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A record fourth Dally M Medal and a breathtaking NRL grand final which featured Indigenous captains of both teams. Best on ground in the AFL and NRL deciders. Fabulous Knockout action. Just a few reasons why when it comes to football, we're...

Simply the best



Johnathan Thurston with his fourth Dally M Medal. Picture: Newspix



Cyril Rioli with his Australian Football League Norm Smith Medal and premiership medal. Picture: Peter Argent



Saguci Tigers form a tunnel of honour for another Badu Island side Kulpiyam as they run out for their semifinal at the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri rugby league carnival at Redcliffe on Sunday. Saguci Tigers were beaten by Southern Dingoes in a thrilling final. Picture: Alf Wilson ● Social pictures from the Murri carnival on page 34-35



Caitlin Moran in attack for Yowies against Kempsey in the women's semifinals at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival at Dubbo on Monday. Picture: Naomi Moran ● Social pictures from the Koori Knockout on page 32-33

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My FAMILY

ALLAN HALL – Dubbo, NSW

WE'VE got a very close-knit family. We look after each other, make sure everybody is all right and support each other through good times and bad.

We all work together and we do that very well.

The NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout is one of the best times of the year, and it's great that it's being played here in Dubbo. You can catch up with a lot of family who you don't see all the time, which isn't something anyone can take for granted.

Our family all got together for lunch and all sat together telling stories and yarns. It was four generations all together, so that was good.

Everybody looks after one another. We all know each other's kids, so we all look after the grandkids and cousins.

Everybody knows everybody, so at times we chastise each other's kids, if they're doing the wrong thing.

Like all Aboriginal families, everyone looks up to the Elders. We're from the Gomeroi and Yuwallarai people.

With the children, all of our aunts and uncles have a job. Something goes wrong with one of the daughters, then one of the aunts steps up to give 'em life lessons they need at the time. It's the same with the uncles.

We do have a big family. It's huge really – I've got 11 kids myself.

This big Knockout took a bit of organising to get everyone together, but it's been good. We're going to try to do the Christmas thing too – we want to get back into that, make sure we all enjoy Christmas together as a family.

In our family it's always a matter of making sure everybody is going well, seeing if anybody needs support, checking up and making sure everyone's in a good mood.

We've had a few losses in our



● Pictured above: At the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Dubbo, back, from left, Allan Hall holding Piper, Jody Hall and Allan Hall Snr. Front, from left, Brody Hall, Bayley Hall and Riley and Carter Duncan. Picture: Melissa Bolt

family so it's been important for us to come together and grieve well, so there's not someone sitting alone.

We're a close-knit bunch and we'd like to see more of each other. Distance makes it hard, but that means we'll just try harder.

We put our own side in to the Knockout, Bono's Brothers, which was to honour one of our nephews, who we lost. We put a team in for him!

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.

OUR CHILDREN



CHILDREN were well catered for at the QAIHC Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival at Redcliffe, Brisbane, last weekend. Here, the Mara sisters Jahntae, 9, Lyrech, 14, and Kiarah, 8, get set to enjoy the many amusements for youngsters, which included a jumping castle, giant slide and rock climbing. See pages 34-35 and our sport section for more coverage from what was a huge carnival. Picture: Alf Wilson

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Sabrina breaks new ground

SA

SABRINA McKenzie's grandparents were worried when she started her training to become a plant operator because they thought it was dangerous.

Ms McKenzie had worked in hospitality before completing her training as a CAT D10 operator, and she is now the only qualified dozer operator at Oz Minerals' copper and gold mine at Prominent Hill in South Australia.

But her grandparents, who are Elders in the Kalparrin community, must be proud now that she has been named winner of the Outstanding Tradeswoman in the operator or technician category of the National Women in Resources Awards.

Ms McKenzie's 'Dingo crew'

comprises five Indigenous women driving trucks at the mine, and she has also qualified as an Indigenous mentor, helping workmates resolve work-related issues.

Ms McKenzie has elected to remain in her community rather than moving to Adelaide, and assists with various programs including a children's care scheme, is a member of the Ngarrindi Women's Organisation and is also continuing her studies through TAFE.

Former Oz Minerals chief executive Terry Burgess said Ms McKenzie has excelled in her roles as a plant operator, Indigenous mentor and active community contributor.

"Sabrina is an excellent role model for the resources sector and has broken new ground as an Aboriginal woman in a male-dominated industry," he said.

Sabrina McKenzie, pictured at Oz Minerals' Prominent Hill mine in South Australia.

Wyatt joins the ministry



WHEN Ken Wyatt was awoken with a tap on the shoulder on a flight to the United States he couldn't quite believe the document that was placed in front of him.

Its content told the Western Australian Liberal MP he was about to become the first Indigenous Australian in the federal ministry.

"It was surreal, so I reread it," Mr Wyatt said after he was sworn in as Assistant Health Minister in Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's Government. "It reminded me of what I had seen in movies."



Federal Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt

Mr Wyatt ticked it off with an "emphatic yes" and had the Qantas crew send it back to the Prime Minister.

Due to the overseas trip, Mr

Wyatt, who has Noongar, Yamatji and Wongi heritage, missed out on the first swearing-in ceremony by Governor-General Peter Cosgrove at Government House.

Mr Wyatt said he will focus on aged care and he wants to be known for his capability and contribution to the sector.

Before entering politics, Mr Wyatt worked in community health, including as director for Aboriginal health in Western Australia and NSW.

"Our heritage counts for all of us, and in my case being offered a position by the Prime Minister was very special," he said. — AAP



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Congress co-chair voting under way



THE candidates for the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair positions have put their cases for election, which can be read on pages 30-31.

The female candidates, in ballot order, are Amala Groom, Carla McGrath, Katie Kiss and Jackie Huggins. The male candidates are Les Malezer, Charles

Prouse, Rod Little and Tauto Sansbury.

Congress chief executive Geoff Scott welcomed the nominees and said Congress members had a competitive field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to choose from.

"This year we welcome a strong selection of suitable candidates for our co-chair elections and would like our members to take this opportunity to

examine the available information," he said. "Although these are challenging times for our people, we believe the successful male and female co-chairs will be well placed to lead Congress into the next era of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs."

The Australian Election Company has been appointed to independently run the elections.

Members will vote separately for male

and female co-chair positions. Voting opened on September 28 and closes on Sunday, October 18 at 5pm (WST).

Results will be announced and published at the annual National Congress meeting (NC15), which will be held from October 29-30 in Sydney.

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

● Read the candidates' statements on pages 30-31

Spotlight on police in Palm riot trial



"Remember the past. Live for the future."

These words, printed on a sign at Palm Island's tiny airport, have a special relevance at a time when the Queensland Aboriginal community revisits the turbulence and trauma sparked by a high-profile death in custody 11 years ago.

A groundbreaking Federal Court trial will determine whether alleged police failures after the 2004 death of Mulrunji Doomadgee on the local watchhouse floor were racially discriminatory.

For two weeks, the Federal Court has heard of buildings being burnt by rioters, children having guns pointed at their heads by police and a woman wetting herself during home raids.

The most detailed account of the events has come from Lex Wotton, who was jailed for inciting rioting a week after Mulrunji's death.

Mr Wotton – who along with his mother and wife launched the case on behalf of Palm Islanders – watched his younger self tell a crowd that "things gunna burn" in footage shot after a coroner's preliminary findings report was read at a public meeting.

Mulrunji had four broken ribs and his liver was almost cleaved in two when he died. The coroner found his death was the result of falling over a step.

"I'm not going to accept it and I know a lot of you other people don't," a shirtless Mr Wotton is shown telling locals in the footage played in court.

"So, let's do something."

Razed

The police station and home of Mulrunji's arresting officer, Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley, were razed in the unrest that ended after a state of emergency was declared on the island.

The class action alleges the police response to the unrest, including raids and arrests without warrants, was excessive and wouldn't have happened in a Queensland community that wasn't mainly Aboriginal.

Much of the emotional evidence from people caught up in the raids was heard in a makeshift court set up in a Palm Island school.

One man said he was hit in the back with the butt of a gun and



Outside Townsville Courthouse, from left, Lex Wotton, his mother Agnes Wotton and wife Cecilia Wotton with his sister Fleur Wotton standing behind. *Picture: Alf Wilson*

dragged by officers.

Jucinta Barry said she was not allowed to go to the toilet and urinated herself at the bathroom door.

Then, there were the five witnesses who were children when masked police holding guns raided their houses. All but one described having guns pointed at them. Most said the weapons were pointed at their heads.

"I can't stop crying. You've got a gun to my head," Mr Wotton's daughter Schanara Bulsey recalled saying to an officer when he asked her to stop sobbing.

Albert Wotton was 12 when his father was taken away. "(I thought)

what happened to Mulrunji is going to happen to my dad," he told the court.

Most of the Palm Island witnesses said they thought they or one of their family members would be shot by the police.

Tasered

Mr Wotton was tasered after telling his crying children not to come onto the veranda, where officers were telling him to put his hands behind his back, the court heard.

Less than 24 hours earlier, Mr Wotton had walked to the police station with an angry crowd, smashed in windows with a wrench

and invited an officer to shoot him.

"Why are you afraid?" he recalled yelling when the officer did nothing.

"Cause everyone's watching?"

Crown lawyers say islanders, some armed with spears, threatened to kill officers during the riots.

Mr Wotton denies making such threats and says he didn't tell police they'd be burned out if they didn't leave the island.

The arrested locals were flown to Townsville and weren't allowed to live on the island as part of their bail conditions.

The court heard confusion reigned in the hours after the raids,

as people tried to find out where their loved ones had been taken.

Indigenous legal service field officer Andrea Sailor said police usually rang her if someone was to give an interview.

But, the court heard, in the days after the riots, she was forced to set up watch outside the police barracks so she could tell people going in that they didn't need to give statements.

She and a solicitor flown in from Townsville were at times overwhelmed by the number of people being interviewed.

"We were standing at the fence trying to give them legal advice," Ms Sailor said.

"Many of them themselves weren't aware why they were being picked up."

Judge to decide

Justice Debbie Mortimer will decide whether the State of Queensland should pay compensation and damages to the community, which has also asked for an apology.

Ms Barry told the court she had to fix a door damaged by riot police, with the expense coming out of her rent.

She also said part of a recorded conversation she had with Detective Sergeant Darren Robinson after the raids had been omitted from a police tape played in court.

"Don't you come looking for help if (your partner) bash you or rape you," Ms Barry recalled Det Sgt Robinson saying to her daughter.

"I said, 'Mate, you can't say that to her.'"

Other alleged failures by police include Snr Sgt Hurley not immediately being stood down, evidence from Aboriginal witnesses being unfairly discredited and a school bus being commandeered, forcing children to walk to school in the heat for a week.

After the first day of the trial, Mr Wotton said he hoped the case would lead to more professional policing in Indigenous communities.

He said he'd thought, "They're going to cover it up," as soon as he heard of Mulrunji's death. "I think my prediction was right," he told the court in Townsville.

Snr Sgt Hurley was acquitted of Mulrunji's manslaughter by an all-white jury in 2007.

The Federal Court trial will continue hearing from police witnesses at a later date. – AAP

New protected area larger than Switzerland



Elders and community members celebrate the new Katiti Petermann Indigenous Protected Area.



Tracking training for the young on a cross-border trip to Watarrka.



Anangu traditional owner Malya Teamay at Katiti, known as Bobbies Well, a natural spring 9km south of Lake Amadeus.



Kaltukatjara rangers inspect a rock art site at Walka in the IPA.



● Above: The Lake Amadeus-Lake Neale salt lake complex in the north of the Katiti-Petermann IPA.

● Right: The mulgara is one of many threatened species in the protected area.



Anangu care for country



ANANGU traditional owners have declared more than five million hectares of Aboriginal freehold land surrounding the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park an Indigenous protected area (IPA).

At Tjitjingati, a significant site between Uluru and the Western Australian border, more than 250 Anangu and their guests launched the new Katiti Petermann IPA last week.

Larger than Switzerland, the IPA completes a vast network of nine protected areas in the heart of the continent, where Aboriginal Elders work with Indigenous ranger groups to protect natural and cultural values.

The IPA agreement Anangu signed with the Commonwealth offers traditional owners additional resources to tackle significant threats to cultural sites, native plants and animals.

One of the first female Indigenous rangers from Kaltukatjara (Docker River), Ruby James, said the IPA would help protect country.

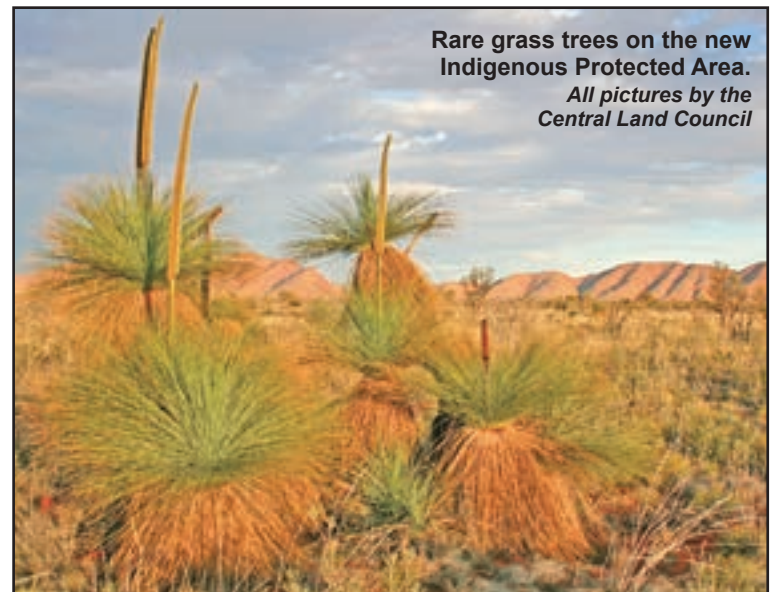
"We really hope we can extend the program so we can do more trips on country and learn more about the bush tucker and all the traditional foods and important places," she said.

Ms James has been teaching children skills such as tracking, fauna surveys and water monitoring.

"By taking them out on country they see and learn about places," she said. "It will allow them to protect their country themselves in time."

"This is their schooling. This is the education we need our children to have and this is the way we do it."

IPAs support Aboriginal landowners who volunteer to manage the cultural and environmental values of their



Rare grass trees on the new Indigenous Protected Area.
All pictures by the Central Land Council



Anangu traditional owner Nyinku Kulitja with a great desert skink in the Katiti Petermann IPA.

country as part of Australia's National Reserve System.

Kaltukatjara ranger co-ordinator Benji Kenny, an Arrernte man, told the *Koori Mail* the new IPA meant traditional owners from different communities could work together more effectively.

"When we take people out on country, they learn off the old people, learn the story of the country and what sort of animals are still living around here and how we can protect them," he said.

"We've already been protecting desert skink and mulgara (pictured)."

Traditional owners performed an emu inma (ceremony) with their children and elected an IPA management committee.

"It was a special one, with old men and young ones doing cultural dance," Mr Kenny said. "It was respectful for the people who had passed away, who did special business involved in getting the IPA."

"This area the rangers will be looking after is five million hectares, so the IPA is a really good thing for us and other ranger groups, because the rangers will be able to travel everywhere."

"Our rangers make sure we control feral animals, like camels, control the waterholes, protect the waterholes from weeds and look after native animals."

Arts workers extend skills

By JILLIAN MUNDY



NINE workers from remote Top End arts centres have graduated from this year's Arts Worker Extension Program (AWEP) with extra skills, more confidence and new professional relationships that have helped past participants to management careers and international recognition.

The program, run by the Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA), teams with leading arts institutions and takes participants on a nine-month professional development journey.

AWEP support officer Dion Teasdale, who has been involved with the program since it started, says it has helped 43 participants of various ages and with a range of skills and experience in the five years it has been running.

"Arts workers come together from other remote communities, they meet with other people that are most like them in the world," he said.

"They feel more connected to the broader arts industry and with their peers.

"They get access to a whole range of experiences and opportunities, behind the scenes.

"They meet all the leading Aboriginal curators across the country and artists and industry professionals and learn about their experiences and their



Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA) Arts Worker Extension Program graduates: Raylene Bonson, Jennifer Dickens, Maxine Charlie, Aaron McTaggart, ANKAAA chairman Djambawa Marawili, Troy Mardigan, Dylan Miller, and, front, Michelle Woody and Marcus Pascoe. The graduates were at the Darwin Aboriginal Arts Fair where they led art floor talks.

careers, which is not always easy to access, living in a remote community."

Mr Teasdale said it is the country's first program designed specifically to meet the workplace skills development needs of arts

workers from remote communities.

"Remote arts centres are often the engine rooms of communities. We talk about them as the good news factories," he said.

"Arts centres are generally owned and governed by

Aboriginal boards and return profits to community and artists.

"The roles of arts workers are dynamic. Many graduates have taken on higher levels of responsibilities in their arts centres, and some have gone on

to be managers and represented their communities internationally.

"Many have gone on to do further leadership programs, to be mentors and be on their own boards and the ANKAAA board."

Graduate Maxine Charlie, from Nagula Jarndu Arts Centre in Broome, who also works at the Mabu Yawuru Ngan-ga Language Resource Centre, was particularly inspired by the wealth of material archived in Canberra institutions.

She said the best thing was seeing what was in the galleries, and learning about archiving.

"You get to know all the other students, and learning about their arts centres, and networking," Ms Charlie said.

"It's a good opportunity for the future of arts centres. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel interstate, and in some of the galleries you might see artwork of ancestors."

Another 2015 graduate, Marcus Pascoe, who is gallery manager at the Maningrida Arts Centre, said he was proud to have been able to share his culture.

"I really liked it. It's really important to represent us in different places in Australia. We take skills to each of our arts centres," he said.

ANKAAA will call for applications for next year's AWEP intake later this year, and the 2016 program will begin in March.

Campaign goes on for family violence funds

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced the funding package for family and domestic violence recently there was one glaring omission: specific funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander violence prevention programs.

National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLS) Forum convenor Antoinette Braybrook said it was disappointing that the funding package did not include a focus on improving Indigenous survivors' access to essential frontline legal services.

"It was heartening to hear Prime Minister Turnbull indicate a desire to address the national epidemic of family violence," she said. "FVPLS are the frontline services providing critical legal and non-legal support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims/survivors of family violence."

"Regrettably, the package

did not include measures that would enable us to further support some of the most marginalised women in the country. We want to work with the Prime Minister to ensure all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women can access our specialised services."

Family violence affects Indigenous people at vastly disproportionate rates to other Australians.

Indigenous women are 34 times more likely to be hospitalised from family violence and almost 11 times more likely to be killed as a result of violent assault than other Australians.

"For too long the impacts of family violence in our communities have been hidden," Ms Braybrook said.

"The time has come to listen to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The time has come to act."

FVPLS is one of many Aboriginal-controlled organisations forced to struggle for funding under the Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).



Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum convenor Antoinette Braybrook.

The Sisters Day Out program, run by Victoria's FVPLS, is in danger of folding due to lack of funding.

Sisters Day Out is a program of wellbeing workshops run by and for Aboriginal women around Victoria. The workshops build on self-esteem and identity, which reinforces

women's entitlement to feel safe and secure in their roles as nurturers and leaders.

Yesterday, the 98th Sisters Day Out was held, but Ms Braybrook is worried it may have been the last.

"Without a commitment for ongoing funding for that program, it means Aboriginal women will be left vulnerable, in unsafe

situations, and not have the support they need to access services to keep them safe," she said.

"Sisters Day Out also has an early intervention component so women can learn what the danger signs are in relationships.

"I remember in the early days of Sisters Day Out, one comment in an evaluation from an Elder was: 'I'm a 65-year-old woman and I've been married to my violent husband for 40-plus years. He's violent and abusive. If only we'd had this program when I was younger, so I could have linked into services, then I would be in a much better place today.' That stuck in my mind."

Ms Braybrook said Sisters Day Out provided a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal women to discuss difficult issues surrounding family and domestic violence.

"It is really important. It helps break the silence because the women don't feel in this alone, or that they are the only one it's happening to," she said.

"I always feel really

honoured when women tell their story, and it really helps other women who may not share their story, but who do decide to get help.

"There can be a shame factor for women about family violence – for any woman, a pressure not to let her family or community know and not to bring your family down."

Ms Braybrook said that with the national focus on family violence, it was deeply disappointing and short-sighted that FVPLS were not included in the national funding package.

"We are so disappointed about that announcement – I don't know what we have to do to get our message out," she said.

"It does seem ridiculous to not invest in our services, because we are already on the ground. They could build our capacity to stretch our national reach.

"Aboriginal women need advocates and support."

There is a campaign to save Sisters Day Out. See www.gofundme.com/sistersdayout and #savesistersdayout

Thurston truly a great



JOHNATHAN Thurston has emphatically underlined his status as a great of rugby league. Just days

after winning a record fourth Dally M Player of the Year medal, he scored the golden point field goal to give his beloved North Queensland Cowboys a golden point victory in one of the greatest grand finals ever played.

His performance in that unforgettable game earned him the Churchill Medal for best on ground, and his comments and actions in the moments after with his family and the defeated Brisbane Broncos cemented his reputation as a remarkable leader.

An emotional Thurston broke down in tears after winning the Dally M Player of the Year medal.

Thurston gained 32 votes after 26 rounds, well ahead of the three-way tie for second between Benji Marshall, Aaron Woods and Michael Ennis, who had 21 each.

Australia and Queensland representative Thurston wasn't in Sydney to receive the award. Instead he was with his Cowboys teammates at a function at Townsville's Jupiter's Casino.

"I can't say what this means to me (to win this) in front of family and friends," Thurston said via video link.

The 32-year-old club co-captain later struggled to hold back the tears when crediting his family, including wife Samantha Lynch, for their role in his success.



Cowboys star Johnathan Thurston picks up a record fourth Dally M Player of the Year medal.

"They see firsthand what you go through, the rollercoaster, what you put your body through mentally and physically," he said. "Without them, I wouldn't be standing here."

Thurston has previously taken home the award in 2005 and 2007, and was equal winner last year with Jarryd Hayne.

His fourth gong takes him past 'immortal' Andrew Johns as the greatest winner of the award and added to the record fourth Rugby League Players Association Players' Player medal he took out last month.

He was part of Canterbury's 2004 premiership win and the

Cowboys' first grand final in 2005. But, like the 32-year-old superstar himself, many fans forget that.

"I can't really remember those two grand final weeks," Thurston admitted. "I was just a kid then."

Thurston's Cowboys co-captain Matt Scott believes Thurston wins fans with his courage as

much as his enormous talent.

"He's just that ultimate competitor," Scott said. "Everyone can see the amount of effort he puts into each game."

"He gets battered around, people try and target him. His body's gone through a lot."

"He's 32 now and he's still in everything he does on the field."

The current Queensland and Australian playmaker, Thurston played his 268th NRL game on Sunday.

He hasn't missed an Origin game in over a decade, and represented his country 32 times and has been a crowd favourite in Indigenous All Stars matches.

Samantha Lynch said she believed the barely contained emotion when Thurston was announced as the Dally M winner was linked to the great halfback's heightened appreciation of his standing in the game and also his desire to deliver a maiden premiership for the Cowboys and the north Queensland region.

"Apart from the birth of our two children (Frankie and Charlie), this is the most emotional I've seen him," Lynch said.

"The last couple of years, though, have been the most intense I've seen him in the eight or nine years we've been together."

"He's matured and the last couple of years I've seen him not only become the player he is, but off the field he realises the impact he has on the fans, on the game, and the legacy he's going to leave." – AAP

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Draft Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Strategy

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There are a number of ways you can find out more, share your ideas and provide feedback on the draft Strategy between now and Friday 18 December 2015.

Attend a Community Information Session

Community information sessions and other events and activities are being held in all local government areas in the Corridor throughout the consultation period. The upcoming community information sessions are below. Details for future sessions, other events and activities are on the website.

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Ashfield Bowling Club

Corner of Orpington Street & Parramatta Road, Ashfield
Saturday, 10 October 2015

Auburn Town Hall

1 Susan Street, Auburn
Saturday, 31 October 2015

Concord Recreation and Bowling Club

Clermont Avenue, Concord
Saturday, 17 October 2015

Annandale Neighbourhood Centre

79 Johnston Street, Annandale
Sunday, 1 November 2015

Burwood Park Community Centre

Enter from Comer Street, Burwood
Saturday, 24 October 2015

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Paris on Bangarra's 23rd
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Bangarra's *Spirit* in France, Turkey



BANGARRA Dance Theatre travelled to Paris (France) and Istanbul (Turkey)

recently on its 23rd international tour, performing three shows with the production *Spirit*, showcasing the best of Bangarra's

repertoire. The full company of 15 dancers covered almost 35,000km, taking with them more than 50 costumes and several kilograms of ochre for body paint.

They performed at the Zorlu Center in Istanbul – their first tour to Turkey and the first such Australian arts company to perform there – and then

gave a special performance at the Australian ambassador's residence in Paris.

Pictured here is senior Bangarra dancer Waangenga Blanco on Pont Bir-Hakeim in Paris. Raised in Queensland, he is celebrating his 10th year with Bangarra and recently won Best Male Dancer at the Australian Dance Awards.

NT abuse claims are not the first



ALLEGATIONS that juvenile detention officers in the Northern Territory encouraged teenage inmates to fight each other for junk food and eat bird faeces are not the first rights abuse claims, an Aboriginal legal aid lawyer says.

A former inmate of the Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre made the allegations at a youth justice forum held in Darwin, following the release of a shocking report by the NT Children's Commissioner, detailing abuse of children in detention.

"There was (peacock) poo sitting on the ground one time and a young fellow got dared to eat its shit and they (the guards) videoed it and put it on Snapchat and sent that to all their friends, and they gave him a Coke and a chocolate," the young man said.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) spokesperson Jared Sharp said allegations of staff violence against detainees had been raised by about a dozen young people and was corroborated by an expert review into the system in February.

He said officers had failed to protect the rights of young detainees. More than 95% of children in detention in the NT are Aboriginal.

Assaulted

One child complained that a prison officer hit them on the knees with a torch if they didn't comply with an instruction, while another was assaulted with a telephone after they ignored an officer's order to hang up.

"The concern is there is still this culture of denial, and not strong leadership within Corrections and Youth Justice to protect the rights of these kids," Mr Sharp said.

But he said the department's response had been "to not accept or even investigate allegations of this nature because

the kid is seen as unreliable".

NT Police have been investigating claims relating to Don Dale since May.

"We're waiting to see what the outcome of their investigation is, and on the basis of that we will be in a position to determine what action the department may take if the allegations are proven to be correct," a Corrections spokesman said.

The review by the Children's Commissioner into an alleged riot at the centre last August found there was unnecessary use of spit hoods, inappropriate handcuffing, and excessive use of solitary confinement, which prompted the Human Rights Law Centre to write to the United Nations special rapporteur on torture asking for an urgent investigation.

High turnover

The Vita Review in February found that staff received a "grossly inadequate" four days' training, compared to up to 11 weeks in other jurisdictions, and that there was a high turnover of casual workers.

"They are retrospectively training staff, so we still have largely untrained staff looking after these children," Mr Sharp said.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Kirstie Parker told the *Koori Mail* that the NT justice environment was in chaos.

"Bad policies, overcrowding and now the NT Children Commissioner's report clearly demonstrates the extent of that chaos," she said. "The sad thing is I don't see any indication from the NT Government that it even accepts that is the status quo."

NT Corrections Minister John Elferink said all 16 recommendations of the Vita Review would be implemented and that he is investigating the Children's Commissioner's recommendations, but no timeframe was given for completion. – *With AAP*

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Anthology examines 'failed response'

By NEELIMA CHOAHAN



FOR Birri Gubba and Mullenjarli (Qld) woman Nicole Watson, June 21, 2007, is a day that will remain seared in her memory.

That was the day when former Prime Minister John Howard rolled out the controversial Northern Territory Intervention, ostensibly in response to large-scale sexual abuse of children in remote communities.

But for Ms Watson the Intervention was just another symbol of the failure of justice for the nation's First People.

Costing \$587 million, the police and military response saw the introduction of measures such as quarantining of welfare payments, which required the suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act*.

Ms Watson said the Howard

Government used the *Little Children are Sacred* report – which formed the basis of the intervention – “to destroy what was left of the former policy of self-determination”.

“There is a particular pain felt by many of us who grew outside the Territory, who grew up with stories of Elders, grandparents who had lived under the former protection regime,” Ms Watson said.

“People of my grandparents’ generation were not allowed to manage their own money. It was managed by protection board on their behalf.

“So the introduction of the income management regime sparks some painful memories for our Elders.”

The former lawyer, who is now a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Technology, Sydney, was speaking at the Melbourne launch of *The Intervention, an anthology*.

Ms Watson is one of the 20 contributors to the book.

She was joined at the event by human rights activist Arnold Zable, who read excerpts from his contribution to the anthology.

Edited by Rosie Scott and Anita

Heiss, the book is a collection of the works of Indigenous and other Australian writers.

It aims to raise awareness about the continuing impact of the intervention.

The event, which was organised by a group called Concerned Australians, drew a crowd of about 50 people.

Some of the contributors include novelist Debra Adelaide, lawyer and author Larissa Behrendt and Yolngu educator Yalmay Yunupingu.

Retired Family Court chief justice Alastair Nicholson, who formally launched the book in Melbourne, said the spectre of the Intervention still hung like a “dark cloud” over the Aboriginal people.

“The book is a testimony to the Intervention’s failure and its detrimental effects,” he said.

“No one has been able to successfully show any significant achievement flowing from it.”

“The book is a testimony to the Intervention’s failure and its detrimental effects.”



Contributors to *The Intervention, an anthology*, Arnold Zable, Alastair Nicholson and Nicole Watson.



Ann Cleary Farrall, centre, with her daughters Eva Dixon, left, and Betty Braedon from Irruntju (Wingellina), Western Australia, with their collaborative Tjulpu mangkurpa-ya parrpakanu, and their hand-painted jewellery.

Tarnanthi Festival to feature Tjanpi works



AN impressive large-scale installation by a collective of Tjanpi artists from Warakurna in Western Australia will be on display at Tandanya as part of the Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Indigenous Art in Adelaide. The Tjanpi Desert Weavers’ exhibition will open at the Art Gallery of

South Australia at 6pm tomorrow, Thursday, October 8.

The Tjanpi team will also have a stall at the art fair at Tandanya, showcasing new sculptures, baskets and seed jewellery, and run weaving workshops on Friday and Saturday.

More information is available at <http://tarnanthi.com.au/>

Our Mob shaping as the biggest yet



THE Adelaide Festival Centre’s annual *Our Mob* exhibition is celebrating its 10th year and looking to be the biggest ever array of work by South Australian Indigenous artists.

Our Mob will be part of the inaugural Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, presented by the Art Gallery of South Australia.

With more than 200 entries, there will be works across media including photography, weaving, paint on canvas, sculpture with many themes.

After being expanded to incorporate a number of exhibitions, this year’s *Our Mob* will include *Our Mob Contemporary*; the *Don Dunstan Foundation Our Mob Emerging Artists* exhibition; *Our Young Mob*; a wearable art parade; and the main *Our Mob* exhibition



On the fabric of the Ngarrindjeri Body, by Damien Shen, will be part of *Our Mob*.

in the Artspace Gallery.

Last year’s winner of the Emerging Artist prize, Anna Dowling, will host her own solo

exhibition, *Ripple Effect*. She said the series of six drawings “looks at cause and effect in the lives of Aboriginal people and how past events continue to have consequences for current generations”.

The 22-year-old Yamatki Badamia (WA) woman entered for the first time in 2013, before winning last year. She said the experience has given her the confidence to do bigger things than she would have ever thought to have done before.

Ms Dowling said that for her, the highlight of *Our Mob* was seeing such a diverse range of works and Indigenous artists from all over South Australia. “There’s people from metro and regional areas, so many different language groups. It’s so diverse and so special,” she said.

Our Mob runs from October 10 to December 6 at the Artspace Gallery and Festival Theatre Foyers.

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

Land grant leads to IPA



A RARE environmental and important cultural landscape will become a new Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) following a land grant to traditional owners by the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC).

The ILC bought Mawonga Station, north of Hillston in central-western NSW, in 2011 in conjunction with the Department of the Environment and has granted the land to Winangakirri Aboriginal Corporation (WAC).

The region surrounding Mawonga has many important Aboriginal rock art sites, camp sites and scarred trees.

ILC chairperson Dawn Casey said the grant secured ownership of land for the

Nginyampaa Wangaaypuwan people.

"Winangakirri will employ one fulltime Indigenous manager and engage 15 part-time volunteers each year to assist with conservation monitoring and land management," she said.

Celebration

The Nginyampaa Wangaaypuwan people celebrated the handback of 22,000ha with government and partner organisations at an on-site ceremony on September 26, including guests Dr Casey and former Environment Minister Peter Garrett.

The Mawonga property will become the largest declared IPA in south-eastern Australia. Mawonga Station adjoins the

Yathong and Nombinnie nature reserves.

The combined properties (190,000ha) are home to one of the most significant reserves of mallee in NSW. It is also home to the threatened yungkay, mallee fowl, and nhiilya or nelia (*Acacia loderi*).

Management of the property will be guided by a steering committee which will include WAC, the Nature Conservation Trust of NSW, Bush Heritage Australia, NSW National Parks and Wildlife, ILC and Western Local Land Services.

WAC chair Lawrence Clarke said that the divestment ceremony marked a "tremendous partnership between the WAC, the ILC, the NCT, Bush Heritage and the local community".



Winangakirri Aboriginal Corporation members join with ILC national program manager Craig North to display the deeds of grant.

Water changes spark concern



ABORIGINAL groups in the Murray Darling Basin are concerned about water.

As one of his first acts as Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull transferred responsibility for water from the Environment portfolio to Agriculture, meaning it comes under auspices of National Party minister Barnaby Joyce.

The peak traditional owner group in the southern Murray Darling basin, the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN), has called for a comprehensive assessment of the affect of water allowances to irrigators on cultural impacts.

And Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) chair Fred Hooper said he was concerned Aboriginal water interests would be overlooked.

"It also needs to be noted that Aboriginal native title rights and interests have not yet been determined on water and a legal challenge to determine this issue has not ruled out," he said.

Mr Hooper said the *Commonwealth Water Act* requires federal and state authorities to consider Aboriginal native title rights and interests on water when developing and implementing the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

He said the Aboriginal people of the Northern Basin feel that this has not really happened and that the Commonwealth and

states need to have a close look at the *Native Title Act* and how it relates to water.

"We have been working very closely with the Murray Darling Basin Authority during the development of the plan and now during the implementation of it," Mr Hooper said.

"We have had some gains but we feel these gains will be eroded away under the decision of the Turnbull Government and their deal with the National Party to move the water portfolio to the very people who destroyed the rivers in the first place.

"Is this about the protection of the environment of where we all live, or is it about winning votes?"

"About winning votes"

"In this case Aboriginal people feel it is about winning votes and not about the protection of the environment and the protection of Aboriginal rights to water.

"Aboriginal people of the basin have every right to feel that irrigators and big business will control the roll out of the basin plan to suit their own needs and not the needs of the environment or the protection of Aboriginal values and uses within the Murray Darling Basin, given what we have seen over the past 227 years."

MLDRIN chair Darren Perry, a Ngintait (SA) man, said that according to an independent stocktake, state governments have submitted 36 projects that will include the construction of

infrastructure at key points along the river, to reduce water recovery targets under the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

"These supply projects involve serious, direct impacts on culturally significant landscapes and changes to the way water will be managed in the Southern Basin," he said.

"The stocktake report is a valuable document, but it provides no further clarity on the way these supply projects, and the resulting reductions in real environmental flows, will affect traditional owners' rights and cultural values.

"Already, we have seen major disturbance of cultural heritage. As these projects are rolled out across the basin, we need to know how they are going to affect our rights and obligations to care for country and sustain our traditions and knowledge.

"Assessing cultural heritage impacts on a site-by-site basis is important, but we also need to understand the collective impact of these projects, and cutting the water recovery target, across the scale of the Basin.

"The Commonwealth has invested in the National Cultural Flows Research Project, to document Aboriginal water-related cultural values in the Basin. We are concerned that these supply measure projects could jeopardise those values, before this important research is completed."

● **Water policy changes should ring alarm bells, page 26**



Ngarluma man Tyson Mowarin has developed a Welcome to Country app for smartphones.

Phone app offers a Welcome to Country



A NEW phone app that alerts travellers that they have entered the boundaries of a traditional tribal group is now available.

The Welcome to Country app directs users to a video where an Elder or knowledge carrier welcomes them and provides important information about their country.

Developer Tyson Mowarin, a Ngarluma (WA) man, said his dream to create this type of technology interface was born about five years ago and now there is an app for 37 different groups around Australia.

"I wanted to teach people how to speak the languages and acknowledge all our different nations," he said.

"I remember people talking about how (former prime minister) Kevin Rudd speaks Mandarin and although he could say hello at the foot of the Great Wall of China, our PM at the time couldn't say hello at the foot of Uluru.

"I wanted to create an extension of the traditional welcome to country, which is a custom that dates back before settlement. This application is only designed to complement the real thing."

The app, developed by Mr Mowarin and his team at Weerianna Street Media, is an information portal and archive of welcome to country videos and messages.

It is available on iTunes while Weerianna Street Media seeks sponsorship to expand the application to Android and help other tribal groups create their own welcome to country videos.

"It would be amazing to see a major airline get on board and then they can use the welcomes on the plane as they descend into various countries, if the groups would like that," Mr Mowarin said.

To download the app for free, search 'Welcome to Country' on the iTunes app store, and make sure location settings are activated during use. The app recognises where you are as you pass through 'invisible geofences', and offers the viewing of welcome to country before directing you to the relevant tribal page.

Between two worlds

By ANDY PARKS



A NEW documentary that explores the cultural awakening of Wangkajunga man Tom 'Putuparri' Lawford was 10 years in the making.

Filmed at Fitzroy Crossing (WA) and in the Great Sandy Desert, it shows how Tom is caught between two worlds – his life in town and his struggles with alcoholism and violence, and as a future leader with responsibilities to pass knowledge of ancestral lands to the next generation.

For filmmaker Nicole Ma, *Putuparri and the Rainmakers* is about a profound relationship with country and a story of hope and survival against the odds.

Ms Ma first visited Fitzroy Crossing in 2001 after establishing herself as a filmmaker in New York making music videos.

She had a friend who was the Mangkaja Arts coordinator at the time and Ms Ma kept returning to Fitzroy Crossing over many years, making films for the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (KALACC), Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre and Nindilingarri Cultural Health Services.

She was invited to travel with Mr Lawford and his family to Kurtal, a sacred waterhole in the desert where they ritually make rain.



