred tertiary education provider for Aboriginal people in the region.

Prof Duncan said that in addition to the wide-ranging benefits to local communities, UNE staff and students will participate in activities to improve their cultural competency and understanding.



From left, TAFE NSW managing director Pam Christie, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Gina Cook and Northern Sydney Institute director Allison Wood.

Gina takes top student award for excellence



GINA Cook was named Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year at the Northern Sydney Institute's 2015 Excellence Awards.

The annual awards recognise high achievers in 14 categories across five Institute faculties.

Ms Cook chose to study the diploma of management at the Northern Sydney Institute because of her desire to make an impact in her community.

After earning her diploma of

management, Ms Cook completed an Aboriginal mentoring program and is now studying project management and the diploma of community services and youth work.

Ms Cook is currently working as a project officer with the NSW Department of Family and Community Services and hopes her qualifications and commitment to further learning will broaden her career prospects in management.

Ms Cook said that through her achievements, she aims to inspire and improve the lives of those in her community.



PUGGY HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Opens 14 August 2015 – Closes 12 October 2015

Scholarships are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who will be studying an entry level course in any of the following health professions:

- Aboriginal health work
- Allied health
- Dentistry/oral health
- Medicine
- Midwifery
- Nursing

Scholarships for studies in 2016 are valued up to \$15,000 per year for full time study and \$7,500 for part time study.

Apply online www.acn.edu.au/scholarships
scholarships@acn.edu.au | 1800 688 628

Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme is funded by the Australian Government and administered by ACN.

www.acn.edu.au

Map plots direction to art



Artist Mary Puntji Clement working on a new painting at the Kira Kiro Art Centre Studio, July 2015. Picture courtesy Art Gallery of Western Australia



A PROJECT by the Art Gallery of Western Australia to support and promote the art of the Kimberley region has produced an art trail map with detailed information about 12 art centres.

The self-drive map is just one aspect of the Desert River Sea project, which will culminate in 2018 with a book and a major exhibition at the State Gallery in Perth.

Project coordinator Philippa Jahn said they have been documenting and researching art practice in the Kimberley and building relationships with individual artists and art centres for the past three years.

"Part of it is about professional development and there is a visual arts leadership program with about 15 participants across the Kimberley, but also it (the project) is creating more direct conduits with art centres and individual artists, which is quite groundbreaking nationally for a state gallery," she said.

Ms Jahn said cultural tourism was a growing market and the self-drive art trail map was a way of collating information in a way that made it easy for visitors to decide where they might want to go and how to get there.

"People (tourists) are seeking an Aboriginal cultural experience in

some way but it is often hard (for them) to know how to take the first steps," she said.

"And in the Kimberley they are also seeking a remote experience ... We saw this (map) as a step in the right direction and as a way for art centres to be promoting each other."

She said it is hard for city people to understand life in remote communities and that cultural tourism had many layers to creating understanding across diverse groups.

"Sitting down for a cup of tea across a paint-splattered table while seeing the kids running around and how happy people are as they paint – that one-on-one time is invaluable," Ms Jahn said.

"The role of art centres is not just to sell artworks. They fulfil many social and cultural roles but funding for art centres is quite basic and they do rely on the extra money that sales bring in.

"Our initiative is a supportive measure to promote the art centres."

The Desert River Sea project also has a website where you can see profiles of artists, view an online gallery, find out more about their research and information about the art centres. You can also download a PDF of the art trail map. Go to www.desertriversea.com.au

Singing opera in language



A COLLABORATION between Yorta Yorta opera singer Deborah Cheetham (pictured) and her multi-talented nephew James Henry

will open a four-month program of free art and architecture events at Melbourne's MPavilion.

Mr Henry is a musician, engineer, composer, producer and photographer, and the collaboration is a commissioned piece called *Womin Jeka Elements 2* that will feature his electronic synthesizer sounds with Ms Cheetham's choral writing. It will be performed live with the Dhungala Children's Choir and dancer Rheannan Port on October 5.

"It's an incredible honour for me to be asked to write the opening and to have the choir perform in the Doon Wurrung language," Ms Cheetham said.

MPavilion is based around a theme of Architecture of Wellbeing, where a temporary pavilion is designed and constructed for Melbourne's Queen Victoria Gardens. The venue is then used as a meeting place for a free program of talks, workshops and performances from October to February. At the end of the season, the building itself is removed and repurposed at an alternate, permanent site.

According to Ms Cheetham, MPavilion is a "gift to the City of Melbourne" from the Naomi Milgrom Foundation, the philanthropic organisation set up by the Sussan Group's chief executive.

"It's a thrill to be a part of something so innovative," Ms Cheetham said.

"I think the finest examples of art and architecture for wellbeing come from the first nation people of the world...."

"At a time when cities are choked with buildings that seek to maximise their square metreage and return on the dollar, (this event) is seeking to create structures that move with the breeze, are sympathetic to the parkland surrounds and inspire another generation of architects to play a role in re-establishing our relationship to the environment."

The day after her MPavilion performance, Ms Cheetham will be celebrating the fifth anniversary of Short Black Opera, the not-for-profit opera company she established for Indigenous opera singers. They will soon be announcing a Sydney season of her highly-acclaimed opera *Pecan Summer*.

For full details of MPavilion and its program of free events, go to www.mpavilion.org



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander dancers in the early stages of their careers have the opportunity to apply for two scholarships to a residency in north-east NSW early next year.

Dance Integrated Australia and The Farm are seeking expressions of interest from emerging Indigenous dancers for a residency opportunity at the third annual Corner Dance Lab from January 15-23 in Federal, near Lismore.

Arts Northern Rivers is offering two scholarships valued at \$1500 to attend the summer dance intensive.

The Corner Dance Lab engages renowned teachers who instruct daily routines, practice, ideas and experiments for an intensive program encompassing technique classes and improvisation to Yoga and choreographic practice.

The \$1500 scholarship will contribute towards travel, accommodation, cover registration fees and provide the artist with mentoring and creative advice throughout the lab. The Corner Dance Lab attracts national and international artists from diverse backgrounds, different embodiment and life experiences who want to challenge themselves to work in an inclusive dance environment.

To apply go to www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au or call 02 6628 8120.

Euraba artists attend the exhibition opening at Boomalli. Picture: Sharon Hickey



Euraba artists on show



Euraba artist Aunty Marlene Hinch. Picture: Kate Ford



BOOMALLI Aboriginal Artists Co-operative has two exhibitions showing until Sunday, October 4.

Works by Jai Walker and Noel 'Charlie' Caldwell are featured in the two front galleries, and *Miri*, meaning 'shining star', is an artistic collaboration between the Euraba Paper Makers, Moree Plains Regional gallery and Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative focusing on Goomeroi artists' capacity to curate, create and influence.

Supported by Arts NSW through a regional partnership grant, the project has spanned two years of artistic

development including working with new mediums and professional practice.

Through a series of visiting artist workshops, the artists at Euraba have developed new work for *Miri*, showing at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative in Leichhardt, Sydney until Sunday, October 4.

The artists have been developing further skills in photography, watercolour and print media with assistance from artists Bronwyn Bancroft, Judy Watson, Colin Wightman and Raphaella Rosella.

They have conducted professional development through an ongoing relationship with Moree Plains Gallery

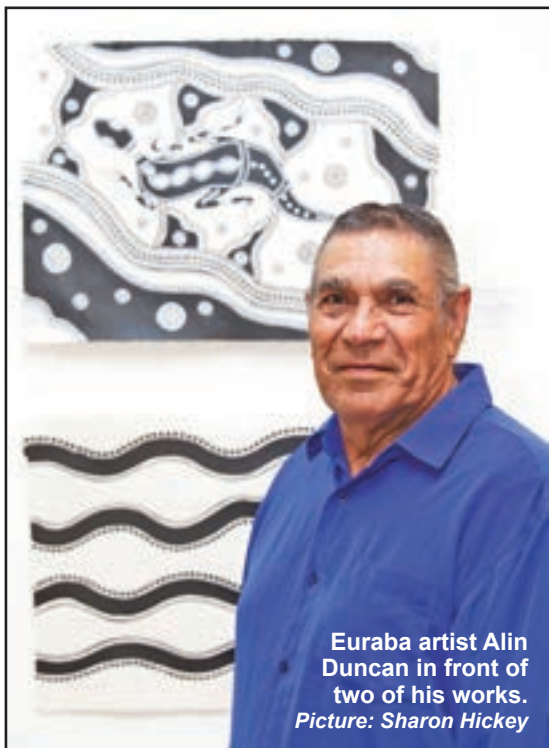
and through a city art camp at Boomalli in 2014 including workshops with Arts Law and Boomalli members.

Miri will return to Moree Plains Regional Gallery later in the year and tour regionally in 2016/17.

Euraba Artists and Papermakers is an Aboriginal artistic social enterprise.

Founded by nine senior Goomeroi women from the Toomelah and Boggabilla communities in north-western NSW, the name Euraba translates as 'Eura' referring to the indigenous bush that has been used medicinally by the Goomeroi people for generations, and 'ba' meaning 'place of/time of'.

Jai Walker's work features in an exhibition at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative. Picture: Sharon Hickey



Euraba artist Alin Duncan in front of two of his works. Picture: Sharon Hickey

Wadawurrung Elder wins Vic people's choice



WADAWU-RRUNG
Elder
Marlene
Gilson's
work

Bunjil's Final Resting Place, Race Meeting at Lal Lal Falls (pictured) has been voted the people's choice at the 2015 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards.

Ms Gilson is a self-taught artist who took up painting 10 years ago. A descendant of King Billy, an Aboriginal Elder of the Ballarat region at the time of the Eureka Stockade, her work seeks to share Aboriginal culture and history and encourage the younger generation to keep stories alive through their own art.

Bunjil's Final Resting Place, Race Meeting at Lal Lal depicts life in the early 1900s for Ms Gilson's ancestors and early European settlers in the township of Lal Lal, 20km south-east of Ballarat.

"Every New Year's Day, Lal Lal Turf Club used to hold a horse race, with up to 30,000 people attending, many of whom would catch the steam train from Melbourne, Geelong and Ballarat directly to Lal Lal Station," she said.

"For my people, Lal Lal Falls is a spiritual place to reflect upon. Remnants of the past are still there in the form of artefact sites, scarred trees, birthing trees and the eagles that fly across the sky."



Rich mix in art prize



PAINTINGS,
sculptures,
digital
photographs,
film reels,
ceramics and

woven baskets are among some of the mediums in the 2015 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize.

The 33 finalist works present an eclectic exhibition of contemporary Aboriginal arts and cultural practice, on display at the Parliament from Monday, September 28 to Monday, November 2.

The Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize is the most valuable art incentive on offer for Aboriginal artists born in or living in NSW.

This year's finalists are competing for the \$40,000 main cash prize, as well as the opportunity to win a residency program with UNSW Art and Design.

The exhibition presents a mix of works, chosen by judges Stephen Gilchrist, Julie Gough

and Liza-Mare Syron. Some explore traditional methods and themes from the natural world, while others use more contemporary materials and mediums to pose questions about identity, culture and politics.

Metal panels, shoes, feathers, crushed seashells and even antique cups feature in the range of works.

There is a mix of established, mid-career and emerging artists, plus a number of first-time entrants, including the Bankstown Koori Elders Group.

The exhibition will be on display in the Fountain Court of Parliament House. Entry is free, and doors are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

The winner, to be announced at the Parliament on Wednesday, October 16, will receive the \$40,000 cash prize, while their work will be acquisitive to the Parliament's permanent fine art collection.

Significant to whom for what
by Aleshia Lonsdale



Family Connecting by Gina Simon Varagnolo



Our Home, Our Land by Shane Bates



An untitled work by Catherine Moyle

Rise in syphilis cases



RATES of sexually transmitted disease syphilis have risen in remote Aboriginal communities and

health experts are calling for urgent action.

Associate Professor James Ward, head of Infectious Diseases Research Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), said several cases of mother-to-child transmission of syphilis and newborn deaths have been reported.

"Syphilis can be treated and prevented," he said.

"It is unforgivable that any woman in Australia should lose a child to this disease. These deaths are an example of how Australia's Indigenous women are falling through the gaps when it comes to reproductive health. If Cuba can eliminate mother-to-child transmission, then so can we."

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection that is highly contagious in its early stages. Nearly one million pregnant women worldwide are infected with

syphilis annually and at risk of passing it to their baby.

This disease, called congenital syphilis, can result in early foetal loss and stillbirth, neonatal death, low-birth-weight infants and serious neonatal infections. However, simple, cost-effective screening and treatment options during pregnancy, such as penicillin, can eliminate most of these complications.

There have been major efforts in recent years to ensure that women get the treatment they need to keep themselves well and their children free from syphilis.

In 2007, the World Health Organisation launched 'Global elimination of congenital syphilis: rationale and strategy for action'. By 2014, more than 40 countries were testing 95% or more of pregnant women in prenatal care for syphilis.

In Australia, rates of infectious syphilis have increased dramatically in the last few years. The spike, and associated cases of congenital syphilis, have been exacerbated by an outbreak first identified in Queensland which then extended to the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations in 2014 reported rates of diagnosis four times higher than in the non-Indigenous population.

Australian health authorities have responded to the outbreaks at the local level with innovative actions to increase early detection and treatment and engage local communities in dealing with issue.

Dr Nathan Ryder of the Kirby Institute, University of NSW, said the outbreak was being monitored nationally through a working group of communicable disease control experts, to prevent all cases of congenital syphilis.

"The resurgence of syphilis infection in remote Australian communities after years of declining rates, bringing with it cases of congenital syphilis, emphasises the need for a robust response that engages local communities and improves access to primary care based sexual health programs and early antenatal care," he said.

"We must improve access both to prevention and testing and treatment. No woman, wherever they are, should lose a child to this easily curable infection."

The numbers on syphilis

● There were a total of 1999 infectious syphilis notifications nationally in 2014, with 235 (12%) among the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, 1588 (79%) among the non Indigenous population and a further 176 (9%) cases for which Indigenous status was not reported.

● In 2014, the infectious syphilis notification rate in the Indigenous population was 4 times higher than the non Indigenous population (32 v 8 per 100 000 population) increasing to 300 times higher in remote areas.

● Rates of infectious syphilis notifications increased in Indigenous 15-19-year-olds in 2011 (from 34 per 100 000 in 2010 to 95 per 100 000 in 2011), due to an outbreak in the northern areas of Queensland, the NT and WA, and was 99 per 100 000 in 2014.

● In Indigenous people, the rate among males and females is roughly equally, indicating predominantly heterosexual transmission.

● In contrast, diagnoses in non Indigenous people are predominantly in men, in urban settings, suggesting that transmission is primarily related to sex between men.

● The resurgence of infection in remote communities after years of declining rates, bringing with it cases of congenital syphilis, emphasises the need for testing and treatment in this population, particularly in antenatal settings.

— Information from the Kirby Institute, University of NSW



Nine Aboriginal Assistants in Nursing were recently welcomed to the Sydney Local Health District after their graduation ceremony.

Nine new AINs for health district



THE Sydney Local Health District welcomed nine Aboriginal Assistants in Nursing (AIN) recently in a graduation ceremony at the Centre for Education and Workforce Development in Rozelle.

The Aboriginal trainee program was developed to increase the Aboriginal workforce and ensure Aboriginal patients and their families feel comfortable during hospital admissions and while using health services.

The AIN graduates started their Certificate III in Health Service Assistance training last June and all are employed full-time while completing two years of on-the-job training.

Another seven Aboriginal AIN trainees received Statements of Attainment and employment outside the district and another four have deferred their course to complete at a later time.

Many of the Aboriginal graduates were inspired to join the District by a desire to improve the health of their people.

Tiffany Saunders, who works in Royal Prince Alfred hospital's respiratory ward, said: "We have a real opportunity to help people within our culture because they feel they can relate to us and trust us."

For Trevor Bates, 36, becoming an AIN was the start of a new life, having experienced unemployment and homelessness before beginning his training.

Now working with HIV positive dementia patients at Yaralla House, Mr Bates said he loves his job and was named Trainee of the Year at the

graduation ceremony.

"This traineeship is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me and I plan to retire doing the exact job I am doing now," he said.

Balmain Hospital AIN Anne-Marie Costello received the award for Academic Achievement and Concord Hospital AIN David Paterson was awarded for Clinical Achievement.

For more information on the Aboriginal trainee program call 8755 3500 or email cewd.slhd@sswhs.nsw.gov.au

Paul is a chip off the old block



Participants and trainers from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Allied Health Assistant Traineeship program at Cairns Hospital.



YARRABAH man Paul Bounghi has become the latest in a long line of family members to pursue a healthcare career thanks to a new program at Cairns Hospital.

The 20-year-old is one of 13 Indigenous people to be accepted into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Allied

Health Assistant Traineeship Program, under which participants gain practical experience and formal qualifications.

It is the result of a partnership between the health service, training organisation Envizion and Careers Australia, with funding provided by the Queensland Government.

"My mum is an Indigenous health worker and so are a lot of

my family members," Mr Bounghi said.

"I have grown up seeing how they can help people, and the Indigenous community in particular, and I have always known I wanted to do the same thing.

"This placement is going to help me achieve my dream to help my peers live healthy lives and show them they can have a rewarding career in health."



Paul Bounghi.

Queensland Health Minister Cameron Dick applauded the program.

"I congratulate the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service for taking the lead on this important initiative," he said.

"This will go a long way to closing the gap when it comes to Indigenous health outcomes." Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander health coordinator for the health service Cherrie Glasson said the successful applicants had been put through a rigorous selection process.

"We had to make sure they were ready to make this commitment and hit the ground running," she said.

"As a result we have a fantastic group of trainees who are very enthusiastic and eager to learn the ropes."

Vision for the future



THE Federal Government has announced \$6.6million in funding for Indigenous eye health. Vision 2020 Australia welcomed the funding announcement to improve eye-care coordination, national oversight and trachoma health promotion activities over the next four years.

Vision 2020 Australia chief executive Jennifer Gersbeck said she was pleased the Federal Government had recognised the importance of good vision for social, educational and employment participation of Indigenous Australians.

"Blindness rates in Indigenous people are unacceptable," she said. "Currently blindness in Indigenous adults is six times the rate of non-Indigenous Australians with vision loss rates

three times higher."

The new funding will support eye-care coordination to make sure patients are getting the care they need and to monitor progress across the country. It will also help reduce the blinding eye condition trachoma still endemic in some remote Indigenous communities.

Ms Gersbeck said the funding was a direct result of a collaborative sector proposal which was submitted to the Government earlier this year outlining eight key recommendations to close the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health and vision care.

Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues Rachel Siewert said she welcomed the increased funding, which was announced just before she moved a successful motion in the Senate calling for the Government to close the gap in

Indigenous eye health.

"We have an opportunity to make long term savings and close the gap for eye health in this country, unfortunately the announcement of funding by the Government isn't the full amount recommended in the report," she said.

"We will continue to urge the Government to further invest in Aboriginal eye health.

"It is simply not good enough that 94% percent of the vision loss experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is preventable or treatable.

"The funding to completely close the gap on eye health was detailed in recommendations as part of the 'Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision' report.

"An economic analysis of this report showed it would be fiscally beneficial in the long run to implement full funding so that the gap is closed for vision in Australia."

Kidney injuries doubled over past decade



A NEW report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has found that hospitalisation

rates for acute kidney injury have more than doubled over the past decade – and Indigenous people have higher hospitalisation or death rates due to the condition.

The report 'Acute kidney injury in Australia: a first national snapshot' is the first of its kind.

Acute kidney injury is a condition that occurs when there is an abrupt loss of kidney function. It has a wide range of causes including various kidney diseases, but is often the result of injury or trauma, or extreme inflammation.

Risk factors include advanced age, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, cardiovascular disease and pre-existing chronic kidney disease.

Acute kidney injury is a complex condition that often

results in prolonged hospitalisation and which may progress to severe kidney damage. This can result in end-stage kidney disease and long-term dialysis, or death.

AIHW spokesperson Sushma Mathur said, although anyone can be affected by acute kidney injury, older people, those living in remote areas, those who are socioeconomically disadvantaged, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have higher hospitalisation or death rates due to acute kidney injury.

"For example, hospitalisation and death rates were at least twice as high among Indigenous Australians as other Australians, and acute kidney injury hospitalisation rates in the 85 and over age group were at least four times as high as in the 65-74 age group," she said.

Ms Mathur said acute kidney injury is an underrecognised condition in Australia.

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

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

Until October 9: NAISDA Dance College applications. NAISDA is looking for the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders dancers. If you think you are a deadly dancer, this could be the career for you. Details: 1800 117 116 or visit www.naisda.com.au

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

September 12-January 10: *Riverland* Exhibition. As part of the TARNANTHIA Festival, a comprehensive survey exhibition of master Ngarrindjeri weaver, and internationally esteemed artist Yvonne Koolmatrice.

Held at Gallery of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide, open daily from 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8207 7000 or visit www.artgallery.sa.gov.au

October 8-18: TARNANTHI Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art. A series of exhibitions that will showcase the extraordinary, the significant and the unique, and will challenge existing notions of Aboriginal art.

Held at Art Gallery of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide, daily from 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8207 7000 or visit www.artgallery.sa.gov.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.

Experimental project to debut

THE Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) is presenting *Jonathan Jones: They made a solitude and called it peace*, a new suite of video works and installations by high-profile Wiradjuri/Kamilaroi artist Jonathan Jones.

This is the first time the gallery has been given over to a single artist.

Commissioned by BRAG as part of Bathurst's bicentenary in 2015, and made with the support and involvement of the Bathurst Wiradyuri and Aboriginal Community Elders Group, *Jonathan Jones: They made a solitude and called it peace* is an experimental project that explores the Wiradyuri history of Bathurst.

The project tells the story of sovereignty, of bloodshed, conquered lands and the endurance of the Wiradyuri

people through a series of moving-image works, installations and community-engagement workshops. At the heart of this story is the struggle over country; this project aims to highlight the beauty of the scarred landscape that was the setting for Australia's first inland frontier war.

"The founding of Bathurst and the treatment of Wiradyuri set the tone for the colonisation of Australia's interior, which saw a tsunami of destruction for countless Aboriginal communities on the one hand and the generation of enormous wealth for Australia on the other," said Jones.

Jonathan Jones: they made a solitude and called it peace has its official opening at BRAG on Friday, 2 October at 6pm. The project will be on exhibition at BRAG from October 2 to November 22.



Musket, Flintlock, Tower, Brown Bess, India Pattern, Great Britain, 1810-1820 (H9608). From the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Sydney. Photo: Ryan Hernandez
Spear, wood, 19th century. From a private collection.

Ongoing: Courses in Aboriginal languages. Are you interested in learning your local Aboriginal language? Course for the Grafton, Maclean, Lismore, Casino, Kingscliff, Ballina, Coffs Harbour, Macksville, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Taree and Forster. Register your interest at nctafe.aboriginallearningcircle.com

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

Until October 4: *Miri*: Euraba Artists and Papermakers exhibition. A collaboration between Euraba, Moree Plains Regional Gallery and Boomalli Arts Co-op.

Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until October 5: 24th annual *Mil-Pra AECG Art Exhibition 2015*. Featuring the theme 'Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and celebrate'.

Held at Casula Powerhouse Art Centre, 1 Powerhouse Road, Casula, daily from 10am-5pm. Free Gallery entry. Details: (02) 9824 1121 or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

September 23, 28, 30: Red Inc Time out for Families. During the September school holidays, RED Inc will be running a number of day outings for young Indigenous people with a disability activities include circus arts and national park guided tour. Details: (02) 6622 3400

September 29: Darug language classes. Held at the Committee Rooms at Holroyd City Council, 16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands, from 9.30am-1pm. Details: Lena Muo on (02) 9840 9694

October 7: ADVOS and Notice of Risk Seminar. How they are used in the family law system (everything you wanted to know but were to afraid to ask).

Held at the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre, Gan Ngah Meeting Room, Level 1, 16 Carrington St, Lismore from 4pm.

