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Monster celebration at Uluru

ANANGU women from Ernabella, on the APY Lands in the far north of South Australia, perform the Mamu (monster) inma (ceremony) as part of the 30th anniversary celebrations marking the return of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park lands to their rightful owners. Hundreds came from around Australia for the landmark event. See our report on page 5, extensive photographic coverage on pages 30-33 and Eastwood's comment on page 20.

Picture: Jillian Mundy



New blood



Jackie Huggins

Congress co-chairs named



THERE are new co-chairs at the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Jackie Huggins and Rod Little have been elected to the top roles at the national representative body, replacing co-chairs Kirstie

Parker and Les Malezer.

Dr Huggins, a Bidjara/Birri Gubba Juru woman from Queensland, has worked in many fields including as an author and historian.

Mr Little, a Yamaji and Nyoongar man from Western Australia now living in Canberra, has been a member of the ACT Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander elected body since 2008 and chairperson since 2011.

Their election comes as confirmed results are awaited from last Saturday's NSW Aboriginal Land Council elections.

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Rod Little



Buddy on way back

AFL star Lance Franklin a certain starter in the Sydney Swans' pre-season program.

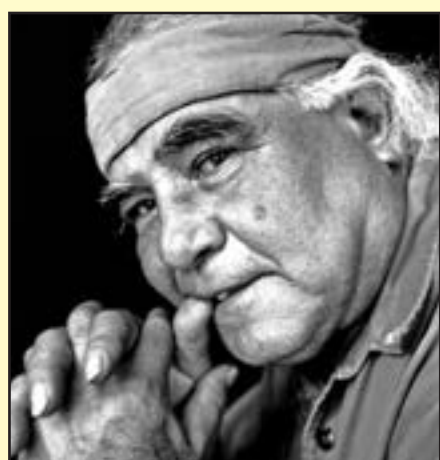
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Physical – that's his type of game

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● Above: Candy Towers and her grandmother Beryl Dates.

Guudji Yiigu, my name is Candy and I would like to share with you a short, powerful story of my beautiful and courageous grandmother Beryl Dates.

Nan Dates was born on February 22, 1930, in Echuca, Victoria. Nan had six brothers and six sisters. Now there is only Nan and one brother, Uncle Archie Walker.

Nan identifies as an Indigenous Australian from the Yorta Yorta Nation in Victoria. She was raised at Cummeragunja mission. In 1943 Nan was 13 and worked knitting socks for the Army, but wasn't paid until 2002.

Nan left Cummeragunja in 1954 when she was 24 and went to Karuah mission in the NSW Hunter Valley to visit her sister. While there she met a beautiful young man named Leonard Andrew Dates, a man from the Worimi Nation.

"We instantly fell in love," Nan said. Pop Dates was born on Karuah mission on April 4, 1923. A hardworking man, he bought a house in Carrington.

Pop Dates died in 1981 when Nan was 51. As a mother and grandmother she was always determined to set a good example for her children and grandchildren.

Nan never did sleep alone after Pop Dates died. In her small three-bedroom home, there were grandkids who slept in every room. Once

Nan's bed was full and the other two rooms then the floors were covered with blankets to sleep on for the rest of the kids. I remember Nan always had this huge pot on top of the stove ready to cook for all her grandchildren.

Nan has never – not once in her life – smoked or consumed alcohol. Nan has always had her Aboriginal bush medicine. It comes from her land in Yorta Yorta country. It is a plant that she boils and turns it into a liquid that she drinks every day. This is what has kept her healthy.

Anyone in the family who gets sick goes to Nan for the medicine. When Nan is low on the medicine she travels to Yorta Yorta country to get more. The medicine is called 'old man weed'.

Nan is now 85 and she does her artwork every day. Her main artwork consists of dots, mostly small dots, and she does not wear any glasses.

Nan has nine children, 48 grandchildren, 138 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren with another on the way. She also reared 22 of her grandchildren.

Nan Dates is deeply proud of her Aboriginal heritage and has always been passionate about preserving the culture of her ancestors.

I am proud to have shared my Nan Dates with you.

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OUR CHILDREN



Boys dance at the 30th anniversary celebrations of the handback of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. See pages 30-34 for more coverage. Picture: Jillian Mundy

Yarrabah in tune for big night



THE far north Queensland community of Yarrabah is set to triple its population on Saturday,

November 14, when the third annual Yarrabah Band Festival is staged, reuniting descendants of a historic Aboriginal brass band with a major line-up of artists.

In 2013, local Elders asked Queensland Music Festival (QMF) artistic director and trumpet maestro James Morrison to help revive the Yarrabah Brass Band, which was one of the few positive focal points for the community when it was an Anglican mission.

The event has grown to become the community's biggest night of music, art and food, attracting thousands of visitors and a line-up of local and interstate musicians.

Blue King Brown, Aboriginal singer-songwriter Shellie Morris and Torres Strait Islander guitarist Chris Tamwoy will take to the stage alongside local performers Elverina Johnson and Djun Djun Jara.

James Morrison will make a special guest appearance again this year, jamming alongside artists and



The Yarrabah Brass Band at rehearsal. Picture: Colyn Huber

co-hosting with MC and performer David Hudson.

Students from St Augustine's College, who took part in the 2014 Yarrabah Band Festival, will join the Yarrabah Brass Band on

stage, while hundreds of Yarrabah students will get the opportunity to learn music from professionals when QMF hosts a two-week residency at the Yarrabah State School.

Mr Morrison, who finished his tenure as artistic director of Queensland Music Festival in September, said the Yarrabah Band Festival was one of his favourite events of the year.

"The history of the Brass Band, the rich musical talent on offer in tropical north Queensland and the welcoming nature of the community make it such a special night," he said.

New co-chairs for Congress



JACKIE Huggins and Rod Little have been elected as the new co-chairs of the National

Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Dr Huggins is a Bidjara/Birri Gubba Juru woman from Queensland, who has worked in many different fields, including as an author and historian. Mr Little, a Yamaji and Nyoongar man from Western Australia currently living in Canberra, has been a member of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elected body since 2008 and chairperson since 2011.

Redfern identity Norma Ingram, a Wiradjuri woman, was elected as a chamber-two female director, and Katie Kiss, a Kaanju/Wiri woman from far north Queensland, was elected for chamber three.

Congress chief executive Geoff Scott said the co-chairs-elect, together with the national board, would lead the organisation into its next phase.

"I congratulate Mr Little and Ms Huggins in securing a mandate from our members," he said. "Co-chair elections are an important pillar of Congress as a national representative body.

"Every member has the right to stand and vote in these

Congress co-chairs-elect Jackie Huggins and Rod Little.



elections that also deliver on our commitments to gender equity.

"I acknowledge and thank the strong field of candidates that stood in our organisation's third round of elections.

"The co-chairs-elect, together with the national board, will build on Congress's work initiated and driven by our current board.

Tribute

"On behalf of the board, members and staff, I pay tribute to the significant contribution and achievements of former co-chairs Les Malezer, a Gubbi Gubbi-Butchulla man from Queensland, and Kirstie Parker, a Yuwalarai woman from NSW.

"I'd also like to thank outgoing director, Wiradjuri woman Amala

Groom, for her hard work and dedication to Congress."

In her candidate statement before the poll, Dr Huggins listed as highlights of her career her work in reconciliation, with the Stolen Generations, education, the arts and leadership.

In his pre-election statement, Mr Little pledged to continue to pursue the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the elimination of discrimination against Indigenous people.

Elections were conducted by an independent returning officer from the Australian Election Commission.

The Congress co-chairs will serve a two-year term, beginning on November 27.



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A plus for Thompson



ART and fashion collide in the latest exhibition

of works *Collection+* by Bidjara (Queensland) artist Christian Thompson.

The exhibition, at the Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation (SCAF) in Sydney, includes photography, sculpture, performance, film and video works.

In 2010, Thompson became the first Aboriginal Australian to be admitted to Oxford University in England in its 900-year history. He now holds a Doctorate of Philosophy (Fine Art) from Oxford, a Masters in Theatre from DasArts (Amsterdam) and other degrees.

Collection+: Christian Thompson runs until December 12 at SCAF, 16-20 Goodhope St, Paddington.

● Left: *Untitled (Blue Gum)* 2007, by Christian Thompson.

● Right: *Untitled (Marcia Langton)* from the *Blaks Palace* series, 2002, by Christian Thompson.



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Goodes has a new role



ABORIGINAL man Adam Goodes has revealed his first professional role since retiring from

the AFL in September: adviser to retail giant David Jones on Indigenous reconciliation.

David Jones has signed the former Australian of the Year as a brand ambassador, and Goodes stars in the department store's new brand campaign alongside fellow ambassadors rock musician Tim Rogers and model Jessica Gomes.

Goodes' role will also see him advise the retailer on areas related to Indigenous reconciliation, which he said formed part of his quest to create a more equal Australia.

The dual Brownlow Medallist said in a statement he was committed to using his name to create a better Australia for all and believed the role gave him an opportunity to do this.

"Many months ago I met with the team from David Jones and the topic of whether I would advise them to develop a RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) came up," he said.

"I believe when organisations such as David Jones have a RAP they play an important role



Adam Goodes

in closing the gap by creating an inclusive society and promoting change. When they can use their voice to inspire positive change for the environment and community more generally, others will stand up and follow."

David Jones was flooded with messages of support after an initial social media backlash over its appointment of Goodes.

The 'booing' and other negative comments on the store's Facebook page echoed the reaction Goodes received from some football spectators.

But there was also support for Goodes and DJs.

"The racism is strong tonight. It's weird how he scares you all so much. Such a strong reaction from the keyboard warriors," wrote Belinda Nash.

"The racist comments posted

here only prove that Adam Goodes was the victim of a concerted campaign of racial vilification. David Jones has been and continues to be my favourite store," wrote Carol Connolly.

"Milestone for DJs. More Indigenous faces on screens, in advertising, in movies and TV. It's time we acknowledged the legitimacy of these people in all possible ways. And what better guy to lead the charge but Adam Goodes," wrote Luke Devine.

It was a busy week for racist trolls on social media, after Logie-winning Larrakia actor Miranda Tapsell was abused for explaining on TV show *The Verdict* that she didn't feel Australian on Australia Day.

And when Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi journalist Stan Grant wrote a piece for *Guardian Australia* supporting Ms Tapsell, Goodes and Yorta Yorta opera singer Deborah Cheetham's decision to turn down singing the national anthem at the AFL grand final, he copped a torrent of racial abuse too. – *With AAP*

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Yawuru man battles CSG

By RUDI MAXWELL



YAWURU man Micklo Corpus has been camping at Yulleroo, 70km east of Broome in the Kimberley, for 18 months, trying to stop coal seam gas mining on his country. Last week, when he

blocked Buru Energy trucks by sitting on the road, police issued Mr Corpus with a move-on notice.

Mr Corpus told the *Koori Mail* that he and other Yawuru people had grave concerns about the controversial process of hydraulic fracturing – or fracking – in which a mix of toxic chemicals is blasted into a coal seam to release gas.

"Last year the Yawuru had a meeting and 96% of our people out of 152 voted against fracking," he said.

"But we also said if Buru wants to frack they should come and talk with us."

Mr Corpus said he had received a letter from the WA Government, telling him that he has to leave because he is camped on a stock route. The Yawuru people are currently considering filing a native title claim over the stock route.