Dolly Snell, Japeth Rang, Spider Snell, Tom 'Putuparri' Lawford and director Nicole Ma. Picture: Paul Elliott

"The first time I went there it rained but I didn't understand they were rainmakers," Ms Ma said.

"I had to learn to ask the right questions.

"I talked to anthropologist

Daniel Vachon, who gave me an old VHS tape of a trip out into the desert in 1994.

"It showed a rainmaking ceremony involving a mythical snake spirit and ending with a

dramatic thunderstorm ... it all started to make sense, the desert people making rain, underground waterholes that could sustain the tribe during the dry season.

"They are desert people and in

order to survive they had to learn to make rain."

In 2006 after a particularly honest interview with Mr Lawford about his alcohol use and violence and time in jail, Ms Ma asked if he would agree to be the main character in her film, which allowed her to show his two conflicting worlds.

Aboriginal people were forced off their land and into towns like Fitzroy Crossing in the 1960s after cattle station owners refused to pay equal wages. Mr Lawford grew up in that world, where there was no work and alcohol was the crutch used to escape.

But his grandfather Nyiripirr 'Spider' Snell took him out to Kurtal country when he was a young man to teach him how to care for his lore and his culture, and throughout the course of the film, you see Mr Lawford's transformation from rebellious young man into an inspirational leader.

Ms Ma said she was adopted as the family's personal filmmaker.

"I was always around because of the projects I was working on and the relationships became closer ... They really understand the nature of film," she said.

"Their history is oral and they want to preserve that in some way and they see film and video as a way of preserving their stories for future generations.

"It's just a new way of doing it."



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Njamal Elder Doris Eaton speaks at a meeting to discuss the sustainability of Aboriginal communities in Western Australia.

300 voice anger at WA talks



ABOUT 300 people gathered at Yule River in the Pilbara to voice their anger at the Western Australian

Government's *Aboriginal Heritage Act Amendment Bill* and the Regional Services Reform plan, which focuses on assessing the sustainability of Aboriginal communities across Western Australia.

Hosted by Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation's (YMAC) Pilbara Regional Committee, the discussions were led by co-chair and Njamal Elder Doris Eaton and Banjima Elder Maitland Parker.

The meeting included traditional owners from across Western Australia, Aboriginal representative bodies from the Pilbara and Kimberley regions and various ministers, shadow ministers and other members of parliament.

The on-country bush meeting gave traditional owners the opportunity to question Regional Development Minister Terry Redman about the plan, which was announced in May.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier declined the invitation to speak and did not send a representative in his place.

Ms Eaton spoke about the WA Government's "inability to close the gap".

"The gap is widening," she said. "You do not listen to us."

"Until you speak with people at the grassroots you will never close the gap."

"How long is it going to take the Government to listen to us? We will come together as a

The list of demands from the gathering

Following is a statement and list of demands from the meeting at Yule River.

The community demands a commitment from the WA Government to engage with Aboriginal leaders, organisations and service providers to:

- A) develop terms of reference for the Kimberley and Pilbara Strategic Regional Advisory Councils;
- B) address these issues more broadly across WA, beyond only forming advisory councils in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions;
- C) ensure decisions are made with the direct involvement of, and for the genuine benefit of, Aboriginal communities; and that
- D) the Minister for Regional Development and the Minister for Child Protection agree to attend the 2016 Annual On-Country Bush Meeting at the Yule River Meeting Place, to provide a report on Aboriginal engagement and the advances that have been made to improve remote WA Aboriginal communities.

whole group and fight for our rights – because if we don't do it, no one else will do it for us."

YMAC chief executive Simon Hawkins said the bush meeting was a sign that Aboriginal voices are still not being heard by the Government.

"Outrageous"

"This is the second year we've hosted this meeting and I find it outrageous that the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs is still refusing to meet with Aboriginal people," he said.

"If the Premier and his government are serious about the recognition of Aboriginal people in the Western

Australian Constitution, he and his ministers need to implement basic, practical measures to this legislation, which was designed to protect Australia's First Peoples' heritage.

"Procedural fairness should be first and foremost, not an afterthought."

Following the meeting, those attending passed a resolution demanding procedural fairness for decisions affecting the heritage of traditional owners.

A delegation will be sent to Parliament seeking a meeting with the Aboriginal Affairs Minister and he will be asked to attend the next annual on-country bush meeting.

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The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* include recognition of the spiritual, social and customary significance of the fisheries resource to Aboriginal people along with providing for protecting and promoting the continuation of Aboriginal cultural fishing.

Aboriginal cultural fishing regulation has been developed to support the objects of the Act. Consultation on the cultural fishing regulation is now being undertaken.

NSW DPI is holding a series of meetings to discuss the draft cultural fishing regulation with Aboriginal communities. Meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

- 13th October – Ballina (Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council, 129 Tamar Street Ballina)
– (4pm to 5:30pm)
- 16th October – Kempsey (Kempsey Macleay RSL, 1 York Lane Kempsey)
– (4pm to 5:30pm)
- 21st October – Illawarra (Warrigal Employment (The Land), 1 Bakers Lane Windang)
– (4pm to 5:30pm)
- 28th October – Narooma (Narooma Gold Club, 1 Ballingalla Street Narooma)
– (4pm to 5:30pm)

Information about the proposed regulation, including a consultation paper, is available on the NSW DPI website at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/aboriginal-fishing/cultural-fishing. Print copies can be requested by emailing cultural.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

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Vicki Van Hout and Thomas Kelly in rehearsal for *Les Festivites Lubrifier* (*The Lubricated Festivities*).

Festivities inspire new live work

By **ANDY PARKS**



NORMALLY drinking on the job will get you fired, or at least reprimanded, but Wiradjuri (NSW) choreographer Vicki Van Hout is having to increase her intake as she prepares a show for the upcoming Liveworks Festival of Experimental Art.

The festival will run in Sydney's Carriageworks arts precinct from October 22 – November 7. It has been curated by Performance Space, a group that prides itself in encouraging artists across all disciplines to take risks and investigate new forms of art.

Ms Van Hout's show *Les Festivites Lubrifier* (*The Lubricated Festivities*) involves some French speaking, some beer drinking and her Bundjalung dance partner Thomas Kelly wearing high heels.

"It's not just about drinking, it's about a middle-aged person grappling with their identity in another country," she said.

The show began when Ms Van Hout was in Paris doing a residency and met up with a cousin to celebrate her 45th birthday.

"I started thinking about what it means to be a blackfella in another country and it's also a bit of a commentary on different countries' attitudes to alcohol," she said.

Ms Van Hout is a critically acclaimed dancer and choreographer who has performed all over the world. Her recent show *Long Grass* explored the lives of the Top End's homeless fringe dwellers with warmth and humour.

She has had an ongoing relationship with Performance Space for 10 years and said they share a mutual desire to encourage people to "go out on a limb in their arts practice" as well as fostering a supportive environment for Indigenous artists to develop their own, alternative voice.

In fact *Les Festivites Lubrifier* was first performed as part of Performance Space's 30th anniversary earlier this year and they have given her

the opportunity to develop it and bring it back for the Liveworks Festival.

The show is described as "a hilarious physical test, featuring beer and choreography ... (that) stretches the artists' personal limits in a display underpinned by adventure and frivolity and a little bit of slapstick".

Ms Van Hout began working with Thomas Kelly, 24, as his mentor at National Aboriginal Islander Dance College (NAISDA). She said, given the difference in their ages and stages of their careers, it is probably the only time they will get to perform together.

"The show is a testament to Tom, who is a professional performer and choreographer in his own right and in demand," she said.

Mr Kelly swears the first time they performed the show, Ms Van Hout stopped to take a breather, but she denies it. However, she is concerned how she is going to cope with the all the drinking and performing on the final day of the festival, when they are doing a matinee show and an evening show.



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Law protects Wandjina

By JILLIAN MUNDY



IN a landmark Australian trademark case, the Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunumbal peoples of the west Kimberley have

used white man's law to help protect their sacred creation spirit, the Wandjina, from misappropriation.

Artist and acting chairperson of Mowanjum Aboriginal Art and Cultural Centre in Derby, Ngarinyin woman Kirsty Burgu, said it felt good to have ownership recognised.

"It hurts us to see our Wandjina displayed in other places, by other people. It hurt our feelings. It belongs to us; in our area we can only paint the (particular) Wandjina that belongs to us," she said.

"Clan groups within the three tribes have the responsibility of looking after caves and Wandjinas in their area.

"It give us culture, lore, the old people our songs, our spiritual animals and totems, our identity as well, and it shows people we are the Wandjina people.

"We need our identity. I'm so proud."

Ms Burgu compared the depiction of Wandjinas by people outside of the three clan groups as akin to it the misuse of the Coca-Cola symbol in the corporate world or, on a personal level, how someone might feel if their wallet, keycard or licence was stolen.

Wes Morris, coordinator of the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre (KALACC), a non-profit Aboriginal peak body for several Kimberley Aboriginal language groups including the



It is Ngariyn artist Samantha Allies' cultural right to paint the Wandjina. The large painting behind her is the work of her mother Nancy Wungundin, and some of smaller ones are hers. Traditional owners from the Kimberley launched a landmark case to protect the Wandjina from misappropriation.

three Wandjina custodial groups, said the misuse of the spiritual being is not unusual.

There was the 2011 case of a large-scale sculpture depicting Wandjinas in the Blue Mountains, NSW, erected with no consultation with custodians, and subsequently ordered to be removed under local environmental planning laws.

Delwyn Everard, a lawyer and deputy director of the Arts Law Centre of Australia, described the successful use of planning laws as "a serendipitous and coincidental source of protection".

Incidents

And then there are incidents such as a Wicked Camper hire

van covered in paintings of Wandjinas pulling up in the Mowanjum carpark; one can only imagine the surprise and offence to the Wandjina custodians.

Last year, KALACC, on behalf of the three groups (because trademark law does not apply to communal ownership), with the assistance of lawyers, applied to

register the word Wandjina and a stylised image of a Wandjina, having all the key features and held to be representative of all Wandjinas, as a trademark.

Generally, trademarks protect brands and logos used in commerce, not expressions of cultural heritage.

After an initial objection, registration was granted in December 2014.

KALACC is now implementing licensing arrangements with all custodians so they can use the 'marks' in line with their new protection.

Mowanjum entered into an agreement with KALACC in March and agreements with four relevant native title claimant groups should be signed by the middle of 2016.

Mr Everard said the use of trademark law to protect the inappropriate use of Wandjinas was ad hoc and, despite Australia being a signatory to the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Federal Government's position is that existing copyright and trademark law is enough.

"I think time and time again it has been demonstrated that it's not enough," he said.

"What we don't have in Australia is an overall system of rights protection for Indigenous culture, except in an ad hoc way. What we have shown now is that trademark is one of those pieces that can be used.

"It's real protection and, looking at it from another way, it is actually demonstrating that we don't have that single overarching protection that we should have, and we do have to cobble it together, a bit of copyright here, a bit of trademark there, using what we have where we can."

● **Workers face axe, page 29**

Future Yarns - Aboriginal Parents Night

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Sign proposal for Coraki rejected

Bundjalung Elder Russell Kapeen in Coraki.



A PROPOSAL to include signs in the local Aboriginal language of Coraki, north-east NSW, has been knocked on the head before there was even a chance to explain it properly.

Bundjalung Elder Russell Kapeen said the idea came to him after seeing painted telegraph poles in the town and neighbouring Evans Head.

"I thought 'Why don't we put Goori names on the street signs too?', so I approached a couple of friends with contacts in the council and we spoke with the general manager John Walker and he liked the idea too," he said.

Mr Kapeen sat down with local radio hosts Roger and Robyn Wood and also with people at Kurrachee, the local Aboriginal corporation chaired by Mr Kapeen, and they tossed around a few ideas.

"We came up with six suggestions for dual names that included the Bundjalung names for local animals," Mr Kapeen said.

Richmond Valley Council sent letters to all residents of Coraki, asking for feedback.

Then, within a week, the council sent a second letter, saying that due to negative response of more than 90% of replies, the

proposal would not be considered.

"We never had an opportunity to explain what the intention was," Mr Kapeen said. "We weren't going to take away the name of Queen Elizabeth Drive, just hang another sign underneath, with the Bundjalung name and telling people what the names mean."

"It would have been good for Coraki, it could have been one of the first in the state."

Mr Walker said he had been surprised at the vehemence and violence of the negative response, which included threats to staff members and use of firearms.

"It died very quickly, because we took the view that it was a divisive issue," he said.

For the past few years Coraki Primary School has had Elders teaching all students some words of Bundjalung, including local animals.

"It's the year 2015 and we Aboriginal people need to show the wider community what our culture is – in words, and also the traditional ways of doing things," Mr Kapeen said.

"The council should have another meeting and put it on the agenda and everybody talks about it, so we can explain it to them."

Mr Kapeen chairs the *Koori Mail* board.

Anger at 'racist' letter



THERE was an outcry in Dubbo, western NSW, after the NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) sent a letter to public housing tenants in the lead-up to the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout played there last weekend.

"We are aware that the football, in particular, brings high numbers of visitors into Dubbo ... and many stay in social housing properties," the letter says.

"Having visitors is enjoyable, however sometimes it may bring

stress, particularly if you are unsure how to manage situations that get out of hand."

Merlene James was one of the Dubbo residents who received the letter and she told the *Koori Mail* that she felt it was "inappropriate and racist". "To me it's sending a message for Housing NSW Dubbo residents to listen/look out and use any excuse to call the cops and Housing," she said.

"I feel upset about this and also sad for my children, who will visit me for the second time in five years since residing here."

"Next month at Bathurst Supercheap 5000, where

thousands of people attend, I bet Housing NSW residents won't receive a similar letter."

Ms James said she was considering legal action.

NSW Shadow Aboriginal Affairs Minister Linda Burney described the letter as racial stereotyping and as incredibly insulting to the community in Dubbo.

Insulting

"The Koori Knockout is a drug- and alcohol-free event and one of the largest gatherings of Aboriginal people in the nation," she said.

"People are rightly asking the question, 'Is this because

it's the Koori Knockout?'"

"At best this letter is the insidious result of racial profiling. Making assumptions about the behaviour of guests based on their Aboriginality is completely unacceptable."

"It seems pretty clear that this letter makes some very disappointing assumptions about the thousands of Aboriginal people (visiting) Dubbo."

FACS district director Jo Lawrence said the department was "deeply concerned".

"The letter was intended to be an offer of support, and that it's been interpreted as offensive is

very concerning," she said.

"The letter was sent out to all social housing tenants, but I think the reference to the Aboriginal Knockout has been interpreted as targeting them, which is not the case and we're very sorry that it's been interpreted that way."

"We're now working on how to begin to heal that breach with community, because we do value the connection."

Dubbo MP Troy Grant, who is also the Deputy Premier, said the letter was "in line with departmental practice" and that he did not believe FACS had a problem with institutionalised racism.

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Commission calling for submissions



THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is calling for

submissions from interested parties on issues relating to advocacy, and support and therapeutic treatment services.

Advocacy and support and therapeutic treatment encompass a range of services people need to address the impact of child sexual abuse and trauma.

Royal Commission chief executive Philip Reed said the commission is required to ensure justice for victims through the provision of support services.

Interested people and organisations wanting to respond to the issues paper have until November 13 to lodge a submission by emailing advocacyandsupport@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

Comments can also be made using the online feedback form on the commission's website www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au or writing to GPO Box 5283, Sydney, NSW, 2001.

Initiative to aid families



THE Tamworth Family Relationship Centre has launched an initiative to support Aboriginal families

through family dispute resolution in a culturally appropriate way, ensuring the best interests of children are kept at the heart of the mediation.

Judge Janet Terry launched the model in Moree, NSW, as part of her role as member of the Indigenous Access to Justice Working Group for the Federal Circuit Court.

The new Aboriginal Mediation Model (AMM) aims to increase access to FRC services, particularly mediation, across the New England and north-west of NSW.



Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, back, fifth from left, with Aboriginal Elders and representatives from Aboriginal groups and Page MP Kevin Hogan, back, fourth from left.

Scullion hears of pressing issues

By RUDI MAXWELL



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion made a flying visit to Bundjalung country last week, meeting with Aboriginal groups in

Lismore, north-east NSW.

At an Aboriginal Elders and groups forum, Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child and Family Network chief executive Lenore Marlowe said there was a huge problem looming for families.

"Ice," she said. "In the past two weeks we've seen seven of our babies removed from their mums because of ice."

"We need to address the problem holistically. There's no point having three-year band-aid solutions. It's the biggest concern for our children."

Jenny Smith said everyone in the community was sick of being told by government what the problems were.

"We live it 24/7, and the Government needs to sit down with us and listen to us as people – we need to be seriously heard," she said.

"One of the big issues in our region is that there aren't enough detox beds. I've had one of my nephews inject himself with rat poison because he couldn't get a detox bed – we were just lucky family was in the house."

Rekindling the Spirit founder Greg Telford said until there was multi-party political support for Aboriginal people and Aboriginal-led programs, moving people out of poverty would remain difficult.

"To change poverty you need to think over a couple of generations but we have the answers," he said. "We just need the support. We might make mistakes on the way but you learn from your mistakes."

Banyam-Baigham Elder Thelma James said education was key.

"We need to be teaching our kids skills they can take away for life," she said.

Sascha Harrington, from Solid Mob, said she believed there was a huge gap in resources for young Aboriginal kids, at Primary School age and younger, that needed to be addressed.

"There's nothing for kids that age and so we see three-year-olds out on the street pushing even younger kids around in prams at night," she said.

Senator Scullion explained the changes he had made to the Remote Jobs and Communities Program for people living in remote communities and said the School Attendance Officers Program in remote regions had improved school attendance.

After the meeting, several people who had attended said they thought the Minister hadn't properly heard what they were saying, and that he kept referring to the Northern Territory, which had little relevance to Bundjalung country. "He might talk a good game, but we need action and we need it here and now," Ms Smith said.



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THE Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) has held its biggest ever national conference with more than 150 delegates travelling to Darwin from across the country.

CATSINaM director Ted Murphy said the theme this year was 'The Only Way is Up' which reflects that there has been a lot of activity in Indigenous health in recent years.

"We're starting to get a bit of traction and one of the main aims (of the conference) is to maintain that momentum and not rest on our laurels," he said.

One of CATSINaM's main aims is to encourage more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into nursing, as at present they make up less than 1% of the workforce.

Mr Murphy said the organisation has a "multi-faceted" approach to achieving this goal, but one of the things it has to do is celebrate those in the health professions so they can become role models for others.

"We need to present the health professions as a viable option," he said.

"Historically, there has been a mistrust of medical services that we still need to overcome ... (and) until recently and in some cases the only options people see are CDEP or working at the local servo or store. But the more we can profile and celebrate those leaders in the health professions, then other kids will see that and think, 'I can have a shot at that,' and we can get them to the door."

At the conference, CATSINaM honoured Gracelyn Smallwood, Diane Ross and Emily Marshall with lifetime achievement awards.

This award for nursing and/or midwifery excellence recognises the achievements of an Aboriginal and/or Torres



Aunty Emily Marshall, Aunty Gracelyn Smallwood and Aunty Diana Ross with their lifetime achievement awards, while conference MC Luke Carroll looks on.

Strait Islander nurse or midwife who has made substantial contributions to the nursing and midwifery profession and the health of Indigenous Australians through their work.

"So Townsville received a trifecta for three Indigenous registered nurses, who were all born under the *Flora and Fauna Act* – a great achievement," Prof Smallwood said.

Mr Murphy said, "You can't have a discussion about Aboriginal health without also having a political discussion," and there still need to be some difficult conversations.

Council of the Year title goes to Marrickville



MARRICKVILLE Council was named Council of the Year at the 2015 Local

Government Aboriginal Network Conference in Port Macquarie, north-east NSW.

The award was in recognition of significant projects, milestones and initiatives undertaken by the council over the past 20 years.

Marrickville Mayor Mark Gardiner said he was "incredibly proud" that the council had worked with the local Aboriginal community to achieve some great things over the past two decades.

"Marrickville is home to a significant number of Aboriginal residents and important Aboriginal heritage and cultural sites," he said.

"Some of council's stated objectives for our local community include that we promote awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal art, culture, and history.

"We have said we will do this through fostering public connection and respect, and this award tells us that we are achieving these aims."

The award acknowledged:

- 20 years of the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee;
- the council's Breakfast Club, which aims to support and improve social and educational outcomes for young people;
- story poles acknowledging Cadigal-Wangal Country along the Cooks River parks (see picture); and
- the creation of a permanent Aboriginal community liaison position and other initiatives.



Auntie Jenny and Brendan Kerin at the official opening of the Story Poles in Steel Park, Marrickville, part of the Aboriginal Interpretation Project, a series of interpretations installed along Marrickville's Cooks River parks.

Refurbished store at Jilkminggan



THE community of Jilkminggan, south-east of Katherine, has a refurbished community store thanks to a \$1.89 million grant from the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA).

Federal Indigenous Affairs

Minister Nigel Scullion congratulated

the Jilkminggan community and the Dungalan Aboriginal Corporation for working with contractor Ngarda Civil and Mining to complete the store refurbishment.

"Jilkminggan's former store was a converted small tin shed with inefficient equipment, no kitchen and inadequate staff facilities," the minister said.

"The refurbished store has a good layout, including a larger retail area, more refrigeration for fresh fruit and vegetables and a bigger cold store.

"This investment will support an efficient and commercially viable store which provides a greater range of healthy food options that will make a real difference for people's health as well as creating future employment opportunities for the local community."

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Nyungah fears over heritage



NYUNGAH people of southern Western Australia are worried that their cultural heritage is being ignored by the State Government proposal to extend the Roe 8 Highway through the Beeliar wetlands.

The WA Environmental Defender's Office is challenging state environmental approval of the extension in the Supreme Court of WA, asking the court to set aside Environment Minister Albert Jacob's July approval, which came after the WA Environmental Protection Authority recommended he grant it.

Thousands of Aboriginal artefacts were found in the region during the 1970s.

Nyungah man Iva Hayward-Jackson told CAAMA Radio that it wasn't up to

government departments to decide what sites were sacred.

"We've got mindless bureaucrats making desktop decisions about whether or not these sites are sacred to Aboriginal people," he said.

"It's an absolute outrage."

Mr Hayward-Jackson said the Beeliar Wetlands, which include the Bibra Lake system, 15km south of Perth, included registered heritage sites.

"Declassify"

"We can see there that even when a site is registered, the minister, the department and the Premier and Cabinet – who are fully aware of what's going on – are using the system to declassify and deregister sites," he said.

The WA Greens say the Aboriginal

heritage approval for the project should be deemed invalid.

It is a registered site under the *WA Aboriginal Heritage Act* for its ethnographic significance, but there has instead been a focus on its archaeological significance, Greens MP Lynne MacLaren said.

She said the site meant a lot to Nyungah people as the birthplace of the Waugyl, a Dreamtime serpent-like creature that was responsible for the creation of major waterways.

"Under the Act, the presence or absence of archaeological evidence makes no difference to the protected status of a ethnographic site," Ms MacLaren said.

"You could send 200 archaeologists to the site and they still would not find a Waugyl." – *With AAP*



Australian Government

Indigenous Land Corporation

Lease of Gibbagunya Farm EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Gibbagunya is a farm located on the East side of Quindanning/Darkan Road in the Shire of Williams, Western Australia. It is approximately 7 kilometres south of Quindanning and 40 kilometres west of the town of Williams. The property is within a rural zoned area under the Shire of Williams current Town Planning Scheme.

Major infrastructure for the farming operation includes one house, machinery shed, shearing shed, super shed, sheep yards and three grain silos.

The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) is seeking expressions of interest from Indigenous incorporated organisations to lease the property for a three year period to undertake activities or establish enterprises that benefit Indigenous people. The ILC purchases properties on behalf of Indigenous people to provide access to land to protect cultural and environmental values and to provide social and economic benefits.

The successful applicant will have (or has a strong partnership arrangement with an organisation that has) a proven track record in Indigenous employment and program delivery, and the achievement of outcomes for Indigenous people.

Inspection of the property can be arranged by appointment.

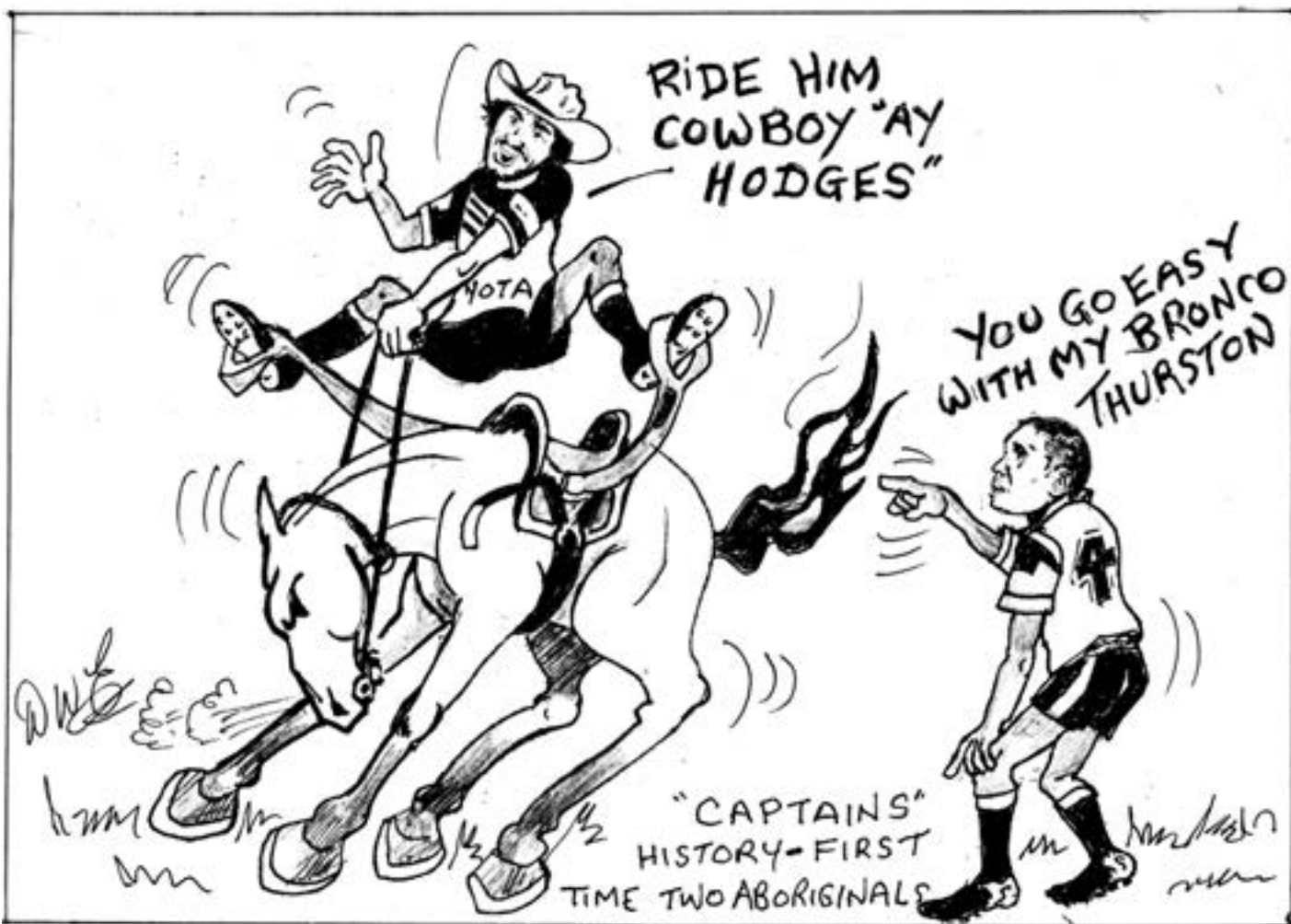
To express an interest in this opportunity, please contact the ILC prior to Friday 16th October 2015 to obtain an Expression of Interest application form.

Expressions of Interest are to be submitted by 5pm on Monday 2 November 2015 and should be forwarded to:

Stephen Sharpe, Operations Manager
Western Division - Indigenous Land Corporation
PO Box 7502, Cloisters Square, Perth WA 6850

For further information phone: 1800 818 490,
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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Stephen Dijkawala

**Burarran man
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Favourite bush tucker?
Barramundi and crab.

Favourite other food?
Wild pig and kangaroo.

Favourite drink?
Water.

Favourite music?
Rock 'n' roll. I like the Letterstick Band and the Sunrise Band.

Favourite holiday place?
Queensland – Cairns and the Gold Coast.

Favourite sport?
Basketball. I played it when I was a young man. I also follow AFL, and I support Collingwood.

Who would you most like to meet?
The Collingwood AFL team.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
Drinking grog is a problem where I come from, especially drink-driving, so I would do something to stop this and encourage safer driving at the community.

Quote



“I can’t say what this means to me (to win this) in front of family and friends.”

– Rugby league great Johnathan Thurston on winning his fourth Dally M Player of the Year Award

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Unquote

We’re in a league of our very own

FROM JT’s grand-final winning field goal to Cyril Rioli’s best-on-ground performance in the AFL decider, and all our men, women and juniors who played in rugby league knockouts over the weekend – you’re simply the best.

Our mob were at the top of their game last weekend – and not only on the field.

To see two Aboriginal captains leading the National Rugby League grand final teams is a wonderful moment in Australian history – Aboriginal leaders, showing the way.

And, in this edition of the *Koori Mail*, you can read about leaders in education, with three of our smart young people off to the hallowed halls of Oxford University in England; law, with barrister Tony McAvoy being named the first Indigenous Senior Counsel; the arts, with the incredible Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Indigenous Art in Adelaide just one of the amazing events featuring our talented artists; mining, with Sabrina McKenzie named Australia’s top tradeswoman in the industry; health, and too many more to mention.

Just a quick flick through any edition of the *Koori Mail* shows our mob kicking goals and achieving in all walks of life.

So why is it so difficult for the mainstream to understand?

The Murri and the Koori rugby league knockouts are wonderful occasions – great opportunities to catch up with family and friends and celebrate teamwork and what that really means.



OUR SAY

So it was a crying shame that someone in the NSW Family and Community Services Department thought the fact that thousands of blackfellas converging on Dubbo was a potential cause of conflict, rather than a celebration.

We talk about institutional racism – and this is a perfect example. As Dubbo resident Merlene James has pointed out, there’s no way such an insulting letter would have been sent to public housing tenants before the Bathurst car races or any of the mainstream festivals.

But an Aboriginal event – which is family-friendly and alcohol, drug and cigarette free – is automatically seen as something to be feared and that will cause trouble.

The department’s response, “We’re sorry if people feel they were targeted”, doesn’t go far enough. Aboriginal people were targeted, the Koori knockout was named.

Racial profiling like this is beyond inappropriate, it’s sickening.

The department should take a long hard look at its attitudes to Aboriginal people. It’s being left behind, while our people are out there kicking goals.

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She's sowing seeds for a better future

Young Environmentalist of the Year, Bundjalung woman Amelia Telford.

AMELIA Telford wrote a letter to Prime Minister John Howard when she was just three years old, asking him to change the national anthem from *Advance Australia Fair* to *I Am Australian*.

Her earliest efforts at political activism may not have been a success, but it shows that from a very young age she has not been afraid to challenge the status quo.

At just 20 years of age, the young Bundjalung woman was recently named Young Environmentalist of the Year by the Bob Brown Foundation.

Since finishing school in 2012, Amelia has been to Antarctica as part of the Antarctic Youth Ambassador Program, was a finalist for NSW Young Australian of the Year and was named as NAIDOC Youth of the Year.

But it's her work with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC), and in particular setting up the Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network, that attracted the attention of the Bob Brown Foundation, which aims to protect Australia's wild places and promote environmental wins.

In presenting the award, Mr Brown, the former Greens leader, called Amelia "a beacon of new hope for Australia's beleaguered natural environment".

The Seed network is a national Indigenous offshoot of the AYCC that aims to promote climate action and a sustainable future with strong culture and communities.

Amelia told the *Koori Mail* that getting the award was a thrill because it means the work she and others are doing is being recognised by people in high places.

"It's an award where they select

"Where I grew up with my family we had the bush and the beach and the rainforest and that was such a big part of my upbringing. We were all taught to respect that and, really, the reason I do what I do is so that my children and their children can see those places as well."

— Amelia Telford

people, rather than having a nomination process," she said.

"So for Bob Brown and all the people that work with the foundation to have heard about the work we are doing, to know the message is being heard far and wide is just fantastic. It's really a recognition of all the young people I'm working with, not just me."

Known to most people as Millie, Amelia was born and raised on Bundjalung



country in northern NSW. Her father has Aboriginal and South Sea Islander heritage and her mother is a New Zealander. She has two older brothers and she credits her family and the country she grew up on as the inspiration for her environmental activism.

"Where I grew up with my family we had the bush and the beach and the rainforest and that was such a big part of my upbringing," Amelia said.

"We were all taught to respect that and, really, the reason I do what I do is so that my children and their children can see those places as well," she said.

Amelia was captain of her school in Lismore and was accepted to study medicine at university, but put that on hold to pursue her passion for climate action. She moved to Melbourne in 2013 to take up a position with the AYCC, which is when she realised there were very few Indigenous young people involved with the movement, and the seed of the idea for the Seed Network was born.

It was launched in July 2014, with Amelia as the national director. There are now 50 young Indigenous people involved who communicate weekly. They have set up a leadership team with representatives in every state and territory.

"There is a core group now really driving this for a more just and sustainable future," Amelia said.

In fact, on the day the *Koori Mail* spoke with Amelia, a group of 20 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was gathering in Townsville to start a road trip across Queensland to talk with and listen to other Indigenous people about the impacts of climate change.

"We've spent years focused on the Abbot Point coal port expansion (near Bowen in north Queensland) which would see a massive expansion of the Galilee Basin ... We want to talk about the impacts of coal and gas projects on rising sea levels in the Torres Strait, on the impacts to the bush ... the impacts on our people," Amelia said.

The road trip, taking in coastal and inland communities, was scheduled to finish in Brisbane on October 4.



Some of the 170 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander educators at the Our Mob Teach conference in Adelaide last week.

Educators gather in Adelaide



ALMOST 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers, school leaders, teacher education students and advocates gathered in Adelaide last week for the Our Mob Teach conference. Run by the More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative (MATSI), the conference covered a broad range of topics including resilience, identity, career development, and promoting teaching and leadership. NSW Deputy Opposition Leader Linda Burney, a Wiradjuri

woman and a former teacher, gave a keynote address at the conference.

She said having more Indigenous teachers in the classroom was "incredibly important".

"It's a fantastic thing to have Aboriginal teachers at school for Aboriginal students. They see a role model, someone who understands culture, someone who's really got their back," she said.

"For non-Aboriginal students, it's a similar thing, because teachers are wonderful role models.

"Non-Aboriginal kids who have had an Aboriginal teacher

have attitudes to Aboriginal people that are overwhelmingly positive and progressive."

Ms Burney said the leadership provided by Indigenous teachers over the past 40 years was remarkable.

"When you look at what's been achieved in education, it's great," she said.

"Substantial"

"We've gone from being invisible to having substantial Aboriginal programs in every university across the country and on the national curriculum.

"In NSW we're about to get to 1000 Indigenous teachers. When I started out in 1979, there were

about 10-12. It's the unwritten success story of the Aboriginal face."

Ms Burney said that while it was important to recognise the gains made in education, there was still more work to be done, particularly in early childhood education.

"If an Aboriginal child doesn't get the early education they need, they're behind the eight ball when they start school," she said.

"There are still a lot of Aboriginal kids who, through socioeconomic circumstances, don't have access to that area, so there needs to be a focus on that."

Ms Burney said teaching was a wonderful career she would thoroughly recommend to young Indigenous people.

"I remember so very clearly starting out as a bushy-tailed young teacher, and now I'm 58 years old.

"I've been part of that history and it's a very satisfying, humbling feeling," she said.

"It is one of the most empowering and important jobs in society because it gives you the chance to help build the type of place you want Australia to be, and the opportunity to work with young people to help make them full, happy, productive and caring adults."

Three at Oxford Uni



THREE Aboriginal postgraduate students are studying at Oxford in England after being awarded Charlie Perkins Scholarships during a ceremony at the British High Commissioner's Residence in Canberra.

The scholarships, which assist Indigenous Australians pursue postgraduate study at Oxford and Cambridge universities in England, are each valued at more than \$75,000 a year for up to three years, and include travel, tuition and living expenses.

This year's recipients are Kamilaroi (NSW) man Jared Field, Palyku (WA) woman Aurora Milroy, and Kristopher Wilson, a descendent of the Arabunna people (SA).

Mr Field has been accepted into the doctoral training program in systems biology at Balliol College, Oxford.

He graduated from Sydney University in 2014 with first class honours in advanced mathematics, won the Sydney University Indigenous Progress Award in 2012 and 2013 and was a participant in the Aurora Indigenous Scholars International Study Tour last year.

Mr Wilson is in his first year of a Doctor of Philosophy in cyber security (law) at Jesus College, Oxford.

He completed his Bachelor of Laws (honours) at Flinders University, and Master of Laws (media and technology) at NSW University. Mr Wilson received the Ken Wanganeen Medal from Flinders in 2012 and has worked on the Aurora Education Foundation high school program as a mentor.

Ms Milroy has been accepted to undertake a Master of Public Policy at Jesus College, Oxford.

She graduated from the University of WA



Jared Field and Aurora Milroy, who are studying at Oxford University in England.

with first class honours in her Bachelor of Arts (history) and Bachelor of Laws. Ms Milroy has received a host of prizes during her undergraduate study, including the 2014 Neville Bonner Memorial Scholarship, the 2013 Lillian Harris Prize and the 2012 LexisNexis Prize in Law.

Ms Milroy was a participant on the Aurora Indigenous Scholars International Study Tour in 2011.

"I think anyone would want to study at Oxford," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'd seen Oxford featured a lot on TV and films but it always seemed a bit beyond me, a place for crazy geniuses.

"It wasn't really until I went on the Aurora study tour in 2011 that I fell in love with the

place. When I was there it was amazing – and it wasn't just place for geniuses.

"It made me feel determined to study at Oxford."

The Charlie Perkins Scholarship scheme is designed to support Indigenous Australians who have the potential to become leaders in their field of study and in their communities. The scholarships are awarded purely on the basis of academic merit.

The program was established in 2009 in the memory of the late Dr Charlie Perkins, one of the first Aboriginal men to graduate from university.

Charlie Perkins Scholarship Trust chair Rachel Perkins (Dr Perkins' daughter), said five years ago there had never been an

Indigenous Australian studying for a fulltime degree at Oxford or Cambridge.