Cost: Refer to event organisers. Details: (02) 6623 2750

Queensland

Until September 30: Quandamooka 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.communify.org.au

Until September 30: *Rosella Namok* Exhibition. Rosella's paintings find ways to combine contemporary techniques with traditional story-telling and cultural narratives. Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High St, Fremantle from Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm & Sat-Sun, 12-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

Until September 30: *Cynthia Bourke-Warakurna* artist's exhibition. Ngaanyatjarra artist Cynthia paints aspects of her traditional country showing the changes that unfold with the seasons includes artworks by other Warakurna artists. Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High St, Fremantle from Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm & Sat-Sun, 12-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

Until October 4: Melbourne Fringe Festival. Includes kids' activities, circus, comedy, dance, film, music, performances and much more. Held at various venues around Melbourne. Cost: Ticketed and free events. Details: (03) 9660 9600 or visit www.melbournefringe.com.au

Until October 28: *Freshwater Saltwater*. Celebrating UMI Arts' 10th anniversary. The exhibition is an annual curated display of UMI Arts members, the theme of this exhibition is to celebrate UMI Arts milestone anniversary. Held at UMI Arts, 335 Sheridan St, North Cairns, from Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

September 23-27: *Beautiful One Day* performance, Palm Island, 2004: An Aboriginal man dies in police custody. Members of the community make a direct challenge to police power and the police station is torched. Eleven years later, the people of Palm Island continue to demand justice. At the Cremorne Theatre, QPAC, cnr Melbourne St & Grey St, South Brisbane from 7pm and 2.30pm & 7.30pm (Saturday only) Cost: \$35-\$38 per person, 15+. Details: 136 246 or visit www.qpac.com.au

September 27: Kunjil (corroboree) Closing of the Quandamooka Festival. The event includes Indigenous dance groups, variety of performances including Archie Roach, market stalls, weavings workshops, artefact display and more. Held at North Stradbroke Island. Details: Nikki michail on 0407 641 323 or visit www.quandamookafestival.com

October 10-11: Woorabinda Warriors Cup Rugby League Carnival at Saleyards Park, Rockhampton. Details: murritime@hotmail.com

November 7-8: Gordonvale Reconciliation Rugby League Football Carnival 2015. Open mens & under 18's teams welcome, \$1500 nomination fee (non refundable \$200 deposit), 13-a-side, 25-min halves, strict 5 min change over, no time extension. Limited spaces. Details: Jason Joinbee on 0466 780 928

Victoria

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

Western Australia

Ongoing: Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company Writers' Group meeting for new and emerging playwrights. Held on the second Monday of the month at Yirra Yaakin, 65 Murray St, Perth, from 6.30-8.30pm. Details: Irma on (08) 9202 1966 or www.yirrayaakin.com.au

Until September 29: The Reflection Tour – a delightful feast of contemporary, country, jazz, classical & traditional music, featuring two Indigenous musical icons with some of Australia's finest instrumentalists. Held at various locations in the Kimberley, Pilbara and Perth areas. Cost: Refer to event organisers. Details: Tura New Music on (08) 9228 3711 or visit www.tura.com.au

Until September 30: *Putting Urukuta – Desert to the Sea* Exhibition. A wonderful diversity of works by artists from the remote community of Mimili, in South Australia. Held at Short St Gallery, 7 Short St, Chinatown, Broome, from Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm & Sat, 10am-2pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 9192 6118 or visit www.shortstgallery.com

September 26: Bunbury Volkswagen South West Regional Cricket Challenge. Includes cultural performances, WACA junior coaching clinics, canteen and bar facilities. Held at Hay Park, Parade Road, Withers. Details: Jayson 0434 366 998

September 29: Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) workshop. Perth-based global consultancy GCM Advisory is providing a two-hour workshop as a response to the release by the Australian Government of the new IPP. Held at 32/44 St Georges Terrace, Perth, from 8am. Free event. Details: Simon on 0448 210 284 or visit www.gcmadvisory.com

Northern Territory

Until October 23: *Warlpiri Drawings*: Remembering the Future Travelling Exhibition. Tells the story of an intriguing collection of Indigenous artworks created by Warlpiri people in the Northern Territory in the 1950s and beyond. Held at Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Building Orange 12, Casuarina Campus, Darwin from Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8946 6621.

Sam's sweet career



YAEGL man Sam Kapeen has recently been awarded a scholarship for his vocational aptitude and training in the second year of his engineering apprenticeship as a fitter/welder at Sunshine Sugar.

Mr Kapeen lives in the Clarence Valley and works at the Sunshine Sugar mill in Harwood, near Yamba on the NSW north coast.

He was also named 2014 TAFE Apprentice of the Year and attended an awards ceremony with his family and Sunshine Sugar apprenticeship co-ordinator Marina D'Urso to celebrate his achievements.

Mr Kapeen has recently completed his first aid training and joined the mill's safety committee, and will be doing further qualifications in hydraulics and pneumatics at TAFE night classes next year.

"This apprenticeship is best thing I have ever done," he said. "I have a really good support network at work and at TAFE."

"My supervisors want me to succeed, they tell me when I'm

doing a good job, and have helped me deal with the expectations of the workplace."

When asked if he had any advice for young people in the community looking to complete an apprenticeship or traineeship, Mr Kapeen said that gaining hands-on experience while studying has been the ideal way to start his career.

"I never thought I would ever need Year 12 maths, but now I'm so glad I listened in class and did as well as I did," he said.

"There's not many careers out there anymore unless you finish Year 12 and do well in the HSC."

"I'm proud to be an active member of the Yaegl community and hope to be a good role model for my younger brothers and sisters, and other kids in my community."

Sunshine Sugar is holding apprenticeship open days at the Broadwater Mill today, Wednesday, September 23, and Harwood Mill on Friday, September 25, at 10am to provide information about upcoming vocational opportunities.

For more information, visit www.nswsugar.com.au



Sam Kapeen, second year fitter/welder apprentice at Sunshine Sugar in Harwood, northern NSW.

Marion cleans up with gas contract



ABORIGINAL owned and operated company Marion's Cleaning Service has won the contract for the Australia Pacific Liquid Natural Gas plant on Curtis Island, near Gladstone in Queensland.

Company owners Byellee man Michael Eggmolesse and Wulli Wulli/Wakka Wakka woman Marion Dodd said they were proud to have been awarded the contract.

"We currently have eight employees, all Indigenous; they all have skill sets which complement our company's vision," Mr Eggmolesse said.

"We anticipate employing more local people on securing further contracts in the region."

Business mentor to the company Cherissma Blackman said Marion's Cleaning Service was the first Aboriginal Port Curtis Coral Coast company to secure a contract in the operational and maintenance phase of the Curtis Island liquid

natural gas project.

"It's definitely the type of role model business we aspire to set the benchmark for our people," she said.

Ms Dodd and Mr Eggmolesse set up the company without any government funding or grants.

"The only way we see the company heading is up, to be a leader in the cleaning industry and assisting our mobs with employment, breaking the cycle of unemployment and poverty," Ms Dodd said.



Marion Dodd of Marion's Cleaning Service.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

Koori Mail – Our ABC audit means our readership is guaranteed. No other newspaper aimed at the Indigenous market can offer this!

Advertising disclaimer: Budsoar Pty Ltd, publisher of the *Koori Mail*, reserves the right to alter, omit or change advertisements, and while every care is exercised, it is not responsible for errors or non-insertions. No adjustments will be made for errors unless attention is drawn to them within the first week of

publication. Advertisers agree that all advertisements published by Budsoar Pty Ltd may also appear on a relevant web site operated by Budsoar Pty Ltd.
Privacy Policy: Budsoar Pty Ltd collects your personal information to assist us in providing the goods or services you have requested, to process your

competition entries, and to improve our products and services. We may be in touch to let you know about goods, services or promotions which may be of interest to you. We may also share your information with other persons or entities who assist us in providing our services, running competitions or with other companies

who provide prizes for competitions or reader offers. If you would prefer that we do not do this, please write to us at: admin@koorimail.com or phone (02) 66 222 666, or fax (02) 66 222 600. Mail can be sent addressed to General Manager, Budsoar Pty Ltd, PO Box 117, Lismore NSW 2480.



Expressions of Interest for Clinical, Community and Aboriginal Health Councils

A key role of the new Commonwealth funded Primary Health Networks is to work in partnership with the community, general practitioners and other health professionals to support and strengthen primary health care.

Western NSW Primary Health Network (WPHN) is seeking to support and enable this leadership through the establishment of an Aboriginal Health Council, two Clinical Councils and two Community Councils. To enable consultative development of these Councils, Interim Councils will be in place for the first year.

The Councils will be standing advisory bodies of the WPHN Board, and will be responsible for enabling regional feedback mechanisms, and acting as a conduit to ensure people and providers from all parts of the region are able to contribute to health improvement strategy.

The WPHN is inviting expressions of interest for membership of:

- WPHN Interim Aboriginal Health Council
- Far West Interim Clinical Council
- Western Interim Clinical Council
- Far West Interim Community Council
- Western Interim Community Council

All Council member appointments will be skills based and are not limited to Western NSW residents. Each Council will have up to 10 members appointed for an initial term of 12 months.

For further information including the terms of reference, application forms and process for submitting, visit www.wnswphn.org.au.

For all enquiries, please call Michele Pitt, Broken Hill: (08) 8087 9330 or Kathleen Ryan, Dubbo (02) 6884 0197.

Expressions of interest close for Clinical and Community Councils at 5pm Friday 25th September 2015 and for Aboriginal Health Council at 5pm Friday 2nd October 2015.



Koori Services Coordinator Children's Court of Victoria Reference Number MC2453

- Excellent opportunity within the Children's Court of Victoria
- VPS Grade 5, Fixed term position for 12 months

The Children's Court of Victoria operates under the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005* as a specialist children's court dealing principally with matters concerning child protection and criminal offending by children.

An exciting, newly-created opportunity exists for a Koori Services Coordinator.

The Koori Services Coordinator will be the first point of contact for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families appearing at the Broadmeadows Children's Court. The role will improve the court experience for Koori families involved in child protection proceedings by providing culturally appropriate information and support. The Koori Services Coordinator will develop policies and practices to enhance management of Koori cases through the court process.

The Koori Services Coordinator will develop and manage the implementation of a Koori Hearing Day at the Broadmeadows Children's Court. The role will also assist staff of the Family Drug Treatment Court to provide a culturally appropriate and safe service for clients.

The role will be active in developing strong networks with internal and external stakeholders, including the judiciary, child protection practitioners, the legal profession and community organisations, and will coordinate a community of practice to facilitate a cohesive working relationship between services.

Whilst the Koori Services Coordinator is based at the Broadmeadows Children's Court, the role will provide a statewide advice and support service across all Children's Court locations. The position will be required to report to the Manager, Programs and Service Coordination.

A Victorian Driver's Licence is required, as the successful applicant is required to travel between court locations.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply

Applications close Wednesday 7 October 2015

For further information please contact Elisa Buggy on (03) 9993 4954



IAHA Policy Officer

- Join a dynamic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander member organisation
- Canberra Based, Full time, 12 month contract
- Salary up to \$ 81,524 including 9.5% superannuation

Indigenous Allied Health Australia Ltd. (IAHA) is a national not for profit, member based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health organisation. IAHA currently has a small Secretariat based in Canberra supporting a Board of Directors and over 600 student and graduate members nationally across 24 allied health professions.

The Policy Officer is a key member of the Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA) team and provides support to the Board of Directors and secretariat through policy development and implementation, research and communications. The Policy Officer will contribute to the development and implementation of policy initiatives in relation to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with a particular focus on allied health.

To obtain a position description, please contact Judy Bell on (02) 6285 1010 or email judy@iaha.com.au. Enquiries can be forwarded to Donna Murray, IAHA CEO on (02) 6285 1010.

Applications must be received by 5pm (AEDT) on Friday 25 September 2015.

IAHA Workforce Development Officer

- Join a dynamic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander member organisation
- Canberra Based, Full time, 12 month contract
- Salary up to \$95,202 including 9.5% superannuation

The role is an identified position open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples only, in line with the ACT Discrimination Act 1991, Part 3, Section 27 (1) (b).

Indigenous Allied Health Australia Ltd. (IAHA) is a national not for profit, member based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health organisation. IAHA currently has a small Secretariat based in Canberra supporting a Board of Directors and over 600 student and graduate members nationally across 24 allied health professions.

The Workforce Development Officer is a key member of the IAHA team and provides support to the Board of Directors and secretariat through the coordination of professional development activities and materials, member engagement and support, maintaining stakeholder relationships and partnerships and community education and engagement activities.

The Workforce Development Officer provides high level contribution to the development and implementation of workforce development and support projects, with a particular focus on allied health.

To obtain a position description, please contact Judy Bell on (02) 6285 1010 or email judy@iaha.com.au. Enquiries can be forwarded to Donna Murray, IAHA CEO on (02) 6285 1010.

Applications must be received by 5pm (AEDT) on Friday 25 September 2015.

www.iaha.com.au

Make a Difference...
Be an allied health professional



HEALTH PROMOTION OFFICER

Dubbo
24 hours per week
Contract to April 2016

Refer to 'About Us' at www.fpnsw.org.au for a full position description or contact Rob Hardy by email to hr@fpnsw.org.au or ph. 02 8752 4306.

Applications close 2 October 2015.



Danila Dilba
Health Service

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Danila Dilba Health Service is going through a dynamic period of expansion, growth and review and currently has the following vacancy:

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST (Full-Time Role)

***Total Salary \$62,304 - \$64,755**

The Medical Receptionist will provide high quality reception and administrative support to the clients and medical staff of the Child Health Unit including:

- Providing receptionist duties to clients presenting to the Child Health Stream
- Providing administrative support duties for all health practitioners within the Child Health Clinic, including faxing, filing, photocopying and taking messages
- Contacting clients to book appointments as well as provide reminders prior to appointment date
- Regularly inspect office equipment to ensure it is in order and where required has paper loaded ready for use
- Manage the appointment system under the direction of the Gumilebirra Women's Clinic Coordinator

We offer:

- Attractive salary with salary packaging benefits
- Six weeks annual leave
- Flexible hours
- Training and development

(* Total salary includes leave loading & superannuation)

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Danila Dilba Health Service is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation that provides comprehensive, high-quality primary health care and community services to Biluru (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people in Yilli Breung (greater Darwin) region.

**Applications Close:
COB 5:00 p.m. Friday 25th September 2015
Details: daniladilba.org.au**



The Aboriginal Health Council of S.A. Inc (AHCSA) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation governed by an Aboriginal Board. AHCSA is a membership-based peak body with a leadership, watchdog, advocacy and sector support role, and 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.

AHCSA is seeking committed individuals for the following vacancies:

Practice Managers Support Officer

Position No. 0415 (Re-advertised)
Salary range: \$87,069.58 – \$92,411.92 p.a.
Full-time contract to 17 December 2016

The Practice Managers Support Officer will drive specific projects and strategies aimed at assisting ACCHS across S.A. to build their clinical processes and the development of a culture of comprehensive primary health care continuous improvement.

ETT Accreditation and Compliance Officer

Position No. 0815 (Re-advertised)
Salary range: \$75,161.04 - \$84,193.52 p.a.
(Full time equivalent)
Part-time contract – 0.8 FTE to 30 June 2016

The Education and Training Compliance Officer oversees and coordinates compliance issues ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements that pertain to AHCSA's Registered Training Organisation. In addition the Compliance Officer will undertake AHPRA compliance in consultation with both internal and external stakeholders.

Aboriginal Employment Support Officer

Position No. 0915 (New position)
Salary range: \$75,161.04 - \$84,193.52 p.a.
(Full time equivalent)
Part-time contract – 0.8 FTE to 30 June 2016

The Aboriginal Employment Support Officer (AESO) will help develop a culturally proficient health workforce by increasing opportunities for Aboriginal people to participate through structured employment engagement activities. The AESO will liaise directly with Aboriginal students and employers to identify their workforce and training needs. This role will coordinate/deliver training in industry skills and employment environment demands.

Public Health Medical Officer

Position No. 1015 (Re-advertised)
Salary by negotiation
Part-time contract - 0.8 FTE to 17 December 2016

The Public Health Medical Officer (PHMO) will understand health and disease in populations, with relevant experience within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector. With excellent clinical knowledge and skills they will inform public health medicine. The PHMO will practice recognised scientific methods in evaluating population health or disease impacts and have a sound knowledge of epidemiological theory and practice.

Applications due: **9.00 a.m. Monday 28 September 2015.** Previous applicants need not re-apply.

AHCSA has an Enterprise Agreement and salary sacrificing is available.

Applicants are required to address the Job and Person Specification which can be obtained from <http://www.ahcsa.org.au/careers> or by contacting Jeff Mountford on 8273 7200. All position enquiries to Amanda Mitchell on amanda.mitchell@ahcsa.org.au

Applications addressing the selection criteria listed in the Job and Person Specifications and nominating three current professional referees, marked "confidential", should be sent to:

Jeff Mountford, Human Resources Officer, Aboriginal Health Council of SA
GPO Box 719, Adelaide SA 5001
or via e-mail to jeff.mountford@ahcsa.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Coordinator: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare CYPF is seeking an experienced Aboriginal Identified Coordinator to join the Youth Hope team in Dubbo.

The successful candidate will be responsible for providing day to day coordination and leadership of one of two teams delivering the Youth Hope Western Program.

Some of the great staff benefits that we offer include a flexible work environment and salary packaging (tax saving benefits).

getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Apply online by 5pm Monday 28 September 2015.
Please view the job description online for full details.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Justice
Juvenile Justice

Project Officer (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 7/8

Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice

Reference No: 00003TMZ

- Ongoing full-time
- Location: Lismore
- Grade Grade 7/8, Salary range \$88,015 pa – \$97,426 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Role Description:

Manage and implement a range of projects across the Division to support and improve service delivery. Undertake a supporting project management role in very large and complex projects.

Applying for the role: To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
Requisition No: 00003TMZ

Enquiries: Leela Griffin on (02) 6623 4202

Closing Date: 7 October 2015

Z06244



Justice
Juvenile Justice

Administration Assistant

Clerk Grade 1/2

Juvenile Justice

Reference No: 00003U0Z

- Ongoing, part-time (17.5 hours per week)
- Location Moree
- Grade 1/2, Salary \$58,687 pa – \$63,801 pa pro-rata (\$32.14 per hour – \$34.94 per hour), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Role Description:

The Administration Assistant provides clerical and administrative support to the Area Manager and staff, as well as providing front desk/reception services.

Applying for the role: To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
Requisition No: 00003U0Z

Enquiries: Bernadette Terry on (02) 6752 3415

Closing Date: 7 October 2015

Z06246

RichmondPRA
Together, we're better.

Manager Mental Health Services (Moree)

As Manager, your role is to achieve RichmondPRA's vision by providing a high quality and responsive recovery oriented service that best supports people with a lived experience of a mental health issue to achieve their hopes and dreams. You will have direct responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Moree office and work in cooperation with managers based in Tamworth and Armidale.

In return be rewarded with an **attractive salary + benefits.**

RichmondPRA encourages persons with a lived experience of mental health issues to apply.

www.richmondpra.applynow.net.au



Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District

Registered Midwife – Mentorship Program (Identified Position) Midwifery Group Practice

Royal Hospital for Women, Randwick

Temporary Full-Time (Until 31 July 2018)

– Female/Aboriginal position

Enquiries: Elizabeth Cox (02) 9382 6019 or

email: elizabeth.cox@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Ref No: 273115

Closing Date: 30 September 2015

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
seslhd.recruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
or send application to:
Recruitment Unit,
Ground Floor Admin Building No. 2
Prince of Wales Hospital
Randwick NSW 2031

Z05955

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Department of
Justice and Attorney-General

Official Visitor (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)

Queensland Corrective Services,

Office of Chief Inspector

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Salary: Fee based - \$300 per visit

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/193421/15

Key Duties: Visit correctional centre, investigate prisoner complaints and report writing

Skills/Abilities: Integrity, ability to remain impartial, ability to build positive relationships, communicate and network with staff, investigation and report writing skills

Enquiries: Nicole Meakins (07) 3239 6517

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 2 October 2015

Blaze076291



**Careers with
Queensland
Health**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advanced Health Worker (Hospital Based)

Community and Allied Health Services, Hervey Bay Hospital, Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

Remuneration value up to \$5760 p.m., comprising salary between \$2117.60 - \$2322.10 p.f., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Temporary position available up to 30 June 2016) (Applications will remain current for twelve months)

Duties/Abilities:

- Improve the inpatient journey and continuity of care by implementing comprehensive, culturally safe and coordinated case management and referral pathways across the continuum of care and all entry and exit points into and out of the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service Hospitals.
- Contribute to improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by increasing the cultural competence of the hospital and health service workforce, and
- Reduce the rate of potentially preventable hospitalisations, readmissions and incomplete treatments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

Enquiries: Stephen Bell (07) 4122 8733.

Job Ad Reference: H1508WB192689

Application Kit: (07) 4150 2250 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforum

Closing Date: Wednesday, 30 September 2015.

Blaze075788

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.
A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



Flinders
UNIVERSITY

inspiring achievement

Administrative Assistant

Ref 15259 The successful applicant will provide high quality administrative support to staff, students and stakeholders of the Office of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement. The role includes front line support, with a focus on delivering a high standard of customer service.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

- **Office of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement**
- **Available on a continuing, full-time basis**
- **Salary (HEO4): \$56,780 to \$61,390 pa**
- **Plus 17% employer superannuation**
- **Applications close: 11.00 am, Friday 2 October 2015**

Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at our Jobs@Flinders website: www.flinders.edu.au/employment

www.flinders.edu.au
Equal Opportunity is University Policy
CRICOS Provider Number: 00114 A

Department of Justice & Regulation

Programs Manager

Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place



- **Corrections Victoria, Gippsland Region**
- **Ongoing, full time, VPS5: \$86,493 - \$104,650 plus superannuation**

Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place is a statewide residential diversionary program for Aboriginal men, located in the Gippsland region near the town of Yarram. The Programs Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of life skills programs, recreation programs, ground maintenance programs and educational programs.

As our ideal candidate you will possess:

- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori Community.
- demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori Community.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information on this position and to submit your application please visit careers.vic.gov.au. Applications close 4 October 2015.



Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

KOORI SERVICES OFFICER

Magistrates' Court of Victoria

VPS Grade 3

Role No: MC2215

(Full time, Fixed term for 12 months)

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria seeks to address the issue of over-representation of Aboriginal people in the Victorian justice system. The Koori Services Officer provides culturally appropriate assistance, support and interventions to Aboriginal people across a range of Magistrates' Court jurisdictions with a focus on the Koori Court, Family Violence (criminal and civil), and the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal.

The role of the Koori Services Officer is to improve the experience of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community members engaged with the justice system by:

- liaising with, educating and supporting Aboriginal community members attending Melbourne Magistrates' Court to inform them of court processes and their obligations
- providing cultural information and advice to the Court to enhance culturally sensitive responses, and access to court programs
- supporting the operation of the Koori Court
- educating the Aboriginal community about the Magistrates' and Children's Koori Courts and programs
- establishing and maintaining working relationships and referral pathways with Court support services and community services that provide effective and culturally appropriate services.

The Koori Services Officer works as part of a MCV team comprised of court registrars, Specialist Court and Court Support Service staff, Koori Court Staff, Koori Family Violence and Victims Support Program Staff, Family Violence Applicant and Respondent Support Workers and Court Integrated Support Program staff.

This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position

Further information: Please contact Robyn Young on (03) 9032 0943

Applications to: www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close Wednesday 30 September 2015



Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Valley Women's Resource Centre

Are you someone with financial smarts, great interpersonal skills and a genuine commitment to human rights?

Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Valley Women's Resource Centre is looking for someone with financial expertise to help us build a more sustainable and viable future while also strengthening our day to day operations.

Based in Fitzroy Crossing, this 12 month, four day per week role offers the opportunity to work in a dynamic and innovative Indigenous organisation making a real difference to the lives of women and their families.

Total Salary Package of \$89,074 with subsidised rental housing.

MARNINWARNTIKURA



This position offers the opportunity to experience life in a remote community located in the beautiful and inspiring Kimberley region of Western Australia.

More information is at our website at www.mwrc.com.au

For information about the position email kerry@mwrc.com.au

Applications close COB 9 October 2015

Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council (FLALC)

Re-Advertised

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

(Identified Position)

The Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council (FLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and Motivated people interested in undertaking the role of CEO.

Applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria. Applicants are required to meet and address the selection criteria.

This position will be 5 days per week (35 Hours). Remuneration range of 65-75k negotiable.

To obtain a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer – Trent Lynwood on (02) 66591200 or Email trent.lynwood@alc.org.au

Previous applicants need not re-apply

Aboriginal Identified, "An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and Authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977."

Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Contact Officer

PO Box 1912, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

applications close: 7/10/2015



Careers with Queensland Health

Generalist Health Worker (Child Youth and Family Health)

Child, Youth and Family Health, Women's and Children's Services, Toowoomba Hospital, Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service.

Remuneration value up to \$60 719 p.a., comprising salary between \$50 945 - \$53 217 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (003) (Applications will remain current for 12 months)

Duties / Abilities: To advance the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the Toowoomba area using a Primary health multi-disciplinary, case management approach to meeting individual and community needs.

Enquiries: Jeff Reeves (07) 4616 6812

Job Ad Reference: DD1509192538

Application Kit: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 12 October 2015

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



Careers with Queensland Health

Advanced Health Worker (Hearing Health)

Child, Youth and Family Health, Women's and Children's Services, Toowoomba Hospital, Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service.

