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Kamu set to bloom



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For ticket information and bookings, go to www.carriageworks.com.au/events/naisda/ or call (02) 8571 9099.

● Pictured: NAISDA students in rehearsal for the upcoming production of *Kamu*.

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Former CEO accuses body of failings



FORMER National Congress of Australia's First Peoples chief executive Lindon Coombes has made a series of stunning revelations about the organisation.

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Judges critical of Palm Island raid

Top Queensland judges have criticised police and awarded major compensation over the 2004 raids on Palm Island. See our report on page 8



Palm's Yvette Lenoy, who was awarded \$70,000.

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Tribute paid to Matt Bowen

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● Above: The Tribe and Blacklock family gathering at Copeton Dam near Inverell, NSW. Theresa Dalton is at the back on the far right.

OVER the October long weekend we had a smoking ceremony at Copeton Dam near Inverell, northern NSW. Descendants gathered from the Tribe and Blacklock families for a family reunion – about 150 of us got together.

It wasn't a formal occasion; it was about getting to know each other and where you come from. We're still researching and updating our family tree. This was the third gathering, and the first I have attended.

I didn't go with any expectations, though I am glad I went.

It wasn't until we had the smoking ceremony that we all started to come together and yarn with each other. It was great to meet family members from my great grandfather's children.

I got to meet my pop's nieces, Auntie Coral Bell and sister Shirley Brumby. They are lovely and so humble. I also got to meet Frank Moore, his wife Valerie and three of their children, Ian, Lawrence and Jeff Moore. Jeff

was the organiser of the get together.

We all come from different places in life but have realised we all have similar ways and a similar sense of humour. After the smoking ceremony we were up until the early hours of the morning sharing jokes and getting to know one another on a personal level.

I found out we are related to some well-known Aboriginal sportspeople and businessmen and women. We are a very talented mob! Too Deadly.

Descendants from the Tribe and Blacklock families travelled from all over NSW, Victoria and Queensland to Inverell for the reunion.

We are hoping to arrange another reunion within two years to make it a regular get together.

Hopefully we will be able to track down more family members so they come and get to know their mob too.

If you would like more information, send a request on Facebook to join the Tribe/Blacklock Ancestry page or email Jeff Moore at j.cmoor@yahoo.com.au

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OUR CHILDREN



Cherbourg's junior Cowboys were keen to ride at the rodeo held recently in the south-east Queensland town. They included, front, from left, Lebron Davidson, who came second, Kendall Murray (third), Quaydon Langton, Bronson Gyemore, Frank Boney Jnr, Lloyd Langton and Anthony Jacobs. Back, from left, Shamus Cobbo, Kenny Gyemore Jnr, Rowan Bond, Stafford Sandow, Bunda Bell, John Gyemore (fourth) and Dominic Sandow. Full report and more pictures on page 35.

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Emma Donovan with her friends Joelistics, Tim Rogers and Archie Roach.

Songs to help threatened communities



SOUL singer Emma Donovan has given two classic Aboriginal

songs a new twist to support SOS Blak Australia's campaign to save Aboriginal communities under threat of closure.

With some help from *You Am I* frontman Tim Rogers and rapper Joelistics, Donovan and her band the Putbacks have re-worked the Warumpi Band's classic *Blackfella Whitefella*, and with Archie Roach she has given Ruby Hunter's song *Down City Streets* a new soul groove.

Donovan said the Warumpi Band's anthem was as relevant now as it ever was, with its refrain of "stand up and be counted".

"Since (former prime minister) Tony Abbott made his comments about 'lifestyle choices' it's been a big year with marches and everything, and I wanted to show my support for SOS, and there

was the whole (AFL player) Adam Goodes thing... It was a good time to do something with friends and do those songs together," she said.

Donovan said she remembers her dad playing the Warumpi Band when she was growing up in Sydney, along with other bands like Coloured Stone and No Fixed Address, and they would call Redfern Radio and request them.

Donovan and Dan Sultan are hoping to record another song, *Munjana*, from Archie Roach's classic album *Charcoal Lane*, to celebrate 25 years since it was released.

Blackfella Whitefella and *Down City Streets* are available on vinyl and digital from HopeStreet Recordings, and all proceeds from the release go to SOS Blak Australia. For details, go to hopestreetrecordings.com/sosblak.

Emma Donovan is now touring Victoria and NSW. Details at emmadonovan.com/gig-guide

Family calls for answers



THE family of Aboriginal man Shaun Coolwell, who died while in police custody in south-east Queensland, is

asking people to join them for a march to demand answers.

Mr Coolwell, 33, died at Logan Hospital on October 2 after police arrested him at a home in the Logan suburb of Kingston earlier that morning.

Police say Mr Coolwell, who already had injuries, was acting aggressively and was handcuffed for his own safety.

Ambulance officers treated him on the scene before he was taken to hospital.

Mr Coolwell's Mulinjarli Migunburri and Yuggara family says he was distressed that morning because he was mourning the death of his brother, Bradley, who died in police custody four years earlier.

Family spokesman Sam Watson says Mr Coolwell had hurt himself and was bleeding heavily so his family called an ambulance and it was paramedics who called police.

Witnesses saw about 12 police cars arrive on the scene.

"Shaun was smashed down on to the floor and they used

March after Qld death in custody

their knees and shoulders to hold him and handcuffed his hands behind his back. It's just not good enough," Mr Watson said.

"This man was in distress."

Mr Coolwell's relative Sonya Coghill said the family was seeking a meeting with Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk to urge a national roundtable discussion about a lack of support for Indigenous families.

"Our people dying"

"Our people are dying and families are falling apart and discussions have to occur at the very highest levels with those families who are just trying to survive," Ms Coghill said.

"There has to be an alternative to calling the police when people are living in despair. Healthcare professionals trained in mental health, sensitive to the needs of trauma and substance abuse, need to be made available.

"It seems everyone in Australia is talking about violence, substance abuse and ice in our communities, but there are no services being made available to help those most in need. The police are just not equipped or trained to deal with what is happening and we are left in mourning, grieving over the loss of our families.

"But first we are asking for privacy to mourn and grieve for the loss of our brother."

Extended family member and Griffith University lecturer Marcus Waters said the situation was "all too regular" in Indigenous communities.

"You only have to consider we are still recovering from the assault on Sheila Oakley, who was tasered in the eye and blinded by police only last year here in Logan," he said.

"The tragic deaths of Jackson Doolan, Richard Saunders and Shaun's brother Bradley are in recent memory and now this — we are a community in constant mourning."

The Crime and Corruption Commission will oversee a police investigation of the incident.

There will be a march after Mr Coolwell's funeral this week. — *With AAP*



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Desert artists weave invitation



Pitja, nyawa, kulila (come, look, listen) by Anawari Mitchell, Nora Davidson, Elaine Lane, Janet Forbes and Jennifer Mitchell (Papulankutja/Blackstone, WA). Picture: Tjanpi Desert Weavers, NPY Women's Council. Inset: Vicki Cullinan, of Indulkana, working with the Tjanpi Desert Weavers at the Tarnanthi art fair in Tandanya, part of the Tarnanthi Festival held this month in Adelaide.



A GROUP of artists from the Tjanpi Desert Weavers in Papulankutja (Blackstone), Western Australia,

have collaborated to send an invitation to government to "pitja, nyawa, kulila" (come, look, listen) through a stunning artwork.

Anawari Mitchell, Nora Davidson, Elaine Lane, Janet Forbes and Jennifer Mitchell made the work at the Blackstone Festival in May and it was exhibited at the *Desert Mob* exhibition at Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs.

"This chair is a special chair," the artists said in a statement.

"This chair tells a story. We, the women of the Ngannytjarra Lands, invite the government people to come here and to sit down with us.

"Use your eyes and look around. Open your ears and listen to us.

"This chair is made of grass and feathers from this country. The women are represented by the round ones on the feet of the chair.

"The invitation is to stand with us, and to help us. We are working hard for our families and we need your helping hand."

The chair was acquired by a private collector and the artists are hoping it will be loaned out to other exhibitions in the future.

The Tjanpi Desert Weavers also exhibited at the recent Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art in Adelaide. Full details on page 24.

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Goodes looks to his future after football



SYDNEY Swans AFL champion Adam Goodes plans to spend the next two months overseas

before returning to Australia to continue his fight against racism and domestic violence, and in support of constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Goodes, an Adnyamathanha (SA) man, gave his first interview since retiring to Aboriginal journalist Georgia Mantle for the Sydney University student newspaper *Honi Soit*. The dual Brownlow medallist said he was "done" with football when he retired after Sydney's semi-final loss to North Melbourne and wanted to make his farewells in a "safe" environment.

Goodes has kept a low profile since retiring, opting against the MCG lap of honour for retired players and also asking not to be nominated for the AFL's Madden Medal for on- and off-field contribution.

"I was done. I was done a

couple of months before that," he told *Honi Soit*.

"I had my last football responsibility at the club best and fairest and that's what I was looking for. It was my supporters, my members, at that event, and you know it was a very safe environment for me to go to and give my send-off to the people that mattered."

The booing that plagued his final season was "one of many reasons" he chose to retire, making the decision two months before his final game.

"Decision"

"And obviously with all the booing and everything, that was another piece of the puzzle that made my decision quite easy," he said.

After the booing reached a fever pitch when the Swans played the West Coast Eagles in July, Goodes took a week off to consider his future.

"I just needed to be around people who really understood how it felt to be in that position," he told Ms Mantle. "For me, I just needed that support from

those people so, it wasn't until the day after that West Coast Eagles game that it really hit me, and I was really down and out and I didn't want to go training on Monday.

"I just figured that, for me to get the best out of myself and do the right thing by myself, I really just needed to step away and find out what I really wanted to do, and hopefully getting back to where my people are from and getting out bush could really re-energise me and help heal those wounds.

"Yeah that's what I did, I went out country and it was amazing. It was just great to be out there.

"To be honest, I didn't want to come back. But you know, I did. And I felt better when I did.

"I just needed that support and the love of everyone at my football club and my partner, my family – that made it a little bit easier to come back. Obviously the booing didn't stop, but I was able to be a lot stronger mentally and physically to deal with that ... knowing that it was going to be my last couple of months." – *With AAP*

NAISDA set to stage *Kamu*

By BRITTA LYSTER



NAISDA Dance College will hold its end-of-year-performance, this year's titled

Kamu, at Sydney's Carriageworks Theatre in Redfern next month.

It will be directed by one of the country's most renowned Indigenous choreographers, Frances Rings.

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NAISDA, based at Kariang on the NSW Central Coast, has a reputation for training and producing some of Australia's foremost Indigenous performers.

This will be the second NAISDA performance directed by Ms Rings, who is not only a former graduate of the college but also went on to dance with Bangarra for 12 years before making the transition to choreography, for which she has



NAISDA dancers Karwin Knox, Breanna Lee and Jye Uren.

received several national and international awards.

Adelaide-born Ms Rings is a descendant of the Kokatha tribe and also German heritage. She has had a long and extensive career in the performing arts,

working with many of Australia's leading dance companies and choreographers including the Australian Ballet, West Australian Ballet, Tasdance, Meryl Tankard, Leigh Warren, Legs on the Wall and Link Dance

Company. She will be joined in *Kamu* with other choreographers Joel Bray, Ian 'RT' Colless and Penny Mullen. In addition, the end-of-year show will have the experience and knowledge of cultural collaborator Dujon Niue.

Kamu will be performed at Carriageworks Theatre in Redfern from November 25-28. For ticket information and bookings, call (02) 8571 9099 or visit www.carriageworks.com.au/ents/naisda/

Former CEO accuses Congress of failures

By RUDI MAXWELL



IN the lead-up to the elections of its co-chairs, the former chief executive of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has made a series of stunning revelations about the organisation.

In a Facebook post, former Congress chief executive Lindon Coombes explained how in 2013, the board failed to accept a \$15 million funding offer from the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), under Labor Minister Jenny Macklin.

After Labor lost the election, the Coalition Government made the decision not to fund Congress.

Mr Coombes also detailed numerous structural problems including:

- a lack of effective leadership from the elected board;
- the level of board remuneration; and
- dynamics and machinations

within the board affecting issues and priorities.

"Despite a lot of hard work from a lot of good people, Congress has failed to fulfil its potential and to deliver the kind of national representative body that we need it to be," Mr Coombes wrote.

"It is also my view that this failure has been due to the lack of effective leadership from the elected board.

"Following numerous discussions with many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, I know that I'm not alone in forming this view."

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such Congress is not in a position to provide any further comment."

The *Koori Mail* understands that the reason the board decided to hold off on accepting the \$15 million from FaHCSIA was that directors were unhappy with some of the detail in the funding agreement, including a provision for Federal Government oversight of employment advertisements.

"Jeopardise"

"Despite the board receiving advice that the funding agreement was based on existing arrangements which had been working well, that the agreement could be easily amended post sign-off and that caretaker provisions would soon come in ahead of the 2013 election that would jeopardise the funding, the board failed to act," Mr Coombes wrote.

"As a result, a new government came into power and refused to honour the funding agreement, as we suspected they would.

"The failure of the board to sign off on an agreement that would have secured \$15 million in

funding over three years and saved the jobs of at least 30 great committed people who were then working at Congress can only be described as catastrophic."

In the wake of the Coalition Government's decision not to fund Congress, the organisation was forced to restructure, drastically reducing staff and implementing a 20% pay cut to board directors.

However, despite the cuts, the structure remains extremely top-heavy.

According to Congress' financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2015, out of total revenue of \$2.87 million, Congress spent \$867,000 on board remuneration and another \$72,000 on board travel, accommodation and other expenses, meaning a third of its revenue was spent on the board.

Staff salaries accounted for \$947,000.

Just \$13,000 was spent on policy and advocacy, and \$30,000 on community engagement.

Mr Coombes believes Congress inaugural male co-chair Les Malezer, who was re-elected

in 2013 and ran again in the current election, needs to shoulder the lion's share of responsibility for missing out on government funding.

"For a co-chair who has presided over such a spectacular failure to not only accept responsibility for the loss of funds and jobs, but to also put his hand up for another tilt is nothing short of extraordinary," he wrote.

"For Congress to fight back and be the organisation we want it to be, we need intelligent, energetic and sophisticated leadership. To continue with outdated modes of advocacy and failing to keep up with the fast pace of change being experienced in the broader social, economic and political landscape will ensure the end of yet another representative body and the long wait for something to fill the space."

Voting for Congress co-chairs closed on Sunday. Results will be announced and published at the annual national meeting (NC15), which will be held in Sydney from October 29-30.

2015 Long Walk Women's Luncheon



Luncheon MC Shelley Ware and Long Walk Trust general manager Debby Lovett.



Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria chief executive Antoinette Braybrook was the keynote speaker.



Black Indie (aka Mikhail Laxton), a recent contestant on *The Voice* television show, was the headline act at the luncheon.



Gum-leaf musician Uncle Herb Patten entertained guests on arrival.



The Long Walk Trust Board with patron Michael Long. Pictures by Jillian Mundy, courtesy of the Long Walk Trust

Big turnout and a special tribute

By JILLIAN MUNDY



RECORD numbers turned out to the Long Walk Women's Luncheon at Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne last week to celebrate, acknowledge and recognise the women of the Long Walk – the participants and those behind the scenes.

A highlight of this year's fundraising event, in its 11th year, was an emotional tribute to Gunditjmara man Uncle Brian Lovett, who had passed away only days before.

Uncle Brian, along with his brother Uncle Greg Lovett, was one of the original walkers who joined Michael Long in 2004 on the epic walk to Canberra from Melbourne to meet then-prime minister John Howard, to put the lives of Indigenous people back on the national agenda.

Uncle Brian's brother Greg and son Bunj-I joined Michael Long on stage to speak about his life and present a slideshow.

Uncle Greg said his brother, whose funeral will be held in Melbourne tomorrow (Thursday), followed by a later ceremony at Lake Condah Mission in western Victoria, would have loved the tribute.

He said the Long Walk held a special place in his family, as it does for many who



Michael Long, Greg Lovett and Bunj-I Lovett are pictured here during the emotional tribute to the late Uncle Brian Lovett.

have played AFL over the past century.

He attributes the Long Walk for turning his life around as well as other family members.

"Opened up our eyes"

"We were rough, it opened our eyes up, it took us back to the past, seeing what our ancestors went through, and we started helping out with our community," Uncle Greg told the *Koori Mail*.

The Long Walk Women's Luncheon was initiated by Merryn Apma, one of the women who walked with Michael Long to Canberra, and non-Aboriginal businesswoman Sue Davies.

It is a unique opportunity for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and other women to come together and celebrate Indigenous women's achievement while raising funds for education and cultural exchange programs.

Oxfam Australia staff were among the 780 people who enjoyed the event.





Running proves a good fit for this Vic granny

By ANDY PARKS



A GUNDITJMARA (Victoria) grandmother who completed her first 5km fun run just three years ago has now completed her second ultra marathon (100km) and her third Melbourne marathon (42km).

Julie Philips, who's about to turn 52, said she's always tried to keep fit. But it was taking part in an Aboriginal healthy lifestyle program that helped her catch "the running bug".

"I was introduced to the 5km run through that program and I enjoyed it so much I told everyone in the marquee when I finished that my next run would be a half-marathon, and it was," she said.

For her 50th birthday she set herself a goal of running a full marathon, which she did in 2013.

"While my body will allow me to do it, that will be my present to myself each year," Ms Philips said.

"Some of the fellas I see out there running marathons are 90. It's just amazing."

She walked her first two attempts at the ultra marathon, which took an astonishing 38 hours and 51 minutes to complete the first time. Now she runs them in a little over 19 hours, which she said is much easier than walking because it is a lot less time on your feet.

Her most recent effort was the Surf Coast Century Challenge at Anglesea on the Victorian coast, and Ms Philips finished third for her age group.

She said the key to good health is achievable goals.

"Prior to having goals I would fall on and off the wagon," Ms Philips said. "The key to success really is having goals, and it doesn't have to be running a marathon. I'd really encourage people not to make them (goals) weight related, but setting goals absolutely keeps you on track."

Ms Philips recently saw another marathon runner on TV raising money and awareness for a breast cancer charity and she is currently talking to *beyondblue* to see if she can do some work for them as an ambassador for mental health issues.

She is also a full-time carer for her ex-partner, who has brain cancer. She wanted to thank Bubup Wilam early learning centre, Aboriginal Community Elders Services respite care and Carers Links North who have all allowed her to train and participate in the events.

● Pictured: Ultra marathon runner Julie Philips.

Ceduna first to trial welfare debit card



THE remote South Australian town of Ceduna will become the first to trial a cashless welfare debit card proposed by billionaire mining magnate Andrew Forrest.

A Bill to enable the trial in Ceduna, and two other yet-to-be-determined trial sites, passed the Senate last week, with support from Labor but opposed by the Greens.

It quarantines 80% of welfare payments to a debit card that can be spent only on government-approved goods and services.

The Halls Creek Aboriginal Advisory Committee, from the Kimberley in Western Australia, voted against a trial of the card in its region.

A 2014 study of Northern Territory income management, which holds 50% of welfare deposits on the Basics Card, found there was no evidence of changes in spending patterns.

The Greens believe the new card will "disempower and harm" people in need.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said there were major concerns around the practicality of the card, indirect discrimination, and support services.

"In the trial site, Ceduna, the Department of Social Services estimated that 72% of people receiving trigger payments identify

as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. Alongside the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, we share concerns about indirect discrimination," she said.

"The cashless welfare card is an ideologically-driven approach that is not based on evidence."

"It has been rejected by Aboriginal Elders, community members, the Halls Creek part of the proposed East Kimberley trial site, a number of residents of Ceduna and the Australian Greens. It should have been rejected by the Senate."

"Evidence-free zone"

"The legislation is an evidence-free zone; we have no evidence that this top-down measure will reduce disadvantage in the trial zones."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda has called for a hold on the trial until communities have fully assessed the proposal.

Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) chief executive Cassandra Goldie said the NT Basics Card experience shows that there is no evidence of widespread or long-term benefit from compulsory income management.

"Income management schemes of this

type misunderstand the relationship between income support and drug and alcohol and other problems and attempt to apply a technological fix to a complex social issue," she said.

"Any trial of this cashless card should only be introduced as part of a wider legislative package that clearly recognises a range of interventions in the trial sites."

"As ACOSS and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies have previously argued, this must include resourcing of complementary services that go to addressing the underlying causes of alcohol and drug addiction."

"It must also provide employment pathways to improve long-term outcomes, and case management to coordinate service interventions."

Senator Siewert said there were "major concerns" about the barriers that the cashless welfare card could cause from day to day.

"Despite claims by the Government, the proposed debit card is income management on steroids," she said.

"Compulsory income management is a failed measure, which impacts negatively on the community."

"People on income support payments like Newstart, Youth Allowance, Disability Support Pensions and carers payments

won't have a choice about the measure; it'll be the minister that decides."

"People on income support are some of the best at handling their finances and living off next to nothing. This card well and truly throws a spanner in the works for many just trying to get by."

Assistant Social Services Minister Alan Tudge said the Government would provide an extra \$1 million of funding to build on existing services in and around Ceduna as the community prepares to trial the cashless welfare debit card.

He said the welfare debit card "has the potential to significantly reduce welfare fuelled social harm by reducing the available cash for grog, drugs and gambling."

"The services announced today will complement the operation of the card," Mr Tudge said. "They are a comprehensive set of services to support people coming off alcohol dependence."

Ceduna community leaders visited Canberra before the vote to convince the opposition and crossbenchers to support the trial, which was co-crafted by the community.

Independent Senator Jacqui Lambie called for the program to be rolled out across Tasmania. — *With AAP*

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Grant to capture culture



A GRANT of \$180,000 will help Illawarra's (NSW) Coomaditchie Aboriginal Elders and youth work together to tell stories and preserve culture.

The Capturing Culture project has been funded by the IRT Foundation and aims to address Elders becoming socially and technologically isolated as a result of increased reliance on electronic equipment, and also young people losing connections with their culture and language as storytelling opportunities decrease.

The 12-month project will see about 50 Aboriginal Elders, as well as young people aged from four, share and tell stories through a range of mediums. It will culminate in a public exhibition in mid-2016 of storytelling artworks for sale to the public, including short films, photography, paintings, sculptures and books.

● Pictured left: Laylah Moylan, Auntie Lorraine Brown and Tristan Archibald take part in the Capturing Culture project. Picture: David Tease

October 31 is the date for NSWALC poll



ELECTIONS for the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) are being held on Saturday, October 31, and spokesperson Sol

Belleair is encouraging all eligible voters to have a say.

"We want more people having a say on their land rights, housing, economic development and cultural issues," the Indigenous affairs veteran said.

"We want everyone to show they care about land rights and don't want government making decisions for Aboriginal people in New South Wales."

There are 46 candidates contesting for nine councillor positions: one from each of the Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) regions.

Voting will take place at nominated polling booths between 8am and 6pm on Saturday, October 31. In some regions, certain polling places are open for part of the day only. For the full list of polling places and opening times go to www.elections.nsw.gov.au/alc_election/polling_places

Eligible voters who are unable to attend on polling day can lodge a postal vote by downloading and completing a postal vote application from www.elections.nsw.gov.au/alc_election/voting/postal_voting

Applications to cast a postal vote must be received by the NSW Electoral Commission by 5pm this Friday, October 23, to ensure the commission can send ballot papers and instructions to eligible voters.

● Turn to page 27 for a complete list of candidates and polling booths provided by the Electoral Commission.

Judges critical over Palm raid



THREE senior judges have criticised heavy-handed police treatment of a Palm Island couple whose home was raided following community unrest after Mulrunji Doomadgee's death

in custody and what the community saw as a cover-up.

The Queensland Court of Appeal awarded David Bulsey \$165,000 and his former partner, Yvette Lenoy, \$70,000 in damages for trauma suffered during and after a November 2004 dawn raid by police.

Mr Bulsey was dragged into the street handcuffed and naked from the waist down by armed and masked police – in front of six children – and held for days on charges that were later dropped.

Ms Lenoy, who was seven months pregnant at the time, claims she was assaulted by police during Mr Bulsey's arrest after balaclava-clad officers forcibly entered her home unlawfully.

Their house was raided on the morning of November 27, 2004, the day after the riot.

In overturning a February Supreme Court ruling against the pair's claim, Justice Roslyn Atkinson said the treatment breached the couple's "most fundamental human right, the right to personal liberty".

"(They) were not treated as one might expect in a civilised society governed by the rule of law," Justice Atkinson wrote in a published judgment.

Fellow judge Duncan McMeekin said a deliberate decision had been made to treat the couple as dangerous criminals, with "no regard whatever" for dignity and rights. And according to Justice Hugh Fraser,



David Bulsey, pictured with daughter Cameron, has been awarded \$165,000 in damages for trauma caused by Queensland police. Pictures: Alf Wilson

Mr Bulsey had been seriously wronged, while Ms Lenoy had been made "a frightened and shocked prisoner in her own home".

Mr Bulsey had been on a list of men to be arrested following violent rioting on the north Queensland island a week after the death in custody of resident Mulrunji Doomadgee. All charges were later dropped, and Mr Bulsey and Ms Lenoy sued the state for damages for assault and false imprisonment.



A judge ruled that Yvette Lenoy, above, had been made "a frightened and shocked prisoner in her own home" by Queensland police.

The Supreme Court dismissed the claims in February this year, more than two-and-a-half years after the trial – an "extraordinary" delay, Justice Fraser said.

He and his fellow judges found errors were made by the trial judge and they upheld both appeals.

Palm Island man Lex Wotton, who was jailed for inciting the riot, and his family are leading a class action against Queensland police, alleging discrimination. – With AAP

Skills workshops for Indigenous musicians

NSW

ABORIGINAL singer-songwriter Leah Flanagan is encouraging Indigenous musicians from north-west NSW to attend a free skills workshop at The Youthie in Tamworth from November 2-3.

The NSW Government is supporting a series of Starting Ground workshops in 'Aboriginal music hot-spots', which will include information on songwriting, radio-readiness and live performance skills, business management, touring and marketing.

Ms Flanagan and a host of other music industry professionals will share their skills and knowledge.

"I would like to see Aboriginal artists based in regional areas have access to the same opportunities, training and support as artists in major cities," she said.

"Starting Ground is a way to connect these arts communities with the music industry on a needs basis as every region in NSW has its own unique scene."

Starting Ground Tamworth will be followed by similar workshops in Coffs Harbour, Lismore, Bathurst and Campbelltown.

To register, email mhutchings@apra.com.au. Spaces are limited so interested people are encouraged to book early.

● Pictured: Aboriginal singer-songwriter Leah Flanagan, who is supporting the workshops.

WA stolen pay shock

By ANDY PARKS

WA

WHEN the Western Australian Government offered just \$2000 as compensation to Aboriginal workers who had their

wages withheld for decades up until 1972, many thought it was another insult to Aboriginal people. The compensation was paid under the WA Stolen Wages Scheme from March to November 2012 and only people born before 1958 who lived on a mission or hostel and could show they had wages withheld were eligible to apply.

But one of the Aboriginal advisers to WA's Stolen Wages Taskforce, Howard Riley, recently revealed to the ABC that the State Treasury had initially agreed to individual payouts of \$78,000.

The taskforce's report was released in 2008, yet the compensation scheme wasn't introduced until 2012, and Mr Riley also told the ABC's *Background Briefing* program that it was shelved for four years because "they were waiting for the people to die... They wanted those people to die so that the state coffers weren't being emptied out on black people whose wages they deserved to have back".

Documents obtained under Freedom of Information by the Kimberley Community Legal Service and sent to the *Koori Mail* show the taskforce recommended to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs that a fund of \$71.2 million to \$101.2 million be set up. The total payment made under the 2012 scheme was \$2.5 million.

The briefing note from the acting director of the Department of Indigenous Affairs to the

Minister said: "While no amount of money can ever compensate for the past economic and personal impact of government control over individual people's money, an individual ex-gratia common experience payment of \$15,000 could be seen to comprise:

- \$10,000 is for the actuarial calculation of actual loss and is based on actuarial logic; and
- \$5000 additional monetary compensation as an act of reconciliation to acknowledge the personal and family impacts beyond the actuarial calculation."

An actuarial calculation is a mathematical model regarded as the best estimate based on available numerical and policy information.

The WA Government has maintained that the difficulty in setting up any compensation scheme is a lack of surviving records to accurately

demonstrate what happened to the money that was held in trust funds for Aboriginal people who were essentially rented out to work on pastoral stations.

But Steve Kinnane, a researcher at the University of Notre Dame (WA), whose grandmother Jesse Smith worked as a domestic servant, has been able to access her personal files.

He said the 350 pages document every aspect of her life from when she was raised on a mission and then incarcerated at Moore Creek Native Settlement and rented out as a domestic servant.

Those records (and others) show up to 75% of Aboriginal workers' wages were held in government trust accounts and the remainder was paid to them as "pocket money or finger money".

Mr Kinnane said the records show even the pocket money was

not always forthcoming "depending on how well they'd behaved". His grandmother's files reveal money was denied when she wanted to buy clothes, was deducted to pay for bed and board (that was often greater than her wages) and was deducted for things like mandatory health checks and paying for police to escort her back to Moore Creek.

Mr Kinnane said actuarial calculations for individuals could be done based on the number of years they'd worked and the likely deductions made based on the records that do exist.

The Aboriginal Legal Service WA is currently considering a class action to try to address the compensation issue.

The 2008 Stolen Wages Taskforce report also made a number of other recommendations regarding injustices to Aboriginal people.

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Text-based work wins Parlt prize



A TEXT-based artwork that deals with child sexual abuse has been named as the winner of this year's *Parliament of NSW*

Aboriginal Art Prize. The \$40,000 prize was awarded to Shevaun Wright for her conceptual work titled *Site Specific Work [Suggested Corporate Names – Catholic Child Abuse Compensation Entity]*.

Ms Wright, who is also a practising lawyer, has been in New York as part of a residency in an art and law program and has been selected to participate in the Whitney Museum of American Art independent study program later this year.

She said the work "aims to compare feminist and postcolonial critiques of the law and art as a means to access and reveal similarities in their discursive practices" and uses language to explore discourse around the issue of child abuse.

Deputy Premier and Arts Minister Troy Grant congratulated Ms Wright and



Artist Shevaun Wright in front of her winning work. Also pictured are Campbelltown Mayor Paul Hawker and Ms Wright's parents Jan and Greg.

said the prize grows in stature every year.

"Our Government is proud to support Aboriginal arts and culture, which are

important parts of the social fabric of NSW's Aboriginal people and communities," he said.

"Aboriginal artists and arts groups contribute to the cultural richness of our state. They produce high-quality works that combine traditional stories and culture with contemporary art forms and media."

In addition to the main art prize, the awards ceremony also encompassed the UNSW Art and Design Indigenous Professional Development Award, which includes an artist residency at UNSW and a solo exhibition at EPS Gallery, UNSW. The winner this year was Alesha Lonsdale for her work *Significant to whom for what?*

The mixed media work uses stone tools, emu feathers, polymer bank notes and a set of scales to "reflect the imbalance in the system which assesses and approves major coal mining developments."

The *Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize 2015* is on display at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, until November 2. Entry is free. The exhibit will later be shown at selected regional galleries.

BOOMALLI ABORIGINAL ARTISTS CO-OPERATIVE LTD

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2015

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Members of Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative Limited (the Co-operative) will be held at 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt, NSW on Sunday, 8 November, 2015 at 3pm.

Business

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of Proxies
3. Presentation of Financial Statements and Reports (Directors' and Auditor's) for the year ending 30 June 2015
4. Questions to the Auditor
5. In respect of 4 Directors whose terms expire on 8 November 2015, election of Directors to serve on the Board from the date of the meeting until the 2017 Annual General Meeting (Nb. Directors whose terms expire at the 2015 AGM may stand for re-election).
6. Chair's Address
7. Questions about and comments on management of the Co-operative.

For more information please contact the Co-operative at 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt, NSW, or call (02) 9560 2541.

NSW Stolen Gens compo a step closer

By NATALIE CROMB



MEMBERS of the Stolen Generations in NSW are a step closer to

receiving compensation following a unanimous vote by the NSW Legislative Council for a parliamentary inquiry into reparations.

The inquiry was launched with a forum held at NSW Parliament last month, hosted by the Public Interest Advocacy Centre and the Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

Michael Welsh, a survivor of Kinchela Boys' Home and advocate for the Stolen Generations, was on the panel and spoke passionately about the need for action. He said that given the age of the Stolen Generations members and the ill health of many, time is of the essence.

Mr Welsh said the devastating reality for many Stolen Generations people is that the family find each other too late and a reunion is held in a cemetery.

Matilda House, a Ngambri-Ngunnawal woman and survivor of Parramatta Girls' Home, spoke about her despair at the length of time it has taken for little to no action and the toll that takes.

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

"We have had to use our own limited resources to

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

– Stolen Generations survivor Matilda House



Linda Burney

support one another through the many layers of our trauma."

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

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

the many who are caught within the repercussions of trans-generational trauma," Ms Burney said.

Greens MP Jan Barham, who chairs the parliamentary committee undertaking the inquiry, said it was important the inquiry happened quickly because many members of the Stolen Generations were dying.

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

"We can't move forward until we do this and we will continue to see some of the tragedy around the lives of Aboriginal people and how they live and how their future is not as bright as it should be."

The inquiry will look at the NSW Government's response to the *Bringing them Home* report, which was handed down almost 20 years ago, as well as potential legislation and policies to make reparations to members of the Stolen Generations in NSW and their descendants.

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Mine extension rejected



THE Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC), which represents the Mirarr traditional owners of Kakadu National Park, has told Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) it will not consider any extension to its authority to operate the Ranger uranium mine beyond the current term, which ends in January 2021.

ERA had hoped to extend the dates so it could develop the Ranger 3 Deeps underground deposit, but ERA's major shareholder Rio Tinto had different

views about the project and withdrew its support in June.

GAC chief executive Justin O'Brien said traditional owners have become increasingly concerned that the split between ERA and Rio Tinto remains unresolved.

"The ERA board spent a week trying to convince Rio Tinto to change their views about Ranger 3 Deeps and couldn't, and half the (ERA) directors resigned," he said.

"The company has year on year been declaring big losses, has a bad track record of environmental and cultural management, and

can't meet the cost of rehabilitating the mine.

"We're very concerned that the people with the money, Rio, are at odds with ERA and will not countenance any mining unless Rio is at the table. So for us, that's it. We can't have risky mining here."

Existing permit

The existing permit allows ERA to carry out mining and processing activities until 2021 and to carry out rehabilitation works until January 2026.

In a statement to the Australian Stock Exchange, ERA said it

"respect the views of the traditional owners and will undertake a review of its business in light of their decision".

"ERA will continue to process ore from existing stockpiles, undertake its progressive rehabilitation activities and work with all stakeholders including the Northern Territory Government, the Commonwealth Government and traditional owners with regards to the company's activities and obligations at Ranger," the company said.

Mr O'Brien said the Mirrar people now require certainty that ERA has access to the funds

necessary to discharge its rehabilitation obligations at Ranger.

"That rehabilitation must ensure that the Ranger Project Area is rehabilitated such that it can be incorporated into the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park," he said.

GAC is now calling on ERA to secure funding for the full cost of rehabilitation.

"This is required for not only the Ranger Project Area but also to manage the eventual closure of the Jabiluka Mineral Lease area (also held by ERA) at the end of ERA's interest there," Mr O'Brien said.

Fire sparks Mirrar concern

By ANDY PARKS



IT is still unknown if significant rock art sites in Kakadu National Park have been damaged as a result of a fire that damaged 200

square kilometres of land after an ERA weed management burn blazed out of control.

ERA (Energy Resources Australia) is the company that operates the Ranger uranium mine.

Justin O'Brien, from the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation, which represents the Mirrar traditional owners, said an important men's site, Djidbi Djidbi, containing "hundreds of galleries of ancient rock art" was in the area destroyed by the fire. But no-one had been able to access the site as yet to assess the damage.

"We had the Australian National University out there just three weeks to a month ago recording the site with the ranger group and received their preliminary report on what's there and how to manage it, then this (fire) comes through," Mr O'Brien said.

"We have no confidence in ERA to manage the rehabilitation (of the Ranger and Jabiluka mine sites) when they can't even manage a fire. They did the same



Some of the 200 square kilometres of land that was burnt as a result of a 'controlled fire' that got out of control.

thing (lost control of a controlled burn) last year. It's the same thing in a different area. They're not learning."

Mr O'Brien said the rock art sites are 10-20,000 years old and an example of why Kakadu has a World Heritage listing for cultural

values and is considered "the jewel in Australia's World Heritage crown".

The fire was started on the

morning of Thursday, October 1 as a back burn around the mine ponds. ERA informed Parks Australia of its intention to carry out the burn the previous day.

But Mr O'Brien said the company should have postponed the burn because the day was "too hot, too dry and too blustery".

The NT Fire and Rescue Service said "no staff recommended or endorsed any burning in those conditions" and that "Jabiru Fire Station has subsequently advised ERA not to conduct any future burns in those weather conditions".

Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt has asked his department and Parks Australia to conduct an investigation into the cause of the fire.

Mr O'Brien said the Mirrar people would like an independent inquiry rather than a departmental one, and he also said ERA should be required to pay for the full cost of fighting the fire.

"Parks hired helicopters to carry out water bombing to put it out... ERA should pay for everything and be prepared for prosecution. We think it was negligent behaviour," he said.