"There's a dispute. Yawuru haven't made any agreement on how to use the route. We're sure it doesn't extinguish our native title rights and I'm sure our native title rights are being suppressed," he said.

The Yawuru people had their native title recognised over the area in 2006, but it doesn't give the traditional owners the right to say 'no' to mining on their land.

"The Government has a gun to our heads and is telling us we can't say no. My response is that this is my country, we can say no, we can say yes, but we'll do it without a gun held to our heads," he said.

Mr Corpus said he had spoken with native title lawyers, who told him there is no veto to mining for native title holders under Australian law.

But he points out that Yawuru law predates Australian law by thousands of years and he doesn't see why looking after country is trumped by mining interests.

"Responsibility"

"It's the white man's way and I understand that, but I don't agree with it," he said. "I am a traditional owner. This is my country. I have the right and responsibility under traditional law to look after my country."

"Under the *Native Title Act* we have the right to negotiate for an interest in what's under the ground in our land. But we should be able to say no, and control that gate. We should be able to say who should come in and when. And if there is a catastrophic event, we should be able to lock that gate."

"The Government gave approval to Buru, saying that there would be little impact on our country. But tampering with our water should be zero tolerance."

"It's not our place as cultural people to pass on dirty water to our children. We were given clean water and we need to pass that on."

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Micklo Corpus protests against coal seam gas mining at Yulleroo.

Struggle at Uluru



THE small community of Mutitjulu, on the eastern side of Uluru, is still struggling 30 years after the rock was officially handed back.

It was expected that jobs and development opportunities would follow, but that hasn't been the case, even as tourist dollars have poured into Yulara, on the other side of Uluru.

The small tourism township has reaped most of the benefits of 300,000 people flocking annually to see the spiritual heart of the country.

But of 250 Aboriginal people employed at the Ayers Rock Resort, only five are Anangu people from Mutitjulu, and, of the town's 400-odd population, 254 are on the dole and struggling to make a living.

At the 30th anniversary of the handback of Uluru and Kata Tjuta in Mutitjulu on Monday, October 26, locals were keenly aware of the disparity, as executive member of the Central Land Council (CLC) Vincent Forrester explained.

"It's a good thing that happened that day 30 years ago, but I tell you what, we have a long way to go as a nation of people," he said. "We had visions of developing our own economic base, using industry. But I'm afraid those sorts of things have been a bit short-changed."

Mr Forrester said "the mistakes of successive Labor and Liberal federal and territory governments were on display in Mutitjulu".

"Still living in third-world conditions here," he said. "You people from the city, your eye will tell you no lie; it's there for all the world to see."

Mr Forrester called on governments to empower the locals, and to fulfil the hope he saw on the faces of those families who received the title deeds from then Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen three decades ago.

Barbara Tjikatu, whose husband



Anangu traditional owner Reggie Uluru holds a famous photograph of Uluru handback day in 1985. In it he is holding official documents in the air when he wore a younger man's clothes. Pictured beside him in 2015 are Ken Wilson and Jean Reid-Uluru. Picture: Jillian Mundy

received the title deeds, said she was happy to celebrate the long, difficult fight that Elders faced in the years leading up to the handback.

"We want government and Anangu to work together," she said.

Northern Territory Labor senator Nova

Peris said it was the role of politicians to ensure the Anangu culture could sustain what was inherited.

"We have gathered here at Mutitjulu, a community of 400 people struggling to make a living in the shadow of this international tourism icon, the spiritual

heart of Australia," she said.

"And Yulara is down the road, glittering in prosperity from the tourism developments over the last 30 years; the differences between the two places are stark."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said governments and communities needed to work together to continue to advance the interests of local Aboriginal people.

Locals will be employed in the redevelopment of an adult education centre, he said, and more ranger jobs would be available to work on a neighbouring, newly-declared Indigenous protected area of five million hectares.

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park board chair Sammy Wilson said there was a lot of interest in the park, but the Anangu people seemed to be missing out.

The park employs 14 rangers. Of these, five are Aboriginal-identified positions, three are filled by Anangu, with two vacant.

Parks Australia staff said barriers to employing Anangu were lack of literacy, numeracy and English speaking skills, and access to training opportunities.

Mr Wilson criticised the Federal Government for directing most of its funding to the Ayers Rock Resort.

"It seems like a big vacuum cleaner is sucking everything away," he said.

"This place (Uluru) is our culture here, but it's ending up over there (at the resort); it should be here."

Mr Wilson said Anangu wanted to be treated as equals by the Government, saying that when promises by prime ministers are made, they are in "two tongues".

"He'll promise me and then there's the other one, where he's got two tongues," Mr Wilson said.

He said he wanted to see young people take over leadership of the tour company owned and run by residents from Mutitjulu. – AAP, with Jillian Mundy

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Healthy results at Ali Curung



A dog looks for a drink at the school in Ali Curung, a remote community in the Barkly region, NT. Indigenous Community Volunteers has worked with the community on a project that has improved the health of local people and dogs.



A PROJECT in Ali Curung, north of Alice Springs, has seen the community's beloved dogs become healthier and, as a result, children in the region have been noticeably less sick.

Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) has been given a ringing endorsement for two of its programs by independent consultants KPMG, which assessed the social and economic impacts of ICV's community development programs in Ali Curung as well as Pinjarra, south of Perth.

The Ali Curung project aimed to improve the health of humans and dogs through a multi-disciplinary education program.

The term Ali Curung (Alekarengge) is Kaiditch (Kaytetye) meaning country of the dog, dog area or dog dreaming. It refers to an area of land visited by ancestral dogs during their travels around the country. Two significant dog dreaming sites are within 6km of the Ali Curung community.

After changes to the management of the dogs, children in Ali Curung became noticeably less sick and residents more proud of their caring role and connections to

their ancient culture.

The project included: classes delivered to students that focus on dog health, human health and dog dreaming; engagement with broader community groups through more informal means; teaching resources; a short video that delivers messages related to how to keep kids and their dogs healthy; 'Dogs Day out' (community sausage sizzle and games); students presenting to Barkly Shire Council on dog health issues and making recommendations for dog de-sexing and community education; multiple visits by vets and children involvement in their visits, and visits to the school by the health clinic nurse.

Positive

The report found that those involved found the project had a positive effect on them personally as well as the community.

"The ICV project in Ali Curung has the potential to contribute to ongoing economic and social impacts within the community," the report said. "These impacts include an improvement in animal health and management; a reduction in dog-related illness among the community population (particularly children); improved community pride and

wellbeing; and strengthened community connectedness."

In Pinjarra, the Murray Districts Aboriginal Association (MDAA) invited ICV volunteers to renovate a cultural centre. The project became the catalyst for other projects including a community garden and cooking classes that improved nutrition.

ICV chief executive Stephanie Harvey welcomed the KPMG report as a wonderful endorsement from a reputable research-based company.

"We began in Pinjarra to renovate a building, but because of the strength of our partnership developed over many years, we ended up strengthening the community's leadership also," she said.

"That's where the power of our work lies: in listening and building consensus about what the community wants to do. When a community has its own vision, with resources and support, it's more likely to own the process and realise that vision."

The report prompted strong testimony from Aboriginal community members, including MDAA's Karrie-Anne Kearing-Salmon.

"There have been lots of roadblocks in the past," she said. "ICV listened and found different ways to make things happen with us."

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Child death rate higher



A REPORT tabled in the NSW Parliament last week has found that rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child deaths in the state is 2.6 times higher than other children.

However, Indigenous infant mortality rates have decreased since 2000.

NSW Child Death Review Team convener, acting NSW Ombudsman Professor John McMillan, said the team's annual report for 2014 examined the deaths of 485 children registered in the state.

He said that while the total rate of child deaths in 2014 was the second-lowest since 2000, at a rate of 28.41 per 100,000, Indigenous children were overrepresented in child deaths in 2014, as has been the case in previous years.

"The rate of death for Indigenous children was 2.6 times that of non-Indigenous children, reinforcing the need for concerted and sustained efforts to address the vulnerabilities that Indigenous children face," Prof McMillan said.

He said the team also remained concerned about Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infancy (SUDI). Nearly 50 infants die suddenly and unexpectedly each year.

Almost one third (14) of the 45 infants whose deaths were classified as SUDI in NSW were Indigenous. Families with a child protection history have also been consistently overrepresented in SUDI. In 2014, more than one third of the families (17) of the 45 infants who died had a child protection history.

"Figures"

"While rates of sudden and unexpected infant deaths have been declining, figures in this report indicate that the decline may have plateaued," Prof McMillan said.

"The team will continue to monitor SUDI closely to identify where prevention efforts could be better targeted."

Last year, almost one in five (80) children died as a result of injury, including nine children who died in circumstances of abuse, and 22 children and young people whose deaths were attributed to suicide.

The report made eight recommendations to government agencies to reduce SUDI and also emphasises the critical role parents and carers play in preventing child deaths and serious injury.

Prof McMillan urged parents and carers to:

- make sure their babies sleep in a smoke-free and safe sleeping environment: alone in bedding designed for infants, on their back with their head and face uncovered, and without loose bedding or objects;

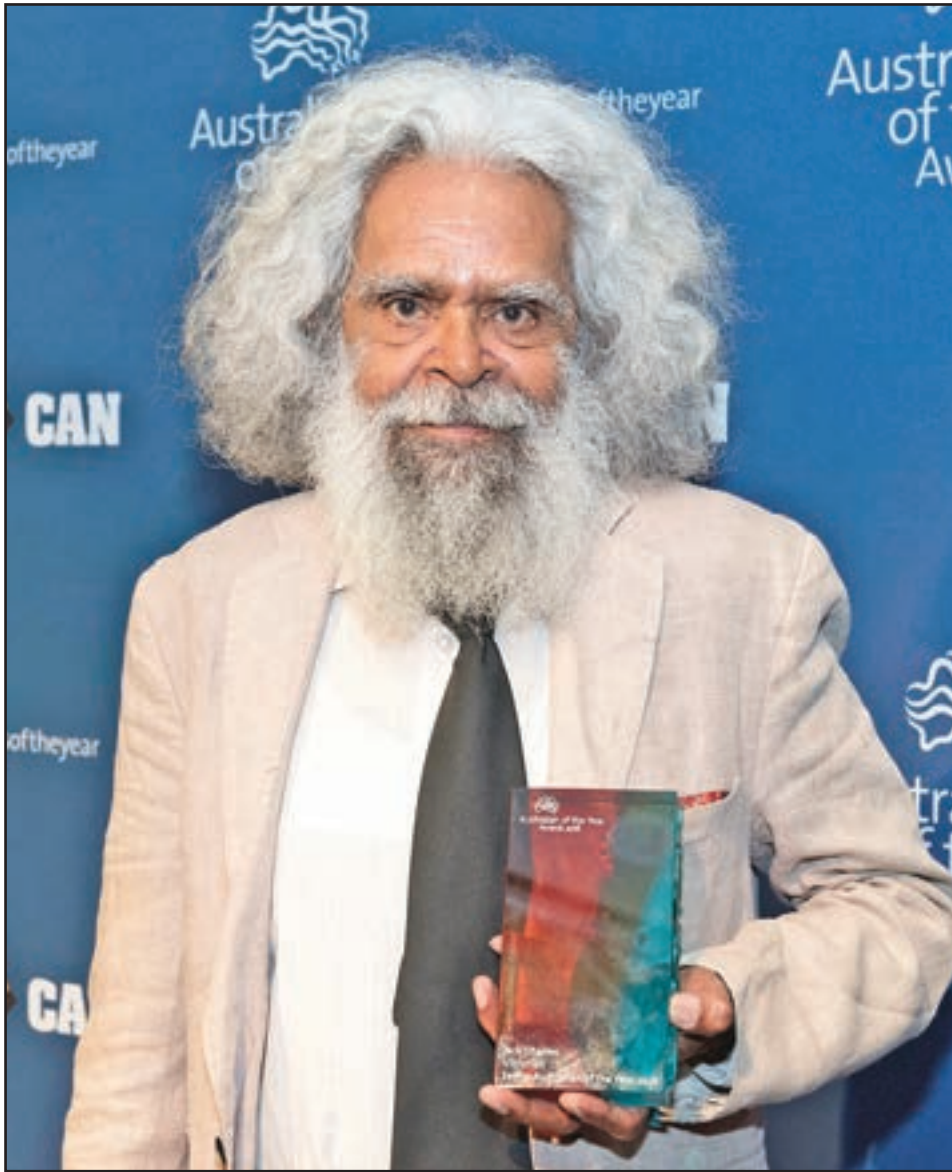
- install and use child safety restraints in motor vehicles correctly;

- closely and actively supervise young children in environments that pose a risk – especially around swimming pools and water, and around or near motor vehicles; and

- check and regularly maintain pool fences and gates, and make sure the pool barrier is always child-resistant.