Remuneration value up to \$69 122 p.a., comprising salary between \$55 247 - \$60 582 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months)

Duties / Abilities: The Advanced Health Worker works in a multidisciplinary team environment in a leading role to develop partnerships with Indigenous communities and provide and develop a range of holistic and culturally safe hearing health services relevant for the reduction of ear health disease burden within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and with specific emphasis on pre-school children and their families.

Enquiries: Jeff Reeves (07) 4616 6812

Job Ad Reference: DD1509192539

Application Kit: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 12 October 2015

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



POSITIONS VACANT

TSIRC has the following exciting employment opportunities now available

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

(Salary \$70,000.00 - \$75,000.00 per annum)
Permanent Full Time
Based at Cairns or any TSIRC Division

PROJECT COORDINATOR

(Salary \$70,000.00 - \$75,000.00 per annum)
Permanent Full Time
Based at Cairns or any TSIRC Division

**Applications close
5pm Friday, 2 October 2015**

For more information or to obtain an application package visit www.tsirc.qld.gov.au or contact May Mosby (07) 40345731 or Email: Recruitment@tsirc.qld.gov.au

Applicants are required to specifically address the selection criteria, include a Resume and submit to Recruitment@tsirc.qld.gov.au

Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

Dania Ahwang
Chief Executive Officer



GARNDUWA

Area Manager - Fitzroy Valley

- Exciting and innovative Youth Sport and Recreation Program.
- Generous salary package and benefits.
- Opportunity to lead a dedicated and hard-working team.

Garnduwa is looking to recruit a suitably experienced and dedicated Area Manager to oversee the development and maintenance of its Fitzroy Valley youth sport and recreation programs.

The successful applicant will need to have a relevant tertiary qualification and have demonstrated strengths and extensive experience working with Indigenous communities in the sport and recreation, social justice, health, education or youth fields. Garnduwa is an equal opportunity employer.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

A salary package of **\$70,000 to \$74,300** plus Super will be negotiated with the successful applicant dependent on level of experience.

Youth Coordinator - Fitzroy Valley

- Exciting and innovative Youth Initiative.
- Generous salary package and benefits.
- Part of a dedicated and hard-working team.

Garnduwa is looking to recruit a suitably experienced and dedicated Youth Coordinator to oversee the continued development and implementation of the Fitzroy Valley Youth Strategy.

The successful applicant will need to have a relevant tertiary qualification in the social sciences and have demonstrated strengths and extensive experience in working with Indigenous families and communities in the social justice, health, education or youth fields. Garnduwa is an equal opportunity employer.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

A salary package of **\$95,200 to \$98,700** plus Super will be negotiated with the successful applicant dependent on level of experience.

For an application package for the above positions please email admin@garnduwa.com.au

For enquiries about the above positions please contact Geoff Davis on 0429 092 777.

**Applications for the above positions close:
4pm Wednesday, 7th of October 2015.**



Justice Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker, Community Office

Clerk Grade 6/7

- Ongoing Full-Time (Aboriginal Identified)
- Taree
- Salary Range - \$83,022 pa - \$90,646 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Role Description:

Front line delivery functions of a community office, providing a quality range of externally and internally sourced services to youth justice conferencing clients, victims or crime, court mandated young people and their families, as part of a multi-disciplined team.

The primary focus is to reduce re-offending of young people and enhance their functioning and reintegration into their families and the community.

Aboriginal Identified, "An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977".

To apply, please visit jobs.nsw.gov.au

Reference: 00003UZ3

Enquiries: Gary Dennes on 0428 409 050

Closing Date: Sunday 11 October 2015



Health

Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

Security Officer

Nepean Hospital

Permanent Full-Time

Salary \$47,649.00 pa

Enquiries: Steve Matthews, (02) 4734 2331

Reference ID: 271691

Closing Date: 29 September 2015

This is a targeted position in accordance with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2015_026.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and where found suitable will be given higher priority.

Aboriginal applicants may have to cite their Aboriginality in addition to the selection criteria.

Information to assist you with your application can be found on the NSW Health Stepping Up website – www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Apply online at:

<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=271691>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health

Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

Aboriginal VAN Counsellors – Social Workers Level 3 / Psychologists

Ambulatory & Primary Health Care

– Illawarra/Shoalhaven

Permanent Full-Time – 2 positions

Enquiries: Michael Smith, (02) 4221 6762

Reference ID: 275702

Closing Date: 7 October 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:

nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
ISLHRecruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
or send application to:
Recruitment Unit,
Port Kembla Hospital, Locked Bag 8008,
South Coast Mail Centre NSW 2521.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



i can

...make a positive contribution to Aboriginal Health

I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellor

Port Pirie Regional Health Service

Job Ref: 572010

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers
1300 882 992



Government of South Australia
SA Health



Aboriginal Health Coach

Healthways Australia is seeking an experienced Aboriginal Identified Health Coach (Allied Health Professional) to join our team in North Ryde. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a highly reputable Global Organisation on a permanent full time OR part time basis

Applicants will require:

- Extensive knowledge of issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities in contemporary society and a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Health related Bachelor Degree in relevant field with a minimum of 1 year post graduate experience;
- Current industry registration/memberships (ESSA, D.A.A, AHPRA etc);
- Prior experience in coaching, motivational interviewing & use of behaviour modification techniques, counselling and knowledge of population health issues and guidelines;
- Ability to be self-directed and highly organised, ensuring participants satisfaction levels are met;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Intermediate/Advanced computer skills;
- Experience in the Health and Wellness industry is highly regarded; and
- Prior experience in the provision of outstanding customer service

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.

For a confidential discussion about this role, please contact Christine Haynes, Human Resources Specialist on 02 8264 4800 during business hours or email your CV to humanresourcesau@healthways.com



Department of
Primary Industries
Water

Project Support Officer (Lake Victoria Program)

- This is an Aboriginal identified role
- Located in Buronga, NSW
- Clerk Grade 2-3, (\$62,097 – \$67,586 salary range pa) plus super & annual leave loading.
- Full-time temporary role up to 12 months

To succeed in this role you will have the ability to provide administrative and business services to the Lake Victoria Program activities and projects, including word processing, records management and information dissemination. You will also have the ability to communicate, develop and maintain relations with Aboriginal Council and communities relating to the Lake Victoria Program.

To be eligible for this role you must be of Aboriginal heritage and possess a current valid driver's licence.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

For further information, the role description and to apply on-line, applicants should go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for Job Reference No: 00003WHR

Enquiries: Shaun Richardson on (03) 5051 6229 or mobile 0408 251 602

Closing Date: 27 September 2015

Z06158

Department of
Justice and Attorney-General

Official Visitor (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)

**Queensland Corrective Services,
Office of Chief Inspector**

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Salary: Fee based - \$300 per visit

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/193427/15

Key Duties: Visit correctional centre, investigate prisoner complaints and report writing

Skills/Abilities: Integrity, ability to remain impartial, ability to built positive relationships, communicate and network with staff, investigation and report writing skills

Enquiries: Nicole Meakins (07) 3239 6517. To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 2 October 2015



Queensland
Government

Blaze076297

Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre Multiple positions available

About the Organisation

Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre (Biripi ACMC) is a community controlled organisation funded by numerous Agencies and levels of Government.

Based in Taree, the Centre delivers a range of services in the region, including preventative programs and management of aged care, medical care, chronic disease care, maternal and child health services, oral health services, home nursing services, social, emotional and well-being services, sexual health, public health and a range of other family services.

With an annual operating budget of approximately \$11 million, supplied through a mixture of grants, funding and self-generated income, Biripi ACMC has in excess of 90 employees and operates around 25 primary health care programs.



About the Opportunities

Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre currently have 6 highly rewarding opportunities to join their team and help make a real difference in the community.

Clinical Services Manager

Biripi ACMC has an exciting opportunity for a Clinical Services Manager to join their team on a full-time basis. Assisting the CEO, you will work to achieve Biripi ACMC's objectives through the effective provision and management of their primary health services. You will receive an attractive remuneration package of \$100,000-\$110,000 (negotiable, depending on experience) PLUS super, a phone and laptop! Salary sacrificing options up to \$15,950 are available as a Not-For-Profit Organisation, as well as Meals & Entertainment and Leisure & Lifestyle cards being provided to staff!

For more information, and to apply, visit <http://applynow.net.au/jobs/71752>

Program Manager

Biripi ACMC has an exciting opportunity for a Program Manager to join their team on a full-time basis. As the Program Manager, you will be responsible for managing the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the health programs and services. You will receive an attractive remuneration package of \$100,000-\$110,000 (negotiable, depending on experience) PLUS a phone and laptop! Salary sacrificing options up to \$15,950 are available as a Not-For-Profit Organisation, as well as Meals & Entertainment and Leisure & Lifestyle cards being provided to staff!

For more information, and to apply, visit <http://applynow.net.au/jobs/71754>

Team Leaders - Chronic Disease & Integrated Care, Clinical Services, and Child & Maternal Health

As a Team Leader, you will work closely with clients to assist them to plan and understand their ongoing care, to advocate their needs when requiring complex care. Additionally, you will work with staff in order to ensure a client-centered approach to delivery of services within Biripi ACMC is upheld throughout the team, as well as supporting the General Practices and Aboriginal Health Programs to work within a case management/care coordination framework. You will receive an attractive remuneration package of \$70,000-\$80,000 PLUS super, a phone and laptop! Salary sacrificing options up to \$15,950 are available as a Not-For-Profit Organisation, as well as Meals & Entertainment and Leisure & Lifestyle cards being provided to staff!

For more information, and to apply, visit:

Team Leader - Chronic Disease & Integrated Care - <http://applynow.net.au/jobs/71755>

Team Leader - Clinical Services - <http://applynow.net.au/jobs/71759>

Team Leader - Child & Maternal Health - <http://applynow.net.au/jobs/70011>

Cultural Security Officer

As the Cultural Security Officer, you will act as a cultural resource and advocate, providing input into ensuring cultural security is maintained throughout all facets of organisation operation. You will receive an attractive remuneration package of \$70,000-\$80,000 (negotiable, depending on experience) PLUS super, a phone and laptop! Salary sacrificing options up to \$15,950 are available as a Not-For-Profit Organisation, as well as Meals & Entertainment and Leisure & Lifestyle cards being provided to staff!

For more information, and to apply, visit <http://applynow.net.au/jobs/71753>



MERCY HEALTH: CARING FOR A LIVING

Health Services

Aboriginal Data & Project Support Officer Mercy Hospital for Women

- Permanent full time with an Accrued Day Off

We seek a skilled, dynamic and motivated individual to work within a multi-disciplinary team.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Enquiries to: Marika Jackomos, Manager, Aboriginal Programs, 8458 4398 or mjackomos@mercy.com.au

Quote Ref: MHW 98

Applications Close: Friday 9 October 2015



For more information and to apply, please visit careers.mercy.com.au



Z0592207



Curtin academics understand the importance of sharing culture.

DEAN, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Centre for Aboriginal Studies

3 years fixed term, full-time

A competitive salary package will be offered

Ref: 3849

Are you a talented academic with a history of conducting high level research and a passion for Indigenous education?

The Centre for Aboriginal Studies is a meeting place where knowledge, respect and understanding can grow. With its long tradition of supporting and encouraging Indigenous students to take control of their own learning, the centre holds an enduring sense of belonging, autonomy and strength for Indigenous people at Curtin University.

As the Dean, Research and Development, you will provide strategic leadership, innovation and management of the centre's research and development agenda and graduate studies programs. Your responsibilities include engaging in partnerships with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, industries and organisations across diverse cultural and professional areas, undertaking research based activities and acquiring research grants, developing a team of leading researchers and supervising postgraduate students.

You will also make independent and original contributions to research which have a significant impact on the discipline.

To be successful you need a relevant doctoral qualification and an established record of research outputs in high-quality referred journals. A history of successful competitive grant applications and a record of obtaining research income, along with experience providing supervision to higher degree by research students and strategic leadership in research and development is essential. Demonstrated experience working within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contexts is required.

People from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close: 5 pm, Wednesday 7 October 2015

Building on a foundation of integrity and respect, and through courage, we will achieve excellence and have an impact on the communities we serve.

**Make tomorrow better.
Visit jobs.curtin.edu.au**



Curtin University



WHS & Operations Coordinator

Remuneration: \$59,675 - \$67,632 pa (plus super & leave loading)

This role is pivotal in providing safe, high quality training, accommodation and administration facilities and associated services for NAISDA Dance College.

You will bring to the position your extensive knowledge and experience in managing Work Health & Safety programs and facilities operations in a dynamic environment with a diverse range of stakeholders. Employment screening and Working with Childrens Check apply.

Application Pack: Sue Gosson on (02) 4340 3100 or email s.gosson@naidsa.com.au

Closing Date: Monday 5th October 2015.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

FINANCE OFFICER

Eastern Zone - Gosford
Permanent Full time position

As the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal affairs, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community.

In this role you work directly with Local Aboriginal Land Councils guiding, educating and assisting them on a wide range of financial matters, whilst respecting their independence.

The keys to your success are going to be your experience in establishing and monitoring financial governance with effective policies, procedures, reporting mechanisms and internal controls.

To be considered, you will need to demonstrate expertise in these critical functions:

- Preparation of budgets, funding agreements
- Reconciliations and acquittals
- Audits, analysis and reports
- Experience in interpreting legislation
- Qualifications in accounting, business or community development
- Knowledge of Land Rights would be desirable

Why work for the NSW Aboriginal Land Council?

- You are committed to Aboriginal land rights
- You will receive immense job satisfaction working for a values based organization.
- A career in an organisation that makes a difference
- To work in a family friendly and supportive work environment
- Receive training and mentoring with the opportunity to improve and learn new skills.
- Take advantage of Salary Packaging Benefits that increases your take home pay
- Receive attractive leave conditions

To be considered for this role, you will need to attach a **maximum 2** page cover letter outlining how you demonstrate expertise in the **critical functions** and your resume to email hrtraining@alc.org.au by **9 October 2015**. If you require any further information about this position please contact Steve Merritt on 02 4337 4700.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of Aboriginal peoples in NSW. We will require a cleared national Criminal History Check. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of diversity.

Aboriginal People are encouraged to apply.

Aboriginal Caseworker: Get a career that matters.

Jaanimilli, part of UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families, is seeking an Aboriginal Identified Caseworker to join our Birrung Gurung program in Minto. This is a Permanent Full Time. You will be responsible for providing assessment, intensive home visiting and crisis management as per the Homebuilders Model to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families who have a child with a Disability. Don't let this amazing opportunity pass you by!

getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Apply online by 5pm Monday 28 September 2015

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



i can

...make a positive contribution to Aboriginal Health

I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

Aboriginal Clinical Health Worker

Women's & Children's Health Network
Christies Beach
Job Ref: 573541

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers
1300 882 992



Blaze 076357



Screen Australia is the Commonwealth Government's primary agency for supporting Australian screen production. In partnership with content creators, Screen Australia aims to create an Australian industry that is innovative, culturally important and commercially sustainable.

Investment Development Manager, Indigenous

Full-time, 2 years - Sydney

Screen Australia's Indigenous Department is recognised locally and internationally for its achievements. The celebrated team fosters and supports Indigenous talent and distinctive stories, maintaining the strong presence of Indigenous screen stories through development and production funding programs and innovative initiatives for practitioners.

An exciting opportunity now exists to join this team in the role of **Investment Development Manager**. In this role, you will be responsible for:

- Assessing allocated applications for funding across the Indigenous Department's programs including development, production, documentary and digital media and preparing funding recommendations.
- Overseeing the development and production of funded projects and managing these through to completion.
- Working with applicants on an individual basis, providing constructive feedback to help them develop their projects and improve their skills.
- Managing workshops and initiatives, including administrative, reporting and record management duties.
- Establishing and maintaining strong, effective and credible relationships with a wide cross section of industry, including other agencies, industry organisations, broadcasters and relevant Indigenous stakeholders.

To be successful in the role, you must have:

- Knowledge of Indigenous Australian film and television culture with recent experience at a creative level in feature film, short film, documentary, animation and interactive media are essential.
- Good creative judgment to objectively and fairly evaluate scripts and project proposals, and assess production and budget implications.
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills, combined with exceptional interpersonal skills.
- Proven experience managing multiple projects simultaneously and ability to work collaboratively in a team environment to accomplish common goals.

Please note: that this is an Indigenous identified position. Applicants must be of Indigenous Australian descent, identify as an Indigenous Australian and be accepted as such by the community with which he/she is associated.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Job Information: Further information on this position and to apply please visit the Screen Australia website: <http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs>.

Applications close: 5pm 16 October 2015.



Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Service Support Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8

Department of Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Reference No. 00003WBN

- **Location:** Penrith
- **Salary range:** \$88,015 - \$97,426 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the Opportunity

Implement projects and undertake activities related to the planning and delivery of effective services and options to ADHC clients, and provide advice for government which reflects contemporary needs and innovative responses for older people and people with a disability and their carers.

Job Notes

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. The position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

This is a temporary role in accordance with the Government Sector *Employment Act 2013* for a period of up to six months.

A talent pool may be created from this recruitment for ongoing and temporary roles of the same position type that become available for filling.

Closing date: Thursday 1st October at 2015 at 11:59 pm.

For enquiries: Caine Carroll (02) 4734 9464

How to apply: For more information on available job vacancies and to apply online, please visit the careers page at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and refer to job reference number **00003WBN**.

Thank you for your interest in this position.

206358



RSM Bird Cameron Partners

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(FULL TIME OR PART TIME POSITION)

BREWARRINA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
(ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED)

The Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Land Council (Administrator Appointed) is seeking suitable applicants for the above position. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be responsible to the Community and Members and will report initially to the Administrator and subsequently to the Board upon expiration of the Administration period.

DUTIES: To undertake duties involving the administration and financial management, on a day to day basis, of the Land Council, whilst maintaining the organisation's policies and guidelines in its endeavour to obtain its aims and objectives, with emphasis on submissions, maintaining accountability, staff supervision and personnel payroll.

ESSENTIAL: Applicants must have experience in office management and administration, as well as be able to work as part of a team, strong communication and negotiation skills, the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people, an understanding of Aboriginal issues and experience in WH&S practices. Applicants are required to address the Selection criteria in writing.

DESIRABLE: Knowledge of the Aboriginal Land Council functions, administration and funding procedures, knowledge of the local area, rental property management experience, driver's licence and Aboriginality.

GENERAL: Aboriginal persons are encouraged to apply. Applications should specifically consider the relevant job description, a copy of which is available upon request. Applicants should provide a minimum of two (2) recent references. Some travel may be involved with this position.

A copy of the selection criteria is available from the Administrator. Employment as the Chief Executive Officer in the Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Land Council (administrator Appointed) is subject to:

- The applicant being an Australian citizen or having the status of permanent resident in Australia.
- The applicant providing proof of identity and any other necessary documentation.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record check in accordance with Clause 79 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983) as amended 2006.
- Confirmation that the prospective applicant is not disqualified from being employed in accordance with Clause 78 (B) of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983) as amended 2006.
- 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.

Applications close by 5 pm, Wednesday 30 September 2015.

Inquiries to: The Administrator c/- RSM Bird Cameron Partners, 55 Berry Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 Ph: 02 6937 7000

Applications to: The Administrator c/- RSM Bird Cameron Partners, 55 Berry Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.
Email: michael.thorn@rsmi.com.au



RSM Bird Cameron Partners

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(FULL TIME OR PART TIME POSITION)

BALRANALD LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
(ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED)

The Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council (Administrator Appointed) is seeking suitable applicants for the above position. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be responsible to the Community and Members and will report initially to the Administrator and subsequently to the Board upon expiration of the Administration period.

DUTIES: To undertake duties involving the administration and financial management, on a day to day basis, of the Land Council, whilst maintaining the organisation's policies and guidelines in its endeavour to obtain its aims and objectives, with emphasis on submissions, maintaining accountability, staff supervision and personnel payroll.

ESSENTIAL: Applicants must have experience in office management and administration, as well as be able to work as part of a team, strong communication and negotiation skills, the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people, an understanding of Aboriginal issues and experience in WH&S practices. Applicants are required to address the Selection criteria in writing.

DESIRABLE: Knowledge of the Aboriginal Land Council functions, administration and funding procedures, knowledge of the local area, rental property management experience, driver's licence and Aboriginality.

GENERAL: Aboriginal persons are encouraged to apply. Applications should specifically consider the relevant job description, a copy of which is available upon request. Applicants should provide a minimum of two (2) recent references. Some travel may be involved with this position.

A copy of the selection criteria is available from the Administrator. Employment as the Chief Executive Officer in the Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Land Council (administrator Appointed) is subject to:

- The applicant being an Australian citizen or having the status of permanent resident in Australia.
- The applicant providing proof of identity and any other necessary documentation.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record check in accordance with Clause 79 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983) as amended 2006.
- Confirmation that the prospective applicant is not disqualified from being employed in accordance with Clause 78 (B) of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983) as amended 2006.
- 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.

Applications close by 5 pm, Wednesday 30 September 2015.

Inquiries to: The Administrator c/- RSM Bird Cameron Partners, 55 Berry Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 Ph: 02 6937 7000

Applications to: The Administrator c/- RSM Bird Cameron Partners, 55 Berry Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.
Email: michael.thorn@rsmi.com.au



Equity Pathways Officer (Indigenous) Canberra Campus, ACT

To apply and obtain further
information visit the ACU
Careers website at
www.acu.edu.au/careers

Applications close:
Wednesday 7 October 2015

www.acu.edu.au/careers



Health Hunter New England Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/Default.aspx
Application Information Packages
are available at this web address.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Newcastle Community Health Centre
Enquires: Leanne Morris, (02) 4016 4900
Reference ID: 276091

Closing date: 4 October 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*.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are
encouraged to apply. 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

Z06410



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Aboriginal targeted position
Redfern Local Area Command, REDFERN
Clerk Grade 5/6
PERMANENT FULL-TIME
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003X5V

Salary Package: \$94,300. **Salary:** \$77,448 – \$85,455.
Package includes salary, employer's contribution to
superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The position provides executive level support to the Local
Area Command.

This includes the management of the administrative
procedures relating to complaint and disciplinary matters
from assessment to completion.

The position also concentrates on preparing ministerial
correspondence, letters of appreciation and other
related correspondence whilst maintaining confidentiality
and security.

Job Notes:

- Applicants for this position **must** satisfy the
Aboriginality criteria.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - o Give written responses addressing each of the selection
criteria using the text boxes provided in the online
application; or
 - o Attach a document addressing each of the selection
criteria to your application.
 - o Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous
National Police Check (criminal history) prior to
commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically
online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Maria Jennings – Local Area Manager on
(02) 8303 5101

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position
description, information package and to apply, please go
to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for
Requisition Number 00003X5V

Closing Date: Monday 5 OCTOBER 2015

Z06427



2x Academic Support Officers

Never Stand Still

Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Unit
Base: \$85K- \$92K per year | Ref 11032
1 x Full time continuing role
1 x Fixed Term Full time role until Sept 2016

Nura Gili is the Indigenous Programs Unit at
UNSW, Australia. Its core business is to provide
support services for Indigenous students, deliver
Indigenous studies teaching programs and conduct
research within the field of Indigenous studies.

With more than 25 staff and over 1000 students,
Nura Gili has a goal of becoming the leading
Indigenous Unit within the higher education sector
in Australia.

The positions are responsible for providing high
quality academic learning support for Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in
degree programs across the university.

The delivery of proactive support to students is
core to this role, with a large component dedicated
to the development and coordination of learning
plans with ITAS tutors and students.

The positions also provide support service
advice to students at various stages of their
higher education experience - from application to
graduation.

To be successful in this position you will have a
degree in Education or related field, a minimum
of 5 years teaching experience at secondary
high school level, and demonstrated experience
working with Indigenous students to improve their
academic skills.

The position requires you to work efficiently and
effectively in a positive team environment with
flexibility to respond to competing demands.

Application close: 5 October 2015

**For more information, application procedures and
other vacancies, visit: jobs.unsw.edu.au**



GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Aboriginal targeted position
Kings Cross Local Area Command, KINGS CROSS
Clerk Grade 1/2
Temporary Full-time up to 12 months
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003X5X

Salary Package: \$70,404. **Salary:** \$58,687 – \$63,801.
Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to
superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support
within the Kings Cross Local Area Command, focusing on
quality advice and high-level customer service to members of
the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.
The General Administrative Support Officer also provides
administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW
Police Force locations.