A statement by Mr Hunt's office to the ABC said any breach of the *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act* can result in fines of up to \$8.5 million.



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Medal honours WA Elders



TWO Elders have been awarded the John Curtin Medal – which recognises vision, leadership and community

service – by Western Australia's Curtin University.

In a joint award, Ezzard Flowers and the late Angus Wallam were honoured for the role they played in the repatriation of the Herbert Mayer Collection of Carrolup artwork to Australia in 2013.

The collection was produced by children of the Stolen Generations at the Carrolup Native Settlement between 1946 and 1951. Years after the Carrolup School had closed, the collection was sold to New York art collector Herbert Mayer by school benefactor Florence Rutter. Mr Mayer donated the works to Colgate University in 1966 and they lay 'lost' in storage in the university gallery until being uncovered by a visiting Australian academic in 2004.

In 2012, after years of visiting Australia and learning about Noongar culture, Colgate professor Ellen Kraly recognised the collection belonged in Australia. A year of extensive talks between Curtin and Colgate followed, with Mr Flowers and Mr Wallam the central figures in consultations with the Noongar people



WA Elder Ezzard Flowers reading information about the Carrolup artwork and, inset, the late Angus Wallam.

connected to Carrolup, which resulted in the collection being brought home.

Mr Wallam had been a caretaker at the Carrolup School. He was dedicated to serving the children and

supporting future generations.

Mr Flowers is an Indigenous mental health specialist whose focus is on healing and positivity.

Curtin University acting vice-chancellor Professor John Cordery said that together

with their common bond as members of the Stolen Generations, a passionate commitment to their culture and a strong belief in preserving a legacy for future generations, both men helped to

restore more than an art collection – but to restore the souls and identity of many of their people.

Permission has been given to publish Mr Wallam's photo and use his name.

Noongar Bill passes



A BILL recognising the Noongar people as the traditional owners of Western Australia's south-west, including Perth,

has been introduced to State Parliament. Premier Colin Barnett says the *Noongar (Koorah, Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Bill 2015* will not create new rights or change

any laws, but is another step towards reconciliation.

The Bill is part of the south-west native title settlement signed in June, which extinguishes all native title claims over a 200,000 sq km area in exchange for \$1.3 billion in land and other benefits.

It was Australia's largest native title settlement.

Noongar Elder Elizabeth Hayden said generations of

Aboriginal people had worked hard to achieve recognition.

"My heart is weeping with joy," she said. "We live with hope because we've been knocked from pillar to post for generations.

"Live in hope"

"We've always lived in hope that we would get to a point of being acknowledged as the First People of this nation. The past is past, but we need to move

forward to a better future."

South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council deputy chair Michael Hayden said he hoped to see young people get involved in the native title process.

"Look at the hardship that our Elders have felt, understand their stories and struggles, fill your hearts with pride and strength in the culture, the survival, and embrace the community feeling amongst the

Noongar people," he said.

"We have survived so much that has been thrown at us and now we finally get the opportunity through the recognition Bill of knowing our place."

The Bill recognises the Noongar people as the 'First Peoples' and 'traditional owners of lands' within the south-west corner of WA, and formally acknowledges their culture, spirit, presence, heritage and identity. – *With AAP*

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Map helps preserve languages

By NEELIMA CHOHAN



TWO Worrugamay Sureng (Qld) sisters' desire to showcase the long list of

Queensland's Indigenous languages has culminated in a comprehensive national language map.

Launched at the fifth Puliima National Indigenous Languages and Technology Forum in Melbourne last week, the interactive map lists more than 700 languages.

But the work is far from over.

Bridget Priman and Melinda Holden, both from First Languages Australia, say the project is getting "bigger and bigger".

"This map is for the community and it's interactive," Ms Holden said.

"Mapping also includes teachers' notes... we have got videos of traditional owners in their language telling us what they feel about their language."

Plans include enabling the community to do their own videos to put up on the map.

Started three years ago, the 'Gambay' – which means 'together' in Butchella language – uses colour to group related languages.

Knowing which languages are related can help with sharing language resources.

Ms Priman said the map built on the knowledge and work that had already been done.

Wakka Wakka (Qld) man Alwyn Doolan said it was a great tool for the younger generation.

"Especially the Aboriginal community can utilise it and see across the whole of Australia's nation and all the different Aboriginal languages," he said. "So we can further generate language to keep it strong for history to come."

Mr Doolan, 25, said he did not speak his language fluently, but was trying to learn.

"This map would definitely help," he said. "I am in a rural community area and it's not on my tribal lands. My homeland is 700km away."

"If one of my Elders who live on my ancestral land were to put a review up, I could see it."



Bridget Priman, Carolyn Barker and Melinda Holden at the Puliima National Indigenous Languages and Technology Forum in Melbourne. Picture: Katherine Soutar

The two-day language forum held in Melbourne also saw Indigenous people from the Torres Strait Islands, New Zealand and the United States discuss their languages and how they used technology to help them thrive.

and Technology Centre in Newcastle, NSW, the forum also had free workshops ranging from recording and transcribing language to building digital books.

Centre manager Daryn McKenny said a range of approaches to conservation and teaching was needed as language situations varied across the country.

"Our languages are still disappearing as fast as ever, but the efforts to halt this loss are as strong as ever," he said.

"We are very proud that Puliima will showcase these success stories and the methods being used to continue to encourage, empower and foster the use of, and saving of, some of the world's oldest languages."

The map can be accessed at www.languagesmap.com

"Our languages are still disappearing as fast as ever, but the efforts to halt this loss are as strong as ever."

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Action urged on NT report



THE National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) has called for urgent action to address issues raised in the NT Children's Commissioner's alarming report into incidents at the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre in August, 2014.

NATSILS chair Shane Duffy said the report provides indisputable evidence of a system that has failed, and catalogues numerous breaches of the *NT Youth Justice Act*.

The report shows that:

- children were tear-gassed when no meaningful attempt had been made to negotiate a peaceful outcome without the use of force;
- solitary confinement was used in breach of the *Youth Justice Act*;
- the conditions in which children were held were inhumane;
- hoods and handcuffs were used on children indiscriminately; and
- the public were misled about what happened.

One of the youth justice officers interviewed for the report



NATSIL's Shane Duffy.

"The brutality exposed in this report is shocking," Mr Duffy said.

"We call on the NT Government to immediately respond to the Children's Commissioner's report and commit to implementing each and every one of the recommendations.

"The community has lost confidence in the youth detention system. It is simply not working. We can't keep going down this same track.

"Children in detention are amongst the most vulnerable kids in our community. The evidence shows that they need therapeutic programs and the support of fully trained, professional staff if we are serious about their rehabilitation.

"It is time that youth justice was separated from adult correctional services so that young people get the specialist treatment they need to turn their lives around."

The Law Council of Australia also added its voice to the call for action, with director Arthur Moses saying he is deeply concerned.

"If these findings are true, the inhumane management of the Don Dale incident is a blight against Australia's human rights profile," he said.

"It's important to remember that more than 90% of youth detainees in the NT are Indigenous. Children are, of course, the most vulnerable group in the Australian community and it is critical the NT Government takes swift and effective action to implement the findings of this report.

"If it fails to do so, the Federal Government should intervene to deal with the situation."

Photographer Ricky Maynard in front of the projected signature portrait from the series of the late Leigh Maynard.

Maynard's exhibition sheds light on trauma

By JILLIAN MUNDY



AWARD-winning Tasmanian Aboriginal documentary photographer Ricky Maynard has previewed his latest exhibition, *Saddened were the Hearts of Many Men*, at a community event in Hobart.

My Maynard hopes the series, of 12 powerful black-and-white portraits of Tasmanian Aboriginal men, will shed light on intergenerational trauma and historical grief, help people to talk about men's trauma issues, and effect social change.

"A powerful, simple, beautiful image still has that ability to be able to change the world," he said.

Shying away from the digital world, referring to himself as an "old film guy", he describes photography as a beautiful, wonderful gift.

"Way back 30 years ago the reasons why I chose this medium was to give voice to the voiceless, and also to make a critical contribution to our social

history," Mr Maynard said.

"For me it's always been arts and advocacy. A good documentary image will inform, and hopefully persuade."

Mr Maynard plans to write a lot more to accompany the portraits, which he describes as capturing the search for a moment of humanity in 1/60th of a second.

"Awareness"

"It's about two people," he said. "I try to reach a moment of silent dialogue, an awareness for both of us of what we are both doing here together, in that moment of taking the picture."

Mr Maynard said inter-generational trauma stems from the colonisation of Australia, when people were first forced onto missions and reservations.

"When this began it really had an impact on the men. The men's roles as providers, as leaders and all that, immediately stopped," he said.

"The trauma that men experienced is an unspoken kind of point of trauma that we haven't

really come to understand, but we know it exists.

"That trauma is transmitted down from generation to generation. Health professionals have only just started to recognise it."

Michael Mansell, who is among those photographed, says *Saddened were the Hearts of Many Men* gives an impression of men of a proud people saddened but alive with resilience and determination.

"Yet there is almost a haunting atmosphere to the images – what lies behind the faces," he said.

"From boxer Murray Mansell to singer Ronnie Summers, Ricky Maynard has captured the changing faces of Aboriginal men descended from tribal warriors who today cope with dignity in a white man's world.

"He does them proud." An exhibition of fine prints of *Saddened were the Hearts of Many Men* will open at the Fehily Contemporary Gallery in Collingwood this December, then at the Stills Gallery in Paddington, Sydney, in early 2016, before coming to Hobart later in the year.



At the *Saddened were the Hearts of Many Men* exhibition preview, from left, Nathan Maynard, Michael Mansell, Darrell Maynard, Aaron Everett, Sara Maynard, Steele Mansell and Cathy Maynard.

Sexting MP stands firm



EMBATTLED Aboriginal politician Billy Gordon is sticking to his guns to remain a pivotal crossbencher in Queensland politics despite admitting to “personal exchanges” related to his sexting scandal.

Mr Gordon refused to bow to calls to resign last week after four women accused the besieged independent MP of sending them explicit pictures of himself.

The Cape York-based MP, an Aboriginal man, gave no

explanation to Parliament, but issued a brief statement.

“I always believed that personal exchanges between me and other parties were private and consensual,” the statement read.

“I am determined to continue to represent the constituents of Cook, and better the lives of Indigenous people in my electorate.”

Police are again investigating Mr Gordon – the second time this year – after one of the women made a formal complaint over receiving unwanted images online.

A number of Aboriginal mayors in the MP’s Cape York electorate say residents will be disappointed by the latest scandal.

Mr Gordon’s short career in state politics has been overshadowed by scandals since his election early this year.

Investigated

He has been investigated for unsubstantiated allegations of domestic violence and also admitted to hiding his undisclosed criminal record from the Labor Party when he was still a member. Kowanyama Mayor Rob

Holness, who publicly supported Mr Gordon during domestic violence allegations earlier in the year, was concerned.

“We put him up there as our representative for the Cape and it (sending explicit photos) doesn’t show much respect,” he said.

“Something you did 20 years ago bears no relevance ... but if it’s something you’ve done in the last few years, that’s a different story.”

Aurukun Mayor Derek Walpo said Mr Gordon should resign if the new claims were proven.

Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott just wants the distractions to end.

“I don’t think he’ll stand down and I don’t see how he’s going to be forced down,” he said.

“I’d like him to be able to get on with his job.”

The political uproar came three days after Christine Gibson faced court accused of trying to blackmail Mr Gordon over the picture she allegedly received.

The 50-year-old was charged with one count of extortion on the same day Mr Gordon was cleared of domestic violence allegations last month. – AAP



Professor Len Collard holding a glass spearhead and student Kyle Charles.

Spearheads found on Wadjemup



A RARE 19th century glass spearhead has been uncovered on Wadjemup (Rottnest Island) by staff and students from the University of Western Australia’s School of Indigenous Studies. Earlier this year, a heritage studies student found another glass spearhead, and last year a staff member unearthed a ceramic one.

The spearheads are believed to have been used by Aboriginal males imprisoned on the island between 1838 and 1931. Records show pictures of Aboriginal prisoners hunting to supplement their diet of barley, cabbage and porridge with fish, snake and quokka.

It is believed the prisoners would find a place on top of a hill often overlooking the mainland where they would make spear tips from scrap pieces of glass.

Professor Len Collard, from UWA’s School of Indigenous Studies, said the most recent discovery occurred when 45 students and eight staff were learning about the history of Indigenous prisoners on the island.

“As I was digging around in the sand with my foot, something shiny glinted and I recognised it to be a glass spearhead,” he said. “I can’t say why these finds are happening. It could be due to our historic knowledge of knowing what to look for, and that artefacts may be more easily found due to soil and water erosion over time.

“Either way, such natural discoveries illuminate the strength and technology of our cultural heritage and are important for education today and in future generations about our local history.”

The spearhead was re-buried at Rottnest to respect the Aboriginal tradition of keeping artefacts found in their resting place.

“The story goes that if you take artefacts off the island the old people will follow them,” Prof Collard, a Noongar man, said.

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One of the many female green turtles returning to nest at Raine Island on the Great Barrier Reef. Pictures: Tristan Simpson, TSRA



A green turtle hatchling makes its way to the water's edge at sunrise on Raine Island.

TSRA help for turtles



THE Raine Island green turtle population in the Torres Strait is getting a helping hand from a Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) program that aims to reduce adult deaths and improve hatchling success at the rookery.

It is estimated that 90% of all northern Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait green turtles nest at Raine Island.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairman Joseph Elu said nightly nesting turtle counts can exceed 10,000 during big breeding seasons.

"Despite the high numbers of nesting female green turtles at Raine Island, the rookery has been producing low numbers of hatchlings for around three decades, which may result in a



A busy night for nesting on Raine Island.

drastic reduction in the green turtle population in the coming years," he said.

Mr Elu said the reason for the low hatchling numbers is still unclear, but nest inundation during

peak tides, disease, toxins and bacteria are all being investigated. "There are also large numbers

of nesting female green turtle deaths at Raine Island as a result of cliff falls and entrapment," he said. "Last nesting season, there were estimated to be around 1500 mortalities."

So far, the DEHP project, supported by the TSRA, has completed a sand redistribution trial of the rookery's nesting beach to improve the number of successful clutches laid; installed fencing along cliff edges to prevent nesting female turtle deaths from cliff falls; established fenced plots to assist in the identification of causes of incubating egg deaths; and installed cameras and data loggers.

"The project has delivered positive results, with increased nesting success, hatchling production and reduced cliff fall mortalities, especially in areas where fencing is present," Mr Elu said.

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New book looks at Papunya art



Martha MacDonald Napaltjarri (in foreground) and Mona Nangala painting at Papunya Tjupi art centre, Papunya, 2015. Picture: Helen Puckey



A NEW book by Vivien Johnson tells the story of Papunya's remarkable artists and the desert community's history as a site of art production.

Streets of Papunya: The reinvention of Papunya painting spans the history from Albert Namatjira's final paintings,

which were completed at Papunya in the days before his death in 1959, through its glory days in the 1970s and 80s, and the dark times when it was known as the "carpetbagging capital of the desert" to its inspirational renaissance, as leading painters reinvent Papunya painting for the 21st century.

The book particularly focuses on the women painters

of Papunya today, who are the rising stars of the town's new Papunya Tjupi art centre. Among them are some of the first women in the desert to join the original Papunya art movement.

Streets of Papunya: The reinvention of Papunya painting is supported by a touring exhibition, which opened at the University of NSW Gallery last month.



Punata Stockman Nungarrayi in the backyard of her home in Papunya painting *Mt Denison 2007* for the first Papunya Tjupi exhibition, *A New Beginning*, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, 2007. Picture: Vivien Johnson

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Actor tells inquiry of sex abuse



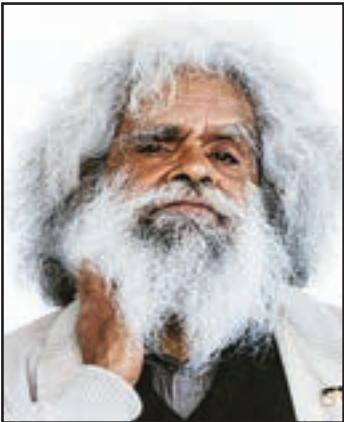
ACTOR Jack Charles says he was bashed, sexually abused and regarded as "an item of interest" during his time in a Salvation Army boys' home in Melbourne.

Mr Charles has told a Royal Commission that he was put in the Box Hill home as a "social experiment", as one of the Stolen Generation who was taken from his mother when he was four months old.

"I certainly think the home whitewashed me," he said. "I left Box Hill a devout Methodist and without a sense of my Aboriginality."

Mr Charles said staff members at Box Hill punched boys in the face for punishment and that he was sexually abused by both staff and other boys.

He said one staff member



Jack Charles

abused him at least 20 times, possibly more, while certain boys would "regularly have their way with me".

"I was regarded as an item of interest as I was the only Aboriginal boy in the home," Mr Charles said.

"They would threaten me with beatings unless I did what they

wanted and I was frightened of being bashed if I tried to refuse."

Mr Charles, whose film credits include *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith* and this year's feature film *Pan*, spent 12 years at Box Hill and still feels some gratitude to the Salvation Army for feeding and educating him.

The 72-year-old received both compensation and an apology from the Salvos, but said he was very unhappy with its reference to "alleged" offences.

He urged other people to come forward and tell their stories, describing the process as cathartic.

The commission also heard that the South Australian Government knew of allegations of child sex abuse at a Salvation Army boys' home in Adelaide dating back to the 1940s, including some incidents investigated by police. — AAP



Aboriginal Studies Press publishing assistant Rochelle Jones, director Rachel Ippoliti, Senator Nova Peris and photographer Mark Lang at the launch of *Old Man's story* at Parliament House, Canberra.

'Big Bill' shares his wisdom in new book



SENATOR Nova Peris has officially launched a new book called *Old Man's story* by one of Australia's most respected Elders and traditional land owners, 'Big Bill' Neidjie.

Before his passing in 2002, over a period of two years Neidjie allowed photographer Mark Lang the opportunity to record his thoughts which explore his views on culture, family, community and country, offering beautifully nuanced stories in his own words and rhythms.

Big Bill was Senator Peris' great-uncle and she said it was an honour to be asked to write a forward for the

book and to launch it at Parliament House.

"I say thank you to Big Bill Neidjie, my great uncle, not only for your teachings over the decades but your passion and resilience in ensuring your stories are passed on to future generations. I honour you," she said.

"I felt like I belonged when he spoke to me. He told me about my place in the landscape, my place in country. The sounds, the colours, the special stories of places just flowed from him."

Neidjie was the last remaining speaker of Gaagudju language and was committed to sharing his story with future generations as well as educating the wider community about Aboriginal culture.

"His major concern was his people losing touch with their culture, and that the values enshrined within a traditional attitude to life and to country were being eroded by the onslaught of the 20th century," Mark Lang said at the launch.

"Probably more than any other Aboriginal Elder, Old Man had been prepared to share the values of his traditional life with the outside world in the hope that we could, all of us, learn from the values contained within."

Old Man's story: The last thoughts of Kakadu Elder Bill Neidjie is published by Aboriginal Studies Press (ASP), the publishing arm of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

Funding cuts hit Little's legacy



WHEN Graham 'Buzz' Bidstrup learned earlier this

year that the Jimmy Little Foundation would not receive government funding for its health programs in Indigenous communities, he organised a concert at the Sydney Opera House and a crowdfunding campaign to keep the foundation "in the game".

When Jimmy Little was dying, he asked his friend and manager Buzz to keep the work of the foundation going.

Legendary musician Uncle Jimmy was a diabetic who had a kidney transplant and needed dialysis for many years. He set up the

foundation to promote healthy living and healthy eating in remote Indigenous communities, particularly focusing on school kids so the next generation had a better chance at good health.

While the Opera House gig raised much-needed funds, it also raised the profile of the foundation and Mr Bidstrup is now fielding more calls than ever before from communities wanting the foundation to come out and run their healthy living programs.

But instead of being able to help more communities, they have been forced to scale back operations. They are still running some programs, including out at Milngimbi (NT) recently, but at a time when there is increased demand and

awareness about the benefits of good preventative health, Mr Bidstrup is clearly frustrated that they can't respond.

"We've been around for a while, we won't let this kill us, but instead of doing the larger programs we've been doing for the past six years, we might have to cut it down to just a few communities," he said.

"There have been times when I've had those words of Jimmy's in my head, which spurs me on even more. We'll mark time a little bit and regroup. We're not planning to let it go."

One of his frustrations when talking to people in the Federal Government's health department, is they don't seem to get his point that by

spending money now on prevention programs, they will save money in the future.

Mr Bidstrup is hoping to set up a meeting with the new Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt, the first ever Indigenous federal minister.

"I've worked with Ken in the past and if anybody (in government) gets it, he would," he said.

"There are people who are very young (in Indigenous communities) who are having kidney failure. Something needs to be done because it's getting out of control."

Mr Bidstrup said it was positive that communities were aware of the programs run by the Jimmy Little Foundation, now government just needs to be convinced to fund them.

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Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

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

Old Cobram-Barooga Bridge, Murray River, Barooga

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

If you have any questions please contact Lucy Hampton on (02) 9873 8535 or lucy.hampton@environment.nsw.gov.au

The University of Sydney, University Colleges and Victoria Park, Camperdown

Written submissions on the above-mentioned listing are invited in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place by **18 January 2016**.

If you have any questions please contact Michael Ellis on (02) 9873 8572 or michael.ellis@environment.nsw.gov.au

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Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in 2017

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 13 October to 16 November 2015.

Parents or carers of Year 5 students will need to apply online before 16 November 2015 if they want their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017.

Application information is available on the internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Parents without internet access or who cannot use a computer can apply at a public library. Parents with a disability that prevents them from using a computer can contact the High Performing Students Unit for assistance.

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2017 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 10 March 2016.

There are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and one virtual secondary school, Aurora College, offering selective placement in Year 7 in NSW.

Boarder places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Parents can apply for up to three selective high schools. Placement in Aurora College is restricted to students intending to enrol in a government high school in a rural or remote area.

A complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the High Performing Students Unit, email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone: 1300 880 367.

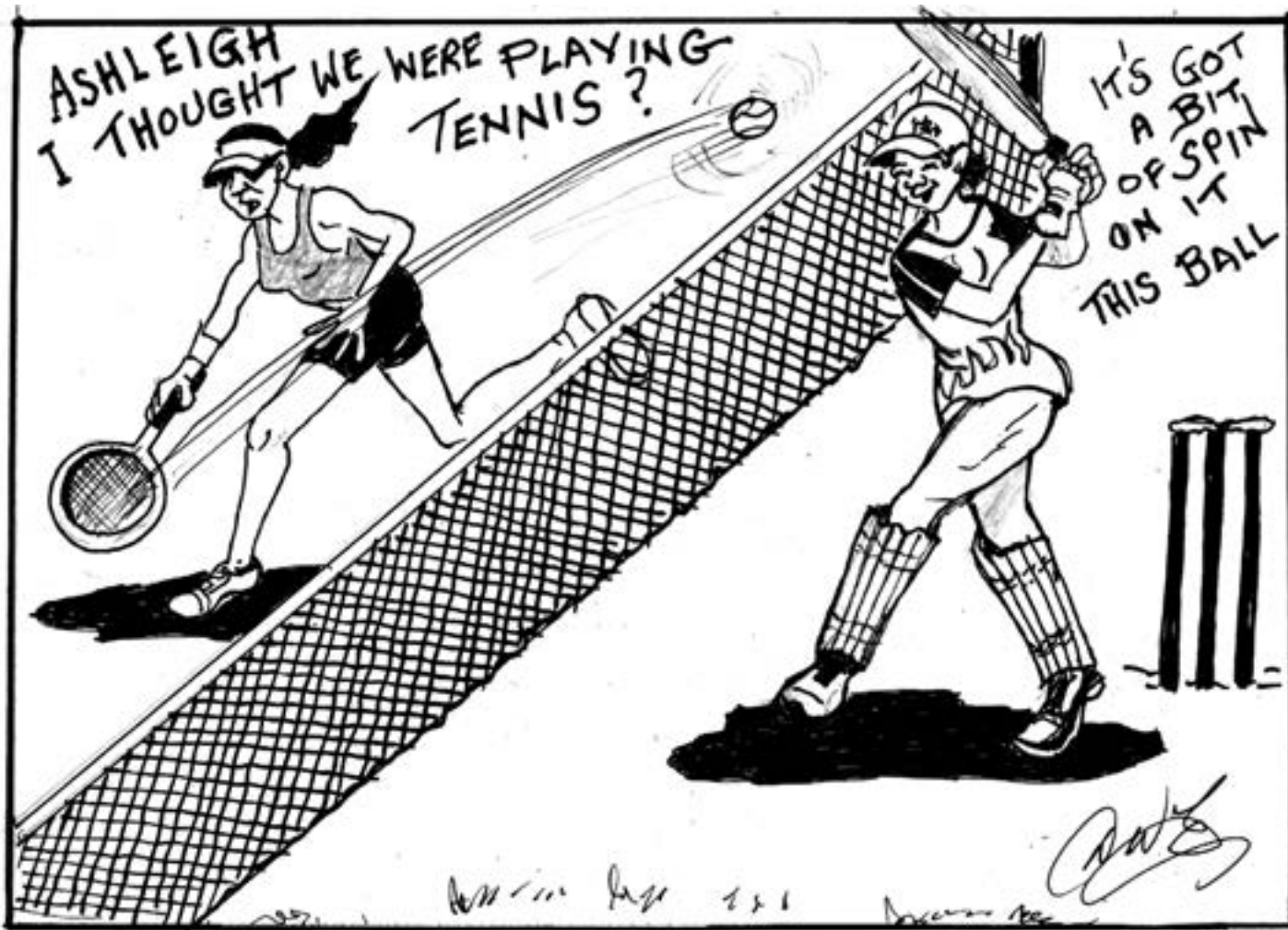
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Favourite music?
Easy listening with a dash of country.

Favourite sport?
Rugby league. I'm a North Queensland Cowboys fan, so it's been a really huge year for me.

Who would you most like to meet?
My Mum. She passed when I was 13, so I'd like to see her again.

Favourite holiday destination?
Tropical far north Queensland.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
I'd make sure our young people get the best possible education on their own country.

Quote



"As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, we look to the natural world to inspire, regenerate and sustain us."

– NAISDA show director Frances Rings

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Unquote

Card trial won't be of benefit

THE Federal Government has succeeded, with the help of Labor, in introducing a debit card for all welfare recipients in the South Australian town of Ceduna.

The Government's language surrounding the trial has been particularly telling.

Assistant Social Services Minister Alan Tudge has repeatedly painted all welfare recipients as gambling alcoholics not responsible enough to make decisions about spending their own money.

And while the Halls Creek Aboriginal Advisory Committee, from the Kimberley in Western Australia, voted against a trial of the card in its region, Mr Tudge has since said the Government would like to formally announce a trial in the East Kimberley in "the very near future".

And why is welfare policy being set by mining magnate Andrew Forrest – a man who has hundreds of millions of dollars – anyway? Surely if you want effective welfare policy that helps vulnerable people and provides an important safety net, then you would listen to those with the most experience in welfare.

Numerous evaluations of compulsory income management – including the Federal Government's own assessments of the Northern Territory's Basics Card – have come to the same conclusion: it doesn't work.

Being on welfare is no shame – sometimes everyone needs a hand and a compassionate, functioning society should be able to offer that help.

Stigmatising people for accepting government benefits is just more of the same old class warfare: bash the



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poor, whip up racist sentiment and see the votes pour in.

It's bad, ideologically-driven policy from a cynical government beholden to the top end of town.

And while the Government has consistently said it will work with communities on this trial – and to its credit the trial in Ceduna was co-designed with community input, including from Aboriginal people – it's actions in the Kimberley will be telling.

The Halls Creek Aboriginal Advisory Committee has said, "No." Let's see whether the Government moves on with its hard-sell to other communities or, as we've seen too often in the past, whether it will simply impose its ideology regardless of what Aboriginal people have to say.

It should be a great summer of cricket – and we can look forward to our own battle of the Ashes.

Former tennis star Ashleigh Barty and namesake Ashleigh Gardner will be playing in the Women's Big Bash League for Brisbane and Sydney respectively.

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She's keen to enter a brand new stage in life



Bardi Jawi woman Rohanna Angus: "Our young people are facing many challenges, and I think with my experience I can be of some help."

SHE made a name for herself in the original stage production of Aboriginal musical *Bran Nue Dae*. Then came several years touring nationally and internationally with one-woman theatrical success *Windmill Baby*.

Now, 25 years after her first acting roles, Bardi Jawi woman Rohanna Angus wants to use what she's learnt and the confidence she's gained to enter a new stage in her life and help the young people of her home country in Western Australia's Kimberley.

To that end, the mother of five and grandmother of three has set her sights on a role working in child protection based in Broome, near her family and close to her country at One Arm Point on the Dampier Peninsula.

Not that she'd knock back any acting roles that might come her way.

"I'm ready for anything right now, but deep down I'd really like to help my people, especially the youth," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Rohanna Angus' story starts as a baby in a beach shack at One Arm Point. She was one of six children, living simply with her Bardi Jawi mother and Malaysian pearl diver father.

"It was a good way of life and a great way to grow up, but mum was keen that her kids got an education, so in my teens I was sent to school in Perth," Angus says.

"It was hard. I was very shy and missed my country, but I learnt a lot."

Angus returned to the Kimberley at age 15 to help her ill mother, who had moved to Broome.

It was there that she found acting – or more accurately, acting found her.

"I was at Nulungu College when Jimmy Chi, Stephen Pigram and Stephen (Albert) Baamba came looking for actors for their new stage show *Bran Nue Dae* (about Indigenous issues and set in Broome)," Angus said.

"I was related to them, my college principal encouraged me – strongly – to audition, and because I enjoyed singing I secured a place in the production's line-up."

"Whole new world"

"It opened up a whole new world for me. Soon I was offered the lead role of Rosie, and at 16 I was performing on stages around Australia in front of thousands of people."

Angus returned to One Arm Point after the tour season, settling down, working in the community and starting a family.

But the call of the stage was

strong, and she jumped at the chance to play MayMay in Aboriginal playwright David Milroy's acclaimed production of *Windmill Baby*.

The one-woman format meant Angus had to perform many roles – black and white – on the stage, and she won wide critical acclaim for her work.

"*Windmill Baby* took me around Australia, and to Britain and India," she said.

"It's a great play, and was enjoyed by many thousands of people."

After a long run with the play, Angus returned to country and family – something she had missed terribly.

Working at the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service, she saw the local youth facing many struggles. So she completed a Diploma of Counselling, and started a new career as a social and emotional

wellbeing youth worker with the National Youth Mental Health Foundation's Headspace, based in Broome.

It's a position she held for several years, and where she was able to help many of her people.

More recently she's moved closer to her home community to help ailing family members, and she's now working at the Mowanjumb Arts Centre, near Derby.

But, deep down, she's keen to get back to helping her people.

"There's so much need," Angus says.

"Our young people are facing many challenges, and I think with my experience I can be of some help."

"I miss theatre and film work as well. I'll just take it one step at a time and see what happens."



Carlton AFL legend Syd Jackson and Hermannsburg potter Rahel Ungwanaka with one of the pots.



The depth of detail is apparent on this pot.



The four Hermannsburg potters with students from Healesville Primary School at the NGV exhibition.



Hermannsburg potters Judith Inkamala, Lindy Rontji, Rahel Ungwanaka and Rona Rubuntja at the exhibition.
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Potters make their mark at NGV exhibition

By KATE MUNRO



THE dry, seemingly barren, land that surrounds Ntaria (otherwise known as Hermannsburg), 130km south-west of Alice Springs in western Aranda country in the Northern Territory, is vast and hauntingly beautiful.

Set among the spectacular MacDonnell Ranges, this land is kin to the Arrernte people.

Ntaria is home to about 600 people and also to a long-standing arts centre, a solid wooden homestead-style building that sits amongst the other small buildings – a place for peace and creation for some of the men and women of the community.

Founded by the late artist Albert Namatjira, who was born in Hermannsburg, the art studio is known as the birthplace of the Hermannsburg Watercolour School. It was established in the mid-1930s and sparked a commercial art movement that saw Arrernte traditional contemporary pieces go international.

It is in this building where the Hermannsburg Potters, a collective of mainly women established 25 years ago, created, painted and moulded 20 remarkable ceramic clay pots for *Our Land is Alive: Hermannsburg Potters for Kids*, an exhibition recently launched at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)

Ian Potter Centre in Melbourne.

These clay pots, commissioned by the NGV, celebrate Marngrook – a traditional Aboriginal Australian game that has similar dynamics to Australian rules football – and Indigenous Australian stars of the AFL.

The designs are bright, splashed with the strong colours of a football carnival. The potters were free to depict and translate any representations they wanted.

Some of the artworks show iconic scenes from years gone by, including Nicky Winmar lifting his shirt and pointing to his black chest and Michael Long's 1993 'goal of the year'. The earliest scene depicted on a pot is from 1948.

Honoured

NGV senior curator of Indigenous art Judith Ryan told the *Koori Mail* the gallery was honoured to have some of the Hermannsburg potters – Judith Inkamala, Rona Rubuntja, Rahel Ungwanaka and Lindy Rontji – at the launch.

"It was such an emotional time for the artists," she said.

"They had created these amazing pieces that come out of the kiln, but had never seen them displayed in this way (large-scale exhibition) before, and it was quite spectacular."

Inkamala, Rubuntja, Ungwanaka and Rontji conducted workshops, particularly for children, in the space around the exhibition, and the level

of interest and engagement was high.

The work on the pots is detailed, from shadows on the football field to particular outlines of trees, spectators and even the signs of sponsors. All AFL teams are represented on the pots as well as players from Hermannsburg's local team, the Western Aranda Bulldogs.

The artists use natural pigments like ochre mixed with clay to colour the pots and the small detailed figures that adorn the top of them.

"Although this method of painting and colouring is not unique, it's important to point out that our artists aren't using paints like people may think; this method was also employed by the ancient Mayans in their works," Ms Ryan said.

The exhibition also includes a clay model of the Hermannsburg mission, including the large ghost gum trees that surround the community site. This model serves to pay homage to the artists' famous countryman Albert Namatjira.

Our Land is Alive: Hermannsburg Potters for Kids will be at the NGV Ian Potter Centre, Federation Square, Melbourne, until April next year. The Hermannsburg potters will return to Melbourne mid-November for another artist-in-residency.

For further details, visit www.ngv.vic.gov.au and hermannsburgpotters.com.au

The cause of suicides

What do high Indigenous suicide rates actually indicate?

They indicate this: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are made to feel like foreigners and refugees in their own country. In other words, the invaders are still invading Australia. The invasion has not ceased since 1788.

The non-Indigenous society and way of life is completely harm-causing to the Indigenous people and the natural environment. It remains at war with these people and the land itself.

People talk about Indigenous people needing to be integrated into the European society, but

actually the reverse absolutely needs to occur, because as custodians of the land of Australia, the Indigenous people were exemplary in how they treated it.

The European way of life must actually begin to incorporate the Indigenous love, wisdom and respect as it is raping the

Earth at a fantastic rate.

Non-Indigenous people must come to understand how and why the Indigenous people of Australia were able to maintain natural balance and harmony for so many thousands of years.

LEON LESTER
Hunters Hill, NSW

POETRY

The Black Dog

It's hard to say just where I've been,
A dark and lonely place.
To stay in bed and hibernate,
Would be my saving grace.

The angst of seeing loved ones,
And friends so near and dear,
Is just so unexplainable,
And something not to fear!

But when the phone or doorbell rings,
I want to run and hide,
However, there's a mask I wear,
Within my inner pride.

The churning in my tummy,
My chest a lead balloon,
The cloudiness inside my head,
Is all so out of tune!

Just how to function day by day,
I question every night,
If the Black Dog ever tags you,
You'll feel its ugly bite!

MAREE EDWARDS
Newcastle, NSW

Where is the sacred?

I was pondering why the line is crossed
Between real right and wrong
The sense of judgment that is lost
Just because they're strong.

I was pondering what makes them blind
To the wreckage that they wreak
And the grieving hearts they leave behind
The triumph that they seek.

I wondered what made them so cold
To the pleas of abject fear
Indifferent to the bonds of love
They're sacrificing here.

And when you look into their eyes
There's nothing you can see
That tells you they were once a man
The man you thought he'd be.

And I know that truth lies somewhere there
Fallen through the cracks
And you watch him while you're being hit
And wish you could fight back.

And you wonder how he's lost himself
And all that he held dear
And how his sense of decency
Has disappeared from here.

And it took me years to realise
What had escaped me then
That there's no sense of the sacred
When they're no longer men.

No sense of the sacred
Yet sacred's all around
From the Earth that's giving birth in spring
To a newborn baby's sound.

And how is it that they forget
Just who their mothers be
No sense of the sacred
But the sacred lives in me.

WIRRINYA

RAB women deserve better

Action from the Dubbo Knockout women's grand final between Redfern All Blacks (black shorts) and Kempsey.



I was just reading the *Koori Mail* October 7 edition and was a bit disappointed to see there was no mention of the Redfern All Blacks women's team who

won their division at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Dubbo. There were no pictures at all of the RAB women's team and I thought it

was strange since they beat Kempsey in the grand final.

NATALIE WILLIAMS
Sydney, NSW

Editor's note: We're sorry. We should have given the women's final the coverage it deserved. You'll find it in this edition on page 67.