Prof McMillan extended condolences to the families and friends of the children and young people who died.

Senior title for Jack Charles



Victorian Senior Australian of the Year Jack Charles.

By RUDI MAXWELL



UNCLE Jack Charles is doing his best to get back into prison. Not because the former heroin addict and cat burglar has reverted to his criminal

ways, but rather, as someone who has been on the wrong side of the law and come through to thrive, he knows he has something to offer young Aboriginal prisoners: the wisdom of experience.

"I'm trying to get back into prisons in Victoria, to relight burning embers, and do some work with other Aboriginal men before they come out," Mr Charles said.

"If you're jumping out of prison thinking your work is done, your thinking is awry. Inevitably, some people are going to make wrong choices.

"I've got people already lobbying to get me into institutions, so I can start tweaking Aboriginal consciousnesses. I've got a specific set of counselling that works on a personal eyeball-to-eyeball level."

Last week Mr Charles, one of Australia's most respected and loved actors, was announced as the Victorian Senior Australian of the Year.

As someone who has always had a healthy disrespect for authority, he was particularly tickled by winning the award.

"It was overwhelming for me. I was really uplifted by the sheer joy of Victoria acknowledging me beyond a shadow of doubt," he said.

"The state of Victoria has been watching my journey closely since I was very young until almost my dotage, so to come out of my own heart of darkness and be recognised for it, was wonderful."

However, after the awards ceremony Mr Charles was left with a sour taste, after again being racially targeted by a taxi driver, who refused to take him to his

destination unless the fare was paid upfront in cash.

"We can't tolerate this continuous practice," Mr Charles said, pointing out that there had been a spate of similar incidents recently, including musician Gurrumul and many other Aboriginal people in Melbourne being racially profiled by taxi drivers.

"It's a ridiculous thing for me to tolerate; it's my job as an Aboriginal Elder to harness my sense of Aboriginal law.

"I believe it's a criminal act and when I declared to this taxi driver that he was racially profiling and abusing me in this fashion, he arced up.

"It's my role to declare such behaviour. I have broad shoulders and I'm obligated to confront injustice.

"The old thief cries 'injustice' loudly – but it's the real McCoy in this case."

Abused

Mr Charles is a member of the Stolen Generations. He was removed from his mother as a baby and raised in a Salvation Army boys' home, where he was abused physically, emotionally and sexually.

At 19 he began a career as an actor, but his life was plagued by personal demons. His addiction to heroin and a life of crime saw him jailed.

Mr Charles co-founded Australia's first Indigenous theatre group, Nindethana, meaning 'place of corroboree', at Melbourne's Pram Factory in 1971.

His first play, *Jack Charles is Up and Fighting*, was a hit. He has appeared in several movies, including *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith*, and more recently *Pan* alongside Hugh Jackman. He has also toured his own one-man stage show *Jack Charles versus the Crown* locally and internationally.

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Framework draws a mixed reaction



THE Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC), which represents inner Sydney, including Redfern, has delivered a stinging critique of the Empowered Communities framework, saying that it undermines land rights in NSW.

But Sean Gordon, the chief executive of Darkinjung LALC, which represents the NSW central coast, has dismissed the concerns as "a load of crap".

The Empowered Communities framework was developed with \$5 million of Federal Government funding by a group of Indigenous leaders from across Australia brought together by the Jawun Indigenous Partnerships Corporation. The lead authors were Nolan Hunter, from the West Kimberley, Andrea Mason from the NPY Lands, Denise Bowden from North-east Arnhem Land, Chris Ingreig and Shane Phillips from inner Sydney, Paul Briggs from Goulburn-Murray, Ian Trust from the East Kimberley, Mr Gordon and Fiona Jose and Noel Pearson from Cape York.

The document sets out two critical objectives: to close the gap

on the social and economic disadvantage of the Indigenous Australians of the Empowered Communities, and to enable the cultural recognition and determination of Indigenous Australians of the Empowered Communities.

But MLALC chief executive Nathan Moran told the *Koori Mail* that rather than 'empowering' communities, the framework actively undermines self-determination and is exclusionary.

Undermined

Mr Moran said the Empowered Communities' Redfern project was created without sufficient input from the land council, meaning its genesis undermined the NSW land council network and land rights in the state.

"MLALC has the largest membership of Aboriginal people in the inner city and yet EC has ignored this mandate," he said.

"(Dis)Empowered Communities is exclusive and not inclusive of the many nations, tribes and clans across Australia and locally has not respected the areas of their elite membership.

"All Aboriginal organisations are constantly required to provide sound

governance practices and commitments. EC is not a incorporated or legal entity yet Australian Government have apparently supported and funded the EC areas."

However, in an email to Mr Moran, sent also to the *Koori Mail*, Mr Gordon said Empowered Communities was "an initiative from eight regions who are sick and tired of the current controls that governments have over our people and communities".

"Case in point is the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) which saw 55% of the IAS finds go the non-Indigenous organisations," he wrote.

"Empowered Communities is a Federal Government initiative and not state, which means there is no threat to LALCs or land rights.

"Would you prefer the government-led initiative such as 'Local Decision Making', over Indigenous-led Empowered Communities?"

"In my opinion you are focused on the wrong game with attacking Empowered Communities, and rather than attack an Indigenous-led initiative why not try and engage with and support it?"

Mr Moran said one of the fundamental problems with Empowered Communities was that it didn't engage with existing structures, including the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

"It's a closed-door business-driven project with an objective to control funding directed to Aboriginal people," he said.

"EC undermines cultural protocols, which say you work through existing structures, not by duplicating or replicating what is already there. That's always been our practice: you go into someone else's backyard and you pay homage to the way they do things.

"To try to establish things on top is a sad, sad change in our ways. I know when I was born, no-one ever went into someone else's backyard and told them how to do things. It wasn't done and this is a real breakdown in culture unity.

"EC is entirely about economic development. It doesn't really touch social and cultural needs of our community. We are not driven by the dollar.

"It's a great example of the use of taxpayer funds for no real outcome."

● Darkinjung's concern, page 24

NSWALC election results awaited



THE NSW Aboriginal Land

Council elections were held last Saturday, with final results due to be delivered this week, after the *Koori Mail* had gone to press.

While most of the nine regions' results were on a knife-edge and waiting on preference counts, Charles Lynch was elected as councillor for the Northern region.

A NSWALC spokesperson said there had been an increase in voter turnout of 6%, for a total of 31% of eligible voters.

The spokesperson also said that of 287 staff working at the elections, 198 (67%) were Aboriginal.

For full results, check the *Koori Mail* website www.koorimail.com



MP Billy Gordon

Gordon cleared by police



QUEENSLAND MP Billy Gordon, an Aboriginal man, has been cleared by police

investigating allegations he sent explicit images.

A police statement said three allegations against a 42-year-old man, understood to be the independent Cook MP, had been "comprehensively investigated" by detectives in the state's far north.

"As a result, it has been determined that there is insufficient evidence to lay charges regarding these allegations," police said.

Federal Coalition MP Warren Entsch says he has been in contact with at least one family member who says they will continue to pursue justice.

Mr Entsch, who shares most of his far north Queensland electorate of Leichhardt with Mr Gordon, showed what he said was a text message from one of the women's aunts.

"He (is) still getting away with it," the woman says in the message.

"It seems like our Indigenous girls are scarred for life and our government let them down." — AAP



The marchers leave Parliament House in Brisbane.

Marchers demand justice for Shaun



Shaun Coolwell's family members and supporters look on as Sam Watson speaks before the march through Brisbane streets.



MORE than 100 people marched through the streets of Brisbane last month to demand answers about

the death in custody of Aboriginal man Shaun Coolwell.

Mr Coolwell, 33, died at Logan Hospital in south-east Queensland 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.

After Shaun Coolwell's funeral, family and supporters took to the streets, marching to Queensland Police Headquarters and demanding justice for Mr Coolwell.

The Queensland corruption watchdog is overseeing an investigation into the death.

Family member Sam Watson told NITV that an independent investigation was needed.

"You have the police union in the background, saying it's quite legal for police officers to bash people in their custody," he said.

"Aboriginal deaths in custody have to stop."

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Sea rangers among award finalists



THANKS to the efforts of the Li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Rangers to reduce the number of feral cats on West Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, native mammal populations have bounced back in record numbers.

Between 2004 and 2009, scientists failed to detect a single mammal on West Island, with fears that all native mammal species had vanished.

West Island is part of the Sir Edward Pellew Group.

Scientists have captured the first grassland melomys on West Island in almost 30 years, as well as identifying the delicate mouse and water rat for the first time since cats were introduced to the island in 1994.

The Li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Rangers have been recognised for their work on the West Island cat control project in this year's 2015 NT Natural Resource Management (NRM) awards.

The rangers are finalists in two award categories: the NT NRM Award for Best Collaboration and the Indigenous NRM Champions Award.

The project is the product of a five-year collaboration between the Li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Rangers, Desert Wildlife Services scientists, traditional

owners of West Island and Parks and Wildlife rangers from Borroloola.

The award winners will be announced at a dinner on November 11 as a highlight of the Territory Natural Resource Management Conference at the Darwin Waterfront, along with the NT Landcare Awards.

The NT NRM Awards cover best collaboration, agricultural champions, small business, individuals, Indigenous champions, research and urban NRM groups. The NT Landcare Awards cover Coastcare, junior Landcare, youth, Indigenous land management, Landcare community groups, Landcare facilitators and innovation in sustainable farm practices.

Other key finalists in the NT NRM Awards include:

- Indigenous NRM Champions – Wagiman Guwardagun Rangers; and
- Best NRM Story and NT Landcare Coastcare Award – Larrakia Rangers.

And in the NT Landcare Awards:

- NT Landcare Indigenous Land Management Award – Crocodile Island Rangers;
- NT Landcare Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices – Tropical Oyster Indigenous Economic Development Partnership; and
- Young Landcare Leader – Thomas Ahfatt.