Job Notes:

- This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander applicants **only** in accordance with the NSW
Police Force Employment Strategy. Applicants for this
position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift
award with rostering undertaken in accordance with
Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally
be rostered to perform work in business hours on
weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts
and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - o Give written responses addressing each of the selection
criteria using the text boxes provided in the online
application; or
 - o Attach a document addressing each of the selection
criteria to your application.
 - o Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous
National Police Check (criminal history) prior to
commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically
online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Natalie Rosser – A/Local Area Manager on
(02) 8356 0009

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position
description, information package and to apply, please go
to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for
Requisition Number 00003X5X

Closing Date: Monday 5 October 2015

Z06430



The Australia Council is seeking applications for the
position of

DIRECTOR RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Full time position – 3 year contract
Convenient Surry Hills location

This important position will lead the development and implementation of a consolidated
research and evaluation strategy that informs the Australia Council and the arts sector in the
continuous development of excellence in advocacy, innovation and artistic vibrancy.

To obtain further information, please visit our careers page at
<http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers-at-australia-council-for-the-arts/>

Applications close 30 September 2015 at 5.00pm (AEST)



AOD Worker: Making A Change (MAC)

Non-Residential Rehabilitation Program Support.

Employment: Full-time.
Fixed term until 30th June 2019.

For position description please contact Natasha Collins via email: ncollins@badac.net.au

This position requires the applicant to support an integrated approach to client services for
Alcohol and Other Drug treatment non residential rehabilitation program within the Ballarat
Aboriginal community.

The applicant will also need to work closely with the program Co-ordinator in the delivery of the
eight week program in the Ballarat area up to 4 times a year. Some facilitation of the program
will be required.

For further information please contact Jo Warren, Health Program Manager at BADAC on (03)
5331 5344 or email jwarren@badac.net.au

Applications close: Friday 2nd October 2015 at 4.00pm

*The Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-operative Acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of our
country throughout Victoria and Australia. We pay our respects to all our Elders past and present.*



AIATSIS
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

POSITIONS VACANT

The Collections Unit is seeking to recruit staff to the Family History Unit.

Family History Unit Manager

Grade: EL 1
Salary: \$ 89,922 - \$98,639
Duration: Ongoing.

Indigenous Family History Research Officer

Grade: APS 4
Salary: \$58,915 - \$64,308
Duration: Ongoing.

Closing Date for the above positions: 13th October 2015

For more information for the above positions please email: recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au

Position descriptions and application forms are available from the AIATSIS website:
<http://aiatsis.gov.au/about-us/work-us/current-vacancies>

WAMBA WAMBA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Remuneration Package Negotiable)
Full Time/Permanent

The Wamba Wamba Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from
experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a challenging
role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected
Board through the
day-to-day management of the Wamba Wamba LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated
authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's
resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the
Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) (or the ability to rapidly acquire), the capacity to
interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and
management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices
and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be
required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position
Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be
considered. For a recruitment package contact the Wamba Wamba LALC by email:
finance@wambawamba.org.au or on (03) 5032 2378.

Applications can be forwarded to email: finance@wambawamba.org.au or marked
"Confidential" and posted to:

The CEO Recruitment Panel
Wamba Wamba Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 2011, Swan Hill, VIC, 3585

Applications close: Friday 2nd of October 2015

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

100,000

It's how many readers your ad will reach in every edition of the **Koori Mail!**
Koori Mail. The only Indigenous newspaper with independently audited circulation and readership*

*The Koori Mail is audited by the Audited Media Association of Australia for paid sales, not merely market distribution.



Aboriginal Community Networks Developer

full time position

Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program

Ashfield (Sydney) based-with extensive interstate travel

The Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Networks project is an exciting initiative which focuses on supporting suicide prevention activities through a collaborative and strategic community approach.

This role is all about getting out into the community establishing and building networks of committed local people who care about preventing suicide.

Essential Criteria

- excellent verbal and written communication skills
- effective report writing skills
- a proven ability to identify and develop effective relationships with key stakeholders
- experience in developing and implementing project plans

WESLEY MISSION



- excellent organisational skills
- an understanding of group processes
- experience in facilitating meetings
- a current driver's licence

Desirable Criteria

- an understanding of issues facing rural and remote communities
- cultural awareness and sensitivity

Closing date: Friday 2 October 2015

Wesley Mission considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Apply now

To enquire and submit an application, please contact Jamilla Rogers on 1800 100 024 or email: lifeforcenetworks@wesleymission.org.au



Justice

Aboriginal Client & Community Support Officer, Aboriginal Services

- Ongoing full-time
- Lismore, Moree & Coffs Harbour
- Clerk Grade 3/4, Salary (\$65,608 – \$71,839), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Provide project support and effective customer service to Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal clients attending court.

Reference number 00003UQX

Applying for the role:

To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Monday, 5 October 2015 (11.59pm)

Contact: Tamara Saunders, Contact: 0428 656 886 and email: tamara_j_saunders@agd.nsw.gov.au

Z06197



Health

South Western Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Education Officer – DHS

Ref: 275982 – Perm F/T at Drug Health, Campbelltown
Salary: \$56,577 – \$83,778 p.a

Enq: Kelly Walker

Ph: (02) 8717 4036

Closing Date: 6 October 2015

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

Z06421

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Program Co-ordinator and Play Helper Aboriginal Supported Playgroup Program Wagga Wagga

These positions are both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified Positions

Playgroup NSW is recruiting an enthusiastic and committed team to establish and run the new Aboriginal Supported Playgroup program in Wagga Wagga with the support of Managers and staff at Playgroup NSW. You will work alongside families to run playgroups that enhance children's development, help set children up for a great start at school, connect families to formal early childhood services and support parents/carers to feel empowered to nurture their children's development at home.

Playgroup NSW considers that being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational requirement under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

1. Program Co-ordinator

(Identified Position)

25 – 30 hours per week (hours negotiable) Level 3 SCHCADS Award (Plus super & 17.5 % Annual Leave Loading)

2. Play Helper

(Identified Position)

16 hours per week, Level 2 SCHCADS Award (Plus super & 17.5 % Annual Leave Loading)

A National Criminal History Check and a Working with Children Check will be required before starting employment for both roles.

To obtain a copy of either position description and for further information on how to apply for these positions please contact Playgroup NSW on 1800 171 882 or email hr@playgroupnsw.com.au



Health

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee

Mental Health Services, Maroubra

Permanent Full-Time

Enquiries: Matthew Trindall – 0401 712 465

Ref No: 275033

Closing Date: 30 September 2015

Apply online at:

nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

or email application quoting Ref. No. to:

seslhd.recruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

or send application to:

Recruitment Unit,

Ground Floor Admin Building No. 2

Prince of Wales Hospital

Randwick NSW 2031

Z06289

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



- These are identified positions, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply
- Build awareness and promote a belief in high expectations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

The Aurora Education Foundation's vision is to transform the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians through education, one life at a time, growing the numbers of Indigenous leaders, mentors and academic role models. Under the banner of The Aspiration Initiative (TAI), we provide interconnected education programs, products and services that challenge low expectations, build aspirations and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to realise their academic potential. We work to change the current narrative of Indigenous education, so that outstanding achievement is the norm rather than the exception.

Launched in 2011, TAI's Academic Enrichment Program involves academic camps, tutoring and ongoing mentoring for 90 Indigenous Australians in NSW, Vic and WA. Students are supported with over 250 hours of support annually, including 20 days of academic camps a year from the middle of Year 8 through to the end of their first year out of school. At present, the students in NSW and Victoria are finishing Year 12 and the students in WA are in Year 11. The vision is to expand the program over the next 10-15 years to 22 sites, assisting 4,000 students to reach university.

national manager – sydney, melbourne or canberra

Reporting to the CEO you will help lead the organisation through a growth phase identifying and responding to opportunities to further the aims and reach of the program. Drawing on the success to date, you will provide strategic development including;

- Develop annual operating plans in line with the strategy, funding and values
- Oversee the effective day to day running of the program, promoting best practice and efficiency
- Identify, establish and build positive working relations with students, staff and stakeholders.

Skills Required

As a member of the senior management team you will have the ability to conceptualise, research and analyse complex strategic issues and develop innovative and effective solutions. With a background in education, community development, welfare or international program development, you will be forward thinking in order to manage and grow the program through its next phase. #32677

For further information contact Richard Green or Joanne Elliott on 02 8243 0570 or to apply send your cover letter and resume in MS Word format to cv@ngorecruitment.com quoting the appropriate reference number.

program coordinator – western australia

Reporting to the National Manager, and working alongside established education specialists including Dr Tyson Yunkaporta, you will be responsible for the coordination and delivery of the program for 30 students across WA. This will include:

- Program planning and evaluation, preparing regular progress reports
- Providing sustainable support to students, their families and schools to ensure they stay on the education pathway
- Building relations with support services and establishing referral networks
- Attending quarterly camps, ensuring the environment and delivery is effective for participating students

Skills Required

With a genuine commitment to supporting Indigenous youth, you will have experience delivering and managing programs across education, community development or capacity building. The ability to establish and nurture relations with students, their families and relevant stakeholders as well as promoting a positive educational environment will be key to your success. Availability to undertake travel to visit students and to facilitate school camps will be essential. #32679



Justice

Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Caseworker Identified

(Juvenile Justice Community Office)
Juvenile Justice

Reference No: 00003WAT

- Ongoing full-time
- Glen Innes NSW
- Grade 6/7, Salary (\$83,022 pa – \$90,646 pa), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Role Description:

Front line delivery functions of a community office, providing a range of quality externally and internally sourced services to youth justice conferencing clients, victims of crime, court mandated young people and their families, as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

The primary focus is to reduce re-offending by young people and enhance their functioning and reintegration into their families and the community.

Aboriginal Identified, "An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. An acceptable form of documented verification is a Confirmation of Aboriginality letter, provided to you by a local Aboriginal organisation, which includes a common seal from that organisation."

Applying for the role: To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Requisition No: 00003WAT

Enquiries: Graham Smith on (02) 6732 8253

Closing Date: 7 October 2015

Z06356



Z06218

Z06326

Z06218

706215

706263

Z06216

Z06373

Z06261

Z06217

Z06262



NOTICE OF AN AUTHORISATION MEETING - NEW NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION

When: Wednesday, 7 October 2015
9:00am – 10:00am Arrival and morning tea
10:00am - 4:00pm Meeting

Where: Brandon Hall (behind the Coraki Anglican Church) Queen Elizabeth Drive, Coraki

Who should attend:

- Bandjalang People being the descendants of:
- King Harry
 - Jack Wilson
 - Susannah mother of Frank Jock Jnr.
 - Michael 'Mundoon' Wilson
 - George James
 - Eliza Breckenridge
 - Jack Breckenridge
 - Frank Jock Jnr
 - Ada Jock
 - Gibson Robinson
 - Grace Bond

And persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those person and who identify as and are accepted as Bandjalang People in accordance with Bandjalang traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons).

And any other Aboriginal person who asserts native title rights and interests in the proposed claim area as outlined in the map in this notice.

The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. Discuss the background on this proposed new claim and review native title law and processes
2. Decision making process of the claimant group
3. Consider and authorise a native title application over the area described above
4. Authorise the Applicant to make the proposed native title determination application
5. Discuss desired outcomes for the native title application.

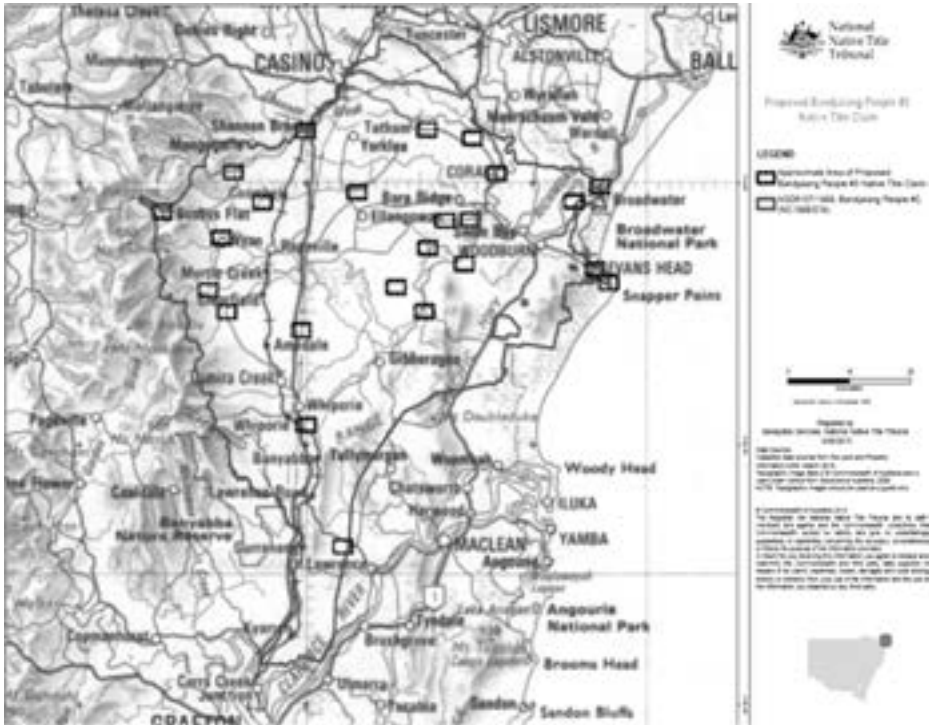
Confirming your attendance

Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's policies. Please note that accommodation will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.

Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by contacting NTSCORP on Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 by no later than 30 September 2015, so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

Map of the Proposed Claim Area

The proposed native title claim area are lands within the black and white square bordered areas marked in the map in this notice.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid		Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2415	PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED	17BL	114km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 32' S	Long: 124° 45' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2730	RED HILL IRON LIMITED	7BL	27km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 48' S	Long: 116° 8' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2741-I	MARDIE MINERALS PTY LTD	19BL	70km NW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 10' S	Long: 115° 52' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	09/2148	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	169BL	122km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 24' S	Long: 116° 21' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1473	AINSWORTH, Ian Roger	34BL	51km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 39' S	Long: 122° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2404	MUSGRAVE MINERALS LIMITED	20BL	126km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 9' S	Long: 123° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	30/477	STELLAR MINING MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	16BL	42km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S	Long: 120° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1837	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	59km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 9' S	Long: 122° 27' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1883	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	4BL	73km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 17' S	Long: 122° 23' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1884	SHUMWARI PTY LTD	7BL	81km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 21' S	Long: 122° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1885	SHUMWARI PTY LTD	2BL	72km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 16' S	Long: 122° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/352	ACH EXPLORATION PTY LTD	70BL	31km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 7' S	Long: 121° 29' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4586	HAOMA MINING NL	6BL	55km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 31' S	Long: 119° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4587	HAOMA MINING NL	3BL	50km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 29' S	Long: 119° 25' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1069	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	180BL	82km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 18' S	Long: 120° 46' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1070	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	45BL	100km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 59' S	Long: 121° 4' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2970-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	1BL	16km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 18' S	Long: 117° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1693	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	14BL	100km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 48' S	Long: 118° 1' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3232	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	4BL	42km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 21' S	Long: 119° 19' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3293	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	68BL	137km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 34' S	Long: 117° 43' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3296	KIMBERLEY QUARRY PTY LTD	3BL	25km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 34' S	Long: 119° 40' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3312	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	16km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 20' S	Long: 117° 43' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3318	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	21BL	165km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 22' S	Long: 119° 26' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3319	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	7BL	193km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 11' S	Long: 119° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1848	AUSTRALIAN MINERAL PARTNERS PTY LTD	4BL	93km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 55' S	Long: 119° 21' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1038	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	20BL	111km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 54' S	Long: 118° 50' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2141	SAGELAND PTY LTD	24BL	63km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 27' S	Long: 118° 18' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2144	RAGGED RANGE MINING PTY LTD	3BL	61km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 55' S	Long: 117° 12' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1756	POLAR METALS PTY LTD	4BL	35km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 53' S	Long: 121° 44' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1757	POLAR METALS PTY LTD	2BL	25km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 58' S	Long: 121° 46' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3395	AUSQUEST LIMITED	89BL	171km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 21' S	Long: 121° 52' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3397	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	166BL	120km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 46' S	Long: 120° 4' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4618	ITALIA STONE GROUP PTY LTD	3BL	32km S'ly of Perth	Lat: 32° 14' S	Long: 115° 48' E	KWINANA TOWN, ROCKINGHAM CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4745	STROTHER MINING PTY LTD	1BL	55km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 34' S	Long: 119° 25' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4749	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	47BL	47km SW'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 19' S	Long: 118° 2' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4751	CRUCIBLE RESOURCES PTY LTD	19BL	38km E'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 50' S	Long: 118° 15' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4752	CRUCIBLE RESOURCES PTY LTD	19BL	41km SE'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 31° 7' S	Long: 118° 6' E	NUNGARIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2311	FORTUNA SL MINING PTY LTD	9BL	83km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 11' S	Long: 119° 40' E	KONDININ SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4960	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL	27BL	31km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 21' S	Long: 127° 24' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2910	ELDERBERRY RESOURCES PTY LTD	203.52HA	41km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 39' S	Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2911	ELDERBERRY RESOURCES PTY LTD	201.11HA	48km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S	Long: 120° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2912	ELDERBERRY RESOURCES PTY LTD	201.06HA	44km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 39' S	Long: 120° 52' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4983	LAW, Geoffrey Ronald	117.19HA	42km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S	Long: 121° 11' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4984	ZETEK RESOURCES PTY LTD (ATF THE ZETEK TRUST)	162.96HA	63km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 15' S	Long: 121° 1' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2314-5-S	HARE, Mark Edward	19.99HA	49km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 53' S	Long: 122° 1' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2334	WILLIAMS, Daryl Lee	8.65HA	37km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 55' S	Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	36/1856-S	DENCH, David Bruce	9.59HA	57km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 31' S	Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4171	BONNEY, Alwyn Nathan	17.26HA	9km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S	Long: 122° 29' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5561	HASS, Neil William	189.13HA	61km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 6' S	Long: 122° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5562	MCWILLIAM, Gordon John	68.44HA	55km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S	Long: 121° 53' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1763	WATTERS, Wynton John	88.17HA	83km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 52' S	Long: 118° 4' E	KARRATHA CITY
Prospecting Licence	51/2952	ALLANSON ENGINEERING PTY LTD	8.59HA	79km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 21' S	Long: 117° 45' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/2000	SANDERCOCK, Alan James	9.71HA	11km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 17' S	Long: 121° 48' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/2003-4	CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION PTY LTD	349.74HA	5km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 12' S	Long: 121° 49' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4322-4	FORTUNA SL MINING PTY LTD	312.05HA	81km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 11' S	Long: 119° 39' 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 Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 23 September 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 **23 December 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. 23 January 2016**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

adcorp WG1909

WOTJOBALUK AUTHORISATION MEETING
FOR GARIWERD NATIVE TITLE CLAIM



Native Title Services Victoria Ltd

Wotjobaluk Peoples are invited to attend a native title meeting being held by the Barengi Gadjin Land Council on 11 October, 2015 at Antwerp. Authorisation of the Gariwerd native title application will be one of the items on the agenda for this meeting. (Separate authorisation meetings will be held for the Gunditjmara and Eastern Maar People).

The Wotjobaluk Peoples are the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadwadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Aboriginal persons, being persons:

a) who are accepted in accordance with their traditional laws and customs as descended from one of the following Wotjobaluk ancestors:

- Richard Kennedy born circa 1853 at Morton Plains;
- Captain Harrison Senior born circa 1838 at Donald;
- Archibald Pepper born circa 1859 at Nyppo Station;
- Thomas Marks born circa 1844 at Lake Hindmarsh;
- Pelham Cameron born circa 1854 at Morton Plains;
- Albert Coombs born circa 1852 of Antwerp;
- Augusta Robinson born circa 1855 at Richardson River; and

b) who acknowledge and observe Wotjobaluk traditional laws and customs.

Date: 11 October, 2015
Time: 10am
Venue: Antwerp Reserve (behind 1513 Dimboola-Rainbow Road, Antwerp 3414)

Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) has been undertaking research into the traditional ownership of Gariwerd (Grampians National Park) since August 2013. We now have enough information to support a joint native title determination application over Gariwerd on behalf of:

- the Wotjobaluk people;
- the Gunditjmara people; and
- the Eastern Maar people.

NTSV is holding an authorisation meeting with each group. The purpose of the meetings will be to authorise:

1. **A native title determination application** in the Federal Court under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) over the land and waters within Gariwerd; and
2. **A native title compensation application** in the Federal Court under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) for any extinguishment of native title that has occurred due to recent upgrades.

NTSV may provide travel and accommodation assistance for you to attend this meeting in accordance with **NTSV's Policy and Procedures Manual**. If you require travel or accommodation assistance please contact NTSV Community Liaison Officer, **Emily Robinson**, toll free **1800 791 779** or **(03) 9321 5313** or **0412 986 816**.

Notice of applications to register area agreements
on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 30 September 2015



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Mark Wallace, Barbara Olsen and Barbara Bond on behalf of the Boonthamurra People are a party to all of the Pastoral Lease agreements listed and described in the table.

The agreement areas are:

- located west of Quilpie within the external boundary of the Boonthamurra People native title claim which was determined on 25 June 2015 (QUD435/2006).
- **Relevant LGA's:** Barcoo, Quilpie and Bulloo Shire Councils

The table also contains the names of the Pastoral Lease(s) to which the agreements relate. For copies of the maps of the individual agreement areas, please contact the Tribunal Case Manager on the number below.

The common parties to each of the agreements and their contact addresses are:

Mark Wallace, Barbara Olsen and Barbara Bond on behalf of the Boonthamurra People
c/- Queensland South Native Title Services
Level 10, 307 Queen Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

The additional parties to each of the agreements are listed in the table

Each of those parties' contact address is as follows:
c/- Thynne & Macartney
GPO Box 245
Brisbane QLD 4001

Agreement Number	Agreement Name	Description of Agreement area	Additional Party to the Agreement
QI2015/047	Boonthamurra People/ Nockatunga ILUA	The agreement area covers about 893.8 sq km, approx. 125 km Southwest of Quilpie	Consolidated Pastoral Company Pty Ltd ACN 010 080 654
QI2015/048	Boonthamurra People/ Buckaroola and Monler ILUA	The agreement area covers about 214.5 sq km, approx. 150 km Southwest of Quilpie	Ross Monler Pegler and Jill Anne Pegler
QI2015/049	Boonthamurra People/ Clifton ILUA	The agreement area covers about 487.7 sq km, approx. 140 km Northwest of Quilpie	Ross William Groves
QI2015/050	Boonthamurra People/ Congie ILUA	The agreement area covers about 485.2 sq km, approx. 60 km Southwest of Quilpie	Congie Pastoral Company Ltd ACN 009 697 125
QI2015/051	Boonthamurra People/ Harkaway ILUA	The agreement area covers about 406.6 sq km, approx. 110 km West of Quilpie	Graham Lindsay Peter Phillott
QI2015/052	Boonthamurra People/ Keeroongooloo ILUA	The agreement area covers about 4,059 sq km, approx. 135 km West of Quilpie	Georgina Pastoral Company Limited ACN 003 963 862
QI2015/053	Boonthamurra People/ Hammond Downs ILUA	The agreement area covers about 94.5 sq km, approx. 180 km Northwest of Quilpie	David John Smith
QI2015/054	Boonthamurra People/ Maroo and Regleigh ILUA	The agreement area covers about 633 sq km, approx. 125 km Northwest of Quilpie	David Middleton McWaters and Susan Lynne McWaters
QI2015/055	Boonthamurra People/ Trinidad ILUA	The agreement area covers about 366 sq km, approx. 100 km Northwest of Quilpie	Ray Margaret Pegler; Peter Donald Sheehan and Wendy Alison Sheehan
QI2015/056	Boonthamurra People/ Whynot (aka Naretha) ILUA	The agreement area covers about 45.3 sq km, approx. 30 km West of Quilpie	Robert Harold Morris and Elizabeth Reid Morris
QI2015/057	Boonthamurra People/ Panjee and Talgeberry ILUA	The agreement area covers about 202 sq km, approx. 80 km Southwest of Quilpie	Robert Leclerc Walker and Dorothy Joan Walker
QI2015/058	Boonthamurra People/ Plevna Downs ILUA	The agreement area covers about 364.3 sq km, approx. 165 km West of Quilpie	Stuart Alexander MacKenzie and Robyn Lesley MacKenzie
QI2015/059	Boonthamurra People/ Quartpot ILUA	The agreement area covers about 250.6 sq km, approx. 105 km West of Quilpie	Peter Robert Jukes
QI2015/060	Boonthamurra People/ Tenham ILUA	The agreement area covers about 669 sq km, approx. 140 km Northwest of Quilpie	Brian Mark Tully and Marina Bay Tully
QI2015/061	Boonthamurra People/ Moothandella ILUA	The agreement area covers about 267 sq km, approx. 160 km Northwest of Quilpie	Bruce Leslie Scott and Maureen Frances Scott
QI2015/062	Boonthamurra People/ Raymore and Wheeo ILUA	The agreement area covers about 1,200 sq km, approx. 110 km Northwest of Quilpie	Raneri Super Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 167 759 088
QI2015/063	Boonthamurra People/ South Galway ILUA	The agreement area covers about 232.2 sq km, approx. 175 km Northwest of Quilpie	A A Company Pty Ltd ACN 010 317 067
QI2015/064	Boonthamurra People/ Thylungra ILUA	The agreement area covers about 2,658 sq km, approx. 55 km Northwest of Quilpie	Thylungra Cattle Co Pty Ltd ACN 133 540 253
QI2015/065	Boonthamurra People/ Malagarga and Mt Howitt ILUA	The agreement area covers about 638.8 sq km, approx. 165 km West of Quilpie	Gambamora Industries Pty Ltd ACN 009 941 173
QI2015/066	Boonthamurra People/ Burkobulla ILUA	The agreement area covers about 310 sq km, approx. 100 km Northwest of Quilpie	Kenneth Allan Walker, Hazel Jane Walker and Gordon Alexander Walker
QI2015/067	Boonthamurra People/ Araluen and Budgerygar ILUA	The agreement area covers about 400 sq km, approx. 100 km Northwest of Quilpie	William John Scott and Julie Erin Scott
QI2015/068	Boonthamurra People/ Coomoo ILUA	The agreement area covers about 385.7 sq km, approx. 135 km West of Quilpie	John William Groves and Wendy Ruth Groves
QI2015/069	Boonthamurra People/ Gummomo ILUA	The agreement area covers about 100 sq km, approx. 95 km Northwest of Quilpie	Kenneth Allan Walker
QI2015/073	Boonthamurra People/ Ray ILUA	The agreement area covers about 239 sq km, approx. 179 km Northwest of Quilpie	Mark Durack Tully and Elizabeth Ann Tully
QI2015/074	Boonthamurra People/ Kalabra ILUA	The agreement area covers about 76.3 sq km, approx. 73 km Northwest of Quilpie	Thomas Francis Kidd, James William Kidd and James Alexander Kidd
QI2015/075	Boonthamurra People/ Nerrigundah ILUA	The agreement area covers about 146 sq km, approx. 63 km Southwest of Quilpie	GM & JA Bodkin Pty Ltd ACN 010 181 852

The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either section 24EB(1) or subsection 24EBA (1) or (4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These twenty-six applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the map above. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified. That is, that the requirements of paragraphs 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) were not satisfied in relation to the certification. You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000 by 4 January 2016**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreements are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Shared country, shared future.