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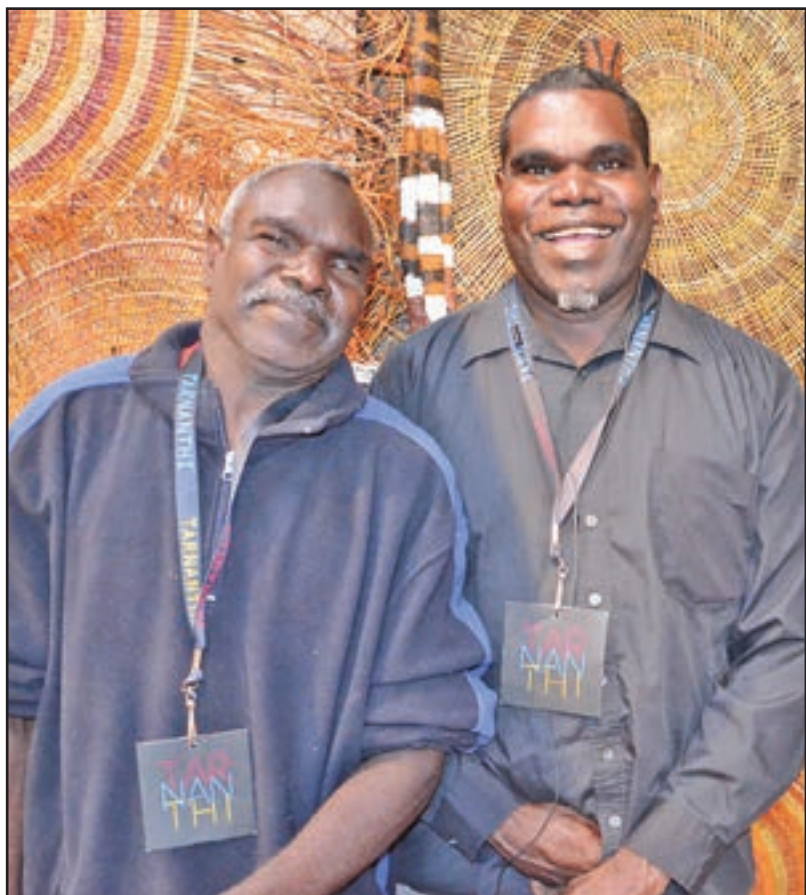
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Daniel Bonson and Alex Brown, from Maningrida Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory's Top End, at the art fair hosted by Tandanya.

Lavinia Ketchell, Jimmy K Thaiday and Lynnette Griffiths came from Erub Arts in the Torres Strait for the Tarnanthi art fair in Adelaide.

Thousands at festival



Jennifer Dickens, from Mankaya Arts Resource Agency at Fitzroy Crossing in the Kimberley, at the art fair.



THOUSANDS of people flocked to Adelaide venues this month for the inaugural

Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art. Held officially from October 8-18, but with some exhibitions continuing until the new year, the festival attracted artists and visitors from around Australia.

The main focus was on exhibitions at the Art Gallery of South Australia and at Tandanya, where an art fair was held.

Artistic director Nici

Cumpston was delighted with the result.

"We've had crowds seeing some of the best Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art," she said.

"Adelaide has been a great venue, and I'm hoping we will be doing the same next year."

The art fair at Tandanya had stalls operated by art centres from as far away as north Queensland, the Torres Strait and Western Australia's Kimberley.

Stall operators were pleased with the response, with many sales being reported.

More details on the festival at tarnanthi.com.au



The scene at the Tarnanthi art fair in Tandanya.



APY Lands visitors Renita Stanley and Tjangili George at the art fair in Tandanya.



Alison Murray and Maleisha Leo, from Girringun Aboriginal Arts Centre in north Queensland, were kept busy at the art fair.



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Healthy messages taken on board



AS part of a 10-week healthy lifestyle learn-to-surf program run by

Galambila Aboriginal Health Service in Coffs Harbour, northern NSW, two youngsters have won custom-made surfboards with artwork by local Aboriginal professional surfer Otis Carey.

Through 'Creating Surfin' Gooris', young people were challenged to create healthy promotion products for Galambila.

Lilly Morgan used an old surfboard to design and paint her work *Don't Smoke Near Kids*, a message she is passionate about.

Jonah Werner played and sang his entry *Surf for Life* at Galambila during the surfboard presentation to a clinic full of clients and staff.

Program coordinator Kristy Pursch said all the entries showed great creativity and understanding of health.

"Lilly and Jonah are a great example of the next generation coming though promoting the benefits of having a healthy lifestyle," she said.

"And through the support of this program we are able to give them the opportunity to meet with other young people who share their vision."



● Above: Jonah Werner played and sang his entry *Surf for Life* at Galambila.

● Left: Lilly Morgan and Jeremiah Johnston at Galambila Aboriginal Health Service in Coffs Harbour, northern NSW.

Ice summit in SA



A FORUM in South Australia has highlighted the need for coordinated action between Aboriginal leaders and community and

government services to tackle the ice drug epidemic. The forum was organised by the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM), and chairperson Sandra Saunders opened it by talking about increasing incarceration rates of Aboriginal people as a result of ice (methamphetamine) use and the increasing number of children being removed from ice-addicted parents.

The Grannies Group is made up of Aboriginal grandparents from

Adelaide who have been meeting for many years to build stronger communities. Diana Grose and Gloria Sparrow spoke of their experiences as community Elders, mothers and grandmothers dealing with drug use in their communities and families.

They presented a documentary *Lost Generations* that showed the sadness and despair of parents and grandparents as their children's lives degenerated through drug use.

An ALRM spokesperson said the presentation highlighted the importance of family support and acceptance when working with people who are using ice.

Director of the SA Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council Scott

Wilson said ice had now replaced heroin as the drug of choice for many users because it was cheap and versatile in the ways that it could be taken.

Other speakers included Flinders University toxicologist John Edwards and Detective Chief Inspector Tony Crameri, from the SA Serious and Organised Crime Branch.

The forum broke into discussion groups to suggest strategies to tackle the issues and how groups could better coordinate their efforts. Some of the suggestions included increased Aboriginal-specific detox and rehab facilities and more education and preventative measures.

The ice cycle stages

These are the seven stages of the ice cycle, as presented by SA Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council director Scott Wilson.

1) The Rush. During the rush, the abuser's heartbeat races and metabolism, blood pressure and pulse soar. The methamphetamine rush can continue for up to 30 minutes.

2) The High. During the high, the abuser often feels aggressively smarter and becomes argumentative, and can become violent.

3) The Binge. The binge can last three to 15 days. During the binge, the abuser becomes hyperactive both mentally and physically. Each time the abuser smokes or injects more of the drug, he/she experiences another but smaller rush until, finally, there is no rush or high.

4) Tweaking. The user loses his/her sense of identity. Intense itching is common and a user can become convinced that bugs are crawling under the skin. Unable to sleep for days at a time, the abuser is often in a completely psychotic state and exists in their own world, seeing and hearing things that no one else can perceive. Hallucinations are so vivid that they seem real and, disconnected from reality, they can become hostile and

dangerous. The potential for self-mutilation is high.

5) The Crash. This results in a long period of sleep for the person. Even the meanest, most violent user becomes almost lifeless during the crash. The crash can last one to three days.

6) Meth Hangover. After the crash, the abuser returns in a deteriorated state, starved, dehydrated and exhausted physically, mentally and emotionally. This stage ordinarily lasts from two to 14 days. This leads to enforced addiction, as the 'solution' to these feelings is to take more meth.

7) Withdrawal. Often 30 to 90 days can pass after the last use before the abuser realises that he/she is in withdrawal. First, he/she becomes depressed, loses his/her energy and the ability to experience pleasure. Then the craving for more hits, and the abuser often becomes suicidal. Since meth withdrawal is extremely painful and difficult, most abusers revert; thus, 93% of those in traditional treatment return to abusing meth.

● For more information regarding drug use and misuse in SA contact the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council on (08) 8351 9031 or visit www.adac.org.au



Diana Grose and her sister Colleen Welch from The Grannies Group at the ice summit in Adelaide.

2015 NSW ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2015

Elections will be held on Saturday, 31 October 2015 to elector a Councillor to represent each of the nine regions of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council.

**Central
Northern
Sydney/Newcastle**

**Mid North Coast
North Western
Western**

**North Coast
South Coast
Wiradjuri**

To be eligible to vote you must be a voting member of a Local Aboriginal Land Council within the region you are voting. All voting members have been sent an elector brochure to their residential address.

Voting on election day

The candidates and polling places for each region are listed below. Polling places are open from 8am to 6pm on election day except where marked. For information about accessibility visit the website or call 1300 135 736.

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Central Region

Candidates

Ballot Paper Name	Locality
BROWN, Neville	Wellington
RILEY, Bernadette	Dubbo
TOWNEY, Rod	Dubbo
TOOMEY, Grace	Dubbo
RYAN, Stephen	Dubbo
TOOMEY, Darren	Dubbo
SMITH, Barry	Wellington
AMATTO, Anthony	Dubbo

Polling places

Open from 8am to 6pm on election day

Polling Place	Address
Gilgandra High School	Court Street, Gilgandra
Gulgambone Central School	14 Yalcogrin Street, Gulgambone
Mudgee High School	Denison Street, Mudgee
Narromine Public School	Meringo Street, Narromine
Nyngan High School	Bogan Street, Nyngan
Trangie Central School	Derribong Street, Trangie
Warren Central School	Chester Street, Warren
Wellington Public School – Gould League Hall	Maxwell Street, Wellington
Wesley Centre Dubbo	Church Street, Dubbo

Mid North Coast Region

Candidates

Ballot Paper Name	Locality
LEON, Bronwyn	Nambucca Heads
HALL, Phillip	Bowraville
SMITH, Peter	Taree
FEENEY, Dave	Karuah
SPENCER, Chris	Coffs Harbour
ROBINSON, Reuben	North Boambee Valley

Polling places

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Polling Place	Address
Bellbrook Public School (12pm – 1:30pm)	Main Street, Bellbrook
Corindi Public School	Coral Street, Corindi
Crescent Head Community Hall (2pm – 5pm)	Baker Drive, Crescent Head
Exhibition Halls (Middle and West)	Coffs Harbour Showground, Woolgoolga Road, Coffs Harbour
Forster Public School	Head Street, Forster
Gloucester High School	Ravenshaw Street, Gloucester
Green Hill Public School (8am – 9:30am)	196-202 River Street, Greenhill
Hastings Secondary College, Westport Campus	Findlay Avenue, Port Macquarie
Karuah Aboriginal Community Hall	Mustons Road, Karuah
Kempsey West Public School	Marsh Street, West Kempsey
Macksville Senior Citizens Centre	39 Princess Street, Macksville
Manning Gardens Public School	Bushland Drive, Taree
Melville Sport and Recreation Centre	Albert Street, South Kempsey
Nambucca Community and Arts Centre	Ridge Street, Nambucca Heads
Purfleet Multi-Purpose Community Centre	Lot 1-3 Old Pacific Highway, Purfleet
South West Rocks Public School (8am – 11am)	Gregory Street, South West Rocks
St James Anglican Church Hall Bowraville	Young Street, Bowraville
Thungutti LALC Hall (3:30pm – 5pm)	Station Road, Bellbrook
Wauchope High School	Nelson Street, Wauchope

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Steve Robb
Returning Officer
NSW Electoral Commission

Northern Region

Candidates

Ballot Paper Name	Locality
LYNCH, Charles	Tamworth
LIVERMORE, Gregory	Tingha

Polling places

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Polling Place	Address
Ashford Central School-Memorial Hall	56 Inverell Street, Ashford
Bullimbal Public School	Degance Street, Tamworth
Coonabarabran Youth Club	Gordon Street, Coonabarabran
Dorrigo Community Centre	36 Hickory Street, Torrigo
Glen Innes Public School	Cameron Lane, Glen Innes
Gunnedah Creative Arts Gallery	83 Chandos Street, Gunnedah
Guyra Central School	Marne Street, Guyra
Linking Together Centre	23 Waratah Avenue, Inverell
Muswellbrook South Public School	Maitland Street, Muswellbrook
Newling Public School	80 Chapel Street, Armidale
Quirindi High School	Hill Street, Quirindi
Singleton Public School	Elizabeth Street, Singleton
Tenterfield & District Soldiers Memorial Hall	Molesworth Street, Tenterfield
Tingha Public School	Sapphire Street, Tingha
Uralla Anglican Church Hall	Park Street, Uralla
Walcha Anglican Church Hall	South Street, Walcha
Walhallow Community Hall	1 Hill Street, Walhallow

South Coast Region

Candidates

Ballot Paper Name	Locality
CHAPMAN, Danny	Tomakin
MASON, Vivienne	Dalmeny
SMITH, Basil	Batehaven
HAMPTON, Jack	Jervis Bay
CARRIAGE, Shane	Ulladulla
MOORE, Julie	Vincentia

Polling Place

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Batemans Bay High School	Beach Road, Batehaven
Bega Valley Public School	27 Auckland Street, Bega
Bodalla Public School	7 Potato Point Road, Bodalla
Boomerang Centre	2 Church Street, Mogo
Culburra Public School	Fairlands Street, Culburra
Eden Marine High School	Barclay Street, Eden
Karabar High School	Donald Road, Karabar
Moruya Public School	Evans Street, Moruya
Narooma Public School	7 Montague Street, Narooma
Nowra TAFE Campus	60 Beinda Street, Bomaderry
Port Kembla Senior Citizens Centre	Allan Street, Port Kembla
Smiths Hill High School	The Citadel, Campbell Street, Wollongong
Ulladulla Civic Centre	Princes Highway, Ulladulla
Wallaga Lake Koori Village Community Hall	13A Umbara Road, Wallaga Lake

Sydney-Newcastle Region

Candidates

Ballot Paper Name	Locality
INGREY, Chris	Campsie
TOOMEY, Joshua	Lake Haven
MALONE, Theresa	Hoxton Park
AH-SEE, Roy	Blue Haven
FORESHEW, Craig	Narara

Polling places

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Artarmon Girl Guides Hall (8am – 11am)	Thompson Avenue, Artarmon
Blacktown Girl Guide Hall	Gribble Place, Blacktown
Cessnock West Public School (8am – 11:30am)	Alfred Street, Cessnock West
Cranebrook Neighbourhood Centre	Hosking Street, Cranebrook
Cronulla Public School (1:30pm – 5pm)	18-24 Burraneer Bay Road, Cronulla
Garden Suburb Public School	Progress Place, Garden Suburb
Holy Family Centre Emerton	254 Luxford Road, Emerton
Islington Public School	Hubbard Street, Islington
John Warby Public School (1:30pm – 5pm)	Deans Road, Airds
Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre (8am – 11:30am)	19-21 Bringelly Road, Kingswood
La Perouse Public School	Yarra Road, Phillip Bay
Liverpool Public School	Railway Street, Liverpool
Marrickville Public School	Farr Street, Marrickville
Metford Public School	Schanck Drive, Metford
Minto Public School (8am – 11:30am)	Redfern Road, Minto
Mt Druitt Community Resource Hub (2pm – 5pm)	9 Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt
Peninsula Community Centre	93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy
Raymond Terrace Public School	14 Swan Street, Raymond Terrace
Redfern Town Hall	73 Pitt Street, Redfern
Salt Ash Public School	4 Salt Ash Avenue, Salt Ash
Tahmoor Public School	Bronzewing Street East, Tahmoor
The Grove Community & Cultural Hub	North Road, Wyong
Toronto Public School (2pm – 5pm)	Renwick Street, Toronto
Toukley Public School	Kooloora Road, Noraville
Wirapaang Public School	2A Pacific Highway, Gateshead

Western Region

Candidates

Ballot Paper Name	Locality
JONES, Des	Wentworth
MURRAY, William	Wilcannia
THOMPSON, Warlpa	Wilcannia

Polling places

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Polling Place	Address
Bairnald Central School	We Street, Bairnald
Broken Hill Community INC	200 Beryl Street, Broken Hill
Cobar Public School	6-8 Blakey Street, Cobar
Dareton Public School	Matong Street, Dareton
Ivanhoe Community Hall	37 Columbus Street, Ivanhoe
Menindee Civic Hall	Yartla Street, Menindee
Tibooburra Outback School of the Air	Briscoe Street, Tibooburra
Wentworth Public School	Darling Street, Wentworth
Wilcannia Community Hall	Barrier Highway, Wilcannia

Wiradjuri Region

Candidates

Ballot Paper Name	Locality
CROMELIN, Craig	Murrin Bridge
SMITH, Tommy	Kambah
HAMPTON, Leeanne	Wyalong
WILLIAMS, Denise	Deniliquin
ROBINSON, Trevor	Peak Hill

Polling places

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Polling Place	Address
Albury Public School (8am – 11:30am)	Smollett Street, Albury
Ashmont Public School (8am – 11:30am)	Ashmont Avenue, Ashmont
Bland Masonic Centre	Court Street, West Wyalong
Blethington Public School	Matthews Avenue, Orange
Brungle Public School (8am – 11:30am)	2 Brungle School Road, Brungle
Catholic Parish Centre Bathurst	Keppel Street, Bathurst
Condobolin Public School	Molong Street, Condobolin
Cummeragunja Community Centre	Tongala Road, Cummeragunja
Echuca Primary School (1:30pm – 5pm)	413 High Street, Echuca
Edward Public School	Butler Street, Deniliquin
Euabalong Community Centre (8am – 9:30am)	29 Lachlan Street, Euablong
Forbes Shire Council Chambers (3:30pm – 5pm)	2 Court Street, Forbes
Glenroy Public School (1:30pm – 5pm)	600 Logan Road, Glenroy
Griffith Aboriginal Community Centre	5 Wiradjuri Place, Griffith
Hay Shire Council – Community Building	Morgan Street, Hay
Hillston Central School (4pm – 5:30pm)	62-80 Moore Street, Hillston
John O'Brien Hall	Larmer Street, Narrandera
Kruger Health & Wellness Complex (8am – 11:30am)	10 East Street, Harden
Lake Cargelligo Central School (11:30am – 1pm)	65 Canada Street, Lake Cargellico
Leeton Public School (2pm - 5:30pm)	Mallee Street, Leeton
Lithgow Public School (1pm – 5pm)	Eskbank Street, Lithgow
Moama Public School (8am – 11:30am)	Simms Street, Moama
Murrin Bridge Pre-School	Riverside Drive, Murrin Bridge
Murrumbidgee Council Chambers (8am – 11:30am)	21 Carrington Street, Darlington Point
Oberon High School (8am – 9:30am)	Ross Street, Oberon
Parkes Library (12pm – 1:30pm)	23 Bogan Street, Parkes
Peak Hill Central School (8am – 9:30am)	Derribong Street, Peak Hill
Swan Hill Primary School	123 Gray Street, Swan Hill
The McDermott Centre	163 Auburn Street, Goulburn
Tolland Public School (1:30pm – 5pm)	Hawkes Place, Tolland
Tumut Public School (1:30pm – 5pm)	Wynyard Street, Tumut
Yalbillanga – Erambie Cowra Community Outreach Service	Legh Street, Erambie West
Yass Memorial Hall	Comur Street, Yass
Young North Public School (1:30pm – 5pm)	50 William Street, Young

Fraser's dingoes face food problems, declining numbers



A TRADITIONAL owner from K'gari (Fraser Island, south-east Queensland) is concerned that the island's remaining dingoes are in danger of being wiped out and the local Butchulla people are not having any real input into the management of the island.

Mally Clarke said, despite being recognised by the Federal Court as the traditional owners of Fraser Island in 2014, the Butchulla people have "no say" in how the dingo population is managed.

Since the fatal mauling of nine-year-old Clinton Gage in 2001, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) have had a policy of killing any dingoes they consider to have displayed behaviour that poses a threat to human life. But Ms Clarke said there has been an over-zealous approach to culling.

"We have all of these backpackers come over (to the K'gari cultural centre) and they say 'Where's all the dingoes?'" Ms Clarke said.

"We look for footprints, but there's nothing there anymore."

Ms Clarke said the best way to manage the dingoes is to create a feeding station for them in the middle of the island, away from tourists.

She said if the dingoes had a regular source of food, they wouldn't be scavenging around resort bins and fishing areas and there would be less chance of them being

aggressive to humans.

She said waste food from restaurants on the island is currently taken to the mainland for burial, but could be used for the dingoes. But she said no-one at QPWS is interested in the idea.

A statement from QPWS said there is scientific evidence that artificial feeding is not good for dingoes and that feeding stations are not workable for a number of reasons, including: it could artificially increase their numbers on the island, which would interfere with natural population dynamics; and that their behaviour would change if accustomed to easily available food.

"Dingoes have plenty of food on the island, including wallabies, bandicoots, native plants, stranded fish and other marine animals. The population is self-regulating in relation to the natural food sources... Dingoes should be allowed to regulate their own numbers in response to available natural food on the island," the statement said.

They said the population fluctuates from 100 to 200 depending on the time of the year and phases of the breeding cycle.

They also said QPWS "works cooperatively with the new Butchulla Prescribed Body Corporate" and "Butchulla also provide advice on management and planning issues for the Fraser Island World Heritage Area through the Indigenous Advisory Committee".



Comedians Steven Oliver and Elizabeth Wymarra are urging young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to look after their sexual health.

Take Blaktion!



BLACK Comedy stars Steven Oliver and Elizabeth Wymarra front a new campaign aimed at

empowering young Aboriginal people in NSW to make informed decisions about their sexual health.

The 'Take Blaktion' campaign was launched at the 2015 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival in Dubbo recently.

It kicked off with some 300 people taking part in bubble soccer (i.e. running around and bumping into people inside giant inflatable balls) to promote a "play safe" message.

Before they could take the field, players answered questions in a sexual health quiz.

On October 30 in Nowra, both Steven Oliver and Elizabeth Wymarra will be facilitating comedy skits on health and relationships.

"Comedy can be so much more than just getting people to laugh," Mr Oliver said.

"It's a great tool to get messages across and has always been an important part of our culture.

"When I write and when I create, I like to get people to think about issues and if you can get them to laugh too then that's great. Laughter is wonderful and powerful."

For more information about the 'Take Blaktion' campaign and to check out the hilarious skits with a serious message, visit www.playsafe.health.nsw.gov.au

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Ice, violence in spotlight



LEADERS from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services around Australia recently met in Darwin to

discuss crucial issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) deputy chairperson Priscilla Collins said the meeting was an important opportunity to discuss the legal issues that matter to Indigenous people.

"It's clear that there are key common issues in our communities such as the issue of drug abuse, including ice, and the high rates of domestic violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander women and children," she said.

"We need a coordinated approach and this forum provided an important opportunity for us all to come together to discuss the work that each of our organisations is doing."

Major issue

Ms Collins said unmet legal needs arose as a major issue during the meeting – an issue that has been discussed by key government bodies, including the Productivity Commission.

"All of our organisations are doing critical work on the frontlines for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," she said.

"However, we are all concerned that we are underfunded to meet the

massive and growing legal needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in criminal, family and civil law. In particular, we are worried about funding cuts that will occur within our organisations from 2017 onwards.

"We continue to call upon the government to implement the Productivity Commission's recommendation that \$200 million in additional funding is needed to the legal assistance sector to address urgent unaddressed civil legal need."

The meeting was also a chance to celebrate the presentation of the Trevor Christian award to two outstanding ATSILS employees as well as the recent award of National Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year to Eddie Cubillo, the NATSILS chief executive.

Digital archive wins award



A SOUTH Australian Aboriginal digitisation project has picked up an international award for documenting the lives of the Anangu people.

Ara Irititja (Stories from a long time ago) received the Outstanding Project Award for Guardians of Culture and Lifeways from the America's Association of Tribal Archives Libraries and Museums in Washington, DC.

It began more than 20 years ago when the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Land Council – an Aboriginal organisation in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands – asked historian John Dallwitz to compile a photographic exhibition in celebration of the tenth anniversary of Pitjantjatjara land rights.

The community was so moved by the collection, it sparked a world-first digital archival project containing early film, letters and artefacts.

The project began when Mr Dallwitz began digitising boxes of private collections – mostly letters and photographs – taken by the nurses and teachers who



worked on the mission stations in the early 1950s.

"They were pioneers out there. They knew they were doing something historic and they took photographs of the people, but the Aboriginal people never saw those photographs," Mr Dallwitz said.

"Our mission, in the early days, was to collect those private

collections, which were sitting up in people's attics getting ruined, and making digital copies for the Anangu people, who had never seen photos of their mothers before."

With the support of the South Australian Museum, Mr Dallwitz and his partner Dora set up an office in Adelaide and the collection grew from an initial

5000 images stored on a 40MB computer to a rich interactive website containing up to 160,000 items.

"One of the big revolutions that happened when we took the project online was the fact that people could suddenly interact with it," Dora Dallwitz said.

"They could be looking at an artwork or a photo of

themselves, and make a real-time movie of themselves speaking to the painting or talking about the day that photo was taken, and they could do that in text or audio or movie, and click save and it became part of the database.

"There was no 'one truth' in the whole thing; people could give their interpretation of an event," she said.

With the advance of technology, and the community's access to cameras, internet and computers, the website now has a significantly larger contemporary collection.

"It's changed a lot, from 100 per cent white people's photography to a much higher percentage now of Anangu people's personal photography as well," Mrs Dallwitz said.

"The percentage of people in those early photographic collections might have been five or 10 per cent and the rest of it would have been of the mission buildings and the landscape, the beautiful wildflowers... Now a digital collection coming from a community or school is all about the kids – sports days, Inma (traditional dancing), and rock and roll concerts – that's what they want to record."

Agreement reached over Darwin land



THE Northern Territory Government has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Gwalwa

Daraniki Association (GDA) in Darwin regarding the land it administers, which includes the communities of Kulaluk and Minmarama.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said the Government would work with the GDA to develop an economic master plan for the three square kilometres of Crown land between Ludmilla Creek and Nightcliff.

Parcels within the lease that can be developed for commercial purposes and support local job creation will then be converted to freehold and held by the GDA for the benefit of its members.

"For too long governments have been reluctant to hand Indigenous people full control of their own lands," Mr Giles said.

"But I believe in giving communities the chance to build a better and brighter future for themselves.

"This breakthrough

agreement for the Territory will deliver more income and more jobs for a community that is determined to break the cycle of welfare dependency."

Most of the Kulaluk lease will remain as conservation land, but plans have already been approved to develop a retail precinct and medical centre on land between Dick Ward Drive and Bagot Road.

Future land uses could include commercial and residential developments, including the building of a new aged care home.

The GDA was granted a crown lease in perpetuity in 1975 and today 140 people live at Kulaluk and Minmarama.

GDA chairperson Helen Secretary said the agreement opened up a brighter future for her community.

"This is about creating jobs and opportunities for our kids," she said. "Now the community will say what happens on our land."

Lands and Planning Minister David Tollner said he hoped other communities would follow the lead set by the GDA.

Lawrie leads campaign to protect Bight



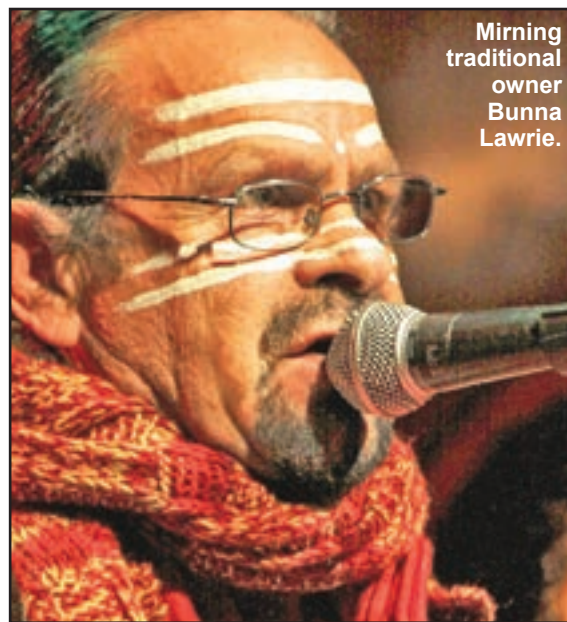
MIRNING traditional owner and whale songman Bunna Lawrie has joined with

the Wilderness Society and independent senator Nick Xenophon in calling for Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt to take responsibility for oil and gas exploration in the Great Australian Bight.

Oil giant BP intends to drill four explorations in remote sea within the Bight and according to Wilderness Society director Peter Owen, Mr Hunt palmed off his responsibilities for offshore oil and gas last year to Australia's offshore oil and gas authority, NOPSEMA.

"BP is just one of many oil majors wanting to exploit the Bight," Mr Owen said. "Greg Hunt must ask his department to assess the cumulative impacts of the many oil companies wanting to turn the Bight into a giant oil field."

"NOPSEMA must make a decision on BP's application in 30 days, but it's impossible to believe it can properly assess the



Mirning traditional owner Bunna Lawrie.

for whales, boasting the world's most significant southern right whale nursery as well as many humpback, sperm, blue and beak whales.

Bunna Lawrie, who is the frontman for band Coloured Stone, said the whale is his totem.

"He is central to our beliefs, our stories and our culture," he said. "My ancestors lived in harmony with the land and sea, never abused it and took more than what we needed."

"We need to maintain that balance and obey the natural law and our cultural traditions so all can enjoy and benefit from the marine life, including the fisherman."

"We don't want BP in our sea and our place of the whales. We don't want pollution causing destruction and poisoning our sea and land. I cannot allow BP to drill for oil in the Great Australian Bight. As a traditional owner, I do not want my home, my tradition, destroyed and lost forever. Remember, all that is destroyed and dead will never return."

exploration plans when the Federal Environment Department needed more than a year to assess such developments."

According to independent oil spill modelling commissioned by the Wilderness Society, an oil spill in the Great Australian Bight from a deep-sea well blowout would be devastating for fisheries and marine life. The Great Australian Bight's pristine waters are a haven

See Kee returned to top TSRA post



WAYNE See Kee, the first Indigenous Australian to be appointed chief executive of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), has been reappointed to the position. Mr See Kee, first appointed in 2005, has been praised by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, who said he has a strong commitment to improving life for the people of the Torres Strait region.

"Mr See Kee's heritage gives him a unique insight into the many challenges the region confronts and a local understanding of the decisions made by the TSRA Board," Senator Scullion said.

The TSRA is a Federal Government body established to administer the Torres Strait islands. It has 20 elected board representatives.

Established in 1994, its primary function is to strengthen the economic, social and cultural development of the peoples of the Torres Strait.

Fitzroy Crossing courthouse open



FITZROY Crossing's new \$5.1 million courthouse has been opened by WA Attorney General Michael Mischin.

"I am delighted Fitzroy Crossing now has a modern, culturally appropriate centre for the administration of justice and other services. This is a facility of which the people of the West Kimberley can be proud," he said.

The courthouse waiting area displays a mural representing the work of 17 Aboriginal artists from six language groups – Bunuba, Gooniyandi, Nyikina, Walmajarri, Wangkatjungka and Ngarinyin.

The air-conditioned centre has a magistrate's court, four interview rooms, a secure police station-court custody link and several landscaped outdoor areas.

Call to consider career in justice



NSW Deputy Premier and Justice Minister Troy Grant has urged school students to consider a career in the NSW justice system under a broad strategy to boost its number of Indigenous employees. Mr Grant has launched the NSW Justice Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, which aims to achieve a 6% employment level of Indigenous people by 2017.

Mr Grant said NSW Justice will also create 10 new roles for Indigenous school-based trainees that will help them gain the nationally accredited qualification Certificate II in Business.

"This initiative is about ensuring we attract and keep positive Indigenous role models in our justice system and strengthen NSW Justice's role as one of this Government's leading departments when it comes to workplace diversity," he said.

ACT sports grant program is open



ACT Sport Minister Shane Rattenbury has opened the Territory's 2015-16 Indigenous Sports Grants Program (ISGP).

"Funding for these grants was secured through Federal funding as part of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) and will be a great boost for sport and recreation initiatives within the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community," Mr Rattenbury said.

"The program has a particular emphasis on structured, frequent participation that will result in positive health, social and wellbeing outcomes."

Eligible individuals can apply for support of up to \$200 to put towards registration or membership costs for sport or recreation activities. For more information go to www.sport.act.gov.au/indigenous-sports-grants-program

Dawul Wuru rangers on the lookout for crocs

By CHRISTINE HOWES



CROCODILE handlers from the Dawul Wuru Indigenous Corporation have been

looking for crocs on Cairns' northern beaches on a weekly basis for nearly two years now.

Acting ranger coordinator Gavin Singleton said the group has worked under a Queensland Government crocodile management plan since late 2013.

"The program has provided opportunities for our Yirrganydji traditional owners to be employed and working on their traditional land between Cairns and Port Douglas," he said.

"They've been operating under the Cairns Regional Council Crocodile Management Plan and the *State Conservation Act*, and we comply with those laws because we know how highly contentious this issue is.

"In the community there are many opposing crocodile management, but there are many supporting the program because it's only restricted to the urban area in Cairns – a highly populated area.

"As one of the oldest cultures in the world, it's an honour and an opportunity for traditional owners to continue their traditional responsibilities



A crocodile captured by Dawul Wuru rangers at Deadman's Gully, Cairns.

for looking after country, as we've done for thousands of years."

Another important management program for Dawul Wuru is a TUMRA (Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement), which focuses on looking after turtles and dugongs in their area.

Mr Singleton said the TUMRA is guided by sustainability, but allows some hunting, by permit, and Dawul

Wuru is responsible for compliance and education.

"We've got a high Indigenous population in Cairns, not only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people but also people from overseas, and they wish to continue the cultural practices and traditions from where they come," he said.

"They want to teach their children and relatives those traditions, so turtle and

dugong might be a part of their cultures as well.

"The TUMRA looks to put in place traditional owner cultural authority on the sea, and those who wish to practise their culture have to seek permission from the traditional owners first."

Mr Singleton said crocodile, dugong and turtle management comes under the auspices of the Dawul Wurul Sea Country Plan.

Call for united suicide action



A LEADING University of Western Australia (UWA) researcher in the field of Indigenous mental health has called for united action to reduce Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander suicide rates, which remain among the highest in the world.

Professor Pat Dudgeon, who with Canberra University chancellor Professor Tom Calma heads up the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) based at UWA, said suicide rates among Indigenous Australians are twice that of other people, accounting for one in 19 deaths.

"This is a national crisis, and strong and immediate action is needed, such as a national inquiry," Prof Dudgeon said.

Prof Calma said that by the mid-1980s, 99 Aboriginal deaths in custody led to a royal commission and that the current Indigenous suicides should prompt similar attention.

"While some attention is being paid by governments, more needs to be done to address the determinants that contribute to the psychological stressors

that afflict Indigenous society," he said.

Prof Dudgeon said suicide among Indigenous people is the leading cause of death in the 15-to-35-year age group.

"We believe this is being driven by a culmination of stresses and impacts, the majority of which are not felt by the rest of the Australian population," she said.

"These include the impacts of colonisation, often acute poverty and marginalisation, various life stresses, psychological stresses and the sense of racism."

Roundtables

ATSISPEP is funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, with partners including the Telethon Kids Institute WA and The Healing Foundation. Project officials are now travelling around Australia convening regional and community roundtables to accompany a report to the Federal Government.

Senior community consultant with the project Adele Cox, a Bunuba Gija woman from the Kimberley who has dedicated 18 years to suicide prevention, is facilitating the roundtables. She said many

Indigenous people now see suicide as normal behaviour.

"Things must change at government level as well as at community level so that we support our kids, our families and our communities to change these attitudes and these behaviours," she said.

ATSISPEP community consultant Gerry Georgatos said the Indigenous people of the Kimberley, far north Queensland and the Northern Territory fare the worst.

"They endure among the world's highest self-harm and suicide rates amid extreme poverty, which is driving not only the increasing rates of self-harms and suicides but also the high arrest and incarceration rates," he said. "At least one in 10 and up to one in six Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been to jail."

Prof Dudgeon said that while Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion is "to be commended for enabling the ATSISPEP" and "for his ongoing responsiveness", she warned the suicide rate and underlying issues require a whole-of-government approach and substantial funding.

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Strategy targets family violence

New minister reopens NT preschools



THE Aboriginal Family Law Services, WA (AFLS) has welcomed the State

Government's commitment to the Freedom from Fear strategies announced during Child Protection Week.

Chief executive Mary Cowley said it is due recognition for the dire need for more supports for clients who are victims of heinous violence and abuse inflicted by those purporting to be closest to them.

Ms Cowley said domestic and family violence in Aboriginal communities is a national shame and that the statistics show Aboriginal women experience family violence more often and more severely than non-Aboriginal women.

She said Aboriginal women are 35 times more likely to be hospitalised and 10 times more likely to die as a result of family and domestic violence. And Aboriginal women are 45 times more likely to experience domestic violence than their non-Aboriginal peers.

"There are clear indicators that the child protection system has not been addressing the issue of family violence effectively for some time," Ms Cowley said.



Mary Cowley, chief executive of Aboriginal Family Law Services, WA. Picture: Mulga Mail

"Services need to be tailored – not targeted – to children and families to ensure they receive the support they need to overcome the issues preventing them from caring for their children."

Family violence rarely exists in isolation from other social issues. Many Aboriginal families also experience financial hardship, insecure and inadequate housing, substance misuse, unemployment, poor education, health concerns, mental health issues and incarceration.