"Today, through ours and various other scholarship programs, 28 Indigenous Australians have been accepted for fulltime postgraduate degrees at Oxford and Cambridge, and 11 have graduated in the last three years," she said.

"This is a wonderful realisation of my father's vision that Indigenous people should strive for excellence in all pursuits."

Ms Milroy said she was "really relieved and excited" when she found out she'd received the scholarship.

"Jared and I found out we'd been accepted to Oxford, then it was one of those really tense moments to see if we'd get the scholarships, because it covers everything for you. You can stop worrying about living costs and fees," she said.

"Obviously, it's such a great scholarship and an honour to receive it in the name of Charlie Perkins. I'm really pleased to get that recognition – and to be carrying that name over to Oxford."

Ms Milroy said she'd decided to study public policy because she wants to influence real-world situations.

"I've always been interested in politics. I'm passionate about key issues of Aboriginal rights, the environment and animal rights, so I want to have a voice in that debate," she said.

The scholarship program is supported by the Australian and British governments, the Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust, Cambridge Australia Scholarships, the University of Oxford, the Pratt Foundation, Justice John Basten, the McCusker Foundation and the University of Canberra.



Aboriginality more than just a word



Senator Cory Bernardi

A message to Liberal Senator Cory Bernardi, and anyone else who fundamentally misunderstands what it means to identify as Indigenous.

The Australian newspaper wrote on September 17:

"Senator Cory Bernardi believes he is part-Aboriginal — and he has used the discovery to condemn people who 'opt in' to Aboriginality to get special treatment or benefits. Senator Bernardi says he won't be seeking special treatment or benefits, despite discovering he may be part-Aboriginal."

Senator Bernardi, you cannot be "part Aboriginal" — it is as impossible as being part pregnant

— and in any case, you wouldn't be able to access any special treatment or benefits just by self-identifying as such. You cannot just 'opt in' to Aboriginality to access government benefits, as you are alluding is being done by "some people in Australia" who claim to be "something they are not".

As Senator Jacqui Lambie did earlier this year, just claiming that one of your ancestors was Aboriginal — even if that claim can be substantiated — does not give you any right whatsoever to claim Aboriginal identity enough to satisfy any government requirement. It is my understanding that to legally do that, you must be accepted by a

family in a clan group of a registered First Nation as being a member of that family, with your kinship and totemic relationships clearly defined along with your associated rights and responsibilities in that society. Senator Bernardi, I would hazard a guess that there are no such families who would accept you as a member.

As regards Constitutional Recognition, you are in total agreement with the vast majority of Aboriginal people who reject being included in the illegal Australian Constitution, although for different reasons.

Maureen Brannan
Cloyna, Qld

POETRY

As oil is to water

As oil is to water
The sun is to an albino
So are occupiers
To indigenous peoples

As stealing is to innocence
The guilty is to the law
So are land thieves to
The world's indigenous

As alcohol is to blood
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So are the uninvited
To a country's First Nations

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player
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ring that day
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making him a replica
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they're using their hearts
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back then
Now ten years later he
will get his gem
Now laugh Johnathan
laugh as you will have a
ring at last
Maybe even two
because your love is true
Such an inspiration you
are to us
And that's why we all
make this fuss
Now we hope you will
win the upcoming grand
final
And then continue your
upward spiral

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Sydney, NSW

Spirituality missing from history written by victors

It's hilarious that when the Europeans invaded the lands of the Indigenous people that they somehow thought their religiosity was somehow superior, that they indeed had some greater access to the divine or reality.

Actually, the Indigenous peoples were more aware of what is here and as a result were a more peaceful and loving society. They were indeed the ones who were victims of a brutal culture deficit of values and morality.

They got overthrown by

"The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their ONENESS with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that its center is really everywhere, it is within each of us."

— Black Elk, Oglala Sioux

Quote from *Black Elk Speaks*, by John G. Neihardt.

a man without spiritualism, a lover of division, persecution and guns. Under this man's control, the lands got environmentally exploited for all they were worth to

satisfy short-term greed.

History is written to imply that the Indigenous people were somehow saved or emancipated from their ignorance.

Actually, as usual, the

world is seeing reality completely the wrong way around.

The gift of the Indigenous divine understanding is yet to be fully received by the

average new world citizen. Why?

Many people are still trapped in a story of division, guns, philosophy/religion and absurd traditions and are not able to be present to what is actually here.

The saviour for the poor new world citizen has come through Science because it reveals to human consciousness objectively and logically what the indigenous peoples already knew in their own being.

Leon Lester
Hunters Hill, NSW

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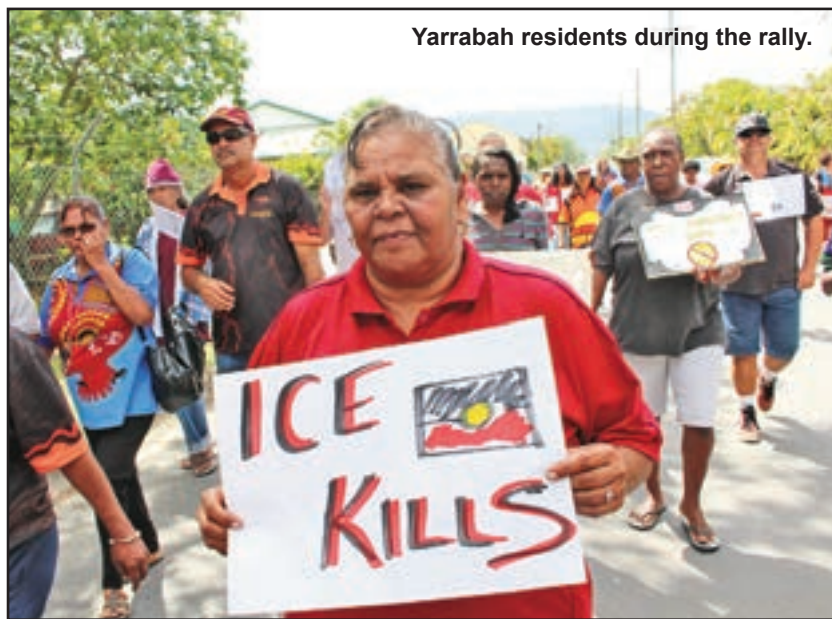
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Hundreds turned out for the Yarrabah rally against ice.



Yarrabah residents during the rally.

Yarrabah unites in battle against ice

By CHRISTINE HOWES



RUGBY league star Johnathan Thurston has thrown his support behind a community rally held in Yarrabah, near Cairns, against the drug ice (methamphetamine).

Although he could not attend the rally himself, Thurston said tackling the ice epidemic had to be a whole-of-community approach.

"Every bit we do as individuals in our communities to give ice the boot is a step closer to driving the message home that ice is lethal," he said. "I encourage people to be involved in their community and rally against ice and support these initiatives."

"At the end of the day, it's about raising awareness and what it can do to our mob, friends and families, and to help kick ice out of your community."

A turnout of several hundred people over the day was just the start, Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation Drop-In Centre coordinator Lyndell Thomas said. She said a door-to-door survey was under way to find what initiatives would work best for stopping the drug in Yarrabah.

"We've started to go around door-knocking to community residents asking what they know about ice, if they've come in contact, do they know anyone who's using ice, or if they're concerned about a family member," she said.

"We also asked what they would like to see in terms of how we can combat ice issues in our community to stamp it out."

"They want it stopped, even dobbing in dealers and reporting them, especially when there's young families."

"They are concerned about our future for our children."

Gindaja chair Greg Fourmile said people had seen the problems ice was causing elsewhere and the community didn't want the same issues in Yarrabah.

"Destructive path"

"We want to save our kids from the destructive path that ice is leaving behind it," he said.

He said Gindaja was coping with the problem as best they could. "At the moment, we do have people using our facilities," Mr Fourmile said.

"We have a fairly good success rate with the limited numbers that come in with ice use."

"Normally, we run a 12-week program when it comes to alcohol and drug treatment healing, but with methamphetamine users, we found that they require a longer period, so that's what we've done."

"We've actually been flexible with delivering our program and our services to



Trenton Maloney and Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation chief executive Ailsa Lively.

'Ice is going to split our community if we allow any more to come in here'

GINDAJA Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation chief executive Ailsa Lively told the rally at Yarrabah how easily ice can get a hold in communities.

"This is what's going to start happening if we don't control it," she said.

"I spoke to a young man who spoke about his group of friends. They party together, they smoke nyarndi (marijuana), they're close brothers."

"They've been doing this for years, but recently members of their group started to stray. But they kept coming back to him, depending on him for other things to support their other drug habits."

"He didn't give it at first, but then his close brothers started stealing from him."

"One of his close brothers wanted to stab him. He didn't realise it, but he had become a co-dependent because of their drug issues. They were dependent on him."

"They were stealing from their own brother, lying to him because of their ice addiction."

"And these are the realities; this is happening now."

"A lot of violence comes with ice."

"Ice has been around for over 100 years. It was used in World War II by the German soldiers. They used it to stay awake while they were on duty."

"Kamikaze fighters, the Japanese who

meet the needs of these people who are wanting to, or need to, get off ice."

"We're certainly rising to the challenge and definitely with working in partnerships with other organisations such as Gurriny

Yealamucka Health Services to address the situation around people's on ice rehabilitation."

Mr Fourmile said what worked on mainstream campaigns didn't always work for

flew (suicide) planes, they were on ice to stay awake and deal with the issues of war, but the ice back then was very weak."

"The ice we see today is up to 90% pure. It's driving our people insane in this country."

"The purity of the drug has become very dangerous and makes our people violent."

"It puts pressure on their heads because they're awake for days on end, so their livers and hearts are working overtime just to keep them alive, and that's what that drug does."

"So, that is a story of a young person in our community – he's sad and has broken friendships and family life, and this is what that drug is going to continue to do."

"It's going to come in and destroy us."

"You know, you got colonisation, when those people came to our country, they stripped our country, they stole our children, they stole our families."

"To me, this is what ice is going to do. It's going to be like another form of colonisation; it's just going to strip us of everything. For 200 years we fought to have what we have, but ice can destroy us, like colonisation did."

"It's sad to see a lot of people today, people that are affected by this, but the families that are here it's up to you now to take that message back to your families, spread the dangers of this drug."

"Ice is going to split our community if we allow any more to come in here."

Aboriginal communities. "From what I see on television, they're going for the fear factor, the shock tactics. Sometimes that works, other times it doesn't," he said.

"But what we found that works in Yarrabah is getting out to the community on the ground level and saying, 'This is really what the drug is,' and giving them the full story of what ice is and how it affects people, the health issues."

Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services board member Elverina Johnson said staff had already seen ice users at the emergency centre. "I think at this point we're gathering as much information as possible because it's such a new issue in our community – an old but a new issue," she said.

"We've got to up our knowledge base in terms of how to deal with it and how it affects people, rather than just blindly attack it."

"People are being affected by it everywhere and parents are at a loss of what to do with family members who are going through it, even retreating to locking their kids up because you just don't know how it will affect somebody in terms of when they're on it, what mental health status are they at when they start."

Big issue

Yarrabah local Councillor Malcolm Canando said it was a big issue for the community.

"I was astonished by the amount of support for this rally and the number of people who joined in this protest to send a strong message out, saying that ice is affecting our younger generation," he told the crowd.

"After today, everyone get as much information you can gather, get it out there and tell the people that those who are dealing ice, they are not welcome here."

Gindaja board member Jodi Hallam said a whole-of-community response was needed.

"The purity (of ice) at the moment is eight times greater than the original form it was, so people who have used for a while don't know the strength that they're using. Therefore a lot of the problems of psychosis are so much more intensified," she said.

"Even the users aren't aware of the strength and the potency of the drug they're taking, so I think need information needs to get out, and not just those for users and inform them better of the choices that they're making, but also to protect our community."

"There needs to be a community response, a whole community response, to this issue."

"It's not up to health organisations or to the police alone, but all community members need to be involved."

"If there's concerns it needs to be reported or they need to speak to somebody so that, you know, greater numbers in unity."



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Start-up help on offer for business



THE Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has released the Indigenous Enterprise Development (IED) funding with an application kit and application form now available at dpmc.gov.au/ied,

along with a fact sheet and some FAQs for prospective applicants.

The aim of the funding is to address barriers faced by Indigenous businesses and to encourage commercially sustainable businesses to start up or to expand.

If any start-up or expansion funding is required, PM&C will negotiate a grant/loan package for approved applicants with Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) or another IED Partner Lender. The package will include ongoing business mentoring for up to two years where appropriate.

Concerns DV funds are still not enough



THE National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) has welcomed the \$100m package of measures to respond to family and domestic violence announced by

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Minister for Women Michaelia Cash.

As part of the package \$15m will be used to establish 12 new specialist domestic violence units and fund five health justice partnerships within existing legal assistance services located in domestic violence "hot-spots".

However, the NACLC is "extremely concerned" at the absence for increased funding for Indigenous Family Violence Legal Services to expand their holistic legal and support services to Indigenous woman in rural and regional Australia.

Govt gives funding for Kimberley Girl



THE WA State Government has made a one-off payment of \$200,000 to the Kimberley Girl leadership development program while organisers try to secure more permanent funding arrangements.

"This program does great work with young Aboriginal women helping them to develop self-confidence and fulfil their potential," Premier Colin Barnett said.

The program, run by Goolarri Media, includes a series of workshops in the Pilbara and will culminate in an annual event in Broome in October.

Kimberley Girl has grown due to successful public-private-community partnerships. The program is supported through a mix of government contributions which is matched by private sponsors on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Mr Barnett said the State Government would provide interim funding of \$200,000 in 2015-16 to ensure certainty for the service.

Apply to become a Registered Party



TRADITIONAL owner groups in Victoria are being encouraged to submit an expression of interest for the Right People for Country program.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hitchens said the program provides support in applying to be a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) and to negotiate settlements under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* and *Native Title Act 1993*.

"There are currently 10 Registered Aboriginal Parties in Victoria and we are committed to seeing the entire state represented by its traditional owners," she said.

"This program is integral to realising that objective and supporting self-determination."

The closing date for expressions of interest is October 30. For more information go to www.dpc.vic.gov.au/rightpeopleforcountry



Indigenous artist Teena McCarthy, a recent graduate of UNSW Art and Design, has designed artwork for UNSW's Law School's Reconciliation Action Plan.

Places for Indigenous law students and staff



UNSW Law has become the first law school in the country to adopt its own Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The document was launched at an event featuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander speakers and artists, including performances from UNSW Indigenous student Bridget Cama, and rapper Rhyann Clapham.

The RAP commits UNSW Law to a range of initiatives, including measures to increase Indigenous staff and students in the faculty.

UNSW Law has had a long-standing commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's legal education. Since 1975, 80 Indigenous students have graduated from its programs and there are currently 54 students enrolled in the faculty.

Law school dean Professor David Dixon said the Indigenous Law Centre, the only research centre of its kind in Australia, is also located at UNSW.

"We have been doing work on Indigenous issues since the beginning of the Law School in 1971," he said.

"The RAP isn't just a rhetorical statement – it's an accountability measure. We are laying down a series of commitments we can be checked against."

Parents' drug use puts kids at risk



CHILD protection workers in South Australia tend to underestimate the risks posed by parents abusing drugs or alcohol, a state

parliamentary committee has found.

The select committee, including opposition and crossbench MPs, says more children are going into care each year and those in care are staying longer.

It says drug and alcohol abuse is a recurring factor in children at risk and a factor in the removal of children from their parents.

But it found Families SA tended to underestimate the risks and was not making full use of legal provisions to remove children from their parents.

The committee's interim report has

"There is an urgent need to support the Aboriginal community to provide both kinship care and foster care, particularly for Aboriginal children," the report said.

also expressed concern at the high number of Aboriginal children in care.

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kinship care and foster care, particularly for Aboriginal children," the report said.

"There is also a need for training resources to be tailored to Aboriginal culture and family structures."

Family First MP Dennis Hood said it was not OK for parents substantially affected by illicit drugs to still be looking after their children.

"In most cases that leads to a detrimental outcome," he said.

In the case of children taken into care, the committee has questioned moves by Families SA to sometimes remove children from foster homes suddenly and without explanation.

It said such unexpected and unexplained action fostered bitterness and contributed to carers leaving the foster care system. — AAP



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Water policy changes should ring alarm bells

THE Coalition's change of Australia's Prime Minister to create the Turnbull Government brought a radical change to national water policy.

Before the departure of the former PM, water policy was held in the Environment Department, where reforms had a focus on holistic water use and a window of opportunity for Indigenous water rights.

The recent decision to move water policy to the control of Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce, of the National Party, has obvious implications for Indigenous water policy.

Not only in the Murray Darling Basin region will Aboriginal peak bodies, such as Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) and Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN), find this return to dominant stakeholder groups challenging to have their voices heard, it clearly points to a return to Australia's colonial history and Eurocentric perspectives on water management.

This national policy will have the primary focus on the needs of stakeholders, water traders, industry and farming.

The fate of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) may also be sealed. For the past 18 months, there have been whispers of ending the CWWH, whose role is to plan, manage and monitor the Murray-

Darling Basin water landscape for the benefit of the environment. Observers at the time of a national discussion on setting aside water to protect the Basin's rivers, wetlands and floodplains were met with harsh criticism; however, the CEWH was established under the *Water Act 2007*.

Under the CEWH the new plan is to trade 20,000 megalitres of the Goulburn River on the open market because irrigators complained of high water prices. When the Howard Government's national reforms legislated the separation of water from the land to let the market determine the issue of supply and demand, it not only swept away Australia's common law riparian rights but showed a disregard for Indigenous water values, cultural identity and traditional and commercial economies.

The National Water Initiative includes less than a handful of clauses to reference Indigenous water interests and native title rights.

National water reforms could have represented a true era of reconciling the marginalisation of Australia's First Peoples from their water and land by seeking to restore the management and ownership rights of water to Indigenous communities.

The establishment of the colonies and the formation of Federation were nation-building Western concepts, and Indigenous



Virginia Marshall

communities were to be held back on the fringes of society and not counted.

History may again record that reconceptualising water as merely a utilitarian purpose and a market commodity, like land prices in eastern Australian cities, water will be unavailable to those who can't afford the market price. This is the legacy of the commodification of water.

The 2015 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 'Securing Water, Sustaining Growth' report recognises that "high variability regions of drought like Australia will challenge future water security and that access to water is a human right". The report repeats many things we already know – "fossil ground water is non-renewable, where water is commodified there are significant impacts on communities, the environment and on ancient cultural belief systems".

Moving national water policy into the Agriculture portfolio is affirming that industry, farming and irrigation are the nation's priorities. For Indigenous peoples in Australia, this should ring alarm bells. Is Constitutional recognition about inserting non-legal effect provisions or to acknowledge Indigenous communities as a preamble and little else?

In the US state of California, which recently had its hottest summer on record, the introduction of water restrictions has meant that for many communities there is no water. Those who are poor do not have access to water, and where some water exists it is contaminated.

Australia's drought cycles have always existed in the living memory of Indigenous communities, and oral history. Australia's post-contact water management was representative

of a mix identifying commercial water resources, ad hoc policy, an overallocation of water licences and prioritising unallocated water for market enterprises and mining.

The UN Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 negotiated an international agreement to set global sustainable development goals to work towards sustainable development after 2015. Goal six is to "ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all".

The Australian Government's water policy should review their decision to 'gift' our water to agriculture.

In my doctoral research on Aboriginal water rights and interests in Australia, it was clear that the media barely wrote on the plight of communities' water issues, and we saw the Government's speed at locking-in the national water reforms, despite the protest of many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies.

First People's water rights and interests are water rights to be reserved before all other water rights.

We need to assert that the word 'First' is the literal meaning of the word, in national water policy and in every government portfolio.

Dr Virginia Marshall is a Wiradjuri Nyemba woman connected in kinship with Nyikina Mangala and an expert in Aboriginal water rights.

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Mutawintji buys back property



THE Aboriginal-owned Mutawintji National Park in the far west of NSW is to be

expanded. The 57,000 hectare Nuntherungie Station was recently bought and half the former grazing property will be declared a State Conservation Area and half will be protected under a Conservation Agreement.

The management of Nuntherungie will be absorbed into the joint management of the nearby 76,000 hectare Mutawintji National Park.

Mutawintji board of management chairperson William Bates said it had taken a 15-year campaign to get the land in the national park handed back to Aboriginal ownership in 1998.

"Since then we have been putting aside a bit of money every year, so we are now very pleased to buy back Nuntherungie," he said.

"The property has great

The endangered yellow-footed rock wallabies on Nuntherungie.
Picture: Peter Christie



value to us. It contains a lot of our sacred places and other cultural sites.

"It includes different land types such as creeks, ranges and stony plains. It has colonies of the endangered yellow-footed rock wallaby.

"Our old people worked on Nuntherungie Station so we value the historic heritage.

"We look forward to our people working there again to manage the land for conservation, culture and tourism."

Kids in Care Cup teams come together to help our children



Winners of the 2015 Kids in Care Cup, the Dalai Dreamers.



TWENTY-four Aboriginal rugby league teams recently represented their regions in the Kids in Care Cup, a statewide rugby league knockout competition established to highlight the need for more Aboriginal

foster carers. As part of Foster Care Week, the teams played at Sid Parrish Park in Wollongong, hosted by the Illawarra Titans Aboriginal Rugby League Football Club. About 3000 spectators plus 500 players and coaching staff turned up, with the Dalai Dreamers men's team from

Kempsey on the NSW north coast winning the cup for the second year in a row against the Baryulgil team, which included players from Grafton and Newcastle. The score was 22-4. Kempsey local foster carer and the Dalai Dreamers manager Uncle Eddy Vale said

everyone who participated should be proud. "I'm really proud of our team and all of the teams involved in the Kids in Care Cup as they have all come together as one to play for the kids," he said. Foster Care Week was part of the Fostering NSW

campaign to recruit 450 foster carers during the next 12 months. With more than 17,800 children and young people unable to live at home in NSW, there is always a need for more carers. To find out more visit www.fosteringnsw.com.au or call 1800 236 783.

\$1 million for Puuya Foundation



THE Puuya Foundation in Lockhart River, north Queensland, will receive about \$1 million under the Australian Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) for projects to help local residents. Federal Member for Leichhardt Warren Entsch said the money will be divided across two major projects by Puuya Foundation. "Around half will go towards providing early childhood education and care, family support, and maternal health services to the Lockhart River community," he said. "The second half of the funding will contribute to the construction, fit-out and establishment of the Kuunchi Kakana (Families Together) Centre and staff accommodation for the centre's service provider."

Mowanjum workers facing axe



AN Aboriginal corporation in Western Australia's far north says it will be forced to axe staff if it can't negotiate a fair contract with a State Government-appointed middleman. Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation previously reported directly to the State Government, but now has to operate under a head contractor for roughly 30% less money, chief executive Steve Austin says. He said 12 Aboriginal employees who had previously done maintenance work would most likely be let go before their next pay cheque.

"They're trying to engage local contractors but a lot won't sign up with them because they know they can't do it for their rates," Mr Austin said. Mowanjum Corporation did not have a formal contract with the State Government, instead working under a 'gentleman's agreement' that could be terminated at any time by either party. Housing Authority general manager of service delivery Greg Cash dismissed any suggestion that work opportunities were being denied to Mowanjum residents. He said the head contractor had "developed and implemented strategies to employ and train local Aboriginal people wherever possible".

"The authority is also currently negotiating a six-figure contract with the Mowanjum Aboriginal Corporation to construct new fencing in the community," Mr Cash said. Opposition jobs spokesperson Fran Logan criticised the WA Government's handling of the contractual agreements with Aboriginal companies. "As far as the department is concerned, if it is a white company it's a written contract, but if it's blackfellas it's a 'gentleman's agreement'," Mr Logan said. "The authority in the Kimberley needs to be completely reformed from the top to the bottom." The head contractor declined to comment. - AAP

Book looks at health policy



A NEW book by Charles Sturt University academic Dominic O'Sullivan explores contemporary Australian Indigenous health policy. *Indigenous health: power, politics and citizenship* looks at Indigenous health from the perspective of political values and practices and how that influences people's opportunities for good health. Associate Professor O'Sullivan said life expectancy differentials between Indigenous and other people are much worse in Australia than in other former British colonies. "In those countries, Indigenous self-determination is more obviously part of the national political cultures than it is in Australia, and this gives the Indigenous peoples greater say in policy development," he said. Prof O'Sullivan said the book then considers the claims that Indigenous people can reasonably make on the public health system and what these claims mean for contemporary Australian conceptions of citizenship, democracy, and human rights.

Correction

In the story headlined 'Dancers seek sponsorship for NZ trip', on page 17 of the previous edition, September 23, the *Koori Mail* ran an incorrect phone number. If anyone is wanting to contact the Ngulumburu Boonyah Women's Dance Group, the correct phone number is 0448 440 361. The *Koori Mail* apologises for any inconvenience.



National Congress Co-Chair Candidates



Charles Prouse

I am a proud Nyikina man from Derby in the Kimberley, WA, who now lives on Gadigal country in Sydney.

I've been lucky to have lived and worked all around Australia and have had the privilege of learning a lot about our different mobs, particularly in south-west Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia and NSW.

I have worked in land management, Indigenous employment, youth education and Indigenous entrepreneurship.

As a CEO I have run national not-for-profit organisations and engaged with federal and state ministers and governments on policy issues.

I have served on local NAIDOC committees and regional and national boards where I have honed my leadership, governance, negotiation and facilitation skills.

I believe these are the skills needed as co-chair to build a National Congress that is effective, respected and sustainable. I want to make Congress increasingly relevant to our membership – for our community, for our Aboriginal nations and for our peak bodies.

Many of our community organisations are doing their jobs incredibly well. I see Congress' role as bringing together our

collective voices in a united way to advocate for targeted policy changes.

If we are to address issues of economic development, land reform, unacceptably high incarceration rates, kids in out-of-home care, domestic violence, health, education, employment and housing we need to collectively advocate self-determination and best practice. To that extent, I will seek to actively listen to and engage with peak bodies and key community groups.

I will build on previous work done by Congress, and be guided by what the membership desires today to set the strategic direction so we are all stronger together.

We have power when we speak and act together. But we can disagree too.

And I believe we must have the space and safety to have those conversations in private to then be able to present a united front to rest of the world.

As co-chair I promise a new leadership: one of greater transparency, greater engagement and greater relevance for our community. Respect for our Elders is guaranteed. Support for our languages is imperative. And with more than 50% of our population under 25 years old we must engage with young people to ensure they get the right supportive environment to thrive.

I want all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be proud. To walk with our heads held high and demand change.

I want members to be proud of Congress and know how it represents them. And by doing a great job, I want to grow the membership so Congress can evolve into the organisation it needs to be.

I have the national networks, policy experience and knowledge of what it's like at the grassroots and on the frontline to bring a voice of change to the policy and lawmakers in Canberra.

I need your voice and your support to make Congress the national voice for the First Peoples of this land. Vote for me and let's make Congress stronger and more relevant to you!



Les Malezer

Congress is the body that is established to bring our Peoples together. We are the organisation to find solutions, not simply complain about the hindrances.

When you vote for the next co-chairs, you must choose carefully. To be a national representative body Congress must have leaders who are experienced, skilled, reliable and decent. We do not need people who will only see Congress come to an end.

I am a Gubbi Gubbi/ Butchulla man from southeast Queensland.

Congress is now at a serious stage of its creation and development. Its future will be decided in these next two years. In 2014 the Abbott government withheld \$15 million from Congress, leaving this organisation to collapse.

We know ATSIC, the NAC and the NACC were crushed this way in previous years. However the Board has refused to be shut down by government, and instead has

dramatically reduced expenditure to survive yet function as effectively as possible. Congress funds may not last for these next two years, so some innovative developments must occur to keep a strong and effective Congress.

Congress now needs the utmost leadership. The structure of Congress leaves decision making in the hands of the national board. That is the limitation of a small structure. The board must take actions to survive, while at the same time inspire our members and the entire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

The board must still take on and change bad policies and practices that have crept into government these last 20 years. But remember it is the two co-chairs of Congress who are the mainstays of the board. They are the ones who are appointed as the executive directors of the organisation and who have the full-time role when it comes to the purposes of Congress. The co-chairs must ensure the national representative body is able to overcome the hurdles ahead.

The co-chairs must find the ideas, initiatives and motivations to keep wheels turning and government on its toes. We need the very best people to represent the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of Australia, to find a way to bring about unity and cohesion at the national level, and to change from the direction that Australia is taking us, against our free will.

Looking at our constitution we see that Congress has the job of leading the First Peoples to exercise control, decision-making and development into the future. Congress is the body that is established to bring our peoples together.

I intended to retire after my two terms as co-chair, but I know I have a responsibility to deliver a fully-functional and successful national representative body to the next generation. I declare I am willing to work for the full two-year term, even if the funds of Congress run out. This is my promise. It must be the determination of the next Congress Board.



Rod Little

I'm Rod Little of the Yamaji and Nyoongar nations from Geraldton and Perth in Western Australia, now living in Canberra.

It has been a privilege to have been an inaugural elected director of Congress since 2011. This experience, together with the support and encouragement of family, friends and colleagues has inspired me to embrace the challenge of this important leadership role.

My leadership experience has been strengthened through being an elected member of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body since 2008, and Chairperson since 2011. While in this role I have helped bring about some significant local achievements including:

- In 2015, a successfully negotiated Whole of Government Agreement with the ACT government and a new Justice Partnership aimed at reducing the number of our people involved with the Justice system.

- Negotiated proposed amendments to the ACT Human Rights Act recognising Cultural Rights of our people inspired by the United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

I am a respected and respectful leader with a successful track record of working hard for and with my people.

I am motivated by honesty and integrity

and always listen to the views of others in order to achieve positive outcomes.

There are still many important matters requiring serious attention:

Rights: Should I be elected co-chair, I will continue to pursue the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the elimination of discrimination against our people in institutions, society and legislation. I will also pursue the advancement of Sovereignty and Treaty strategic conversations, nation building and the valued recognition of our cultures, languages, lands and waters. I will also maintain Congress' strong international leadership.

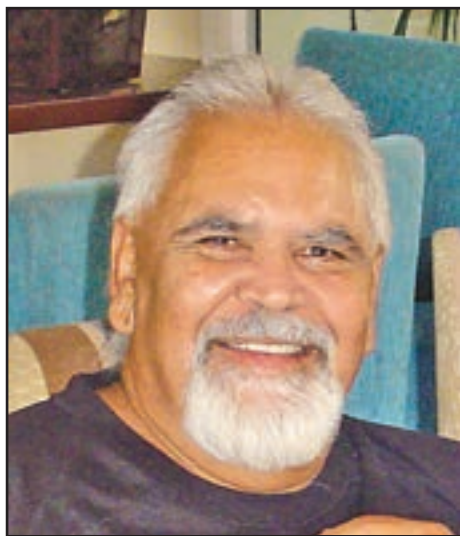
Education: I am passionate about education success and have worked with some wonderful people in education, including on the development of Congress's education policy. I would like to progress our supporting education accountability framework and see more of our own mob as teachers and principals to increase the likelihood of our children's success. Healthy and strong families and children are the key to our future. I will advocate for full inclusion of our people in policy development, decision-making and services to support families to remain strong and to ensure health equity.

Economic wealth and growth: I aim to strengthen our relationship with our mob in businesses as they too are valuable and an important part of our future.

Justice: I will collaborate with our experts to strengthen our collective capacity to change the unacceptable status of overrepresentation of our people in the justice system.

Governance and leadership: I believe in Congress, and as a cohesive leadership group we will be best placed to build trusting relationships to lead and influence long lasting change for the benefit of future generations.

All of these aims can be pursued with respectful collaboration, shared ambitions and responsibility to our members, communities and experts. Unified we can intensify the accountability of governments and others for the achievement of a better future for our peoples.



Tauto Sansbury

I am proud to have spent more than 30 years working effectively at a state and national level to address the issues that face Indigenous people.

My skills, knowledge and experience equip me to work very effectively as co-chair. I have represented and advocated for the advancement of Indigenous people at all levels.

I have never been afraid to stand up and be counted for my community and have a positive and high profile across the nation.

I have sound experience as a knowledgeable community leader, chairperson and member of numerous national and state boards/committees, a CEO and national chairperson, and have solid ability in board and organisational governance.

My roles as chairperson of the SA and National Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committees (AJAC) for 10 years, chairperson of ATSIC Patpa Warra Yunti Regional Council, and CEO of Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service, highlight my ability to lead and build organisations.

I have solid networks Australia-wide, and have successfully undertaken community and stakeholder engagement activities; e.g.

as National AJAC chair I undertook a national community consultation that put together the Ministerial Summit on Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

I am regularly sought by the media for comment and insight on a wide range of issues relating to Indigenous people and have vast experience as a credible and well-known spokesperson.

I relate well to people from all walks of life, which has been of great value in my work and in the successful establishment of my consultancy, Garridja (www.garridja.com). Through Garridja I have been privileged to provide education to a broad spectrum of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. A highlight has been my work with Indigenous youth, helping them to connect with their culture and engender a pride in who they are as Indigenous people.

I undertake numerous tasks on a voluntary basis for my community, and work closely with Indigenous leaders and committed non-Indigenous people from across the continent, including establishing the SA Freedom Movement following the Freedom Summit, which I organised in Alice Springs last November.

I believe that representation of our people in the political arena is vital to help achieve our goals as the First Nations peoples of Australia.

I ran as a candidate in state and federal elections. I hope that my actions have inspired other Indigenous people to take up the challenge of political life, for this is where the decisions are made that impact our daily lives, our futures and aspirations. This experience also deepened my knowledge of national priorities and policies relevant to Indigenous people.

We are at a major crossroads in the history of our peoples, and the role of co-chair is pivotal in uniting all Indigenous people to achieve our aims and in growing and strengthening Congress' membership. I believe I am well placed to achieve these goals and will promote and represent Congress and our people effectively and with a strong voice.

I look forward to working with you all in the future and to leading a fresh, new era for Congress.

National Congress Co-Chair Candidates



Amala Groom

I am a proud Wiradjuri woman with commitment and passion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Throughout the years I have worked across a range of areas to effect social change for the advancement of our peoples. As a result, I have extensive networks and experience in Indigenous issues domestically and internationally, and have developed cohesive partnerships in urban, regional and regional contexts across grassroots, NGO, government and political sectors.

Since 2009 I have engaged in international fora including eight United Nations forums, where my diplomacy, lobbying and negotiation skills were finely tuned.

I am also an award-winning conceptual artist, highlighting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's issues.

I have been a member of a number of Boards including Desert Pea Media and the Law Society of NSW Indigenous Issues Committee, which have provided me with a strong foundational knowledge of the functions and operations of NGOs.

My experience includes the development and implementation of strategic plans, sectorial and government consultation, negotiation and lobbying, communications and fundraising.

I am committed to Congress as the national representative body for our Peoples.

I have been a member since Congress started in 2010 and was appointed as a Chamber 3 delegate in 2013. As a delegate I actively participated in working groups and Congress activities. I was then elected as the female Chamber 3 director in February 2015. Since my election I have participated in five board meetings and initiated contact with every delegate in my chamber and with co-director Mark McMillan we've held three Chamber teleconferences.

The loss of Government funding after the 2013 election has been a difficult time for Congress with reduced staff, resources and capacity. However, it has also provided us with the opportunity to review our functions and expenditure, and enabled us to become more independent of Government. We have survived as a not-for-profit company, despite the withdrawal of Government support, as our founding members wanted.

I am acutely aware of the current political environment and the impacts of large scale funding cuts affecting our community organisations.

I remain committed to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations as the best mechanism for delivering results in our communities through the provision of services and support.

I believe there are good opportunities for Congress to sustain into the future and am committed to prioritising the company's sustainability. This includes pursuing the ALP on their position held at its National Conference in Melbourne in July, which included support for Congress as the 'national peak representative body' for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

If elected, I pledge to bring to the role my tenacity, passion and unwavering commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples and communities. I will ensure that communicating and working with individual and organisational members about the issues that matter most is a priority so that together in unity we can provide a collective and representative voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Jackie Huggins

My nomination for co-chair, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, is based on my extensive history and experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs spanning over 30 years.

I am a proud Bidjara/Birri Gubba Juru woman who has lived all the issues that affect our people and therefore have a personal responsibility and legacy to confront the challenges and demands that persist in society.

Through this holistic knowledge I have worked across many fields, locally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

As an historian and author I have documented the lives and events of Indigenous Australians, which has been one of my great passions. Other highlights have included my work in reconciliation, Stolen Generations, education, the arts and leadership.

Areas I have also worked in include prison

reform, domestic and family violence, health, housing, literacy, disability, human rights, women's issues and other social justice areas.

In 2001 I received the Member of the Order of Australia for services to the Indigenous community, particularly for work with reconciliation, literacy, women's issues and social justice.

My CV will attest to my various capacities as chair, co-chair, commissioner, director, board, council member and Indigenous expert. In all these roles I have performed to the best of my ability and provided the most effective participation in establishing community-controlled organisations, policy formulation and implementation.

Boards have included government, non-government, academic, philanthropic and community sectors.

I have worked voluntarily on a number of projects that enhance the betterment of our peoples and communities including the steering committee of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples for eight years.

I believe in the true nature of representative democratic bodies that Congress prides itself on.

One of my strengths is my ability to communicate and negotiate with people from all walks of life.

With a diverse audience I am able to listen, converse and impart knowledge from a focal place of integrity and experience.

Communicating in this way is essential for a co-chair to enable active representation to their community and greater exposure to the wider community, politicians and other stakeholders.

I am a national speaker on many topics and my networks are vast across the country.

I travel regularly and widely with my consultancy, keeping in touch with a range of communities and individuals. In this way I am well informed regarding their challenges, hopes and aspirations.

My life has been dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and the pursuit of a better life for my people.



Carla McGrath

I am a proud 37-year-old Torres Strait Islander woman, born and raised on the mainland. A daughter, sister and aunty to many, my professional roles have always reflected the interconnectedness of family and the need for progressive change for our people.

As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, we have a significant opportunity to utilise our resilience, determination and history of innovation to shape entrepreneurialism, economic health and nationhood in our country.

As members of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, we have the ability and the responsibility to ensure Congress not only survives but thrives in becoming a national body that truly advocates for, and is representative of, our people. One that continues to take an increasingly leading role in positioning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at the forefront of positive social, political and economic advances in this nation of nations.

It would be remiss of me to underestimate the depth and breadth of the challenges facing our people and communities.

As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples our resilience, connection to place, connection to culture and to each other is central to how we have and will overcome such challenges.

Our people need a coordinated, collective, united voice on the opportunities and challenges we face.