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	39/1099	HODGES, Rodney Charles HODGES, Murray Kenneth	54.34HA	84km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 122° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1100	HODGES, Rodney Charles HODGES, Murray Kenneth	16.87HA	86km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 23' S Long: 122° 21' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	46/529	GRANT'S HILL GOLD PTY LTD	134.58HA	3km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	52/1069	WARWICK RESOURCES PTY LTD	1153.55HA	63km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 120° 20' E	EAST PILBARA 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: 23 September 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 23 December 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. 23 January 2016), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518

adcorp WG11943

Department of Natural Resources and Mines

Public Notice

Water planning information sessions for people of the Aboriginal Nations in the Warrego, Paroo, Nebine and Bulloo catchments

Aboriginal people of the following Aboriginal Nations are invited to attend informations sessions on water planning and use in the Warrego, Paroo, Nebine and Bulloo catchments of the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin.

- Bidjara

• Kooma

• Mandandanji
- Budjiti

• Kullilli

• Mardigan
- Gunggari

• Kunja

• Murrawarri

	Date	Time	venue
Bollon	Tuesday 13 October 2015	10:00am – 3:00pm	Bollon CWA Rooms, Balonne Highway
Cunnamulla	Wednesday 14 October 2015	10:00am – 3:00pm	Cunnamulla Town Hall Supper Room, 3 Jane Street
Eulo	Thursday 15 October 2015	10:00am – 3:00pm	Eulo Hall, 30 Leo Street
Charleville	Tuesday 20 October 2015	10:00am – 3:00pm	Charleville Town Hall, Wills Street
Quilpie	Wednesday 21 October 2015	10:00am – 3:00pm	Quilpie Shire Hall, Corner of Brolga and Dukamarra Streets
Augathella	Thursday 22 October 2015	10:00am – 3:00pm	Augathella Town Hall, Landsborough Highway
Toowoomba	Tuesday 27 October 2015	10:00am – 3:00pm	All Season Function Centre, Corner of Tor and North Streets, Rockville
Roma	Thursday 29 October 2015	10:00am – 3:00pm	Auditorium Roma Cultural Centre, Bungil Street



The information sessions will explain how water is sustainably used and shared in the Warrego, Paroo, Nebine and Bulloo catchments.

The Queensland Government acknowledges the Traditional Owners of these catchments have a deep cultural connection to their lands and waters. These sessions will help the Queensland Government further understand these connections and recognise Traditional Owner knowledge and cultural values in water planning.

All interested people need to contact **Marcia** on 07 4529 1412 or email Marcia.bezuidenhout@dnrm.qld.gov.au to register for one of the information sessions or to find out more information. We need registrations for catering purposes.

The Queensland Government regrets that it is not able to assist with sitting fees, the costs of transport to or from the information sessions, or accommodation. However, lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants.



Queensland
Government

AUTHORISATION MEETING OF THE EASTERN GURUMA CLAIM GROUP TO AUTHORISE THE MAKING OF A NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION APPLICATION IN THE FEDERAL COURT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

Meeting Date: Friday 23 October 2015

Meeting Time: 10:30 am – 5:00 pm

Registration: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Meeting Place: Searipple Room, Ibis Hotel, Karratha, 35 – 45 Searipple Road, Karratha

All Eastern Guruma people who are:

1. descendants of *Wintawari* who:

(a) identify and are identified by other Eastern Guruma people as *Muntulgura Guruma*; and

(b) have a connection with the land and waters in the proposed claim area in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and the traditional customs observed by the *Muntulgura Guruma*; and
2. descendants of Jack Smith to whom the *Muntulgura Guruma* accord the right to exercise rights and interests in the proposed claim area in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and the traditional customs observed by the *Muntulgura Guruma*,

and who believe they have Native Title rights and interests in the lands and waters of the proposed claim area under the traditional laws and customs of the Eastern Guruma people, are invited to attend an Authorisation Meeting convened by the Eastern Guruma Elders.

If you consider that you hold or may hold native title in relation to the proposed area, but do not know whether you fall within the above description, please contact the offices of Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation at Lot 2574, Augustus Drive, Karratha, on telephone number (08) 9185 2223 to obtain further information.

An Anthropologist who prepared Genealogies (family trees) for the purposes of the existing Eastern Guruma Native Title Determination will be present at the Authorisation Meeting to assess whether individuals are descendants as described above.

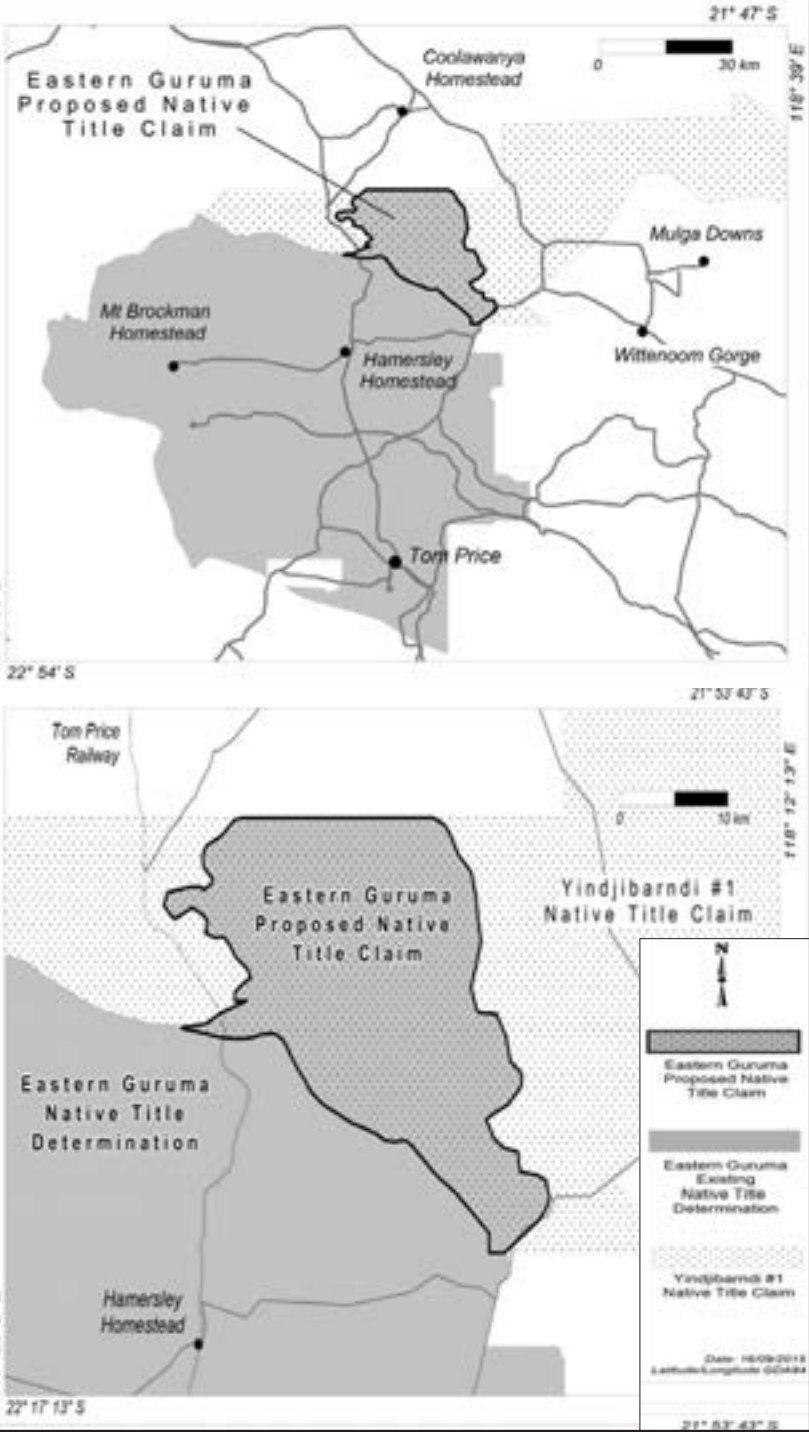
Purpose of Authorisation Meeting:

To authorise named applicants to make the Native Title Determination Application over the area depicted in the Map below on behalf of the Eastern Guruma people and to deal with matters arising in relation to the claim.

Note: The area of the proposed Native Title Determination Application overlaps the Yindjibarndi #1 registered native title claim.

Light refreshments will be provided at the Authorisation Meeting. Costs associated with attending the meeting such as travel expenses and sitting fees will not be provided and those attending are expected to attend the Authorisation Meeting at their own expense.

Please contact Glen Camille - the Eastern Guruma Spokesperson, with any queries on (08) 9185 2223.



Blaze076273



Exploration Licence No. 8258 Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 5 units situated approximately 40 kilometres south west of Tenterfield, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Torrington Minerals Pty Ltd (ACN 604 431 370) is the holder of Exploration Licence 8258 for Groups 1, 2 & 3 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

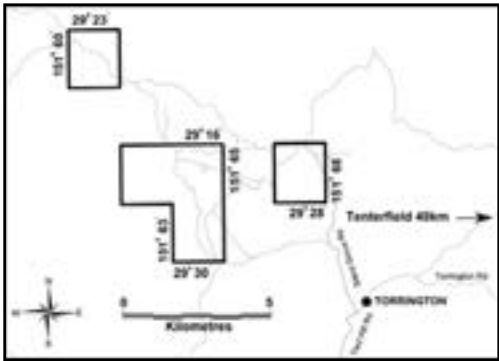
The Hon. Anthony Roberts, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman; Titles Program, NSW Department of Industry – Division of Resources and Energy (02) 4931 6578.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **8th October 2015**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Exploration Licence No. 8355 Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 13 units situated approximately 40 kilometres south west of Tenterfield, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Torrington Minerals Pty Ltd (ACN 604 431 370) is the holder of Exploration Licence 8355 for Groups 1 & 2 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

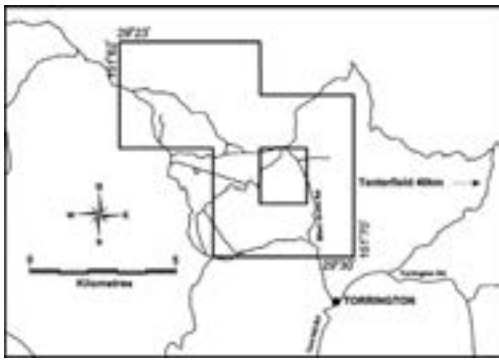
The Hon. Anthony Roberts, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman; Titles Program, NSW Department of Industry – Division of Resources and Energy (02) 4931 6578.

Notification Day

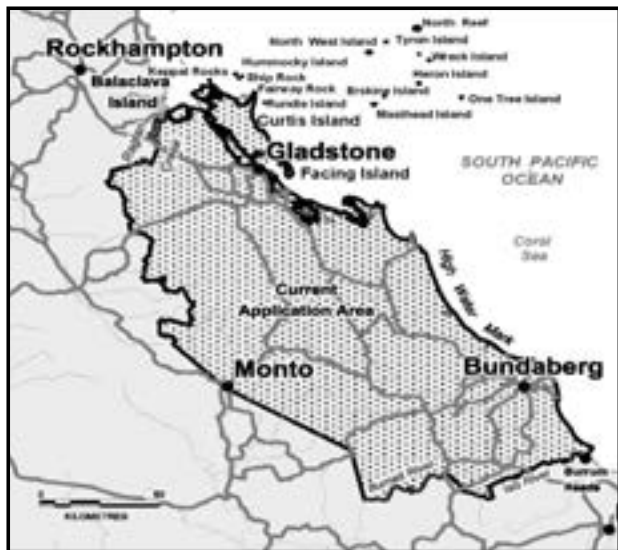
For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **8th October 2015**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



PUBLIC NOTICE

PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

The **Port Curtis Coral Coast People** have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia (QUD6026/2001 Port Curtis Coral Coast Claim) seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests (**the PCCC application**) under the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th). The PCCC application covers an area extending in the south from the Burnett and Isis Rivers to Raglan Creek in the north, and in the west from Monto to the coastline in the east, as shown indicatively on **Map 1**.



Map 1

AUTHORISATION MEETING #1

This Notice invites all members of the **Port Curtis Coral Coast People, as currently described above**, to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 17 October 2015

Venue of Meeting: Bargara Cultural and Community Centre, 160 Hughes Road, Bargara QLD 4670

Time of Meeting: 9.30am. Registration opens 8.30am

The purposes of Authorisation Meeting #1 are for the current claim group to:

1. Consider the outcomes of anthropological and genealogical research into the following named individuals and their associations with the PCCC application area:
(a) Elsie Myers; (b) Nellie Watcho; (c) Kitty (wife of Yorkie); (d) Yorkie; and (e) Margaret Grant.
2. Authorise essential and necessary amendments to the current claim group description, in the form set out below so as to ensure that it is consistent with the best available evidence supporting the PCCC application. The proposed amendments are to:
(a) remove Elsie Myers; (b) add and include Nellie Watcho; (c) add and include Kitty (wife of Yorkie); (d) add and include Yorkie; (e) add and include Margaret Grant.

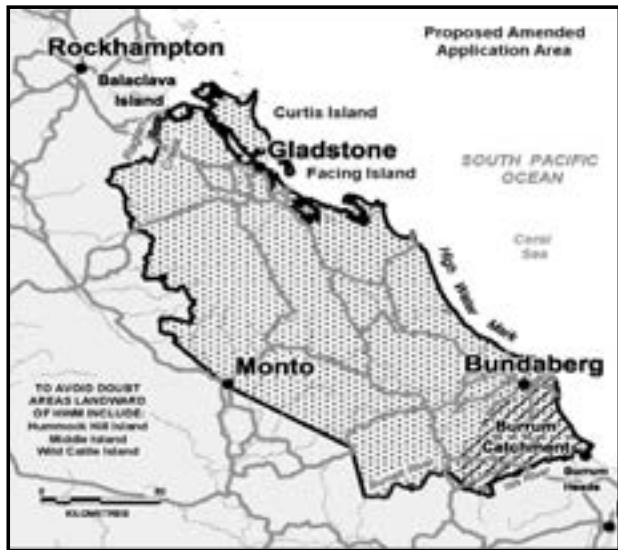
NOTE: Descendants of all the ancestors identified in paragraph 1 above will be invited to address the meeting however those descendants whose ancestors are described in paragraphs 1(b) to (e) will **not** be able to remain and be present for or participate in decision-making at the meeting.

If amendments to the current claim group description as proposed are authorised, the **amended Port Curtis Coral Coast People claim group description, as newly described**, will be:

"The native title claimant group comprises all the descendants of:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Dina; | 8. Jane; | 15. Elizabeth Tan Wat / Daniels. |
| 2. Jessie; | 9. Betsy; | 16. Nellie Watcho; |
| 3. Johnson Matemate and George Swain; | 10. Rosie; | 17. Kitty (wife of Yorkie); |
| 4. Sandy and Fanny; | 11. Maggie Little; | 18. Yorkie; |
| 5. Dulhu / Doolan; | 12. Rosie Blackman; | 19. Margaret Grant." |
| 6. Buller Tolsen (Norman Buller); | 13. Emma Jones (wife of John Broom/e); | |
| 7. Alice Murray; | 14. John Hill ("Pig Pig"); | |

(the newly-described claim group).



Map 2

3. Consider and approve a draft section 87 agreement and consent determination orders proposed for the parties' agreement in relation to the PCCC application.

AUTHORISATION MEETING #3

This Notice invites all members of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People, as newly described, to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Sunday, 18 October 2015

Venue of Meeting: Bargara Cultural and Community Centre, 160 Hughes Road, Bargara QLD 4670

Time of Meeting: 9.30am. Registration opens 8.30am

The purposes of Authorisation Meeting #3 are for the newly-described claim group to:

1. Consider and authorise the draft proposed Tenure Resolution Indigenous Land Use Agreement (**ILUA**) between the Port Curtis Coral Coast People, their proposed prescribed body corporate (**PBC**) and the State of Queensland. The proposed ILUA covers land and waters wholly within the external boundaries of the PCCC application (as amended in Authorisation Meeting #2 and depicted on **Map 2**), and a whole range of matters which will affect the way native title is affected including:
(a) the surrender and extinguishment of native title rights and interests over a number of areas; and
(b) consents to and validation of agreed acts to the extent that they are future acts, in exchange for compensation and benefits to the Port Curtis Coral Coast People.

to be continued on the following page...

AUTHORISATION MEETING #2

Depending on the decisions made at Authorisation Meeting #1, a further authorisation meeting will be held for those people who fall within the amended Port Curtis Coral Coast People claim group description, as newly described, above.

This Notice invites all members of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People, as newly described, to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 17 October 2015

Venue of Meeting: Bargara Cultural and Community Centre, 160 Hughes Road, Bargara QLD 4670

Time of Meeting: Not before 11.30am

The purposes of Authorisation Meeting #2 are for the newly-described claim group to:

1. Authorise an Applicant (which may include re-appointing members of the incumbent Applicant) for the application in accordance with section 66B of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th);
2. Consider the outcomes of anthropological research and relevant legal advice about the PCCC application, and authorise relevant amendments to the application area (as depicted indicatively on **Map 2**) so as the application can be put in a proper final form for determination by the Court;

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES UNDER EXPLORATION LICENCE EL4664

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of the section 63M of the Mining Act 1971 for the purposes of negotiating a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

The party giving notice are Lion One Australia Ltd, ACN: 113 446 352, (51%), of Level 2, 55 Carrington Street, Nedlands, WA 6009 and Yukuang Australia (WA) Resources Pty Ltd, ACN: 160 899 534 , (49%), of 30 Rusthall Way, Huntingdale WA6110.

Description of lands affected

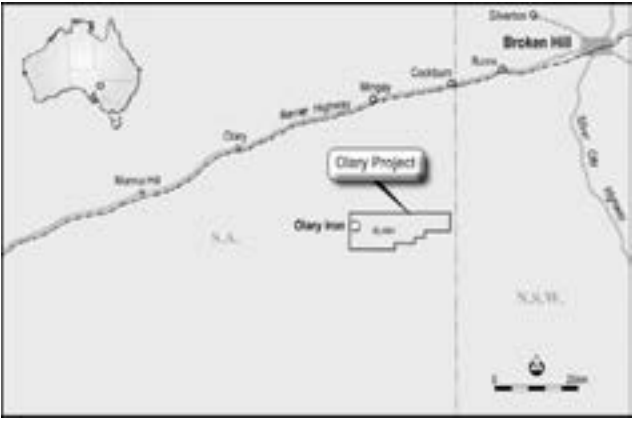
An area of 280 square kilometres, Mutooroo area - approximate 50 km south of Olary Town as per the map below.

Description of activities

Lion One Australia Ltd and Yukuang Australia (WA) Resources Pty Ltd seek to conduct exploratory operations to Reverse Circulation Drilling and Diamond Drilling programme.

Contact for further information

Pengxiang Xu, Email: xpx_chn@hotmail. com, Phone: 08 6594 0675



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
08/1772-I	MITSUI IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD NORTH MINING LIMITED ROBE RIVER MINING CO. PTY LTD CAPE LAMBERT IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) PANNAWONICA IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME)	470897	76.64HA	42km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 45' S Long: 115° 56' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
47/781-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	470899	48.79HA	111km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 44' S Long: 116° 40' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
47/1277-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	471970	78.17HA	92km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 44' S Long: 116° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
59/1905	GASCOYNE RESOURCES LIMITED MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD	473516	63.87HA	73km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 43' S Long: 117° 13' E	YALGOO SHIRE
80/3370	PLATQUEST RESOURCES PTY LTD CAZALY RESOURCES LTD	473407	376.78HA	8km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 19' S Long: 127° 32' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
80/3517	PLATQUEST RESOURCES PTY LTD CAZALY RESOURCES LTD	473408	129.87HA	17km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 19' S Long: 127° 32' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 23 September 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 23 December 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. 23 January 2016), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

adcorp WG11944

PUBLIC NOTICE continued...

PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

- Consider and authorise the draft proposed Protected Areas ILUA (PA ILUA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Port Curtis Coral Coast People, their proposed PBC and the State of Queensland. The proposed PA ILUA and MOU cover protected areas wholly within the PCCC application area (Agreement Area), and a number of matters which will affect native title. These include the manner of exercise of some native title rights and interests on the proposed Agreement Area.
- Consider for authorisation the draft proposed Local Government ILUA between the Port Curtis Coral Coast People, their PBC (if required), Local Government Parties (comprising the Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Gladstone, North Burnett Regional Councils) and the Gidarjil Development Corporation Ltd (Local Government ILUA). The proposed Local Government ILUA covers areas wholly within the external boundaries of the PCCC application (as amended in Authorisation Meeting #2 and depicted on Map 2), and a whole range of matters which will affect the way native title is affected including:
 - mechanisms for resolving the PCCC application;
 - consents to and validation of agreed acts to the extent that they are future acts;
 - compliance processes for future acts, native title and cultural heritage; and
 - a framework for the establishment of agreed policies and programs to the mutual benefit of the parties.

It is necessary that the ILUAs be authorised in accordance with the requirements of s 251A of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) by all persons who hold or may hold native title in the Agreement Areas (whether or not they are members of the native title claim group in the PCCC application).

Registering for the Authorisation Meetings

All members of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People are invited to contact Ron Fogarty, Community Relations Officer at QSNTS on freecall 1800 663 693 to register their intention to be present at the meetings.

Any person who claims to hold native title over the Agreement Area in any of the ILUAs outlined for Authorisation Meeting #3 other than as a member of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People should contact Ron Fogarty, Community Relations Officer, QSNTS on freecall 1800 663 693.

PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST PEOPLE INFORMATION SESSIONS

To fully apprise and inform PCCC claimants about matters required for decision-making at the Authorisation Meetings scheduled for 17-18 October 2015, Information Sessions will be held at the times and location below:

INFORMATION SESSION #1

Date: Saturday, 10 October 2015
Venue: School of Arts Centre, 184 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg QLD 4670
Time: 9.30am for a 10.00am start

INFORMATION SESSION #2

Date: Sunday, 11 October 2015
Venue: Rydges Gladstone, 100 Goondoon Street, Gladstone QLD 4680
Time: 9.30am for a 10.00am start

All members of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People are invited to attend any or all of the Information Sessions above.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the above meetings and information sessions, or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the Authorisation Meetings and Information Sessions.