Over half of the female prison population in WA is Aboriginal, many of them mothers. Failing to address all of these issues will only lead to continued intergenerational problems and repeat the same conditions that lead to children being removed from their families, Ms Cowley said.

The Freedom from Fear strategy includes improving victims' access to the legal system.

"It is positive that the State Government understands that victims have legal recourse in the area of family violence, and more resources must be dedicated to this," Ms Cowley said.

"A victim receiving legal protections such as a restraining order earlier can prevent much more serious criminal issues down the track such as assault or even manslaughter charges against their violent partner. So much here is about prevention."



THREE childcare centres that were closed down in remote Northern

Territory communities last month will be reopened.

The centres had been managed by the Central Desert Regional Council, but after negotiations about funding broke down with the Federal Government, the centres at Atitjere, Yuelamu and Nyirripi were closed.

Federal Education and Training Minister Simon Birmingham said they had now reached an agreement with the Alice Springs Group School Management Council, which will manage the early childhood centres until June 30, 2016.

"This new funding agreement demonstrates the Australian Government's commitment to ensuring that Australian children, particularly Indigenous children in remote communities, can access high quality early childhood education and care services," Senator Birmingham said.

He said the staff who lost their jobs when the centres closed would also

be re-employed.

Northern Territory Education Minister Peter Chandler said the management of each centre would now be coordinated through local schools.

"This agreement means we can again offer the children in each of these communities a holistic approach to learning and a seamless transition from an early childhood learning environment into the school environment," he said.

Central Desert Regional Council chief executive Cathryn Hutton said they were disappointed not to be able to negotiate an appropriate level of funding to provide the service, but pleased another provider has now been found.

"It's not who is providing the service, but ensuring the service is provided in an appropriate way... The money was not available to us to supply a quality service, but it's a good outcome for the community if another provider is able to do that," she said.

The three facilities were built at a cost of over \$4 million and were closed after just six months of operation.

Remote communities eligible for plumbing 'health checks'



NSW Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe is calling for expressions of

interest from the state's Aboriginal communities to participate in the agency's highly successful Plumbing Health Check program next year.

The program, designed for remote Aboriginal communities with limited access to tradespeople, was piloted in Lightning Ridge and Walgett in 2014 with local Aboriginal housing providers Barriekneal Community and Housing Ltd and Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation.

It gives locals a better understanding of and capacity to ensure optimal operation of plumbing and drainage systems and puts a focus on the importance of these systems for community health and safety.

In June this year, Fair Trading teamed up with the Master Plumbers Association (MPA) NSW to conduct the



Apprentices Scott Hoskins and Michael Moore with Fair Trading's Kieran Shipp, Peggy Conridge and Russell Martin in Bourke.

program in Bourke and Alice Edwards Village with Murdi Paaki and Nulla Nulla Local Aboriginal Land Council. Mr Stowe said 60 properties were

visited with 53 identified for major repairs, which will be carried out by the housing providers.

"A number of suppliers

donated materials for the program and leftover materials were given to the housing providers for future work," he said.

Issues identified during the program included leaking, broken and missing tapware; broken toilets and cisterns; blocked or broken drains; and damaged shower bases and vanity cupboards.

The program supports improved maintenance forward planning for housing providers and educates tenants about the impacts of flushing chemicals into the system, building or planting over sewer and stormwater lines and altering or interfering with overflow gully heights and existing drainage systems.

It also educates tenants about the appropriate use of drinking water supply and backflow prevention to prevent contamination, identifying water conservation and rainwater harvesting opportunities and prevention of scalding.

Remote NSW Aboriginal communities interested in the program should contact the coordinator of Aboriginal programs Brett Cunningham on (02) 4925 7012 or 0423 844 286 or brett.cunningham@finance.nsw.gov.au

Marketing bush tucker in Asia a tasty business



AFTER taking her bush food products to an international food expo in Hong Kong, Ngemba

Weilwan (NSW) woman Sharon Winsor is hoping to expand her business indigiearth into the Asian market.

Ms Winsor and her son Maliyan were among a group of 14 businesses who travelled to the expo as part of a NSW Government trade mission.

Indigiearth has evolved out of other businesses Ms Winsor started in 1996, when she began doing some catering, dancing and cultural education.

But it was a passion for bush foods that she has had since she was a child growing up in Gunnedah and Coonabarabran that has been the main driver of the business. Indigiearth offers a large range of jams, sauces, chutneys, teas, herbs and spices as well as skin care products and biscuits.

Ms Winsor said she was surprised at the level of interest in her products from international buyers.

"It was an opportunity for us to experience first hand what an international food expo and



The indigiearth range of products on display at the food expo in Hong Kong.

market is like," she said.

"I didn't have huge expectations, but you learn a lot about the international market and there is a lot of interest in Australian native foods. We have a number of solid leads from the expo that we are working on at the moment.

"This is a real kick start into export for us."

The business currently employs four people full-time, plus contractors and casual staff. Ms Winsor said she is hoping to employ more Indigenous people through "wild harvest garden businesses" that would supply produce to indigiearth.



Sharon Winsor and her son Maliyan at the indigiearth stall at the Hong Kong Trade Development Council Food Expo. Picture: Alex Wong

"By creating new markets to the world, our communities could benefit," she said.

"There is a commercial value to the bush food industry that could keep employment and income in

our communities. My aim is that the (supply chain) be Aboriginal from start to finish."

Tiwi Council reinstated after audit of conduct



NORTHERN Territory Local Government Minister Bess Price has announced that all Tiwi Islands

Regional Council (TIRC) members have been reinstated and the council has been taken out of official management.

"In February of this year the Tiwi Islands Regional Council was suspended based on the findings of a review, and a further investigation into the council's practices was undertaken to ensure that council was conducting its affairs in accordance with the *Local Government Act*," Mrs Price said.

"The recent investigation was conducted through Merit Chartered Accountants and they have recommended improvements related to the inventory and audit of assets, cash and trade, unexpended

grants, all expenses, non-compliance with the *Local Government Act* and employee entitlements.

"I am satisfied that the council as a group have performed responsibly in the past and the TIRC is in a sound financial position, but in the past effective decision-making was not helped by poor and misleading information by previous management."

Former NT deputy chief minister and head of Wurli Wurlijang Aboriginal Health Service Marion Scrymgour has been appointed TIRC chief executive.

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and the Department of Local Government and Community Services will continue to work closely with council members to provide support and training, Ms Price said.



Doomadgee and Mungalla representatives with some of their cattle in the yards behind.

Successful open day for Mungalla



A RECENT open day at Mungalla Station near Ingham in far north Queensland was a huge success.

Mungalla is owned by Nywaigi traditional owners and run as a cultural tourism operation.

At the open day visitors learned about the ongoing biodiversity project, saw the

Captive Lives exhibition, went on a carriage ride and had a country BBQ lunch.

Kids enjoyed the little animal farm, food art, pony rides and magnetic fishing.

The official part of the day included the opening of the new cattle yards, the launch of the Mungalla-Doomadgee cattle project and a graduation of Green Army participants.

Health initiative to help the young

By NATALIE CROMB



NEW health awareness initiative 'Our Health, Our Way', launched this month in Redfern, aims to help young people seeking health treatment.

The program targets Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth who are unsure about their health or have reservations about seeking medical assistance for issues or ailments.

It breaks down health processes into simple and easy-to-understand information such as how to find a doctor and how to get a Medicare card, and explains that what you discuss with your doctor is confidential, which creates an environment of trust for young people reluctant to seek treatment or advice.

Nicole Turner, an Aboriginal nutritionist, researcher and academic at Newcastle University and director of the Go4Fun program, spoke about how the key to good health begins in the home and needs to start with good nutritional understanding.

She said her research had found that many health problems could be avoided



At the Launch of Our Health Our Way in Redfern are, back from left, Jeremy Wier, Busana Netty, Kimi Halapio, Nicole Turner, Daniel Mundine, Joanna Holt and Dr David Bennett and, front, Elia Cutmore-Farina and Aiyana Tranter.

or improved with better nutrition.

"Our communities know good nutrition when eating our own food off the land, but it gets

harder when we are choosing groceries," she said.

Ms Turner said the biggest issue is the "epidemic" of heart

valve problems facing young people as a result of excessive consumption of caffeine and high-sugar energy drinks.

"Over stimulation of the heart can cause a fast rhythm and result in valve failures," she said.

"Education is critical in ensuring the basic food pyramid principles are being followed so our community, particularly children, are having good nutrition and then are able to meet their full potential in the classroom and the sporting fields because their bodies receive the good and nutritious fuel to flourish."

Important

Kimi Halapio, of NSW Kids and Families, said it was important to gather information from Aboriginal communities – urban and rural – about health and medical issues.

She said she was moved by the honesty of children who spoke to the project team. Many confirmed they were anxious about seeing a doctor or didn't want to bother anyone with their concerns.

"The 'Our Health, Our Way' videos and educational programs for schools aim to overcome the barriers between the health system and young people so they are maintaining their health through regular check-ups and seek services and support as early as possible when they have any concerns," she said.

Sisters Day Out is under threat

By NEELIMA CHOHAN



IT took Melanie Smith (not her real name) 14 years to walk out of a violent relationship.

It took another 10 years for her to receive any counselling for the trauma she suffered in her own home.

Ms Smith, who doesn't want her real name revealed, said it was only after coming into contact with the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (AFVPLS) Victoria team that she found out about the services available to her.

The organisation helped put in a claim at the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal, a service that provides financial help to victims of violent crime in Victoria.

Ms Smith said it enabled her to gain access to "the best counsellor in the world".

"It has been amazing," she said. "To be able to sit there and tell someone what's happened, and tell them all the nitty-gritties and know that they are not going to tell everybody else is very powerful stuff."

However, the workshop that helped Ms Smith may close unless it secures ongoing funding.

Sisters Day Out offers Aboriginal women information about domestic violence in between manicures, hair styling and make up.

The program, which started in 2007, conducted its 98th event on Tuesday, October 6.

But it may be one of its last.

AFVPLS chief executive Antoinette Braybrook said that until 2012, the Federal



Tammy Burns has her hair done at Sisters Day Out.

Government had funded Sisters Day Out. Since that time the program has received ad hoc funding from the Commonwealth and Victorian governments, as well as philanthropic sources.

The Federal Government has promised \$300,000 over three years, and the Victorian Government has also recently pledged another \$50,000.

But Ms Braybrook said the future for the service and its associated program 'Dilly Bag: the journey initiatives', remained uncertain.

"We want a longer-term funding commitment to keep this really important program going," she said.

"We need anywhere between \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year."

The organisation has even attempted crowdfunding, which so far has raised \$3000.

Ms Braybrook said 7000 women had attended the workshop since it began in 2007.

"Too often women are silenced when it comes to family violence, and that's even more so for Aboriginal women," she said.

"We wanted to create a space where we could bring women together to be able to talk about family violence and to be able to give them access to really important services.

"We knew if we promoted it as just a family violence workshop, then no one would come, so pampering is the hook."

Ms Smith said it was important for other women to know they were not alone.

And that's what she feels the Sisters Day Out workshops provide.

"It's all about coming here and all the women feeling safe and learning what's out there for them," Ms Smith said.

First-time participant Tammy Burns hopes the workshop continues so she can bring her 13-year-old daughter next time.

Ms Burns, who was previously in a violent relationship, said she wanted her daughter to get the right message.

"I want her to know about everything and to know the services that are available," she said.

To contribute to Sisters Day Out visit www.gofundme.com/sistersdayout

Changes at the top for corporation



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has announced changes to the Board of the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC).

Established in 1995, the ILC woks to assist Indigenous people to acquire and manage land to achieve economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits.

Current director Lisa Gay has been appointed deputy chair for one year, effective from October 20.

Senator Scullion named Patricia Crossin and Bruce Martin as directors for four years and Tanya Hosch and Anthony Ashby directors for three years.

"Ms Crossin is a former senator for the Northern Territory with much of her public life dedicated to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," Senator Scullion said.

"Mr Martin is a Wik man from Cape York who brings direct experience in agribusiness as well as chairing the economic development committee of the Indigenous Advisory Council.

"Ms Hosch is a Torres Strait Islander woman and joint campaign director for Recognise. Mr Ashby is a Gamilaraay-Yuwaalaraay man from north-western NSW, a chartered accountant, registered company auditor and as the current deputy chair of Indigenous Business Australia, will be able to help increase collaboration between these organisations."

Edward Fry had earlier been appointed ILC chair, effective from October 20. He is currently also chair of Indigenous Business Australia.

The minister thanked outgoing deputy chair Ian Trust and directors Graham Atkinson, Neil Westbury and Olga Havnen for their work.

He also announced that Claire Woodley had been reappointed as an Indigenous Business Australia director for three years.

Qld student to attend talks on climate change



QUEENSLAND student Jade Gould is off to Paris for the United Nation's Conference on Climate Change next month.

The 22 year-old Butchulla and Woppaburra woman will be part of a group from the Australian Youth

Climate Coalition (AYCC) and its Indigenous group the Seed Network that will be in Paris to convince the world's leaders to commit to policies that aim to stop the Earth's temperature rising.

Ms Gould was the first in her family to finish high school and is currently undertaking a Masters in Science at James Cook University, specialising in



Climate activist Jade Gould.

environmental management and sustainability. She is also doing a cadetship with the CSIRO. She is involved with the Seed Network, which gives skills and training to young Indigenous people about climate change.

Ms Gould went to a weekend workshop last year where she heard from First Nations people from North America, Polynesia and Australia about the effects of climate change on them and their ways of life. Since then she has been on a road trip from Cairns to Brisbane, visiting communities along the way and spreading the word.

The Paris trip will be her first time overseas, and she says she is excited to be going as part of a worldwide call for action.

Ms Gould is fundraising for the Paris trip. To help, go to www.gofundme.com/a32te9eh

Telstra in \$30m digital deal for NT communities



TELSTRA has announced a \$30 million, three-year infrastructure co-investment agreement with the Northern Territory Government designed to help remote communities access the benefits of the digital age.

The funding forms the centrepiece of Telstra's third Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Telstra has also committed an additional \$4.05 million over three years for digital literacy initiatives, cyber safety programs and tele-health services.

Telstra chief executive Andrew Penn said exploring effective uses of new technology in remote communities was a long-term commitment for the organisation.

"Our Reconciliation Action Plan for 2015 to 2018 will extend Telstra's partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and commits to a range of initiatives to address the current barriers to digital inclusion," he said.

"In addition, we will also be doubling the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at Telstra and increasing employee engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to promote reconciliation.

"In July last year, Telstra switched on network technologies that created new opportunities for 13 remote Territory communities to access education, healthcare and business services.

"The impact of these programs – bringing greater economic activity to the bush and its communities – is life-changing for many."



Back, from left, Mark Lewis, from Nitmiluk Tours, and Tom Jenkins and Greg Cox from IBA, and, front from left, Nitmiluk Tours chairperson Jane Runyu and Lisa Mumbin, representing the Jawoyn Association.

Nitmiluk Tours taking full ownership of lodge



NITMILUK Tours will soon own all of Katherine's Cicada Lodge, in the Top End, after buying the

50% stake held by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA).

Nitmiluk Tours chairperson Jane Runyu said the announcement marked a significant milestone for the company

and its Jawoyn traditional owners.

"IBA partnered with Nitmiluk Tours in the development of Cicada Lodge, which opened in 2013," she said.

"The aim has always been for us to take on full ownership, which we are proud to do. It is a landmark moment for us, with the lodge being one of the first 100% Indigenous-owned and managed luxury

properties in Australia."

Ms Runyu said it was a milestone for Katherine and for Indigenous tourism.

"From the customers' perspective we envisage very little change," she said.

"The lodge will continue to be run as the lead product in the Nitmiluk Tours tourism portfolio, alongside the touring operations and other accommodation options in the national park."

The announcement is a

significant step in a story which began in 1993, when the Jawoyn made their first foray into tourism with the establishment of Nitmiluk Tours and the co-purchase of cruise operations on Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge.

The 18-room Cicada Lodge adds to the Nitmiluk Tours portfolio, which includes cruise operations, campground and caravan park, chalets and food and beverage operations.

Administration over for Mamu



REGISTRAR of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has announced the end of the special administration at the Mamu Aboriginal Corporation. Based in Innisfail, far north

Queensland, the corporation administers land on behalf of the Mamu people.

In a determination made on November 1, 2013, the Mamu people's exclusive native title rights were recognised over 7546 hectares of land and non-exclusive native title rights over about 64,000 hectares stretching from Cooper Point in the north to Maria Creek in the south.

Gerry Mier and Tony Jonsson, from the Cairns-based firm of Grant Thornton, were appointed as special administrators in March this year after directors sought the

registrar's help to resolve some financial and governance problems.

The administrators established an advisory group and a native title referral committee, consisting of traditional owners, to guide their work.

In conjunction with the advisory group the special administrators made some changes to the rule book to align it with the native title determination, including eligibility for membership. The North Queensland Land Council provided assistance on the complex issue.

Arrangements

The administrators put in place arrangements with the corporation's creditors to either repay or defer repayment of corporation debts totalling almost \$90,000.

A new board of five directors appointed from the Mamu ancestor groups (Waribarra, Dugulbarra, Bagirbarra, Wabubarra [Mandubarra] and Dyirribarra) will now take control of the corporation. The incoming directors met recently and elected Nathanael Edwards as chair of the corporation.

"Managing native title rights is a huge responsibility," Mr Beven said.

"It is important that the directors provide the leadership required to protect and advance the welfare of traditional owners and the corporate and financial health of the corporation."

The registrar says he will monitor the corporation closely for the next 12 months, and corporate governance training will be provided to the new directors as soon as possible.

Cherbourg community riding high

Charlie Bond flies high on this brumby to take out the buckjump with 77 points.

Picture: Denise Keelan Photography



Rasheeda Cobbo and her daughter Lesleearnah, 19 months, at the rides.

Healthy action at rodeo



Shamus Cobbo had a spill on the poddy calf ride at the Cherbourg Rodeo.



Hayden Boney hangs on tight. He came fourth in the Cherbourg steer ride with 67 points.



TREVOR Davidson's huge grin spread across his face as a brumby bucked beneath his saddle.

The horse sped across the makeshift rodeo rink and was halted by a barrier, where it began to leap and fly about.

Mr Davidson took his hand from the rope used to control the horse's head and raised both arms to the sky.

He motioned for the crowd to stand and cheer.

His 'no-hands' feat earned him 74 points, the admiration of onlookers and second place in the Cherbourg Rodeo buckjumping event.

The next, and final, rider Charlie Bond took first place with three extra points as he also played to the crowd on a high-flying steed and had a smile to match Mr Davidson's.

It was typical of an evening that brought joy to south-east Queensland as bulls twisted and ripped and brumbies flew.

Poddy calves and steers were included, and the crowd cheered and whistled throughout the night.

It was part of an action-packed event that brought Cherbourg together to commemorate Mental Health Week this month.

The small community has had a

lot of sorry business this year, and memorial events celebrated the lives of those who had died in recent times.

Organiser and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council community services manager Edwina Stewart said rodeo sat deeply in the history and culture of the former mission settlement.

"The idea of the rodeo was to make our community resilient," Ms Stewart said, adding that community and health service staff mingled with the crowd to build rapport.

"We wanted to let people know what agencies were available.

"Important"

"We wanted to make people feel comfortable to ask for help, let them know everybody counts, families are important and to understand that everybody goes through tough times.

"There's no shame in asking for help. It's a shame when you don't." Short speeches were given during the event to encourage people to seek assistance with any personal battles they may have.

"We need to celebrate the good things in life," Ms Stewart said.

"That's what this rodeo was about. It created a happy atmosphere and let people know there's plenty of support to help them move on to happier times."

TSRA call to would-be leaders



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is calling for applicants for the Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP)

course, which starts next May.

The ARLP is a 59-day program delivered in six sessions over 17 months in locations throughout Australia and includes an overseas study tour. It is run by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF).

Each year the TSRA sponsors one Torres Strait Islander or Aboriginal leader from the region to participate.

ARLP participants are drawn from government and other sectors such as agriculture, agribusiness, fishing, forestry, and mining and quarrying industries.

TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said the program offers participants the opportunity to develop themselves and their careers.

"The TSRA is proud to acknowledge our most recent graduate of the ARLP course, Che Stow, a proud Torres Strait Islander from Badu Island. She graduated with her cohort of 33 people at a ceremony held in Wagga Wagga, NSW, in September," he said.

"Over the past 15 years, Che has forged a career as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker by engaging and supporting Indigenous Australians who live in urban, rural and remote settings to navigate health



Looking for future leaders: Australian Rural Leadership Foundation chief executive Matt Linnegar, TSRA chief executive Wayne See Kee, program graduate Che Stow and TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu.

systems in order to address their needs."

Ms Stow said the program was diverse and hands-on, exposing her to leadership role-modelling, negotiation skills and knowledge.

"I gained so much treasured

knowledge in a diverse range of industries, not to mention getting to meet other people from different backgrounds," she said.

"Coming from a career in health, it was interesting to gain a better understanding of what's

being done in Australia in regards to welfare, and thus what is possible to be achieved in other developing countries.

"I'm a big advocate for this program and encourage people to apply for next year's intake; it really does open your eyes

and changes you as a person."

Application kits can be found in the Leadership Capacity Building section of the TSRA website. For more information, contact Shakira Whap on (07) 4069 0700 or by email info@tsra.gov.au

Pluses seen in maths



LEADING Indigenous academic Peter Buckskin believes excellence in maths is a key driver to career success.

That's why the University of South Australia professor is leading the Excellence and Equity in Mathematics (XE) project to foster excellence in mathematics among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Prof Buckskin is pleased UniSA has secured \$783,000 to develop the project from the Federal Government's Australian Maths and Science Partnership Program.

XE is a joint initiative of UniSA and the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers (AAMT).

"This project aims to redress Indigenous under-representation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-based study and careers," Prof Buckskin said.

"Working with schools, teachers and students, we'll be developing key strategies to improve teacher

PRIME Futures to benefit schools around country



SIXTY new schools nationwide will benefit from an education program to get students into mathematics thanks to a partnership between CSIRO, the BHP Billiton Foundation and QUT.

The PRIME Futures mathematics program will work to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by providing resources and professional development for schools with a high Indigenous population.

The program will work with Foundation to Year 9 students in metropolitan and regional schools to boost mathematics results for students. This new partnership builds on the existing work of QUT's YuMi Deadly Centre, which has a track record of building teacher capacity and offering engaging lessons to students.

CSIRO Indigenous education program director

Marian Heard said Australia needs students to excel in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) as businesses and industry rely more heavily on new technologies to deliver to customers and drive innovation.

"We need an increased focus on STEM education to ensure our students are ranked among their international peers and secure a strong economy," she said.

"Many sought-after careers require a solid foundation of mathematics, from engineers to electricians. This program aims to improve the students' understanding of mathematics while also increasing the number of Indigenous Australians in STEM careers."

Ms Heard said while Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will benefit most from the program, it will be valuable for helping all students to achieve highly in mathematics.

number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, many of whom are very capable in maths but do not choose to do a high level of maths," Ms McInnes said.

"One way to encourage these students is to try to relate the maths to their own context – for example, Ray Prasad has already developed a unit of work on coordinate geometry that uses sites of local significance to pose problems about distance and location.

"Although it is very early in the project we hope that this and similar units can be used to motivate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to want to continue with maths and science in senior secondary, and ultimately choose careers in STEM."

Under the XE project, UniSA will also work with the AAMT to design a series of school learning and teaching pilot projects and university case studies to identify the best strategies for Indigenous student success and participation. Results of the pilot projects and research data will be published to a national web portal.

capability in maths teaching, and strategies to build Indigenous student achievement in school

and through to university." Teachers Fiona McInnes, Ray Prasad and Milind Salunke, from

Paralowie School in Adelaide, welcomed the new project. "Our school has a large

More doing Year 12



Some of the 145 Indigenous students completing Year 12 in south-eastern Victoria this year.



THE number of Indigenous students completing Year 12 across south-eastern Victoria has increased by 75% on last year's figures. A total of 145 Koorie students from across the region, which stretches from

the inner metropolitan area of Melbourne to Gippsland, are expected to complete Year 12 in 2015, compared with 83 students in 2014. To celebrate the increase, a special event was held at Drouin Secondary College, east of Melbourne. Naomi Fei, a student from Hampton

Park Secondary College, and Cooper Corbett, from Rosebud Secondary College, were named top female and male Koorie students from across the region. The event was hosted by Indigenous comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, while Professor Mark Rose, from La Trobe

University, delivered an address encouraging students to continue with their studies. South-eastern Victoria Koorie education engagement support officer Zoe Upton said the event featured promising future leaders from the community.

Boarding centre for Nhulunbuy



A TENDER is now open for the construction of a new boarding facility in Nhulunbuy in Arnhem Land.

NT Education Minister Peter Chandler said the centre will cater for 40 students, with provision to increase the capacity to 80 when demand exists.

"This boarding facility will ensure Indigenous students from remote and very remote communities have access to quality secondary education provision and are prepared for future opportunities in either employment or further education," Mr Chandler said.

"The design features six buildings interconnected by

walkways and includes two 20-bed residential blocks, a communal facility, an administration centre and housing for the manager and deputy manager."

Federal Member for Solomon Natasha Griggs said the Australian Government will contribute \$9.4 million to the \$20 million facility.

"It's a substantial spend, but an investment which keeps higher education open to all is an investment worth making," she said.

"The facility will include single, double and four-bed student rooms, a computer centre, music centre, a basketball court, stage and amphitheatre as well as a commercial kitchen, dining facilities and a cyclone shelter.

"Geographic or cultural

isolation should not prevent young people from getting a quality education."

Mr Chandler said Nhulunbuy High School has been selected as the site for the residential facility because of the large number of potential secondary students in the wider north-east Arnhem Land area who enrol at the school.

Consultations are ongoing through the Yothu Yindi Foundation, which has commissioned a qualified education specialist to work on community engagement with the clan groups of the East Arnhem region regarding secondary education options.

The construction tender is expected to be awarded in January 2016, with the facility to take students from January 2017.

HIPPY expansion for the Top End



ANGLICARE NT has been chosen as the provider for the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) in Darwin North and Milingimbi.

Anglicare NT chief executive Dave Pugh said the organisation was looking forward to expanding the HIPPY program that was run in Katherine into these two new communities so that children and parents could benefit.

"We know that parents play a key role as the first teachers of their children and we know that the early

years of a child's life are critical to their development," he said.

"We are proud of our achievements in supporting early childhood development over many years and we look forward to expanding the HIPPY program into Darwin North and Milingimbi from 2016."

HIPPY is a two-year, early childhood learning and parenting program that helps parents and carers to be their child's first teacher by engaging home tutors from local communities to work with parents to prepare children for the transition to school.

NT praise for program



THE Northern Territory Government says 15 schools are reaping the benefits of the Direct Instruction program.

Direct Instruction is a model for teaching that emphasises well developed and carefully planned lessons

designed around small learning increments and clearly defined and prescribed teaching tasks.

NT Education Minister Peter Chandler said he is pleased with the early signs and is confident they will continue to improve over the 10 years of the Territory's Indigenous Education Strategy.



Duo will play at Brisbane festival



INDIGENOUS duo TigerLilly will be one of the headline acts at the 11th annual Grass Roots Music Festival in Brisbane on November 1.

The duo, Lydia Fairhall and Kali Blunt (pictured), play indie pop and roots and will be part of a large line-up for the festival, at Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens.

Both women, who have wide musical experience, hail from Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

More details about the festival at www.grassrootsmusicfestival.com.au

New Sydney artwork to honour Eora



THE City of Sydney is seeking an Indigenous artist to create an enduring public artwork to honour the Eora, the Aboriginal people of Sydney, and recognise the Gadigal clan as the traditional custodians of the land the city is built on.

The artwork is proposed to be located near Sydney Harbour and aims to be a landmark of national and international significance.

Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore said she hoped the 'Monument for the Eora' would become a beacon for Aboriginal communities, offering recognition in a public space of their enduring presence in Sydney.

"The Monument for the Eora will be a prominent public artwork to honour the Eora Nation and, in time, a Sydney Harbour landmark like the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge," she said.

"Sydney has few works of significance that acknowledge the traditional custodians of the area and the ongoing presence and significance of the city's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

"This artwork will be a symbol of hope and the enduring importance and significance of Aboriginal heritage to all Sydneysiders."

The term 'Eora Nation' is used by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council to encompass the 29 clan groups in the Sydney metropolitan area.

Submissions

Artists making submissions will be asked to consider having their artwork in sites that include land and water, given the Gadigal people's close connection to the harbour.

The artist must also consider the accessibility of the site and the capacity for large crowds to gather near the work. The artwork must have a visible presence during the day and night. Support and approvals

from relevant authorities or agencies will be sought before the artwork proceeds.

A budget of \$1.25 million has been allocated for the artwork.

Eora Journey curatorial adviser Hetti Perkins said the deadline for stage one submissions was 11am, November 16, with the work expected to be installed in 2017.

"In the context of a growing cosmopolitan city, the Monument for the Eora will forever serve as a reminder of its beginnings and become a national icon, appropriately housed in the gateway to Australia," she said.

"Most significantly, it will pay tribute to those people, the first people, who have called this land home for millennia. Sydney should lead by example in honouring the spirit of the world's oldest continuous cultural tradition."

For further information, an artist brief and expression of interest documents, visit cityartsydney.com.au



Images from the *White Bred* exhibition in Adelaide.

White Bred sets a tone



SYDNEY-based Koori artist Adam Hill (aka Blak Douglas) and Adelaide-based Nunga artist Amanda Radomi

have collaborated on a series of works for the Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art in Adelaide.

The exhibition, called *White Bred*, was envisaged as a direct response to former prime minister Tony Abbott's now infamous comment that "it's not the job of the taxpayer to subsidise lifestyle choices" about Aboriginal people living in remote Western Australia.

At the opening at Fontanelle Gallery, audience members were encouraged to help contribute to a group wall piece. They were each given a piece of charcoal and asked to shade an image projected on the wall that

showed half of Mr Abbott's head, and to write a farewell 'good riddance' message.

"The piece will be called *Tonal Tones* and it's a metaphor about him being half buried and that he was only ever half the man he thinks he is," Hill said.

The audience wall piece was designed as a last-minute way to get people involved and as a way of standing out among the many events and exhibitions during Tarnanthi.

The collaboration between Hill and Radomi has been several months in the making. Because they lived far apart, ideas were initially formulated over email and then over a coffee meeting before being executed during a week-long residency.

Using paintings, video and installations, *White Bred* looks at how Aboriginal people are still marginalised and forced to live in poverty in a thriving society. The exhibition runs until October 31.

Indigenous artist is Rome-bound



LEISE Residori, an Indigenous artist now living in France, has been selected to have her work exhibited as part of a showcase of 80 contemporary Australian artists in Rome next month. *The Kangaroos Visit Rome*

exhibition will be held at Palazzo Velli Expo, close to Vatican City, from November 26-29. The exhibition, developed by award-winning Indigenous artist and curator Steve McLaren and his mentor, Professor Shadee Selim over the past few years, is designed to promote contemporary

Australian art in what many regard as the art capital of the world – Italy.

Residori will be joined by other Indigenous artists including Phillippa Thomas and Katherine Gallagher.

The exhibition will include artists from a diverse range of genres and styles, with a

number of first generation Italian artists, plus *Archibald Prize* finalists and high-profile art show winners.

"I am so thrilled to have been selected. The *Kangaroos Visit Rome* is an amazing opportunity for me to exhibit my work alongside award-winning Australian

artists, and will be seen by an international audience," Residori said.

"My husband, Jean, has Italian heritage so this exhibition has special significance to both of us.

"I am very excited as we will be travelling to Rome for the opening."

Awards to celebrate the work of our best



THE Australia Council is seeking nominations to recognise outstanding achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts at the 2016 National Indigenous Arts Awards. The annual awards – the Red Ochre and the Dreaming – celebrate the work and contributions of exceptional Indigenous artists. They will be presented on May 27 next year.

Australia Council executive director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts Lydia Miller said the awards were established by the council's former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board to recognise the outstanding work and achievements of their fellow artists.

Winners are decided by a national panel of Indigenous arts peers from each state and territory, including the Torres Strait.

"Preserving, celebrating and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts is a strategic priority for the Australia Council," Ms Miller said.

"The council assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, arts organisations and

communities to claim, control and enhance their cultural inheritance, and we pay respect to the Elders who play an important role in transferring Indigenous arts and cultural knowledge to younger generations.

"We support Indigenous arts projects from music, dance, theatre, literature, visual arts and craft, community and cultural development and international activity.

"It is so important to recognise the legacy of our Indigenous pioneers, and also support and encourage

The Red Ochre Award, Australia's most esteemed peer-assessed award for an Indigenous artist, pays tribute to a senior Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artist for lifetime achievement in the arts and their outstanding contributions to Indigenous arts and culture, nationally and internationally.

Awarded since 1993, winners include Gary Foley, Hector Burton, David Gulpilil, Archie Roach, Doris Pilkington Garimara, John Bulunbulun, Justine Saunders, Bob Maza and Jimmy Little.

The Dreaming Award recognises an inspiring Indigenous artist aged 18-26 and supports them to create a major body of work through mentoring and partnerships, either nationally or internationally.

The Dreaming Award was first awarded in 2012 to playwright Nakkiah Lui.

Photographer Rhonda Dick received the award in 2013, multimedia artist Tyrone Sheather in 2014, and singer-songwriter and front man of *The Medics* Kahl Wallis won this year.

Nominations for the Red Ochre and Dreaming awards close on Thursday, November 12.

For more information, visit www.australia.council.gov.au

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future leaders who will ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait arts remain at the forefront of Australia's culture.

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Djambawa Marawili, left, with his work at Istanbul, and Waka Mununggurr, who travelled to Istanbul with the *Maw and Dhangatji Mununggurr Maak Message Sticks* (1935), which also feature in the exhibition.

Top artworks on show in Turkey



PROMINENT Indigenous artists and culturally significant artworks form part of the 14th Istanbul Biennial, now on in

Turkey. Australia Council director of visual arts Julie Lomax said there would be strong Indigenous representation from Australia at what is one of the most prestigious biennials on the visual arts calendar.

Vernon Ah-Kee and Djambawa Marawili have created a new work, *SALTWATER: Theory of Thought Forms*, for the event.

In addition, important cultural works have been taken to Istanbul to provide context to the artistic vision for the biennial – the *Maw and*

Dhangatji Mununggurr Maak Message Sticks (1935); *Yirrkala Drawings* (1947); the *Yirrkala Bark Petitions* and the *Thumb Print Petitions* (1963); and the *Saltwater Paintings* (1998-2000).

Vernon Ah-Kee is a respected artist nationally and internationally, having represented Australia at the 2009 Venice Biennale in the group exhibition *Once Removed*.

Djambawa Marawili won the Best Bark at the 1996 Telstra Art Award, and his works are held in many public and private collections in Australia and overseas.

Organised by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts, the 14th Istanbul Biennial continues until November 1.



NT Health Minister John Elferink with award recipients at the health awards ceremony in Darwin.

Health practitioners recognised



TOP Northern Territory Indigenous health practitioners have been recognised with special awards.

The excellence awards, backed by the NT Government and a range of community groups, were presented in Darwin.

This year's winners were:

- Remote Practitioner – Dianne Hampton;
- Urban Practitioner – Natasha Tatipata;
- Specialist Practitioner – Sarah Bukulatji; and
- New Practitioner – Kylie (Helen) Parry.

Sarah Bukulatji was named the 2015 Aboriginal Health Practitioner of the Year overall winner and 'Legend'.

Ms Bukulatji has worked in the Ngalkanbuy Health Clinic at Galiwinku since 2004, introducing new systems in the Chronic Conditions program and developing an educational app. She is also passionate about working with individuals dealing with mental health issues.

NT Health Minister John Elferink said Ms Bukulatji's

"strong work ethic and commitment to her community allowed her to become a very valued senior Aboriginal health practitioner and chronic disease expert".

"Her achievement of the top prize was warmly received by all nominees and guests attending the awards, and was an endorsement of her contribution to improving the health and

wellbeing of the Northern Territory community," the minister said.

The NT Indigenous health excellence awards were supported by the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT (AMSANT), United Voice, the NT Department of Health and the Federal Department of Health.

Footballers score big weight loss



THIRTY eight rugby league teams from 28 Aboriginal communities across NSW took part in the 2015 Aboriginal Knockout Health Challenge and lost a combined total of 2700kg.

At a dinner hosted by the Walgett Aboriginal Connection in Dubbo, Nowra's Deadly team was named the winner, followed by Menindee's Nguri Wiithiku and the Eurobodalla Scale Busters.

Centre for Population Health executive director Dr Jo Mitchell said the competition is about Aboriginal people losing weight and improving their health over a 12-week period.

"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.

One of the challenge ambassadors, Julie Young, a Warray woman and World Cup-winning member of the Jillaroos rugby league side, said she was proud to continue her involvement with the Knockout Health Challenge.

"I'd like to congratulate all the participants and I really hope that you achieved your goals and continue to live a healthy lifestyle," she said.

Eye doctors urge rethink on IRIS cuts



THE Australian Society of Ophthalmologists used the message of World Sight Day, 'Eye care for all', to remind the Federal Government of the contribution its sight-saving

program IRIS was making to help close the gap on eye health services for Indigenous and other Australians before funding was cut.

IRIS (the Indigenous and Remote Eye Health Service) ran from 2010 to 2014 and resulted in more than 2000 eye procedures.