We will always have diverse perspectives on mechanisms for addressing these opportunities and challenges.

Respectful, broad engagement can ensure that we are able to present a united voice still representative of this diversity of opinion.

Providing that coordinated, united voice is the role of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Coordination requires leadership driven by a collective mindset and respectful engagement with a focus on strong relationships.

The experience I have gained from local government to leadership roles in national organisations provides for such collective leadership.

I have engaged in the development of Congress since the consultation phase, attending local meetings and the national gathering in Adelaide in 2009.

I have been a delegate of Chamber 3 since 2011. Through this engagement I view the current priorities for Congress to be:

- ensuring the financial sustainability of Congress to allow it to survive and thrive;
- reviewing and, where necessary, reforming the Congress model to maximise engagement and longevity;
- growing our membership;
- further establishing and formalising a broad community of support around Congress, its work and its membership; and
- exploring and engaging in entrepreneurialism, economic health and nationhood opportunities for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Advocacy has been a strong feature of my personal and professional life to date.

Along with my most recent professional roles in financial sustainability and relationship management, this provides me the necessary skills to be Congress co-chair at this critical juncture in its development.

I am committed to ensuring our people have a functioning, sustainable, influential voice at a national level in order to foster the safety, wellness and vitality of our people and communities.

I will leverage the collective skills, networks and capacity available to me in order to make this happen.



Katie Kiss

A proud Kaanju/Wiri woman from north Queensland, I am passionate about influencing positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples including at the local, community, state, national and international level.

I have held positions with the Australian Human Rights Commission and the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (Congress). I am a second term Chamber Three delegate of the Congress.

Congress is a key vehicle for achieving self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, where we determine our futures based on priorities we set for ourselves, rather than having predetermined decisions imposed upon us.

Congress was established to provide a credible national voice on national issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, informed by its members; and to support, promote and build on the work of our peak bodies and our community organisations.

Due to the Government's decision to defund the Congress, our organisation needs strong leadership and people who are committed to the success of the organisation to ensure its sustainability into the future.

In order to stabilise the organisations financial foundations I commit to the following interim arrangements:

- I will work to change the co-chairs' role to be on a part time basis, taking only a stipend and costs to attend board meetings and conduct Congress activities, increasing the immediate financial viability of the

organisation by forgoing the allocated salary.

- A fundraising strategy that promotes the financial viability of Congress and secures non-government funds to support Congress activities.

- Supporting the chief executive to build a strong credible national profile, increasing Congress' ability to effectively influence the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy environment and secure financial support for Congress's ongoing viability.

- A members' engagement strategy that ensures that our members are regularly informed about the activities and viability of Congress.

- Building relationships with the Australian Government and federal mechanisms like COAG, State and Territory Governments, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, non-government organisations and the private sector including corporates and philanthropic entities.

In the longer-term, I believe that Congress should be the vehicle through which legislation, policy and programs affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples nationally are designed and developed; that Congress informs implementation, and through which input is sought regarding the effectiveness or not of legislation, policies and programs; including promoting the priorities set by our national peak bodies and member organisations.

I commit to the following longer-term priorities for Congress:

- Amend the provisions of the Congress constitution that require the co-chairs roles to be full-time.
- Creating space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations to contribute to national debates and priority issues.
- Facilitating discussion among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples about reforms to the Australian Constitution to recognise for the first time in their legal framework that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the first peoples of Australia.
- Reviewing the current Indigenous Advancement Strategy and working with the Australian Government to improve funding arrangements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs.

2015 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout

Action runs hot in Dubbo



Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service staff, from left, Robyn Gunter, Trish Thorne, Cherie Colliss, Amanda Nairn, Kate McKay, Janet Curran and Trish George.



Enjoying the Knockout atmosphere are, back from left, Kyiesha Naden, Maria Barlow, Leroy Naden and Robbie Naden, and front, Mia Naden, Robbie Naden Jnr and Derrin Taylor.



Aboriginal Hostels workers Liz Simpson, Hazel Tsitsikronis and Peter Gander.



WAC under-15 players, from left, Rhys Weldon, Jye Humphries, Tyson McLachlan, Latrell Siegwalt and Jordan Little.



Michael Lett, Jason Nola and Bill Spek, from the Indigenous Fire and Rescue Employment Strategy.



Representing Come Back Dreaming are, from left, Jason Pitt, Yoko Murray, Eddie Pitt and Jeff Sharpley.



THOUSANDS packed Dubbo last weekend for the 45th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, played in fine but hot conditions.

The festivities began with a gala dinner last Wednesday night, including the official Knockout draw and a performance by Jessica Mauboy.

Organisers say the great facilities offered by the central-western NSW city matched with the excitement on the field made for a fantastic family event.

A total of 133 teams took part this year, with some fielding NRL stars.

The drug- and alcohol-free weekend also included stalls, entertainment and health checks.

"We've had great feedback on Dubbo," carnival organiser Mark DeWeerd said.

"The spirit that the games have been played in and the quality of the competition have all added to a great spectacle."

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Kempsey lads Wayne Sines and Kurtley Moseley with George Mannah, from the Department of Primary Industries.



At the NSW Aboriginal Land Council stall, from left, Cassie Marshall, Sarah Puckeridge and Phil Mundine.

2015 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout



NSW Governor David Hurley, MP Linda Burney, Country Rugby League (CRL) chairman Choc Anderson, CRL's Alan Wilson and Steve Noyce from Classics Sportswear hold up jerseys donated to the Brewarrina Junior Rugby League Club by Mr Noyce.



Kobi Hookey and Dean Widders Jnr came from Sydney for the carnival.



Kiana Enoch and Larteasha Griffen, from the Take Blaktion sexual health campaign.



Auntie Nola Leslie, Kerry Gander, Stacey Swan, Tyler Lawton and Jessica Jarrett came from Moree to see the Knockout action.



John Kirby, Barbie-Lee Kirby and Michael Mieni at the UTS stand.



Cooking up a storm at the barbecue: from left, Des Hall, Pauly Simpson and Richard Walford, all of Walgett.



Cecileigh Patten and Olivia Patten, from the Redfern All Blacks.



Josh Riley, from Sydney, with National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair candidate Charles Prouse.



Melissa Stubbings and Glendra Stubbs, at the Attorney-General's and Justice Department stall.



Buddy Louie, TJ Silva and young Jacob Beatson came from Gilgandra.

2015 Murri Rugby League Carnival



Sahnayla Gibuma, Zeiai Gibuma, and Nelem Namok at the carnival.



Ron Nomoa, Tommy Tamwoy and Robert 'Bongo' Sagigi enjoy the carnival action.



Serrena and Curtley Walker, of Inala.



Alphie and young Benjiman Hosea, 6, from Badu in the Torres Strait.



Nancy Nona and Rita Kebisu, from Thursday Island.



Keanu Getawan-Levi is all fired up.



Kim Barba (Mackay), Kaitlin Moss (Rockhampton), Kenny Barba (Mackay) and Bo de la Cruz (Darwin) at the carnival.



Catherine Hennessy wears her pride.



The children's rides are particularly popular.



Former champion AFL player Che Cockatoo-Collins with sons Stirling, 9, and Preston, 12.

2015 Murri Rugby League Carnival



Players from the Laurel Fisher United Scorpions are ready to take to the field at the carnival in Redcliffe.



Gate attendants mum and daughter Jamiee Williams and Martha Higgs.



Inala Panthers supporter Callum Duncan knows how to stay sun-safe.

They came from across the state

Cherbourg Elder Vinnie Conlan with former rugby league internationals Colin Scott, left, and Sam Backo.



By ALF WILSON



PLAYERS and supporters from across Queensland converged on Redcliffe in Brisbane last weekend for the QAIHC Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival.

A total of 28 sides were in the Deadly Choices Open men's section, 10 in the AEC women's division and 17 in the UQ and Queensland Government under 15 grade.

The Australian Rugby League-sanctioned carnival, the biggest in the Sunshine State, was an alcohol- and drug-free event.

People from as far away as Boigu Island near Papua New Guinea, other Torres Strait islands, Mount Isa, Cairns, Townsville and Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Cherbourg, Roma and Brisbane came to watch and play.

The football action was of good quality, with talent scouts from several major Queensland clubs viewing the action.

Children were well catered for, with rides and activities, and there were career information stalls and health checks for players.



Gabrielle and young Anton Bani, aged 19 months, from Brisbane.



Mark Dau, Edward Ingui and George Gibuma from Boigu Island (Torres Strait) side Malu Kiwai.



Rita and Hope Gibuma enjoy the atmosphere and all the action at the carnival.

Gooniyandi receives native title funding



THE Federal Government will provide the Gooniyandi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) with almost \$200,000 to assist native title holders maximise the benefits of owning their own land.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said GAC would receive \$194,471 for further economic development on Gooniyandi country in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

"This is the first time funding has been allocated directly for native title holders and follows the Commonwealth's announcement of over \$20 million to support the better use of native title as part of the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia," he said.

Durack MP Melissa Price said she was thrilled for GAC, after she worked hard to ensure GAC received the funding to provide economic opportunities in their area.

"This is a great outcome for GAC and the local Gooniyandi

people," she said. "GAC now have the opportunity to create opportunities for the local Aboriginal people which will have long term benefits.

"GAC has shown great initiative in using its own trust money to build capacity and generate opportunities for economic development in Gooniyandi country, which covers more than 11,000 square kilometres of land from Fitzroy Crossing to Halls Creek.

"GAC's achievements include signing a memorandum of

understanding (MoU) with GoGo Station Pty Ltd to explore the potential for broad-scale irrigated agriculture and employment for up to 400 people.

"Up until now, Commonwealth funding to native title corporations for their core business has been provided through regional native title representative bodies.

"Funding native title corporations like this will ensure native title holders are directly involved in managing their own affairs and is part of this Government's determination to

support local communities pursue their own aspirations for economic development."

GAC vice chair Laurie Shaw said the MoU with GoGo was an exciting development that would generate job opportunities for young people while respecting local Indigenous culture and land.

"It will give people incentives and opportunities to build their own businesses," he said. "I am encouraging a lot of young people to one day own their own machines and do work for Gooniyandi and GoGo."

Joint venture will ensure benefits



TRADITIONAL landowners near Meekatharra in mid-west Western Australia have negotiated an arrangement to help secure the future of their people.

Sandfire Resources has awarded a two-year contract to the Yagahong Alliance, a joint venture between Geraldton-based company Central Earthmoving and the Yugunga-Nya people, to provide site services at Sandfire's DeGrussa mine.

The Yagahong Alliance Agreement has specific commitments to the training and development of Yugunga-Nya people, as well as clear milestones which will enable the Yugunga-Nya to increase their shareholding in the joint venture company as their capacity develops.

Yugunga-Nya Elder Ron Shay, who is a director of Yagahong Alliance, said the joint venture and contract with Sandfire would ensure the Yugunga-Nya People benefited from the mining activities occurring on their traditional lands.

He said it was in line with land use agreements with mining companies in the area, including Sandfire Resources NL, Doray Minerals and Metals X, which require that these companies endeavour to provide employment and business opportunities for Yugunga-Nya People.

Under the agreements, the mining companies also provide a royalty revenue stream to enable the traditional owners to build a portfolio of assets to benefit their people.

"The Sandfire Resources contract has provided another important step in the Yugunga-Nya People's journey in terms of the self-determination of their future, and they look forward to demonstrating their abilities and ambitions to other mining companies," Mr Shay said.

"It has also enabled us to be able to further advance plans to provide housing for our people in Meekatharra with health facilities. This will be the first new housing built in Meekatharra for many years.

"These achievements have been driven by the Yugunga-Nya people from the resources we have generated from negotiated land use agreements and prudent financial management of those resources – there's a lot of pride in that."



Ron Shay has "a lot of pride" in a new agreement to provide employment and royalties for the Yugunga-Nya people.

Palm Island facing fresh water crisis



A NORTH Queensland Aboriginal council says it won't be able to cope if the town's critical water shortage becomes a crisis.

Palm Island's water department believes the community of 2000 people has 180 days until its dams dry up. Mayor Alf Lacey was due to meet with the local disaster management group this week to decide whether it is time to contact the State Government about emergency plans.

He said the council would not be able to implement emergency measures on its own if the situation worsened.

"Shipping in water or taking a lot of people out, the cost ... would outweigh the council's budget," Councillor Lacey said.

Restrictions are now in place on the island and a program has been rolled out to fix leaky taps.

Cr Lacey says only essential visitors should stay in the community while water is low, but there is no reason yet for residents to leave.

Meteorologists expect rainfall to remain below average over coming months due to a large El Nino weather system in the Pacific Ocean.

The Red Cross shipped water to Palm Island a decade ago, amid council fears it had a month's supply left. – AAP

Windfall for title holders



CROWN land in South Australia is open for wind-farming business.

Laws that came into effect last month will enable wind energy developers to apply for 25-year licences to use pastoral lease land, with the option to renew licences for a further quarter century.

Under the legislation, 95% of wind farm licence payments will go to pastoral lease holders and native title holders.

Wind farm licences previously issued by the state had to be subleased under finite crown land leases but the new laws will allow developers to co-exist alongside an existing pastoral lease.

Climate Change Minister Ian Hunter says the Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Amendment Act also improves access to crown land for solar developments. – AAP



Graduates from the Torres Strait Women's Leadership program.

Seven deadly TSI women



SEVEN Torres Strait women have completed a leadership program run by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).

It included two sessions in the Torres Strait and a graduation ceremony in Canberra and aims to achieve higher levels of female representation in local leadership and governance. TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said the organisation recognises that in the Torres Strait women are underrepresented in decision making in all levels of government and in many

Indigenous corporations.

"Women make up 50% of the population in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Region and have always been the backbone of their communities as strong advocates for improvement to a better standard of living, health and education," he said.

"Regardless of these contributions, the existing representation of women on governance committees in the Torres Strait is by far much less than the average for Indigenous organisations across Australia. As a result of this there is a need to do more to get the balance right."

\$4.6 million boost for WA tourism



THE Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council (WAITOC) has signed an agreement with

Tourism WA to deliver the \$4.6 million Aboriginal Tourism Development Program.

WAITOC chair Robert Taylor said the program will be the largest economic development initiative managed by an Aboriginal tourism organisation in Australia.

"The Aboriginal Tourism Development Program will deliver good economic outcomes for the state and, just as importantly, it will provide the social dividend of supporting Aboriginal communities and people to build stronger more sustainable tourism enterprises, many of which keep families

together on country," he said.

The program features two key elements – marketing and business and product development.

The marketing component will generate awareness of WA's Aboriginal tourism experiences and build relationships in global travel-trade distribution channels.

The product development stream will provide up to 15 market-ready and five emerging businesses access to product and business development support. Business coaches will work with each operator to develop an action plan, which will aim to move operators towards export ready status and sustainability.

Mr Taylor said the program would have a particular focus on the Kimberley and the broader South West regions.

"The Kimberley is a leader in

Aboriginal tourism experiences and businesses and we need to ensure that the region continues to deliver on visitor expectations," he said.

"However, there is an urgent need to see growth in the number and type of Aboriginal tourism experiences in the southern regions and towns that receive high volumes of interstate and international visitors."

WA Tourism Minister Kim Hames said the program would deliver a sustainable Aboriginal tourism sector.

"WA has a strong, vibrant Aboriginal tourism industry which is important to the State Government's strategy to raise the profile of regional tourism and increase visitor spend from \$3.8 billion in regional WA last year to \$4.75 billion by 2020," Dr Hames said.

Pika Wiya resolves financial troubles



THE Pika Wiya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation in Port Augusta, South Australia, is no longer under special administration.

The service provides health care to Aboriginal people in the local region and also operates clinics in Davenport, Copley and Nepabunna.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Bevan conducted an examination in December 2014 that found a high level of disputation between the directors, and in February 2015 appointed joint special administrators to resolve the corporation's governance and financial problems.

By working closely with the corporation's members, other local Aboriginal corporations and the Commonwealth and State Government funding agencies, the special administrators have put the corporation back on track. In the financial year to June 30, 2015, Pika Wiya made a small surplus of \$108,000, a significant turnaround from the 2014 loss of \$1,905,000.

Over the course of the special administration, Pika Wiya's day-to-day operations were restructured, a new chief executive officer was appointed, operating costs were reduced and an external accounting firm engaged to provide independent advice.



ACT Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Yvette Berry (4th from the left) with 12 of the 14 trainees taking part in the Inclusion Employment Pathways (IEP) traineeship program.

Trainees welcomed



A GROUP of 14 Indigenous trainees has been welcomed into the public service by ACT Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Affairs Yvette Berry.

The group is the first intake of trainees to the ACT's Inclusion Employment Pathways (IEP).

They have recently completed an orientation program and will now spend 12 months in a diverse range of roles

with the ACT Government, with positions in education, health, environment and planning directorate, justice and community services and with the Chief Minister, treasury and economic development directorate.

After successfully completing the 12 month traineeship, they will have the opportunity to transition into permanent employment with the ACT public service.

"This program is a great way for trainees to get meaningful employment

experience while at the same time undertaking a training program that will give them a Certificate level formal qualification," Ms Berry said.

In 2014-15 the target was set for each ACT Government directorate to at least double employment growth for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and from 2015-16 onwards, all directorates will adopt 10% growth targets as they move towards a permanent 2% representation in the ACT Government workforce.



Participants at the Machado Joseph Disease conference in Cairns.

First MJD conference attracts experts from around the world



THE first international conference on Machado Joseph Disease (MJD), held recently in Cairns, featured experts from around the world.

MJD, a hereditary neuro-degenerative condition that results in damage to the cerebellum, initially causes muscular weakness and

progresses over time to a total lack of voluntary control and very significant, permanent physical disability. There is no known cure.

There are more than 600 Indigenous people at risk of the disease in 12 remote communities in the Northern Territory and Queensland.

Anindilyakwa Land Council (Groote Eylandt) chair and MJDF board

member Tony Wurramarrba said learning from people all over the world is the key to finding hope for future generations.

Mr Wurramarrba said more cases were likely as the foundation extends its work.

A feature of the conference, which had experts from Australia, Portugal, Brazil, Israel, England, Germany and China, was talks between

researchers and those directly affected by the disease.

MJDF board member Jenny Baird lost her husband to MJD and has two children, both of whom have inherited the disease. She said the conference is "a dream come true and offers real hope that a cure will be found".

MJDF chairperson Neil Westbury said the conference highlighted what he said was

the short-sighted and inexplicable decision of Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion to overturn a previously approved and publicly announced \$10 million grant from the Aboriginals Benefit Account to MJDF.

"Those monies were to be invested in perpetuity in order to support the critical work of the MJDF," he said.

Cape York concern over nutrition-related illness



GROWING concern about nutrition-related disease in Cape York communities was a key part of discussion at a recent meeting on food and nutrition issues.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council nutrition team leader Melinda Hammond gave a presentation at the Food and Nutrition: The Gap in Health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People conference in Sydney.

She said while specific nutrition-related health data for Cape York still needs to be collated, there is enough information to raise growing concern about patterns of nutrition-related disease

being observed in remote communities.

"Anaemia among infants, young children and their mothers coexists with growing rates of overweight and obesity," Ms Hammond said.

"Undernutrition is 'hidden' behind apparent overnutrition."

Ms Hammond said the underlying contributing factors are complex, but the cost of living for residents is too high and consequently, unhealthy choices tend to be the easy option for many consumers.

"There is little doubt among Indigenous and non-Indigenous health professionals working in Cape York that food insecurity and the diet of 'poverty' is at play," she said.

Call to cut the cost of treatments



LIFE-SAVING hepatitis C medicines should immediately be made affordable for Australians, health campaigners say.

Twenty-seven organisations are urging Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley to intervene in price negotiations so breakthrough cures are included on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme before the end of the year.

Signatories include Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases.

"These new treatments cure hepatitis C and represent a lifeline for many people," they said in a letter to Ms Ley.

"Yet despite being recommended by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee six months ago, these medicines are still awaiting consideration by the Federal Cabinet."

Releasing the letter, Hepatitis Australia chief executive Helen Tyrrell said that every month about 250 people with the disease develop serious and potentially life-threatening liver disease.

New-generation hepatitis C medicines offer a cure to nine out of 10 people, preventing escalating rates of liver cirrhosis, liver cancer and liver failure.

230,500 treated

In the letter, the organisations say only 1% of the 230,500 Australians with the disease are treated each year.

"Sadly, Australia can no longer regard itself as the lucky country; not when people with hepatitis C are being cured around the globe from the United States and Great Britain to Egypt and India," it said.

"Increasingly, desperate Australians are being forced to travel overseas or take the risky course of importing medicines because these new therapies remain unaffordable in Australia." — AAP

Rheumatic heart disease a worry in the Top End



AUSTRALIAN researchers say Indigenous children in the Northern Territory are up to three times

more likely to suffer rheumatic heart disease than children in other remote areas. Kathryn Roberts, from the Menzies School of Health Research

in Darwin, led a team that examined 32 communities across the Northern Territory's Top End, central Australia, far north Queensland including the Torres Strait, and Western Australia's Kimberley.

They found the prevalence of RHD was high in Indigenous children and comparable to figures from developing countries,

but was even worse in the Top End.

The researchers said poor socio-economic conditions and overcrowded housing were significant risk factors for the disease.

"Extreme disadvantage would provide a plausible explanation for the higher prevalence of RHD in the Top End," the researchers wrote. — AAP

Superheroes spreading the safe-sex message

By ALF WILSON



HEALTH superheroes Condoman and Lubelicious are continuing their mission to spread the message about sexual health to Indigenous communities across Queensland.

They turned up on Saibai Island recently and later at Palm Island during the community's youth festival.

On Palm Island, Condoman was Daniel Geia, of Moa Island descent, while Lubelicious was Aboriginal woman Naioki Castors.

"We want to spread the word about safe sex, and the youths here have listened to us," Mr Geia said.

Difficult topic

Rachel Tipoti, from Palm's Joyce Palmer Health Service, said sexual health was a difficult topic for young people to talk about.

"Condoman and Lubelicious both had charisma and they got the message across," she said.

Condoman was originally created in the late 1980s in a bid to teach Australian teens about the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases.

As part of World AIDS Day 2012, Condoman teamed up with Lubelicious to get the word across.

They appeared in a comic which was produced to raise awareness of safe sex. It used colourful illustrations together with culturally appropriate storylines about the importance of condom use.



Condoman (Daniel Geia) and Lubelicious (Naioki Castors) on Palm Island.

Losers the winners in Knockout Health Challenge



THIS year's NSW Aboriginal Knockout Health Challenge winners have accepted their awards at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League

Knockout gala dinner last week hosted by the Walgett Aboriginal Connection in Dubbo. The weight-loss challenge encourages Aboriginal communities to lose weight and improve their health.

Winners of the Challenge Shield, Nowra's Dead or Deadly team, also snared first place in the Julie Young Challenge, closely followed by Menindee's Nguri Wiithiku team and the Eurobodalla Scale Busters in third place.

NSW Centre for Population Health executive director Dr Jo Mitchell said 38 teams from 28 Aboriginal communities across NSW participated in this year's challenge events, collectively losing more than 2700kg.

"The results are very positive. Participants showed commitment to developing and maintaining healthy lifestyles and successfully reduced their risk of chronic disease as well as their waistlines," she said.

"Dead or Deadly, an all-female side based at the Waminda South Coast Aboriginal Women's Health and Welfare Corporation, put in a particularly amazing effort to top the Challenge overall."

This year's events included two 12-week weight-loss challenges, the George Rose and Julie Young Challenges, as well as the Kyle Saunders fitness video challenge, the Ronny Gibbs 'Above the line' Challenge and Participation Awards.

2015 winners

George Rose Challenge: Eurobodalla Scale Busters (who received a \$20,000 grant for community programs), Healthy, Black & Deadly from Newcastle (\$7500 grant) and Dead or Deadly team from Nowra (\$5000 grant).

Julie Young Challenge: Dead or Deadly from Nowra (\$20,000 grant for community programs), Nguri Wiithiku from Menindee (\$7500 grant) and Eurobodalla Scale Busters (\$5000 grant).

Kyle Saunders Fitness Video Challenge: Wellbeing Warriors (statewide team) won from Murrin Bridge and joint third Team Worrimi and Maitland All Stars (school-based teams from the Hunter).

Ronny Gibbs 'Above the line' Challenge: This event rewards teams which achieved a team weight loss percentage of 3% or more. Thirteen teams succeeded and received funding grants to put back into their community to promote healthy lifestyles. They are Albury Mixed Salad, Bogga Bamba Mirriis, Central Coast Challenge Accepted, Condo Kilo Killers, Deadly Yinarrs (Quirindi), Griffith, Illawarra Titans, Indigi Active (Newcastle), Light as a feather Wagga, Nambucca, Toomelah, Tweed Goorie Go Getters and the Western Sydney Wobblers.

Participation points: Wellbeing Warriors, Bundjalung Burners and Albury Mixed Salad.

Nannas help mums, bubs



A MATERNITY program using Aboriginal grandmothers has led to greatly improved health outcomes for Indigenous mothers and their babies.

The Aboriginal Maternity Group Practice Program (AMGPP) aimed to provide culturally appropriate care. It employed Aboriginal grandmothers, Aboriginal health officers, and midwives who worked with antenatal services in south metropolitan Perth.

Women who attended the program between July 2011 and December 2012 had significantly improved outcomes than pregnant Indigenous

women in two other groups.

The research, published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, said the AMGPP babies were significantly less likely to be born pre-term, to require resuscitation at birth or to have a hospital-stay of more than five days.

Pre-term births are linked to infant mortality, particularly in Aboriginal women, and to chronic disease throughout life.

"Australian Aboriginal women are at greater risk of complications during pregnancy and labour than non-Indigenous Australian women," researchers Dr Christina Bertilone and Dr Suzanne McEvoy said.

The reasons include a higher prevalence of medical, lifestyle and socio-economic risk factors, and lower antenatal care participation rates.

The Aboriginal grandmothers were respected women in the community with good local networks.

They identified pregnant women, assisted with access to services including transport, provided support including being present at appointments if requested, and advised on cultural and health promotion.

The AMGPP could be adapted to similar settings for improved outcomes for mothers and babies, the authors said. — AAP

Students study key themes in NZ and Canada



A GROUP of 19 Indigenous law and humanities students has been visiting universities in New Zealand and Canada

to meet Maori and First Nations students and academics, and study major themes of central importance to indigenous people around the world.

The students, from the University of Adelaide, Flinders University, University of South Australia, La Trobe University and the University of New England, have discussed issues of sovereignty and land rights, legal and political recognition, culture and identity, leadership, activism, and criminal justice.

Led by Associate Professor Alex Reilly and accompanied by an Aboriginal staff member from

the University of Adelaide's Aboriginal education unit Wiltu Yarlur, the aim of the tour is to give students the opportunity to reflect on the significance of their own culture in their lives, and to connect to a global sense of indigenous identity.

Students have shared their experience of being Indigenous on traditional lands and in culturally significant places – in the Waipapa Marae at the University of Auckland and in the Longhouse at the University of British Columbia while participating in a 'Sweat Lodge' event on Vancouver Island, and while being guests on the land of the Musqueam people in Vancouver.

Students are being encouraged to share their ideas for reform with Aboriginal leaders and leaders in government.



Three of the Indigenous university students on the study tour to New Zealand and Canada: from left, Luke Wilson, Arrin Hazelbane and Kylie O'Loughlin.

Funds boost in Qld



QUEENSLAND Minister for Science and Innovation Leanne Enoch has announced two major funding programs to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers.

They are the Advance Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Fellowships and Advance Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander PhD Scholarships.

"This is a momentous occasion in Queensland and the first time the Government has offered full PhD scholarships," Ms Enoch, a Nunukul/Nughi (Qld) woman, said. "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are underrepresented in the research sector and these scholarships will support eligible graduates to obtain a research PhD and build our future capability."

"Practical terms"

"The PhD Scholarship program will provide up to \$120,000 over three years for scholars to undertake an applied PhD research project in collaboration with an industry or end-user organisation which can translate and apply the research in practical terms."

There is also \$240,000 over three years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Fellowships for post-PhD research.

The PhD Scholarships and Research Fellowships are part of the Government's \$180 million Advance Queensland initiative designed to create jobs by expanding Queensland's knowledge economy.

Applications and eligibility criteria are available at www.qld.gov.au/advanceqld

First trainee getting her teeth into liaison role



DENTAL Health Services Victoria (DHSV) has welcomed its first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patient Liaison trainee, Cindy Evans, on a 12-month traineeship. As part of her training, Ms Evans has been working with the diversity and teaching clinic teams to assist Indigenous patients at The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne.

"I joined DHSV as I wanted to do something in health," she said.

"I've been in and out of hospitals myself and I wanted to give something back. The hospital is a wonderful place to work at and I'm really enjoying it."

DHSV chief executive Dr Deborah Cole said the patient liaison traineeship is part of an Aboriginal employment plan to provide more career opportunities and improve access, identification and culturally responsive care for Aboriginal patients.

"In the past financial year we have treated 10.3% more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples statewide than the previous year," she said. "We are not only recommitted to closing the gap in Indigenous health but also providing opportunities for greater involvement through employment."

Ms Evans' appointment follows DHSV's Indigenous Dental Assistant Traineeship Program, with two graduates being the first Indigenous students to be accepted in La Trobe University's dentistry program.

"We want to create a culturally inclusive team that can meet the needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Dr Cole said.

"More and more Aboriginal Victorians are accessing care in our public dental clinics and we want to make sure we can provide dental access to even more in the community."

● Pictured: Trainee Cindy Evans.

Health issues book delivers award



A BOOK written by Indigenous midwives, nurses and health professionals has been awarded the 2015 Tertiary (Wholly Australian) Teaching and Learning Resource Award at the Educational Publishing Awards. The book, *Yatdjuligin*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nursing & Midwifery Care, addresses Indigenous health issues, but is written for all Australian nursing and midwifery students.

The award was accepted by editors Professor Bronwyn Fredericks, of CQ University, and Dr Odette Best, of QUT. They said nurses, midwives

and other health professionals need to understand the issues facing Indigenous people before they can begin to provide appropriate and respectful health services for their Indigenous clients.

"We were conscious of a clear gap in the nursing education literature: a lack of legitimate, current information

that addresses the needs of nurses and midwives who work with and care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Prof Fredericks said.

They said the award was a credit to the contributors, who are all Indigenous people and who collectively have more than 100 years of clinical practice.

The authors, who have a diversity of experience, include Mick Adams, Dr Best, Ali Drummond, Prof Fredericks, Lynore Geia, Deanne Hellsten, Mabelle Kosiak, Ray Lovett, Nicole Ramsamy, Juanita Sherwood and Raelene Ward.

● Pictured: Dr Odette Best, Aunty Ivy Molly Booth and Prof Bronwyn Fredericks.

Strategy to be extended



THE Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) will be extended for another three

years. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said getting children to school is one of the Government's highest priorities.

"RSAS started in 2014 after many years of no overall improvement in Indigenous school attendance," he said.

"Regular school attendance is necessary for children to gain a decent education which can open up employment and higher education opportunities later in life."

Senator Scullion said \$80 million would be made available for the RSAS from the Indigenous Advancement



Minister Nigel Scullion

Strategy. "The RSAS is operating in 73 schools across 69 remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory, Queensland, NSW, South Australia and Western Australia and school attendance numbers have improved since

the strategy was introduced in 2014," he said.

Senator Scullion said the average attendance rate at NT government RSAS schools increased by 4% in the year from term four, 2013. The increase was 5% in comparable state schools in Queensland.

He said more than 500 Indigenous people are working on the RSAS in remote communities.

"In addition, a significant number of RSAS workers have obtained skills while working on the strategy that have enabled them to move on to other jobs," he said.

"By building on the lessons learned from the first two years of operation, RSAS staff will be better able to target their efforts to further improve school attendance rates."

Inquiry to look at opportunities



FEDERAL Member for Leichhardt (far north Queensland) Warren Entsch has welcomed an inquiry into the educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The inquiry, by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs, aims to identify the best opportunities and ways for Indigenous students to succeed in school.

"Living in a regional or remote area shouldn't prevent our kids from reaching their full potential," Mr Entsch said.

"This inquiry will identify the strategies and educational models that have been most successful in helping ATSI students as they progress from pre-school to further and higher education."

Mr Entsch said the committee is calling for submissions to the inquiry to guide a report on key

aspects of educational opportunities, and outcomes for students.

"We want to hear from educators, specialists, local residential and boarding schools, member of the community and the students themselves," he said. "This is about finding out what works when it comes to helping our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to realise their life goals and become financially independent."

The inquiry will cover a range of areas including comparing different school models and educational services, analysing the engagement and achievement of students in remote areas, and looking at best practice at a domestic and international level.

Submissions are open until Friday, October 30.

For more information and to make a submission, go to www.aph.gov.au/indigenous affairs or call (02) 6277 4559.

Richard Walley portrait unveiled

Richard Walley stands in front of his portrait by Julie Dowling.



A NEW portrait of Indigenous advocate, writer, artist and performer Richard Walley has been unveiled at the National Portrait Gallery in Perth. The portrait was painted by

celebrated Indigenous artist Julie Dowling and commissioned by the Gallery Foundation.

Director Angus Trumble said he was honoured to unveil what he said was a significant addition

to the collection in Perth.

"As two leading Indigenous figures from Western Australia (Walley and Dowling), it is wonderful to launch the portrait in their home state," he said.

Dr Walley, a Nyoongar man, is one of Australia's leading Aboriginal performers, musicians and writers, and has long been a campaigner for many Indigenous causes.

At home: Badger Bates

In writing any article about Badger Bates it would be easy to be distracted by his other-than-art activities.

An Elder of the Paakantji group, he's been an active land rights campaigner for Mutawintji National Park, an activist for the protection of significant sites against mining and agricultural degradation, an advocate for the children of Wilcannia, and long-time heritage officer with the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

But to look at these activities outside his lifelong artistic endeavours would be to see only half the story. Likewise, to regard Bates as simply an artist and master carver – albeit one with work in collections in major institutions like the Art Gallery of NSW, the Australian Museum, and the Broken Hill Regional Gallery – would also give an

incomplete impression of the man.

Like many Aboriginal artists, Badger Bates has played many roles in his community.

Growing up in a hut on the banks of the Darling River, Bates' maternal grandmother taught him to carve and make wooden objects using traditional methods. Granny Moisey kept him out of the clutches of the "welfare people", lest he be sent to the missions, by sending him to relatives in Queensland and anointing him with emu oil and setting him in the sun to darken; a strategy to counter the practice for taking light-skinned Aboriginal children.

So it's with deep love and affection for his grandmother that Bates "channels" her and her people into his art.

Bates quickly mastered the art of printmaking, successfully transferring the traditional methods of carving he practised

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as a child into new materials. Working in wood and lino, relief printing afforded him the quality of line reminiscent of traditional carving.

According to *Design & Art Australia Online*, Bates said in 2006: "The wavy lines show the movement of the water, bringing it alive. These lines are what my grandmother used to carve on boomerangs. The lines take you

right back to the billabong, like in a dream."

Along with depictions of ripples of tide and river currents, Bates' prints characterise the habits and nuances of the wildlife which abounded in his country and the Darling River. A keen observer of nature, he exploits the minutiae of this knowledge in his carving, evident in the eight carved emu eggs at the Australian Museum and in *Turru Yarilana (Snakes Mating) in Menagerie: Contemporary Indigenous Sculpture* commissioned by Object, Australian Design Centre.

Able to turn his hand to most art making, Bates also works in stone, metal and found objects. *Nhatji (Rainbow Serpent)*, a large carved boulder of Wilcannia sandstone granite, is featured in the Living Desert Sculpture Trail, a flora and fauna sanctuary just out

of Broken Hill in the Barrier Ranges.

Badger Bates lived in nearby Broken Hill for much of his working life, a town with a diverse mix of cultures – Afghans, Chinese, Scots, and Irish – who had, from the 1880s, variously moved inland to support the fledgling mining town.

This multi-ethnic community has influenced Bates' political view.

"My father was white and my mother was black, that's why I don't care about the politics," he said. "We're all Australians. We've got to accept each other."

From a man who has served his community in many different ways, not only is this belief carved deeply into *The Reconciliation Stone* in Kinchega National Park, but it also summarises Badger Bates' life's ambition and attitudes.

Myer Fellowship for leading author



WAANYI (Gulf of Carpentaria) author Alexis Wright has received a Sidney Myer Creative Fellowship. It is awarded to artists

who demonstrate "outstanding talent and exceptional professional courage" and comes with an unrestricted grant of \$160,000 over two years.

Ms Wright is best known for her novel *Carpentaria*, which won the Miles Franklin and other literary awards in 2007. Her most recent work is *The Swan Book*, a novel set

in a future dominated by climate change and the continued surveillance of Aboriginal people in Australia's north.

"My style of writing takes a lot of thought and time to develop the ideas, and receiving this award will make a huge difference to the time I can now devote to my work," Ms Wright said.

New novel

"I am currently completing an Australian Research Council grant investigating Aboriginal storytelling and also a new novel.

"This fellowship will give me the space to concentrate on new ideas, to create work that will further challenge the very best of my ability."

Ms Wright is also a distinguished research fellow at Western Sydney University's (WSU) Writing and Society Research Centre. WSU professor Ivor Indyk said, "It is hard to think of another Australian writer who has the imaginative power and range of Alexis Wright. *The Swan Book*, like *Carpentaria*, is a tour de force. Her novels have brought Indigenous writing to the forefront of Australian literature."



Award-winning writer Alexis Wright has been awarded a valuable Sidney Myer Creative Fellowship.



Samson Jackson, Dallas Smythe and their son Kieran with Dallas' winning work *My Country*, 2014. ©Tjanpi Desert Weavers, NPY Women's Council.

Smythe wins \$30,000 prize



DALLAS Smythe, from Warakurna community in Western Australia, has been awarded the \$30,000 prize for most

outstanding work in the Hedland Art Awards at the Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery. Her winning piece, *My Country*, is a 2m-long Ngintaka (perentie lizard) made from wild native grasses, raffia, string and wool.

"In my country, the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, there are different types of goanna; tirnka, (sand goanna) ngirtaka (perentie goanna) and mulurmaru (black goanna)," Ms Smythe said.

"I have been hunting the

ngirtaka for a long time. I learnt from my grandmother, and, when we go out bush, my husband teaches my son.

"We look for the tracks of goanna hand print and the marks left from the movement of the goanna tail in the sand.

"Not far from my sister's birth place at Giles Creek, there is a waterhole where the ngirtaka tells a story of how he turned into a water snake.

"Connected"

"This story has been passed down from generation to generation and keeps me connected to my country."