Blaze076633

Sport

Three in PM's XIII



THREE Indigenous players are in the Prime Minister's rugby league XIII for their clash with Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby on Saturday.

They are fullback Jack Wighton (Canberra), winger Alex Johnston (South Sydney), Dane Gagai (Newcastle).

Tyrone Peachey (Penrith) was named as a bench player, but withdrew.

The team will be captained by Penrith-bound St George Illawarra player Trent Merrin.

Four Panthers players are in the side, making them the equal-most represented NRL club along with South Sydney, who were also knocked out of the finals race.

Players from clubs no longer part of major premiership action were considered for selection for the Port Moresby game.

Penrith coach Ivan Cleary has taken over as coach of the PM's XIII side this year.

Cleary is treating the match as an important selection trial for younger players looking ahead to next year's representative calendar.

The PM's XIII, who are undefeated in the fixture since its inception in 2005, toppled the Kumuls 34-16 last year.

Selected players gathered in Sydney for medicals last Thursday before assembling in camp in Cairns today (Wednesday), ahead of the September 26 clash.

Prime Minister's XIII: Jack Wighton (Canberra), Alex Johnston (South Sydney), Jarrod Croker (Canberra), Dane Gagai (Newcastle), David Nofoaluma (Wests Tigers), Kane Elgey (Gold Coast), Adam Reynolds (Souths), Jake Trbojevic (Manly), James Segeyaro (Penrith), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Penrith), Chris McQueen (Souths), Tepai Moreroa (Parramatta), Trent Merrin (capt, St George Illawarra). Res: Euan Aitken (St George Illawarra), Jeremy Latimore (Penrith), Daniel Mortimer (Gold Coast), Tom Symonds (Manly), David Tyrrell (South Sydney).

Samantha returns with gold medal



COOTAMUNDRA Indigenous utility player Samantha Maxwell helped Australia win gold at the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games girls' sevens rugby in Samoa earlier this month.

Australia beat Canada 36-5 in the gold medal match, while the Australian boys were beaten 31-20 by South Africa in the match for the gold medal.

Harrison Goddard (Kenthurst, NSW) was the only Indigenous player in the boys' team.

The girls' team were in scintillating form as they added to their Youth Olympics title from 14 months ago to clinically dispose of Canada.

They dominated their opponents from the outset in their gold medal match at Apia Park, starving their opponents of the ball throughout an opening 10 minutes that saw them rack up an almost unassailable 24-point lead.

Coach Dale Roberson said: "I'm very proud of the girls and I'm very happy that we achieved what we set out to do. We've been asking for a full-game effort, and I think we delivered that in the last game."

"One of our goals was to maintain possession, make them work hard and tire them out."

In the boys' final, a stirring fightback threatened to turn the gold medal match on its head as Australia finished strongly against the South Africans.

However, they left themselves too much to do after falling behind 17-0 with just three minutes on the clock.

700 turn out at fun run



NEARLY 700 people attended a rain-affected Indigenous Marathon Foundation Warrior Fun Run in Sydney's Centennial Park on Father's Day.

The rain was not enough to extinguish the flames of culture and community spirit at the event aimed at celebrating great men, fathers and significant male role models.

The event included 5km and 10km runs, attracting people of all ages and abilities

from elite to recreational runners and walkers.

All runners lined up at the start line and linked arms to display unity and strength to support each other and be noble warriors.

Kids beat their dads across the finish line to claim bragging rights and all finishers were awarded a specially designed medal featuring the face of Charlie Maher, Australia's first Indigenous Australian to finish the world famous New York Marathon in 2010 as part of Indigenous Marathon

Project's (IMP's) first squad.

IMF director and world champion marathon runner Robert de Castella said the Warrior Run was crucial to acknowledge the positive impact men have in their families and communities.

"It's important we start focusing on promoting and celebrating the great qualities of strong and positive men in our lives, whether it's a father, brother, uncle, grandfather or a male role model," he said. "Men have long been regarded as

strong leaders, resilient, and protective – a noble warrior.

"However, in recent times, especially in some Indigenous families and communities, the role, respect and value of some men has been eroded and some are losing their value, self-respect and significance.

"This must change and we wanted to highlight exceptional men and focus on their positive attributes, to celebrate and promote what it means to be a good man."



Charlie Maher was the face of the Warrior Fun Run. His face featured on the medal specially struck for the occasion.



The start of the Warrior Fun Run in Sydney's Centennial Park. Pictures: IMF

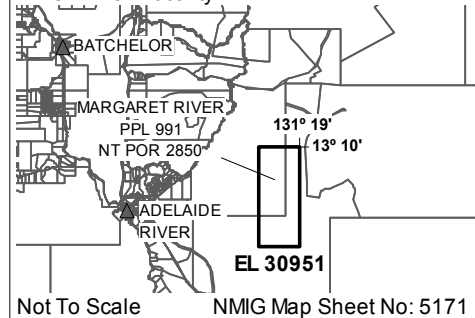
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

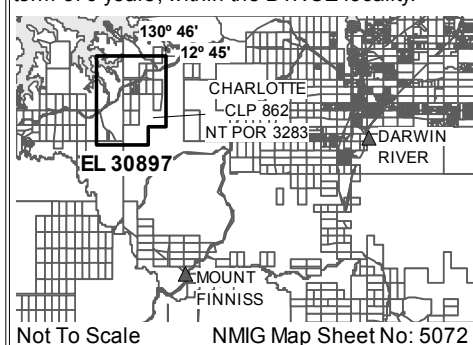
The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

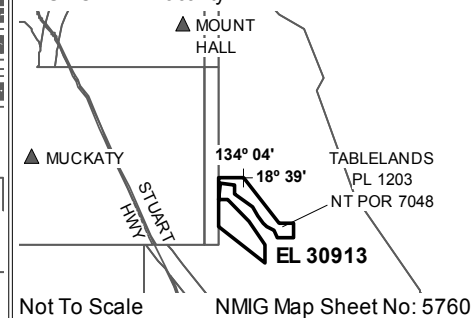
Exploration Licence 30951 sought by EXCEDO EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 607 686 332 over an area of 21 Blocks (71 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



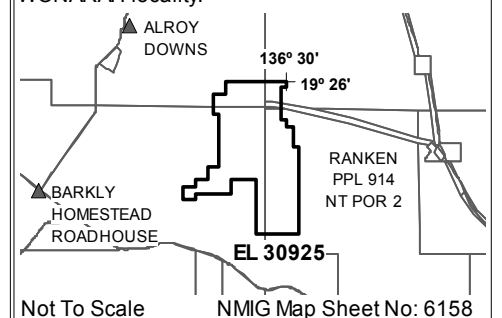
Exploration Licence 30897 sought by LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL, ACN 126 129 413 over an area of 19 Blocks (64 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.



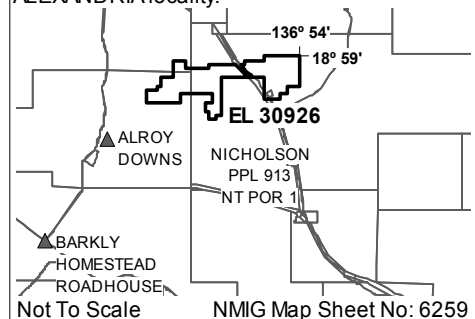
Exploration Licence 30913 sought by OM (MANGANESE) LTD, ACN 097 091 506 over an area of 20 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRUNCHILLY locality.



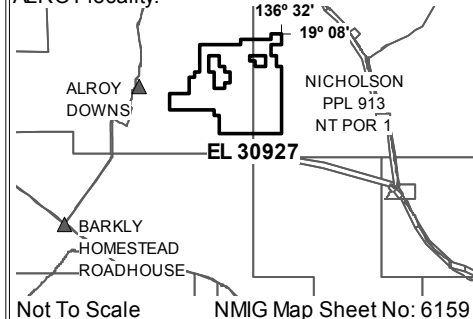
Exploration Licence 30925 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 250 Blocks (809 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WONARAH locality.



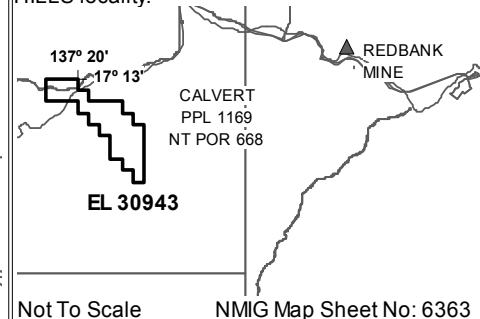
Exploration Licence 30926 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 250 Blocks (801 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



Exploration Licence 30927 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 250 Blocks (811 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALOY locality.



Exploration Licence 30943 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 28 Blocks (92 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS 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 Centrepont 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: 23 September 2015

Remote area boys shine in Aussie rules

By ALF WILSON



ARNHEM Land's Brendan Wanambi and Lance Hudson, from the Kalumburu community in the Kimberleys region of WA, have been shining for the University Hawks club in the Townsville Australian Football League's senior competition.

Wanambi, From Elcho Island, booted two goals and was amongst the best on the ground for the Hawks in the 16.8 (104) to 6.8 (42) win over Curra Swans in the reserve grade elimination semifinal.

After the last of the minor round fixtures a week earlier, Hawks had finished fourth on the ladder behind Hermit Park Tigers, Thuringowa Bulldogs and Curra Swans, with Townsville Lions in fifth spot.

However in the semifinal, with

Wanambi a great target near the high sticks, Hawks thrashed the Swans to qualify for the preliminary final against the Bulldogs.

The following weekend, Wanambi kicked a goal when Hawks lost 14.9 (93) to 2.11 (23) to be eliminated from the competition.

Both youths are boarding students at Townsville's Shalom Christian College.

Shalom Christian College liaison officer Tom Hughes said Wanambi was from the Galiwinku community on Elcho Island, and had been at Shalom since he was 14.

"Brendan graduated from Shalom last year, and is completing a Year 13 Work Readiness Program at Shalom in preparation of moving into the workforce when he returns home at the end of the year," Hughes said.

Hudson is one of the rising



Lance Hudson in action for the Queensland under 16 side against the Northern Territory at the national championships.

stars of north Queensland Australian rules, having shone for Uni Hawks A grade side.

The high-flying Hudson was man of the match, booting seven goals when Hawks thrashed Curra Swans 17.18 (120) to 8.8 (56) in the A grade qualifying semifinal on August 22.

He booted a goal in the

Hawks 17.11 (113) to 4.7 (31) loss to Hermit Park Tigers in the preliminary final on August 30.

Hughes said Hudson has been at Shalom for the past five years.

"Lance this year played with the Queensland team which won the under 16 division two national championship," he said.



Brendan Wanambi

All girls, all class

By ALF WILSON



FOR the first time, a girls-only team competed at the seventh annual Obe Geia Challenge junior rugby league carnival on Palm Island.

The carnival is named after Obe Geia Jnr – the only Palm Islander to have played National Rugby League (NRL) football for the North Queensland Cowboys – and he was there.

Nine visiting primary school teams made the ferry trip to Palm Island on September 11.

Two local boys' teams – Palm Island One and Two – consisted of players from Bwgcolman State and St Michael's Catholic School.

The girls-only side also had players from both schools and the only hiccup was the late arrival of their pink jumpers. The girls played their first four games in a different

uniform, but turned out in their designated pink jumpers for their final game. Local teacher and girls coach Lynette Kim Sing said that in past years, girls had been part of Bwgcolman and St Michael's mixed teams.

"But this time we had 15 girls wanting to play so they ended up having their own team," she said.

They won two of their five games, beating Magnetic Island and the Palm Island Team Two boys' team.

Best players for the Palm girls were Nivasha Miller, Rani Lind and Jeannie Sibley.

The girls never took a backward step and ran the ball, fended off opponents, and side-stepped with class.

Some of the visiting sides also included girls. The Townsville school sides were St Joseph's the Strand, Good Shepherd Catholic Community, Heatley, Kelso, Vincent State, Rasmussen, Cathedral, Marian and one from Magnetic Island.



The Palm combined girls' team.



Palm Island's Number One side in red defend against Townsville team Heatley.



Palm Island's Number Two players swarm like bees around this Rasmussen (Townsville) attacker.

Milera's heart scare

By PETER ARGENT



CENTRAL District teenage talent and top 10 Australian Football League (AFL) draft candidate Wayne Milera Jnr was stunned

when he was told he had Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome.

The talented Indigenous Milera had the corrective operation on August 31 and now is fit and back in the action.

A month before the operation he knew he had the condition, which showed up during testing while he was in the South Australian under 18s state program.

Escalated heartbeat

It is a condition similar to that encountered by former Port Adelaide wingman Nathan Eagleton when an extra electrical pathway of the heart can cause an escalated heartbeat.

"I knew about my condition in the week before the clash with Glenelg," Milera told the *Koori Mail*.

"There was some shock when I

was told.

"I never experienced any symptoms.

"It had never affected my performance or ability to play football.

"But the specialist told me I could possibly collapse while playing.

"It was uninvasive keyhole surgery and I feel no different."

Milera, who turned 18 on September 14, was born with the condition.

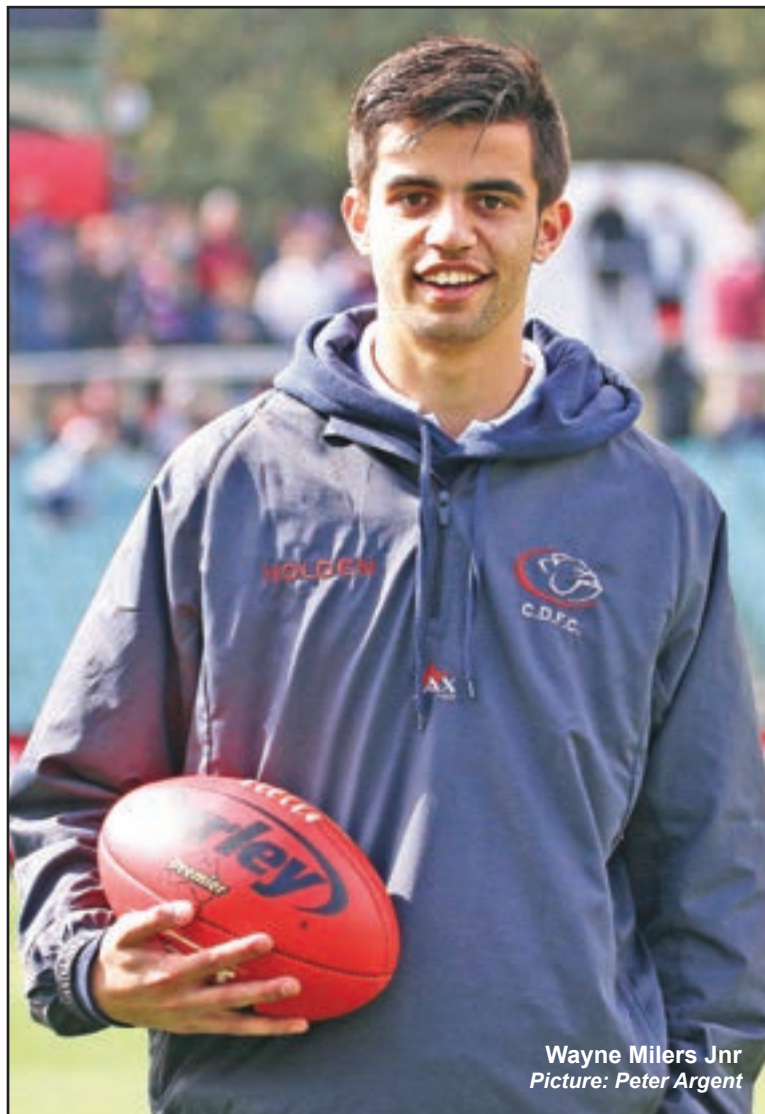
"If I wanted to play at a high level, I knew I needed to have the operation," Milera said.

"I was operated on by the same specialist who treated Nathan Eagleton and he told me of the harm Wolff-Parkinson-White could do.

Eagleton, in a game at Football Park in 1999, collapsed on field and was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome.

An inaugural member of the Power squad in 1997, Eagleton was in just his third year of the AFL.

After corrective surgery, he went on to play for another decade and compile an 277-game career with Port and



Wayne Milers Jnr
Picture: Peter Argent

the Western Bulldogs

Milera watched his Central District teammates from the Adelaide Oval stands on Sunday, September 6, when the club won its first elimination in its history, but he was back in the side for the first semifinal against the Power reserves side on September 12.

Back to his best

Returning to state league action in the winner-takes-all first semifinal clash with Port Adelaide, Milera had lost none of his magic.

He again delivered in style and his third goal in the last quarter proved to be the clincher that

gave his side to a five-point victory.

Milera said he was a little nervous, but he knew he could kick the goal.

Milera won the SANFL round 18 Powerade Star Search nomination on Saturday August 22.

Playing just his eighth league match and still 17 at the time, Milera collected 24 disposals, nine marks and five goals in a breathtaking performance against Glenelg.

He is compared with Hawthorn great Shaun Burgoyne in the way he goes about his game.

Jacinta in Victorian cricket U18 squad



JACINTA Goodger-Chandler is in the Victorian women's

cricket preliminary squad for the under 18 national championships.

The under 18 tournament will be played in Canberra from January 13 to 20.

Victoria's final squad will be announced on October 14.

The Central Highlands/Napoleons-Sebastapol allrounder is a right-arm fast bowler and right-hand batter.

Goodger-Chandler recently was named as one of two female Indigenous scholarship holders.

Amongst the runs

She was Victoria's leading run scorer in the 2015 Imparja Cup and the third highest in the women's competition, scoring 114 runs in five matches with her top score being an unbeaten 56.

At the conclusion of the tournament she was included in the Black Caps representative squad.

She and West Australian Samara Williams were the recipients of Cricket Australia's 2015 female Indigenous scholarship recipients.

They attended the Australian Under 18 Talent Camp at Brisbane's National Cricket Centre from September 24-27.

Beach volleyball veteran praises Taliqua



Taliqua Clancy, right, with coach Steve Tutton and beach volleyball partner Louise Bawden. Picture: Peter Argent



TWO-times Olympian Louise Bawden has been playing beach volleyball a long time.

But the sport has taken on a fresh new vibe thanks to the influence of partner Taliqua

Clancy.

Bawden was paired with Clancy following her unsuccessful London Olympics campaign with former teammate Becchara Palmer, who decided to retire.

It was perfect timing for 23-year-old Clancy to be plucked from the AIS program in Adelaide and slot in with the established Bawden, who is 11 years her senior.

Since then a blitz of top-four finishes on the FIVB world tour shot the pair up to fifth in the world as recently as last month, before slipping to seventh.

It's well within the top-15 ranking they need to maintain if they are to achieve their goal of a Rio Olympics berth.

They continued their qualification bid earlier this month at the Rio test event, where they tasted the Games' Copacabana beach venue.

Bawden says a big part of the duo's success has been a shared vision that she and Clancy frankly laid out at the start of their relationship.

But Clancy's youthfulness has also provided new perspective for the Victorian, who made her Olympic debut in Sydney 2000 on the

indoor volleyball team before switching to the sand variety in 2008.

"It's like breathing a whole new sense of life into what you're doing, and a sense of it being new to me," Bawden said.

"And just that idea that I could really bring my learnings from the past and add them into the team and see how much further we can take it.

"That's been really cool and really motivational for me.

"We meet on the same level with a lot of things. I think she's immature and I'm immature."

Clancy is the first Indigenous Australian player to reach this level of the sport, and possesses such skill that Olympic gold medalist Kerri Pottharst recently rated her as the best beach volleyballer she had seen.

"The great thing about T is that she's 23, but she has a lot of strength and courage to set her goals," Bawden said of the Queenslander.

"That's allowed us to come together very quickly and build a team vision, and the standards around what it's going to take to achieve it.

"That's been such a great quality she's been able to bring to the table, and it's given me a lot of confidence going into this cycle that a lot more is possible and that I can grow and I can learn too, even though I'm at quite a different end of my career." - AAP

All in the family

By PETER ARGENT



THERE is a new generation of the Davey dynasty in Australian football, but this time it's the girls.

The next Davey generation is jumping into the brave new world of the women's game.

Women's football is developing at a rapid rate and a professional league is being discussed in the corridors of power at AFL House in Melbourne.

In the inaugural season of the South Australia National Football League (SANFL) underage competitions, 14-year-old Tesharna and 11-year-old Kellilah Davey are starting to make their mark.

Tesharna a defender, is playing for the West Adelaide Bloods under 16s, while Kellilah is participating in the under 14s for the Bloods.

Mum's involvement

Their mother, Bronwyn – the oldest of the Davey clan of five – is also involved in this new venue, getting involved in the coaching of her daughters.

She is famous for, among other things, being a member of the Melbourne side that played in the inaugural AFL-sanctioned women's matches at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) against the Western Bulldogs in July 2013.

"Yes, it is in their genes," Bronwyn said.

"It is on both sides of family, as their dad, Kevin (Maher) was also a talented player.

"Tesharna comes from a soccer background and plays mainly in the back lines.

"This is her first crack at Aussie rules and she is adapting quickly



Kellilah, mum Bronwyn and Tesharna Davey. Picture: Peter Argent

"Kellilah has played some junior football with West Croydon in the amateurs.

"Playing on a wing, through the middle or as a small forward, she's a pocket rocket."

SANFL female football coordinator Emma Gibson said the SANFL women's program was a four-game series at under 14s and 16s levels, with the eight SANFL clubs – West Central District, Sturt, Glenelg, Norwood, North, South and the

Eagles – all having teams in both grades.

"While in the initial stages, it is participation-based, it will be a talent-based program like the boys under-age competitions," Gibson said.

"This is a pathway for the state open-age and under 18s teams, and the Secondary Schools Sports Australian team, which will be under 15s or under 16s next year.

"Our finals were on Saturday, September 12."

While Kellilah and Tesharna are wearing the West Adelaide Bloods jumper, their uncles Aaron and Alwyn Davey played in the SANFL at league level for Port and South Adelaide respectively before going on to have strong careers in the AFL.

Aaron, the oldest of the three boys, had a 10-year-career with the Melbourne Demons, playing 178 games and kicking 174, with 2009 being his standout year, winning the Keith 'Bluey' Truscott Medal, awarded to Melbourne's best and fairest player.

Coaching Palmerston

Alwyn, who has accepted the senior coaching role at the Palmerston Magpies for the 2015-16 Northern Territory Football League season, was picked up by the Essendon Bombers after a highly productive season with the Panthers.

His career started at the top level at 22, when selected at pick 36 in the 2006 national draft. Debuting in 2007, Alwyn played 100 games at the top level before retirement in 2013.

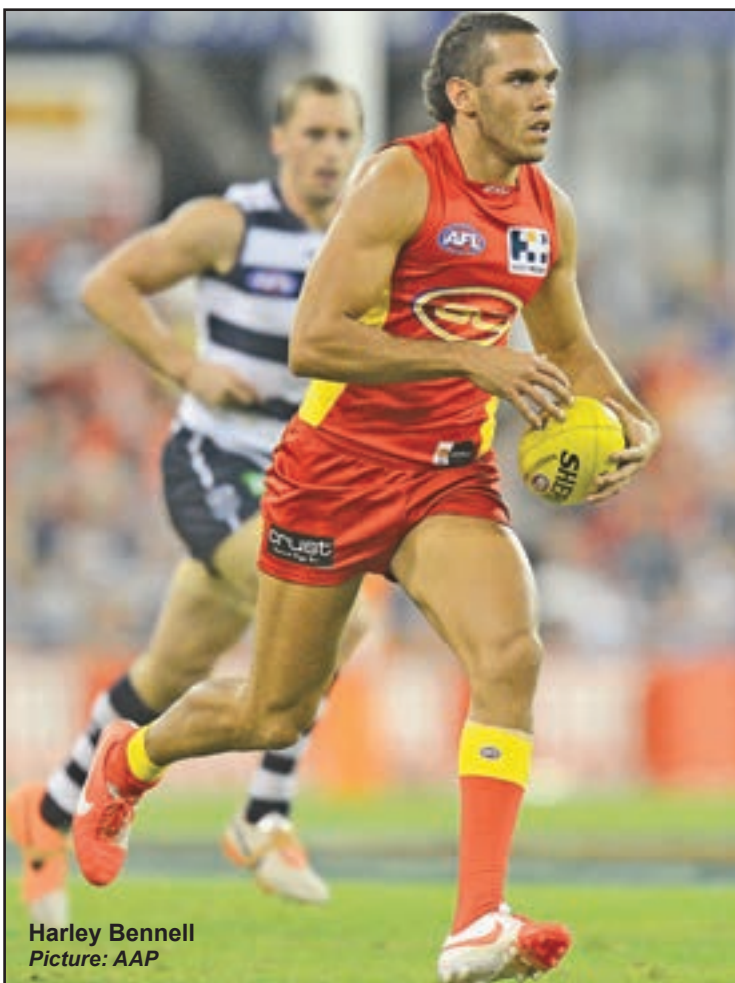
Bronwyn, a member of the Greenacres premiership side in 2013, last week was preparing for her own battles on the field.