The vast majority of IRIS procedures were cataract operations, contributing significantly to addressing the most common cause of blindness requiring specialist intervention in Indigenous adults.

While some services established by IRIS have been maintained, many have not, and ophthalmologists say services planned for critical areas have not eventuated.

IRIS Taskforce deputy chair and prominent Australian ophthalmologist Dr Bill Glasson says people are suffering because of the cuts.

"Much of the service infrastructure that was put in place and of course the visiting eye teams going in, working on the ground, that's all been scaled back since funding stopped," Dr Glasson says. "It's heartbreaking."

IRIS, established with government backing in 2010, ran on an annual funding commitment of just \$1.5 million.

The Australian Society of Ophthalmologists says there has recently been significant funding for Indigenous eye health areas that are important, but are nowhere near as important as cataract surgery.

Dr Glasson says the "innovative and cost-effective approach" of IRIS was what made it so effective.

"It's hard to fathom why the Government would turn its back on a program that is making real inroads and one that calls for what really is a very meagre monetary outlay," he said.

"Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians want IRIS back. It should be reinstated because all Australians are entitled to quality eye services."

Dads told that breast is the best



A NEW video encourages Aboriginal fathers to support their partner in breastfeeding their babies.

Dads Know Breast is Best was created by the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) and NSW Kids and Families.

Health authorities and the Strong Fathers Group say that while a father can't breastfeed, his involvement in bonding, bathing and burping his child is just as crucial in their development.

SWSLHD director of Aboriginal health Nathan Jones said that fathers shouldn't feel left out of the process, and that there are other ways to connect with their children.

"Dads can be supportive by bringing their partner some pillows, comforting the baby during the night and changing nappies when needed," he said.

"Babies not only reap rewards from the nutritious value of their mother's breast milk but also from the combined effort displayed from their parents working together."

The *Dads Know Breast is Best* video is at <http://bit.ly/1LCnSUh>

RAAF's sights on better teeth



THE Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) is providing essential dental services to Indigenous people in Broome.

A RAAF team will be in the Kimberley centre until November 1 under a pilot exercise named Kummundoo-Dental.

Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Leo Davies said the pilot exercise formed part

of an agreement between the RAAF and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

"The agreement highlights Air Force's shared commitment to improved outcomes across the lifespan of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," he said.

"Air Force recognises that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have served Australia and participated in Air

Force since its inception, and we are committed to closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

"The best talents are from a broad cross-section of all Australians and it is important that we help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have the best chance at succeeding in life, starting with having access to basic health care.

"The overarching Kummundoo program

will create community engagement and contribute to primary health care outcomes in Indigenous communities while also creating opportunities for Air Force personnel to deploy into different environments to assist on projects across the breadth of our capability."

The RAAF says the exercise is part of its commitment to work with NACCHO on health-related programs from 2015-2020.

Lift em Foot lifting health



Watto Purrunga Aboriginal Primary Health Care Service staff, from left, Dudley Ah Chee, Joel Tessman and Kiera King, promoting the Lift em Foot health message.



A 100-PLUS team of Aboriginal people took part in the recent City to Bay fun run as part of the

Northern Adelaide Local Health Network's newly expanded 'Lift em Foot' program.

Offered through the network's Watto Purrunga Aboriginal Primary Health Care Service, Lift em Foot promotes active lifestyles and regular health screenings by Aboriginal people in Adelaide's north.

Director of Aboriginal health Kurt Towers said the local uptake of Aboriginal health screenings had improved by more than 40% in the past year thanks to the targeted

education campaign.

"We know higher rates of chronic disease among Aboriginal people are contributing to an unacceptable gap in healthcare outcomes, including higher levels of mortality," he said.

"Lift em Foot is an engaging health program which aims to reduce the prevalence of chronic disease by promoting an active lifestyle and uptake of Aboriginal-specific health checks. As a result of the Lift em Foot program, up to 50 checks are now being carried out each month."

Mr Towers said this was the second year Watto Purrunga had registered for the fun run, following success in 2014.

"This year the Lift em Foot program has expanded to

include tailored fitness programs designed by students from the University of SA's School of Health Sciences," he said.

"We have also partnered with the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council of SA and Office for Recreation and Sport to offer greater education and support."

Health network chief executive Jackie Hanson said the program's success was testament to the network's commitment to bridging the health divide.

"With the largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of all (SA) metropolitan areas, it is essential that we put the health and wellbeing of this community at the forefront of our thoughts and actions."

Mental health action sought



QUEENSLAND'S Aboriginal and Islander community-controlled health organisations want greater coordination in the funding and delivery of mental health services.

The Queensland Aboriginal & Islander Health Council (QAIHC), the sector's peak body, says the circumstances faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people require a unique approach to improving mental illness.

QAIHC chief executive Matt Cooke said there were immediate steps governments should take to improve the effectiveness of mental health services to Indigenous people.

"The National Mental Health Commission Review into mental health, released in April, called for Indigenous mental health to be made a national priority with a new Closing the Gap mental health target, and yet nearly four months later there doesn't appear to be any progress," he said.

"We also urgently need for our mental health, and alcohol and other drugs services, to be under the auspices of the Federal Department of Health rather than being separated into the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet where it currently is.

"Illogical separation"

"This illogical separation makes coordination of health services more difficult; it is an entirely avoidable obstacle to success and the new Turnbull Government must reverse it.

"The continuing high rates of self-harm, suicide, incarceration and substance misuse among Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander people are indicators that much more needs to be done and we just don't have the luxury of time; changes are needed right now."

Mr Cooke also called for greater investment in workforce training to create a new group of Aboriginal and Islander mental health workers and counsellors.

"Much more work is needed to open pathways to university degrees into mental health nursing, social work, psychology and psychiatry for Aboriginal and Islander people," he said.

"There are currently only about 80 Indigenous psychologists in the country and we need about 600 if we want to achieve parity with the population.

"Heartache"

"We need trained mental health workers in every one of Queensland's 24 community-controlled health services to begin tackling the heartache of suicide and self-harm in particular."

Mr Cooke said what was needed from governments was "a better directing of funding and a sensible approach to removing obstacles that stand in the way of community-based solutions".

"We have the will, the intellect and the determination to address the mental health issues in our communities; what are missing are suitable resources and a trained expert Aboriginal workforce to implement innovative programs which empower our people," he said.

"These are the responsibilities of governments, and we remain hopeful they will take up the challenge to support us."

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

Until November 12: Nominations open to honour Indigenous excellence. The Australia Council is calling for nominations to recognise outstanding achievement in Indigenous arts at the 2016 National Indigenous Arts Awards. Details: Karen Smith on (02) 9215 9030 or visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au

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

South Australia

Until November 8: Desert Photography Prize. Tarnanthi provides an opportunity to showcase a selection of photographs created by Aboriginal art workers that have been featured in the Desert Photography Prize over the past four years. Held at the Institute Room, State Library of South Australia, Adelaide. Open daily from 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8207 7250 or visit www.artgallery.sa.gov.au

Until January 10: *Riverland* exhibition. As part of the Tarnanthi Festival, an exhibition of work by Ngarrindjeri weaver Yvonne Koolmatie. Held at the Art Gallery of SA, 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: Courses in Aboriginal languages at Grafton, Maclean, Lismore, Casino, Kingscliff, Ballina, Coffs Harbour, Macksville, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Taree and Forster. Register interest at nctafe.aboriginallearningcircle.com

Ongoing: Tracks to the Highway – Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations (expression of interest). Priority areas include Lismore, Ballina, Wardell, Cabbage Tree Island, Box Ridge, Tabulam, Casino, Grafton, Maclean, Yamba, Malabugilmah, Baryugil, Coffs Harbour, Yarrowarra and Corindi. Details: Simone Nelson on 0417 190 954.

Until November 1: Ronnie Tjampitjinpa exhibition. He is one of the youngest of a group of men who began painting at Papunya in 1971, which led to the emergence of the Western Desert art movement. Held at Art Gallery of NSW from 10am-5pm. Free general admission. Details: 1800 679 278 or visit www.gallery.nsw.gov.au

Until November 1: *Our Spirits lie in the water* exhibition. Artworks examine the diverse ways artists explore the notion of water. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, 10am-5pm daily. Free general admission. Details: 1800 679 278 or visit www.gallery.nsw.gov.au

Until November 22: *Belonging Now, Personified Landscapes* exhibition. Featuring works by The Aboriginal Women's Artists Collective. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, 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). Delivered in residential blocks and based in Sydney. Details: (02) 9825 7333 or email swsi.aboriginalunit@det.nsw.edu.au or visit www.education.aboriginallearningcircle.com/register

October 21-22: Money Counts advice sessions. Get free legal help on unpaid fines, rent, housing, electricity bills, phone bills, funeral insurance and more. Held at Jubullum Village, Tabulam, and Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre, South Tweed Heads, from 10am-3pm. Free. Details: Emma Heagney or April Blair on (02) 6621 2082 or Lismore Aboriginal Legal Service on (02) 6623 4400.

October 22: IndigiKool, a free community event welcoming children and parents from public schools around the Glen Innes area. Includes dance and digeridoo lessons, gunya building,



Deborah Cheetham

Singer will share story



REOWNED Yorta Yorta soprano and composer Deborah Cheetham will share her story of the journey to discover her belonging in a show called *Til the Black Lady Sings*.

To be performed at the Glen Street Theatre, Sydney, on October 31, the show features music by Catalani, Cilea, Dvorak, Puccini, Richard Strauss and Vaughan Williams. Cheetham will be accompanied in the show by pianist Toni Lalich. Phone the box office on (02) 9975 1455 to book.

obstacle course and more. Held at the Glen Innes Showground from 10am-1pm. Free. Details: Leonie Pettit on (02) 6732 2231.

October 23-December 12: *Collection+:* Christian Thompson exhibition. Includes photography, sculpture, performance, film and video combining fashion-related imagery. Held at Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation, 16-20 Goodhope St, Paddington, Wed-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9331 1112 or visit www.sherman-scaf.org.au

October 23: 'Engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities in Prostate Cancer Health Care Programs' launch. Initiated by the Prostate Cancer Foundation, it includes guest speakers and performances. Held at The Bangarra Room, Bangarra Dance Theatre, 15 Hickson Rd, Walsh Bay, from 6-8pm. Reply to Kelly Foster

on (02) 9438 7095 or email kelly.foster@pcfa.org.au

October 24-November 21: SMA NSW taping workshop. For Indigenous participants only. Get up to speed with 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 Jarvis on (02) 8736 1200 or email mitchell.jarvis@sma.org.au or visit sma.org.au/course-registration

October 25: *Boomalli Unplugged*. Supporting the *Belonging Now* exhibition. Featuring a live acoustic music afternoon with Kathryn Miller and Hamish Brown. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, from 2-4pm. Cost: \$5 per person.

Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

October 29: Office of State Revenue fines information sessions. Assisting people with identifying any outstanding fines they might have owing and how to arrange to pay them. Held at Impact Hall, 2 Robinson Rd, Moree, from 10am-12pm and Miyay Birray Youth Service, Endeavour Ln, Moree, from 1-3pm. Free. Details: Terry Cook on 0402 894 327.

October 29: 2015 David Hunter Memorial Lecture, 'Countering racism in the media', presented by award-winning journalist Stan Grant. Held at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton, ACT from 6pm. Free entry. Details: Peter Blackwell on 0417 197 382.

October 31: *Til the Black Lady Sings* performance, by soprano and composer Deborah Cheetham. She shares her story of the journey to discover her belonging. To be followed by a Q&A session. Held at Glen Street Theatre, Warringah, from 7.30pm. Cost: \$16-\$49. Details: (02) 9975 1455 or visit www.glenstreet.com.au

November 2-3: Starting Ground workshop. Local Aboriginal songwriters are encouraged to develop their careers under the guidance of leading professionals, with Leah Flanagan conducting the workshop. Held at the Youthie, Tamworth. Free, places are limited. Details: mhutchings@apra.com.au

November 7-8: Ninkinpa Home Studio and Gallery – the first Aboriginal 'pop up' gallery of its kind, owned and operated by Aboriginal artist Saretta Fielding. Held at Ninkinpa Art Gallery, Jindalee St, Toronto, from 11am-3pm. Free entry. Details: www.saretta.com.au

Queensland

Until October 28: *Freshwater Saltwater: Celebrating UMI Arts 10th anniversary.* The exhibition is an annual curated display of UMI Arts members. The theme is to celebrate UMI Arts' milestone anniversary. Held at UMI Arts, 335 Sheridan St, North Cairns, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

October 20: Living and Working on Country conference, examining the rights of Indigenous people to live and work on their ancestral lands. Presented by senior lecturer Dr Sharon Harwood. Held at James Cook University Cairns campus, 14-88 McGregor Rd, Smithfield. Register at alumni.jcu.au/comprego. All other registrations to alumni.jcu.edu.au/countrysem. Details: (07) 4232 1111.

November 1: 11th annual Grass Roots Music Festival.

Featuring Indigenous duo TigerLilly. Held at Mt Coo-tha Botanical Gardens, Toowoong, from 11am. Free entry. Details: 0408 075 959 or email bird@phoenixmovement.com

November 5-7: *Knock Knock* performance, showing the talents of Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) students. Held at Cremorne Theatre, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, South Bank, Brisbane, from 7.30pm. Cost: \$15-\$24 per person. Details: 13 62 46 or visit www.qpac.com.au

November 7-8: Gordonvale Reconciliation Rugby League Football Carnival. Open men's and under-18s teams welcome. \$1500 nomination fee (non-refundable \$200 deposit), 13-a-side, 25-minute halves, five-minute changeover. Details: Jason Joinbee on 0466 780 928.

Victoria

Until November 8: *Black Art | White Walls* exhibition. Draws on the personal collection of Indigenous art accumulated by Adrian and Anne Newstead while working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists over the past 30 years. Curated by Djon Mundine. Held at Counihan Gallery, 233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick, Wed-Sat 11am-5pm and Sun 1-5pm. Free entry. Details: (03) 9389 8622.

Western Australia

Until October 31: *Strong Men 1* exhibition, celebrating the importance of men's law and its contribution to cultural practice. Held at Short Street Gallery, 7 Short St, Broome, Mon-Fri 10am-4pm and Sat 10am-2pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 9192 2658 or visit www.shortstgallery.com

Northern Territory

Until October 23: *Warlpiri Drawings: Remembering the Future* travelling exhibition. Tells the story of a collection of artworks created by Warlpiri people in the NT 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.

Until 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 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

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From left, Lanydjana Mununggurr, Napuwarri Marawili, Yalapuru Gumana and Northern Territory Primary Industry and Fisheries Minister Willem Westra van Holthe.

Marine training expands



THE Northern Territory Government has expanded its Indigenous Marine Training Program (IMTP). More than 100 Indigenous people across the Territory have already gained Certificate II and III in Fisheries Compliance under the IMTP.

Primary Industry and Fisheries Minister

Willem Westra van Holthe said new resources will increase the number of students that can be trained. The nationally recognised program will now be based in Nhulunbuy.

"By basing the IMTP in Nhulunbuy, we will have a centralised location for marine ranger and seafood industry training," Mr Westra van Holthe said.

"A new program manager will also be

appointed to coordinate and develop the program into the future.

"We are broadening the scope of the training with a new course, Certificate III Seafood Industry Training, which will increase the ability of rangers to look after sea country and pick up fee-for-service work.

"The program also provides skills and experience so Indigenous people can

establish and operate their own small-scale seafood businesses.

"Up to four courses will be offered in the next 12 months in the areas of marine safety, seafood handling and commercial fishing practices.

"The IMTP will also build on the planned delivery of maritime training to students at Nhulunbuy High School, creating another career pathway for local teenagers."

Jobs ahead in livestock production



INDIGENOUS lands in South Australia's far north are returning to commercial production and creating employment with help from the \$1.4 million North West Indigenous Pastoral Project.

SA Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said seven people have already been

employed and recruitment is underway for a further 16.

"The initiative is providing funding and skill sharing to help Indigenous landowners bring land back into production and return properties to commercial grazing enterprises," he said.

"Indigenous landowners currently hold up to three million hectares of pastoral land in the region, so there's a real chance to create job opportunities by

returning some of those properties to primary production to develop viable and sustainable grazing operations."

Currently there are two projects aimed at boosting cattle enterprises on the APY Lands and then to get three Kokatha properties – Andamooka, Purple Downs and Roxby Downs Stations – back into livestock production.

Kokatha chairperson Andrew

Starkey said plans were also in place to invest in additional Indigenous pastoral enterprise employment options in the future, including initiatives like Working on Country, Bush Blitz, Green Army and cultural tourism.

"Working on Country would provide another level of caring for the environment while restoring and retaining culturally sensitive areas contained within the three pastoral leases that

form part of the Kokatha native title determination," Mr Starkey said.

Primary Industries and Regions SA is overseeing the project, working closely with the Indigenous Land Corporation, which is contracted to manage the funding for Indigenous employment on behalf of the Kokatha Pastoral Development Project and the APY Pastoral Enterprise.

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Contact: Chloe Somerfield,
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Closing date Friday, 23 October 2015

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(Full-Time Role)

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Note: Appointment level will be based on knowledge, experience and skills of the successful candidate.

The GP is required to play a leadership role within the women's health program with a focus on maternal health, participating in and providing a range of culturally appropriate comprehensive primary health care services to clients of Danila Dilba Health Service.

The GP will work closely with Aboriginal health practitioners, midwives and family support workers as well as visiting obstetric services. In addition there is a close collaborative relationship with the Child health program. There is a significant primary care component as well as specific program work (management of chronic etc.).The GP will provide a mentoring role for junior staff, including GP registrars, engage in continuous quality improvement and clinical governance activities as required and be engaged in reporting activities regarding program activity in key performance areas.

The GP will be a highly motivated individual who will play a key role in actioning the commitments of Danila Dilba Health Service's strategic, business and operational plans whilst providing a high quality standard of primary health care services.

A demonstrated concern for and commitment to the advancement of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community is essential.

(* Total salary includes leave loading & superannuation)

Applications Close: COB (5.00 p.m.) Fri 23rd Oct 2015

We offer:

- Attractive salary with salary packaging benefits
- Six weeks annual leave
- Flexible hours
- Salary Sacrifice
- Recompense for Indemnity Coverage
- Recompense for professional development

All applicants must address the Selection Criteria, complete a Declaration of Interest Statement and submit with CV.

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Development Coordinator

- Part-time, flexible work, 21 hrs per week, Blackburn VIC
- Strategic position which engages Australian Christians on issues of social justice

This strategic position manages TEAR's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program (called Dhumba). Responsibilities include:

- Developing relationships with key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian elder, and organisations across Australia
- Consultant to TEAR advocacy staff
- Leading the implementation of TEAR's RAP.

You are driven by a passion for reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and non-Indigenous communities. Experienced in community development and community education, your demonstrated leadership, strategic thinking, and communication skills will help you lead a national program and strategy.

TEAR Australia is a Christian development, relief and advocacy organisation responding to global poverty and injustice. Our vision is for a just and compassionate world in which all people have the opportunity to achieve their God-given potential. We offer flexible work hours, additional holidays over Christmas, generous salary packaging and paid parental leave.

For more information or to apply visit our website <http://www.tear.org.au/about/positions-vacant> or call Susan or Matthew on 9264 7000.

Our recruitment process reflect our commitment to the well-being and protection of children. We are committed to equal opportunity and aspire to create an inclusive workplace. This position is classified under Section 12 Special Measures of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010, and is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



CITY OF SYDNEY

Public Space Liaison Officer

- \$97,346 per annum plus Superannuation (Pro-rata basis)
- Permanent Part Time Opportunity (3 days/week)
- 1 Position

The City of Sydney is seeking to appoint a new Public Space Liaison Officer (PSLO) to work part time in the Homelessness Unit. This is a role that requires working regular weekends, with some evening shifts due to the nature of the job requirement. The successful applicant will work between 16.5 and 21.5 hours per week, depending on the roster.

The role of the PSLO is to work with a diverse range of stakeholders to reduce homelessness and its impact in Sydney.

PSLOs engage with people experiencing homelessness who are occupying the public space to link them with services and pathways to exit homelessness. PSLOs are responsible for liaising with vulnerable people with a range of complex and challenging needs to reduce homelessness, improve amenity and contribute to a reduction in anti-social behaviour. It is essential that the applicant have excellent communication skills, a strong sense of self-awareness, ability to negotiate with a wide range of stakeholders and the compassion and emotional intelligence to build professional relationships with vulnerable people.

An understanding of issues relating to homelessness, anti-social behaviour and public space amenity would be an advantage.

Visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/jobs for a position description. For further information contact Trina Geasley, Manager Homelessness (02) 9265 9639.

Applications must address all of the selection criteria stated within the position description and submit applications online via this website on or before **23 October 2015**.

At the City we provide equal employment opportunity. We are committed to ensuring an accessible and inclusive work environment and encourage applications from people from diverse backgrounds and cultures.

cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/jobs



Are you interested in getting paid while you study?

Justice Health is a business unit within the Department of Justice and Regulation (Victoria) responsible for overseeing the delivery of health services to Victorian prisoners and is offering two Justice Health Koori Tertiary Scholarships to commence in Semester one of 2016.

To be eligible you must have completed one year of study by January 2016 at a Victorian tertiary institution in one of the following fields:

- Alcohol and drugs
- Allied health
- Dental and oral health
- Dual diagnosis and counselling
- Health promotion
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Psychology

For further information and a copy of the Justice Health Koori Tertiary Scholarship Guidelines and Application Form visit www.justice.vic.gov.au or contact:

James Fraser, Senior Project Officer
Justice Health, Department of Justice and Regulation

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 20 November 2015.

The Justice Health Koori Tertiary Scholarships are an initiative of the Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing Plan and the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

These are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander designated positions, classified under "special measures" of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.



FAMILY CONTACT WORKER

Life Without Barriers is currently seeking a number of casual family contact workers to join the Out of Home Care Family Contact Service based in Newcastle, NSW.

In this role you will be responsible for monitoring family visits between children and their families. You will also ensure the safety and well-being of the child and those participating in the visit.

Life Without Barriers is a national not-for-profit organisation working in over 260 communities.

The people who work for our organisation make us unique. We build relationships, are imaginative, respectful, responsive and courageous.

Visit our careers page at www.lwb.org.au to apply.

Applications that do not contain both the resume and selection criteria will not be considered.

For any queries, please contact Nicki Tunbridge, State HR Officer at Nicki.Tunbridge@lwb.org.au

Life Without Barriers will be assessing all applications as they are received and may conduct more than one interview session for appropriate applicants during the recruitment period in order to offer casual employment opportunities.

Applications close 5pm Monday 9 November 2015.

At Life Without Barriers we all share the responsibility for child safety. We work with clients from diverse social and cultural backgrounds and experiences. We seek to employ people who reflect this diversity to ensure we meet individual's needs.

WWW.LWB.ORG.AU

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We all share the responsibility for child safety

OFFICE MANAGER (Aboriginal Targeted) Ongoing – Wollongong

- Package up to \$107k (Clerk Grade 7/8)
- 35 hours per week

We are seeking a highly skilled, organised and motivated Office Manager for a large regional office. Your training and experience will ensure the provision and coordination of excellent legal support services to a large team of solicitors across various practice areas and the solicitor in charge. You should have practical experience in supervising a large team and managing all aspects of a busy office.

Apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 000032NI

Closing Date: Sunday 1st November 2015

Enquiries: Leanne Greenham on (02) 9219 5104

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Health
Southern NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker

Bega

Salary: \$24.44 to \$36.48 ph

Enquiries: Rick Shipp (02) 4827 3913

Position No: 276375

Closing Date: 1 November 2015

This vacancy is Aboriginal Identified. Please see selection criteria. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Log-on to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au for further information on this and other opportunities.

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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The Mossman Gorge Training Centre is now taking applications for our 2016 Residential Training Programs

Positions are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates seeking a start within the Hospitality Industry. With real life work experience and guaranteed job outcomes at Voyages Ayers Rock Resort, this is a life changing opportunity.

Courses include;

- 1) 8 Week Certificate two in Kitchen Operations- commence 1st February 2016. Pathway to a Cookery Apprenticeship.
- 2) 12 Week Certificate Three in Hospitality- commencing in February and May. Specialising in Food and Beverage and Housekeeping.

For more information on the courses and on selection criteria please visit our website www.mossmangorge.com.au or email training@mossmangorge.com.au or phone 0437436955.

Peer Worker

Ulladulla

- * **Are you a proactive and self motivated individual?**
- * **Do you have a lived experience of a mental health issue and do you want to use your experience to support others?**
- * **Do you want to work with a large Community Managed Organisation and make a difference in people's lives?**

RichmondPRA
Together, we're better.

RichmondPRA are searching for a **Peer Worker** to join their team in Ulladulla on a casual basis. A Peer Worker uses their lived experience openly, appropriately and effectively to build professional relationships with the people they support who also have a lived experience of a mental health issue.

You will also use your lived experience to inform and contribute to staff learning, service understanding, and delivering person-led, strengths-focused, recovery-based language, documentation, training and actions. You will use your lived experience to work as an advocate on an individual basis and, possibly, systemically also (as requested).

RichmondPRA positions are open to all suitably qualified applicants. We have a strong commitment to participation of people with lived experience of mental health issues in our workforce. RichmondPRA values diversity in the workplace and encourages applications from suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other CALD communities.

RichmondPRA would like to reward the successful candidate with family-friendly and flexible working conditions, SCHADS Level 3 role with career development opportunities, and a comprehensive infrastructure including fleet motor vehicles, mobile phones and other resources for work purposes.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE Apply Online
ApplyNow.net.au/jobs/RPRA238



Aboriginal Support Workers

Location: Hunter, NSW
Employment Status: Full Time

As a Community Support Worker you will deliver quality support to people with complex health needs to reach their personal goals.

To be successful you will have:

- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- A passion for social justice and recovery;
- Hands on work experience with people with mental health issues;
- Qualifications in disability or willingness to study Mental health;
- A 'can do' attitude and professionalism
- Ability to work across a seven day roster, some flexibility on start/finish time

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 27th October 2015.



Curtin academics understand the importance of sharing culture.

CURTIN INDIGENOUS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

4 years fixed-term, full time

\$93,342 – \$131,843 (ALB/ALC) and 17% superannuation

Ref: 3874

Curtin's research fellowship scheme is highly competitive and recognised as being among the more prestigious fellowship schemes in Australia.

Curtin University is offering one research-only fellowship across either of two streams, commencing in 2016.

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To apply, you will need to demonstrate a strong record of research. Aboriginality is an inherent requirement of this position per Section 50(d) of the WA Equal Opportunity Act (1984). If successful, your appointment will be for a period of up to four years as research-only, however, with the support of the enrolling area, this may be extended to five years on an 80 per cent research and 20 per cent teaching basis.

Curtin research fellowships are open across all disciplines. You must have completed a research doctoral degree. Fellowships will normally be offered at Levels B or C, but applications for more senior Fellowships fellowships may be accepted subject to prior approval.

Applications Close: 5 pm, Friday 6 November 2015

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Family & Community Services

Senior Client Service Officer (Generalist)

Clerk Grade 5/6

**Department of Family & Community Services
Housing NSW**

Reference No. 00003ZFP

- **Housing Services**
- **Location: Dubbo**
- **Salary range:** \$77,448 – \$85,455 plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About Us

Housing Services is a business stream within the Department of Family & Community Services and is one of the largest providers of social housing in the world. It provides a range of housing solutions to meet the needs of today's community. Housing Services provides safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities for those most in need so that they can live with dignity, find support if needed and achieve sustainable futures.

We have excellent career opportunities and access to family friendly working conditions, which include:

- Competitive salaries
- Training and career development opportunities
- Great work/life balance with flexible working arrangements
- Generous leave provisions including paid carers, study, maternity, adoption and parental leave

About the Opportunity

Senior Client Service Officer (Generalist) delivers a broad range of applicant, tenancy and property management services and advice to clients, including those with complex needs.

This is a re-advertised position and former applicants will need to reapply.

The role is temporary full-time to June 2017 in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.

Closing date: Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 11:59 pm.

For enquiries: Kerry McDermott on (02) 6885 7111.

Thank you for your interest in this position.

To apply, please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au reference: 00003ZFP

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Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

Aboriginal Water Policy Officer

Location: Melbourne

Salary: \$86,493 to \$104,650 + super.

Position No: 822915

As the Aboriginal Water Policy Officer you will contribute to the development and implementation of projects related to Aboriginal water as part of the development of Victoria's Water Resources Plans under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, and as part of the broader DELWP Aboriginal Inclusion Plan.

In this role you will be supporting the Senior Project Officer Rural Water Programs in leading the indigenous values and use component of the WRPs, as well as delivering the state-wide Aboriginal water program. In particular you will assist with the management of an extensive and collaborative stakeholder engagement process. You will support three Aboriginal Water Project Officers who will be based regionally in CMAs.

To be successful in this role you will require to have a sound knowledge and understanding of Victorian Aboriginal cultural issues in delivering services in a respectful manner to Aboriginal communities within Government programs. An understanding of Victoria's water resources, the legislative framework for their management and the requirements of the Murray Darling Basin Plan is desirable.

This is a fixed term position for a period of 3 years.

This position has been identified for Australian Aboriginals or Torres Strait Islander People. This is a designated position under 'special measures' section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

To apply online and for further information on position description and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close at midnight 4 November 2015.

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www.delwp.vic.gov.au

Customer Service Centre 136 186

Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Senior Policy Officer

Parental leave cover – 12 months contract

PIAC is an independent, non-profit law and policy organisation, committed to social justice and addressing disadvantage.

PIAC is seeking an experienced Senior Policy Officer to identify, develop and conduct policy and research projects to influence law reform and the development of good public policy that addresses public interest issues and contributes to positive social justice outcomes for people who experience disadvantage.

This is a challenging and rewarding position requiring high-level strategic analysis and policy skills, strong project management and communication skills and a demonstrated commitment to human rights and social justice.

This is a 4 days/30 hours per week part-time parental leave cover position, with a 12 month contract.

Further inquiries should be directed to Deirdre Moor on (02) 8898 6507. Applications must address the selection criteria included in the position description available at <http://www.piac.asn.au/about/careers>

Applications close 2 November 2015.



Law Reform and Generalist Solicitor/Clinical Supervisor

Never Stand Still

UNSW Law

Kingsford Legal Centre

Base \$77K– \$92K pa | Ref. 11095

- Fixed Term 12 month position
- Part-time (31.5 hours per week)

Kingsford Legal Centre (KLC) is a community legal centre providing free legal advice and casework to people who live, work or study in the Randwick and Botany Local Government area. It is a part of the UNSW Law Faculty and provides clinical legal education to its students.

The KLC is seeking an experienced solicitor to provide legal services as its Law Reform and Generalist Solicitor/Clinical Supervisor.

The successful applicant will

- undertake systemic advocacy and law reformwork as well as casework, in a range of areas
- educate UNSW students in law reform and generalist casework and other community work
- supervise an evening advice clinic on a weekly basis.

The role is an interesting, varied and demanding one which would suit applicants with previous community sector experience.

Contact:

Associate Professor Anna Cody, Director, KLC

E: acody@unsw.edu.au

T: (+61 2) 9385 9566

Applications close: 30 October 2015

For more information, application procedures and other vacancies, visit: jobs.unsw.edu.au



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.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Communications and Events Officer

Contract to June 2018, possible extension

Full-time position

Location: Canberra, ACT

Salary range: \$78,000 – \$84,000 per annum, plus superannuation and salary sacrifice options

Executive Support Officer

Contract to June 2018, possible extension

Full-time position

Location: Canberra, ACT

Salary range: \$59,000 – \$65,000 per annum, plus superannuation and salary sacrifice options

Administrative Officer

Contract to June 2018, possible extension

Full-time position

Location: Canberra, ACT

Salary range: \$48,000 – \$58,000 per annum, plus superannuation and salary sacrifice options

Closing date for all positions: COB 4 November 2015

AIDA's ultimate goal is to reach population parity in the medical profession of Indigenous doctors, and to inform and support a culturally safe health care system.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Duty statements and selection criteria online: www.aida.org.au/our-work/vacancies

Enquiries: jobs@aida.org.au



Health

South Western Sydney Local Health District

Administrative Officer (Level 2) – Emergency Department at Liverpool Hospital

Ref: 282562

Salary: \$50,399 – \$52,173 pa

Enquiries: Phillip Sumners, (02) 8738 4433

Allied Health Assistant (Technical Assistant Grade 1)

Temporary Full-Time

Ref: 260868

Salary: \$890.90 – \$929.40 pw

Enquiries: Michelle Cheng, (02) 9722 7209

Closing Date: 3 November 2015

These are targeted positions in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and greater consideration will be given to suitable Aboriginal applicants, in order to improve access to employment and career opportunities. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

Please apply online by visiting: nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Temporary Full Time

The Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career as the Chief Executive Officer of the Mindaribba LALC.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Mindaribba LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have 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 Todd Heard Chairperson, by email: executive@mindaribbalalc.org or on 4015 7003.

Applications can be forwarded to executive@mindaribbalalc.org or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The CEO Recruitment Panel
Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 401
East Maitland NSW 2323

Applications close 26th of October 2015.

Being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).



Finance & Services

Customer Service Officer

- Full Time – Ongoing (Identified Position. Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this role)
- Grade 3/4 – Salary Package up to \$79,634 pa
- Parramatta Location

NSW Fair Trading safeguards the rights of all consumers and advises business and traders on fair and ethical practice. We provide services directly to individuals and businesses to create a fair, safe and equitable marketplace.

The role of the Customer Service Officer is to make every call count, make it easy for our customers to do business with us, respond quickly to customer needs and support a culture of quality customer service by providing fantastic customer experience on every call. You will be the first point of contact for our customers, and it is you who will leave a lasting impression with them!

In this role you will be responsible for dealing with a wide range of inbound customer enquiries to NSW Fair Trading. You will be working in a high volume, structured contact centre environment.

As an Aboriginal Customer Service Officer you would be responsible for providing efficient and effective service, information and assistance to the Aboriginal community and general clients/customers.

To be successful in this position you will have proven customer service experience. You will be required to communicate clearly, actively listen and respond with respect to both internal and external customers. You will enjoy talking, interacting and having real conversations.

You will be a strong team player who will contribute to the team, understand team objectives and how your work relates to achieving these. You will have a fantastic work ethic and attitude, be a supportive and co-operative team member, share information, acknowledge others efforts and be responsible and accountable for your actions.

If you believe you can contribute to an exceptional customer focussed team and enjoy working in a fun environment than this is the job for you!

This is an identified position for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Please outline your claim for Aboriginality in your application.

Learn more: Please review the Role Description For enquiries regarding this position, please contact **Suzanne Kilpatrick on (02) 9895 0782**. Understand more about the [Department of Finance, Services and Innovation](#).

Closing date: Wednesday 4th November 2015 [11:59PM]. Your application should include a two page cover letter, and an up-to-date resume of no more than five pages which clearly details your skills and experience as relevant to this role. Applicants invited for interview will be required to complete additional assessments. **There are no selection criteria to be addressed.**

Salary: Grade 3/4 maximum salary package up to \$79,634 pa. Package includes salary [\$65,608 – \$71839] and employer's contribution to superannuation, commensurate with skills and experience.

Job Status: Ongoing under the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.

Apply now: at Jobs.NSW Should you encounter any technical problems, please contact Jobs. NSW helpdesk 1800 562 679. For any questions about making your application or assistance, please contact DFSI Recruitment on (02) 9372 8121.

Job reference: 3Y06

The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation is an EEO employer and welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultures and people with a disability.



I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

Manager

APY Lands Mobile Outreach Substance Misuse Service

Drug & Alcohol Services SA
Job Ref: 573447

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers
1300 882 992





Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker

About Melbourne Primary Care Network

Melbourne Primary Care Network (MPCN) is an independent, locally governed and run, not for profit organisation dedicated to improving primary healthcare in local communities. Our catchment covers 3,200 km² across the north western region of Melbourne and our head office is conveniently located in Parkville; close to public transport and all-day metered parking.

Primary Care Improvement Directorate (PCID)

The PCID is externally facing. It provides direct support to a wide range of providers, stakeholders and consumers in order to achieve the mission of MPCN as well as deliver on contractual requirements. A key objective of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker is to work as part of the team at MPCN to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people access and make better use of available health services.

The Role

You will focus on delivering the Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Care Program aims – which provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples located in Melbourne North West regions to receive quality and culturally sensitive primary care.

The core responsibilities of this role include:

- Establishing links with local Indigenous communities to encourage and support the increased use of health services;
- Providing practical assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to attend appointments for health assessments and services, including GP care, follow up care, specialist services and pharmacy
- Work as part of a collaborative team to identify barriers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities that may have an impact on their ability to access health services and advise on strategies to address barriers;
- Supporting primary health care services, professionals and providers to deliver culturally appropriate and competent practice to the Indigenous community.

You

Essential to this role

- Strong knowledge and links with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in North West Melbourne Primary health Network Region
- Well-developed interpersonal skills and an ability to form effective professional relationships with clients, health providers and a broad range of other stakeholders
- Ability to work effectively within a team and individually
- Have current drivers licence and own vehicle.

Qualifications

- Possess or be working towards Certificate 2 in Aboriginal Health Primary Health Care.

Viewed favourably

- Previous experience working in an Aboriginal Health Worker or similar role.
- An understanding of primary health care, including the role of general practice.
- Sound ability to use computers in order to develop reports and data entry.