Ms Smythe was born at Wiluna, grew up in Warburton and now lives in Warakurna in

the Central Desert region of WA. She is a member of the Tjanpi Desert Weavers.

Tjanpi (meaning 'grass') began as a series of basket-weaving workshops held on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands in 1995. Women wanted employment opportunities in their homelands, and to be able to provide for their families. New-found weaving skills were shared with relations on neighbouring communities, and this way of weaving spread.

Today, more than 400 women are making baskets and sculptures out of grass and other materials, and working with fibre in this way is now firmly embedded in Western and Central Desert culture.

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This award recognises an inspirational young artist aged 18 to 26 years, and supports the opportunity for them to create a major body of work through mentoring and partnership, either nationally or internationally.

Australia Council for the Arts supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, arts organisations and communities.

Nominations close: Thursday 12 November, 2015.

MORE INFORMATION

Web: www.australiacouncil.gov.au/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-arts
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Email: keepingculturestrong@australiacouncil.gov.au





Off Country, by Jessica Birk, which will be on show at Boomalli.

Women's art will feature at Boomalli



BOOMALLI Aboriginal artists cooperative will hold a women's collective exhibition, opening on October 10.

Artists to feature include Shirley Amos, Bronwyn Bancroft, Leonie Binge, Jessica Birk, Euphemia Bostock, Tracey L Bostock, Charmaine Davis, Joy Duncan, Danielle Gorogo, Kim Healey, May Hinch, Leeanne Hunter, Deborah Taylor and Carmel Richardson.

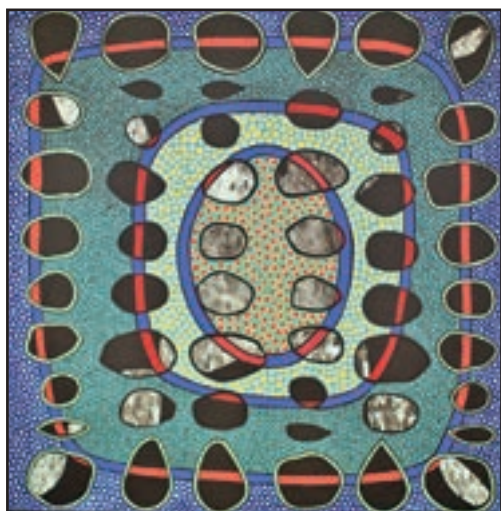
Ms Birk said the exhibition title, *Belonging Now, Personified Landscapes*, resonated with all the artists.

"Knowing your country intimately is an integral part of being Aboriginal," she said. "Many of us grew up being taught its stories, its language and its true history."

The exhibition will run at Boomalli, in Leichhardt, Sydney until November 22.



Birds of a Feather print series, by Kim Healey, which will feature at Boomalli.



Time Travellers 1, by Bronwyn Bancroft.

25 years for Desert Mob



TO celebrate the 25th anniversary of Desert Mob, more than 400 guests were treated to a

special Dancesite event with singers and dancers from across central Australia coming together to celebrate the quarter-century landmark.

Desert Mob, a leading arts and cultural event at the Araluen Cultural Precinct (Alice Springs), features an annual exhibition of recent artworks from Aboriginal art centres in central Australia, a market place of artworks and a symposium led by artists from the region that explores concepts and ideas around art creation.

This year there were more visitors across all events.

● **Pictured: The Arrente Dancers from Alice Springs at Dancesite, as part of Desert Mob.** Picture: Lisa Hatzimihail

Pilbara artists show colours



ABOUT 30 Pilbara Aboriginal artists came together to showcase their work in one of Australia's most significant annual

surveys of Indigenous art from the Pilbara region.

The *Colours of our Country* exhibition, which has been held in Perth during the past 10 years, has generated almost \$1.75 million for the artists, the art groups and their communities, with the sale of more than 1900 pieces.

The latest exhibition featured more than 260 works from Roebourne Art Group, Yinjaa-Barni Art and other independent artists from Roebourne, Pannawonica and Tom Price.

Collection

Rio Tinto chief executive Andrew Harding presented an artwork from the 2015 exhibition as a gift to the Art Gallery of WA's (AGWA) State Art Collection.

This year, the exhibition featured a retrospective showcase of the 16 artworks Rio Tinto has gifted to the AGWA State Art Collection between 2006 and 2014.

This year's signature piece was a painting by Roebourne-based artist Jill Churnside titled *Hope*. "Jill Churnside's beautiful painting articulates our wish for a bright future together – one of respect, inclusion and recognition," Mr Harding said.



Artist-in-residence Clifton Mack working at Yinjaa-Barni Art in Roebourne, WA.

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 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 January 10: *Riverland* exhibition. As part of the Tarnanthia Festival, this is a survey exhibition of Ngarrindjeri weaver Yvonne Koolmatrie. Held at Gallery of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide, from 10am-5pm daily. Free entry. Details: (08) 8207 7000 or visit www.artgallery.sa.gov.au

October 8-18: Tarnanthia Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art. A series of exhibitions covering 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.

Ongoing: Are you interested in learning your local Aboriginal language? Courses are being held for the Grafton, Maclean,

Chief to speak at Alice forum



Chief Robert Louie



A respected Canadian chief is the keynote speaker at the 7th Indigenous

Economic Development Forum in Alice Springs in just over a week.

Chief Robert Louie, the head of the Westbank First Nation in British Columbia, Canada, is an Okanagan business owner/operator and a lawyer.

He has served as chairman of the First Nations Lands Advisory Board and was elected a task group member of the First Nations Summit, where he served two terms and became involved with treaty negotiations representing the chiefs of British Columbia.

The forum, held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre from October 18-20, is one of the largest Indigenous-economic-development-focused event of its kind in Australia.

This year's theme is 'developing the north', and organisers expect 300 delegates to attend.

For registrations and more information visit www.ied.nt.gov.au

Lismore, Casino, Kingscliff, Ballina, Coffs Harbour, Macksville, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Taree and Forster regions. Register interest at nctafe.aboriginallearningcircle.com

Ongoing: Tracks to the Highway - Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations (Expression of Interest). A fulltime 10-12 week course. Learning skills of what is involved in starting a career in civil construction. Priority areas include Lismore, Ballina, Wardell, Cabbage Tree Island, Box Ridge, Tabluma, Casino, Grafton, Mackean, Yamba, Malabugilmah, Baryulgil, Coffs Harbour, Yarrowarra and Corindi. Details: Simone Nelson, Aboriginal Learning Circle, North Coast TAFE on 0417 190 954.

Until October 21: Nominations for ACT NOW III

Gathering. The focus is young people preparing for changes to Disability Services and the NDIS. There are a number places for people to attend a three-day gathering. Held at Aanuka Resort, Coffs Harbour. Details: Lesley Goldsworthy on 0409 218 140 or email Lesley.Goldsworthy@lifestylesolutions.org.au

October 7: Casino autism support group. Monthly support group for carers of people with autism. Held at Casino Neighbourhood Centre, 138 Canterbury St, Casino on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am-12pm. Details: (02) 6662 2898 or email info@casinonc.org.au

October 8: Sista Speaks Moree fundraiser. A fundraiser for the Sista Speaks annual excursion, featuring special guest Sean Chooburra. Held at

Multi Purpose Centre, Moree Secondary College, AES, Miyay Birray, Pius X from 6.30pm. Cost: refer to event organisers. Details: Crystal Duncan on 0417 272 173.

October 9: Cert IV Community Services (expression of Interest). Are you an Aboriginal person interested in getting qualified in community services work?

Details: Leanne Holmes on 0409 074 401 or email leanne.holmes6@tafensw.edu.au

October 10-November 22: *Belonging Now, Personified Landscapes* exhibition. Featuring works by the Aboriginal Women's Artist Collective. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, leichhardt from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Cost: Free Gallery entry. Details: 902) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

October 19-30 and November 16-27: Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways (expression of interest). An opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to participate, delivered in residential blocks and based in Sydney. Details: (02) 9825 7333 or email swsi.aboriginalunit@det.nsw.edu.au or visit <http://education.aboriginallearningcircle.com/register>

October 24 -November 21: SMA NSW Taping Workshop. For Indigenous participants only. Teaching the latest in taping techniques for strapping ankles, thumbs, fingers and elbows. Held at locations including Port Macquarie, Casino, Lismore, Kempsey, Ballina, Tweed Heads, Macksville, Coffs Harbour and Grafton. Cost: \$20 a person. Details: Mitchell Jaris
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on (02) 8736 1200 or email mitchell.jarvis@sma.org.au or visit sma.org.au/course-registration

November 2015-October 2016: Diploma in Aboriginal studies for Professional and Community Practice (expression of interest). Details: nctafe.aboriginallearningcircle.comn

Queensland

Until October 28: *Freshwater Saltwater: Celebrating UMI Arts' 10th anniversary.*

The exhibition is an annual curated display by UMI Arts members. The theme 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

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 men's and under 18 teams welcome, \$1500 nomination fee (non-refundable \$200 deposit), 13-a-side, 25-minute halves, no time extension. Limited spaces. Details: Jason Joinbee on 0466 780 928

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

October 15: The Wirrpanda Foundation 10th anniversary gala dinner.

A fundraiser featuring a performance by special guest Archie Roach. Held at Fraser's State Reception Centre, Kings Centre, Perth from 6pm. Details: Matilda Cunningham on (08) 9242 6714.

Northern Territory

Until October 23: *Warlpiri Drawings: Remembering the Future* travelling exhibition. Tells the story of a collection of Indigenous artworks created by Warlpiri people in the Northern Territory in the 1950s and later. Held at Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Building Orange 12, Casuarina Campus, Darwin from Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8946 6621.

October 13-November 27: Sista Sounds Workshops Hit the Road. MusicNT's annual program of music workshops for Indigenous women and girls in remote communities across Central Australia. Held at various locations including Fregon, Mutitjulu,

Santa Teresa, Kiwirrkurra, Papunya and Elliott. Details: (08) 8981 1995 or email sistasounds@musicnt.com.au or visit www.musicnt.com.au

Victoria

Until October 12: Entries wanted for *The Koorie Show 2015*, an annual event showcasing the diverse talent of Victoria's Aboriginal and Torres Strait artists in one inclusive space. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or email exhibitions@korieheritagetrust.com

October 16: The Long Walk, 11th Women's Luncheon. Celebrate in Melbourne with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, featuring 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

Exhibition is on Wiradjuri land

AUSTRALIA'S newest major contemporary art museum, MAMA – Murray Art Museum Albury – in the Murray River region of Wiradjuri country, has officially opened with *Wiradjuri Ngurambanggu (On Wiradjuri Country)*.

Curated by MAMA's Bianca Acimovic and presented in the museum gallery spaces, the exhibition explores themes of place and country and features the work of five leading contemporary Indigenous artists who claim Wiradjuri heritage. It continues until December 6.

The exhibiting artists are:

● Jonathan Jones, the Sydney-based artist and former Art Gallery of NSW curator, who works across a variety of media but is best known for his site-specific neon light sculptural installations;

● Brook Andrew, the Melbourne-based mixed media visual and performance artist known for his often confronting and challenging work exploring local and global issues about race, consumerism and history;

● Lorraine Connelly-Northey, from north-west Victoria, who uses her knowledge of traditional Indigenous weaving and other crafts to reinvent and rejuvenate discarded materials into artworks resonant of her Aboriginal heritage;

Johnathon Jones, one of the five exhibiting artists for *Wiradjuri Ngurambanggu (On Wiradjuri Country)*.



● Karla Dickens, the acclaimed Lismore-based artist whose colourful, finely detailed paintings and mixed media objects offer new perspectives on the things that inspire her – politics, sexuality,

love and the environment; and

● Nicole Foreshe, the Sydney-based artist and winner in 2014 of the Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize and NSW Aboriginal Arts

Fellowship. She works across a range of media in her explorations of connection to country, including photomedia, video, sculpture and film.

More details at www.mamalburlay.com.au



Work horse II, by Karla Dickens.



Under the Act, by Karla Dickens.



Untitled (sponge), by Jonathan Jones.

Crown has new jewels



CROWN Resorts has signed off on an agreement with the Australian Government to employ an additional 400 Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people over the next four years.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said that, under the Employment Parity Initiative, the Government would support Crown to employ more Indigenous Australians.

"The jobs will be located across Crown's business portfolios in Melbourne and Perth in food and beverage, table games, hotel and support services," he said.

"The organisation has a strong track record in employee retention and providing life changing opportunities to disadvantaged jobseekers.

"The Employment Parity Initiative will harness the goodwill of Crown Resorts and encourage the organisation to develop new and innovative recruitment and retention practices."

Crown Resorts chief executive Rowen Craigie said he and his organisation were proud to be a part of this important initiative.

"The success of our program comes from a sustained focus on building respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Islander communities and our employees," he said.



Crown Perth Staff with Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion at the announcement of their Employment Parity Initiative.

Trainee lands her dream job



SHANI Blyth may have landed her dream job, protecting native animals. Her 'office' is the vast landscape of Victoria's Phillip Island.

After recently completing an AFL SportsReady traineeship at Phillip Island Nature Parks, Ms Blyth was asked to stay on, with a three-year contract as an Environment Ranger.

"The whole traineeship has been an incredible opportunity but to be offered a semi-permanent role has been my greatest achievement to date," she said. "I love working in the outdoors and giving back to our

beautiful environment."

Ms Blyth embarked on her AFL SportsReady journey in 2010 when she pursued a school-based Indigenous traineeship at the ANZ bank.

"I completed two traineeships, my first one was with ANZ, which made me see that I wasn't made to work in an office and that my real passion was working in nature and the outdoors.

"Working at Phillip Island Nature Parks made me realise that I am set for an outdoors career. The hands-on wild life experience is where I see my future," she said.

While completing her traineeship, Ms Blyth studied a Certificate III in Conservation and

Land Management, which was a huge benefit to her.

"I was able to really learn and understand about my role and the Australian environment. Now I have a greater understanding of Victoria's ecosystems and the wildlife native to our land."

For Ms Blyth, connecting with local wildlife in their natural habitat and completing a penguin handling course have been a highlight of her career to date.

"Working with wildlife has been awesome," she said.

"The penguin handling was unbelievable. I wasn't allowed to wear gloves and it took me around 10 minutes to build up the courage to pick the penguin up, but once I did, it was fine."

Shani Blyth and her supervisor Jarvis Weston.



It's your guide to employment

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Employment Status: Ongoing full time employment

Location: Sydney CBD

Essential Requirements

As the successful candidate, you will demonstrate

- Understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal history, heritage issues and Indigenous studies in addition to knowledge of current issues in the environment. An interest in the natural sciences is desirable.
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The role description along with a guide on applying for roles within the NSW public sector is available on the full advertisement on Jobs NSW.

How to apply:

Please apply by going to the full advertisement on jobs.nsw.gov.au and search



either using the keywords "Indigenous Education Project Officer" or job reference number "00003XKN"

Enquiries: Fara Pelarek, 02 9320 6165 or email Fara.Pelarek@austmus.gov.au

Closing date: 2 November 2015

The Australian Museum welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultural backgrounds and people with disability. Please indicate if you have any accessibility requirements in your application or speak with the contact person should you be called for an interview. We provide reasonable adjustment for people with a disability during the recruitment process and on employment.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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***Total Salary: \$104,678 - \$112,459**

To facilitate the delivery of acute care within Danila Dilba Health Services, by providing high quality, comprehensive and culturally appropriate clinical care to identified patients with the aim of achieving an increase access for health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

(* Total salary includes leave loading and superannuation)

Applications Close: **COB (5.00 p.m.) 12th Oct 2015**

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

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This is an Aboriginal Identified position, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Danila Dilba Health Service is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation that provides comprehensive, high-quality primary health care and community services to Biluru (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people in Yilli Rreung (greater Darwin) region.

Details: daniladilba.org.au



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Local Health District

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BUNJILWARRA – PROGRAM MANAGER

Bunjilwarra (Koori Youth Alcohol & Drug Healing Service) is a 12 bed youth residential Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) treatment program located in Hastings on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula that acknowledges the importance of culture and (re)connection to culture/community by ensuring the Aboriginal meaning of healing is the foundation of the program. Bunjilwarra is a partnership between the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) and the Youth Support + Advocacy Service (YSAS).

The role will provide operational management for a 24/7 residential rehabilitation program for Aboriginal youth from the ages of 12 to 25 years old. The role will also provide leadership in the provision of quality services to young people within defined Practice Framework and organizational values of Bunjilwarra

The successful applicant will have demonstrated experience in managing and leading a mixed gender residential rehabilitation service for adolescents with problematic substance abuse and an understanding of issues associated with Alcohol and Drugs and their effects on the Aboriginal Community

They must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (provided for by Section 12 of The Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 2010)

For a copy of the above Position Descriptions please visit the Bunjilwarra website www.bunjilwarra.org.au

To support your application you must provide us a covering letter addressing the Key Selection Criteria and a current Resume.

Please note: To be a successful candidate you must meet the position requirements as well as undergo a National Victorian Police Check, hold a valid Working With Children Check prior your appointment and complete a Safety Screening Statutory Declaration.

Applications close 21st October 2015 and should be addressed to: info@bunjilwarra.org.au.

For further information please contact Ray Thomas at Bunjilwarra on 03 5979 2011 or Merindah Brown at VAHS on 03 9419 3000.

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The roles available are Aboriginal Identified positions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information about the roles or to apply online, please go to www.careers.vic.gov.au



THE JUNCTION NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC (JNC)



COMMUNITYCAPACITY BUILDING COORDINATOR (Indigenous Communities)

We are looking for an energetic, dynamic and creative Community Capacity Building Coordinator with demonstrated experience working with Indigenous communities, to work collaboratively in a team environment in our Community Strengthening Partnerships project. The focus of the role is to work with Indigenous communities in Maroubra, Malabar, Matraville and surrounding areas, to link people in to support services and social networks in their local communities. The work will focus on facilitation of access to current, relevant and meaningful information and relevant services, and on encouraging participation in groups. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

This is a maximum term contract to 30 June 2017, part time (21 hours/week) position primarily based at Maroubra. This position will be at SCHADS Level 4 (transitioned from SACS Gd 4) with attractive above award conditions.

Applications must be received by
5pm on Monday 19th October 2015.

Please see our website for full Job Description including essential criteria and submission details: <http://jnc.org.au/working-with-us/staff-vacancies/>



Administration Officer

Gumurrii Student Support Unit

Salary range: \$48,735 - \$54,192 per annum

Fixed term (12 months), full time position based at the Gold Coast campus

This is an identified position and the occupant **must be** of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent under section 25 and 105 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.

Closes: 13 October 2015

Reference: 502560



When applying:

Go to griffith.edu.au/jobs for further information on the position and selection criteria, or phone (07) 3735 4011 if you do not have internet access.

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Education

Project Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8

Temporary full-time role up to 26 August 2016

Position number and location: Broken Hill (178636)

Total remuneration package valued to: \$107,997 p.a. (salary \$88,015 to \$97,426 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

We are seeking a highly experienced Aboriginal Project Officer to work across Government agencies in facilitating partnerships that address Aboriginal Affairs priorities, and broker solutions to issues requiring cross agency collaboration with and for Aboriginal communities.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume in a maximum of 5 pages, which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Applicants must address their suitability to the following pre-screening questions.

1. Describe a project that you have managed, including its aims, resources, stakeholder expectations, challenges encountered, and how you managed each of those elements including any variations that arose during the project. **300 word maximum.**
2. This position requires sound analytical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with both staff and a wide range of stakeholders. Please describe your experience in these areas, particularly working in partnership with Aboriginal community organisations, emphasising aspects of your past experience and your capabilities that equip you to meet the demands of this position. **300 word maximum**

Essential requirements:

Aboriginality
Current driver's licence
Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people

Enquiries: Julie Blackhall, (02) 5852 1063

To **apply online** please visit JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 178636

Closing Date: 21 October 2015

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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It is a requirement of this position that the candidate identify and be accepted by the Aboriginal Community as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

The Opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity for a **Senior Partnerships Officer** in our **Stakeholder and Community Engagement team** in the Centre for Road Safety within Transport for NSW.

This position plays a key role in maintaining and building strong relationships with stakeholders and ensuring road safety principles are informed and are contained within the programs, policies and initiatives of stakeholders. The Senior Partnerships Officer will report to the Partnerships Manager within the Stakeholder and Community Engagement Section.

We are looking for a Partnerships Officer who has strong consultation, negotiating and influencing skills, and has demonstrated success in building relationships with external stakeholders and colleagues. To be successful in this role you will have experience in a complex public sector policy environment.

Reporting to the Partnerships Manager, Stakeholder and Community Engagement you will represent the Branch and Section on committees, working parties and related forums and advocate the position of the Department and Section in line with strategic and business plans.

Critical to success in this role will be the ability to develop, lead and manage relationships with key external stakeholders, organisations and Government Agencies. The Senior Partnerships Officer will be responsible for promoting and informing the Safe Systems approach to road safety, acting as a representative for Transport for NSW in promoting the Agencies' commitment to the use of road safety policy and strategies to achieve road safety outcomes.

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Benefits

At Transport we offer employees interesting, challenging and rewarding work with opportunities for career progression, learning and development and flexibility.

How to Apply

To apply for this position or for more information please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search Reference Number **00003V87**

For any enquiries, please contact **John Roberts** on **(02) 8574 3612** and quote **00003V87**

Please note: The successful candidate will need to undertake background checks and criminal record checks.

Transport for NSW

Closing date: 11.59pm Sunday, 18 October, 2015

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**MALABAM HEALTH BOARD
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
MANINGRIDA, NT**



MANAGER Social and Emotional Wellbeing

The Malabam Health Board is seeking the services of an experienced person to provide leadership to staff of our Social and Emotional Wellbeing program. The successful applicant for this position will need to be highly motivated and have appropriate qualifications and experience with managing programs within the SEWB area, preferably within an Aboriginal community context which will enable them to enhance and build on current program deliverables and outcomes.

Key responsibilities in this role will include: program coordination and service delivery; clinical liaison; case management; assessment and referral of clients; monitoring budget allocation/expenditure; maintaining of policy/procedures; reporting against key performance indicators; staff professional development; continuous quality improvement and risk assessment.

The package on offer includes: generous salary sacrifice options; six weeks annual leave; accommodation / minimal rent; subsidised electricity and water; four annual return flights Maningrida/ Darwin; assistance with relocation / repatriation expenses.

For information about the position contact: Ray Matthews, Chief Executive Officer, on 08 8979 5772; 0458 057 194 (mobile) or email: ray.matthews@malabam.com.au

Applications close: Friday 16th October, 2015



Galambila currently has three (3) positions vacant including:

- **Aboriginal Health Worker - Entry Level (Identified Position)**
- **Aboriginal Health Worker - Outreach Worker (Identified Position)**
- **Cleaner and Maintenance Support – (Identified Position)**

Applicants must obtain a copy of the application package and address the essential criteria contained within it.

Copies of the packages are available from our website
www.galambila.org

Contact: Carroll Towney on (02) 6652 0850 or via email
admin@galambila.org.au

These positions are designated Aboriginal positions under section 14 of the NSW Anti-discrimination Act.

Applications close on Monday 19 October 2015.



Justice

Senior Aboriginal Client and Community Support Officer, Aboriginal Services

- Ongoing – Full-Time
- Mount Druitt
- Clerk Grade 5/6, Salary (\$77,448 – \$85,455), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Coordinate and assist in the implementation of state-wide and regional programs, projects and initiatives tailored for Aboriginal clients and Communities.

Taleo reference 00003XJF

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 19 October, 2015 (11.59pm)

Contact: Nicole Smith and phone: 0455 327 743
nicole_smith@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Department of Justice & Regulation

Senior Koori Employment Adviser



- **Great opportunity to join a supportive team and Koori network**
- **Salary range \$86,493 - \$104,650 plus superannuation**
- **Ongoing, full time position based in Melbourne CBD**

The Koori Employment Team, within the Department of Justice and Regulation, is responsible for driving the department's commitment to the attraction and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Koori) employees.

As a Senior Koori Employment Adviser, you will be responsible for leading Koori employment and development programs across the department, and will be crucial in driving the attraction and retention strategy for Koori employees.

You will provide advice and expertise on the department's commitment to increasing the Koori workforce and contribute to projects to ensure that the goals of the department's Koori Employment Strategy are met.

As the successful candidate, you will have;

- demonstrated practical experience and understanding of the Victorian Koori Community, both society and culture and the issues impacting on it
- proven ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori community
- sound recruitment experience to effectively attract and retain Koori staff.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au before 25 October 2015.

This is an Aboriginal Identified position, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Support Workers

**Location: Hunter, NSW
Employment Status: Full Time**

As a Support Worker you will deliver quality support to people with complex health needs to reach their personal goals. You'll need to be adept at thinking on your feet, using your innovation and flexibility to get the job done.

To be successful you will have:

- A passion to help people from a range of backgrounds;
- Experience with managing challenging behaviours;
- Hands on work experience with people living with a range of disabilities;
- Experience working within a team in the community services sector;
- Qualifications in disability or related field will be highly regarded;
- A 'can do' attitude and a professional person centred approach to working as part of a team.

If you are interested in the position visit our New Horizons Careers Website <http://newhorizons.org.au/careers/> to complete the online application.

**Applications close:
COB Wednesday 14th October 2015.**



Re-Advertised Position CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the role of Chief Executive Officer.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the Position Description and Selection Criteria. These are available on request by email at birpailc@midcoast.com.au or by phone on 02 6584 9066.

Applicants must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

- Note: 1) Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply
2) Previous applicants need not re-apply**

Applications can be forwarded to
birpailc@midcoast.com.au
or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

**The Chairperson
Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 876, PORT MACQUARIE 2444**

Applications close Friday 16th October 2015.



Customer Solutions Specialist New Commonwealth Program for Carers

Multiple Permanent Positions

**Full Time (38 hours per week) and Part -Time (30 hours)
Start Date 26th October 2015**

The Role:

We are currently recruiting for a new Commonwealth program to establish a contact centre service designed to look after the needs of carers, based on the Gold Coast, Queensland. The service will provide a central place for carers to go for information, support and referral to services and will comprise of a national telephone contact centre and a website with carer-specific information and a service finder.

At Stellar we are an award winning global contact centre business and we are seeking people to join our business who are aligned to our mission statement 'Passionate about People....Passionate about Customers'.

What we can offer you:

- A flexible, diverse and supportive working environment.
- A culture built on the values of Respect, Integrity, Innovation, Fun and Transparency.
- A competitive remuneration package and potential to receive a monthly incentive
- Comprehensive paid training.

What we need from you in this role:

- Be able to demonstrate a good understanding of how to deal with groups or individuals with special needs including, but not limited to, Aboriginal or Torres Strait

Islander people, older people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

- The ability to complete and successfully pass a National Police Check
- Be able to build rapport over the telephone.
- Comfortably work in a fast paced environment where you have set targets to achieve within set timeframes.
- Have an ability to undertake multiple tasks whilst actively listening to assist in meeting customer needs.
- Demonstrate competent computer skills.
- Proactively demonstrate outstanding customer service skills at all times.
- Be available to work between the hours 7.00am – 10.00pm, Monday – Friday.

Experience and/or qualifications in Community and/or Aged Care would be highly regarded.

For enquiries: Please contact Carly Farrow on 07 5558 8930

To Apply: For more information on this role and to apply please click on this link or enter it into your browser
<http://careers.stellarbpo.com.au/cw/en/listing/>

Applications close on Wednesday 14th October 2015.

Senior Curriculum Officer, Aboriginal Education Projects



The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards ('BOSTES') is a statutory authority responsible for the curriculum, assessment, teacher accreditation and regulatory standards in NSW schools (Kindergarten to Year 12). The BOSTES is also responsible for developing policies and initiatives for evaluating and improving student learning performance across all schools and school sectors. The BOSTES was established on 1 January 2014 following the merger of the Board of Studies NSW and the NSW Institute of Teachers.

We are looking for a Senior Curriculum Officer, Aboriginal Education Projects who will be responsible for the management and development of a range of programs and projects in the Aboriginal Curriculum Unit, in accordance with the BOSTES Operational plan, strategic activities and Curriculum and Assessment Standards Directorate planning and priorities.

To be successful in this role you must possess the following essential requirements:

- **Aboriginality.** Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and authorised in terms of Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- Tertiary teaching qualifications in one or more subjects.
- Outstanding recent experience in implementing NSW Kindergarten to Year 12 syllabuses in one or more Key Learning Areas in government or non-government schools.

How to apply Your application should include a covering letter (maximum of two pages) briefly responding to the focus capabilities and essential requirements detailed above, a resume including 2 referees and their contact details (no more than 5 pages) and your response to the focus questions listed below.

Focus questions Please answer the following questions with concrete examples and in no more than 300 words per question. Briefly describe the context of the situation(s), the actions that you took, the outcome of your efforts and what you learned from the experience.

Q1: Outline an example of how you have managed, reported on and evaluated a project involving stakeholder engagement? What processes did you implement to meet milestones and timelines? How did you work collaboratively with others to deliver the project? What strategies did you implement to ensure the success of the project? What would you do differently next time?

Q2: In your most recent role, describe an example of how you have lead initiatives in Aboriginal Education at your school and/or work place and/or the wider education community. What informed the initiative/s? How did you consider and manage a range of views? What challenges did you face? What was the final outcome?

In addition, applicants progressed to interview will be required to undertake 1 or 2 relevant on-line assessments.

Under new employment legislation all current and new Public Service non-executive employees are employed at a classification level and assigned to a role rather than appointed to a position. Employees may be re-assigned to other roles at the same classification over time, in line with organisation priorities and/or personal development plans.

Temporary employments/secondment under sections 43 and 64 of the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013* for the period to 26 January 2017.

Consistent with the entitlements of public sector applicants, BOSTES is prepared to negotiate bilateral agreements with current employers of successful non-government school applicants to facilitate right of return and recognition of service while employed by the BOSTES.

Location: 117 Clarence Street Sydney
Work type: Full-time
Total Remuneration Package: \$141,394. Package includes salary (\$127,554), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading
Contact: Christine Evans
Phone: (02) 9367 8198
Closing date: 22 October 2015

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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



Health

Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

Project Manager – Aboriginal Court Diversion and Bail Support Program (HM4) TFT up to 7/11/2016

Classification: Health Manager Level 4

Location: Campbelltown

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time (up to 07/11/2016)

Salary: \$115,404 – \$138,074 pa

Enquiries: Julie Carter, (02) 8372 3050

Email: julie.carter@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Reference No: 280376

Closing Date: 27 October 2015

To apply for this position please visit nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, Equal Employment, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

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Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Working on Country Ranger

WESTERN DISTRICT / EYRE PENINSULA

GAWLER RANGES NATIONAL PARK

Term Contract to 30 June 2017

Ranger \$38,397 - \$47,187 p.a. (OPS2)

Vacancy No: 2015 – 6638

The Working on Country Ranger forms part of the team working within the Gawler Ranges area who are responsible for efficient and effective implementing of operations, involving a range of integrated land management functions including wildlife management, biodiversity conservation, fire management, heritage protection, visitor services and community and stakeholder engagement.

The role assists in the effective management of protected areas and off reserve biodiversity conservation as well as the management of Aboriginal Heritage sites within the Gawler Ranges Native Title area.

Applicants must be eligible to be a member of the Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation or recognised as a Native Title holder for the Gawler Ranges area.

Enquiries to: Mark Anderson, District Manager, mark.anderson@sa.gov.au, 0457528314

To apply and for more information visit the Jobs SA website: www.jobs.sa.gov.au and search by vacancy number.

Applications Close: 5pm 15 October 2015
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Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc)

Diversion Officer (50D) x 2

ALSWA is seeking to fill vacancies in its Perth Office for 2 Diversion Officers.

Previous experience working closely with the criminal justice system and/or the children's court along with qualifications in social work; psychology or a related field would be considered advantageous.

These roles and the requirement for one male and one female are genuine occupational qualifications as is Aboriginality under s50(d) of the EO Act 1984.

For details on salaries, allowances, roles, responsibilities and how to apply please visit our website: WWW.als.org.au under employment section. For further information call HR on (08) 9265-6663.

Applications close on Friday 16 October 2015.



General Administrative Support Officer

Aboriginal targeted position
Orana Local Area Command, DUBBO
Clerk Grade 1/2
Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003YT4

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 Orana 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.
- Temporary employment/appointment under *Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990* up to 12 months.
- 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: Kerry Seaton – Local Area Manager on (02) 6883 1501

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 00003YT4

General Administrative Support Officer

Aboriginal targeted position
Ryde Local Area Command, GLADESVILLE
Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Full-Time
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003YT8

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 Ryde 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: Roz Haiser – Local Area Manager on (02) 9879 9601

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 00003YT8

Records Release Officer

Aboriginal targeted position
Criminal Records Section, Forensic Services Group, PARRAMATTA
Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Full-Time
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00003YTD

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 Record Release Officer provides a wide range of administrative support to the service areas within Criminal Records Section (CRS), including the accurate and timely update of COPS with court outcomes and supreme court bail determinations, processing of National Police Checking Service applications from members of the public and external clients and effective and efficient processing of information received into law enforcement information management systems.

The nature of duties will vary and will depend upon the volume and workloads across the three service streams within the CRS. This position receives their day-to-day job assignments and instructions from the relevant Team Leader.

The Record Release Officer may be placed by a Service Coordinator to provide administrative support to any of the three service areas within CRS to meet workloads, business needs and requirements.

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.
- 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: Karen Pidding – Manager on (02) 8835 7027

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 00003YTD

Closing Date: SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2015

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Port Stephens Local Area Command, Raymond Terrace
Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-Time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00003YR2

Salary Package: \$77,341. Salary: \$64,008 – \$70,087. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 6, Clause 28 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, driver's licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - o attach an up-to-date resume.
 - o supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application or via attachment.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) and Work with Children Check prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Tracey Pollock – Local Area Manager on (02) 4983 7401

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 00003YR2

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Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at liveandworkhnehealth.com.au/work/opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Ward Clerk

Muswellbrook

Enquires: Dianne Prangley, (02) 6542 2042

Reference ID: 279881

Closing Date: 14 October 2015

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POSITION VACANT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Workshop
Facilitator

Part-Time (3 days a week, 6 hours a day)

The role:

- To provide cultural workshops with one other facilitator in local schools (Mt Druitt)
- Workshops aim are to engage with students and improve identification with Aboriginal culture; involve young people in NAIDOC week celebrations, increase school retention

attendance and improve peer relationships

- Engage with families of young people involved in workshops
- Maintain statistical records and data on service delivery
- Program runs for up to 12 months

Desirable Criteria:

- Ability to connect and engage with young people
- Experience in conducting workshops namely in school settings
- Recognised tertiary qualifications in working with young people
- Skills in delivering innovative and artistic workshops through diverse cultural and artistic expression

To apply please send your resume by **Sunday 20th September** to: jobs@noffs.org.au or phone Julie Dubuc on 0404 087 416.

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Personal Assistant to the
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- Competitive Salary plus NFP Salary Packaging Options
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Youth Off The Streets requires an Identified Personal Assistant to join the Corporate Services team. The role will support the Director of Aboriginal Services through the provision of secretarial and administrative assistance whilst maintaining a high level of discretion.

Applicants must identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to apply for this position. Successful applicants must comply with the NSW Child Protection Legislation.

You will be involved in a variety of activities including:

- Diary Management and booking appointments, making phone calls to arrange appointments
- Typing Letters, organising external meetings, arranging, preparing agenda and taking minutes of any staff meetings
- Managing confidential filing
- Monitor and respond to emails and phone calls as necessary
- Open all incoming mail in accordance with incoming mail protocol for confidential mail.
- Attend meetings to take minutes
- Booking of YOTS staff travel and accommodation
- Support and order of vehicle E tags
- Communication to staff regarding vehicle fines

Don't delays in applying. To apply please log on to our website <https://youthoffthestreets.com.au>.
You can also email your resume and covering letter to recruitment@youthoffthestreets.com.au. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Closing date for applications: 21st October 2015

Applicants are required to have the right to work in Australia. Police checks and Working with Children checks form part of the recruitment process. We encourage people who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to apply for this position. Successful applicants must comply with the NSW Child Protection Legislation

Youth Off The Streets is an EEO Employer

Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land
Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Full Time

Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council (CLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career as the 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 CLALC'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 tertiary qualifications in Business, Archaeology or extensive relevant experience. In addition the successful applicant will have extensive demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

High level organisational and management experience is an essential requirement of this position 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 and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

To obtain a copy of the recruitment package please contact
Dave Carter Chairperson, by email:
spot4u1@bigpond.com or phone 0427 954 400.

Applications can be forwarded to:

The CEO Recruitment Panel
P O Box 377
Condobolin NSW 2877

Applications close Friday 23rd of October 2015.

Being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

NACLC
National Association of
Community
Legal Centres

Administrative Assistant

part-time (22.5 hours per week)
Sydney CBD

NACLC is the national peak body representing around 200 community legal centres (CLCs). CLCs provide free legal and related services to the public, focusing on disadvantaged and vulnerable people, and on public interest cases.

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Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Conditions are based on SCHADS, Salary based on Grade 3 level 1 Salary \$51,058 pro rata

To apply for this position obtain a position description and address the selection criteria, demonstrating your experience. Email your application along with a covering letter to nacalc@clc.net.au

For more information email liz_dods@clc.net.au or call 02 9264 9595

GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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
15/975	BORDER RESOURCES NL ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	473973	54.44HA	12km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 121° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1286	LODED DOG PROSPECTING PTY LTD	472835	252.92HA	38km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 49' S Long: 121° 43' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
15/1460	STRATEGIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	473946	72.06HA	17km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 14' S Long: 121° 29' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
24/183	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	474491	120.86HA	16km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE- BOULDER CITY
38/2143-l	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	472883	137.06HA	6km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 122° 27' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1539	EXTERRA RESOURCES LIMITED	472541	498.45HA	80km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
46/947	WITX PTY LTD	474279	19.76HA	88km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 30' S Long: 120° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
47/1351-l	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	469020	48.78HA	82km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 25' S Long: 116° 35' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
51/1556	NEAROLOGY PTY LTD	474176	86.97HA	56km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 6' S Long: 118° 32' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 7 October 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 **7 January 2016**. 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. 7 February 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.