Li-Anthawirriyarra sea ranger Clem Goodman inspects a grassland melomys, one of the native mammals to have increased in abundance after several years of cat control on West Island.



Wyatt keen to help



Assistant Health Minister Ken Wyatt

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE first Aboriginal member of a federal ministry, Ken Wyatt, was gratified to be promoted to Assistant Health

Minister by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

"The opportunity to take on a leadership role means I can help people right across Australia, not just in my own electorate," Mr Wyatt said.

"The second thing is to have the faith of the Prime Minister, which is proved by being awarded a portfolio in a priority area for government. And, equally, it's an area of growth, in terms of Baby Boomers ageing and needing aged care.

"The other thing is I enjoy working in an industry to help identify challenges and solutions for the future."

Before becoming the first Indigenous Australian to win a seat in the House of Representatives, Mr Wyatt was a high-level bureaucrat, working in health and education departments in NSW and Western Australia.

"Naturally, I would understand the bureaucratic systems in place and also the way in which the public service works with ministers, advisers and public servants, which I think is an added strength," he said.

"I think the other thing is too, that when know your minister has had similar experiences to you, one thing you have in common is that you understand processes and

you're on a similar footing."

Mr Wyatt is passionate about improving health for all Australians, and particularly Indigenous people.

"I think with health, it will always evolve. Modern medicine is really less than 200 years old," he said.

"It's not only the treatments, new medicines, it's also the use of technology, it is around the issues profiling illnesses, and cures for those areas.

"While it's an exciting time to be involved in health, we've got to close the gap on Aboriginal health.

"While most of my focus is going to be on aged care, I will also concentrate on the ways in which sections of the Aboriginal community do not access an Aboriginal community-controlled health service so we can be better organised to address those gaps.

Mr Wyatt said he thought the ousting of Tony Abbott as prime minister would mean a more stable government. "I think both leaders have their strengths and much to offer government, but the Coalition team made the decision to change," he said.

"While people say our policies are the same, it's always better to work from a place of stability.

"I hope in the future we have more young Indigenous Australians moving into the political arena and winning their seats on merit.

"And I am sure we will continue to see more Indigenous Australians in all sorts of leadership roles, because we are more than capable. We just need to believe in our own strength, be proud of our cultural heritage and identity, and use our capacity."

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Out of sight win for Evans' necklace



KAMILAROI/
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Penny Evans has
taken out this
year's Clarence

Valley Indigenous Art Award
(CVIAA) for her mixed media
work *Out of Sight, Out of Mind*.

The \$5000 acquisitive prize
means the work will now be
part of the Grafton Regional
Gallery's collection.

Ms Evans said the work is a
charm necklace made of
replicas of a souvenir style
ceramic foot made in the
1960s and sold from regional
holiday destinations.

"The 40 disembodied feet,
which reference the macabre
practice of collecting body parts
and phrenology (taking skull
measurements), are etched with
the names of our reserves,
missions and stations in NSW
that are 'remote' communities,
fringe dwelling settlements, that
sit outside a lot of country
towns in NSW," she said.

"These places are
euphemistically named
'communities' and are what exist
now in place of the missions
and reserves that remnants of
the Aboriginal tribes were
herded on to in the 20th century.

"Because of local land
council legislation they are not
allowed to borrow to build
amenities and infrastructure and
are also out of the jurisdiction of
the local municipal councils.
They are neglected and
dysfunctional. It's an intractable
situation, but Aboriginal people
have history in these places
over many years and they are
important culturally.

"The feet are a reminder as
these communities are 'out of
sight and out of mind' to
governments and the broader
population."

This year's \$1000
Encouragement Award went to
Jane Dwyer for her work *Wild
Orchids 2015*. A resident of the
Clarence Valley in north-east
NSW, Ms Dwyer runs an
Aboriginal artist camp from her
home, where people meditate
and participate in activities.



Award-winning artist Penny Evans.



The
winning
necklace.

Sansbury among award winners

By NATALIE CROMB



THE second
National Indigenous
Human Rights
Awards (NIHRA)
have been held at
NSW Parliament

House, with Arrernte woman and
SBS journalist Karla Grant the
MC for the event.

NSW Opposition Deputy
Leader Linda Burney, a Wiradjuri
woman, gave the opening speech.

"None of our hundreds of
nations ever ceded our country,"
she said. "We have never ceded
our lands."

Narungga Elder Tauto
Sansbury was awarded the Dr
Yunupingu Award for more
than five decades of service to
his people.

In his keynote address, Mr
Sansbury talked about his brutal
early life on a mission in South
Australia. "To this day I see a
psychologist to deal with the
effects, the depression," he said.

"This is why I do what I do, why
I have dedicated my life to fighting
for my people, for our children.

"We suffered in the mission. We
had to live by the bell and were
punished if we spoke in our
language.

"They took everything from us:
our identity, our ceremony, our
lore, our languages."

It is as a result of such trauma
that Mr Sansbury has dedicated
his life to advocating for
reparations to Indigenous people.
Last year, he co-launched the
Freedom Movement, a national
group of First Nations people that
aims to highlight the plight of
Indigenous people and advocate

on their behalf to ensure no further
rights are lost.

Wiradjuri Elder Jenny Munro,
was this year's recipient of the
Eddie Mabo Social Justice Award
for her grassroots advocacy for
Aboriginal people dating back to
the 1970s when, as a teenager,
she was involved with the
Aboriginal Tent Embassy in
Canberra. She recently
established the Redfern Aboriginal
Tent Embassy as a protest
against privatisation of The Block
in Redfern.

Ms Munro gained considerable
support from Indigenous and other
people in her fight for affordable
housing for Aboriginal people in
Redfern. She took on the
Aboriginal Housing Company
(AHC) and developer Deicorp,
demanding that Aboriginal housing
be given the same priority as the
commercial aspects of the
development.

Courage Award

Adnyamathanha and Narungga
AFL player and Aboriginal social
justice advocate Adam Goodes
won the Anthony Mundine
Courage Award.

Mr Goodes has been a
constant fixture in the media over
the 2015 AFL season due to his
stand against racial vilification
directed at him and subsequent
character assassination following
his stance about the prevalence of
racism.

The now-retired AFL champion
was overseas during the
presentation of the awards, but
boxer Anthony Mundine accepted
the award on his behalf and spoke
of his experience of racism in
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Men share their knowledge

By BRITTA LYSTER



THE eighth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men's Health Conference

was held in Terrigal, on the NSW central coast, late last month.

Nearly 200 delegates, including health practitioners, researchers and Elders from across the country, attended over the four days in an effort to open dialogue and share information about issues concerning Indigenous men's health.

The theme this year was 'Sharing the Knowledge'.

For the first time, organisers took the unconventional step of taking parts of the conference outside a man-made environment. The conference included a corroboree and visit to surrounding country to view rock carvings and engravings with an aim of getting delegates to connect with Darkinjung country and value the importance of establishing and maintaining spiritual and cultural connections to land and heritage.

The corroboree on Terrigal



Dancers came from different parts of the country to perform at the National Men's Health Gathering in Terrigal, on the NSW central coast.

beach saw 60 Indigenous dancers from across NSW share traditional stories and dance.

Conference chair, Interrelate's Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander community liaison officer Stuart McMinn, highlighted the fact that in many areas of health Indigenous men continue to fall behind, with a life expectancy of

more than 10 years less than the national average. He said Indigenous men are continuing to fall behind in mental and physical health, education, addiction

and other dependencies.

"Without men starting to have a dialogue around their health we are never going to see a closing of the gap," Mr McMinn said.

"So for us it was so important to get all those different facets of Indigenous health together to ensure we are taking a holistic approach to health, not just going to a doctor, but getting on to country.

"Often men tend to get forgotten, or allow ourselves to be forgotten, so it is about reinforcing the importance of looking after ourselves because if our kids are growing up seeing us not looking after ourselves, they are going to grow up without strong male role models in their lives."

Two significant conference workshops were 'Spirituality Guiding Young Men', by Uncle Paul Gordon, and 'The Dreaming Tree – A Path to Wellbeing Using Aboriginal Culture, Philosophy and Spirituality', by Uncle Paul Callaghan. These cultural experiences and workshops gave the delegates the opportunity to consider and reflect on what part culture plays in determining men's health and wellbeing.

SA cop's racist abuse revealed



A SOUTH Australian police officer who threatened to tie a noose around an Aboriginal man's neck, set him on fire and drag him through

the streets was sent to cultural sensitivity training, the state's police ombudsman has revealed.

The officer admitted to racially abusing and threatening the man in Adelaide in 2013.

Then this year the officer was ordered to attend cultural sensitivity training by the SA police commissioner.

The "drunken and maudlin" Aboriginal man was detained

under the SA Mental Health Act and had asked the officer if he was going to kill him, according to a case study published in the Office of the Police Ombudsman's annual report.

"You think I'm a dog, don't you,"

the man said.

"I actually think you're a black c***," the officer responded.

"You're going to kill me aren't you...", the man continued.

"I'd like to tie the hose around your neck, set you on fire and drag you around the streets attached to our car with lights and sirens on," the officer said.

Acting Police Ombudsman Michael Grant questioned the officer's punishment, saying he could have been fired, suspended, demoted, fined or transferred.

Mr Grant said he agreed with his predecessor Sarah Bolt's view the officer was "unsuitable" for the force and felt

"compelled" to make the exchange public. The ombudsman also revealed he was now dealing with a second complaint about the same officer from another Aboriginal person. – AAP

"I'd like to tie the hose around your neck, set you on fire and drag you around the streets attached to our car with lights and sirens on."

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Have your say about the new Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme

The Queensland Government recently announced \$21 million to make reparation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples whose wages and savings were controlled by past Queensland Governments under the Protection Acts.

As part of this commitment, a community Taskforce has been established to make recommendations about **who should be eligible for payments and how claims should be assessed.**

Taskforce members are hosting community meetings across Queensland where you can come along and have your say about eligibility and assessment criteria under the new reparations scheme.

Community meetings:

- Sarina – Thursday, 5 November
- Logan – Thursday, 5 November
- Bowen – Tuesday, 10 November
- Weipa – Wednesday, 11 November
- Dalby – Friday, 13 November.

Other locations where meeting arrangements have yet to be finalised include: Charleville, Roma, Torres Strait Islands, Gladstone, Maryborough and more.

Please check the Reparations website www.qld.gov.au/reparations or call the Reparations Freecall number 1800 619 505* (free call from landlines only) for the meeting nearest to you and other meeting details.

Feedback

Let the Taskforce know what you think about who should get paid and how they should prove their claim. You can write to the Taskforce at the address below or ring the Reparations Project Team who will write down your ideas for the Taskforce.

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The Taskforce will make recommendations about the new reparations scheme to the Queensland Government by December 2015.

Once eligibility and assessment criteria have been finalised, the scheme will be widely advertised with plenty of time for people to apply and submit their claim.

* Excludes calls from mobile phones – calls from mobile phones will be charged at standard rates.

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Queensland Government

More teachers the goal

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE University of Tasmania (UTAS) is taking measures to increase the number of Aboriginal teachers in Tasmanian schools.

A new report, 'Aboriginal Education Workers in Tasmania Becoming Teachers', details what motivates, supports or deters Aboriginal education workers (AEWs) from moving on to a teaching degree, and what factors influence Aboriginal student engagement and success in Tasmania. The report was released last month, along with an announcement of 20 Higher Education Contribution Scheme scholarships for Indigenous students at UTAS.