Personal Attributes

- Collaborative - works well with others and engenders a spirit of trust and teamwork
- Resilient - overcomes obstacles, learns from prior impediments and recovers from setbacks through self-development
- Self-disciplined - manages own time effectively and retains a strong work ethic despite distractions
- Client-focused - prioritises the needs of clients, is outcomes focused and follows through on commitments
- Positive - optimistic and remains calm and focused when faced with difficulty
- Flexible - adapts to changing circumstances in the workplace and prioritises work and addresses what is most important
- Analytical - takes a systematic approach when building towards improvements

Please note the Special Conditions listed below.

Special Conditions

Designated Position – Aboriginal, classified under the Equal Opportunity Act (2010) Section 12 - Special Measures. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Proof of Identity

A birth certificate, passport or current driver's licence is to be sighted as proof of identity.

National Police Records Check

Employment is subject to a satisfactory national police check. This will be undertaken and paid for by MPCN.

Performance Evaluation

Performance reviews are conducted annually to assess outcomes against agreed key duties and responsibilities and to establish new role and professional development objectives.

Physical Demands

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to use hands to handle objects, or feel and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to stand and walk. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to six kilograms.

Applications can be emailed to Rose Holdsworth
Director People and Learning
(rose.holdsworth@mpcn.org.au)
by October 30th 5.00pm



CAREERS

CAREERS @ COUNCIL

Working for Council is a stimulating and rewarding career option, providing the opportunity to be part of a team contributing to shaping the success and future of our Region.

Current career opportunities are:

- **LABOURER GENERAL**
- **PIPELAYING GANGER**
- **PLUMBER - LICENSED**

Please visit www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/careers for further information and to apply.



Health Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

Female Aboriginal Health Worker

Child & Family – Nowra

Temporary Full-Time – maternity relief position until 30/6/2016 with the possibility of an extension at same/reduced hours

Enquiries: Donna Walder, 0411 402 473

Reference ID: 282268

Aboriginal VAN Family Health Co-ordinator – Health Service Manager Level 2

Ambulatory & Primary Health Care – Warrawong

Temporary Full-Time – until 2/11/16 with the possibility of an extension subject to funding

Enquiries: Michael Smith, (02) 4221 6762

Reference ID: 281754

Closing Date: 8 November 2015

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Aboriginal VAN Counsellor – Social Worker Level 3 / Psychologist

Ambulatory & Primary Health Care – Nowra

Permanent Full-Time – job share will be considered

Enquiries: Kimberly Chiswell, (02) 4423 9211

Reference ID: 269250

Closing Date: 4 November 2015

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
ISLHDSRecruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
or send application to:
Recruitment Unit,
Port Kembla Hospital, Locked Bag 8008,
South Coast Mail Centre NSW 2521.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people
are encouraged to apply.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



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John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton

Enquiries: Chris Sharkey (02) 4921 4467

Reference ID: 283077

Closing Date: 29 October 2015

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/1384	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	474553	1792.64HA	12km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 16' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
38/2301	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	473974	19.60HA	29km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3005	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	473975	251.01HA	34km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1772	STRATEGIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	473388	76.56HA	86km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 123° 2' E	MENZIES SHIRE
45/3320-I	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	473607	2.81HA	30km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 27' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 21 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 **21 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. 21 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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NATIVE TITLE MEETING IN CENTRAL VICTORIA

Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) is calling a meeting of all people who hold or may hold native title in the area shown in the map below. This includes descendants of the following ancestors, who identify as Taungurung: Tommy Bamfield; Lydia Beaton; Polly Wallambyne; Billy Hamilton; William Hamilton; Lilly Hamilton; Jessie Hamilton; John Franklin; Louisa Shepherd; Elizabeth Hylett/Murchison; Doctor Billy; and Tooterie.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss various aspects of the settlement negotiations under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic) (TOS Act). A settlement under the TOS Act provides for recognition of a traditional owner group as the traditional owners of an agreement area, various benefits, as well as other matters relating to management of the land and waters in the agreement area. It is also intended to settle all claims to native title over the agreement area under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

All people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests in the proposed agreement area shown in the map below are invited to attend the meeting as follows:

Date: Saturday 7 November 2015
Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm
Venue: Camp Jungai – 475 Rubicon Road, Thornton



NTSV is the organisation that assists traditional owners in relation to native title and related matters across Victoria, including negotiating native title settlements. Please contact Drew Berick on (03) 9321 5304, freecall 1800 791 779 or dberick@ntsv.com.au to register your intention to attend this meeting or for further information about the meeting (including assistance to attend).

Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the State of Queensland



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 4 November 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 3 February 2016. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **3 February 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 3 February 2016**. After 3 February 2016, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Emprja Pty Ltd as trustee for the Darrouzet Property Trust

Federal Court File No: QUD799/2015

Non-native title interest: An interest arising from acceptance of an offer by the Queensland Government Department of Natural Resources and Mines over the entirety of the application area being Proposed lots 102 and 103 on SP265782.

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers about 0.2 sq km approximately 0.5km west of Airlie Beach.

Relevant LGA: Whitsunday Regional 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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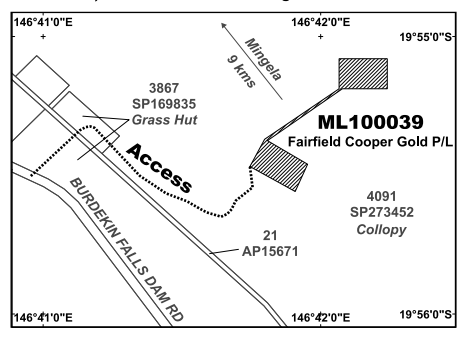
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

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 Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease 100039 sought by Fairfield Copper-Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 089 573 571, over an area of 13.3800 ha, centred approximately 9 km South East of Mingela, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of Mining Lease 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 Lease be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Application may be obtained Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3008 5742 or from Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810, Telephone: (07) 447 9230.

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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: 11 November 2015

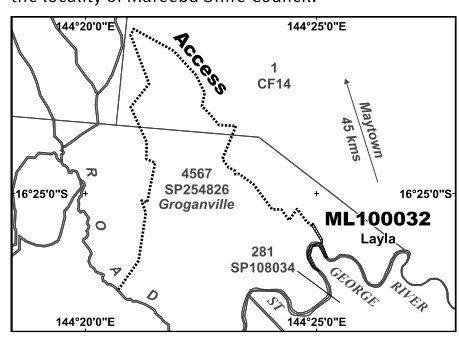


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Mining Lease 100032 sought by Dennis Bernard Fitzgerald, over an area of 28.6300 ha, centred approximately 45 km South South East of Maytown, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of Mining Lease 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.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SHARING PLAN

WALLAMUNDRY CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **WALLACE WILLIAM AND ELAINE MARGARET DAWSON** for a Turkeys Nest storage dam (capacity 15ML) & 375 mm pump (increase capacity to 380 l/sec) on Lot 30 DP 753113, Parish South Condobolin, County Gipps, for Irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, P O Box 29, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection (A005644).

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

DARTBROOK WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been submitted by **GRAHAM WAYNE SMITH AND ROBYNE DENISE SMITH** for two existing wells with capacity of 10 l/sec on Lot 111 and Lot 112 DP 789325 for the purpose of irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval 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 to specify the grounds of the objection. (A006765)

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511 Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.
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WATER SOURCES IN MID-WEST NSW

VARIOUS WATER SOURCES WITHIN THE WATER SHARING PLAN FOR THE MACQUARIE BOGAN UNREGULATED AND ALLUVIAL WATER SOURCES

Applications for six amended and four new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVALS have been received from **MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL** for one 75mm submersible pump and one 75mm centrifugal pump for the extraction of water from numerous watercourses as listed in the tables below for the purpose of road works water supply (REF: see tables below).

Water Source	Extraction point	Parish	County	Watercourse
Cooyal Wialdra Creek Water Source A006717 (Amend)	Botobolar Road reserve, near 3792/1087136	Phillip	Bayly	Trefoil Creek
	Wollar Road reserve, near 42/755414	Phillip	Bayly	Stoney Creek
	White Cedars Road reserve, near 7/755447	Phillip	Price	Cooyal Creek
	Wollar Road reserve, near 412/755414	Phillip	Bayly	Cooyal Creek
	Kurtz Lane road reserve, near 389/755414	Phillip	Bayly	Cooyal Creek
	Linburn Lane road reserve, near 15/755424	Phillip	Cooyal	Unnamed tributary of Cooyal Creek
	Ulan Road reserve, near 223/43474	Phillip	Cooyal	Cooyal Creek
	Henry Lawson Drive road reserve, near 181/755453	Phillip	Wilbetree	Chinaman's Creek
	Mudhut Creek Road reserve, near 7005/1002342	Phillip	Wyaldra	Unnamed tributary of Cooyal Creek
	Henry Lawson Drive road reserve, near 7303/1164452	Phillip	Wyaldra	Cooyal Creek
	Henry Lawson Drive road reserve, near 2/1136462	Phillip	Gulgong	Cooyal Creek
	Yarrowonga Road reserve, near 175/48226	Phillip	Wyaldra	Worobil Creek
	Cope Road reserve, near 13/249220	Bligh	Cope	Deadmans Creek
	Spring Ridge Road reserve, near 1/802909	Phillip	Gulgong	Cooyal Creek
	Wyoming Road reserve, near 102/755451	Phillip	Wyaldra	Wialdra Creek
	Cope Road reserve, near 2/516724	Bligh	Stubbo	Wialdra Creek
	Old Barney's Reef Road reserve, near 2/562574	Bligh	Stubbo	Wialdra Creek
	Jackson's Lane road reserve, near 26/1117518	Bligh	Stubbo	Slapdash Creek
	Barney's Reef Road reserve, near 7002/1026689	Bligh	Stubbo	Stubbo Creek
	Puggoon Road reserve, near 193/750762	Bligh	Puggoon	Tallawang Creek
Lawsons Creek Water Source A006718 (Amend)	Castlereagh Highway road reserve, near 207/750762	Bligh	Puggoon	Unnamed tributary of Tallawang Creek
	Spring Ridge Road reserve, near 129/750762	Bligh	Puggoon	Wialdra Creek
	Bylong Valley Way road reserve, near 7001/96917	Phillip	Rumker	Breakfast Creek
	Bylong Valley Way road reserve, near 15/755448	Phillip	Rumker	Reedy Creek
	Bylong Valley Way road reserve, near 7/261875	Phillip	Rumker	Unnamed tributary of Reedy Creek
	Pyangle Road reserve, near 1/1/758365	Phillip	Dungeree	Lawsons Creek
	Lue Road reserve, near 156/755428	Phillip	Dungeree	Blind Creek
	Lue Road reserve, near 5/1118541	Phillip	Lue	Unnamed tributary of Lawsons Creek
	Lue Road reserve, near B/163287	Phillip	Bara	Unnamed tributary of Lawsons Creek
	Lue Road reserve, near 30/1194728	Phillip	Deralale	Lawsons Creek
Upper Talbragar River Water Source A006719 (Amend)	Lue Road reserve, near 532/1100820	Phillip	Deralale	Lawsons Creek
	Bara Road reserve, near 92/755416	Phillip	Botobolar	Bara Creek
	Bara Road reserve, near 194/755412	Phillip	Bara	Bara Creek
	Bara Road reserve, near 39/755415	Phillip	Boogleddie	Bara Creek
	Birriwa Bus Route South road reserve, near 2/415623	Bligh	Rouse	Unnamed tributary of Talbragar River
	Birriwa Bus Route South road reserve, near 82/750755	Bligh	Merotherie	Huxleys Creek
	Birriwa Bus Route North road reserve, near 83/750755	Bligh	Merotherie	Huxleys Creek
	Birriwa Bus Route North road reserve, near 1/1004819	Bligh	Merotherie	Browns Creek
	Birriwa Bus Route North road reserve, near 2/1004819	Bligh	Merotherie	Unnamed tributary of Talbragar River
	Birriwa Bus Route North road reserve, near 79/750755	Bligh	Merotherie	White Creek
Upper Cudgegong River Water Source A006720 (Amend)	Birriwa Bus Route South road reserve, near 2/601652	Bligh	Merotherie	White Creek
	Birriwa Bus Route South road reserve, near 12/750755	Bligh	Merotherie	Unnamed tributary of Talbragar River
	Bluesprings Road reserve, near 2/1195068	Bligh	Bungaba	Cockabutta Creek
	Coppers Lane road reserve, near 31/750761	Bligh	Narragamba	Cockabutta Creek
	Bylong Valley Way road reserve, near 1/834114	Roxburgh	Rylstone	Rocky Waterhole Creek
	Bylong Valley Way road reserve, near 1/567725	Roxburgh	Mead	Unnamed tributary of Carwell Creek
	Bylong Valley Way road reserve, near 7001/1087028	Roxburgh	Mead	Carwell Creek
	Cudgegong Road reserve, near 1/573710	Roxburgh	Wells	Carwell Creek
	Cudgegong Road reserve, near 1/573710	Roxburgh	Wells	Unnamed tributary of Carwell Creek
	Cooper Drive road reserve, near 20/755765	Roxburgh	Clandulla	Unnamed tributary of Cumber Melon Creek
	Narrango Road reserve, near 1/1022348	Roxburgh	Burrowoury	Windmill Creek
	Narrango Road reserve, near 6/1029549	Roxburgh	Burrowoury	Thistle Flat Creek
	Narrango Road reserve, near PT1/755762	Roxburgh	Burrowoury	Unnamed tributary of Cudgegong River
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	7003/1023503, off Bylong Valley Way	Phillip	Dabee	Tongbong Creek
	Lue Road reserve, near 8/11187	Phillip	Dabee	Tongbong Creek
	Lue Road reserve, near 12/879775	Phillip	Tongbong	Tongbong Creek
	Bylong Valley Way road reserve, near 126/755426	Phillip	Dabee	Unnamed tributary of Tongbong Creek
	Coxs Creek Road reserve, near 1/580592	Phillip	Dabee	Unnamed tributary of Cudgegong River
Burrendong Dam Tributaries Water Source A006721 (Amend)	Coxs Creek Road reserve, near 21/621310	Phillip	Dabee	Coxs Creek
	Yarrabin Road reserve, near 128/650323	Wellington	Merinda	Leaning Oak Creek
	Hill End Road reserve, near 7001/1032532	Wellington	Werouera	Grattai Creek
	Hill End Road reserve, near 1405/1153716	Wellington	Grattai	Grattai Creek
	Hill End Road reserve, near 8/248866	Wellington	Grattai	Grattai Creek
	Hill End Road reserve, near 21/1003860	Wellington	Grattai	Oaky Creek
	Hill End Road reserve, near 1/1095958	Wellington	Grattai	Goorangore Creek
	Hill End Road reserve, near 4/756864	Wellington	Avisford	Meroo Creek
	Gundowda Road reserve, near 7317/1162670	Wellington	Hargraves	Louisa Creek
	Gundowda Road reserve, near 7016/1066201	Wellington	Hargraves	Stockyard Creek
	Black Willow Road reserve, near 25/603534	Wellington	Kerr	Scabbing Yard Creek
	Windeyer Road reserve, near 7003/1019743	Wellington	Avisford	Four Mile Creek
	Windeyer Road reserve, near 1/249558	Wellington	Avisford	Goorangore Creek
	Windeyer Road reserve, near 7321/1164050	Wellington	Windeyer	Meroo Creek
	Queens Pinch Road reserve, near 7300/1145197	Wellington	Warratra	Campbells Creek
	Pyramul Road reserve, near 7001/1086529	Wellington	Windeyer	Clarkes Creek
	McMurrays Lane road reserve, near 98/756923	Wellington	Windeyer	Campbells Creek
	Unnamed road reserve, near Pyramul Road and 143/756923	Wellington	Windeyer	Long Creek
	Queens Pinch Road reserve, near 1/1088483	Wellington	Warratra	Redbank Creek
	Queens Pinch Road reserve, near 110/756917	Wellington	Warratra	Green Gully Creek
Turon Crudine River Water Source A006722 (amend)	Bocoble Road reserve, near 61/251241	Wellington	Tannabutta	Triangle Creek
	Pyramul Road reserve, near 100/1126142	Wellington	Tunnabidge	Pyramul Creek
	Sallys Flat Road reserve, near 7002/1086526	Wellington	Boiga	Tunnabidgee Creek
	Hill End Road reserve, near 7002/1021145	Wellington	Waurdong	Pyramul Creek
	Hill End Road reserve, near 47/756900	Wellington	Peters	Green Valley Creek
	Triamble Road reserve, near 3/866710	Wellington	Tatuali	Willerang Creek
	Campbells Creek Road reserve, near 5/251190	Wellington	Toolamandan	Campbells Creek
	Aarons Pass Road reserve, near 119/756913	Wellington	Tunnabidge	Stinking Water Creek
	Sallys Flat Road reserve, near 4/832362	Wellington	Boiga	Unnamed Watercourse
	Unmaintained road reserve off Wallawough Road, near 5/700395	Wellington	Kerr	Warramagullon Creek
Goolma Creek Water Source A006723 (amend)	Black Willow Road reserve, near 23/756887	Wellington	Kerr	Black Willow Creek
	Bonds Road reserve, near 37/756887	Wellington	Kerr	Gundowda Creek
	Sallys Flat Road reserve, near 9/756878	Wellington	Cunningham	Unnamed tributary of Green Valley Creek
	Crudine Road reserve near 8/821854	Roxburgh	Crudine	Crudine River
	Crudine Road reserve near 1/795858	Roxburgh	Tunnabidgee	Crudine River
	Crudine Road reserve near 40/755768	Roxburgh	Crudine	Merrigans Gully
	Castlereagh Highway road reserve, near 1/1067368	Roxburgh	Warrangunia	Crudine River
	Mount Vincent Road reserve, near PT95/755799	Roxburgh	Warrangunia	Crudine River
	Mount Vincent Road reserve, near 1/1140880	Roxburgh	Hearne	Unnamed Watercourse
	Goolma Road reserve, near 381/587225	Bligh	Goolma	Unnamed tributary of Goolma Creek
Piambo-ng Creek Water Source A006728 (new)	Goolma Road reserve, near 125/750752	Bligh	Goolma	Goolma Creek
	Goolma Road reserve, near 23/664344	Bligh	Goolma	Sheep Station Gully
	Gollan Road reserve, near 160/750777	Bligh	Worobil	Goolma Creek
	Lambing Hill road reserve, near 64/750752	Bligh	Goolma	Goolma Creek
	Gollan Road reserve, near 19/750777	Bligh	Worobil	Goolma Creek
	Mebul Road reserve, near 104/750780	Bligh	Yarrobil	Mebul Creek
	Mebul Road reserve, near 1/1039420	Bligh	Puggoon	Goodiman Creek
	Spring Ridge Road reserve, near 1/818695	Bligh	Puggoon	Goodiman Creek
	Goolma Road reserve, near 1/1130842	Wellington	Biraganbil	Stony Creek
	Goolma Road reserve, near 1/1110005	Wellington	Biraganbil	Two Mile Flat Creek
Pipeclay Creek Water Source A006729 (new)	Twelve Mile Road reserve, near 3/1199081	Wellington	Biraganbil	Piambong Creek
	Castlereagh Highway road reserve, near 4/826646	Wellington	Munna	Macdonalds Creek
	Hill End Road reserve, near 2/515013	Wellington	Munna	Macdonalds Creek
	Yarrabin Road reserve, near 1/1067238	Wellington	Erudgerie	Unnamed tributary of Long Gully
	Goolma Road reserve, near 11/1098620	Wellington	Biraganbil	Unnamed tributary of Cudgegong River
	Saleyards Lane road reserve, near 5/1099445	Wellington	Mudgee	Hone Creek
	Queens Pinch Road reserve, near 229/721777	Wellington	Broombee	Unnamed tributary of Mullamuddy Creek
	Lower Piambong Road reserve, near 126/756922	Wellington	Wiadere	Piambong Creek
	Lower Piambong Road reserve, near 8/756901	Wellington	Piambong	Blind Creek
	Henry Lawson Drive road reserve, near 12/845589	Phillip	Eurundury	Snakes Creek
Macquarie River above Burrendong Water Source A006779 (new)	Henry Lawson Drive road reserve, near 2/632023	Phillip	Eurundury	Pipeclay Creek
	Ulan Road reserve, near 1/998386	Phillip	Bumberra	Pipeclay Creek
	Ulan Road reserve, near 531/850390	Phillip	Eurundury	Budgee Creek
	Ulan Road reserve, near 260/755429	Phillip	Eurundury	Budgee Creek
	Goolma Road reserve, near 3/718231	Phillip	Guntawang	Pig and Whistle Creek
	Hayes Gap Road reserve, near 6/755415	Phillip	Boogleddie	Pipeclay Creek
Macquarie River above Burrendong Water Source A006779 (new)	Ullamalla Road reserve, near 201/871982	Wellington	Ulmarrah	Macquarie River

MACQUARIE AND CUDGEGONG REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE

Applications for an amended and a new water supply work approvals have been received from **Mid-Western Regional Council** for one 75mm submersible pump and one 75mm centrifugal pump for the extraction of water from the Macquarie and Cudgegong Rivers at numerous locations as listed in table below for the purpose of road works water supply (REF: see table below).

Zone	Extraction point	Parish	County	Watercourse
Above the Upper Limit of Lake Burrendong A006734 (amend)	Goolma Road reserve, near 3/1083951	Bligh	Yarrobil	Cudgegong River
	Wilbetree Road reserve, near 13/1022304	Phillip	Wilbetree	Cudgegong River
	7001/1030132, off Mebul Road	Bligh	Puggoon	Cudgegong River
	Twelve Mile Road reserve, near 32/756902	Wellington	Rouse	Cudgegong River
	32/1092844, near Kaludabah Road	Wellington	Piambong	Cudgegong River
	44/40633, off Yarrabin Road	Wellington	Rouse	Cudgegong River
	1/221173, off Yarrabin Road	Wellington	Merinda	Cudgegong River
	7001/1032533, off Gardiners Road	Wellington	Biraganbil	Cudgegong River
Below the Upper Limit of Lake Burrendong A006780 (new)	Burrendong Dam park, within 17/1148721	Wellington	Burrendong	Burrendong Dam
	Burrendong Dam park, within 18/1168862	Wellington	Burrendong	Burrendong Dam

LACHLAN FOLD BELT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new combined water supply work and use approval has been received from **MARK GREGORY BUSH AND SARAH HAILEY BUSH** for one new (proposed) bore for irrigation and use of water for irrigation on Lot 3 DP 811680, Parish of Eurundury, County of Phillip (Ref: A006784).

Objections to the granting of these approvals 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 the objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
WIDDEN BROOK WATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BOSKENNA PTY LTD** for spearpoints and 75 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 102 DP 718866, 50 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 9 DP 753799, 65 mm pump on Lot 101 DP 718866, 65 mm pump on Lot 2 DP 753769 for the purpose of irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval 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 to specify the grounds of the objection. (A006843)

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511 Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
MID TWEED RIVER WATER SOURCE, DOON DOON CREEK AND TWEED RIVER**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BRIAN LUKE HILL AND LESLEY HILL** for two 65mm centrifugal pumps for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP1189444 and Lot 23 DP1126031 (additional pumps and irrigation area by way of amendment to 30CA306686).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006828)

Any queries please call (02) 6676 7381 Brett McCulloch, Water Regulation Officer.

Z06894

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE SHALLOW GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **FREEDOM FOODS PTY LTD** for 1 x bore, at/adjacent to Lot 1//109959, Parish of Waddi, County of Boyd, for commercial, stock and domestic purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval, must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A6838)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

Z06905

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
MACQUARIE AND CUDGEGONG REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE 2003**

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from the **ZOOLOGICAL PARKS BOARD OF NEW SOUTH WALES** for a replacement 315 mm pipeline from the Macquarie River on Lots 230, 227, 196, 192 all DP 753233, Lot 3 DP 721260, Lot 242 DP 705213 and Obley Road Parish of Dubbo, County of Gordon.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A006775)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414 or email richard.wheatley@dpi.nsw.gov.au Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z06893

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
MACQUARIE AND CUDGEGONG REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE**

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **DAVID BURNETT RAMSAY** for one diversion channel and 1050 mm pipe regulator on the Bulgeraga Creek on Lot 61 DP 753416 and Crown Road South of Lot 61 DP 753416, Parish of Bebrue, County of Gregory.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, P O Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006748)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z06825

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
WESTERN MURRAY POROUS ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **ESSENTIAL ENERGY** to use an existing bore on Lot 7303 DP 1181580, Parish of Wambah, County of Livingstone for the purpose of an alternate water supply for Menindee town and Sunset Strip.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 363, Buronga, NSW, 2739 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A6768)

Any queries please call (03) 5051 6218, Don Reid, Water Regulation Officer.

Z06824

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
MURRUMBIDGEE UNREGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **AUSTIN JAMES AND PATRICIA LOUISE GOODFELLOW** for a pump and an existing bywash dam on 6//1056285 for irrigation purposes on 6//1056285 all Parish Gundaroo, County Murray.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A6776)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2611 Tracie Scarfone, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

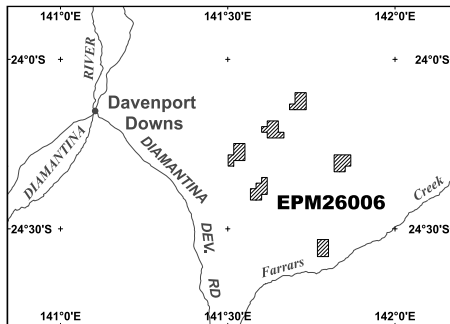
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCES

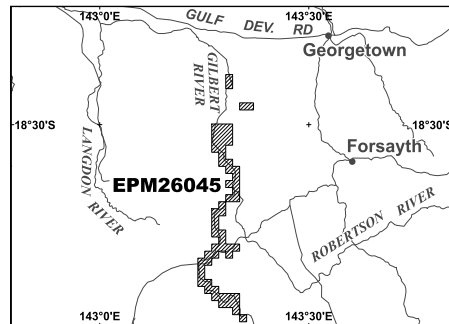
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 and Mineral Development Licences shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

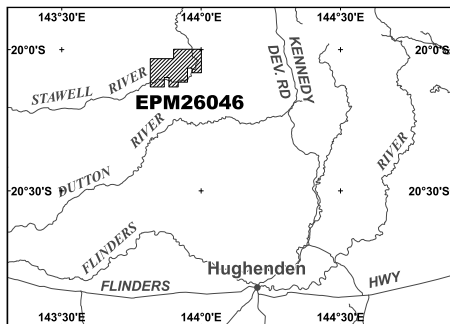
Exploration Permit 26006 sought by Great Southern Opal Mines Pty Ltd, ACN 601 815 801, over an area of 45 sub-blocks (140 km²), centred approximately 65km South East of Davenport Downs, in the locality of the Diamantina Shire Council.



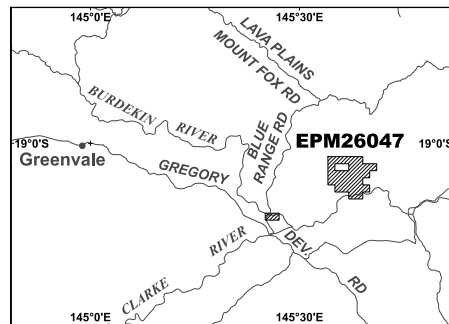
Exploration Permit 26045 sought by Owen Reginald Wellington, over an area of 58 sub-blocks (188 km²), centred approximately 32km South West of Forsayth, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



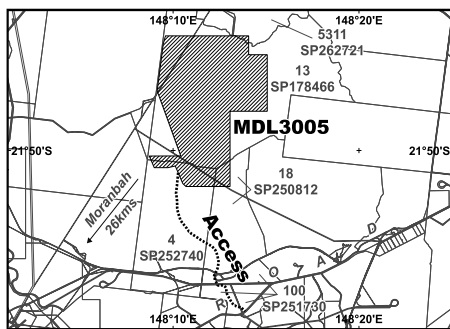
Exploration Permit 26046 sought by Owen Reginald Wellington, over an area of 64 sub-blocks (206 km²), centred approximately 90km North North West of Hughenden, in the locality of the Flinders Shire Council.



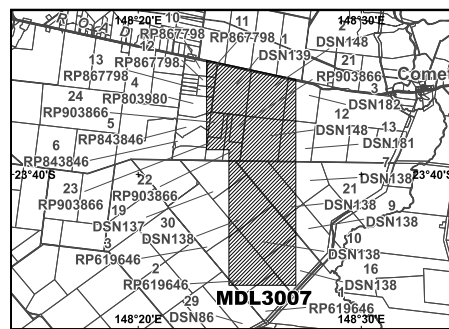
Exploration Permit 26047 sought by Queensland Epithermal Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 010 544 822, over an area of 30 sub-blocks (97 km²), centred approximately 58km East of Greenvale, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Mineral Development Licence 3005 sought by Vale Australia (CQ) Pty Ltd, ACN 103 902 389 (60%) and Nebo Central Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 079 942 377 (40%), over an area of 10,975 ha, centred approximately 26 km North East of Moranbah, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Mineral Development Licence 3007 sought by Yamala Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 140 766 847 (70%) and CHR Emerald Pty Ltd, ACN 123 147 473 (30%), over an area of 10,072 ha, centred approximately 10 km South West of Comet, in the locality of Central Highlands 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. The grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 3, June 2014, pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits and Mineral Development Licences. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in

relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 11 November 2015



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	08/512	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD	1170.92HA	50km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 116° 16' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	09/161	WESTIRON PTY LTD	313.10HA	161km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 53' S Long: 116° 17' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Mining Lease	09/162	GASCOYNE METALS PTY LTD	47.95HA	161km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 53' S Long: 116° 17' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Mining Lease	09/163	KARRAMINDIE RESOURCES PTY LTD	1328.30HA	163km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 53' S Long: 116° 12' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Mining Lease	09/164	MOJITO RESOURCES LIMITED	20.75HA	162km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 54' S Long: 116° 12' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Mining Lease	09/165	GASCOYNE METALS PTY LTD	529.49HA	161km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 53' S Long: 116° 10' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Mining Lease	27/489-G	ALLEN, Royce William	9.78HA	31km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	31/487	PUMPHREY, Andrew Ian	178.09HA	138km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 122° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1301	INDEPENDENCE JAGUAR PROJECT PTY LTD	638.05HA	60km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 121° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	40/334	NANKIVELL, Dennis William	52.64HA	41km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1257	ATLAS IRON LTD	16659.13HA	34km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 27' S Long: 119° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 21 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 **21 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. 21 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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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2413	FISSURE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	50BL	116km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 12' S Long: 124° 43' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2419	REY MT FENTON PTY LTD	69BL	100km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 50' S Long: 124° 56' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2513	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	112km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 37' S Long: 116° 4' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1478	REED INDUSTRIAL MINERALS PTY LTD	16BL	26km SE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 9' S Long: 121° 17' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/529	CLASSIC MINERALS LIMITED	5BL	48km NE'ly of Kamblada	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 122° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2554	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	200BL	97km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 124° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2559	BREAKER RESOURCES NL	7BL	105km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 122° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	37/1233	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	70BL	83km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 121° 48' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1241	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	3BL	54km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 29' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3079	DESERT VENTURES PTY LTD	12BL	42km S'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 122° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3080	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	66km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 50' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3081	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	63km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3082	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	66km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3083	DUKETON MINING LTD	18BL	60km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1889	RAVEN RESOURCES PTY LTD	16BL	63km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 122° 29' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/353	NANKIVELL, Dennis William	3BL	41km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4414	COPPIN, Langtree Eric Christopher	6BL	37km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 41' S Long: 120° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4539	CENTREPEAK RESOURCES GROUP PTY LTD	70BL	40km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 36' S Long: 118° 22' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4580	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	61BL	91km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 21° 7' S Long: 120° 44' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4581	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	109km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 24' S Long: 121° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3351	FORGE RESOURCES SWAN PTY LTD	20BL	77km E'ly of Roebourne	Lat: 21° 0' S Long: 117° 50' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	51/1699	MURROULI RANGE PTY LTD	12BL	24km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 44' S Long: 118° 18' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3323	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	11BL	49km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 45' S Long: 119° 55' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3324	CENTREPEAK RESOURCES GROUP PTY LTD	36BL	72km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 48' S Long: 120° 15' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1037	EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	76km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 118° 55' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3398	IRON BULL BANGEMALL PTY LTD	45BL	100km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 57' S Long: 120° 28' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4723	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	24BL	6km NE'ly of Pinjarra	Lat: 32° 35' S Long: 115° 55' E	MURRAY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4763	LITHIUM POWER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	111BL	23km NW'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 46' S Long: 116° 2' E	DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4764	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	16BL	8km SE'ly of Bunbury	Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 115° 42' E	BUNBURY CITY, CAPEL SHIRE, DARDANUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4766	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	103BL	13km NW'ly of Waroona	Lat: 32° 45' S Long: 115° 49' E	MURRAY SHIRE, WAROONA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4767	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	2BL	2km N'ly of Harvey	Lat: 33° 3' S Long: 115° 54' E	HARVEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4768	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	21BL	34km NE'ly of Mandurah	Lat: 32° 16' S Long: 115° 55' E	ROCKINGHAM CITY, SERPENTINE-JARRAHDALE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2315	TALGA RESOURCES LTD	44BL	15km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 119° 10' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5988	BROWN, Michael John STEHN, Anthony Paterson	19.99HA	14km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 121° 28' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4986-8 & 24/4990-2	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	1198.80HA	22km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 20' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4993-4	WESTERN RESOURCES PTY LTD ZETEK RESOURCES PTY LTD (ATF THE ZETEK TRUST)	302.40HA	63km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 121° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4995	NORTHERN STAR (KANOWNA) LIMITED	169.19HA	27km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2335	SPARTAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	121.20HA	35km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 49' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4061-3	NORTHERN STAR (KANOWNA) LIMITED	424.42HA	12km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2232	MOHO RESOURCES NL	199.77HA	41km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2233	CRITTLE, David Bruce JENSEN, Betina Lindblad	198.98HA	47km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2234	RENTON, Darrall James DAWS, John William	103.25HA	36km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	38/4177	FENTON, Michael	50.43HA	14km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4178	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	97.39HA	61km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 123° 30' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5563-4	ISSLER, Natacha Andrea	234.19HA	79km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 122° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5565	FENTON, Michael	197.22HA	18km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1373	WHITE, Geoffrey Charles	42.53HA	56km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1682	JONES, Paul Henry	15.99HA	10km NW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 0' S Long: 117° 45' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2071-2	NAVIGATOR HOLDINGS PTY LTD	290HA	30km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 116° 50' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2073	NAVIGATOR HOLDINGS PTY LTD DAVIDSON, Michael Brayton	103.38HA	28km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 116° 50' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	74/364	SULPHIDE RESOURCES PTY LTD	18.78HA	95km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 44' S Long: 119° 49' E	KONDININ SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 21 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 **21 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. 21 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

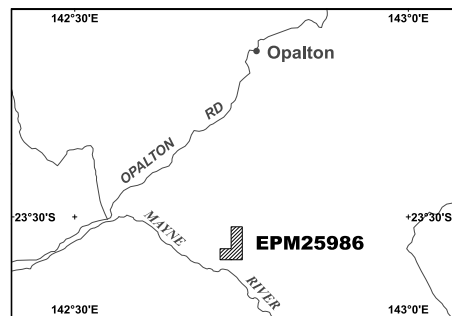
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS, RENEWAL AND GRANTS OF MINING CLAIMS AND GRANT OF MINING LEASES

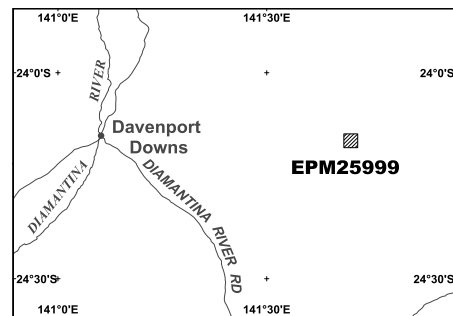
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of EPM25986, EPM25999, EPM26004, EPM26021 and EPM26031 and renewal of MC95052, MC95053, MC95087, MC95088, MC95173 and MC95295 and grant of MC300036, MC300037, MC300042, MC300051, MC300052, MC300053 and MC300059 and grant of ML400007 and ML400008 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

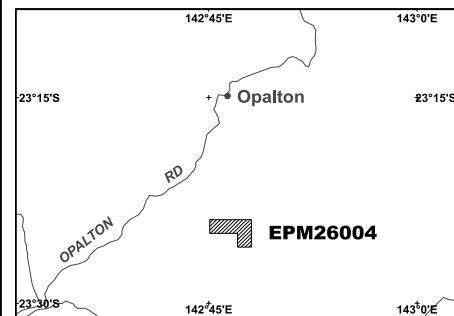
Exploration Permit 25986 sought by Alison Summerville, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 32 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



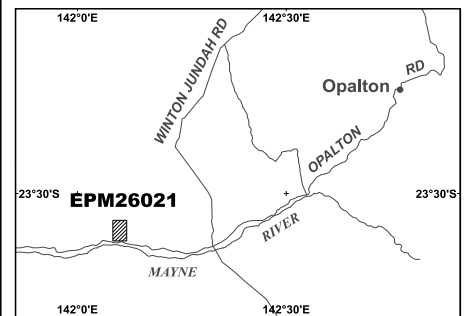
Exploration Permit 25999 sought by Colin Arthur Francis Rae, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 60 km East of Davenport Downs, in the locality of the Diamantina Shire Council.