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NOTICE OF IMAN PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE
AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Applicants of the Iman #2 Native Title Claim have called an authorisation meeting for the following purposes:

- Approve a draft S87 or a S87A order for a Determination of Native Title over the Iman #2 native title claim.
- Authorise the Wardingarri Aboriginal Corporation to hold Native Title in Trust for the Iman #2 and be the Registered Prescribed Body Corporate.
- Authorise an ILUA with Ergon Energy over the Iman #2 claim area.
- Authorise the following ILUA's with pastoralists (maps of the ILUA area will be available at the meeting):

ILUA	Lessee/s
Iman People/Comely and Mapala ILUA	Consolidated Pastoral Company Pty Limited ACN 010 080 654
Iman People/Coorada ILUA	Brian John Atkins Eion Evan Atkins
Iman People/Glenhaughton ILUA	Avon Ross Hamilton Carol Hamilton Nathan Jay Hamilton
Iman People/Glenleigh ILUA	Patrick Robert Scott Joan Marjorie Cogill William Robert Cogill Kathleen Ann Harrison
Iman People/Korcha ILUA	Owen Arthur William Price Brigid Ann Price Arthur William Price Gail Lorraine Price
Iman People/Woodine ILUA	Andrew Douglas Simmons Tracey Robin Simmons Narelle Effie Simmons

- Authorise a further Native Title Claim over the shaded area of the Map contained in this notice and authorise Applicants to prosecute the new claim.
- Authorise compensation claims for native title that has been extinguished over the Iman #2 claim area and the area of the new claim.

The arrangements for the
meeting are as follows

Date: 31 October 2015

Time: 8:30am to 5:00pm

Venue: Department of
Agriculture and Fisheries
Conference Centre, cnr
Yeppoon Road & Bruce
Highway, North
Rockhampton

Only the descendants of the
following Iman ancestors will be
entitled to participate in the
meeting:

Mary Arwa, Jim Waterton, Ada
Robinson, Maggie Palmtree, Lizzie
Palmtree, Eliza Shields, Mary Ann
(mother of Maggie Dunn), Fanny
Waddy/Sandy, Dick Bondi/Bundai
and Alice Dutton and the mother of
John Serico (known as Aggie).

Travel Assistance

Assistance with travel will be
provided only to those who register
by **4:00pm on Monday 19 October
2015**.

Persons who registered but did not attend the previous authorization meeting of 14
September 2013 will not be eligible for assistance on this occasion.

**Please Contact Kylie on 0458 781 504 or 0481 151 750 to register for the
meeting. Registration is from 8.00am.**



52 THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015.

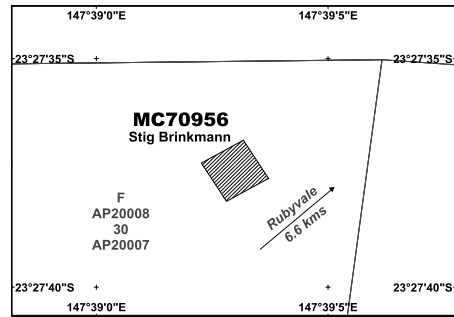
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS

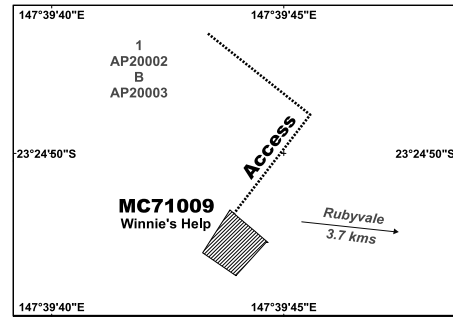
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC70956, MC71009, MC71026, MC71063, MC71165, MC71197, MC71225, MC71226, MC71267, MC71278, MC71289, MC71290, MC71292, MC71307, MC71318, MC71334, MC71345, MC71364 and MC72124 and grant of MC300032 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

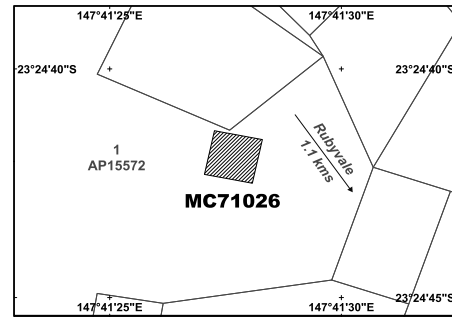
Mining Claim 70956 renewal sought by Stig Brinkmann, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 6.6 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



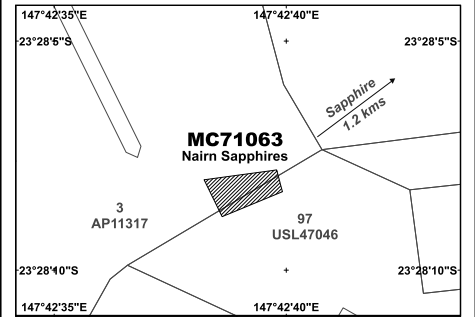
Mining Claim 71009 renewal sought by Lance Charles Weston, over an area of 882 m² centred approximately 3.7 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



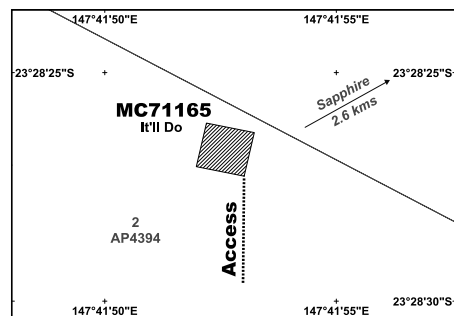
Mining Claim 71026 renewal sought by Laurent Eric Tournier, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.1 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



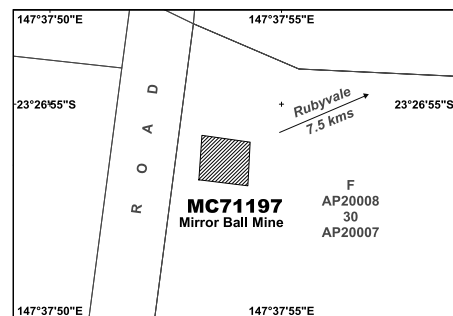
Mining Claim 71063 renewal sought by Pauline Evonne Sheather, over an area of 874 m² centred approximately 1.2 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



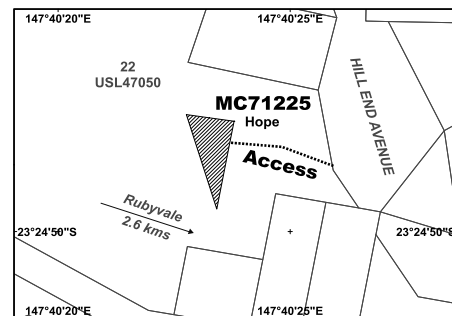
Mining Claim 71165 renewal sought by Alan William Kirby (50%) and Clare Majella Kirby (50%), over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 2.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



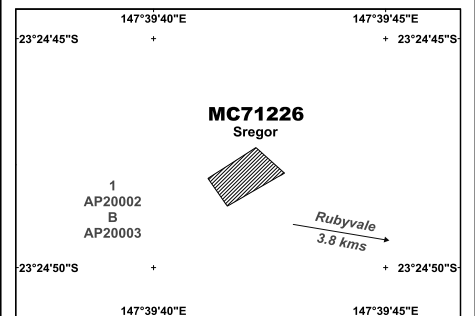
Mining Claim 71197 renewal sought by James Thomas Bamford, over an area of 891 m² centred approximately 7.5 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



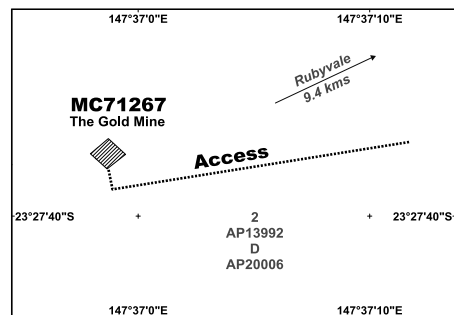
Mining Claim 71225 renewal sought by Lisa Jean Ansford, over an area of 884 m² centred approximately 2.6 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



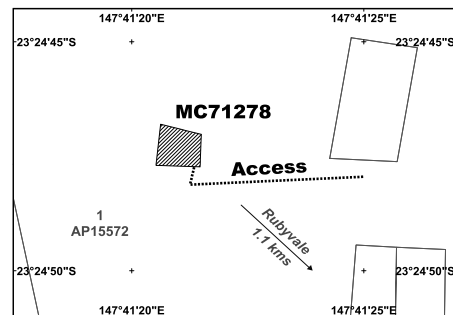
Mining Claim 71226 renewal sought by Carolyn Marjorie Griffith, over an area of 894 m² centred approximately 3.8 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



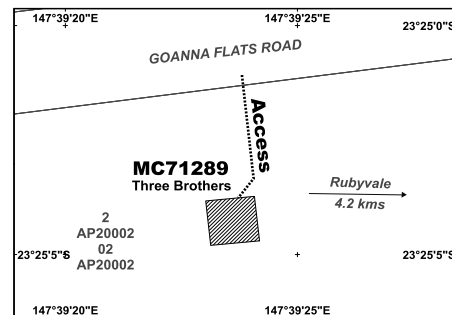
Mining Claim 71267 renewal sought by Norman Burgess, over an area of 883 m² centred approximately 9.4 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



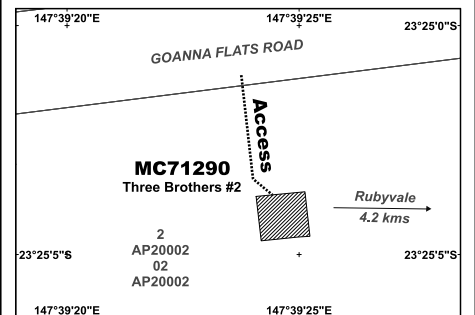
Mining Claim 71278 renewal sought by Robert Clarke Edwards, over an area of 648 m² centred approximately 1.1 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



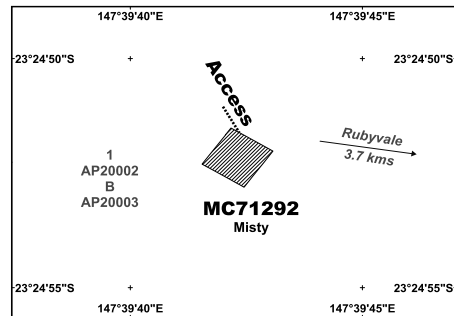
Mining Claim 71289 renewal sought by Robert Brian Oliver, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 4.2 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



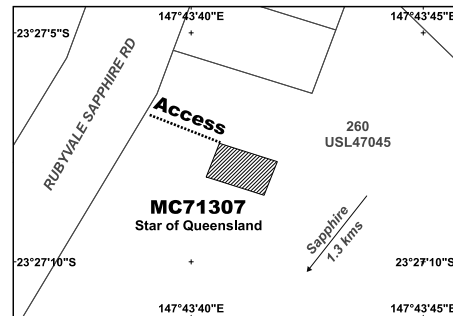
Mining Claim 71290 renewal sought by Robert Brian Oliver, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 4.2 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



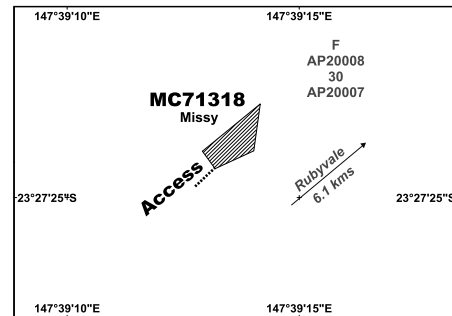
Mining Claim 71292 renewal sought by Norman Stanley Richards, over an area of 897 m² centred approximately 3.7 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



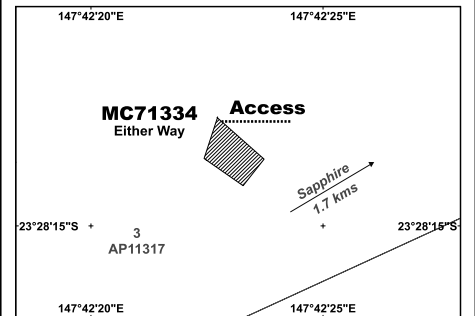
Mining Claim 71307 renewal sought by William Barnes Hay, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.3 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



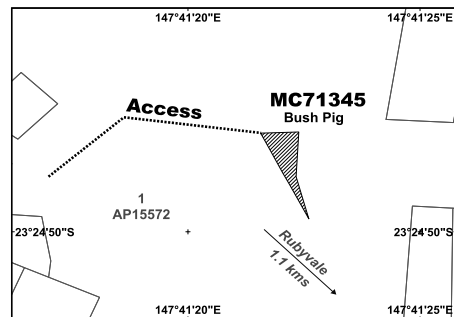
Mining Claim 71318 renewal sought by Robert Anthony Hook, over an area of 682 m² centred approximately 6.1 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



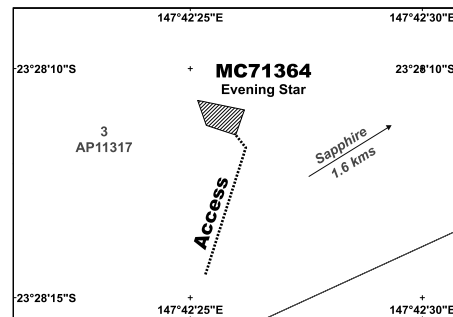
Mining Claim 71334 renewal sought by William John Dietz, over an area of 835 m² centred approximately 1.7 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



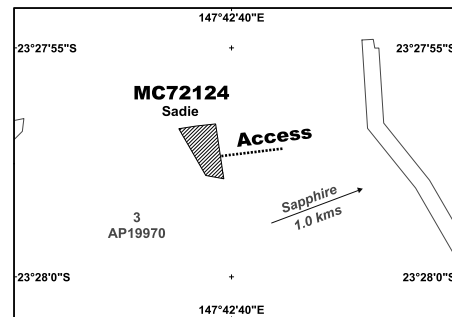
Mining Claim 71345 renewal sought by Victoria Ann Garrett, over an area of 543 m² centred approximately 1.1 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



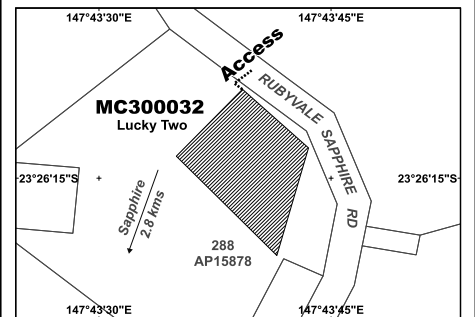
Mining Claim 71364 renewal sought by Carl Edward Bryant, over an area of 391 m² centred approximately 1.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 72124 renewal sought by Cecil Moore Owens, over an area of 584 m² centred approximately 1.0 km West South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300032 sought by Kelvin Brian Salmon, over an area of 41,090 m² centred approximately 2.8 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The renewal or grant of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals or Applications, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 28 October 2015

Notice of a non-claimant application
for determination of native title in the
State of Queensland

National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 21 October 2015

This application is a ‘non-claimant’ application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 20 January 2016. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **20 January 2016**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court’s determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 20 January 2016**. After **20 January 2016**, the Federal Court’s permission to become a party is required.



Applicant’s name: Colevale Estates Pty Ltd, M & T Populin Pty Ltd and Twin Rock Pty Ltd trading as BQC Quarries
Federal Court File No: QUD691/2015
Non-native title interest: Sales Permit 087986 issued under the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld) for the getting of quarry materials.
Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.
Description: The application area covers Lot 18 on SP178779 and Lot 122 on SP178779 which is about 3.9 sq km and is located approximately 18km south west of Ayr.
Relevant LGA: Burdekin Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

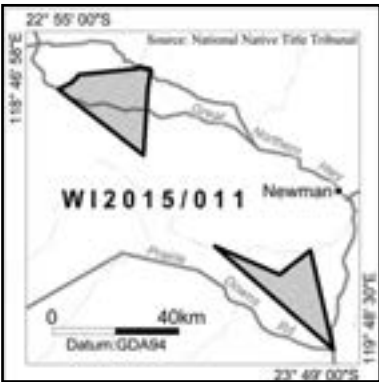
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Notice of an application to register an
area agreement on the Register of
Indigenous Land Use Agreements

National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 14 October 2015



WI2015/011 Nyiyaparli People #3 & BHP Billiton Comprehensive Agreement–Further ILUA
State of Western Australia
Description of the agreement area:
The agreement area covers about 782 sq km, located west of Newman.
Relevant LGA: Shire of East Pilbara, Shire of Meekatharra
The agreement contains the following statements:
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]
12.4 For the purposes of section 24EB(1) of the Native Title Act, the parties consent to all acts covered by this document to the extent they involve future acts without conditions but in accordance with this document.
12.6 The process set out in Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act, known as the “right to negotiate” process, is not intended to apply to any act covered by this document.

[The future acts covered by the agreement relate only to “BHP Billiton’s Iron Ore Business” which is defined in clause 13.1 as meaning each and all elements of iron ore exploration, mining, transport, processing and treatment (including milling, concentration, refining and smelting) in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, and all acts or things incidental to any of that, by on behalf of or for the benefit of a “BHP Billiton Entity”, including all Interests and Approvals defined in clause 13.2 of the agreement within the Further ILUA Area].

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

David Stock, Leonard Stream, Raymond Drage, Victor Parker and Billy Cadigan in their capacity as registered native title claimants in relation to the Nyiyaparli People #3 Claim (WAD196/2013) and on behalf of the Nyiyaparli People (Nyiyaparli Applicants).
c/- Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, Level 2, 16 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA, 6000.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Limited for and on behalf of eight entities
c/- Ashurst Australia, Level 32, Exchange Tower, 2 The Esplanade, Perth, WA, 6000.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation and Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd, the representative bodies for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA, 6848 by 14 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.

Further detail about the future acts consented to under the agreement are available from the National Native Title Tribunal, including a copy of relevant clauses from the agreement. Otherwise, details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal. For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
NEW ENGLAND FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **LEFAB PTY LIMITED, ELAX PTY LIMITED AND DELLJON PTY LIMITED** for an existing groundwater water supply work, and an existing storage on Lot 2 DP718805,for irrigation purposes on Lots 2, 3 and 4 in DP706629, Lot 2 in DP718805, Lots 22 and 23 in DP753278 and Lot 26 in DP753303.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water P O Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection (A006686)

Any queries please call (02) 67631470 Ben Hanks, Water Regulation Officer.
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NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
KYOGLE AREA WATER SOURCE – UNNAMED WATERCOURSE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **GEORGE ALLISON PHILLIPS** for an existing bywash dam, on Lot 21 DP 625829, Parish of Stratheden, County of Rous for conservation of water for domestic and stock purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be received in writing to DPI Water, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006606)

Any queries please call (02) 6641 6500, Peter Hackett, Water Regulation Officer.
Z06214

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
LOWER LACHLAN GROUND WATER WATER SHARING PLAN
LOWER LACHLAN GROUND WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **ROADS & MARITIME SERVICE** for a Bore on the Cobb Highway adjacent to Lot 466 DP 761323 in Parish Bonuna, County Manara, for the purpose of road works.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006716)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.
Z06560

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
SOUTHERN RECHARGE
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL** for one new bore for town water supply purposes (town of Warren) on Lot 326 DP 47963, Parish of Warren, County of Oxley (A006659).

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL** for one new bore for town water supply purposes (village of Nevertire) on Lot 1 Section 2 DP 761702, Parish of Garule, County of Oxley (A006660).

An application for a new COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL** for a bore for town water supply purposes (village of Collie) on road reserve adjoining Lot 49 DP 752583, Parish of Gewah, County of Ewenmar (A006658).

LOWER MACQUARIE ZONE 3
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL** for one new bore for town water supply purposes (town of Warren) on Lot 1 DP 1039184, Parish of Warren, County of Oxley (A006659).

Objections to the granting of the above must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.
Z06474

NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

An application for APPROVAL FOR WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND/OR USE has been received from **MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL** for 75mm truck mounted pumps for industrial purposes (roadworks) on:

Bylong River Water Source

Lot 2 DP 803563, Lot 10, DP 821809, Lot 20 DP 826253 and Lot 28 DP 755438.

Wollar Creek Water Source

Lot 29 DP 255210, Lot 86 DP 1755413, Lot 82 DP 755413, Lot 11, DP 1090027, Lot 13 DP 755455, Lot 18 DP577973, Lot 69 DP 755455, Lot 31 DP583254, Lot 106 DP 755454 and Lot 4 DP878678.

Upper Goulburn River Water Source

Lot 43 DP 736630, Lot 75 DP 1750773, Lot 7009 DP 1128119, Lot 264 DP 755442, Lot 7001 DP 1026308, Lot 212 DP 755442, Lot 14 DP 755442, Lot 83 DP 704077, Lot 7300 DP 1136299, Lot 7003 DP 71117434, Lot 41 DP 750748, Lot 47 DP250311, Lot 567 DP 750773, Lot 1 DP 592376 and Lot 276 DP 755442.

Lower Goulburn River Water Source

Lot 1 DP 843528 and Lot 80 DP755443.

Objections to the granting of the above must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. (A006679, A006680, A006682, A006683)

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511 Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.
Z06471

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER
WATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **ANDREW DOUGLAS HOOD** for a bore on 2//756329, Parish of Tholobin, County of Townsend, for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address to specify the grounds of objection. (A6697)

Any queries please call (03) 5898-3935, Jenny Campion, Water Regulation Officer. Z06502

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
LACHLAN UNREGULATED AND ALLUVIAL WATER SOURCE
UPPER LACHLAN ALLUVIAL ZONE 4 MANAGEMENT ZONE**

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **NEIL DAVID AND JAYNE LOUISE MCMILLAN** for a bore, with pumping capacity of 2.5 l/s on, Lot 201 DP750159, Parish Goimbla, County Ashburnham, for irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, P O Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006654)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2804, Kathy Bray, Water Regulation Officer. Z06495

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
SYDNEY BASIN SOUTH
GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a REPLACEMENT WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ANTHONY FOSTER EMERY & MARIA ANN EMERY** for the conversion of an existing, authorised groundwater excavation to irrigation, industrial and stock watering use on 2//865094, Parish Nowra, County St. Vincent.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 309, Nowra NSW 2541, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006763)

Any queries please call (02) 4428 9140 Wayne Ryan, Water Regulation Officer. Z06745

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
MARTHAGUY CREEK WATER SOURCE**

An application for a new COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BUDVALT PTY LTD** for two (2) 762mm Axial Flow pumps for irrigation on Lot 13 DP 751613, below ground supply channel on Lot 13 DP 751613 and council road west of Lot 13 DP 751613, Parish of Willewa, County of Clyde and the irrigation of Lots 1, 3, 7, 9, 10 & 11 DP 751613, Lot 22 DP 802232, all Parish of Willewa County Gregory and Lots 40 & 42 DP 42202 Parish of Willenbone County Gregory. (A006701)

LOWER MACQUARIE RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BUDVALT PTY LTD** for one below ground channel for water supply for irrigation and tailwater management on Lot 12 DP 43554 and crown road south east of Lot 21 DP42179, Parish of Geera, County of Clyde. (A006702)

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer. Z06559

**Notice of a non-claimant application
for determination of native title
in the State of Queensland**



**National
Native Title
Tribunal**

Notification day: 21 October 2015

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 20 January 2016. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **20 January 2016**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 20 January 2016**. After **20 January 2016**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Gibson Grazing Pty Ltd ACN 109 133 119

Federal Court File No: QUD627/2015

Non-native title interest: A Pastoral Development Holding Lease for Pastoral purposes on Lot 395 on Plan SP103260

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application covers Lot 395 on SP103260, about 4,419 sq km situated about 140km south west of Boulia.

Relevant LGA: Diamantina Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Applicant's name: Salvatore Menniti

Federal Court File No: QUD706/2015

Non-native title interest: Acceptance of an offer by the State of Queensland of a Deed of Grant over unallocated State land

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers about 4.41 hectares and covers part of Lot 640 on Crown Plan NR7627 situated west of Nicotine Creek approx. 10km south west of Mareeba.

Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Yarrabah’s double celebration



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	15/1813	CHARLTON, Michael Edward	19.69HA	2km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1815	LANDTEC PTY LTD	38.14HA	19km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 120° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	25/359	GOLDEARTH ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	116.64HA	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	47/1503	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD	1850.98HA	47km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 1' S Long: 116° 32' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	47/1504	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD	1778.11HA	50km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 116° 18' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/756	CAPEVIEW PTY LTD	376.88HA	66km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 117° 4' E	YALGOO 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: 7 October 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 **7 January 2016**. 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. 7 February 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.

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By ALF WILSON



THE Yarrabah Aboriginal community in far north Queensland was celebrating after their reserve grade and second division sides won their Cairns and District Rugby League grand finals.

In the reserve grade decider at Cairns Barlow Park on September 20, Yarrabah Seahawks beat Cairns Brothers 28-18.

Yarrabah had finished in second place in the minor premiership and went into the big game as a slight underdog and trailed by two points at halftime.

Oswald Fourmile scored two tries for Yarrabah, with singles to Jayven Gibson and Darcy Bounghi. Seahawks reserve coach

Richard Grogan is a former referee who had officiated at many All Blacks carnivals as far away as Badu Island and said the community celebrated.

“I am pretty happy,” he said. “I estimated that about three-quarters of the big crowd at Barlow Park were from Yarrabah. Whole buses of our supporters were barracking for the boys which was just what we wanted,” Grogan told the *Koori Mail*.

Grogan said it was a genuine team effort and he rated fullback Roderick Duncan, forwards Landon Kynuna and Darcy Bounghi, five-eighth Martin Dabah and

winger Solomon Faudid as his best players.

Even before the reserve grade sides ran on to the field, Yarrabah fans were cheering.

The Yarrabah second division team had just beaten Southern Suburbs 40-20 in the grand final.

It was the club's first ever second division premiership and a tribute to coach Cornelius Richards.

Many of the Yarrabah players were youngsters who are destined for bigger things.

Indigenous stars Ty Williams and Rod ‘Rocket’ Jensen shone for the Innisfail Leprechauns who took out the CDRL A Grade grand final, beating Cairns Ivanhoes 30-20.

They have both played for the Cowboys in the NRL and Leprechauns captain-coach Williams was Queensland State of Origin representative.

Innisfail scored six tries to four and Jensen was amongst them with a four-pointer to level the scores at 20-all at a vital stage.

It was Innisfail's third CDRL premiership in the top grade and their first since 2006.

After the victory Williams declared he would retire, but Innisfail supporters will be hoping he rethinks before the 2016 season.

Innisfail is 90km south of Cairns along the Bruce Highway and has a much smaller population and is where former Kangaroo Kerry Boustead grew up.

In the under 18 grand final, the Tully Tigers beat Brothers 50-14.



Yarrabah reserve grade after winning Cairns and District Reserve Grade premiership.

Three in All-Australian team

THREE Indigenous players – Eddie Betts, Cyril Rioli and Chad Wingard – are in the new-look Australian Football League All-Australian team.

The team was announce in Melbourne on September 22. Adelaide captain Taylor Walker was the most notable omission from this year's team.

Western Bulldogs skipper Bob Murphy is captain. West Coast's Coleman Medallist Josh Kennedy, one of the 11 first timers, is the All-Australian vice-captain. Fremantle's Brownlow Medallist Nat Fyfe, Richmond key defender Alex Rance and

Port Adelaide forward Robbie Gray are the only players from last year's 22 to make this selection.

Chad Wingard's 53-goal season saw him picked in the forward line.

The 2015 All-Australian team:

B: J Gibson (Haw) **A** Rance (Rich) **H** Shaw (GWS)
HB: E Wood (WB) **M** Hurley (Ess) **R** Murphy (WB, capt)
C: D Hannebery (Syd) **M** Priddis (WC) **A** Gaff (WC)
HF: C Wingard (PA) **J** Riewoldt (Rich) **C** Rioli (Haw)
F: E Betts (Adel) **J** Kennedy (WC) **J** Stringer (WB)
R: T Goldstein (NM) **N** Fyfe (Fre) **P** Dangerfield (Adel)
I: S Mitchell (Haw) **B** Deledio (Rich) **D** Mundy (Fre) **R** Gray (PA) – AAP

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 14 October 2015



National Native Title Tribunal



WI2015/012 Uaroo Pastoral ILUA

State of Western Australia

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers about 631 sq km, approx. 22 km south of Uaroo.

Relevant LGA: Shire of Ashburton

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5.1 For the purposes of subsection 24EB(1) of the Act, the Parties consent to the grant of, and the exercise of the rights and obligations created by the grant of, the Agreed Future Acts in the Agreement Area during the Term[.]

5.6 The Parties intend that Subdivision P of Division 3, Part 2 of the Act will not apply to the Agreed Future Acts in this Agreement.

“Agreed Future Acts” are those acts set out in Schedule 2 of this Agreement [in relation to Renewal of pastoral lease, Tenure upgrades, Grants of low impact tourism rights, Stock routes and reserves].

“Pastoral Lease” means, as appropriate: (a) the pastoral lease which is included in Schedule 5 [of the Agreement], and includes any extension, renewal, re-grant, remaking or replacement of such pastoral lease from time to time; and (b) the land identified with the above pastoral lease.

“Low Impact Tourism” includes: (a) Farm Tourism Activity (for pastoral-based tourism and may include activities such as station-stay accommodation and tours of the pastoral lease); and (b) using specified land under the Pastoral Lease for non-pastoral-based tourism at buildings or facilities already existing on the Pastoral Lease at the Commencement Date. Low Impact Tourism recognises principles of ecologically sustainable development and displays sensitivity to the area in which it operates. Low Impact Tourism does not include the tourism referred to in section 24GB(3) of the Act nor any form of tourism that teaches or purports to teach aspects of Aboriginal culture.

“Stock Route” means the portion of any stock route within the Agreement Area.

“Reserve” means the portion of any reserve within the Agreement Area.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Cyril Hayes, Clive Lyndon, Lorna Corbett and Ruben Lyndon on behalf of the Budina People c/- Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 3072 East Perth WA 6892

Red Sky Stations Pty Ltd c/- Green Legal GPO Box 2522 Perth WA 6001

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA, 6848 by 14 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 agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Stunning comeback

By CHRIS PIKE



SUBIACO forward Shane Yarran has capped off a stunning first two years of playing in the West Australian Football League (WAFL) by starring in a second straight premiership, kicking five goals as the Lions thrashed West Perth in a performance that could further enhance his future.

Before the start of the 2014 season, Yarran had never played a WAFL match, but 18 months later, the 26-year-old is a dual premiership player at Subiaco, is a Bernie Naylor Medallist as the league's leading goal kicker and has represented Western Australia.

He could have had a Simpson Medal to his collection as well which is awarded to the best on ground in the WAFL grand final, with Yarran simply outstanding in Subiaco's eventual 66-point victory over West Perth at Domain Stadium.

Yarran was on fire up until midway in the third quarter, kicking five goals and three behinds from his eight kicks to set up the victory up for Subiaco.

Unstoppable

He hurt his knee during the last quarter and that was the only downside on a perfect day for Yarran, who was simply unstoppable.

Throughout the season, Yarran had struggled to get away from West Perth defender Marcus Adams in the three meetings between the two teams, but in the grand final, the Falcons decided to start with different opponents on Yarran and the Lions star thrived.

By the time Adams moved on to him, Yarran already had his tail up and his performance on the big stage of the grand final should only help his dreams of being drafted into the Australian Football League (AFL) later this year.

Yarran didn't have the easiest time in his latter teenage years and early 20s, spending some time in prison, but he has put his life together in impressive fashion on and off the field over the past three years.

Upon being released, Yarran played a strong season in 2013 in the Peel Football League with South Mandurah, where Subiaco saw him

play, and signed him for 2014 and he has not looked back.

Yarran kicked 39 goals in Subiaco's premiership year of 2014 and then in 2015, he went to another level and it all started with an appearance for the AFL Indigenous All Stars in a pre-season contest in Perth against the West Coast Eagles.

That gave Yarran the confidence that he belonged at a level higher than the WAFL and he started the season with Subiaco in remarkable form, kicking 29 goals in his first six games, including two hauls of six goals, and two bags of five.

He then went on to finish the season with 46 goals to lead the league and earn the Bernie Naylor Medal award and then after three goals in Subiaco's second semifinal win over West Perth, he kicked five in a dynamic grand final display.

Yarran couldn't hide his excitement and emotion following the grand final, and puts much of the success he's had on coach Jarrad Schofield – himself an AFL premiership player with Port Adelaide and three-times WAFL premiership star at Subiaco.

Yarran also enjoyed the experience of enjoying the grand final celebrations with his daughter.

He now hopes his knee is OK to not hinder his hopes of an AFL future come 2016.

"It's an unbelievable feeling. The emotions now you can't explain and to go back-to-back, and for us all to play the roles and to the structures that Schoey sets, these are the results you achieve," Yarran said.

"It's very special to share it with my daughter and all I wanted to do was hold her, but I was a bit limited in what I could do because of my knee.

"We'll just go and get some scans, and take it slowly on the knee. We just focused on winning first, then celebrating and then I'll worry about that."

Yarran wasn't the only Indigenous star to shine on WAFL grand final day, with Traye Bennell, Bailey Matera and Dominic Warrell helping South Fremantle to victory in the reserves premiership with a 71-point victory over Swan Districts.

And in the colts grand final, Claremont beat Swan Districts by 69 points with Russell Wynne, Keanu Shandley, Sam Petrevski-Seton and Shaquille Morton playing significant roles in the win for the Tigers.

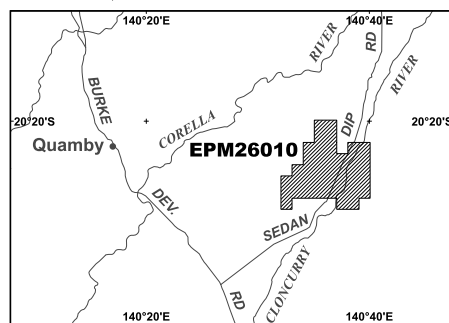


NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

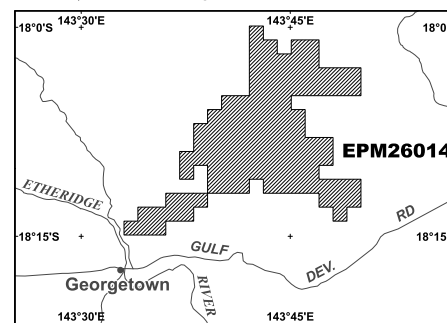
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

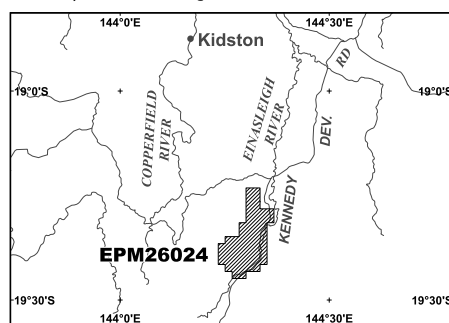
Exploration Permit 26010 sought by Index Pty Ltd, ACN 010 645 851, over an area of 41 sub-blocks (132 km²), centred approximately 35km East of Quamby, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



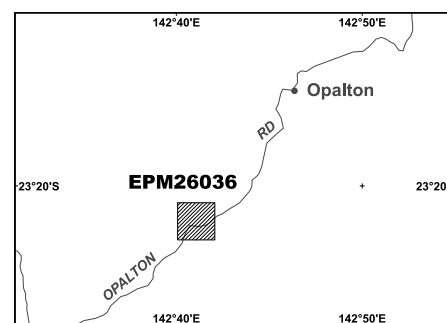
Exploration Permit 26014 sought by Majorx Pty Ltd, ACN 607 338 705, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (325 km²), centred approximately 25km North East of Georgetown, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



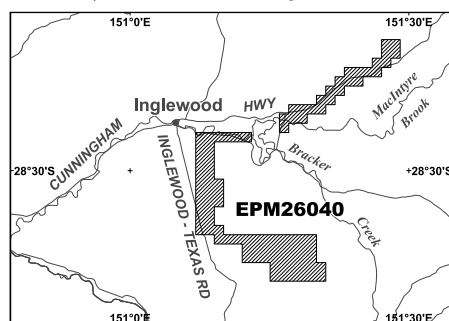
Exploration Permit 26024 sought by Index Pty Ltd, ACN 010 645 851, over an area of 56 sub-blocks (180 km²), centred approximately 55km South South East of Kidston, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



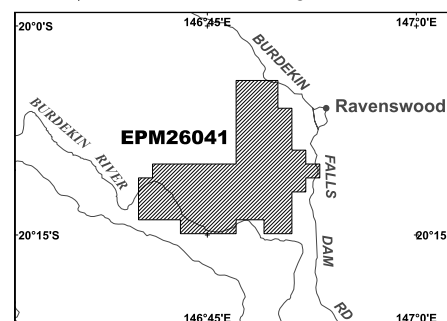
Exploration Permit 26036 sought by Marie Mawn, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 15km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26040 sought by Black Phoenix Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 604 539 246, over an area of 94 sub-blocks (283 km²), centred approximately 20km East of Inglewood, in the locality of the Goondiwindi Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 26041 sought by Ukalunda Pty Ltd, ACN 129 017 723, over an area of 75 sub-blocks (241 km²), centred approximately 13km South West of Ravenswood, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 28 October 2015

Chance for T20 cricketers to show their skills



TIME is running short for Indigenous cricketers wishing to take part in the inaugural Aboriginal T20 Cup competition at Orange on November 7-8. The Big Bash League (BBL) Sydney

Sixers will hold trials on Sunday, October 11, at Tamworth. Nominations for the Tamworth trial close tomorrow (October 8). The Sydney Sixers and Sydney’s other BBL team, the Thunder, are combining to create pathways for Indigenous cricketers, and the

three-game Orange T20 series is part of that. Participants must be at least 15 and under 23 as of October 1, 2015, but each team can field up to three over-age players. The Tamworth trials will run from 11am to 3pm.