The evergreen veteran had a preliminary final clash with traditional rivals, the Morphettville Park Roos.

Interestingly, four of the five Davey siblings – Bronwyn, Aaron, Alwyn and his twin brother Russell – are all left-footers, but Tesharna and Kellilah's natural kicking foot is their right.

There are plenty of Davey family footballers to watch out for over the next few years, as there are 18 cousins among the family in this generation.

Suns punt troubled star Bennell



Harley Bennell
Picture: AAP



MAD Monday turned into sad Monday for Gold Coast with the Australian Football League (AFL) club losing patience with midfielder Harley Bennell.

On the first official day of the club's off-season, chief executive Andrew Travis announced the 22-year-old would be traded during the upcoming exchange period after another off-field incident.

Bennell has been served with a public nuisance notice by police after an alleged argument with a bouncer outside a Surfers Paradise nightclub on September 6.

The West Australian product was to face court yesterday (September 22).

It was the last straw for the Suns with Bennell already on his last warning after being fined \$5000 and given a three-match suspended ban following the publication in July of images appearing to show him taking illicit drugs in the 2013 pre-season.

Travis, flanked by captain Gary Ablett and coach Rodney Eade, said there was no option but to end Bennell's 81-game

association with the Suns.

"The decision was a clear one for our club and was unanimously supported by our leadership group," Travis said.

"It is disappointing. When Harley returned to football after a club-imposed sanction, we outlined a program and a series of actions that he needed to follow to have a future at the Gold Coast Suns.

"We also made it clear to Harley, and our entire playing group, the expectations we had of them as players and representatives of this club.

"We knew at the time, no matter what we said, we'd always be judged on our actions, not our words."

The second pick in the 2010 draft, Bennell has always been a potential match-winner on the field, but his off-field dramas had become too much for his teammates and the club to tolerate.

In 2015 alone, Bennell was reportedly sanctioned in pre-season for arriving at a training session under the influence of alcohol, stood down during the early part of the campaign after breaching team drinking protocols, and brought national shame on the club with the

publication of the alleged drug-taking images.

Suns captain Gary Ablett conceded Bennell's place at the club was no longer tenable.

"We all know how talented Harley is as a player but as AT (Travis) touched on, all the players know the expectations and we, as a football club, need to earn back the respect of everyone," he said.

"It's obviously tough. Harley's obviously a mate of all the players, but at the same time the football club will continue to support him until he finds a new club and continue to move forward."

Despite having two years remaining on his contract, the Suns were thought to already be considering making Bennell available for trade before this latest decision.

Premiers Hawthorn, Essendon, Melbourne and St Kilda have been named as potential destinations.

Travis said he was confident a satisfactory resolution could be found and Bennell's reputation wasn't so tarnished as to lower his trade value.

"We're confident a trade will get done and that's the way forward," he said. – AAP

Best Betts

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

magic@koorimail.com

BY the time you read this, Adelaide's emotional finals run may well be over or they could be preparing for an unlikely tilt at a place in the 2015 Australian Football League (AFL) grand final.

Either way, they will look back at a season that was all at once torn apart by grief and then brought together again by a sense of community that has made them a united force.

At the centre of their display has been a player that demonstrates all that is great about our game.

In an era where talent scouts look for athletes rather than footballers, and height and size are two of the key indicators, we are blessed to have the likes of Cyril Rioli, Michael Walters and Eddie Betts setting the finals series alight.

Their speed, versatility and uncanny football sense make them players that bring the fans to their feet in expectation.

Betts has always been one of my favourite players to watch.

Adelaide were mocked for paying 'overs' to bring Betts from the troubled Carlton Club.

At the moment, he can only be described as a bargain.

His Goal of the Year contender against Fremantle captures all that this talented footballer brings to a team.

Betts modestly said the kick "could've gone anywhere", but this is what the fans have come to expect from this genius.

Nevertheless, he had to admit it was arguably the best goal of his career.

"It was a left-foot barrel from the boundary. It could've gone anywhere, so I'm glad it went through," he said.

The goal came from the opposite side to his famous pocket at Adelaide Oval and remarkably bounced through despite wet conditions.

"There is luck. I've got a short amount of time to kick it and the pressure is on you, so you've got to have a crack and if it goes in, it goes in – and I'm glad they go through," he said.

The star forward kicked five goals in the elimination final thriller against Western Bulldogs, helping Adelaide to a seven-point victory.

"When the Bulldogs got a quick start, (we) thought to ourselves, 'Oh, not again,'" said Betts.

"They jumped us early and they pumped us, so it was good that we fought back and it was a gutsy win by the boys."

Different brand

"Finals footy is a different brand of footy so it's all about contested ball winning and the pressure."

Betts has put himself in line to be selected in the All-Australian team on September 22 and I can think of no more deserving a recipient of the honour.

Before the finals, Betts surpassed his previous best effort of 51 goals last year to kick a career-high 58 this season.

The brilliant forward's remarkable goal haul saw him finish third in the Coleman Medal behind only key-position players Josh Kennedy (West Coast) and Jeremy Cameron (GWS).

This was despite Betts playing one fewer game (21), as

a result of Adelaide's cancelled match against Geelong, than most of the other top-ranked goal kickers.

The mercurial Crow's main rivals for a small forward position in the 2015 All-Australian team are Cyril Rioli (Hawthorn) and Chad Wingard (Port Adelaide).

Rioli kicked 35 goals from 20 matches, while Wingard, who played all 22 games, finished sixth in the Coleman Medal with 53.

But statistics only tell one part of the story.

Eddie is selfless to a fault and always looks to bring his teammates into the game.

The reigning Crows leading goal kicker ranked second behind Kennedy in total scoreboard impact, which factors in scores, assists and also accuracy.

Elite

Another vital part of a small forward's game in the AFL today is defensive pressure – Betts is elite in this area and has been for a long time.

He ranked sixth in the league for forward 50m tackles with 34 – two fewer than Rioli (36). Wingard laid 23 forward 50m tackles – ranked 25th overall, level with Betts' protégé Charlie Cameron.

Betts averaged fewer possessions (13.9) than Wingard (19.2) and Rioli (15), but won more 25-plus more disposals inside forward 50m (169) – ranked second overall behind Kennedy.

With the exception of a few bursts through the midfield, Betts is a genuine small forward.

Then there is his style.

Betts is the Becker of the AFL with an uncanny ability to 'bend' his kicks with telling accuracy.

Eddie boasted the best goal kicking accuracy (70.7 per cent) of any of the top 10 goal kickers, which is an incredible feat considering some of the shots the crafty 28-year-old attempted.

From his pocket at Adelaide Oval, to pockets all around the country and left-foot torps on the run, Betts can – and usually does – kick them from everywhere.



Eddie Betts leaves Adelaide Oval after his 200th game during the round 17 AFL match against the Hawthorn Hawks on Friday, July 11, 2014. Picture: AAP

But behind all these figures is the man himself.

Everybody – including his most competitive components – loves Eddie.

How can you not?

That big smile.

Making friends in the crowd and accepting bets from others, even opposition fans marvel at what Betts can do.

He's been nominated for the All-Australian team three times before (2011, 2012 and 2014), but is yet to earn a place in the final team.

Surely, this is his year.

The little man with the big heart deserves it.

Enjoy the grand final.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Curtly Hampton wants to leave Giants



of the Australian Football League (AFL) club.

It was just a week ago the sought-after Treloar officially named Collingwood as his preferred home for 2016 and beyond.

Then McCarthy followed suit at the end of the week, but while the Giants have agreed to work on shifting Treloar, they have "categorically rejected" McCarthy's request.

Now, Hampton wants out after spending

much of this season in the NEAFL.

The 22-year-old is contracted for another year, but wants more senior opportunities after seemingly struggling to bounce back from a shoulder injury last year.

A former Northern Territory zone selection, Hampton hurt his shoulder in round 12 against Essendon last season and has played just six AFL games since.

"The club understands Curtly's desire to seek greater playing opportunities and will do its best to help facilitate a suitable trade," the Giants said last week.

Hampton, from Alice Springs, has played 51 AFL games and was moved from attack into defence in the middle of the 2012 season. – Jennifer Phelan, AFL.com



● **LEFT:** Curtly Hampton and a couple of AFL legends, Adam Goodes, left, and Michael O'Loughlin. Picture: Craig Golding

Four in NRL Youth Team



FOUR Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander players – all country products – are in the 2015 Holden Cup National Rugby League

(NRL) Youth Team of the Year.

They are Gideon Mosby (North Queensland Cowboys), Ashley Taylor (Brisbane Broncos), Latrell Mitchell (Sydney Roosters) and Brent Naden (Penrith Panthers).

"The Holden Cup Team of the Year is a virtual preview of the stars of the future," NRL had of football Todd Greenberg said.

"When you look through the list of players who have made this team in the past, it reads like a who's who of the game.

"A number of those players have already broken into the NRL – a remarkable achievement when they are still eligible for Holden Cup.

"Importantly, all these players are undertaking training and following a career.

"So these young players not only have enormous potential on the field, but are developing exciting careers off the field as well."

\$1000 grant

All players were presented with a \$1000 education grant at the team announcement at Rugby League Central's Heroes and Legends Museum in Sydney on Monday, September 14.

Mosby, a student at Kirwan State High School in Townsville, has had a sensational debut year in the Holden Cup, setting an all-time try-scoring record in a minor premiership season with 38.

He has played 23 Holden Cup matches.

Mosby and Brisbane Broncos rising star Ashley Taylor are products of Queensland Country Rugby League, while Latrell Mitchell and Brent Naden are products of NSW Country.



● ABOVE: Gideon Mosby, left, with former rugby league star Scott Prince. Picture: Alf Wilson

Taylor, from Toowoomba, is an apprentice carpenter and made his NRL debut in round 26 this year.

Unfortunately for him, he fractured his hand.

Taylor is something of a 40-20 specialist, having kicked four of them this season.

He has played 46 Holden Cup matches – 18 of them this year before last weekend.

Mitchell is undertaking a Certificate 3 Sport and Recreation traineeship.

He comes from Taree.

Naden is a full-time sports development officer with NRL Development and has played two Holden Cup seasons for a total of 39 games (18 this year).

He is from Wellington.



Latrell Mitchell

Too much sport not enough for Cori



LIKE so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, Cori Corrigan loves sport.

Cori is a quiet, athletic 14-year-old Murri from Hughenden, Qld (Yirandali).

He and his family moved to Victoria when he was three years old and has been playing Australian football since he was eight.

He goes to Marian College in Ararat, where he represented his school in swimming, running, discus, Australian football and basketball.

He enjoys all sport.

Cori returns to his traditional country at least twice a year where he loves to go fishing, pig hunting and walk his land with his cousins.

This year he was named best and fairest for the Wimmera under 14s and kicked the most goals in the under 14 division.

Cori can't wait for the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSAL) AFL and Netball carnival at Ballarat on September 24-25, and the Richmond Australian Football Club Korin Gamadji Institute camp for emerging Aboriginal leaders.

He enjoys music, scooter riding, hanging out with his friends and hopes to make a career in the Australian Football League (AFL).

He lives with his Dad Mitchell at Willaura on country shared by Djab Warrung and Jardwajali.



Cori Corrigan and his dad Mitchell.

Great interest in *Marngrook* grand final show



Some of the *Marngrook* team, from left, Leila Gurruwiwi, Grant Hansen, Gilbert McAdam and Shelley Ware.



THE *Marngrook Footy Show* is approaching its 250th edition and presenter Grant Hansen says the adrenalin rush it provides is as strong as ever.

"Live television is living on the edge – anything can happen," he said.

Some of the biggest names in the Australian Football League, together with legends of the game, will come together for the special life pre-grand final show from Melbourne's Forum Theatre at 7.30pm on Friday, October 2.

It will be filmed before a live audience of 1000 on NITV Channel 34 and Foxtel Channel 144.

Hansen said the show was sold out within a day and a half.

Joining the panel will be fan favourite Adelaide forward Eddie Betts, Richmond star Brandon Ellis, Collingwood's Darcy Moore, Demon Jack Viney, Western Bulldogs defender Easton Wood, and impressive Giants midfielder Adam Treloar.

Marngrook regulars and stars of the game,

Kevin Bartlett, Robert 'Dipper' DiPierdomenico, Derek Kickett, and Phil Krakour, will also take to the Forum stage to give their analysis ahead of the premiership.

Hosts Grant Hansen, Gilbert McAdam, Chris Johnson, Leila Gurruwiwi and Shelley Ware will present the panel-voted and hotly contested 2015 *Marngrook* Player of the Year Award, given last year to Lance Franklin.

A highlight will include the annual Brownlow Medal red carpet feature, the grand final parade wrap, as well as team selections and discussion of the biggest news stories from grand final week.

Marngrook has a proud history of presenting live music and this show will showcase Donna Fisk and Michael Cristiano, who will perform their popular footy anthem *Rockin' Footy*, before Christine Anu gets the party started, and Australian rock legends Chocolate Starfish bring the show to a close.

The *Marngrook Footy Show* celebrates and embraces the contribution made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to Australian football.

Opportunity for young Victorian cricketers



CRICKET Victoria is seeking cricketers of Indigenous heritage for winter training at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on Wednesday, July 1, at 12.30pm.

There are openings for 15 and 16-year-old club cricketers to travel to the Kevin Pietersen Academy in Dubai in November – all expenses covered.

Any interested cricketers must attend this session.

Any players who want to trial for the Victorian Indigenous men's and women's cricket teams should attend this training session.

Cricket Victoria is also seeking Indigenous cricketers to be the 2015-16 Melbourne Stars community rookie.

Male and female cricketers of all

ages are welcome.

For security access, candidates must register at cricketvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/m12jfb250v9892r/

If anyone is bringing a group, they should contact Andrew Warrick at Cricket Victoria on (03) 9653 1100.

Noogal Toongorrt Tani is Cricket Victoria's Indigenous cricket program.

It is designed to provide participation and development

opportunities for Indigenous Australians to participate in cricket.

Indigenous Australians claim strong roots to international cricket, as the first Australian cricket team to tour England in 1868 was all Aboriginal.

Respected Wurundjeri elder Aunty Joy Wandin-Murphy was invited by Cricket Victoria to name the Indigenous cricket program.

Chambers' court

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

In the eyes of many, Melbourne Storm produced one of the upsets of the National Rugby League (NRL) season when they outlasted the Roosters in the opening week of the finals.

With the Broncos accounting for the Cowboys and the sad demise of the reigning premiers the Rabbitohs, the whole competition has been thrown open.

The Storm utilised all their big-game experience in bringing the game home with many of the young players rising to the occasion.

But the form of the likes of Cameron Munster and Kurt Mann is no fluke.

One of the keys to the success of Melbourne has been the role of Will Chambers.

He has been one of the form centres of the competition and won deserved praise for his role in Queensland's State of Origin success.

Integral role

But in a team renowned for its leadership, he has played an integral role in the fast-tracking of the next crop of Storm stars.

For the young outside backs, he has emerged as their unofficial leader.

At just 26, Chambers hardly lays claims to veteran status, but amidst this young crop, he qualifies for the role well.

Chambers has become the



Will Chambers celebrates after scoring a try for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars at Cbus Stadium, on the Gold Coast, last February 13. Picture: AAP

focal point to which the Storm's next generation is turning.

With little NRL experience, the need for guidance certainly exists; their more seasoned-teammate has been the one to provide it.

Now in his eighth season for the club, he understands the role of a leader is one he naturally has to step up to and accept.

"I've been around for a little while now and Craig (Bellamy) sort of helps me a little bit with it," Chambers said.

"I just talk and help them where I can. I've been in the Storm system for a while and have had a bit of success here.

"I just know that if I can give them a bit of advice and help them improve as footballers, then I'm doing my job."

From the Northern Territory to Nudgee, Melbourne to Munster –

he has seen plenty throughout his journey as a professional footballer.

Growing up in the small town of Gove, on the north-eastern tip of Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory, Chambers never thought his footy career would take him from one end of the country to the other, with a playing stint on the other side of the world thrown in for good measure.

Melbourne debut

After debuting for the Melbourne Storm one week before his 19th birthday in round 10, 2007, Chambers played 42 NRL games, including the 2009 grand final, before switching codes in 2010 to play 23 games of rugby union with the Queensland Reds and then eight games for Ireland's Munster.

The Nhulunbuy junior returned to rugby league in round 4, 2012 and scored 13 tries in 18 games during that season and backed that up in the 2013 and 2014 seasons with 12 and 11 tries respectively.

Chambers' good form after an underwhelming stint in rugby suddenly put the code-hopper back on the representative map, but despite his impressive try-scoring tally, Chambers would turn out to be a perennial bridesmaid in Queensland's Origin squads – named as 18th or 19th man during the seasons since returning from rugby.

A cruel career-ending knee injury to Brent Tate in game two last year opened the door for Chambers to make his Maroons debut in game three.

Ten months later, Chambers became the 800th Kangaroos

player when he made his Test debut earlier this year.

But he still takes nothing for granted and that is what drives his success.

The former St Joseph's College Nudgee student knows he wouldn't be where he is today without the support of the Melbourne Storm hierarchy and the guidance of club coach Craig Bellamy.

"The Storm were good to me. I came through their system at age 15 and then through the (Intrust Super Cup side) Norths Devils. I was happy with the way their system worked," he said.

"As I've grown older Craig (Bellamy) has had such a huge influence over me and been really good for my footy career."

When Bellamy offered Chambers a return to the Storm in 2012, he jumped at the chance and hasn't looked back.

"I was honoured to play for the Reds but State of Origin is where it's at," he said.

"When I was a kid, I always wished I could play rugby league, but to actually get that opportunity is something special.

"I always followed the Canberra Raiders and although you wish and dream, but when it becomes a reality, it's a different story.

Long journey

"It's been a long journey. I had my stint in rugby, but now I'm back enjoying my time playing rugby league."

Chambers is a class act and does not draw the attention or praise he deserves.

Part of that comes from playing in a side laden with stars of the game in Billy Slater, Cameron Smith and Cooper Cronk.

It also comes from being in a side that is away from the weekly gaze of the Sydney media.

But over the next two weeks, Chambers has the opportunity to cement a reputation as one of the leading players in our game.

His value to the Storm is already evident in the continuing rise of the young stars who seek his guidance.

His market value as an elite player in our game may just be about to rise.

Enjoy your footy!

Carroll still on sidelines in Indian hockey league



INDIGENOUS striker Joel Carroll remained on the reserve list after not attracting a bid at the Hockey India League (HIL) auction last Thursday.

The HIL is hockey's version of the Indian Premier League (IPL) where players from around the world are paid handsomely.

Kookaburras Matthew Swann and Matt Gohdes were amongst the big money buys at the 215 HIL auction as 13 Australians were picked up for a combined total of \$666,000 (US\$478,000).

With nine Aussies already retained by their 2015 franchises, it takes the number of Kookaburras in January's fourth edition of the HIL to 22.

Swann will return to Dabang Mumbai, for whom he played in the 2015 HIL, having been the subject of a US\$75,000 bid, while Matt Gohdes – a winner with Delhi Waveriders in 2014 – has made a big money switch to Jaypee Punjab Warriors (US\$71,000).

But it was the Germans who attracted the biggest bids from the six franchise owners in hockey's equivalent to cricket's IPL.

German trio Moritz Fuerste, Florian Fuchs and Tobias Hauke took star billing with Fuerste topping the bidding at US\$105,000 from Kalinga Lancers. The fee is a new record for the Hockey India League, surpassing the US\$103,000 paid by Dabang Mumbai for Belgian Tom Boon 12 months ago.

Fuerste's compatriots Fuchs (Dabang Mumbai) and Hauke (Uttar Pradesh Wizards) each went for US\$96,000.

The unsold Carroll, from Darwin, remains on the reserve list.

His base price is \$US20,000.



Joel Carroll

Ready to explode

By CHRIS PIKE



LITTLE more than 12 months on from the drama that threatened to end his international career and to tear apart the national team, Kurtley Beale is

ready to fire for the Wallabies at the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

The Wallabies campaign begins tonight (Wednesday) against Fiji at Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, with Beale confident that the dramas of last year are not only behind him, but his experience of playing at the World Cup four years ago set to stand him in good stead to help Australia to a successful tournament over the coming weeks.

After facing Fiji tonight in Wales, the Wallabies then take on Uruguay in Birmingham on Sunday, England at Twickenham the following Saturday, and finally Wales at Twickenham seven days later ahead of the knockout phase beginning Saturday, October 17.

Beale has long been one of Australia's most exciting rugby talents, whether playing as flyhalf, inside centre and fullback, with all the tools to be a match winner.

Rocky ride

However, things haven't always gone smoothly, especially off the field, and that came to a head last year on the Wallabies' tour from South Africa to Argentina where text messages from Beale directed at staff member Di Patston were made public.

The end result was a suspension and heavy fine for Beale, while coach Ewen McKenzie ended up departing, replaced by Michael Cheika, and Patston left the staff and ended up settling out of court with the Australian Rugby Union.

That left serious question marks over Beale's future – not only with the Wallabies – but in Super Rugby.

But he resettled with the NSW Waratahs to play well in 2015, and now not only is he

Kurtley Beale looks to pass the ball at a training session on September 15 at the University of Bath, three days before the opening match of the Rugby World Cup 2015 between England and Fiji in Twickenham stadium, London. Picture: AFP



with the Wallabies in the UK, but is set to play a key role at the World Cup.

Beale might not immediately have a starting role behind Israel Folau at fullback and Matt Giteau at inside centre, but he has his eyes set on getting his chance, and when he does, grabbing it with both hands.

"I'm very happy where I am at the moment. Rugby-wise, my body is feeling great and I feel I can do things that I probably couldn't do back then. In that sense, I'm very pleased and very grateful that I'm back in the mix of things again," Beale said.

"There's a lot of competition out there in my position so just to be picked and be in the squad is a huge honour. I know my

role, and at 12 or 15, I'm happy to come on wherever they need me, but to try and get an opportunity to start at 12 or 15 would be awesome.

"I want to cement one of those positions. Obviously it's quite difficult at the moment, but that's only good for the team. I'll be knocking on the door, that's for sure."

Even though the New Zealand All Blacks are the heavy favourites to win a second straight World Cup, Beale is confident that the Wallabies are ready to be a genuine contender.

While he, as well as Quade Cooper, David Pocock and Will Genia, were relatively young players in the 2011 World Cup, they are seasoned campaigners for

this year's edition and Beale feels that the Wallabies are ready to peak and are a real chance to go all the way.

"Those young guys, along with myself, are now the experienced guys. Before the All Blacks won their last World Cup they went through a couple of tournaments with young blokes and they didn't handle it. You learn from experience. You learn from your mistakes," Beale said.

"I've just re-signed with Australian rugby and everything is going very smoothly. We've got a really good group of guys who support each other, morale is building and having played in the last World Cup I know how important that is going into a tournament like this."

Third Indigenous player in national softball team



MOUNT Isa has produced its fair share of Australian sporting icons (Greg Norman and Pat Rafter) and is celebrating the rise of another – young Indigenous softball player Janice Blackman.

She recently debuted for the Australian Spirit national women's team, joining two other current Indigenous players – Stacey Porter and Vanessa Stokes – in the Japan Cup, where Australia

finished third.

Japan is a long way from Mount Isa and a lot has happened in the journey that took Janice to Ogaki, Japan.

She was actually born in Maryborough, but grew up in Mount Isa, where she started playing softball at the age of eight.

"Without Mount Isa, I wouldn't be playing softball today," the Gubbi Gubbi woman with links to the Butchulla people of the Fraser Coast said.

"I am very grateful for every development opportunity that is

given because where I come from, they don't get handed out every day.

"One thing Mount Isa taught me though was never to give up. We came last in almost every tournament we played in but we finished and came back every year with a smile on our faces and determined to play 100% every game in Mount Isa."

But Janice knew that for her game to develop, she had to move south. She settled in Brisbane, where she now plays with the Bears in the Brisbane

Softball Association.

She's something of a softballer allrounder and can play shortstop, outfield or third base.

One of the things she likes about softball is team camaraderie and making new friends.

Fondest memory

Her fondest memory is taking a diving catch in left field at the 2014-15 Gilley's Shield against WA.

But she embarrassingly remembers falling over at her first nationals in her first game and the

ball "went straight over my head and centerfield had to go get it".

She follows the North Queensland Cowboys in the National Rugby League.