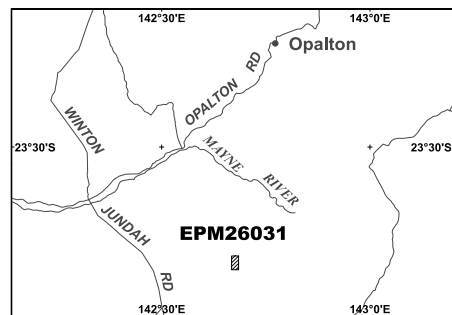
Exploration Permit 26004 sought by Martin Mitchell, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 18 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



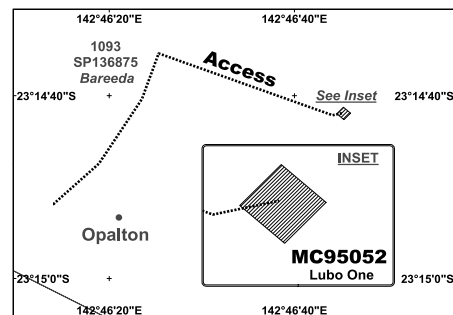
Exploration Permit 26021 sought by Robert James Wilkins (50%) and Maxwell John Wilkins (50%), over an area of 6 sub-blocks (20 km²), centred approximately 77 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



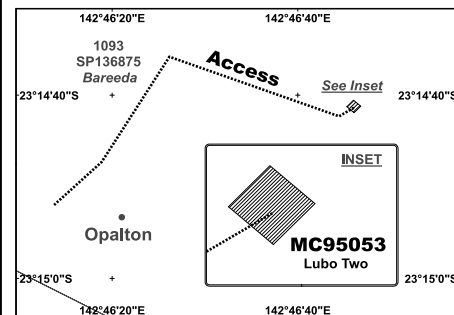
Exploration Permit 26031 sought by Geoffrey Vincent Walker, over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6 km²), centred approximately 60 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



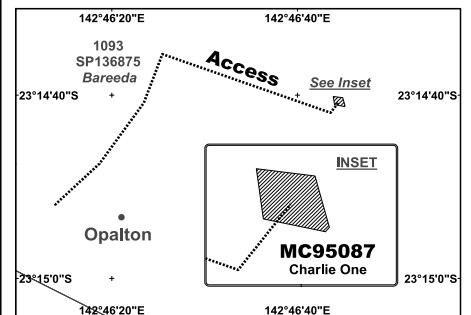
Mining Claim 95052 renewal sought by Paul Prodanov, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 0.8 km North East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



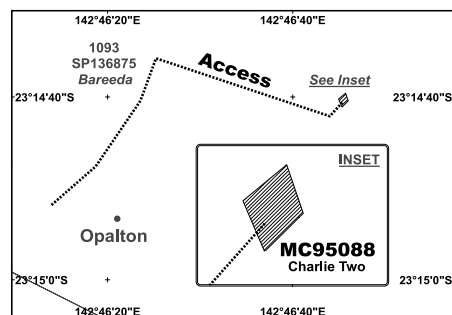
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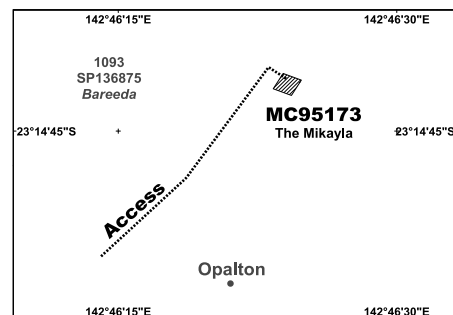
Mining Claim 95087 renewal sought by Blazenska Prodanov, over an area of 858 m² centred approximately 0.8 km North East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



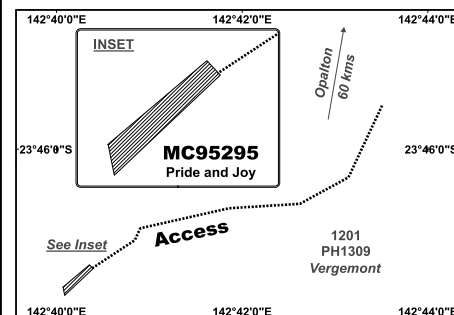
Mining Claim 95088 renewal sought by Blazenska Prodanov, over an area of 730 m² centred approximately 0.8 km North East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



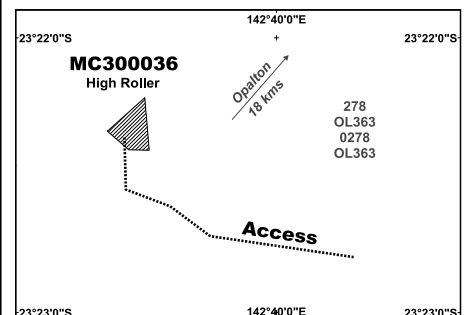
Mining Claim 95173 renewal sought by Ross Patrick Feeney, over an area of 889 m² centred approximately 0.3 km North North East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



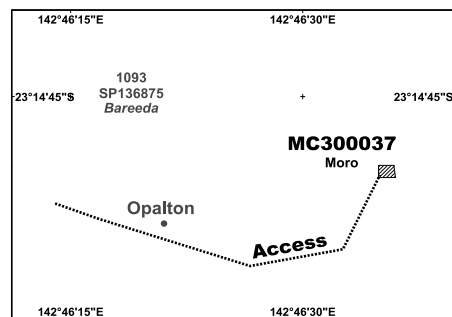
Mining Claim 95295 renewal sought by Geoffrey Vincent Walker, over an area of 84,559 m² centred approximately 60 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



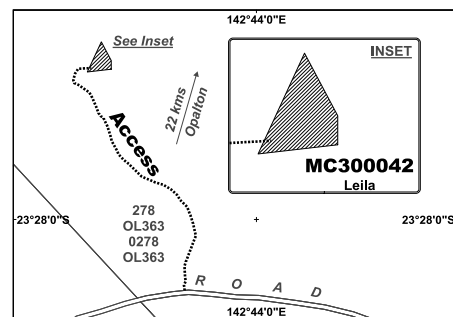
Mining Claim 300036 sought by Noel Edward Kerr (33.33%), Kerry John Ashley Jackson (33.33%) and Maxwell Darald Jackson (33.33%), over an area of 50,920 m² centred approximately 18 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



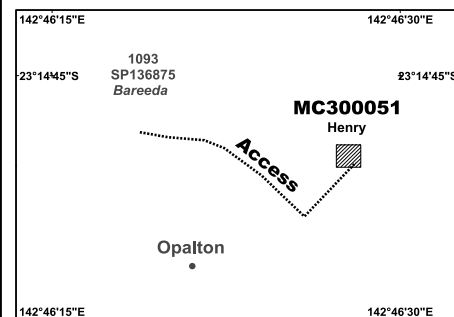
Mining Claim 300037 sought by Francesco Moro, over an area of 735 m² centred approximately 0.4 km East North East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



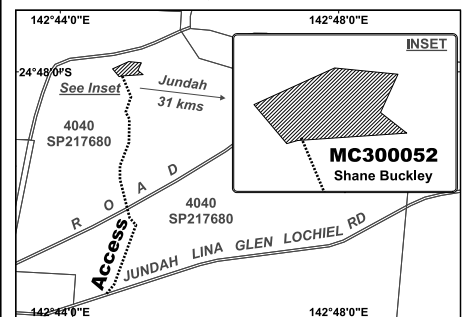
Mining Claim 300042 sought by Ross Allen Burton, over an area of 63,600 m² centred approximately 22 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



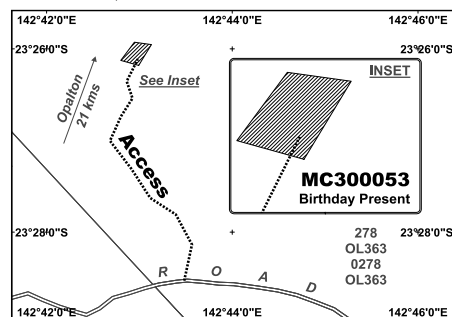
Mining Claim 300051 sought by Eric Douglas Hume, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 0.2 km North East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



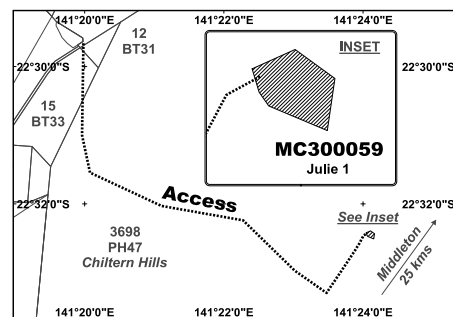
Mining Claim 300052 sought by Shane William Buckley (50%) and Fiona Mary Buckley (50%), over an area of 195,300 m² centred approximately 31 km West of Jundah, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



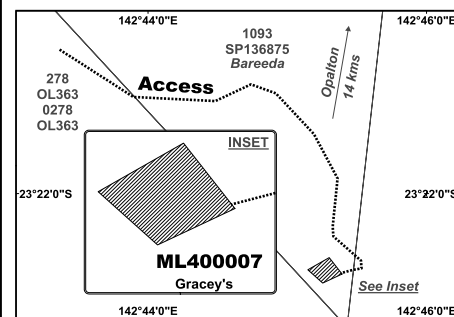
Mining Claim 300053 sought by Opal Essence Australia Pty Ltd, ACN 010 220 390, over an area of 144,000 m² centred approximately 21 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



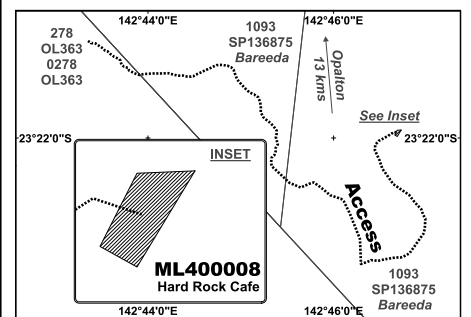
Mining Claim 300059 sought Peter Shane Mann, over an area of 27,450 m² centred approximately 25 km South West of Middleton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Mining Lease 400007 sought by Kris Eric Hume, over an area of 73,780 m² centred approximately 14 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Mining Lease 400008 sought by Kris Eric Hume, over an area of 7,344 m² centred approximately 13 km South South East of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of Exploration Permits under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for Exploration Permit 25986 for a term not exceeding one (1) year, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding one (1) year, for Exploration Permit 25999 for a term not exceeding three (3) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding three (3) years, for Exploration Permit 26004 for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, for Exploration Permit 26021 for a term not exceeding two (2) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding two (2) years and for Exploration Permit 26031 for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. The renewal or grant of Mining Claims and Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for Mining Claims 95173 and 300037 for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and for the remaining Mining Claims and Mining Leases for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Exploration Permits be granted, the Mining Claims and Mining Leases be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Exploration Permits, Mining Claims and Mining Leases, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit, Mining Claim and Mining Lease Applications or Renewals may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Small Scale Mining Hub, Court House, Vindex Street, Winton, Queensland, 4735, Telephone: (07) 4657 1727.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Exploration Permits, Mining Claims and Mining Leases. 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: 9 December 2015

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 4 November 2015



National
Native Title
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 1806, Darwin, NT, 0801 **on or before 3 February 2016**. After **3 February 2016**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Maryvale Pastoral Lease
Federal Court File No: NTD35/2015

Date filed: 24 June 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: Application area covers about 3176 sq km and is located approx 78km south East of Alice Springs.
Relevant LGA: Macdonnell Shire.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Lisa Jowett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 4 November 2015

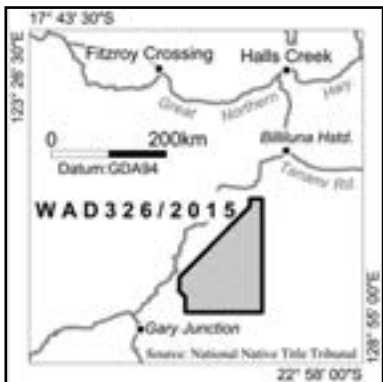


National
Native Title
Tribunal

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A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 3 February 2016**. After **3 February 2016**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Bobby West & Anor v State of Western Australia (Ngurra Kayanta 2)

Federal Court File No: WAD326/2015

Date filed: 30 June 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The application covers about 19,511 sq km and is located 250km south of Halls Creek.

Relevant LGA: Shires of Halls Creek and East Pilbara

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au.

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Sport



Kyana Patten

Kyana's sights on black belt



MAITLAND'S Kyana Patten has her sights set on a black belt after strong performances at recent Go-Kan-Ryu karate titles.

The 10-year-old took gold and silver at the NSW North Coast titles and followed up with two golds (for fighting and patterns) at the NSW

championships, held in Sydney.

Kyana, of Bundjalung and Worimi heritage, has been invited to the karate style's national titles in Melbourne next month.

Proud dad Guy said Kyana only started competing early this year.

"She's doing well and her aim is to go as far as she can in karate," he said.

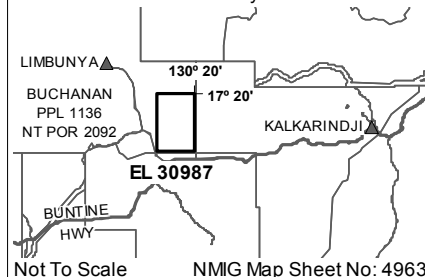
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

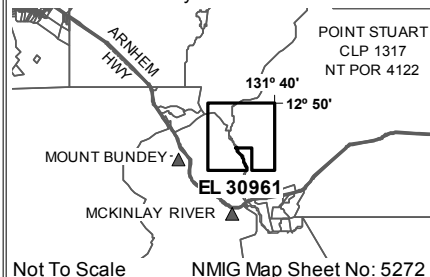
The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 30987 sought by EXCEDO EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 607 686 322 over an area of 96 Blocks (315 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GREGORYS DEPOT locality.



Exploration Licence 30961 sought by HALKITIS BROS PTY LIMITED, ACN 009 607 774 over an area of 9 Blocks (29 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the

expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 21 October 2015

Rower looking to Olympics



Nikeytah Hill with some of the medals she has won.



ROCKHAMPTON teen Nikeytah Hill has returned from the North Queensland Club Rowing Championships with a haul of medals.

The 14-year-old now has a burning desire to go much further with her chosen sport – even as far as the Olympic Games.

Games glory is something the young Kangalou/Goreng Goreng (Qld) woman has set her sights on. She is now training six days a week and following a punishing exercise routine.

Her recent results indicate she's well on the way.

Nikeytah, who has been rowing for just two years, returned from the North Queensland titles in Mackay with two

gold medals, a silver and a bronze.

She rows as part of a pair and in the quads with her school, Emmaus College in Rockhampton, and as a member of the city's Fitzroy Rowing Club.

Proud mother Brea says the family is right behind Nikeytah.

"She loves rowing, and she's good at it," Mrs Hill said. "Sure, it's hard with the training sessions starting at 5.30am, but we are all right behind Nikeytah and reckon it will pay off in the long run."

Nikeytah's coach Kim Byrne is also full of praise for his charge, saying she has commitment and natural ability.

Rowing is costly, and sponsors are always welcome. To help Nikeytah, contact the Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club at rowing@rfrf.org.au



Nikeytah Hill (bottom) rowing as part of a quad.

Netballers on way to Newcastle



MORE than 400 players from across NSW are expected in Newcastle this week for the city's Koori Netball Tournament.

Now in its 16th year, the competition is regarded as an opportunity for Indigenous sportswomen to showcase their netball talent and love of sport.

Hosted by the Charlestown Netball Association with NSW Sport and Recreation, the tournament has Open Women A, Open Women B, Junior Girls and Mixed divisions.

Players are expected from as far afield as Dubbo, Wagga Wagga, the Macleay Valley and Armidale.

Sport and Recreation Indigenous project officer Donna Coady expects the standard of competition will be high.

"But the tournament also encompasses a fun and social atmosphere, bringing players back year after year," she said.

"It is also a great example of how sport can bring people together in a healthy, positive way."

The tournament will be held this Friday evening and Saturday, October 23-24, at the Charlestown Netball Courts.

For more details, call (02) 4926 1633.

Green still keen for rematch with Mundine



VETERAN boxer Danny Green will fight Germany's Konni Konrad in December, but his eye is still firmly on arch-rival Anthony Mundine. Green made a successful return to the ring

after almost three years with a win over Argentine Roberto Bolonti in August.

He announced last week he will face Konrad, who last month lost to world champion Juergen Braehmer at Melbourne's Hisense Arena on December 2.

But the 42-year-old still wants a rematch against Mundine. The pair last fought in 2006, when Mundine won a points decision.

"I'm ready in one corner and it's up to the other banana who's flapping his gums to step up," Green said. – AAP

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 28 October 2015



National Native Title Tribunal



The agreement areas are located within the external boundary of the Wullu Wullu People native title claim which is subject to a conditional determination by the Federal Court of Australia on 13 August 2015 (QUD6006/2000) (the map shows the external boundary of the determination area in bold outline and, in grey, the individual agreement areas, which are labelled and described in the table).

Agreement area boundaries compiled using data sourced from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (Qld).

The Wullu Wullu People are party to all of the Pastoral Lease agreements (ILUAs) listed and described in the table. The table also contains the names of the Pastoral Lease(s) to which the agreements relate. For copies of the individual agreement areas, please contact the Tribunal Case Manager on the number below.

The native title party's contact details are:

Elliot Anderson, Elizabeth Blucher, Robert Bond, Robert Clancy, Brian Clancy, Desmond Dodd, Annette Fuller, Elizabeth Law, Drew Millar, Marjorie Reid, Ivan Saltner, Neil Saltner, Celeste Williams, Jeffrey Williams, Jill Wilson on behalf of the Wullu Wullu People C/- Just Us Lawyers

PO BOX 120

Red Hill QLD 4059

The other parties are listed in the table:

Each of those parties' contact address is as follows:

C/- Thynne & Macartney

GPO Box 245

Brisbane QLD 4001

The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either section 24EB(1) or subsection 24EBA(1) or (4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The purpose of each agreement is "to establish practical and flexible arrangements for access to and use of the Agreement Area by the Wullu Wullu People to exercise the Wullu Wullu People's Native Title rights and interests, during the term of the Lease, in a manner that is compatible with the Lessee's continued use and enjoyment of the Lease Area according to the terms of the lease and to manage any associated risks".

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area covered by any of the agreements may wish, in response to this notice, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. **The application must be made by 28 January 2016.** If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 4 November 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 3 February 2016. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before 3 February 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, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000 on or before 3 February 2016.** After 3 February 2016, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: John Collins
Federal Court File No: NSD1044/2015
Non-native title interest: Permissive Occupancy 6994 (formerly PO 1966/30 Metropolitan)
Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.
Description: Allotment 7342 in Deposited Plan 1162761
Relevant LGA: The Council of The Municipality of Hunters Hill

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Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales



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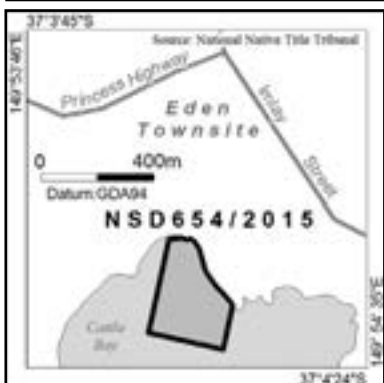
Notification day: 4 November 2015

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 3 February 2016. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before 3 February 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.

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Applicant's name: Eden Cattle Bay Marina Pty Ltd
Federal Court File No: NSD654/2015
Non-native title interest: Waterfront Commercial Lease Application 553778
Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.
Description: The application area is about 7.6 Hectares, located near Cattle Bay Wharf in Cattle Bay, south of Eden.
Relevant LGA: Adjacent to the Bega Valley Shire Council

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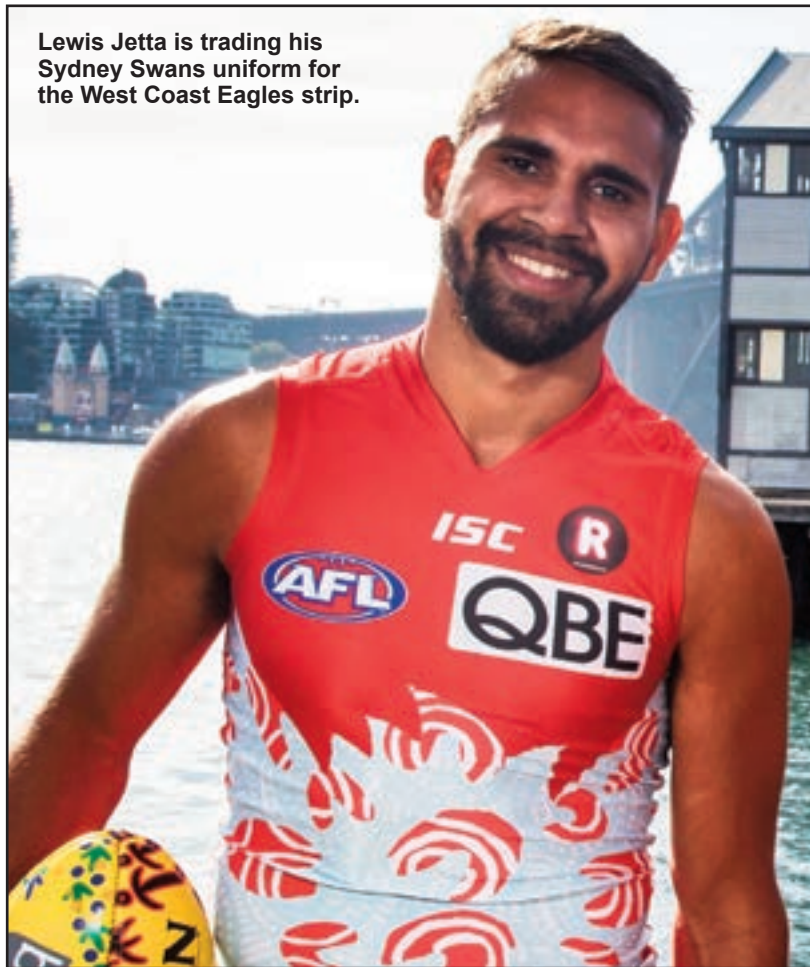
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Sport

Lewis Jetta is trading his Sydney Swans uniform for the West Coast Eagles strip.



Trades mean AFL talents heading west

By PETER ARGENT



ELITE Aboriginal talents Lewis Jetta and Harley Bennell will return to their home state of Western Australia

under the AFL's free agency/ trade period.

In trade number eight, West Coast Eagles exchanged ruckman Callum Sinclair for Sydney Swans 2012 premiership wingman Lewis Jetta.

Jetta, originally from Bunbury and Carey Park Junior Football Club, was drafted to the Swans in the 2009 National Draft at pick 14 as a mature-aged selection after a strong WAFL season with Swan Districts.

Now aged 26, he played 129 games over six seasons with the Swans, with the highlight being the 2012 premiership against Hawthorn. Noted for his speed, Jetta should prove a great addition to the Eagles midfield.

West Coast general manager of football Craig Vozzo said the club was delighted to secure Jetta.

"Lewis offers us some attributes which few players possess, particularly his line-breaking pace and elite kick," he said.

"We are excited with what he potentially adds to our squad and believe he will be ideally suited to our game style."

After a tumultuous season, the Gold Coast Suns have exchanged former number-two draft selection (2010) Harley Bennell and its round-two selection (currently number 22) this year to Fremantle



Harley Bennell is leaving the Gold Coast Suns to join Fremantle.

for its round-one pick (currently number 16) and its round-two selection (currently number 35).

Bennell played 81 games between 2011 and 2015 with the Suns, and was runner-up to Gary Ablett Jnr in the club's 2012 best-and-fairest count in just his second year. He also won the Polly Farmer Medal in the 2013 Aboriginal All Stars pre-season clash with Richmond.

"I'm excited about returning home to WA and joining Fremantle," Bennell said. "I want to thank the Gold Coast for drafting me and the support they have offered me during my time at the club."

"My main focus now is to knuckle down and have a solid pre-season over the coming months."

Fremantle subjected Bennell to a rigorous interview and assessment before agreeing to the trade.

Goodes to stay close to Swans



ADAM Goodes will remain close to the Sydney Swans after thanking fans for persuading him not to retire midway through a tough final season of his distinguished AFL career. This month's Sydney Club Champion dinner was the first time Goodes spoke publicly after announcing his retirement

following the Swans' semi-final loss to North Melbourne. Midfielder Josh Kennedy won the Bob Skilton Medal, but it was Goodes the crowd of more than 1000 clearly wanted to hear from most. The Adnyamathanha (SA) man said it had been a tough year, but he made no direct reference to the booing and vilification he

copped over several weeks from opposing fans, which prompted him to stand down for a week in late July. Goodes revealed it was the support of Swans fans that coaxed him into extending his club record games tally to 372. "There was no way that I thought I'd come back from that," he said. "But I'm glad I did because this football

club means a lot to me and it's given me a lot of strength and a lot of good memories." Goodes gave few clues as to his future plans other than revealing he was about to embark on a two-month overseas holiday with his partner Natalie. "I'm not disappearing," he said. "This football club is something that I want to be a part of for the rest of my life." – AAP

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements State of Queensland Notification day: 28 October 2015



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Q12015/044 Wulli Wulli People and Banana Shire Council ILUA
Description of the agreement area:
The agreement area covers about 5,432 sq km, in the vicinity Theodore.
Relevant LGA: Shire of Banana, North Burnett Regional Council



Q12015/045 Ergon Energy and Wulli Wulli People ILUA
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Relevant LGA: Shire of Banana, North Burnett Regional Council



Q12015/082 Wulli Wulli People Protected Areas ILUA
Description of the agreement area:
The agreement area covers about 179 sq km, being the Precipice and southern part of Isla Gorge National Parks, about 17 km west of Cracow.
Relevant LGA: Shire of Banana

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:			
Elliot Anderson, Elizabeth Blucher, Robert Bond, Robert Clancy, Brian Clancy, Desmond Dodd, Annette Fuller, Elizabeth Law, Drew Millar, Marjorie Reid, Ivan Saltner, Neil Saltner, Celeste Williams, Jeffrey Williams, Jill Wilson on their own behalf and on behalf of the Wulli Wulli People are a party to each agreement			
C/- Just Us Lawyers PO BOX 120 Red Hill QLD 4059			
The names and contact details for the other party to each of the agreements are:			
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Banana Shire Council C/- MacDonnells Law GPO Box 79 Brisbane QLD 4001	Ergon Energy Corporation Limited C/- MacDonnells Law GPO Box 79 Brisbane QLD 4001	State of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services GPO Box 2454 Brisbane QLD 4001	Wulli Wulli Nation Aboriginal Corporation C/- Just Us Lawyers PO BOX 120 Red Hill QLD 4059

The agreements contain the following statements:
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]
Q12015/044 Wulli Wulli People and Banana Shire Council
27.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act [NTA] (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.
32.1 The Parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule [7]). *[Schedule 7 contains classes of activities which have a Low Native Title Impact including: maintenance, low impact infrastructure, statutory approvals, low impact tenure grants, pest control, granting or making contractual interests relating to the management or use of land or waters for a public purpose, low impact local government operational activities, access and site investigation, emergencies and low impact works/infrastructure agreed at a capital works forum].*
32.4 *[Subject to certain conditions, the Parties consent to any Activity which has a High Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 8). Schedule 8 contains classes of activities which have a High Native Title Impact including: high impact infrastructure, high impact tenure grants, preventing the exercise of native title and high impact works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a capital works forum].*
33.1 Where a condition applicable to a Particular Future Act is satisfied, the Parties consent to the Particular Future Act *[Particular Future Acts are certain specific Activities which the parties identified when negotiating this agreement].*
Q12015/045 Ergon Energy and Wulli Wulli People ILUA
18.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts in this Agreement.
18.3 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, in this Agreement.
18.4 The Native Title Party consents to Ergon Energy and its contractors undertaking the low native title impact activities.
18.5 Ergon Energy will comply with the procedures in Schedule 2 when undertaking low native title impact activities.
18.10 The Parties agree that Ergon Energy can conduct activities over extinguished areas and that the Native Title Party's consent is not required.
20.1 Subject to subclause 20.2, the Parties authorise and consent to the doing of any future act (except for the surrender of native title) after the registration date over any part of the Native Title Agreement Area that is Aboriginal land.
20.2 The consent in subclause 20.1 is subject to the entity holding the Aboriginal land giving written consent to the future act.
Schedule 2
1. The low native title impact activities are: (a) inspecting, maintaining, repairing and reinstating electricity infrastructure or access tracks; (b) tree lopping and tree clearing: (i) in the immediate vicinity of electricity infrastructure; or (ii) required for the safe operation or use of the electricity infrastructure; or (iii) required for public health and safety; (c) installing street light poles and service/intermediate poles that are tied into the existing powerline system in urban areas/town precincts; (d) excavation or clearing that is reasonably necessary for the protection of public health or public safety; (e) the grant of a lease, easement, permit, licence or other interest to Ergon Energy from the owner or occupier of land for a use of or incidental to the performance of statutory duties and responsibilities under the Electricity Act, Electricity Regulation or other laws in so far as the granting of the lease, easement, permit, licence or other interest will have no greater impact on native title than the underlying interest held by the grantor of the interest; (f) the exercise by Ergon Energy of any rights or obligations under any way-leave agreement, easement, license, permit or other interest over land or waters; (g) accessing the Native Title Agreement Area for the purpose of undertaking any low native title impact activity.

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The agreement does not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either section 24EB(1) or subsection 24EBA (1) or (4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).
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Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area covered by any of the agreements may wish, in response to this notice, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. **The application must be made by 28 January 2016.** If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered.
Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal. For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Hopefuls on show in lead-up to AFL Draft

Callum Ah Chee showing the skills that have made him a strong contender for AFL Draft selection.



Aidyn Johnson



Jade Gresham

Teen talent at Combine

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS talent was front and centre at this year's AFL Draft Combine in Melbourne.

The Combine, held at Etihad Stadium, showcased the cream of the crop available for this year's AFL Draft in Adelaide on November 24.

All 18 AFL clubs had personnel interviewing and watching as the teenage talent went through their paces, displaying football skills and athletic prowess in a series of tests.

Indigenous first-round Draft contenders Jade Gresham and Daniel Rioli were joined by other Aboriginal talent including Echuca footballer Aidyn Johnson, expected first-round candidate from Western Australia Callum Ah Chee (see left), South Australian Wayne Milera and Darwin lad Davin Ferreira.



Daniel Rioli

Rioli, who is related to this year's Norm Smith Medallist Cyril, was outstanding from a skills and a natural athletic perspective, launching him into top-20 calculations.

Gresham, the TAC Cup

skipper from the Northern Knights, also showed great athletic and football skills.

"I was a part of the Flying Boomerangs program with Aidyn Johnson and Callum Ah Chee," he said. "I like to model my game on Luke Shuey – being able to kick goals as well as win ball both on the inside and outside."

Ferreira has been through a big 12 months, which included the 2014-15 NTFL flag with the Wanderers and his first league game with Norwood in the SANFL.

South Australian Milera, who hails from the Ingle Farm Bulldogs, has been in Central District development programs since the under 13s. He played 11 SANFL league games this year.

Johnson, who was top five in the agility test, has battled injury this year. Known for his speed, he has been a member of the AFL Academy, and played with Scotch College and TAC Cup side the Bendigo Pioneers.

WA's Ah Chee is on track for pick

By CHRIS PIKE



INDIGENOUS teenager Callum Ah Chee looks set to be the highest AFL Draft pick from Western Australia come November 24.

The 18-year-old's stocks have been bolstered after strong late-season performances at WAFL league level for South Fremantle.

Ah Chee has long been tipped for an AFL future, showing plenty of skills at the Australian Institute of Sport AFL Academy and having represented WA at under-16 and under-18 levels at the past four national championships.

While his performance at this year's under-18 carnival didn't quite set the world on fire, Ah Chee showed his class when he returned to South Fremantle for the second half of the season.

After an impressive senior debut at reserves level he played his first league game in the round 17 derby

against East Fremantle, scoring three goals including two in the final quarter as his Bulldogs came from behind to beat the Sharks.

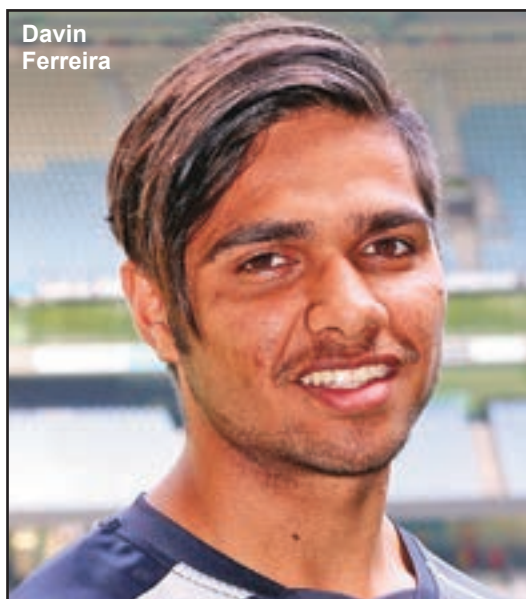
The then 17-year-old continued to shine, with his best overall performance, including 19 possessions, in round 20 against the Fremantle-boosted Peel Thunder.

Meanwhile, Callum isn't the only member of the Ah Chee family to impress, with his older brother Brendon having a tremendous finish to 2015 with Port Adelaide.

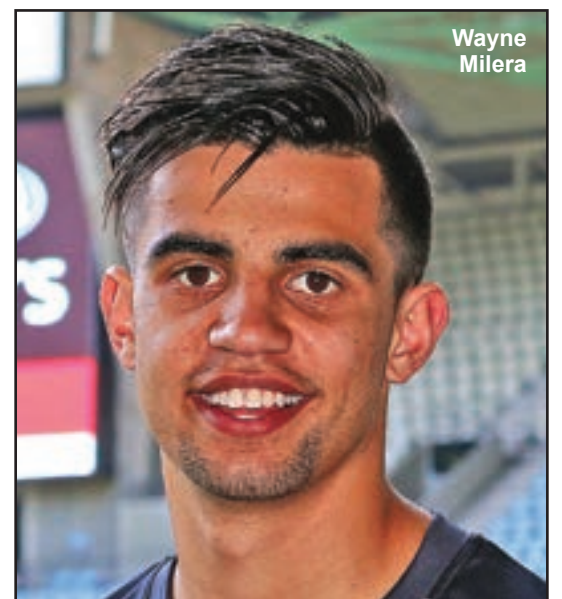
In fact Brendon earned a new contract with Port as a result of his late-season performances.

"I won't be really satisfied until I'm playing consistent, full games of AFL footy," he told afl.com.au

"Obviously I'm going to be sticking around the club for another year, so I'll get another pre-season under the belt and really just work hard on being an inside mid and hopefully next year I can crack into the 22."



Davin Ferreira



Wayne Milera



Siblings are stars at BMX

NSW BUNDJALUNG (northern NSW) siblings Nick, Josh and Tahlia Marsh are high-flyers when it comes to BMX. Hailing from Grafton in northern NSW, all three found success during this month's NSW titles at Lake Macquarie.

Nick, 16, is rated No. 4 in NSW in his division and Josh, 14, is No. 2 in the state in his section, while 12-year-old Tahlia is the NSW champion for her age group.

On top of that, Tahlia is rated No. 5 nationally and Nick is Australia's No. 6 in his cruiser section.

Proud parents Jenny and Grant Marsh say their kids love the sport and are looking to go even further.

"We've been with the Clarence Valley BMX Club for about five years, and all three really enjoy the competition," Mrs Marsh told the *Koori Mail*.

"BMX has taken off as a sport since it was included in the latest Olympic Games, and Tahlia is particularly keen to try for national selection down the track.

"The sport involves a fair bit of commitment and travel, but it's worth it to see our kids doing so well."

Ready to ride: Nick, Tahlia and Josh Marsh showing their NSW and national BMX ratings.

Demos bounces back

By CHRIS PIKE

NSW TYSON Demos had every reason to think his National Basketball League (NBL) career, especially with the Wollongong Hawks, was over six months ago.

But a strong off-season and faith from his new coach has seen him revive his career as a professional basketballer.

Demos began his NBL career with the Gold Coast Blaze, but joined his hometown Wollongong Hawks for the 2009-10 season and went on to win three Defensive Player of the Year awards with the club. But coach Gordie McLeod found himself giving Demos less and less court time last season.

With the Hawks ending up bottom of the NBL, it wasn't a good sign that Demos was a little-used player. But the 27-year-old was far from ready to give up and was desperate to do all he could to extend his 215-game career in the league.

He decided to take a different approach in the off-season by playing with the Mackay Meteors in the Queensland Basketball League – a brilliant move as it happened, with Demos starring personally, and the team winning the championship.

There followed plenty of changes back in Wollongong, with former Perth Wildcats championship-winning coach Rob Beveridge replacing McLeod, and



Tyson Demos looking to a brighter future with the Illawarra Hawks.

the club undergoing a rebrand and reverting to the Illawarra name to capture the whole region, rather than the city.

Beveridge has always been a fan of hard-working, determined

and strong defensive guards, and that made Demos a perfect fit. He jumped at the offer of a new contract to remain with the Hawks.