The university's Aboriginal higher education adviser, Claire Andersen, who was involved in interviewing 33 AEWs and Aboriginal teacher's aides for the project, co-authored the report.

Disparity

She would like to see an end to the disparity between the high ratio of Aboriginal students compared with a low number of Aboriginal teachers.

She said that if more Aboriginal people became



With the 'Aboriginal Education Workers in Tasmania Becoming Teachers' report, from left, head of the University of Tasmania School of Education Karen Swabey, report authors Dr Mary O'Dowd, Lauren Gower and Clair Andersen, and Tasmanian Greens Leader Cassy O'Connor.

teachers, they would be able to influence the education system, which for so long denied, ignored or stigmatised Aboriginal identity and culture.

"We're never going to change the culture of education until we have more of our own people in there as teachers, as educators," Ms Andersen said. "To do that we

need people to come to uni, get their teaching qualification and get out there and work."

Barriers identified were lack knowledge on how to go about

getting a teaching degree, lack of encouragement and the financial strain of studying.

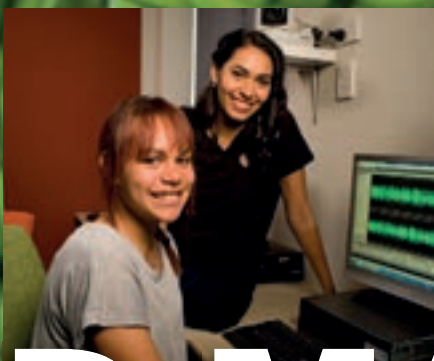
Many of the AEWs interviewed also felt their role was not sufficiently valued in the Tasmanian education system, leading to a reluctance to enrol in teaching studies.

The report was launched by Tasmanian Greens Leader Cassy O'Connor at an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professional development day for teachers and education students, hosted by the UTAS Riawunna Centre for Aboriginal Education.

Recommendations

The report recommends funding for scholarships, providing AEWs with professional development, paid study leave and provision of information about teaching courses and pathways, establishing an 8% quota of teaching positions for AEWs and Aboriginal students to qualify as teachers, and compulsory professional development for all teachers in relation to Aboriginal culture.

Applications for the UTAS HECs scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Islander students for studies in Bachelor of General Studies (Education Pathway) or Associate Degree (Education Support) close on December 14.



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16 years to health equality



people to reach health equality, the Federal Government estimates.

Rural Health Minister Fiona Nash, launching the 10-year implementation for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health plan, said providing structure and setting "achievable goals" will ensure the 2031 target is met.

"I am very confident we will

be able to realise these goals with the sector," she said.

The plan sets out 20 new goals that deal broadly with improving the health of pregnant women, reducing smoking, tackling diabetes, providing more health checks and achieving better immunisation rates.

Four out of 10 Indigenous people smoke, and the death rate for diabetes is three times higher in Indigenous communities, something Senator Nash says is unacceptable.

"There is no way doing

nothing is an option. We have to act," she said.

The plan was initiated by Labor in government under then Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowden.

The Abbott Government adopted and developed the plan, working with the Indigenous sector over two years to build the 10-year road map.

Mr Snowden has supported the new plan.

Lowitja Institute chief executive Romlie Mokak, (pictured) who was integral in formulating the plan, says

further work during the 10-year timespan must be considered.

"We've got to be ambitious in the short term but play the long term," he said.

The plan aims to provide Indigenous children with at least one health check a year up to the age of four, increase the percentage of Indigenous youth who have never smoked and ensure immunisations for children aged under one.

— AAP

● Romlie Mokak gives his full assessment on page 24.



ALP shows support for closing the gap



A FEDERAL Labor government would set a Closing the Gap target for reducing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander incarceration rates.

Opposition Leader Bill Shorten told Sky News his party would set a target to reduce the number of Indigenous people – particularly young men – behind bars.

The Closing the Gap steering committee and other Aboriginal, legal and social justice organisations, plus the Opposition and the Greens have previously called for justice targets to be added to the Closing the Gap framework.

However, the former Abbott government ruled out adding such a target, instead adding a school attendance target in 2014. — With AAP

Connections with corporations online



A NEW online service has been launched to connect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations to independent company directors.

Federal Indigenous Affairs

Minister Nigel Scullion said Independentdirectory will connect corporations to highly skilled people.

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Independentdirectory is a joint project between the Commonwealth Government Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) and the Business Council of Australia's (BCA) Indigenous Engagement Task Force.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations can advertise board vacancies or select from the candidates on the site.

Under recent Federal Government reforms, organisations receiving grants that exceed a total of \$500,000 in any one year from the Indigenous Affairs portfolio will need to be incorporated under Commonwealth legislation and subject to the Commonwealth corporate regulator.

The Independentdirectory can be found at <http://director.oric.gov.au>

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A WORKSHOP is being held in Grafton, northeast NSW, on Monday, November 9, for Aboriginal business owners who may be interested in tendering for contracts on the Pacific

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Participants in the first Thursday Island Running Festival.

By ANDY PARKS



THERE has been a quiet revolution taking place on Thursday Island, and it's spreading to neighbouring Torres Strait Islands. Inspired by Robert de Castella's Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP), a group called the TI Deadly Runners has managed a massive increase in the number of people participating in running, with major health, social and other benefits to the community.

Initially started by Matt Tully, a whitefella high school teacher who has been working on TI for about five years, the informal group has grown to include about 40 regular runners who get together every Saturday morning.

Over the past year about 80 to 100 people have been involved, and recently the group held the first Thursday Island Running Festival. About 200 people took part, with the option of a 5km, 10km, 21km or 'kids' dash' course, and it is now planned as an annual event.

Mr Tully said the running bug and the message about healthy living and eating has been so successful, it has spread to surrounding islands, with Deadly Running groups springing up on Horn, Prince of Wales and Badu islands.

"When I first came here five years ago, no-one was out exercising. Now I look at it and it's been this massive revolution. It's quite inspirational," he said.

Success story

One of the group's biggest success stories is Mo Billy, a woman who started running only last year for "a bit of fun". Now she has run three marathons (42km) and was set to do an ultra marathon (74km) as the *Koori Mail* went to print last week.

Her second marathon was China's Great Wall Marathon, considered to be one of the toughest races in the world because of the 5100 steps and the long uphill sections. Billy is possibly the first Indigenous woman ever to complete it.

"Running really can take you anywhere," she said. "It's a vehicle for positive change. There have been friendships and lifestyle

TI runners are deadly



TI Deadly Runner Mo Billy flies the Torres Strait Islander flag at the Great Wall Marathon in China.

changes that will stick with me for life.

"You get the high of the serotonin (a chemical released by the body associated with feelings of wellbeing and happiness),

plus you get to travel and meet amazing people."

So far, Billy and some of the other TI Deadly Runners have participated in events at Port Douglas and the Gold Coast, and next month

a smaller group is travelling to Hawaii to take part in the Honolulu Marathon.

Elsie Seriat and Harold Matthew took part in the New York Marathon as part of the 2014 IMP

program, and Mr Tully said members of the group have developed into community leaders. "They are an inspiration for people in this community," he said.

This year another TI

woman, Alicia Sabitino was selected as one of the IMP participants and was due to run in New York on November 1.

Mo Billy said she would have liked to do the IMP but, as she was over 30, she was not eligible. So instead, she "tagged along" with her cousin Elsie when she was training.

"I got to meet (former marathon champion) Rob de Castella and the other coaches and think it (IMP) is such an amazing concept; it's building capacity and inspiring Indigenous people, creating local leaders through sport and getting people active, and I'm really a product of that," she said.

"One of my goals is to promote the message of active living, and I believe that and good diet are the key factors to overcoming chronic disease.

"Better health"

"When you are training, your body craves good food to fuel it, so it goes hand in hand and you have better health outcomes."

The runners on Thursday Island train individually or in small groups throughout the week according to their level, and then they all get together for a group run and a breakfast on Saturday morning.

Billy said the social element of the group has been one of the biggest factors in its success and is bringing Indigenous and other people together in new and unexpected ways.

"People see we're having fun," she said. "We usually take up all the tables and chairs at Uncle Frankie's Café in the main street (of TI) so people see us having fun together. It's a good mix of Indigenous and non-Indigenous that has happened organically.

"It's really beautiful the way we support each other and are growing together.

"There are a lot of professional people in the group, teachers, doctors and nurses that run with us. One day most of them will leave our community, but they have left something really positive behind.

"It's a beautiful example of reconciliation in the making. Often with programs to fight chronic disease and close the gap there is so much structure, but this has just happened naturally and should be supported and encouraged."

Translation is a first



THE United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) has been translated into the central Australian language of Pintupi-Luritja, making it the first time the world's most translated document has been made available in an Aboriginal language.

The translation of the document's 30 articles and preamble, by a researcher at the Australian National University, took more than two years and involved working closely with Pintupi-Luritja translators and stakeholder groups.

Project leader and social anthropologist Dr Sarah Holcombe said the process of translating the document was revealing.

"Very few Anangu people (Pintupi-Luritja speakers) had heard of universal human rights," she said.

"Surprised"

"Many were surprised at the fact that Aboriginal people are equal to all other people, because the fact is that is not the way they are treated.

"The articles about the rule of law, for example that all should be innocent until proven guilty and that the law should be



United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights translation project leader and social anthropologist Dr Sarah Holcombe, from ANU: "Very few Anangu people (Pintupi-Luritja speakers) had heard of universal human rights. Many were surprised at the fact that Aboriginal people are equal to all other people, because the fact is that is not the way they are treated."

treating all people equally, are apocryphal (doubtful) when applied to Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory."

The UDHR was adopted by the UN General Assembly in

1948 as the first global expression of human rights. It has been translated into more than 460 languages.

Dr Holcombe said the declaration was developed

following World War II and was foundational to Western law and culture.

"The mass atrocities after the Second World War horrified the world and there was wide

recognition that there needed to be fundamental standards of human dignity," she said.

"These standards are now in international law. They include the right to equality, freedom of religion, free speech, the right to vote and so on.

"Though we are the only Western democratic country without a national bill or charter of rights, we are a signatory to the major international conventions that enshrine these rights.

"Fundamental"

"All these fundamental elements of our life that we all take for granted, are embedded in this document. It forms part of a contract of citizenship.

"Yet, Aboriginal people, in remote areas especially, have not been widely exposed to this contract, as it exists in the mainstream. They don't take rights for granted."

Dr Holcombe said she hoped the new translation would help spread awareness of human rights in Indigenous Australia and begin a conversation in language.

"Anangu have a right to know this document exists," she said.

"I want it to offer people possibilities. It was meant to be an educational document after all."

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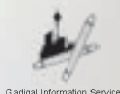
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Threat to women's site



A SIGNIFICANT site, renowned for its importance to generations of Awabakal Aboriginal women in the NSW Hunter region, is being threatened

by a housing development that could ultimately destroy the Butterfly Cave at West Wallsend near Newcastle.

The Butterfly Cave was considered a safe haven for generations of Aboriginal women and in 2013 was the first women's site officially recognised by the NSW Government, for its importance as a safe place for women to hold ceremonies, give birth, bathe and teach younger Aboriginal women their traditional ways.

However, barely two years later, the site is potentially under threat with plans by the Roche Group's development subsidiary, Hammersmith, to develop an approximately 400-lot housing development. Opponents have suggested that there will only be a 20m buffer zone between the site and the development, making it the smallest buffer zone between any significant Aboriginal site and development in NSW.