Cricket NSW says it is seeking to create a T20 pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cricketers and sees this as an opportunity for 22 Indigenous cricketers to develop their game to ultimately become part of the next generation of Big Bash League players.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2754	AUSQUEST LIMITED	79BL	118km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 30' S Long: 116° 34' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/874	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	70BL	53km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 3' S Long: 117° 33' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2546	SUPERSTRUCTURE AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD BRALICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD	16BL	98km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 28' S Long: 122° 39' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2555	BREAKER RESOURCES NL	30BL	112km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 122° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2556	BREAKER RESOURCES NL	32BL	105km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 122° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1109	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	3BL	55km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 45' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1110-I	SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	5BL	119km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 122° 18' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1111	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	1BL	53km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 121° 42' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/850	GOLDEN SPUR RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	41km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 120° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1237	SHELDO PTY LTD	29BL	52km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 26' S Long: 121° 29' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1239	CROFT MINING PTY LTD	34BL	64km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 121° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1886	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	3BL	49km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 121° 43' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1887	APOLLO MINING PTY LTD	5BL	39km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 121° 38' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1888	ALLOY RESOURCES LTD	3BL	96km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 29' S Long: 122° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4573	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	20BL	114km W'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 29' S Long: 121° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4574	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	45BL	96km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 120° 41' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4589	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	15BL	47km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 52' S Long: 119° 25' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4593-I	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	49BL	79km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 56' S Long: 119° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4595-I	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	25BL	61km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 119° 23' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4596-I	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	9BL	74km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 40' S Long: 119° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3270	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	14BL	66km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 55' S Long: 117° 6' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3335	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	10BL	55km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 116° 33' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3342	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	20BL	97km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 30' S Long: 116° 26' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3348	HAUKOHL, Dane	1BL	55km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 116° 35' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	51/1697	DEVENE, Robert John	1BL	52km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 118° 10' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1698	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	43BL	83km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 18' S Long: 117° 44' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3143	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	7BL	16km SW'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 119° 39' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3304	YI, Peter	2BL	20km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 21' S Long: 117° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3305	YI, Peter	2BL	23km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 117° 48' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3311	HANNANS RESOURCES PTY LTD	60BL	64km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 118° 15' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3317	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	23BL	190km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 8' S Long: 119° 48' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3320	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	5BL	166km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 25' S Long: 119° 32' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3325	VANGUARD EXPLORATION LTD	21BL	172km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 11' S Long: 120° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1858	REDPORT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	4BL	81km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 17' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2137-I	PEMBERY PROSPECTING PTY LTD	46BL	77km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 116° 1' E	GERALDTON CITY, MURCHISON SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2140-I	YALGOO EXPLORATION PTY LTD	37BL	19km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 11' S Long: 116° 47' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2143	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	52BL	134km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 17' S Long: 116° 2' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2145	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	15BL	64km N'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 117° 47' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2146	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	13BL	40km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2147	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	8BL	61km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 117° 44' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1753 & 63/1758	CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION PTY LTD	160BL	44km N'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 36' S Long: 121° 48' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4599	GALEA, Michael	1BL	31km S'ly of Perth	Lat: 32° 13' S Long: 115° 47' E	KWINANA TOWN
Exploration Licence	70/4719	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	23BL	5km NW'ly of Eneabba	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 115° 13' E	CARNAMAH SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4741	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	37BL	12km NE'ly of Northam	Lat: 31° 33' S Long: 116° 43' E	GOOMALLING SHIRE, NORTHAM SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4765	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	125BL	9km SW'ly of Harvey	Lat: 33° 6' S Long: 115° 48' E	HARVEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4616	ORDRIVER MINING PTY LTD	25BL	96km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 38' S Long: 128° 36' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4892	JSW HOLDINGS PTY LTD	6BL	29km W'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 15° 49' S Long: 128° 28' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4961	SPEEWAH MINING PTY LTD	1BL	72km SW'ly of Wyndham	Lat: 16° 11' S Long: 127° 57' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4962	SPEEWAH MINING PTY LTD	1BL	72km SW'ly of Wyndham	Lat: 16° 11' S Long: 127° 57' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4982	UNWIN, Christopher Robert LAMBIE, David Muir Hamilton	201.87HA	65km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 120° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2330-S	ILES, Kevin	10.08HA	35km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4060	WILLIAMS, Daryl Lee	158.65HA	30km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2231	MANSEN, James Karl	56.17HA	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8601	PILKINGTON, Anthony Gerald	9.59HA	43km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 40' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8602-5	MOVING ROCK & RESOURCES PTY LTD	733.22HA	10km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 21' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8606	CREW, Ross, Frederick	9.90HA	55km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 121° 0' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4175 & 38/4176-S	FENTON, Michael	29.15HA	19km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2978	NOWLAND, Phillip John	10.27HA	2km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 11' S Long: 119° 45' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1855-6	MILLENNIUM MINERALS LTD	292.00HA	39km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1857	CALLEGARI, John Cedric	15.00HA	37km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2953	MURROUJ RANGE PTY LTD	185.27HA	30km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 118° 19' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1679	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	87.86HA	13km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1680	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	54.01HA	12km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2070	APHEX MINERALS PTY LTD	104.48HA	55km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 117° 9' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4327	WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	9.00HA	95km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 119° 6' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Retention Licence	63/4	METEORE METALS PTY LTD	570.44HA	17km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 6' S Long: 121° 38' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Retention Licence	70/54	TRONOX WESTERN AUSTRALIA PTY LTD YALGOO MINERALS PTY LTD	2184.90HA	29km SE'ly of Cervantes	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 115° 20' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Retention Licence	70/55	TRONOX WESTERN AUSTRALIA PTY LTD YALGOO MINERALS PTY LTD	7067.70HA	15km NE'ly of Cervantes	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 115° 12' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 7 October 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 **7 January 2016**. 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. 7 February 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 WG12193

Remote area kids at hockey camp

By CHRISTINE HOWES



YOUNG hockey players, keen to enhance their skills, have the Barra Challenge, a three-day training camp, in Cairns during their school holiday break.

About 20 players from as far as Torres Strait, the Gulf of Carpentaria and Mount Isa were chosen to attend the camp following regional carnivals hosted by Cairns Hockey Association's Aspire Program.

The camp coincided with the Australian Men's Masters Hockey Championships.

Aspire Program coordinator and mentor Wesley Ferns said remote Indigenous communities had potential, but lacked opportunity.

"We find that many Indigenous communities don't have a lot of opportunities out

there, and yet there's so much potential we see in these kids," he said.

"Give them a hockey stick, tennis ball, cricket bat... Just give them the opportunity and they can achieve so much, so we thought it was a great target.

"This is our first attempt at the Barra Challenge, but we want to try and do this every year, make it bigger and better."

He said several carnivals had been held across the north throughout the year.

"We do a lot of work with 'no school, no play' with our carnivals," he said.

"And when we bring them down here, we also talk about health and nutrition.

"Most kids come down, eat junk food, and over three days they struggle.

"The kids have to learn that when you go away, you have to look after the body with what you put in it."

The *Koori Mail* spoke to four

participants, all of whom listed hockey as the best thing about being in Cairns, with shopping a close second.

Cooper Solinas, 11 and from Georgetown, said it was a good opportunity.

"I don't really get to go out and play sport much," he said.

Mabuiag Island's Ebithia Paipai, 11, said she enjoyed learning new skills.

"Playing hockey and learning new skills is the best thing about being here," she said.

Kahlem Ropson Charger, 12, from Normanton, agreed.

"Getting a chance to play hockey because we don't get to play hockey that much in Normanton," he said.

Thursday Island's Ashanti Sailor, 11, said also she didn't have much chance to play at home, but was chosen from the local carnival the first time she played. "I love coming to Cairns because it has plenty of the shops," she said.



Cooper Solinas, Ashanti Sailor, Kahlem Ropson Charger and Ebithia Paipai at the Barra Challenge hockey camp in Cairns.

Picture: Christine Howes

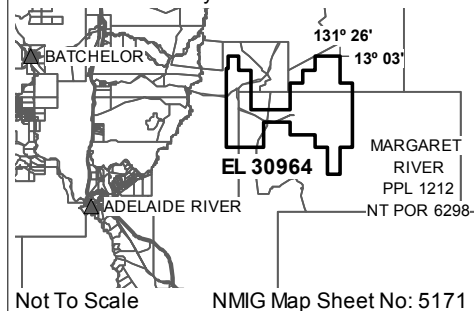
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

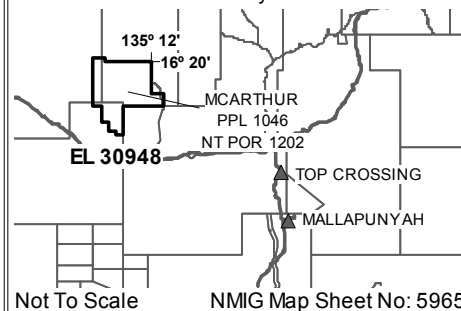
The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

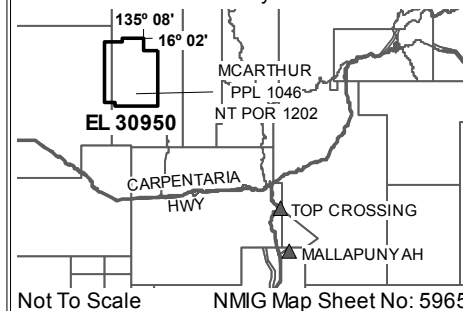
Exploration Licence 30964 sought by EXCEDO EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 607 686 322 over an area of 48 Blocks (161 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



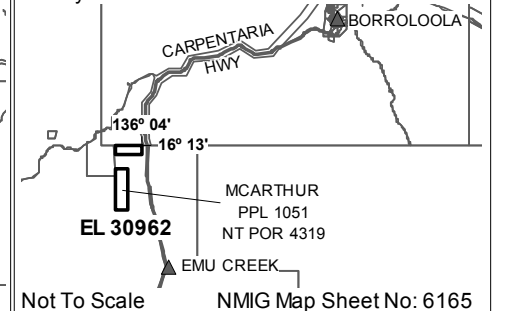
Exploration Licence 30948 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 211 Blocks (685 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BAUHINIA DOWNS locality.



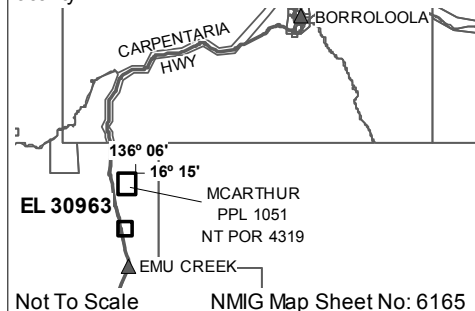
Exploration Licence 30950 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 250 Blocks (825 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BAUHINIA DOWNS locality.



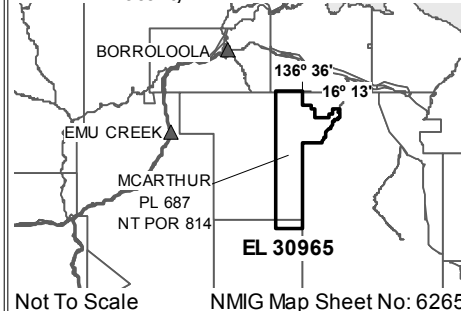
Exploration Licence 30962 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 5 Blocks (15 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



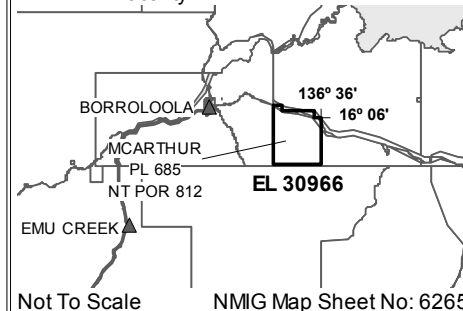
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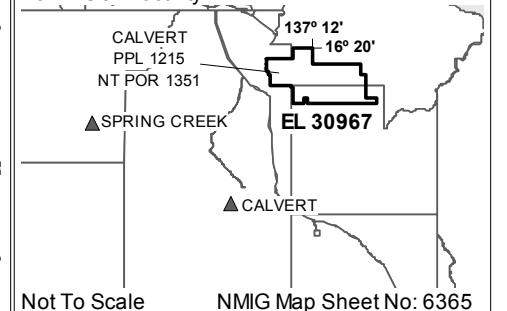
Exploration Licence 30965 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 248 Blocks (744 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WEARYAN locality.



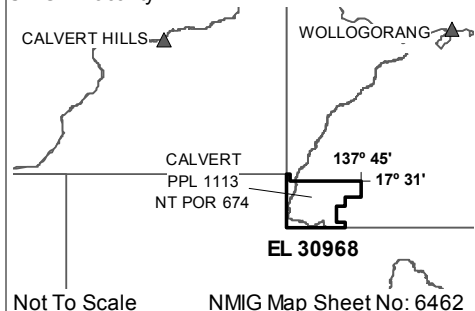
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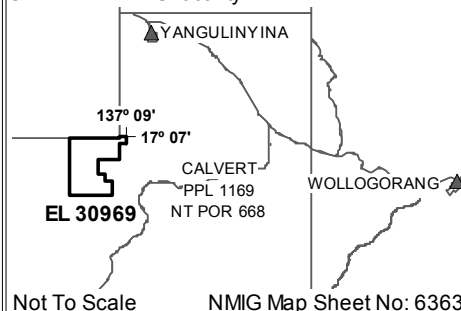
Exploration Licence 30967 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 134 Blocks (432 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ROBINSON locality.



Exploration Licence 30968 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 51 Blocks (148 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SEIGAL locality.



Exploration Licence 30969 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 47 Blocks (150 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



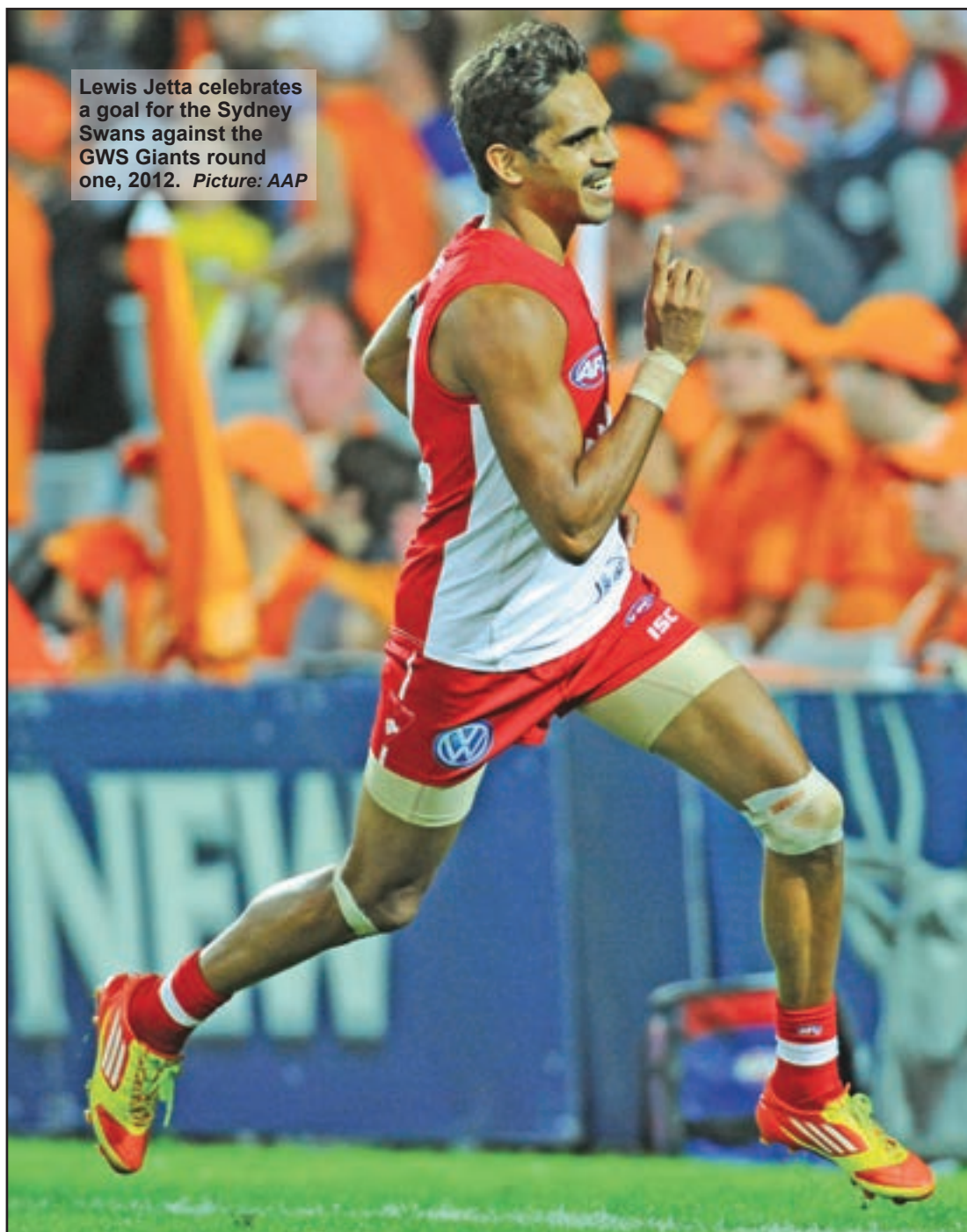
Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences 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 Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 7 October 2015

Jetta departs Sydney



Lewis Jetta celebrates a goal for the Sydney Swans against the GWS Giants round one, 2012. Picture: AAP



Lewis Jetta's younger brother Brandon is back playing country football with his brother Graham.

By CHRIS PIKE



THE Sydney Swans had a dramatic finish to the 2015 Australian Football League (AFL) season with superstar Lance Franklin missing the finals, champion Adam Goodes retiring, and premiership speedster Lewis Jetta now requesting a move home to Western Australia.

It was only in 2012 when Jetta and Goodes were celebrating an AFL premiership together after the Swans upset Hawthorn in the grand final, and with the arrival of Franklin at Sydney from the Hawks in 2014, big things were expected for the red-and-whites again.

The Swans again made the grand final with Franklin, Goodes and Jetta remaining a key part of the losing side to Hawthorn in the premiership decider, but the 2015 season has proven eventful for the trio.

Franklin was having a strong season up forward again for a Swans team that finished the season in fourth position on the ladder, but he struggled with a back injury late in the campaign and then was ruled out of the finals series as he battled a mental health issue.

With seven years remaining on his multi-million-dollar contract, Franklin will now use this off-season to get back to full health – mentally and physically – to be right to go for the start of 2016.

However, Goodes won't be there alongside him with the dual premiership player and two-time Brownlow Medal winner announcing his retirement after Sydney's semifinal loss to North Melbourne at the Sydney Olympic Stadium.

Goodes was unfairly, bizarrely and without rhyme or reason targeted by opposition fans in the second half of the season in what became an ugly blight on the AFL and its fans.

That took its toll on one of the all-time greats of the sport and he did take a break at one point as a result, and turned down an offer to be part of the grand final parade for retiring players for fear of having the occasion ruined with the reaction from the crowd.

That is a sad indictment on a section of society, but for Goodes, he

went out on top being among Sydney's very best players in the finals losses to Fremantle and North Melbourne as he brought to an end his 372-game career that began in 1999.

Meanwhile, Jetta was one of Goodes' strong supporters through the tough year, but has also decided that his 127-match career with the Swans is at an end, with the 26-year-old wingman requesting to be traded home to WA to play with the Fremantle Dockers or West Coast Eagles in 2016.

Jetta had a breakthrough WAFL season with Swan Districts in 2009 and that earned him the attention of AFL scouts with Sydney drafting him and he immediately became a permanent member of the Swans line-up from 2010 onwards.

His 127-game career included being part of the 2012 premiership with his outrunning of Hawthorn's Cyril Rioli early in the game one of the great grand final highlights.

Disappointing

He has continued to be a permanent part of the Sydney team, but his past two finals series have been disappointing and now for family reasons, he is looking to return home to WA after six years in Sydney.

Part of that family is his older brother Graham and younger brother Brandon, who both left WAFL club Swan Districts this year to play country football together at Carey Park, in the South West Football League.

Without question, Graham was good enough to continue his 106-game WAFL career that included two appearances for Western Australia and the 2010 premiership, but he decided to play closer to home at Carey Park.

He ended up having a tremendous season, finishing second in the league's fairest and best award while helping them to the grand final where they came up just short against Busselton.

Graham and Lewis' younger brother Brandon also played eight WAFL matches at Swan Districts in 2014, but he joined Graham at Carey Park in 2015, with the 21-year-old also having a good season with the Panthers from the Jetta family's home town.



Graham Jetta is the older of the three Jetta brothers. He is playing football in the family's home town of Carey Park.

Victorian Koori sports carnival looms



ABOUT 60 Aboriginal football and netball teams from across Victoria are warming up for the state's biggest annual Indigenous sporting event.

The Statewide Koori Football and Netball Carnival will be held in Bendigo on October 17-18 and is expected to attract more than 5000 competitors and spectators.

An initiative of Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation, the carnival takes place in a different location every year and aims to celebrate Indigenous participation in sport and keep communities active and connected.

First time

It is the first time the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative (BDAC) and Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation will host the event since it began more than 30 years ago.

BDAC chief executive officer Raylene Harradine said sport had a way of uniting people and allowing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to connect.

"The carnival has a special place in the

Victorian Indigenous community as it brings together people who might not otherwise have a chance to build relationships, exchange ideas and bond over shared culture, experiences and goals," she said.

"Sport and physical activity have always been an important part of our culture, and events like this help to remind us about the benefits of staying active and looking after our physical and mental health."

Ms Harradine said the carnival was also about empowering Indigenous people and showcasing the community's sporting talent, culture and traditions.

"There is a long list of successful Aboriginal athletes – some of whom will be appearing and playing at the carnival – and we will surely discover other talented players who hope to follow in their footsteps," she said.

The main event will be held at Bendigo's Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve and White Hills football-netball oval.

A concert, featuring Indigenous artists Emma Donovan, Adam Briggs and Archie Roach, will also be held on October 17 at the Ulumbarra Theatre and is open to the public.



Two players who will be representing Bendigo at the carnival are Dylan Murphy and David Williams.

Grand final agony

By PETER ARGENT



GRAND finals come down to two distinct emotions at the end to the day – the euphoria of premiership success or the emptiness of defeat.

For a couple of Indigenous talents, the 2015 South Australian National Football League (SANFL) grand final will be etched in their minds after enduring the agony of season-deciding losses.

After a dramatic year, where Jared Petrenko played with Essendon during the NAB Challenge pre-season period, he was a key component of the Woodville West Torrens finals charge in the SANFL.

Petrenko and his Eagles teammates finished minor premiers, dropping just two games during the minor round, before defeating West Adelaide in the second semifinal to secure a direct berth into the season decider.

Foundation club

For Petrenko, it was his first season returning to his foundation SANFL club – the Eagles – after playing with the Crows at AFL and with Adelaide's state league team in 2014.

He was amongst his team's best players in nine of the 16 minor round games in which he played, including a period of seven successive games from May 31.

His efforts during the year were recognised in the SA Football Budget, as he was selected across half forward in its team of the year.

In the Eagles' second game in 28 days, everything turned sour on grand final day.

West Adelaide defeated minor premiers the Eagles by 30 points after closing down their opponent's

forward structure in the second half.

The final score was the Bloods 11.12 (78) to the Eagles 7.6 (48).

After losing fellow midfielder Gus Rowntree and Angus Poole to season-ending knee injuries during the second semifinal, Petrenko was asked to shoulder more responsibility.

While he was an adequate performer in the season decider, the Bloods controlled the clearances – winning 50 to 19 – and their dominance was seen on the statistics sheet, having 140 more possessions, including 102 more handballs.

Petrenko had 12 possessions on the day and four hit outs, along with kicking a goal in the third quarter that kept the Eagles within striking distance, but it was below a number of performances during the year.

Now 25 and one of the most durable medium-sized utilities in the game, Petrenko has played 59 games for Woodville West Torrens to go with his 76 AFL games with

the Crows and seven in Adelaide's tri-colours last year in the state league.

It was equally as frustrating for North Adelaide's Brandan Parfitt in the curtain-raiser, the SANFL reserves grand final.

Unbeaten all season, Woodville West Torrens held off a gallant North Adelaide side to collect the 2015 premiership for 2015.

Only four points separated the sides at halftime and again at lemons, but a five-goal final term set up a 27-point victory.

Parfitt, from the Nightcliff Tigers in Darwin, was the Roosters' best.

He collected a team-high 18 disposals and kicked an important opportunist goal in the third quarter to keep the Roosters in the contest.

The final score was the Eagles 13.12 (90) to North 9.9 (63)

Footnote: In 2006, at the age of 16, Petrenko was actually first emergency for the Woodville West Torrens league side that defeated central District in the grand final at AMMI Stadium.



Brandan Parfitt is pressured in the SANFL reserves grand final. Picture: Peter Argent



Jared Petrenko celebrates his third-quarter goal for the Eagles against the bloods in the SANFL first grade grand final. Picture: Peter Argent



The Australian Indigenous All Stars celebrate their 2015 Trans Tasman-Series victory in Mackay. Picture: supplied



Australian Indigenous All Stars players, from left, Tidjane Diop, Chris Cedar, Deba George and Michael Cedar with the Queensland Basketball League (QBL) championship trophy, which each have won while representing Mackay. Picture: supplied

All Stars thriller

Indigenous basketballers come from behind



THE Australian Indigenous All Stars have gained bragging rights for the next 12 months, following their 2015 Trans-Tasman Basketball Series win against the New Zealand Maori team in Mackay.

After dropping game one of the series 93-82, the All Stars bounced back to secure victories in game two (107-99) and game three (93-89).

There was plenty of excitement in the decider, with the Maori side showing lots of early offensive aggression to take a 25-19 first-quarter lead.

The visitors then countered a small run by the All Stars in the second quarter and continued to control the tempo of game, leading 43-40 at halftime.

The Kiwis pushed the lead out to four by three-quarter time, 67-63 on the back of some individual brilliance from Maori skipper Lindsay Tait.

Fourth-quarter comeback

Indigenous All Stars livewire guard Deba George came alive in the fourth quarter, scoring 13 points, including back-to-back triples to put the All Stars in front with just under four minutes to play.

Captain Chris Cedar clinched the win with a pair of free-throws with just seconds left.

George finished the game with a team-high 20 points and was named player of the series after averaging 19 points, four assists and four rebounds across the three contests.

Lindsay Tait was also outstanding for the Maoris, averaging 18 points, seven assists and six rebounds for the series.

Australian Indigenous All Stars head coach Joel Khalu said he was proud of how the team battled back to win the series after dropping game one on Thursday night.

"It definitely showed the character of the group and what we were made of coming back after the game one loss," Khalu said.

Adjusted

"The easy thing to do would have been to just pack it in, but to the guys' credit, they bought in the adjustments we needed to make and came out with a desire to win both games two and three."

"For us it just came down to playing with that extra bit of desire and determination and I think that was helped by having the home crowd in our corner."

"Overall it was a fantastic showcase for basketball, with three very close, high-quality games being played and a lot of phenomenal talent on display."

"With the second annual clash between the two sides now completed, Khalu said the focus would shift to next year's event and the return of games to New Zealand.

"Looking at the first two series, there's no doubt that we have built a great rivalry and an attractive event that should continue to be sustainable," he said.

"We've also had discussions about a potential four-team tournament that may include Canadian

and US Indigenous teams as well, which is also exciting."

"At the end of the day though, what we're trying to do is about more than just on-court basketball. It's about creating opportunities for both countries to share their culture through sport and another way to inspire the young people out there to pick up a ball and shoot some hoops."

Game 1, Sept 24: New Zealand Maori 93 (Brook Ruscoe 18, Daryl Jones 16) d Australian Indigenous All Stars 82 (Deba George 20, Tidjane Diop 17).

Game 2, Sept 25: Australian Indigenous All Stars 107 (Chris Cedar 20, Michael Cedar 18) d New Zealand Maori 99 (Jordan Ngatai 21, Lindsay Tait 19).

Game 3, Sept 26: Australian Indigenous All Stars 93 (Deba George 20, Verle Williams Jnr 20) d New Zealand Maori 89 (Lindsay Tait 22, Jordan Ngatai 15).

Indigenous team: Denzel Kennedy (Cairns Marlins) Deba George (Albury-Wodonga Bandits), Verle Williams Snr (Southwest Metro Pirates, Qld), Reece Craigie (Sutherland Sharks, NSW), Verle Williams Jnr (Southwest Metro Pirates, Qld), Chris Cedar (c – Mackay Meteors, Qld), Zach Bourne (Gold Coast Rollers, Qld), Michael Cedar (vc – Gladstone Power, Qld), Jarrod Hampton (Tuggeranong Southern Cross, ACT), Tidjane Diop (Mackay Meteors, Qld).

Head coach, Joel Khalu (Mackay, Qld), assistant coach, Jason Borg (Mackay, Qld), head of delegation, Danny Morseu (Canberra, ACT).

Another Lydia Williams on the way



FIFTEEN-year-old Wagga girl Jada Mathysen-Whyman is

set to make her debut in soccer's big-time W-League competition.

Given her age, that's a mighty chievement.

The goalkeeper has been signed by Western Sydney Wanderers and is set to play in the opening match of the season against Adelaide United in Adelaide on Saturday, October 17.

After starting her soccer career in Wagga, Jada moved to Canberra for a year, where she honed her skills before moving to Sydney.

She is a student at Westfield Sports High School and played for minor premiers Macarthur Rams in the top Sydney women's competition and in her most recent season.

She was judged goalkeeper of the year in that competition.

PM's league team beats PNG 40-12

THE Prime Minister's XIII beat Papua New Guinea 40-12 in a spirited rugby league clash in Port Moresby on Saturday, September 26.

Indigenous players Jack Wighton, Alex Johnston and Dane Gagai were in the PM's team.

The game was played in front of more than 18,000 fans in the island nation's capital, with the visitors scoring seven tries to two.

"It was a great experience for all our boys," said coach Ivan Cleary.

Pukatja sneaks home against Indulkana



THE South Australian National Football League (SANFL) was out in force at the APY Lands Australian football and softball grand finals at Pukatja.

And what thrilling finals they were. Pukatja 12.7 (79) beat Indulkana 11.8 (74) in the footy, and in the women's softball, Wintjialangu beat Mimili 10-8.

SANFL Indigenous programs manager Shawn Ford was happy with the support.

"The fact that David Shipway (deputy chair SANFL Commission), Dion McCaffrie (SANFL Commission), Adam

Kelly (general manager, football), Neil Matotek (chief financial officer) experienced first-hand the importance of football and softball on 'The Lands' was very beneficial to all concerned," he said.

SANFL staff Brenton Phillips, Ron Redford, Shani Andringa and Shelby Grant, along with SANFL softball ambassador Kevin Tannebring also attended.

Mr Ford also acknowledged the importance of funding provided to the SANFL by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to run the Far North West Sport League and Junior Sports programs.



● LEFT: SANFL staff at the APY Lands football and softball grand finals at Pukatja: from left, Ron Redford, Adam Kelly, David Shipway, Dion McCaffrie, Brenton Phillips, Shani Andringa, Neil Matotek and Shelby Grant.

Mini Olympics move from Illawarra to Albury



THE NSW border city of Albury will host the 11th annual Mini Olympics on October 16 with more than 200 to celebrate good health and to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Alison Simpson, Murrumbidgee

Aboriginal health team leader said the program was named after well-respected Elder Aunty Jean Morris.

"The Mini Olympics are an extension of the Aunty Jean's Program, which is built around the community's capacity to work together for better health outcomes for Aboriginal people with our Elders

leading the way," she said. "The strong supportive relationship between local Elders, Aboriginal health workers and other allied health professionals has given the program its identity and direction.

"The first Games were held at Croome Road Stadium at Albion Park in 2004,

with about 30 people attending and it has grown each year.

"We are excited to be the first host city outside of the Illawarra for the Mini Olympics.

"We are encouraging everyone in the community to come along and cheer on the teams."

Rioli rules

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THERE is no truth in the rumour that the Australian Football League (AFL) is expanding with a new team from the Tiwi Islands.

Perhaps they should!

Cyril Rioli's performance in a game where Hawthorn dominated from the first bounce lit up the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Wherever he went, he changed the pattern of the match and set the Hawks on track for their third consecutive title.

He came off the ground to tackle Brett Hutchings to make one goal and from the clouds to steal a handball for another.

The crowd crowned him as Norm Smith medallist before the voters did.

As did his teammate Sam Mitchell, who stopped for a hug in the last quarter when the game had been well and truly won.

However, Cyril was at his

best when the game was at its most intense in the first two quarters.

Not only did he kick the first two goals – he also set up the fifth for the quarter.

His dominance can be explained in the simple statistic that he had a hand in eight further goals scored by the Hawks.

But it wasn't only his work with the ball – his defensive efforts were outstanding as well.

His second-quarter tackle on Mark Hutchings created the turnover which produced a Jack Gunston goal and opened up a six-goal lead midway through the term.

It was hard not to feel that the game was out of the Eagles' reach from that point.

Proud history

Rioli's performance maintained a proud family history that is almost beyond comprehension. He was the third family member from a remote and small community to win the highest individual honour on the day.

Cyril repeats the feat of two of his uncles, the late Maurice Rioli, who won the Norm Smith Medal for Richmond in the 1980 grand final.

And then of course there was Michael Long, who won the award in 1993, playing for Essendon.

"I knew from very young my Uncle Michael had won one, but I didn't know that Maurice had won one as well until a few years ago," Cyril said.

"To follow in their footsteps and win another one is enormous."

And it was family that was at the front of Rioli's mind when he dedicated the award to his cousin Fabian 'Brocky' Brock, who was killed halfway through the season.

"That was the driving force for the second half of the year,



Cyril Rioli kicks his second goal for the Hawks in their grand final win over the West Coast Eagles at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Saturday.
Picture: AAP

dedicating the game to him," Rioli said.

After a tumultuous year in Indigenous relations within the game, it was fitting that Rioli was presented with his award by dual Norm Smith medallist and Adelaide champion Andrew McLeod, who he thanked on stage, along with his wife and children.

Perfect symbol

On a day marked by the absence of Adam Goodes from the retiring players' parade, it was the perfect symbol of the place of Indigenous players in

the AFL. But it is the tiny community of Tiwi Islands that will be celebrating the most.

His proud dad, Cyril, captured the pride of a community and region.

He will remember the mark his son flew for on the wing with four minutes remaining that he shouldn't have had the energy to take, but did.

"To win his fourth premiership in his eighth season – I'm a very proud dad," he said.

"For him to move away and do the hard stuff he's had to, he's done everyone up in the Territory very proud.

"He's done himself very proud."

It is in the Territory that Cyril wants to finish his career, playing for the pure love of the game with his cousins.

And I am certain he will find some time to go fishing with his dad. Throwing a spear with his dad is something he loves and not only reconnects him with family, but reminds us of what he has achieved already in his career.

He embodies all that is good in our game. Well done brother! Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Justin Hodges, left, congratulates Johnathan Thurston after the NRL grand final at the Sydney Olympic Stadium on Sunday night. Picture: AAP

Embrace said it all

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

JONATHAN Thurston's embrace of Justin Hodges at the end of the Cowboys' historic National Rugby League (NRL) grand final victory against the Broncos captured the respect of two champions, the friendship of two warriors and the brotherhood of two of our Indigenous champions.

In what was perhaps the defining game of his career, JT showed the qualities that define

him as a person as much as the skills that make him one of the greatest to have played the game.

In the midst of all the emotion of kicking the winning field goal in the most dramatic completion of a grand final I have witnessed, he sought out his family to share the moment with them.

His daughter's puzzled look of concern at the battered and bloodied face of her father was countered by the loving kiss he gave her in an image that will live forever.

Commiserations

He then personally sought out every member of the Broncos' team who had sought to batter him into submission to offer his personal and genuine commiserations as he could understand the pain and emptiness they would be experiencing.

His special moments with Hodgo and Sam Thaiday were matched by the respectful exchange between JT and the master coach Wayne Bennett.

He then headed to the podium to collect the Clive Churchill Medal as the best on ground, and to lift the symbol of rugby league supremacy with his good mate and co-captain Matt Scott.

It is the moment that every player sweats and gives blood

for from the first step of the off-season.

It was the moment that will forever live in the memories of the Cowboys team and the fans and region they represent.

It is the moment that many saw Thurston achieve what some misguided critics saw as necessary for him to achieve greatness in our game.

The sublime skills of Thurston were on display across the game, but it was his sheer competitiveness that led to the Cowboys' dramatic try in the dying seconds of the game.

As the clock ticked down, Thurston found himself cornered on the left side of the field.

The Broncos were more like vultures as they circled him for what would have been the final tackle of the game.

JT refused to die. He stepped and jagged and ran backwards before shooting a pass to Michael Morgan on the right side of the field whose own moment of brilliance saw Kyle Feldt score with centimetres to spare to tie the game.

It must have seemed as if the whole world was watching as JT lined up the conversion to win and when it hit the post, it would have been easy for the Cowboys to feel as if the gods of rugby league were taunting them.

But Johnathan maintained his composure and his winning field

goal catapulted the side into rugby league history.

I want to finish this tribute by returning to Johnathan the person.

During the week, much was made of an earlier meeting that JT had with Phil Gould where he was challenged about what type of legacy he would leave when he retired.

JT himself recognises the importance of this talk.

It was around this time that it was speculated that the Cowboys would strip JT of the captaincy and that he was on the outer at the club.

He had also undergone surgery on his leg and was hobbling around on crutches while the media speculated on his future.

Most players would bunker down and keep out of public sight and JT had every reason to do so.

Commitment

But without the knowledge of the club, Thurston had made a personal commitment to visit the community of Woorabinda, outside of Rockhampton.

It is a community that has a place in his family's history and Thurston was welcomed like a returning king.

He was swamped by the kids and spent the day showing his respect to the Elders, visited the

aged care facility and signed autographs and posed for photos with almost every member of the community.

Such was his commitment that he had to sprint on crutches to catch the returning flight to Townsville.

The smile on the faces of the kids were his legacy on that day.

It is believed that a letter from an Elder of the community played a small but important part in Thurston retaining the captaincy.

JT's commitment to his people has been defined by his captaincy of the All Stars.

Legacy

But it is his unseen commitment in moments like these that will truly define his legacy.

We should all be in awe of JT the champion player.

But we should all treasure Johnathan Thurston the person, leader and ambassador of our people he has become.

The smiles of the kids and Woorabinda were reflected on faces of Indigenous and non-Indigenous kids across the nation.

This is his legacy.

I am proud to say that I know Johnathan Thurston as a brother.

He will always be an Immortal in our communities.



Dancers perform at the opening ceremony of the Arnhem Land football carnival for communities ravaged by cyclones.

Gapuwiyak celebrates



THE tiny Arnhem Land community of Gapuwiyak turned out to give their footy team a hero's welcome after they won a regional

carnival at Nhulunbuy and Yirrkala.

The carnival brought together teams from cyclone-affected communities, including Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak, two teams from Galiwinku and two combined sides from the Gove Peninsula.

The carnival also featured a team from Groote Eylandt.

Teams competed in a round-robin style competition over the two days.

Seven games

Each team played at least seven games across the weekend.

Gapuwiyak beat one of the two Gove Peninsula teams in the final.

The best and fairest in the final was awarded to 16-year-old Rowan Gaykamangu, from Gapuwiyak.

Community members gathered in the streets to welcome their team home.