Demos has repaid that faith by

making a strong start in the new NBL season, playing well in the round-one losses on the road to the Cairns Taipans and Melbourne United, and putting in a good performance in the

round-two win at home over the New Zealand Breakers.

Coming into the new season, Demos was confident he would have a significant role to play in a new-look Hawks, and the work he did on his game in the off-season would pay off.

"I think this season will be the same for me," he said.

"I will bring energy off the bench, play in short spurts and try to get the team to get out of the second or third gear when I do come on.

"It was good to get up there and work on not only my defensive side of things but also developing the offensive side of my game, and trying to get better at shooting, and creating my own shot.

"I think that will suit what is going on down here this season. The style of game that we are going to be playing; Bevo is going to have confidence for you to make your own shot and create your own shot. So I think the things I worked on will fit well."

Demos' life has taken a significant turn off the basketball court as well.

He and partner Anthea De Vet welcomed their first child, Kayden, during the winter, and he has noticed a change in his outlook on life.

"It doesn't even matter what sort of day I have because as soon as I get home and see his smile, it just instantly makes everything better," the smitten dad said.

Football and netball carnival



Action from the Wimmera Eagles versus Warma Turtles (Echuca) Australian rules football clash.



Gunditjmara Angels' Bridgitte Linares grabs the ball as Kyralee Murphy, from Kutanya (Bendigo), prepares to defend.

Top sport and more on show



SEVERAL thousand competitors and fans were in Bendigo, central Victoria, last weekend for the Statewide Koori Football and Netball Carnival. An initiative of Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation (VAYSAR), the carnival celebrates Indigenous culture, talent and traditions.

This year, the event was hosted by the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative (BDAC) and Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.

Teams from across the state competed in a range of divisions in netball and Australian rules football.

But it wasn't just about sport.

Top Aboriginal musicians headlined a carnival concert and there was a night market.

BDAC chief executive officer Raylene Harradine said the carnival was more than a sports competition.

"For more than 30 years, it has been bringing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities together and giving us a chance to reconnect, exchange ideas and strengthen our relationships," she said.



Tom Kirby, from the Swan Hill Murray Cods, about to kick ahead in the Australian rules game against the Mallee Tigers (Mildura) at the Bendigo carnival. Pictures: Jillian Mundy



It was an emotional event for Danielle Lovegrove and Dana Wilson, who travelled from Meningie, South Australia, to present a Best on Ground memorial trophy in honour of their brother Derek Gollan, who had been a valued member of the Gunai Kurnai Warriors. They are pictured here with trophy recipient Alex Saunders, from Derek's former team.

held in Bendigo



The Cool Koorins had three generations from one family in the team: Jinabara/Bundjalung women Rieo Ellis with daughters Natasha and Kurriki and granddaughter Bella.



Tina Davis, from the Millewah Suns (Albury Wodonga).



Jake Taylor from the Mallee Tigers (Mildura) and Liam Saunders from the Gunai Kurnai Warriors (East Gippsland) fly high.



The ball slips past Aiden Broughton, from the Ballarat Wanderers, and Steve Parker, from the Mid-Gippsland Bunjils (top).



Kyarni Pepper, from Wamba Wamba (Swan Hill) about to shoot in the game against Gunditjmara Angels.



Annie Dufficy at the Murri Rugby League Knockout in Brisbane.

For Annie, any football code is fine

By ALF WILSON



FOOTBALLER Annie Dufficy is equally at home playing rugby league, rugby union or Australian rules.

The Brisbane-based army sergeant, who has Torres Strait Islander heritage, is an Indigenous recruiting officer for the Australian Defence Force.

She was one of the stars for the Highlanders team, which reached the Deadly Choices women's grand final at this month's Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival in Brisbane.

Dufficy was also getting ready to give Australian rules a go again in the Australian Defence Force women's team at the Indigenous Carnival in Bendigo, Victoria, against about 20 other teams (see coverage at left). "I learnt to play Aussie rules at

Auskick in Townsville as a little girl and also lined up for a junior team called the Bohle Bears," she said.

"I'm just hoping to have fun playing sport and keeping fit."

Dufficy will also be playing for the Dreamtime Indigenous rugby union team in the Kings and Queens of Pacific Rugby tournament starting this weekend in Brisbane.

She's a regular with the Australian Army side in the Australian Services Rugby Carnival, which has teams from the three armed services.

"The games between Army, Navy and Air Force sides are what I look forward to every year. I love playing alongside my Army sisters, and it's been an honour being selected for the Combined Services side (ASRU) to play in the nationals," Dufficy said.

She has fully recovered from what many feared might be a serious neck injury sustained at the Murri Knockout.

Buddy's journey back

THIS year there have been a number of tragic events and off-field incidents that have put Australian football into perspective.

Some of the tragedies I have touched on in earlier columns.

Although not in the same category as these incidents that involved the loss of life, Buddy Franklin's public battle with mental health resonated with many individuals and families that have been affected by such illness.

Out of respect for Buddy I have refrained from talking about the issue in detail, but it is something worthy of comment.

Buddy re-emerged into the public eye recently after more than a month out of the spotlight due to mental health issues. He took to Twitter to give brother-in-law and Wallabies star Matt Giteau a gentle ribbing ahead of his 100th Test after the official Wallabies Twitter account tweeted a video of a fresh-faced Giteau meeting Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace back in 2002.

"Looking older there..." Franklin joked on his Twitter account.

The tweet was warmly-received by well-wishers who expressed their support for the Sydney forward as he continues to deal with his well-documented problems.

A bombshell was dropped on the eve of the finals series when it was announced Franklin would not be playing against Fremantle in the first qualifying final due to treatment for an ongoing mental health condition.

A week later the Swans confirmed Franklin would play no further part in their finals campaign and put the whole issue of mental health firmly in the public spotlight.

I was proud of how the Swans handled the issue as an organisation.

Lance Franklin the person was a higher priority than Buddy Franklin the footballer.

The ongoing support was made obvious after a recent meeting with the Swans. Football boss Tom Harley said Franklin had been overwhelmed by the support he's received since taking leave from the game in September.

Harley said the meeting was a standard end-of-season review.

He also said Franklin's meeting was a positive step forward and he was scheduled to be back with his teammates for training in December.

"He got his preparation for pre-season and had his standard medical and conditioning exit interviews with our staff," Harley said.

"He then had a good sit down with

myself and John Longmire and we're all on the same page.

"It's worth putting on record that Lance has been overwhelmed with the support he's had from not only Swans supporters, but by football people and non-football people.

"It was a brave decision that Lance made heading into the finals series – a really important finals series for us – to say, 'Look, I've got a few things I need to work through', and we've provided support around that.

"Lance is getting himself ready for a pre-season and I'm sure that he'll come back really refreshed ... and ready to have a massive 2016."

And that has all come from the measured approach the Swans took from the start.

It is one thing handling the matter well internally, but the fans sometimes think they own the player.

They almost demand information and, even if for all the right reasons that information is not forthcoming, they will create their own.

Social media then becomes most people's source of information.

Mainstream media then reports on the gossip and almost gives the rumours credibility.

Franklin and his partner Jacinta Campbell became the centre of some malicious rumours due to their individual profiles as well as their relationship.

This could have made matters much worse for Buddy, but the strength of his partner and the support of the club won the public battle.

Franklin's mental health issues, and revelations he suffers from epilepsy, created a tricky dilemma for the club at the time.

Coach John Longmire, as is always the case, came out in support of his player. Longmire is a class act.

And so is Buddy, who has won the respect of his peers since he arrived at the club.

The reality is that Franklin may have already kicked the most important game of his career.

He has shown great strength in dealing with his issues.

He works in an industry that sometimes misuses the term 'mental toughness' as a badge of honour.

A player is not supposed to show pain or weakness. He is supposed to 'man up' to adversity and take a concrete pill to build resolve.

Buddy has shown true strength of character and resilience in his journey.

He has shown the path for others who confront mental health issues.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

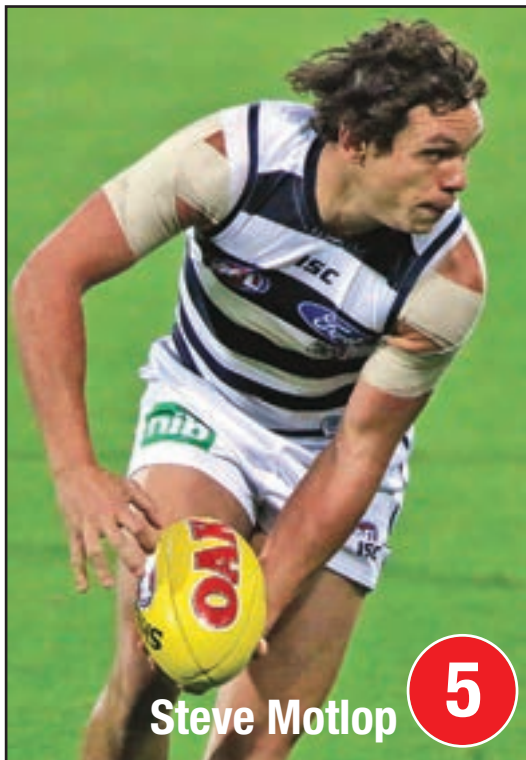
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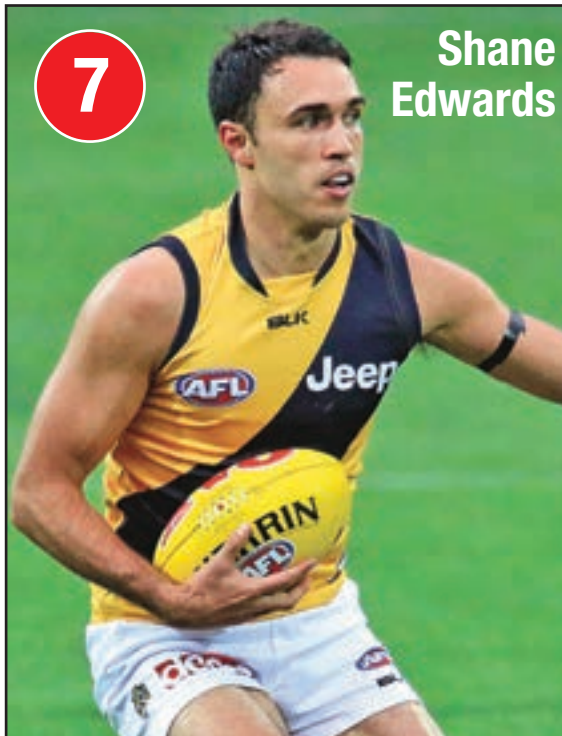
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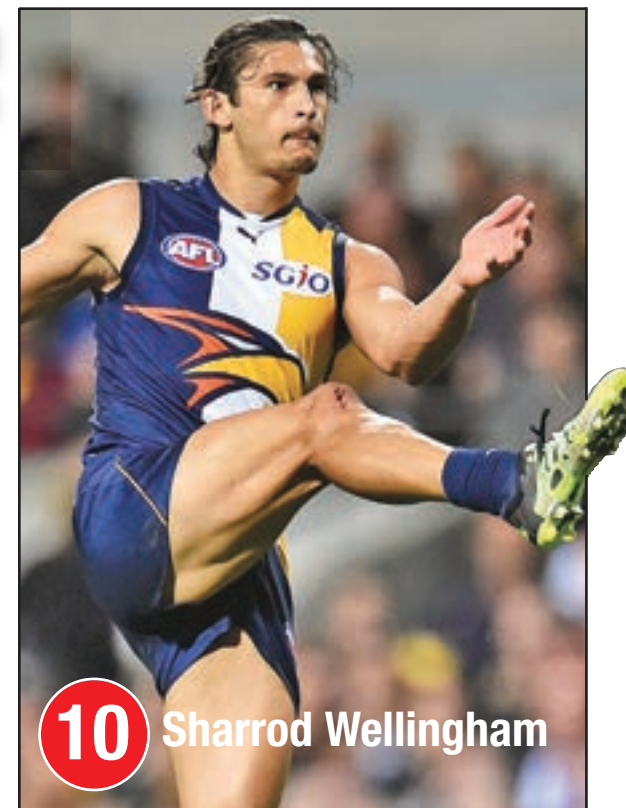
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AFL stars for 2015

Of the 74 Indigenous players on the senior and rookie lists during this year's AFL season, who were the best? Here, *Koori Mail* AFL writer Peter Argent lists his top 10 players of 2015. He stresses he chose his best based on all-round impact on the game and, while there was no doubt about the top three, it was a tough job to pick the number one. Honourable mentions also go to Adam Goodes (Sydney), Brad Hill (Hawthorn) and Allen Christensen (Brisbane).

1. Cyril Rioli (Hawthorn): Rioli, a Tiwi Islander with a huge heritage in the game, won the Norm Smith Medal as best on ground in the grand final, and this led to his placement at number one. Along with a second All Australian jumper, he averaged exactly 15 possessions a game over the minor round and kicked 35.20. Rioli's tackling was a feature and he was the most exciting footballer in the league with ball in hand. He finished second at Hawthorn's best and fairest awards night.

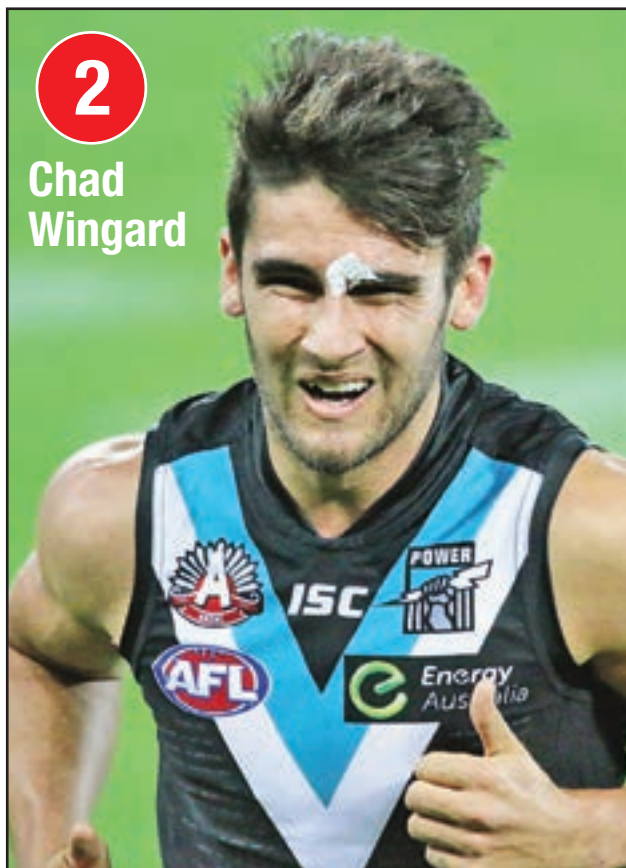
2. Chad Wingard (Port Adelaide): A freakish small forward with an innate goal-kicking ability, terrific football sense and marking ability for his size second to none, Wingard collected his second All Australian honours in 2015 and finished with 53 goals for the 2015 season. He averaged 19.2 disposals a game and won 55 clearances, along with laying 67 tackles. Wingard is the favourite to win a second Jack Cahill Medal (Power best and fairest footballer) at the club's annual awards on December 5, adding to his first in 2013.

3. Eddie Betts (Adelaide): Moving across to Adelaide from the Blues last year, Betts produced a career-best season. He also secured his first All Australian team selection. From his 21 games this year he kicked another career-high 58 goals to finish third in the John Coleman Medal (for most goals in the home-and-away season). He also finished third in the 2015 Malcolm Blight Medal, the Crows' top individual honour.

4. Shaun Burgoyne (Hawthorn): Cool and composed in any situation, Burgoyne is one of the most versatile footballers in the competition. He averaged 19.2 possessions a game and is noted for his exceptional finishing skills. In the Peter Crimmins Medal, Hawthorn's best and fairest award, he was a highly respectable fifth. Turning 33 on October 21, Burgoyne is just five games away from joining the 300 AFL games club.



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Cyril Rioli



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Chad Wingard

5. Steve Motlop (Geelong): Motlop had a breakout season in what was a modest year for the Cats. Electrifying with his pace, he found plenty of the ball, averaging 22 disposals a game over the 2015

campaign, including a career-high 33 possessions against St Kilda in round 21. He signed a two-year contract (to 2017) and finished second in the 'Carij' Greeves Medal, Geelong's best and fairest award.

6. Stephen Hill (Fremantle): A brilliant ball-carrying wingman with the Dockers, Hill had another consistent season. He averaged 24 touches a game over 2015 and had a career-best 32 possessions in the round-18 win over GSW. His statistics were five disposals a game up on his career average. This year he finished third in the Doig Medal for Fremantle's best and fairest.

7. Shane Edwards (Richmond): While Edwards missed seven games this season, he was a barometer for how the Tigers were travelling in 2015. He played some of the best football of his career in the first half of the year. Smart and creative, he missed five games this season due to a fracture in his leg sustained during round 15 against Carlton. His impact at Richmond when playing was pivotal.

8. Travis Varcoe (Collingwood): Moving across to the Magpies in the off season after two flags with the Cats, South Australian Varcoe continued to excel. He returned to his form of 2011, averaging 17 disposals a game, and his strength was his consistency. He was a respectable 10th in the Copeland Trophy (Collingwood's best and fairest) count, and is highly respected by his teammates.

9. Michael Walters (Fremantle): Like the top three selections, Walters is one of the elite small forwards in the AFL. Fifth in his club's Doig Medal (best and fairest) count, Walters was also the minor premier's leading goalkicker in 2015. His statistics are remarkably similar to those of 2013, when Fremantle made their first grand final.

10. Sharrod Wellingham (West Coast): After two winters in the wilderness, Wellingham justified West Coast's reason for trading him in the 2012-13 off season. He returned to the form of 2010-11 where he was a key part of the Magpies' on-ball rotations. He was a solid ninth in the West Coast Eagles' John Worsfold Medal best and fairest count.



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Eddie Betts



4
Shaun Burgoyne



Jenni-Sue Hoepper with her NRL Women's Player of the Year medal.

Hoepper named Women's Player of the Year

By ALF WILSON



JENNI-SUE Hoepper may be just 165cm high, but she stands tall among Australian rugby league footballers after being named Women's Player of the Year at the NRL's Dally M presentation night in Sydney.

It was the first time the women's award was presented, and Hoepper, of Saibai Island (Torres Strait) descent, said she was deeply honoured.

Hoepper, who has represented the Australian Jillaroos women's side for the past three years, was a member of the team that won the Women's World Cup in England three years ago.

She is the current Australian and Queensland five-eighth, and led the Jillaroos to a win over the New Zealand Ferns at Suncorp Stadium earlier this year. She also steered the Queensland team to a draw against NSW in the women's State of Origin clash.

Born in Cairns, Hoepper is an NRL development officer in Townsville, working with young male and female rugby league players around north Queensland.

At just 21, she believes she has a lot more to offer the game she loves.

And she firmly believes women's rugby league will only get bigger in years to come.

"Lots of Indigenous women footballers, especially outside backs, possess speed, but now they also have strength, which makes them so good," Hoepper said.

'Mango' was my favourite

MATT Bowen was my favourite NRL player. As much as I praise the mastery of Johnathan Thurston and admire the grace of Greg Inglis, a piece of Matt 'Mango' Bowen magic was something in a class of its own.

The thing I most enjoyed about watching him play was his obvious love for the game. His partnership with JT provided some of the great highlights of the game during their time together at the Cowboys.

It would have been fitting if he could have been part of their grand final success as he had played more games than anyone on North Queensland's 20-year trek to a maiden NRL premiership.

But six days after watching his former Cowboys teammates claim the ultimate prize, Matt was denied an English Super League grand final win, signing off after 16 years as a professional player in his club Wigan's 22-20 loss to Leeds.

Bowen fittingly scored a solo try beyond the imagination of most players, eluding five defenders, in his last appearance to put Wigan ahead 18-16 with 31 minutes remaining.

The 270-game Cowboy added a penalty goal to extend the lead to four points, but Leeds' converted try, which Josh Walters scored from a bomb, sealed the deal before 73,512 spectators in Manchester.

Bowen cradled the ball like a baby after scoring his try to celebrate the birth of his third child the night before. He later posted a photo on Instagram of his wife Rudi, children Diaz and MJ, and newborn Tatum.

As disappointing as a grand final loss is, I am certain that with the birth of his new daughter he would have been content with life and all he has achieved in the game.

I remember Dean Widders telling the story of when he spent three days travelling around North Queensland with Matt in the early days of his time at the Cowboys.

Bowen followed Dean around the classrooms in Mossman and religiously followed Dean's lead in answering questions from the kids.

Back in the car, Dean was lucky to get three words out of the shy kid from Hope Vale!

The only time he came to life was when he visited his old school at Abergowrie, where he played touch until the dim floodlights were turned off for the night.

He was in his element as the kids creatively threw the ball around and it was that skill that he fearlessly displayed when playing at NRL level.

He could do things that others would not even dare to dream of doing.

I remember one game when the Cowboys were playing the Bulldogs at Suncorp Stadium. You could have

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With PRESTON CAMPBELL

sworn that Bowen and Thurston were two of the uninhibited kids plucked from playing touch at Abergowrie as they stunned the Bulldogs with their combinations that could only be created by a special chemistry.

I'm not sure how he felt because



'Mango' magic: Matt Bowen on the attack.

he was so tongue-tied he could hardly speak.

Bowen did all his talking on the field. I can't remember any footballer who spoke less and said more.

Every time he played a game his body language said how much he loved the game of rugby league.

Every run he made shouted out "This is fun." Every tackle was a

lecture that started and finished with the words, "This is how it's done."

And every time he featured on a television screen in an Indigenous community around the country he held up a sign emblazoned with the words, "You can do anything if you want it bad enough."

Matt Bowen knew he wanted it at an early age.

His father Richard had a property out Hope Vale way. His mother Lillian raised six kids and then went out and qualified as a teacher.

Every one of the Bowen kids stayed at school, worked hard and got a job. They never gave their parents a day's worry.

Matt's four older brothers were all good footy players, but he was the one. At 12 he followed his brothers to Abergowrie College, a boarding school in the middle of a cane field 40km west of Ingham.

At 14 he played in shoes for the first time. A year later he was in the school's first grade side.

In Year 12 he was five-eighth and star player, and little Abergowrie had the top football team in Queensland.

The Cowboys signed him at 15.

When he arrived at the age of 18 they were worried that the big-smoke of Townsville might be too much for him, to say nothing of grade footballers.

They started him off at local club Souths. He was selected to play Foley Shield first year out of school and scored five tries from fullback in his first game.

He could do anything. His Origin teammates would marvel at how gifted he was with a pool cue or ping pong bat.

Any game, any competition they played in camp, Mango would win.

He didn't drink or smoke, didn't play up or get into trouble. He just played footy, and had fun doing it.

There was that intercept to win Origin 1 in 2005; the last-second try from lock that sunk the Broncos in 2012.

His YouTube highlights package shows him felling a rampaging Willie Mason in Origin and running down Billy Slater in a club game.

His pace off the mark was such that TV commentator Andrew Voss once exclaimed, "Bowen's been shot out of a cannon!"

He was the kind of player that makes people go the footy; the type that makes us enjoy

the game as much as he did.

They say everybody is replaceable. But maybe not in the case of Matt Bowen.

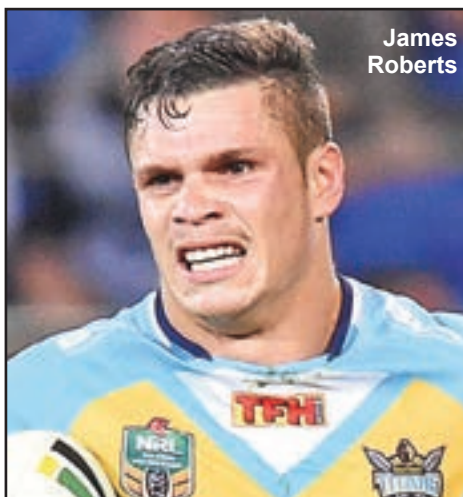
I'd argue that we'll never see anything quite like him again.

A little bloke from Hope Vale who made a huge statement without ever having to shoot his mouth off.

I wish he was still playing!



Tyrone Peachey



James Roberts



Greg Inglis



Will Chambers

My NRL top 10

IN being asked to nominate my best 10 Indigenous NRL players for 2015, I have decided not to rank them and also to base my judgment on the players who excited me the most.

Johnathan Thurston will be the one exception because if ever a player deserved to stand out from the pack it is JT.

Thurston was not only the best Indigenous player in the game, he was the best player in the NRL.

His awards are too long to list and hopefully he has had time to spend with his family and reflect on all he's achieved.

His mate **Justin Hodges** also deserves special praise, not just for his form but his leadership and inspiration of a young Broncos team to get within a minute of taking the premiership.

Hodgo has never received true recognition for his talents as a player. To my mind he has not only been one of the best centres of his era, he has been that rare player who can turn matches when it counts.

Leadership also helped define **Sam Thaiday's** season.

Being stripped of the captaincy by coach Wayne Bennett and then benched in the early rounds suggested that Sammy was on the outer at the Broncos.

But in typical fashion, Thaiday used this as motivation to deliver one of his most consistent seasons ever. He became a leader by action.

The rise of **James Roberts** to win Dally M Centre of the Year was one of the great stories in the game. Last year when he was sacked by Penrith and picked up by the Titans he was on his last

Greats together: Johnathan Thurston, right, and Justin Hodges after this month's heart-stopping NRL grand final.



chance. His form this year is, I believe, only a glimpse of his true potential.

Over the next two years he could become a true superstar of the game.

Dane Gagai from the Knights has similar potential. In a team that disappointed, he was one of the few shining lights.

Gagai's debut for Queensland marked him as a player of true class and he will only develop with experience.

Like Roberts he can create an opportunity out of nothing.

Both of these players will aspire to follow in the footsteps of **Greg Inglis**.

GI had an injury-plagued year, and many suggested the burden of leadership was too much for him to carry in a disappointing year for Rabbitohs fans.

Like JT, however, Greg is a true thoroughbred and, as his performance in the deciding Origin game proved, he performs

at his best under pressure.

With an extended off-season to rest and recover I expect him to bounce back to his awe-inspiring best next year.

A player who has learned a lot from GI is Melbourne Storm's **Will Chambers**. His consistency in attack and defence saw the Storm exceed the expectations of most critics.

His combination of strength and speed made him almost unstoppable close to the line.

At Origin level he has shown he can match it with the best and he is in our next group of Indigenous leaders in the game.

Joel Thompson was another player who took his game to another level this year. His toughness was a cornerstone of the Dragons' improved defensive efforts that took them to an unexpected place in the finals series. Thompson is also an attacking threat with the pace to attack the edges of the defensive line and the toughness to operate in the centre of the ruck.

At the Panthers, **Tyrone Peachey** did his family name proud, with his attacking game bringing fans to their feet every time he touched the ball.

At times he played like a centre or a five-eighth, with his creativity and sense of space causing havoc playing close to the ruck.

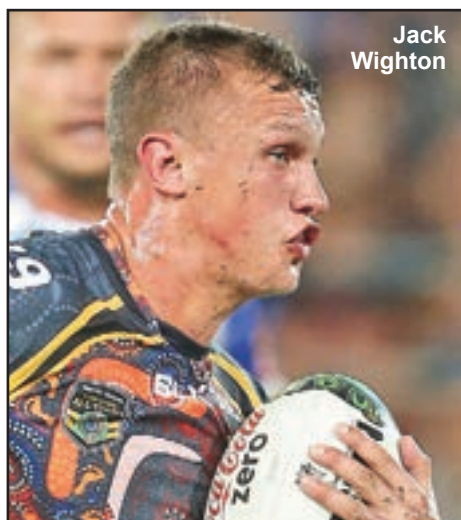
Peachey does not get enough respect for his toughness and his cover defence reminds me of another Panthers legend in Scott Sattler.

The final player in my group of 10 is Raiders fullback **Jack Wighton**. In an era of outstanding young fullbacks, he rates up there with the best of them.

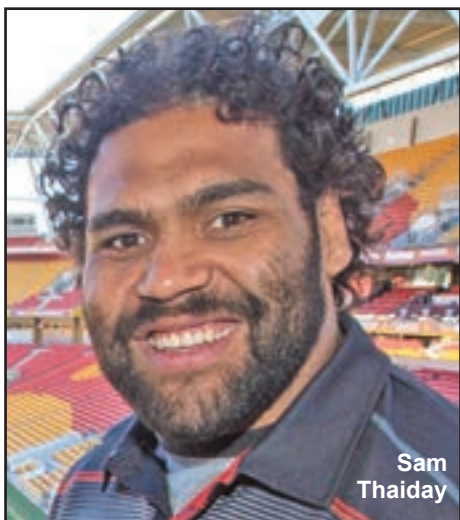
Wighton is that rare combination of footballer and athlete. But like JT and the other greats, he has a toughness and competitiveness that takes him to the next level.

There's my top 10. I am sure there will be plenty of debate, but these are the players that caught my eye across a season that ended with JT cementing his status in the game.

— Preston Campbell



Jack Wighton



Sam Thaiday



Joel Thompson



Dane Gagai

Barty to give cricket a go



SHE made her name as a tennis star, but now Ash Barty's sights are set firmly on cricket.

The Indigenous 19-year-old, from Ipswich, has joined the Brisbane Heat for this summer's Women's Big Bash League competition.

She's already showing as a cricketer the same sporting prowess that earned her a world No. 129 ranking in tennis and the Wimbledon Girls title in 2011.

It's a remarkable career change, with Barty having only taken up cricket in July.

She appears to be a quick learner, scoring 63 from 60 balls and taking 2-13 from four overs playing for Western Suburbs in a recent Brisbane's Women's Premier Cricket competition game.

"The girls and (coach) Andy (Richards) have been brilliant at helping out, as I was basically starting from scratch," Barty said.

"I'd played cricket in the backyard and mucking around at school, but this was a big challenge," she said.

"Getting the basics right has been the focus since I started to train. I am obviously still learning, but being part of a team is something I really was keen to experience and I am very grateful to everyone who has helped me with that."

Coach Richards has applauded Barty's desire and willingness to learn and develop her cricket skills.

"It is early days of course, but Ash is enjoying being part of a team and is learning every time she picks up a bat in the nets or goes on the field to play," he said.

"She's fitted in really well and it's a credit to her the way she has gone about things. Ash works hard and she is not afraid to ask questions and then go away and concentrate on the areas where she wants to improve."

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Another Ash joins Big Bash League



ASHLEIGH Barty isn't the only Indigenous star in this season's Women's Big Bash League (WBBL).

Ashleigh Gardner has joined the Sydney Sixers for her first season in the league.

The NSW all-rounder grew up in Sydney and, at only 18, is the youngest member of the Sixers WBBL squad and regarded as one of the brightest young talents in Australian cricket.

She was recently selected for the Shooting Stars squad after her performance for the Breakers last summer.

Gardner said she was excited to join the Sixers for the first year of the WBBL.

She was named Women's Player of the Tournament at this year's Imparja Cup, and was the first woman to win the Lord Taverners Indigenous Cricketer of the Year award in 2014-15.

"It was very important for me to win that (award), because obviously I'm the first female cricketer and for Imparja cricket it's great to be known as one of the best there," she said.

Sixers WBBL coach Ben Sawyer praised Gardner's talent.

"This season she has forced her way into the Breakers WNCL squad after having a very good under-18s tournament last year. She is a hard-hitting batter and an attacking off-spin bowler and is sure to play a big role in WBBL 1."

Sydney Sixers signing Ashleigh Gardner shows her style.

Strong field for awards

Beryl Friday in action on the netball court.



Rising star fired up for big future

By PETER ARGENT

RISING Aboriginal netball star Beryl Friday is on the threshold of a career at the elite level.

Starting her netball as an eight-year-old in the North Queensland town of Ingham, she is now a regular in the Queensland Firebirds line-up that scored a thrilling 57-56 win in this year's ANZ Championship grand final.

Friday's ability has been underlined by her selection for the Leigh Ann Goodwin Encouragement Award at the Indigenous Sport Qld Awards.

Standing 184cm tall, the 21-year-old plays either goal attack or goal shooter.

It has been a long journey for Friday, who as a girl preferred soccer to netball.

"I'm one of five siblings and we

played a number of sports (as kids) including softball, athletics and soccer, along with netball," she told the *Koori Mail*. "Initially netball wasn't my first love.

(Former Australian Diamond) Vicki Wilson found me in a training camp as a youngster."

Friday's talent was obvious early on, and she played representative netball throughout her teens.

Friday has played in Queensland age teams and for Australia at 21-and-under level.

"Josie Janz-Dawson from the West Coast Fever is a Thursday Islander, and I believe I am the first person of Aboriginal heritage to be on an ANZ Championship list," she said.

"But, I don't think being a pioneer puts any more pressure on me. Along with my netball I still have a day job."



JOHNATHAN Thurston has won the Eddie Gilbert Medal – awarded to the person judged Queensland's

finest Indigenous sports person – for the second time.

At a glittering 5th Indigenous Sport Queensland (ISQ) awards ceremony at Brisbane City Hall last Friday night, Thurston was named this year's medallist ahead of an impressive list of candidates.

Thurston was the winner of the inaugural medal in 2007.

The North Queensland Cowboy, Queensland State of Origin and Australian rugby league star saved the best to last, having won the Dally M Medal for a record fourth time and leading the Cowboys to a stunning win over the Brisbane Broncos in the National Rugby League grand final at the Sydney Olympic Stadium.

One of the potential candidates for the Eddie Gilbert Medal was another rugby league star – retiring Brisbane Broncos captain Justin Hodges. He was gracious in defeat in his final appearance as an elite rugby league player.

Other winners

Several other award winners were announced at the ISQ awards.

Rising netballer Beryl Friday won the Leigh Ann Goodwin Encouragement Award, young Sunshine Coast amateur boxer Dana Coolwell took home the Catherine Freeman Encouragement Award, and Jason Joinbee was the Volunteer Award recipient.

Regional winners were softbiller Janice Blackman (south-east Queensland), rugby league star Latoya Billy (far north Queensland) and rugby league player Yamba Bowie (north Queensland).

Friday plays with the Brisbane Firebirds in the national ANZ Championship and is a member of the Australian under-19 team. It seems just a matter of time before she becomes an Australian Diamond.

Coolwell is not long back from the International Boxing Association Junior World Championships in Belarus, where he was eliminated in his first bout.

He is still at high school and shows huge promise.

Blackman, 19, has already represented Australia in softball, joining fellow Indigenous stars Vanessa Stokes and Stacey Porter.



Redfern All Blacks and Kempsey players and supporters celebrate after the NSW Knockout women's grand final. Redfern downed Kempsey 28-10 to take the title.

Back to Sydney



NEXT year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout will definitely be held in Sydney.

Redfern All Blacks president Lisa Williams, responding to rumours about other potential venues for the competition, confirmed that much to the *Koori Mail* late last week.

Redfern won the right to host the 2016 Knockout after a thrilling golden point extra-time win over Newcastle All Blacks at the event

Knockout will definitely be played in city

held in Dubbo this month.

The club underlined its success when the Redfern All Blacks women downed Kempsey in their final to

give the famous club a memorable double.

Williams was delighted with the results. "I know there are rumours out there, but I can say Redfern will be proudly hosting next year's Knockout in Sydney," she said.

"We'll be meeting to discuss the 2016 event after assessing this year's Knockout and talking with organisers from the Walgett Aboriginal Connection (which hosted the Dubbo Knockout)."

Steven Walker



Redfern produces players of series

REDFERN All Blacks produced this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout male and female players of the series.

Steven Walker (Redfern All Blacks No. 1) and Nakia Davis-Welsh took the top player honours, and were sponsored by NSW Fair Trading.

It was the first time Walker had played in a Knockout carnival, while Davis-Welsh – the daughter of former Balmain Tigers rugby league star Paul Davis – represented Australia in the Indigenous Women's All Star team in February 2013.

Nakia Davis-Welsh



Kempsey players tackle a Redfern All Blacks attacker during the Knockout women's grand final in Dubbo.



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JT wins again



JOHNATHAN Thurston has taken yet another honour in what has been a great year for the rugby league superstar.

Fresh from winning an unprecedented fourth Dally M Medal for NRL player of the season, 'JT' has now taken this year's Eddie Gilbert Medal, awarded to the person

judged Queensland's finest Indigenous sportsperson, for the second time.

All this on top of a brilliant NRL grand final-winning performance for the North Queensland Cowboys.

Thurston won the Eddie Gilbert Medal ahead of an impressive field of contenders.

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Johnathan Thurston

Ball battle at Bendigo



NETBALLERS Amber Barker-Lovett, from the Lake Condah Wanderers (in blue), and Tyler Atkinson, of Shepparton's Black Eagles, battle for the ball at Victoria's Statewide Koori Football and Netball Carnival, held last weekend in Bendigo. Turn to pages 60-61 for our coverage. Picture: Jillian Mundy

Ash to have a bash with Brisbane Heat



SHE was a rising tennis champion, but now Ashleigh Barty has decided to give cricket a bash. The former junior Wimbledon champion has joined the Brisbane Heat for this summer's Women's Big Bash League competition. And she's not the only Indigenous player in the competition. Get the full story on page 66.



Who made our top 10?

Who were the 10 best Indigenous players in the AFL and the NRL this year? Find out what our writers thought on pages 64-65 (rugby league) and 62-63 (Australian rules football).



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