In addition there are also major concerns that the Butterfly Cave may not even survive the impact of earthworks to clear the proposed site.

Already a petition organised by Change.org has seen more than 26,000 signatures in direct opposition to the proposed stages seven and eight of the development, which could see the potential destruction of not only the cave itself but also the surrounding bush food plants, other vegetation and bushland.



Melinda Brown and her granddaughter Yasmin visit the Butterfly Cave at West Wallsend. Picture: Fairfax media

As well as its lengthy and significant history and importance to previous generations of women of the local Awabakal tribe, the area to this day remains of great value to Indigenous women who continue to visit the site – which is valued for its abundance in bush food resources as

well as its natural beauty and seclusion – to pass on knowledge and appreciate the unique history and cultural significance of the Butterfly Cave.

Anne Andrews, an Awabakal woman and representative of the Sugarloaf and District Action Group, is angered by the lack of

response from the developers and estimates the significant site could be anywhere up to 3000 years old. She said, if lost, the Butterfly Cave and surrounding area cannot be regained for future generations of Aboriginal women to enjoy, appreciate and ultimately learn from.

Bombing hero honoured with statue



A STATUE to Tiwi Islander Matthias Ullungura will commemorate an important part of Australia's WWII history.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles

called Mr Ullungura "a hero of the first air raid on Australia" for capturing the first prisoner of war on Australian soil, Japanese Zero pilot Hajime Toyoshima.

Mr Toyoshima was in the air armada that bombed Darwin on February 19, 1942. His Zero

aircraft was hit, lost oil pressure and he had to crash land on Melville Island, north of Darwin where he was captured by local man Matthias Ullungura.

"The statue of Matthias Ullungura on the Tiwi Islands recognises his contribution, and

the contribution of many other Indigenous Australians to the war effort during World War II," Mr Giles said.

"All Australians should know the story and recognise the contribution that First Australians made when

Australia was at war."

The statue is just one element of a \$2.25 million package, called The Territory Remembers, to mark events in the lead up to the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin, on February 19, 2017.



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Indigenous candidates enjoy a taste of the Army

On 21 October, the Australian Army hosted 17 Indigenous candidates considering ADF careers at Exercise CHONG JU, Puckapunyal, Victoria. Exercise CHONG JU demonstrated some of the newest equipment used on operations today by Australia's Army and delivered essential tactical and technical training in the employment of weapons and support systems for Army officers.

Defence Force Recruiting, Specialist Recruiter, Sergeant John Angel-Hands, said candidate experiences like Exercise CHONG JU were opportunities to show young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people what careers in the ADF involve.

"Through Exercise CHONG JU the candidates were able to observe that the Army offers a wide range of jobs, world-class training, mateship, and supports its people to develop and fulfil their potential," he said. "Our aim is to build young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' confidence and enable them to make informed decisions about applying for full-time careers in the ADF."

Candidate, Kerby Siemsen, from the Wiradjuri people said the experience made her even more excited to be part of the Army.

"The highlight of Exercise CHONG JU was being able to watch the Army in action, and see how they work together as a team to achieve an objective," said Kerby.

Kerby has applied for a position as a Medical Officer in the Army. Army doctors are responsible for the general physical and mental health of personnel, which in turn allows the Army to effectively operate in operational and training environments.

Doctors in the Army are challenged clinically, physically and mentally – it's no ordinary job. Once qualified, Royal Australian Army Medical Corps (RAAMC) Medical Officers can expect to deploy wherever the Australian Army goes, including combat operations, peacekeeping or humanitarian operations.

Kerby said being at Exercise CHONG JU helped her imagine the multiple possibilities as a Medical Officer with the Defence Force.

"Exercise CHONG JU helped me understand what life will really be like when I join. As a Medical Officer, I hope to have the chance to work in deployable field hospitals as well as Combat Health Units. I am really looking forward to the challenge," she said.

Whatever specialisation Army doctors choose, the career combines the unique professions of medical practitioner and Army Officer. There is an expectation that all medical officers will develop a foundation in primary health care through a fellowship in either General Practice or Rural and Remote Medicine.



Sergeant John Angel-Hands and Lance Corporal Natalie Whyte raise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag at Al Minhad Air Base, UAE – the first time the flags have been flown on operational service outside Australia.

Those who opt for a career as a military Medical Officer develop a range of clinical, leadership and management skills that will assist preparing for higher level clinical and executive leadership positions within the Army.

Specialist Recruiting Team – Indigenous

Defence is committed to increasing opportunities for indigenous Australians in the Australian Defence Force and has set a goal of achieving 2.7 per cent representation in

the ADF by 2018. Currently Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people represent 1.4 per cent of the permanent ADF and 1.9 per cent of the Active Reserve.

Defence Force Recruiting has a Specialist Recruitment Team which works across the country to mentor and support indigenous candidates through the ADF recruitment process and to build close ties with the Indigenous community.

The ADF is also offering young Indigenous adults two pre-recruitment courses that build or enhance their skills, knowledge and experience in order to prepare them to apply for full-time careers in the ADF. The Indigenous pre-recruitment course is a six-week course and the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP) is a five-month residential course.

The six-week course incorporates five core training modules including: cultural appreciation; language, literacy and numeracy; military skills; physical fitness; and vocational training. The five-month residential course also combines studies in literacy and numeracy (Year 10 subjects and TAFE certificate-level studies) with military skills and familiarisation. On completion of the course participants are encouraged to continue into the defence force through general enlistment.

SRT-I Natalie Whyte

Natalie Whyte is originally from a small Aboriginal tribe known as the Olkola people in the North Cape York region. She is a Supply Coordinator for the Army where she is responsible for the coordination and warehousing of essential military equipment.

"I was always interested in becoming a Supply Coordinator; I just never thought I could do it. My Grandfather, Bill Coolburra, gave me the motivation and encouragement to join," Natalie said.

Natalie is now encouraging other young indigenous men and women to consider ADF careers through her current posting as a Specialist Recruiter at the Defence Force Recruiting Centre in Parramatta.

She engages with individuals, community groups, and community leaders to create awareness of the opportunities available for indigenous people in the ADF.

"We also head out to rural communities where we share our experience with the kids and establish and maintain meaningful relationships at the local level," Natalie said.

"The Army has given me an adventure; I get to have experiences that I would not get as a civilian. My career is rewarding and has helped me to grow, both professionally and personally. It's great to now have an opportunity to motivate and encourage others to join," Natalie said.



Lance Corporal Natalie Whyte, a warehouse storeman with Force Support Unit, checks the stores at Al Minhad Air Base, in the United Arab Emirates.



Australian Army soldier Corporal Bryan Monkhouse from the School of Armour shows Miss Kerby Siemsen the M1A1 Abrams tank during a visit to Exercise Chong Ju, held in the Puckapunyal military training area, Victoria, on 21 October 2015.

The Army is currently recruiting for various roles. For more information on military training and careers in the Defence Force visit: defencejobs.gov.au or call 13 19 01



Media breaks down barriers

17th Remote Media Festival delegates. Picture: Wayne Quilliam



NT

LAJAMANU community on Gurindji and Warlpiri Country (NT) hosted 180 remote media workers and industry partners from across Australia for the 17th National Remote Indigenous Media Festival recently.

The Festival was co-hosted by the Indigenous Remote Communications Association

(IRCA) with Pintubi Anmatjerre Warlpiri (PAW) Media and Indigenous Community Television (ICTV).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media practitioners from across remote Australia participated in industry forums, award presentations and an array of skills workshops and short courses.

Organisers said the festival plays an important professional development role for people

working in very remote communities.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion opened the festival and said Indigenous media provides essential services and employment to remote Indigenous people and communities.

He also announced the Australian Government's decision to fund IRCA to become the national peak body from mid-2016 and encouraged

the industry to work together to ensure a strong and cohesive voice.

Well known radio personality and performer Dr Mark Bin Bakar (aka Mary G) delivered an inspirational keynote address that described the positive impact of broadcasting in breaking down barriers, addressing social issues and empowering people to tell their stories.

The Closing Night Concert

attracted over 600 people for a BBQ and a fantastic showcase of local musical talent, including Lajamanu Teenage Band, North Tanami Band, Lazy Late Boys, Warnayaka Band and more.

Those unable to attend tuned in to PAW Media's radio network, which was carried on other regional radio networks across the country, or followed the highlights via Twitter: #rimf and Facebook: IRCA Australia.

ALP pledge on sex abuse



A FEDERAL Labor government would deliver counselling, care and up to \$200,000 cash each to about 60,000 survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

The scheme – a key recommendation of the royal commission – would receive an initial \$33 million, part of which would go to setting up an oversight agency and an advisory council.

Money would also be sought from the institutions themselves, such as churches and religious orders, and

state and territory governments.

"These extraordinary men and women have survived horrific abuse at the hands of institutions that should have been responsible for their care," Opposition Leader Bill Shorten said in a statement.

"Labor is committed to ensuring they get the redress they deserve."

The redress scheme would cover an apology or personal response from the responsible institution, counselling and psychological care, and money payments of between \$10,000 and \$200,000.

The size of the payment would be

determined by criteria assessing the severity of the abuse.

The scheme would be ready to start operating by mid-2017.

The advisory council would include representatives of survivor advocacy and support groups, non-government institutions and people with expertise in Indigenous, psychological and legal issues.

Mr Shorten said Labor had originally set up the royal commission to give thousands of people affected by "evil crimes" an opportunity to be heard.

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have told their

stories to the royal commission.

The commission estimated the total cost to all governments and non-government institutions of a national scheme at just over \$4 billion.

The scheme would be funded from the result of a tax crackdown on multinationals, reducing superannuation tax breaks and abolishing the emissions reduction fund.

The Federal Government has said it is still considering the royal commission's recommendations and has made no promises about redress. – AAP

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Rayleen Councillor with Charles Darwin University Emeritus Professor Mary Ann Bin-Sallik. Inset: Jenny and Rayleen Councillor in 2004 on the front page of the *Koori Mail*.

Yamatji sisters have the strongest of links



OCTOBER was a special month for Rayleen Councillor and Jennifer Williams (formerly Councillor).

The two Yamatji (WA) sisters graduated from their studies; Rayleen with a Masters of Indigenous Knowledge (Mawul Rom) – 'the law of peacemaking' in Yolngu language from Charles Darwin University – and Jennifer with a Diploma in Child, Youth and Family Intervention from the Department of Child Protection Learning Centre in Perth.

Rayleen's success would not have been possible without Jennifer, who donated a kidney to her back in 2004.

Rayleen said all of her seven siblings offered to donate a kidney when doctors told her a transplant was needed, but as the oldest sister, Jennifer insisted she should be the one to step up.

"I always had a strong connection with her, but now even though we don't see each other very much, I still feel particularly connected to her," Rayleen said.

Rayleen has completed several diplomas in counselling and narrative therapy and works in the Kimberley region as a mediator and family counsellor.

But for Jennifer, the 18-month diploma was the first course she has done.

"I've never studied in my life and at first I was pulling my hair out and wanted to quit," she said.

"But with lots of support from my family and co-workers, I got through it."

Jennifer said the diploma will greatly help her work and her career at the Department of Child Protection.

Rayleen's graduation ceremony was held at the Darwin Convention Centre on October 16 and Jennifer was able to watch it live via a web-based video stream from her home in Meekatharra.