A community barbecue hosted by East Arnhem Regional Council, Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA) and Miwatj Employment and Participation (MEP) was also held to celebrate.

The Northern Territory Government held the Australian rules football carnival to re-engage young adults and support the restoration of pride and strength in the East Arnhem

The winning Gapuwiyak team celebrates after winning the final.



communities affected by cyclones Lam and Nathan earlier this year.

Ramingining was awarded the Spirit of the Carnival award for demonstrating great sportsmanship and behaviour

during the carnival.

About 200 players and team officials took part in the carnival.

Former North Melbourne and Port Adelaide player and Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) star, Darwin's

Daniel Motlop, attended on behalf of the Chief Minister, Adam Giles, and played with Galiwinku.

The carnival concluded with entertainment by local bands. The carnival was funded by

\$10,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation and was delivered by AFL Northern Territory.

Cyclones Lam and Nathan hit the region earlier this year, leaving devastation behind them.

Minjilang teams

Story and pictures by
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FOR an island community of only a few hundred people, Minjilang more than holds its own when it comes to competitive sport.

Men's and women's teams from the tiny community on remote Croker Island, north-west Arnhem Land, this year took out two of the three championships at the 2015 Gurrung Sports Carnival at Jabiru, winning the women's basketball and the men's Australian football.

Nearly 300 young, predominantly Indigenous athletes from across the Top End, competed in the carnival at Kakadu, and they did so in the finest sporting spirit.

Sport, art, music, culture

Hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC), Gurrung runs in conjunction with Mahbilil Festival, creating a whirlwind of sports, arts, music and culture, right in the heart of the World Heritage-listed national park.

Fifteen teams from Daly River, Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Minjilang, Waruwi and Darwin took part in the carnival at Jabiru on Friday and Saturday, September 4-5.

The late-night men's basketball final on Friday set the atmosphere, with great crowds and deadly music from Minjilang Konnection DJ Nathan Fejo.

It was Jabiru Heat who made the best of the hothouse conditions on the outdoor court, putting in a skilful display to edge out Darwin's highly competitive St John's Crows 16-11.

With just a minute to go in the final, and the score close at 14-11, St John's had a couple of free throws, but the Crows players could only watch in disbelief as the ball – not once, but twice – twirled around the rim of the basket, yet failed to drop.

Member for Arafura Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu congratulated both teams when awarding the medals and trophies, including most valuable player award recipient Anthony Reid.

St John's coach Harvey Jupp named Kailum, Kayne and Jermoine as best players.

He said the team, from St John's College in Darwin, were "like one big family" and all knew each other's game well.

"We came in and pushed hard for five games," Jupp said.

But it was the Heat who made it count when it mattered, notching up their fourth Gurrung win in a row.

In the women's basketball, West Arnhem Girls Academy (WAGA) saw a strong turnout of both players and spectators when they shaped up against Minjilang Tigers, from Croker Island, Mardbalk Cats from Waruwi (Goulburn Island) and last year's champions, Maningrida All Stars.

WAGA team coach Shari Aluni said all

the girls in the team were from Years 7-11.

"The girls have been training for the last month twice a week before school," Aluni said.

But it was coach Loretta Cunningham's Minjilang Tigers who went through undefeated, getting the best of Mardbalk Cats 26-19 in the final.

Jillian Cooper was best on court for the Tigers.

Aluni summed up the spirit of the competition. "We lost all three games, but had fun in participating in a carnival atmosphere," she said.

"The girls have learnt to build on their teamwork skills and physical fitness, and look forward to entering again next year."

Terrific Tigers

In the men's footy, it was again the Minjilang Tigers who held the trophy aloft after getting the best of Gunbalanya Buffaloes 7.6 (42) to 5.2 (32) in a fast-paced and keenly contested final at Brockman Oval.

In a dramatic twist, the Jabiru Bombers earlier defeated the Tigers, but the effort proved too much for the local heroes who went down scoreless in their next game against Darwin team St John's.

Gunbalanya Buffaloes coach Solomon Cooper, who has played 200 games for the Jabiru Bombers, said it was the first time the team had played together.

"I've been running training drills with the boys, from Gunbalanya and Injilak, Banyan, Middle Camp and Adjumarrarl. They grew up together," Cooper said.

He said playing in brand new uniforms, supplied by WARC, had helped give them momentum and draw them together.

Best on ground in the final for Minjilang Tigers was Justin Cooper.

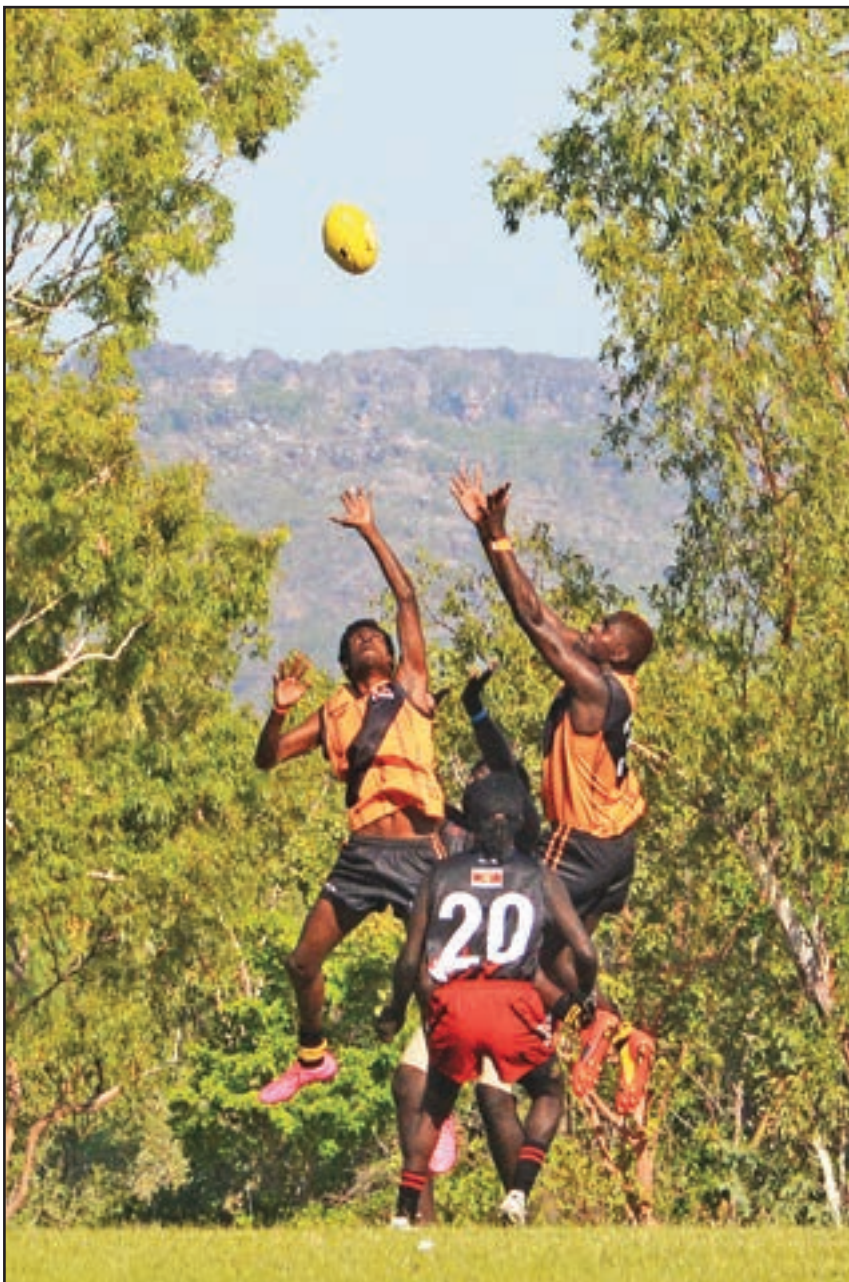
Cooper is currently playing for Saint Arnaud Bulldogs in Victoria's North Central Football League, and played in the grand final against Charlton on Saturday, September 19.

The Minjilang Tigers' win will see the third Gurrung men's footy trophy in as many years travel back to the distant shores of Croker Island.

WARC coordinator Youth Sport and Recreation Ian Douglass thanked everyone who participated, officiated, sponsored, worked or volunteered to make this year's Gurrung Sports Carnival a great success.

Men's footy results: Minjilang Tigers 8.7 (55) d Maningrida 1.0 (6), Daly River 4.2 (26) d St Johns 2.1 (13), Gunbalanya 5.2 (32) d Jabiru 1.3 (9), Minjilang Tigers 5.6 (36) d St Johns 1.1 (7), Daly River 5.4 (34) d Gunbalanya 3.6 (24), Jabiru 5.4 (34) d Maningrida 3.0 (18), Minjilang Tigers 5.4 (34) d Gunbalanya 1.1 (7), St Johns 2.5 (17) d Maningrida 1.2 (8), Jabiru 3.4 (22) d Daly River 3.2 (20) d Gunbalanya 4.3 (27) d St Johns 3.4. (22), Jabiru 4.1 (25) d Minjilang Tigers 1.4 (10), Daly River 3.4 (22) d Maningrida 2.4 (16), St Johns 5.2 (32) d Jabiru 0.0 (0), Gunbalanya 6.0 (36) d Maningrida 1.2 (8), Minjilang Tigers 4.3 (27) d Daly River 1.2 (8).

Grand final: Minjilang Tigers 7.6 (42) d Gunbalanya 5.2 (32).



● LEFT: The men jump high in the opening game: Minjilang Tigers v Maningrida All Stars.

● ABOVE: 2015 Gurrung men's basketball champions Jabiru Heat.

● RIGHT: Minjilang Tigers vice-captain Joanne Cooper, coach Loretta Cunningham, and captain June Fejo, winners of the women's basketball at the 2015 Gurrung Sports Carnival.



shine at Jabiru



Shaun Watson, from Maningrida All Stars, is ready to pounce in the men's Aussie rules game.



All eyes are on the ball in the Maningrida All Stars v Mardbalk Cats basketball game.



Women's basketball team WAGA, from left, Shari Aluni (coach) Tannah Gould, Jemma Woodward, Karius Cameron, Taylor Prew, Ruby Djandjomerr, Siah Williams, Emma Douglas, Philipa Douglas, Nakkita Hardy, Sasha Grainer, Andrea Pena, Shanice Nabanardi. Absent: Maddison Rasmussen and Jesse Whiting. *Picture: supplied*

● ABOVE: 2015 Gurrung men's footy winners Minjilang Tigers Essendon with Tiwi Bombers legend Dean Rioli, far right.

● ABOVE RIGHT: Men's basketball runners-up St John's Crows with coach Harvey Jupp, right.

● RIGHT: Australian football runners-up Gunbalanya Buffaloes.



JT's crowning achievement



JOHNATHAN Thurston hailed North Queensland's maiden National Rugby League

(NRL) premiership as the crowning achievement of his career after putting the finishing touch on one of the most complete CVs in rugby league history.

The Immortal-in-waiting added the elusive title and the Clive Churchill Medal to his resume after leading the Cowboys to an epic 17-16 golden-point grand final victory over Brisbane on Sunday at the Sydney Olympic Stadium.

His extra-time field goal, having struck the upright with a match-winning conversion attempt after the siren had sounded, sent Cowboys fans into a frenzy.

It was the final frontier for Thurston, who secured his first NRL title coming off the bench for Canterbury as a 21-year-old in 2004.

A dual Golden Boot winner as world player of the year, Thurston last week claimed a record fourth Dally M Medal.

'Speechless'

Throw in nine State of Origin series wins for Queensland and a Rugby League World Cup with Australia and Thurston has achieved everything the game has to offer.

"I'm speechless," he told the Nine Network, almost in tears, minutes after the win.

"Wow, I can't believe what I've just done – unbelievable. I just love this club."

Jubilant Cowboys coach Paul Green hailed Thurston a hero.

"He's unbelievable," Green said.

"I don't think there's any other player that I'd want to take that goal. It wasn't to be, but he iced the game when he got the chance."

Thurston later said he ranked co-captaining the Cowboys with Matt Scott to the club's breakthrough premiership above anything else he'd accomplished in his decorated career.

"It's number one," he said.

"Because that's what you do. You set out every year to do that and I can't be prouder with the way



Broncos captain Justin Hodges farewells fans after the NRL grand final at the Sydney Olympic Stadium. Picture: AAP

the boys have gone about their business all year.

"Whoever's come in and done a job, they've done a job for us and that was evident throughout the Origin period.

"We only lost one match during that period this year and, in the past, that's probably been where we've been our weakest."

As the final seconds wound down, it looked as though Brisbane's defence would win the day. That was before a clutch play from Michael Morgan produced a post-siren try to Kyle Feldt to tie up the scores at 16-all.

One of the greatest

Thurston's conversion hit the post to send the game into extra-time before the Clive Churchill medallist nailed a field goal from close range to claim the 17-16 win before 82,758 fans in one of the greatest grand finals in history.

The Cowboys made an art of running down teams from behind in 2015 and coach Green said the grand final victory, in one of the most memorable deciders of all time, was again evidence of that.

Ben Hunt's knock-on from the



Johnathan Thurston with daughter Charlie takes a quiet moment after the Cowboys' win over the Broncos the NRL grand final. Picture: AAP

start of the golden point period handed the Cowboys vital field position and Thurston made no mistake with his second chance to win the game.

Brisbane coach Wayne Bennett refused to blame Hunt for the loss, but instead took aim at the golden point rule.

In retiring skipper Justin Hodges' last game, Bennett, who suffered

defeat in his first grand final as sole head coach in eight attempts, said he didn't feel like a loser.

"Someone's got to lose, at the end of the day we got beaten by a field goal," he said. "Do we feel beaten? No we don't. Are we disappointed? Yes, we are."

"But you have to recognise it is not about winning or losing all the time." – AAP

Get rid of golden point, says Bennett

BRISBANE coach Wayne Bennett has called for the reintroduction of National Rugby League (NRL) grand final replays to replace the golden point period.

His comments came after the Broncos went down harrowingly to North Queensland in extra time despite leading for almost the entire second half.

The seven-time premiership-winning coach has long been an adversary of sudden-death overtime since it was ushered in for the 2003 season following a drawn State of Origin series in 2002.

Bennett re-iterated his stance against golden point, claiming the result is a lottery.

"It's just unfair on everybody. I would've been happy to come back next week and play again," Bennett said post-game.

"I still don't see what's wrong with a draw. The season doesn't have to change anything. For 100 years we didn't have golden point and we still had a great game."

Not since Manly and Cronulla were brought back for a re-match in 1978 has rugby league enforced a replay.

St George and Parramatta were also recalled for a second grand final the following year.

Bennett denied being bitter about the extra period, but said a different method was needed to decide the result given the grand occasion.

"You're talking about a grand final here. You're talking about everything on the line," he said.

"It's not the way that, personally, I want it decided, as a coach or as a player."

Former Cowboys board member and respected rugby league commentator Ben Ikin weighed into the debate on Monday, telling SEN radio it was time for the NRL to abolish golden point in finals matches.

– AAP

Thurston reaches out to shattered Hunt

SUPERSTAR halfback Johnathan Thurston reached out to his crestfallen counterpart after Ben Hunt's extra-time blunder gifted North Queensland the field goal winner in Sunday's drama-charged National Rugby League (NRL) grand final.

Hunt had earned comparisons with Brisbane great Allan Langer pre-match but ended the game in despair after knocking on the golden-point kick-off.

Less than a set later, Thurston kicked Hunt while he was down, nailing the drop goal in the Cowboys' historic 17-16 triumph at the Sydney Olympic Stadium.

While Thurston claimed the spoils, including the Clive Churchill Medal as man of the match, Hunt buried his head in the turf, almost in tears.

But the Cowboys co-captain didn't forget his Queensland State of Origin teammate in

their contrasting moments of agony and ecstasy after the match.

"I told him to hold his head up high," Thurston said. "He's had an outstanding couple of years and he'll be a great player for years to come. "He's been with us in camp and I know what he's made of, he'll come back better and I just wanted to make sure he didn't feel the world on his shoulders for that error."

The Broncos also rallied around their shattered playmaker, with retiring skipper Justin Hodges insisting Hunt was the reason his team made the grand final.

"It's not Ben Hunt's fault," Hodges said after the close loss.

"Ben thought he cost us the game but without Benny we wouldn't be here today. "I don't blame anyone."

"What happens, happens." – AAP

Hawks soar above Eagles



Brad Hill with his grand final medal.
Picture: Peter Argent

By PETER ARGENT



HAWTHORN has etched itself into Australian Football League (AFL) history, becoming just the second

team in the modern era to win three successive premierships.

Since the VFL was rebadged as the AFL in 1990 and developed into a national competition, only Brisbane – 2001 to 2003 – had previously won three titles in a row.

After defeating Fremantle in 2013, and dispatching Sydney last year, the Eagles felt the might of the magnificent Hawthorn machine last Saturday.

This was also a fourth consecutive grand final appearance after the 2012 defeat by Sydney.

In this October grand final, Hawthorn set up victory with nine unanswered goals in the first half.

After a brief West Coast fightback either side of the long interval, the Hawks went on to record a 16.11 (107) to 8.13 (61) triumph on a windy day where the temperature rose to 31.3 degrees. It was the hottest grand final day on record.

The Hawks led by 31 points at half-time and their five-goal third quarter gave them a 50-point advantage at lemons, making the last quarter a cakewalk.

It was the Hawks' lucky 13 (VFL/AFL) title since their initial win

in 1961. For this year's Norm Smith medallist Cyril Rioli and veteran defender Shaun Burgoyne, it was their fourth flags, pushing them to the top of the tree when it comes to Aboriginal AFL premiership players.

Rioli has won all four premierships with the Hawks, in his rookie season of 2008 and now this three-peat.

Burgoyne, who came across from Port Adelaide in 2010, played in the Power's inaugural title in 2004 and now this trio of triumphs in brown and gold.

West Australian Bradley Hill is among the 17 Hawks to have played in all three of this current sequence.

Sixth grand final

Burgoyne played his 31st finals match in the grand final, which took him into equal second spot in the history of the game, level with Collingwood great from the 1920 and 1930s – Gordon Coventry. This was Burgoyne's sixth grand final appearance.

For the vanquished West Coast Eagles, Josh Hill kicked a candidate for the goal of the year in the second term, towards the city end of the ground with a 'dribble kick' from the boundary line.

Sharrold Wellingham, coming back home after the 2010 premiership with Collingwood, was one of the few Eagles who had an influence on the game early, but he faded out of the contest in the second half.



Hawthorn hero Cyril Rioli lifts the AFL grand final trophy at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Saturday. Picture: AAP

Super Cyril

By PETER ARGENT

PLAYING a commanding role, especially in the first half, Cyril Rioli was the 2015 Norm Smith Medal winner, honoured as best on ground in the Hawks' Australian Football League (AFL) premiership win at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) last Saturday.

Rioli was very much at the vanguard in the early stages as Hawthorn put their stamp on the game.

The Hawks were dominant early and Rioli kicked a pair of first-quarter goals and also brilliantly set up the major for Brad Hill at the end of the quarter.

While fellow four premiership players Luke Hodge and Sam Mitchell led the possession count, 30 and 34 disposals respectively, Rioli's 18 touches, 12 marks, two goals and four-goal-assist performance was simply mercurial.

He was presented his medal by fellow Northern Territorian and dual winner of this award in 1997-98, Adelaide's Andrew McLeod.

While on stage receiving the medal, Rioli thanked his fellow NT legend, along with his family.

Rich history

There is also a rich family history that goes with this highest individual accolade on the most important day of the season.

Two of Cyril's uncles – the late Maurice Rioli in a losing side with Richmond in 1982, and Michael Long in Essendon's brilliant effort in 1993 – have their names on Norm Smith Medal honour board.

Rioli dedicated his Norm Smith Medal to late cousin Fabian 'Brocky' Brock, who passed away this year.

"That was my driving force for the second half of the year, dedicating the games to him," Rioli said in his media conference after the game.

When he was asked about what it meant to be in the special group of Aboriginal Norm Smith medallists and follow his uncles with this accolade, Rioli said: "It's an unbelievable feeling to follow in their footsteps and very humbling, especially to get it (the Norm Smith medal) from Andrew McLeod."

Norm Smith Medal voting: Cyril Rioli 13, Sam Mitchell 9, James Frawley 4, Luke Hodge 2, Isaac Smith 1, Shaun Burgoyne 1.

Aboriginal Norm Smith medallists: 1982 – Maurice Rioli (Richmond), 1992 – Peter Matera (West Coast), 1993 – Michael Long (Essendon), 1997 – Andrew McLeod (Adelaide), 1998 – Andrew McLeod (Adelaide), 2004 – Byron Pickett (Port Adelaide), 2015 – Cyril Rioli (Hawthorn).

Plenty of talent in curtain-raiser



Daniel Rioli has room to move for the Allies in their game against the Australian AFL Academy.
Pictures: Peter Argent

THERE was no shortage of Indigenous players in the Australian Football League (AFL) grand final curtain-raiser between the Australian AFL Academy under 17 side and an Allies under 18s team.

In a high-quality contest, the Allies won 13.10 (88) to 12.2 (74).

Norwood League footballer Davin Ferreira, along with fellow Northern Territory talent Michael Hagan and Daniel Rioli, were among the Allies squad.

In the 2015-2016 AFL Academy side were Brandon Parfitt, fresh from a grand final performance with North Adelaide, WA lads Sam Petrevski-Seton and Sam Powell-Pepper, and Tasmanian Ben McGuinness.

Rioli (19 possessions, one goal) was an impressive contributor for the Allies and the diminutive Michael Hagan gave plenty of dash from defence. Both were in the best player lists.

Ferreira was also among the 10 goal kickers for the Allies, playing a role as a hard-tackling small forward.

Petrevski-Seton kicked two goals among his 12 disposals, while Northern Territorian Parfitt was industrious around the contest.

Sam Powell-Pepper was strong at the contest and won his share of disposals.

The Allies are a group of elite young talent from the NSW/ACT, Queensland, Northern Territory and Tasmania, coached by Adrian Fletcher and are eligible for this year's draft, while the AFL Academy will be looking for draft selection in 2016.

Ben McGuinness flies high to spoil for the AFL Academy.





Dan Christian Picture: Peter Argent



Josh Lalor Picture: Peter Argent



Ryan Lees Picture: contributed

Our rising stars



INDIGENOUS cricketers are reaching the elite level with the naming of three players to contest major tournaments in Australia.

Brisbane Heat has confirmed one of the worst-kept secrets in the Big Bash (T20) League by announcing the signing of exciting NSW left-arm fast bowler Josh Lalor.

Lalor also was named in the NSW team for the Matador Cup, but he and four others last Friday were dropped to make way for returning Test players following the decision to postpone the two-Test series against Bangladesh because of security concerns.

Meanwhile, seamer Ryan Lees has been named in the Tasmanian 14-man squad for the Matador One-Day Cup, while Dan Christian is in the Victorian squad.

Teams contesting the round-robin series between October 5 and October 25 in Sydney are a Cricket Australia XI, NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.

Lalor, one of a handful of Indigenous cricketers to represent NSW, has struggled to nail down a regular spot in the Blues' Sheffield Shield side.

News Corp revealed in February that the

Heat was set to swoop on the 27-year-old quick.

The Heat will be Lalor's third BBL club, having previously played for both Sydney teams – the Sixers and Thunder.

"I like the idea that it is a new-look bowling group," Lalor said.

"One of the things I love about the Big Bash is the opportunity to move around and learn off guys like Shane (Bond) and Dan Vettori who we wouldn't otherwise have exposure to on the domestic cricket scene."

Versatile

Heat coach Dan Vettori says Lalor's versatility and ability to bowl with the new ball and at the close of an innings, plus his variety as a left-arm seamer, were the key reasons the club sought his services.

"I think we've seen throughout the short history of the Big Bash League that teams with a solid mix of variety in their bowling attacks tend to have the most success," Vettori said.

"We were really looking for someone who could swing the new ball and contain batsmen at the end of an innings, and Josh certainly fits that mould."

Lalor will have the opportunity to meet his old teammates for the first time when

the Heat host the Thunder on Sunday, January 3, which will be just the second time the Sydney club have ventured to Brisbane.

Just missed out

It is understood another Indigenous player – Jonte Pattison, – just missed selection in the NSW Matador Cup side.

Off-spinner Chris Green was favoured at the selection table narrowly ahead of Blues rookie and Australian under 19s leg-spinner Pattison and O'Reilly medallist Ahillen Beadle.

But like Lalor, Ryan was later dropped to make way for one of the returning NSW Test players following the postponement of the Bangladesh series.

Ryan Lees, 21, is one of two new faces in the Tasmanian squad for the Matador Cup.

He grew up on Flinders Island, a place where there were no competitive cricket teams when he was there.

After solid performances for Tasmania at the Imparja Cup, Lees earned a spot on the Tigers list in 2013-14 and after being on the list for the past two years, the young local looks to be set to make his debut at the Matador Cup alongside 18-year-old

Jake Doran.

Tasmanian chairman of selectors Michael Farrell said that having first game players was always an exciting time for Cricket Tasmania and he was confident that Lees and Doran would do well.

"Ryan Lees has been rewarded with selection due to strong performances in various games throughout the pre-season, Farrell said.

Christian, originally from NSW, is something of a cricket journeyman.

After struggling to break into the NSW side, Christian moved to South Australia before switching to Victoria.

Overseas experience

He has also played overseas and represented Australia in short-game versions.

The Cricket Australia XI team will join the established six-team competition as a way of giving high-potential players from around the country more opportunity to play high-pressure professional domestic cricket in Australia.

The additional team will have a squad size of 14 and will consist of high-potential players on the cusp of state selection to give them greater development opportunity.

New man at the top in Northern Territory football



MICHAEL Solomon is the new boss of Australian football in the Northern Territory.

The Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) board announced that Solomon would become the new chief executive officer (CEO).

He is now the head of

operations and media business at AFL Media in Melbourne.

Solomon, originally from Adelaide, is no stranger to Darwin, having lived and worked there previously.

The AFLNT said Solomon would bring many years of CEO, business and media experience to the Northern Territory, as well as community and football experience.

AFLNT chairman Ross Coburn said: "AFLNT is very fortunate to have had a candidate such as Michael apply for this position and there was an extraordinary high quality field of candidates, including local talent that really impressed the selection panel.

"Michael brings a wealth of experience in media, broadcasting, business and

management, as well as a lifelong commitment to AFL football through community involvement.

"AFLNT has grown immensely in the past 10 years and Michael's skill set will ensure continued growth across all areas of the business, with a particular focus on the sustainability and vitality of AFLNT's Indigenous programs and local football

throughout the NT.

"NT Football needs the business, broadcasting and football acumen that Michael brings, so that the game in the Territory takes the next step in growth and outreach and to ensure that AFLNT's Indigenous programs and the Michael Long learning and Leadership Centre continue to generate myriad positive outcomes."

Off to New York



TEN Indigenous Australians have embraced pain to earn their spot in the world famous

New York City Marathon in November as part of the 2015 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) team.

Most of the squad had no running experience and have turned their lives around through running and education in just five months.

On Sunday, September 27, the 2015 IMP squad of five men and five women who only started training in May, took on their biggest challenge to date – a 30km qualifying run in Alice Springs which determined the final squad to take on the New York Marathon.

Alice Springs is a significant location for IMP, being home to 2010 IMP graduate and Australia's first ever Indigenous Australian to finish the New York City Marathon as part of IMP, Charlie Maher.

This year further cemented IMP's connection to Alice Springs, with 100% of all 30km finishers being announced to leave their footprints on the New York Marathon course.

Compulsory

It is also compulsory for each squad member to complete their Certificate III in Fitness qualification to be considered part of the final New York squad.

The IMP is a program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation.

The results from the 30km qualifying run were:

Daniel Lloyd (Murray Bridge, SA) 2:27:38.

Chris Guyula (Gapuwiyak, NT) 2:30:11

Jessica Lovett-Murray (Heywood, Vic) 2:54:25

Harriet David (Cairns, Qld) 3:04:58

Jacinta Gurruwiwi (Elcho Island, NT) 3:11:10

Dwayne Jones (Timber Creek, NT) 3:30:30

Aaron West (Queanbeyan, NSW) 3:31:01

Alicia Sabatino (Thursday Island, Qld) 3:33:40

John Leha (Marrickville,



The 10 IMP runners bound for the New York Marathon: back row, from left, John Leha, Alicia Sabatino, Jessica Lovett-Murray, Chris Guyula, Eileen Byers, Aaron West; front row, Dwayne Jones, Harriet David, Jacinta Gurruwiwi and Daniel Lloyd.

NSW) 3:35:01

Eileen Byers (Casino, NSW) 4:07:10.

IMP founder and director Robert de Castella said it was an emotionally charged final camp.

"This was one of the best camps we've had. These incredible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island men and women from across Australia have faced adversity, challenge and sacrifice that are times is incomprehensible," he said.

"They have demonstrated resilience, determination and sheer hard work reaps life-changing benefits. All of these men and women have endured some extremely difficult situations in their lives and today they proved nothing will defeat them.

"I always say that running is easy – it's just one foot in front of the other. But running a marathon is hard; it's one of the hardest things you can do.

"Most members of the squad had no running experience just a few short months ago and now they are preparing to line up in the biggest marathon in the world, in one of the biggest cities in the world.

"I am extremely proud of their achievements and know they will embrace the marathon with the same unbreakable spirit and attitude with which they have faced their own personal struggles with courage, pride, strength and an unwavering determination to succeed."

The squad was inspired and supported by IMP graduates of

each year (Charlie Maher 2010, Nadine Hunt 2011, Jamie Wunungmurra 2012, Charmaine Patrick 2013 and Adrian Dodson-Shaw 2014) who were an integral part of the camp, sharing their personal stories of adversity and triumph, and running alongside squad members for the 30km run.

Justified

IMP head coach Mick Rees highlighted the growth and success of IMP and said each runner had justified their selection.

"This year we received a record number of applications from 150 Indigenous Australians from right across the country to be part of the squad," he said.

"Every single one of our

runners has well and truly earned their right to line up in the New York City Marathon.

"Running doesn't lie. If you don't do the training, you won't be prepared for any run, particularly a 30km run.

"Consistent training is the key and this year's squad has proven that if you put in the hard work, the results will speak for themselves.

"The next five weeks are crucial for the squad to put in the final preparations and correct nutrition to make sure they are 100% conditioned for their marathon challenge."

Members of the squad will meet in Sydney for pre-departure camp on October 27 before flying out to New York on Thursday, October 29.

Mundine chases one more big fight



BARRING a bad loss, 40-year-old Anthony Mundine can see himself boxing for up to three more years and still craves one massive bout.

Mundine will fight for the first time in a year when he defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super welterweight title against American Charles Hatley on November 21 in Melbourne.

Elbow and eye problems and contractual issues have conspired to cause the longest break of his boxing career.

The former rugby league star said he

never imagined, when he switched to boxing in 2000, he would still be fighting 15 years later.

Although Mundine has had a number of high-profile world title bouts, he still yearns for one more before finally hanging up his gloves.

"I just want a massive fight. I want to get one shot like (Australian middleweight) Daniel Geale did against Miguel Cotto," Mundine said last Wednesday.

"My plan is to go out and fight the best and beat the best."

Mundine is ranked No 4 by the WBC, 11 places higher than Texan Hatley who has a

record of 25-1-1 (17 KOs).

A victory over 29-year-old Hatley, who hasn't fought the same level of opposition as the Australian who described him as a boxer and counterpuncher, would put Mundine within reach of a mandatory shot at the WBC title owned by American superstar Floyd Mayweather.

Although Mayweather was adamant he would not fight again after his recent win over Andre Berto, Mundine wasn't convinced.

"I believe he (Mayweather) will fight again," Mundine said.

Asked if he thought he still had some

chance of fighting the unbeaten American, Mundine said: "Other people might not believe so, but I do."

Mundine said he hadn't watched the recent comeback bout of old adversary Danny Green and would want a 60-40 split of the purse for a rematch.

He defeated Green on points in 2006 in Sydney.

Green, 42, is campaigning as a cruiserweight, four divisions above Mundine who isn't prepared to go up any further in weight than somewhere between super middleweight and light heavyweight.

– AAP

Southern Dingoes'

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COMEBACK kings Southern Dingoes Black won the final of the QAIHC Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri rugby league carnival at Redcliffe,

beating Badu Island side Saguci Tigers 22-20 in a thriller.

A late try by courageous centre Luke Dumas in the final minute sealed the victory after Saguci Tigers had led 20-14 and looked home.

A total of 28 sides were in the open men's section, 10 in the women's division and 17 in the under 15 grade at Redcliffe's Dolphin Oval from October 1-4.

It was a never-say-die-attitude that won the coveted title for the Dingoes, who had also trailed competition favourites Kulpiyam by 12 points in a semifinal.

Kulpiyam was last year's winner on protest over Dingoes and had the services of Canberra Raiders NRL stars Edrick Lee and Brenko Lee, who played at five-eighths.

Confusion

Scores were level at 20-all when the final siren sounded in the semifinal and Kulpiyam players cheered thinking they had won after scoring the first try.

Confusion reigned as officials told the crowd over the PA system they were checking the carnival rules and adjudicated that the game would go into golden point.

In the second five minutes of extra time, Dingoes scored to win 24-20.

Saguci Tigers had beaten Moreton Bay Murri Dibing Bulls 32-16 in the other semifinal.

Southern Dingoes Black did a great job to win the carnival after finishing seventh on the table after the qualifying games.

Saguci Tigers, and another Badu side and a previous carnival winner Argun Warriors, and Kulpiyam filled the first three places on the ladder.

Dingoes had beaten Argun Warriors 9-0 in a final 16 match.

Murri Sistas beat Highlanders 22-0 in the women's final after their big forwards were dominant.

One highlight of the game was the two-try effort by Elsja Mosby, from Injinoo, on the Northern Peninsula Area of far north Queensland.

In the semifinals, Murri Sistas defeated Coastal Gummaz 22-0 and Highlanders rolled Tiddas United 28-12.

Townsville Walkabouts took out the under 15 division by the narrowest of margins after they were equal on points with Waa'Wid'jee'Mah Warriors after the fixtures and it came down to for and against.

Each team played four matches and at the completion, Walkabouts and Waa'Wid'jee'Mah Warriors were equal at the top of the table with 19.5 points.

However Walkabouts had a points differential of 130 compared with the Waa'Wid'jee'Mah Warriors' 128.

There was no final played and the cream of the rising stars from the sides were picked before a Possibles versus Probables game was played as a curtain-rasier to the women's and men's finals.

Possibles won 32-16.

The *Koori Mail* was told that talent scouts from several NRL clubs and numerous Queensland Intrust Super Cup clubs were at the carnival.



The winning women's team Murri Sistas.



Canberra Raiders and Kulpiyam back Edrick Lee is tackled by two Southern Dingoes Black players in their semifinal.



The winning under 15 side Townsville Walkabouts.

great comeback



Canberra Raiders NRL players Edrick Lee, right, and Brenko Lee lined up for Kulpiyam.



Arafura Heat players, from left, Ted Whap, Ces Whap and Ronald Whap after a game.



Luke Dumas scored the winning try for Southern Dingoes Black in the final.



Men's runners-up Saguci Tigers after their semifinal win.



Murri Sistas defenders tackle a Highlanders player on the ground.



Two-try hero Elsja Mosby gets a spray after her team Murri Sistas won the women's final.



Saguci Tigers Robbie Congoo fires a pass against Southern Dingoes Black in the final.

Redfern All Blacks to



THE NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout is return to Sydney after a long absence, following a thrilling golden-point win by the Redfern All Blacks over the Newcastle All Blacks at Dubbo on Monday.

The game went into extra time with the teams locked at 32-all after 80 minutes of brilliant football.

The Newcastle All Blacks looked to have the game in their control, leading 22-6 at halftime and dominating play.

The beaten finalists in the 2014 Knockout were simply too good for the Redfern All Blacks in the first half.

But a big change came over the game in the second half.

Redfern scored a converted try early in the second to trail 22-12.

But Newcastle appeared to put the result beyond doubt with a try to Matty Edwards.

Scott Briggs missed the conversion, but the Newcastle All Blacks were ahead 26-12.

Brendan Williams dived over from dummy half for Redfern and Shane Nolan converted to bring the Sydney team to within four points of Newcastle.

Kyle Mundine scored for Redfern and following Shane Nolan's conversion, Redfern trailed by just two points.

Newcastle skipped away to a 30-24 lead when Billy Towers scored and Scott Briggs converted.

With time running out, Redfern scored another try and Nolan converted.

With Newcastle clinging to a 32-30 lead, Newcastle was penalised for being too slow to get off a tackled player.

Shane Nolan levelled the scores with a penalty goal from halfway.

Neither side scored in the first period of extra time, but Johnathon Wright scored the winning try for Redfern early in the second part of extra time.



The Yowies and Kempsey women after they met in the final. Kempsey won 6-4.



Erambie All Blacks, in the yellow and black, on the attack against Bundjalung Baygal. Bundjalung won 42-6



A Cabbage Tree Island Descendants player comes in for some heavy treatment at the hands of the Newcastle All Blacks. The All Blacks ended the Descendants' run with a 24-10 win.



The Newcastle Yowies' Tyrone Roberts, a National Rugby League (NRL) player with the Knights, runs into trouble against Yuin Monaro United.



La Perouse in possession against the Narwan Eels in the second round. LaPa Panthers won 16-8.

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Bourke Original Warriors players tackle an Original Boomerangs player. Original Boomerangs knocked out the Warriors 38-6.



Action in the La Perouse-Coonamble match in the under 12 finals. The game ended in a draw and both teams were declared joint winners.



The La Perouse and Redfern All Blacks under 12 teams before their semifinal



The La Perouse and Coonamble under 12 teams that met in the final. The game ended in a draw.



A La Perouse player is tackled by the Nambucca Valley Rams.



Try time for the La Perouse Panthers against the Nambucca Valley Rams.



● LEFT: Yowies' Jessie Shaw sets herself to pass the ball in the women's semifinal against Kempsey. Kempsey won the match 6-4.

● RIGHT: Travis Robinson on the attack in the semifinal against the Original Boomerangs United. Redfern won 18-6.





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The Redfern All Blacks, who staged a magnificent comeback to snatch a golden-point extra time 36-32 win over the Newcastle All Blacks in the final of the 2015 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Dubbo on Monday. *Picture: Naomi Moran*



The Southern Dingoes Black team after winning the 2015 Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri Rugby League Carnival at Redcliffe on Sunday. The Southern Dingoes Black beat Badu Island side Saguci Tigers 22-20 in a thriller. *Picture: Alf Wilson*

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