She has tried her hand at many sports, including touch footy, netball and basketball, but switched to softball and made her state debut in 2011.

Her representative rise has been swift.

She is aiming to continue her representative career and the 2016 Softball World Cup in Canada is her next goal.

Eddie Gilbert Medal: Who will win it?

By GRAHAM HUNT



RUGBY league players Johnathan Thurston, Sam Thaiday and Justin Hodges are frontrunners for Indigenous Sport Queensland's

(ISQ's) Eddie Gilbert Medal this year, but a couple of women could be bolters.

They are netballer Beryl Friday and softball Janice Blackman.

The Eddie Gilbert Medal and other ISQ awards will be presented at a gala dinner in the Ithaca Room at the Brisbane City Hall on Friday, October 16.

American footballer Jesse Williams was last year's Eddie Gilbert Medallist.

Thurston won the first Eddie Gilbert Medal in 2007.

Last week he was named the Rugby League Players' Association (RLPA) Players' Player for an unprecedented fourth time.

Fourth Daily M?

He's also in the mix to win the Daily M Medal for the fourth time.

He and Andrew Johns are the only three-times recipients of the Daily M Medal.

To be in the mix for the 2015 Eddie Gilbert Medal is an outstanding achievement, but Thurston's performances have been such that it was impossible for judges to not consider him again.

Brisbane Broncos star Sam Thaiday is having one of his best seasons and has just signed a new deal that will keep him at the Broncos for another three years.

The deal means that Thaiday



Beryl Friday
Picture: Brisbane Firebirds

is likely to play out his NRL career in Brisbane.

Another Broncos player – Justin Hodges – comes into Eddie Gilbert Medal calculations at the end of an illustrious career.

Thurston, Hodges and Thaiday have been fixtures in Queensland's domination of rugby league's State of Origin series.

Brisbane Firebirds netball player Beryl Friday is a rising star and is a big hope to break the male domination of the Eddie Gilbert Medal.

The 184cm goal attack/goal shooter signed her first ANZ Championships with the Firebirds in 2014 and has since made the Australian under 21 team.

It seems just a matter of time before she becomes an Australian Diamond.

That's her ambition.

The Firebirds not long ago won back-to-back ANZ Championships and Friday was a key component.

Janice Blackman, 19, is a rising star in women's softball and already has made the Australian Spirit national team.

She debuted for Australia in the Japan Cup in Ogaki, Japan, this year, where Australia finished third.

Blackman is a Gubbi Gubbi woman with links to the Butchulla people of the Fraser Coast and has been involved in many sports, including touch football, netball and basketball.

But she made a decision to concentrate on softball and was selected in the Queensland team in 2011.

Her rise has been rapid and her next goal is to represent Australia in Canada next year at the Softball World Cup.

She and Beryl Friday are also in the mix to win the ISQ Leigh Ann Goodwin Encouragement Award.

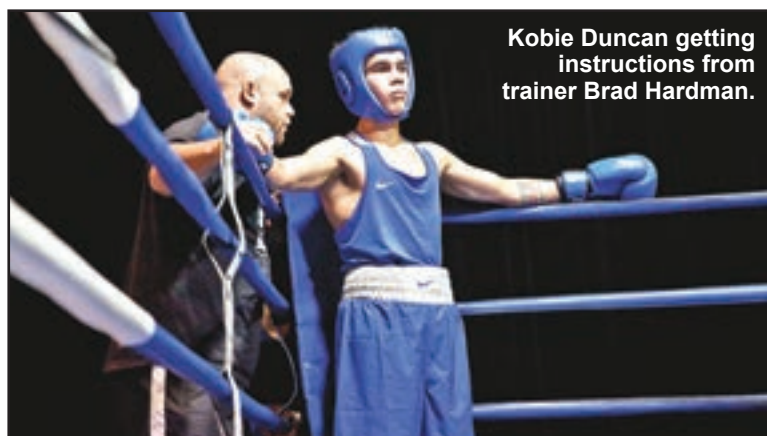
Other potential Leigh Ann Goodwin award winners are Australian women's rugby league player Latoya Billy, from Moa Island, Sydney Roosters youngster Bernard Lewis and young baseballer Jamie-Scott Wellington.

The Catherine Freeman Junior Award has an interesting mix of potential winners, headed by amateur boxer Dana Coolwell, swimmer Nathanael Leavy and Toowoomba softball pitcher Dylan Sheehan.

A number of regional winners will be announced at the ISQ awards night.

Tickets for the dinner are \$80 or \$700 for a table of 10.

Contact details: wayne.coolwell@caie.com.au or mobile 0458 000 743.



Kobie Duncan getting instructions from trainer Brad Hardman.

It's early days, but Kobie shows promise



HE'S just starting out, but already there are raps for young amateur boxer Kobie Duncan.

The former Moree youngster now living in Sydney has turned his life around, thanks to boxing and his trainer Brad Hardman.

Kobie's life was spiralling out of control. He was into drugs and petty crime.

But all of that is behind him as he now forges a career in amateur boxing that he hopes will take him to greater heights, even representing Australia at the Olympic and/or Commonwealth Games.

Kobie is glowing in his praise of Hardman, who he describes as a second father.

Bundjalung man Hardman has had his fair share of hard times and it is these experiences that make it easy for him to relate to the likes of Kobie Duncan, a Kamilaroi youngster.

When he was 15, Hardman and some mates jumped into a car that reached speeds of 200km/h before striking a telephone pole. The car split in two, one of Hardman's mates was killed and Hardman lost a leg on impact.

He had to learn to walk with a prosthesis.

It took him a long time to recover from the accident and he started drinking again.

But his life changed when one

day he took a call from renowned boxing trainer Johnny Lewis, who asked him to come in and train.

"That phone call was pretty big," Hardman recalled.

Now, he's a mentor to young people and is well qualified to help them. He's had to battle his own demons and it is that that helps him relate to the young ones.

Earlier this year, Kobie told *The Australian* that he wanted to go to jail.

He thought he had to go there.

"I was seeing a lot of my cousins, a lot of older boys go there, and I was sort of like – that's what makes you a man," he told the newspaper.

By the time he was 12, he was into marijuana and ecstasy and was financing his habit by selling drugs.

He told *The Australian* that by 16, he was on a path of self-destruction.

It was a near-overdose of ecstasy that jolted him into turning around his life.

That turnaround took just six months and he's now preparing for his next fight at Bondi Junction on September 26, where he will be challenging for the Amateur Boxing League NSW intermediate featherweight title.

It will be just Kobie's second fight and Hardman reckons he has a future champion on his hands.

"He's lightning quick and packs a deadly punch," the trainer told the *Koori Mail*.

Coolwell's early exit at world tournament



YOUNG Queensland Sunshine Coast boxer Dana Coolwell was an early casualty at

the International Boxing Association (IBA) Junior World championships in St Petersburg, Russian, earlier this month.

Fighting in the 44-46kg class, Coolwell was beaten on points by Ilya Varabyou (Belarus), who was eliminated in the next round by German Deniel Krotter.

The division was won by Romanian Cosmin Petre Girleanu, who had a unanimous points win

over American Jesse Rodriguez.

There were six Australian boxers competing in St Petersburg, while another seven took part in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa.

The Nambour-born 16-year-old Coolwell took up boxing in 2013 under Hinterland Boxing Club coach Stephen Pitt.

He won his place in the Australian team at the St Petersburg tournament after winning the Australian junior championship (46kg) class.

That followed on from winning Queensland championships and winning the 2014 National Golden

Gloves tournament.

Coolwell is a Year 11 student at the Beerwah State School. His Aboriginal heritage comes from the Mulinjali people from the Beaudesert area of Queensland.

Since an early age, Coolwell has had a passion for sport, playing soccer until the age of 10 before turning to rugby league, where he excelled until he was 14.

He then turned to boxing, which coincided with the opening of a boxing gym at Beerwah.

His goal is to represent Australia at the Olympic Games and then turn professional.



Dana Coolwell (in red) in action.

War Memorial visit ahead of tour



MEMBERS of the NSW Rugby League's Indigenous Young Achievers side were at Canberra last

Wednesday for a ceremonial presentation at the Australian War Memorial.

The visit came ahead of their history-making tour of Europe.

The boys were presented with 50 small wooden crosses to take on their trip and place on war graves at Villers-Bretonneux on Armistice Day.

The tour, which takes non-elite players from across NSW, from places as small and remote as Bourke and Collarenebri, to France and Italy, is as much about social and cultural learnings as it is about the game.

The tour is self-funded, with monetary support and resources provided by the NSWRL and KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated.

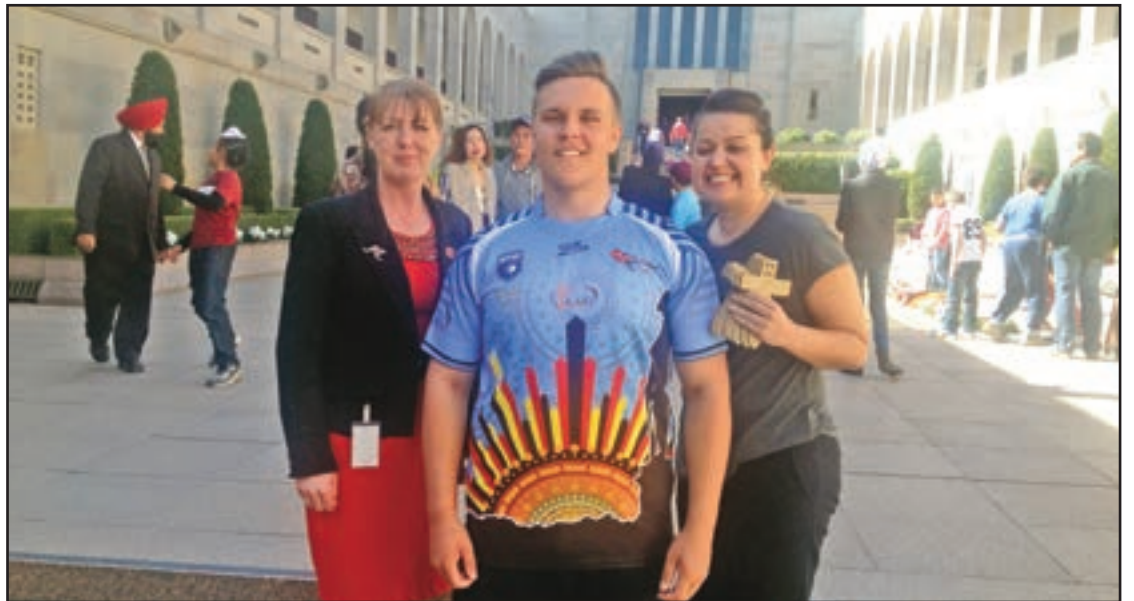
All participants must have an 80 per cent attendance record at school for the past 12 months.

In France, they will visit a number of historically significant locations, including battlefields of the Somme, focusing on the Indigenous involvement in the World Wars.

Rugby league legend Ronny Gibbs and former Rabbitoh Beau Champion will be part of the touring party which will also attend a reception at the Australian Embassy in Paris, as well as act as guests of the mayor of Villers-Bretonneux for the laying of the wreaths on Armistice Day.

The Indigenous Under 16s Young Achievers tour squad will wear Anzac-themed jerseys in the matches they play to highlight the cultural and historical significance of the tour.

The team will leave Australia on November 8, returning on November 27.



Pictured at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra last Wednesday are, from left, War Memorial representative Michelle Bilson, Indigenous youth team player Roderick Matthews and KARI representative and tour official Casey Ralph.

Dizzy heights for Jason Gillespie



Jason Gillespie

By CHRIS PIKE



FORMER Australian fast bowler Jason Gillespie's stunning start to his cricket coaching career has continued with him leading Yorkshire to a second

straight County Championship in England.

Gillespie had a remarkable playing career, taking 259 wickets in 71 Tests for Australia and another 142 one-day wickets in 97 matches while also ending his career with his now famous double-century against Bangladesh in his last Test in 2006.

Overall, he took 613 wickets and made 3742 runs in first-class cricket before retiring in 2008, and now his coaching career continues to go ahead in leaps and bounds with the 40-year-old leading Yorkshire to back-to-back County Championships.

Gillespie arrived to coach Yorkshire with the county having just been relegated following a disastrous 2011 season.

However, immediately Gillespie was able to turn things around as they didn't lose a match in 2012 and went on to win five, and draw 11 of the 16 matches to return to the top level of the County Championship.

Amazing turnaround

Over the past two seasons, Yorkshire has lost just three games while winning 15 and drawing 14 on the way to claiming titles in both years and it only continues to enhance Gillespie's reputation as a sure-fire international coach.

Gillespie didn't want to take any credit from the players at Yorkshire for the success they have enjoyed.

"It's down to the players to be perfectly honest. The talent's always been there and the skill level is there, they just hadn't performed as consistently as they would have liked," Gillespie said.

"I haven't done a lot differently. It's about empowering the lads to just go out there and play the game. As a coach, I help them prepare them as best I can and trust them to go out there and do the job."

Gillespie has always had a great love for

the game, which was obvious when he was playing, and now his infectious enthusiasm has rubbed off on his players at Yorkshire and the results speak for themselves.

"You can never underestimate that enjoyment factor because at the end of the day that's what we are in the game for," he said.

"I love the game and I loved playing, and now I'm lucky enough to be involved in the support staff here at Yorkshire."

"I sit there on the balcony watching the boys and I just love it. I'm a cricket badger, and I encourage all the lads to be a bit like that. It's a game to be enjoyed and I want them to go out and put on a show."

Gillespie was in the running for the vacant England coaching job earlier this year, but just missed out to another Australian Trevor Bayliss, and that appointment certainly can't be questioned with the way that England went on to beat Australia in the recent Ashes Series in the United Kingdom.

However, it appears only a matter of time for Gillespie to become a coach of an international team given his performances at Yorkshire.

He is set to return home to Adelaide later this year to be in charge of the Adelaide Strikers in the Big Bash League.

"Let me make it very clear, England made the right call there with their coach. It was made very clear to me that they were looking at a number of candidates, and I happened to be somebody that they wanted to have a conversation with over a coffee, which was fantastic," Gillespie said.

"I felt quite humbled that I'd be thought of that way, but the thing that really stood out to me was that England wanted to work on their short form of the game, and improve their results. Trevor Bayliss' record is phenomenal so I believe they made the right decision."

"Had I been offered the role, I would have had some thinking to do because I do have a young family to take into account so going on the international circuit 12 months of the year could be a challenge. It wasn't to be, but you never know what can happen."

Financial boost for cricketer



AUSTRALIAN under 19 player Brendan Smith is one of 11 young cricketers to receive a Basil

Shellars scholarship that will allow them to further their cricketing careers.

Smith and another Indigenous cricketer – Jonte Pattison – are not long back from the Australian under 19 tour of England.

Smith is a left-hand batsman and right-arm medium-pace bowler and plays with the Bankstown club in Sydney.

He's also represented NSW Metro at under 17 level and played Imparja Cup for NSW and made the Australian Indigenous team.

Smith is a free-flowing batsman with a wide array of shots, a reliable medium-pace bowler and a promising captain.



Brendan Smith

Cricket NSW says there is a lot to like about the 17-year-old.

Smith was the skipper of the NSW Metro team that won the under 17 national championship. He contributed 186 runs at 46.50, including 119 against Queensland, and took seven wickets.

The Basil Sellers Scholarship program is an initiative of businessman, philanthropist and Cricket NSW life member Basil Sellers AM.

The scholarship provides financial assistance to players aged between 16 and 19, helping to offset costs associated with a player's development, including travelling to practice and matches, as well support for education and vocational training.

Tabulam hangs on for thrilling win



The Tabulam Turtle Divers, in the orange jumpers, and the Tomelah Tigers, in the blue and gold, get together after their grand final clash at the Koori Mail Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival at Crozier Field, Lismore, last Sunday. The Tabulam Turtle Divers won a thrilling game, 18-16. The two-day carnival was an outstanding success, despite showers that fell intermittently. Picture: Graham Hunt

Sandow a starter?

By ALF WILSON



FORMER Parramatta Eels and South Sydney star halfback Chris Sandow looks set to return from English Super League to line up for Badu Island side Argun Warriors at the QAIHC Arthur

Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival at Redcliffe from October 1-4.

Sandow left the Eels in the middle of the 2015 National Rugby League (NRL) season to join Super League Club Warrington.

The star-studded Argun Warriors took out the carnival in 2012 when they beat Yarrabah 30-12 in the final.

Several months later, a try by star halfback Maipela Morseu in golden point extra time earned Argun Warriors the title of the best non-elite Indigenous rugby league side in Australia when they beat the Newcastle Yowies 28-24 at Davies Park in the Murri versus Koori clash.

Yowies had won the 2012 NSW Knockout.

Argun Warriors spokesman Keiji Bowie told the *Koori Mail* he was confident the side would do well at Redcliffe.

"To be honest, it looks like it's gonna be Argun Warriors' year again and preparations are looking good," Bowie said.

"We have got Masi and Joe Nona in the forwards, Noel Underwood and Ricardo Laza in second row and George Kepa at lock. Halves are Chris Sandow and Aiona Nona, fullback Yamba Bowie, and centres are Windsor Bowie and Jonus Pearson. Wingers are Harold Mosby and Gideon Gela-Mosby and the hooker is Angus Dorante.

"I have got my regular boys back and really looking forward to it."

Bowie said Sandow would be back from England in time for the carnival.

Gela-Mosby may not be available if his Cowboys under 20 side qualifies for the Holden Cup grand final, which is on the final day of the knockout.

Backed by QRL

The Murri carnival has been endorsed by the Queensland Rugby League (QRL) and sees great Indigenous rugby league talent come together to take part in the open men's, women's and under 15 divisions.

Event chairman Steven Johnson said he was pleased to see a growth in the level of interest in this year's carnival.

"Last year we had 53 teams play in the Murri carnival, and after, one week (of registrations opening), we have had 70 teams call for registration packs, with a record number from north Queensland," he said.

Two great concerts for league fans

TWO of Australia's most celebrated singer/songwriters – Troy Cassar-Daley and Archie Roach – will perform at the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival.

Cassar-Daley will be on stage from 7pm at Dolphin Oval, Redcliffe, on Thursday, October 1, and Roach will perform there the next night at the same time. Tickets for each concert are \$10, but patrons who have a four-day pass to the rugby league carnival won't have to pay.

"We are on track for the biggest Murri carnival across each of the divisions."

Torres Strait teams are expected to do well, with last year's winners Kulpiyam returning.

Saguci Tigers from Badu Island, and Malu Kiwai with players from Boigu and Cairns will be other starters.

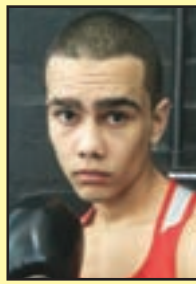
The carnival is much more than rugby league as it also has a major cultural event with a focus on health and education. All players have to complete a health check as a requirement to participate and all

under 15 players must have a 90% school attendance rate in the three months prior.

Latest Deadly Choices open men's nominations are: Purga Wagtails, Warrego United, Arafura Heat, Cherbourg Hornets, Kulpiyam, Jaydon Adams Memorial, Saguci Tigers, Malu Kiwai, Bowen River Broncos, Toowoomba Warriors, Oakey Red Belly Blacks, Wynnum, Murri Balas United, Mununjali Eagles, Inala Wangarra Panthers, Kambu, Southern Dingoes Black, Southern Dingoes Blue, Vinny Terare Memorial, Sunshine Coast Bunya, Argun Warriors, Brisbane Blacks, Moreton Bay Murri Dibing Bulls, Moreton Bay Murri Stingrays, Bayside Brothers, Murri United, NQ United, SEQ Goannas, Yarrabah Boomerangs.

Deadly Choices Women's division: Inala Wangarra Panthers, Tiddas United, Laurel Fisher United, Jaydon Adams Memorial, Murri Sistas, Cairns Gummaz, Highlanders, Moreton Bay Djurumin, Ipswich Redbacks, Cherbourg Hornets.

UQ Under 15: East Coast Sharks, Western River Warriors, South Queensland Waa'Wid'jee'Mah Warriors, Mackay Thunder, NPA Northern Colts, Toowoomba Warriors, Brisbane Stingers, Gladstone United, Oakey Redbelly Blacks, Kalkadoon Blacks, Townsville Walkabouts, Kambu Warriors, Inala Wangarra Panthers, NT Titans, Cherbourg Hornets, Sunshine Coast Bunya, Murri United.



**Lightning fast
and he packs
a punch**
● **See page 97**



The Voice of Indigenous Australia



League bonanza

By GRAHAM HUNT



AUSTRALIA'S two biggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rugby league carnivals



are on next week, with both promising to set new benchmarks.

They are the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League

Knockout at Dubbo and the Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri carnival at Redcliffe.

Organisers expect more than 100 teams to take part in the Dubbo Knockout at Caltex Park from Friday to Monday, October 2-5.

The Murri carnival is Queensland's version of the long-established NSW Knockout and will begin a day earlier – October 1, and finish on Sunday, October 4.

The NSW Knockout is being organised by 2014 Knockout winners Walgett Aboriginal Connection (WAC).

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service is the major sponsor. The *Koori Mail* is also a major sponsor.

The knockout is expected to draw an estimated 15,000 people over the four days of the carnival. It attracts high-profile players like George Rose, Joel Thompson, Timana Tahu and Nathan Merrit.

"This is the largest cultural event in Australia and we want all people from Dubbo to come along



Caltex Park, Dubbo – venue of this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

and check it out and celebrate with Aboriginal people from across the state some great rugby league," said WAC chairman Geoff Simpson.

Teams will play in the open men's, women's, and under 17, under 15 and under 12 boys' divisions.

Simpson said the people of Dubbo and the Dubbo City Council in particular had been great partners in staging "this great cultural celebration".

Great support

"We have had so much support from the council, the RSL Club, the police, the Hoteliers Association, and the Aboriginal community working party," the

Gala dinner a carnival highlight

SOMETHING new at this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout will be the gala dinner, coinciding with the Knockout draw.

A highlight of the dinner at the Dubbo RSL Club on Wednesday, September 30, will be a performance by

singing sensation Jessica Mauboy.

A small number of tickets remain and can be purchased by completing the booking form at www.walgettaboriginalconnection.com.au

Tickets are \$150 a head or \$1200 for a table of eight.

WAC chairman said.

"They have really made our job so easy with such positive and respectful collaboration.

"They have understood the importance of this carnival for Aboriginal people and worked with

us to stage the best event we possibly can."

Simpson said Dubbo was an ideal venue for the Knockout because of its facilities, including the large number of accommodation outlets and the

city's world-class sporting fields.

"That will make the Knockout a comfortable and enjoyable opportunity to watch some great rugby league and catch up with family and friends from across the state," Simpson said.

"We highly commend Dubbo City Council for any prospective events, especially sporting, when it comes to facilities and working together."

Nominations for the Knockout close at 5pm on Friday, September 25.

Teams can nominate by visiting the WAC website www.walgettaboriginalconnection.com.au

● **Sandow possible starter at Murri carnival – page 99**

'Better than the Dally M'



NORTH Queensland star Johnathan Thurston has taken out the players' player medal for the third straight year – and an unprecedented fourth time overall – at the Rugby League

Players' Association (RLPA) awards night.

However, the man of the night was a no-show last Tuesday evening at Doltone House in Sydney as he prepared for Saturday's semifinal against Cronulla in Townsville.

Thurston, who accepted the gong via video, claimed the honour was higher than the prestigious Dally M medal awarded to the best player of the year.

"In my eyes, this is the highest accolade a player can get: to be voted by your peers as the best in your game," he said.

His comments come just a week after threatening to boycott this year's gala Dally M awards, hosted by News Corp Australia in

conjunction with the governing body, due to the players' union's ongoing collective bargaining agreement (CBA) negotiations with the National Rugby League (NRL).

The CBA talks began in March.

Thurston took the opportunity to reinforce his position on fighting for players' welfare.

"I think it's crucial and very important that we stand united as one on this issue," he said.

Thurston, who took out the RLPA honour in 2005, 2013 and 2014, edged out an impressive list of stars, including Brisbane's Ben Hunt, South Sydney's Greg Inglis, Wests Tiger James Tedesco and the Sydney Roosters' Roger Tuivasa-Sheck.

But the 32-year-old's outstanding efforts with the Cowboys ensured he was voted as the game's No 1 by his peers this season.

"I am truly humbled and blown away to receive the RLPA Players' Player Medal for a record fourth time," he said. – AAP



Johnathan Thurston sent a video message to accept his record fourth Rugby League Players Association (RLPA) Players' Player Medal at the RLPA 2015 Awards in Sydney. Picture: RLPA/Regallo

● **Third Indigenous player in national softball team – page 96**