Jennifer's graduation was on October 29, and she said she was proud to have her husband, daughter and granddaughter attend.

Murchison out of administration



Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation (MRAC) is now out of special administration.

MRAC owns and manages 121 residential properties in Geraldton, Carnarvon, Meekatharra, Mullewa and Mount Magnet in Western Australia. Its main objective is to provide affordable housing to Aboriginal people.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven placed MRAC under special administration on March 6 as a result of poor financial management practices at the corporation, particularly large unauthorised loans to senior staff for personal purposes.

The special administrators imposed

tighter financial controls and introduced new financial policies and procedures, including a prohibition on loans to staff. Mr Beven says the corporation is now in a strong financial position.

The special administrators also appointed a new executive officer to manage MRAC's day-to-day operations, and a new board of directors.

The corporation's rule book was reviewed and updated with a key change being the ability to appoint independent non-member directors to the board. A local accountant and a real estate agent have been appointed to the board, bringing with them years of financial and property management experience.

In March, Cyclone Olwyn damaged a number of homes owned by MRAC in

the Carnarvon region. The special administrators started repairs and maintenance to them and updated the corporation's insurance cover.

"A great deal has been achieved at MRAC in a short time," Mr Beven said.

"This not-for-profit corporation which provides an important service is now in good shape for the long term."

On July 3, following an application by the registrar, the Federal Court in Western Australia made interim orders to freeze the assets of two former MRAC senior officers, Ashley Taylor and Abul Shahid, and to restrict their travel overseas. The registrar is alleging that the two men made unapproved loans to themselves for their own personal benefit.

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DUNWICH HALL
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Saturday 28 November 2015

Registration from 8:00 am for 9.00 am start

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) gives notice to all Members of QYAC that an Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday 28 November 2015.

Please RSVP to admin@qyac.net.au or 07 3415 2816 by Friday 20 November 2015 for catering purposes.

AGENDA

Business to be conducted at the AGM will be:

1. Welcome to Country
2. Opening of AGM by QYAC Chairperson
3. Confirmation of Chair of Meeting
4. Apologies
5. Acceptance of proxy votes ("see below")
6. Acceptance of Previous Minutes and Business arising
7. Reports of the Corporation for the financial year ending 30 June 2015
 - i) Chair
 - ii) Financial Audit Report
8. Questions and answers of the Directors
9. Appointment and remuneration of QYAC auditor for financial year ending 30 June 2016
10. Resignation of Directors
11. Election of Directors
12. Closing remarks
13. Meeting Closed

Proxies.

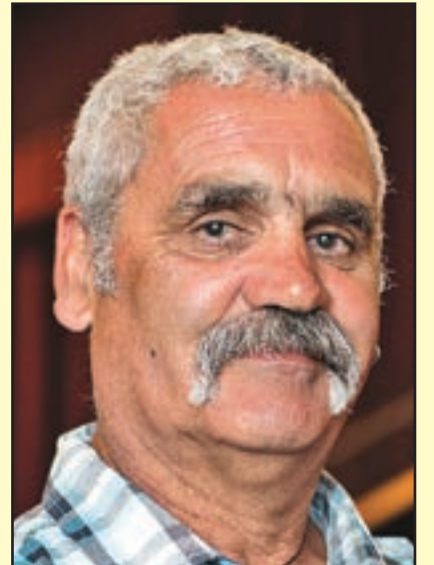
A member who is entitled to attend and cast a vote at a general meeting may appoint a person as proxy to attend and vote for them at the meeting. The person appointed as a member's proxy must be a member of the corporation.

Proxy forms must be delivered in hard copy or by email to the QYAC office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. That is, by **9:00 on Thursday 26 November 2015.**

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Charlie Knight

Senior Aboriginal health worker at Bendigo District Aboriginal Co-operative

Stolen Generation
Ngarrindjeri man (Coorong, SA) living in Bendigo, Victoria

Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo.

Favourite other food?
Coorong mullet and calop (yellow belly).

Favourite drink?
Jack Daniel's whiskey.

Favourite music?
Archie Roach, Casey Donovan, country, a bit of rock and a bit of blues.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Tournament darts and footy.

Favourite read?
Aboriginal biographies.

What are you watching on TV?
CSI Miami and all those crime shows.

What do you like in life?
Enjoying life to the fullest and meeting people in need.

What don't you like?
When people look down on you and disrespect you.

Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Senator Nova Peris.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
The Queen, former prime minister Tony Abbott and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

What is your ultimate goal?
To become a leader in Aboriginal health and culture.

What would you do to better the situation for indigenous people?
I'd like to see more government funding for Aboriginal people in remote places and Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations.

Quote



"It seems like a big vacuum cleaner is sucking everything away. This place (Uluru) is our culture here, but it's ending up over there (at the resort); it should be here."

— Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park board chair Sammy Wilson

● See page 5

Unquote

Worthy man who should be heard

BY any measure Uncle Jack Charles has lived an extraordinary life and achieved incredible success, in the wake of difficult circumstances.

What a truly inspiring choice for Senior Victorian of the Year.

Uncle Jack shows us all that you can make mistakes – but it's how you come back that defines you as a person.

His wisdom, strength, resilience, creativity, honesty and talent should be a lesson for all Australians.

So when he speaks about racism, Australia must listen.

In the past couple of weeks we've seen some of our prominent Aboriginal people targeted for speaking the truth, including actor Miranda Tapsell, sportsman Adam Goodes and journalist Stan Grant.

So when Uncle Jack talks about the special sort racism directed at Australia's First People, the whole country needs to listen and ask what can be done.

Racism isn't only tackled by governments – although it's not helped by incidents like Liberal senator Eric Abetz using an outdated racial term to describe African Americans – it really is the responsibility of everybody to call it out.

And Uncle Jack is leading that charge. Let's hope everyone listens.

A big congratulations to incoming Congress co-chairs Jackie Huggins and Rod Little, and directors Norma Ingram and Katie Kiss.

And also to newly-elected NSW Aboriginal Land Councillors (although we did not have election results by the time of going to press – you can find them on our website www.koorimail.com).



OUR SAY

And another big shout out to all human rights awards winners, including Adam Goodes, Auntie Jenny Munro and respected Elder Tauto Sansbury, who gave a speech many are calling the best of his life – in a long career of great speeches. (See story page 10.)

The challenges facing Congress are large and many, thanks in no small part to the Coalition Government reneging on funding.

An elected Indigenous body, actively supported by government, is one of the tenets of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. So for the Federal Government to refuse to fund Congress at the same time as it seeks a seat for Australia on the UN Security Council smacks of hubris and hypocrisy.

How can a Federal Government seek to lecture to other countries on human rights when it continually ignores the rights and wishes of its own Indigenous people?

Congress is really still a very young organisation – and like anything new, it needs support.

At the moment it is fighting an uphill battle to be the representative organisation that it can be – but that's no reason to abandon it all together.

Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned

Carmody back on musical journey

By ANDY PARKS

AFTER 12 years of not recording, Kev Carmody must feel like the dam wall has broken, producing four CDs' worth of material for his new release *Reflections... (A Journey)*.

The 40 songs were recorded in an old fruit packing shed converted into a studio by sound engineer Andy Wilmott, just down the road from Kev's house in the bush of southern Queensland.

Kev said it didn't start off as such an epic, ambitious project, but he was enjoying the process and the time in the studio and it quickly grew.

"My family has always been saying, 'You know all those old songs you never recorded?' and Paul Kelly would always say in his gentle way, 'What about all them songs?'" he said.

"So I went to Andy's studio to put a few down and it just started to grow until it got to a point where we said, 'We're going to have to put a lid on this.'"

Recorded gradually over two years whenever Kev and Andy had time between other jobs, Kev said the idea from the start was to be experimental.

"I said to Andy I want to do this with no drum kit and no bass guitar because I didn't want it to sound like the other two million bands down the road," he said.

"We'd record our own samples by setting up mics at 5am to record the birds on the fence post. And the shed was full of junk that we turned into musical instruments."

In fact on the album credits, Kev is credited with "playing the tractor, grinder, plough discs, chain ... butter knife, thumb piano and assorted found objects in the old fruit packing shed". There are also credits for vocals for Monty the Siberian Husky, Dexter the Jack Russell as well as chooks, birds, frogs and blowflies.

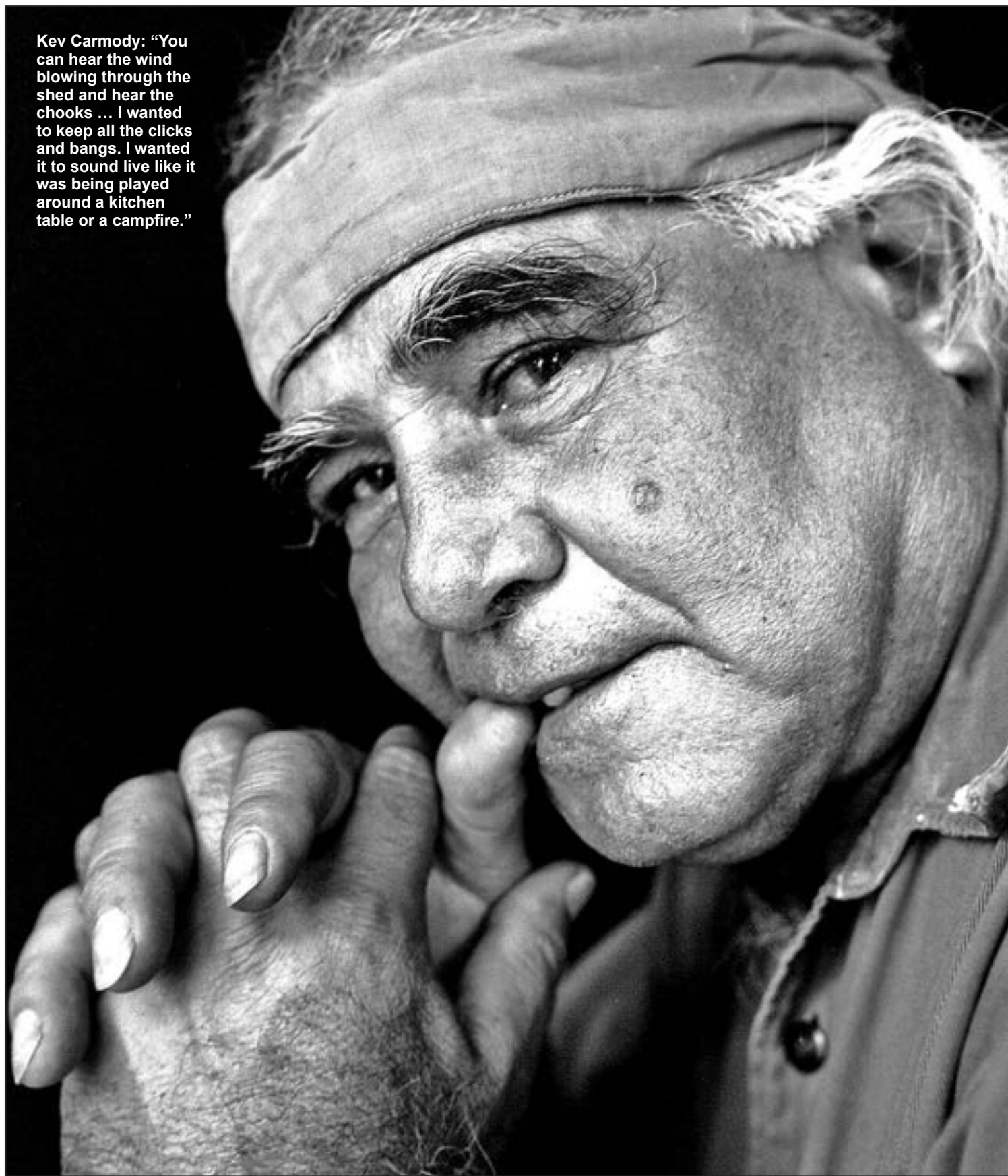
"The environment obviously powered the flavour of the recordings," Kev said.

"You can hear the wind blowing through the shed and hear the chooks ... I wanted to keep all the clicks and bangs. I wanted it to sound live like it was being played around a kitchen table or a campfire."

Kev and Andy also had a policy of trying to do everything in one take, with no rehearsal or pre-production.

"I wanted to capture that feel of spontaneity and improvisation. If it didn't work out, you can cut it out ... but when you are running by the seat of your pants like

Kev Carmody: "You can hear the wind blowing through the shed and hear the chooks ... I wanted to keep all the clicks and bangs. I wanted it to sound live like it was being played around a kitchen table or a campfire."



that, it challenges you every second you are recording," Kev said.

The songs date back to some of Kev's earliest, written in the late 1960s, right up to tunes written in the studio. But even with 40 songs out, he said he is a long way from clearing the back catalogue. "I've still got folders of it," he said.

Some songs that started as

riffs he wrote when he was teaching himself finger picking lay dormant for 20 to 30 years before eventually getting paired up with some lyrics.

"Oral tradition"

"I come from an oral tradition, so I've always had to remember stuff ... The ones that are any good stay in your head," he said.

To coincide with the new

release, there is a 30-minute documentary called *Songman* that is scheduled to be aired on the ABC in early 2017, and Kev is planning a limited tour as well.

He has two steel rods in his back and said travelling is difficult.

"I need a Woolworths trolley and all the grandkids to push me around these days ... But the

festivals have heard about it so I'm going to do some shows in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney, then up to Brisbane and Cairns," he said.

"I'll show the doco first so people can see how the recordings were done and then do 40-50 minutes solo with a guitar," he said.

Reflections... (A Journey) is out now.

"We'd record our own samples by setting up mics at 5am to record the birds on the fence post. And the shed was full of junk that we turned into musical instruments."



CELEBRATING THE STORIES OF REDFERN THROUGH ART

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For more information www.downcitystreets.com

This event is a collaboration between the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, Redfern Station Community Group & Sydney College of the Arts, University of Sydney.



Flora Hoolihan with Teaulani Hellsten (holding baby Izayah) and Mesha Hellsten. Teaulani and Mesha are great-grandchildren and Izayah is a great-great grandchild of Flora.

Flora celebrates 100th birthday

By ALF WILSON



WHEN Flora Hoolihan (nee Illin) was asked the secret of living to be 100 years old, she had a swift reply: "You will have to ask God above".

This wonderful lady turned 100 on October 20 and a party held in her honour in Townsville on October 24 was attended by many family members going back five generations, as well as friends.

Some of her family suggested the waters of the Burdekin and Herbert rivers may have had something to do with Flora's long life. Others said the closeness of her family also had a lot to do with it.

Flora is the mother of four, grandmother of 20, great grandmother of 47 and great great grandmother of 22.

Flora Illin was born on October 20, 1915, at Peeramon on the Atherton Tablelands in the heart of Ngadjonji country.

She is the daughter of Leandro Illin, a

Russian man, who fled from Russia before the 1917 revolution, and Kitty Clarke, a Ngandjonji woman from the Atherton Tablelands.

Flora's eldest son Ernie Hoolihan said that in the early stages of her parents' relationship it was considered illegal for a white man to marry an Aboriginal person. "They defied authorities and married anyway," he said.

Dr Hoolihan said his mother met his father, Gugu Badhun man Richard Hoolihan, when they were both living in the Upper Burdekin River region.

"Personal life"

"This again was another fight for her personal life to marry someone of her own choosing because Richard Hoolihan was under the Protection Act and was considered property of the state and was not allowed to make these important decisions without government interference and permission," he said.

"Richard eventually, after three tries, was exempted from the Act and married Flora in Ingham in 1932."

Flora eventually separated from

Richard and lived on her own and ended up in Townsville in the late 1950s.

Throughout her life she has been an active community member, and was a founding member of the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service, the Townsville Aboriginal Legal Service and the Yumba-Meta Housing Association, where Flora House is named in her honour.

Noel Gertz, one of Flora's grandsons, was glowing in his praise of her life.

"Granny has a very special place in her grandchildren's and nephews' and nieces' hearts," he said.

"She still provides wisdom and unconditional care and comfort when any of us have any difficulty, big or small. We should all cherish every precious moment with her and continue to learn from her.

"I can't even imagine the changes with mankind that she has witnessed through her long and eventful life.

"If there is a title for a learned person that ranks higher than a professor, then she is surely qualified to carry that honour."



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The Australian and NSW governments are planning to upgrade the intersection of The Northern Road and Bringelly Road, Bringelly as part of the \$3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan.

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To register your interest, please contact: Mark Lester, Roads and Maritime Cultural Heritage Officer, PO BOX 973, Parramatta CBD NSW 2124 or email Mark.W.Lester@rms.nsw.gov.au

Registrations may also be made by phone on (02) 8849 2583 during business hours.

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by **Wednesday 18 November 2015.**

The proposal may result in Roads and Maritime:

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Standing strong and proud for their people



Adam Goodes

I WAS very young back then, still in primary school, when our school teacher calmly announced that in the days of white “settlement” in Tasmania a line of men had stretched across the island state to collect up the remaining Aborigines.

My child’s mind could not grasp this information of herding people.

Later, the family was sitting in the car in downtown Burnie waiting while mother returned from the corner store. She stated how the shop attendant had refused to serve some Aborigines from King Island.

The shock was palpable in the car, with me thinking how can one human deny a service to another human being?

That was in the early 1960s.

Now we are in 2015, some 50-plus years later, and we are booing a double Brownlow Medallist and an Australian of the Year (Adam Goodes).

Where else would this occur in a

modern democracy?

When will white Australia realise there are amongst us those who consider the wellbeing of their people more important than their own personal success?

First Cathy Freeman with the two flags, and now Goodes with the war dance. Let’s try booing the New Zealand All Blacks or the other Pacific island countries that do the same.

A prominent Indigenous Australian commented we were looking into an abyss, and but for the general good heartedness of our First Peoples we could be brought to the edge.

The outpouring of support from across the country was welcomed and it certainly helped to drown the ignorant comments made by some who considered themselves experts on matters Indigenous but are not!

BRUCE DOCKER
Brisbane, Qld

A proud heritage

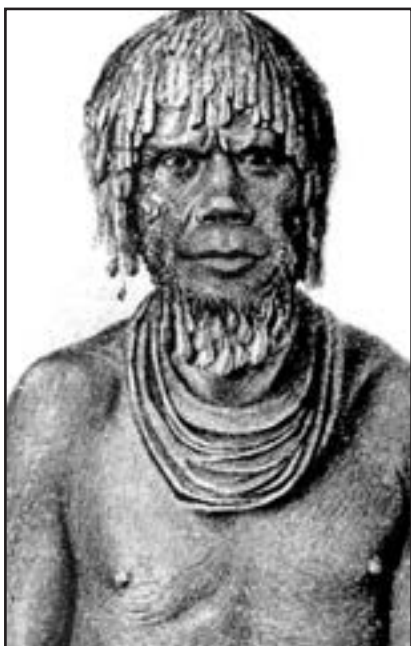
IT is that time of year again to remember our heritage. Hope you pass this on to all interested parties and be involved in a simple act of remembrance, wherever you are at the time, perhaps a moment taken in the Tasmanian Parliament, if its sitting on the day.

December 4 is Mannalargenna Day.

Mannalargenna was a warrior, shaman, chief and skilled diplomat. He waged war on the white men after being betrayed by sealers, before eventually joining Robinson’s ‘friendly mission’.

Pause a moment and consider what may have been, what should have been. If not a trip to Tebrakunna, Cape Portland, in the state’s north-east corner would be in order and a visit to the centre overlooking Banks Strait and the islands that became the last resting place of so many promises made.

Tasmanian Aboriginal heritage is worth remembering and commemorating.



UNCLE PAUL DOCKING An image of Mannalargenna

QATSIF chair sets record straight

I refer to your story ‘Move on Stolen Wages’ (*Koori Mail*, September 9).

The story states: “In 2002, Queensland Premier Peter Beattie promised \$55 million in Stolen Wages reparations. However, after initial payments of \$4000-\$7000, the Government decided not to pay the entire \$55 million and put \$21 million into an education fund.”

As the chair of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) I wish to correct the notion that QATSIF uses the unclaimed funds capital.

Following the closure of the last reparations scheme, the funds were paid into a trust administered by the Public Trustee.

The scholarships are funded through interest earned on investment of the trust funds by the Public Trustee. Only the interest has been used and the capital funding has been preserved.

PROFESSOR CINDY SHANNON
Chair, QATSIF

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POETRY

The Forgotten Ones

The wind whistles softly over a forgotten land
Unearthing treasures hidden in the sand
The remains of loved ones at last exposed
The secrets they hold – will we ever know

The dreamtime spirits & guardians of all
Can be heard by their families large and small
They whisper stories of hardship and pain
Hoping this devastation won’t happen again

An element of grief as their skeletons lay still
Wandering the land, lost souls at will
Waiting for their sadness to at last unfold
Its time for their secrets to be told

On this desolate landscape they first began
Suffering dispossession of their ancestral land
Living in homes made of tin and wood
Surviving on rations & whatever they could

An end to a journey, now remains are found
With loved ones now resting in sacred ground
Elders searching for identities from the past
Their legacy returned to the families at last

SHIRLEY PERRY

Stand as one

You are the brothers and sisters of my soul
If we work together we will score a goal
As individuals we will not stand
And I know this world won’t lend a hand
If we are distant and separated
We won’t go forward if we are filled with hatred
Time to let go of all bad feelings
All the wrongs and accept the healing
Yesterday’s gone and tomorrow’s here
Embrace God’s love and dump the fear
Reach one another and stand as one
And you will be called God’s daughters and sons
Pave the way for tomorrow’s glory
And that will be the end of the story
Paint the picture of what you want to become
Is it to be disabled or a people as one
Let’s love ourselves or we will die within
So we won’t be the trash in tomorrow’s bin

Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW

Towards health equality

WE have seen some modest gains in recent years to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Despite this, our mob continues to face an unacceptable life-expectancy gap of around 10 years when compared to non-Indigenous Australians.

Last week, the Federal Government released its 10-year roadmap for addressing the life-expectancy gap and improving the health of our people. It was a major step forward in the journey to achieve health equality and builds on the foundations that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services have laid for culturally safe and effective care for our people.

The Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23 establishes an evidence-based, coherent and coordinated approach to deliver health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

I was personally proud of the work of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health leadership from across the sector – represented in the National Health Leadership Forum – which led the engagement with government on the development of the plan. Their advice and expertise was instrumental to the development of the final goals and strategies.

Our collective message to government continues to be that we are best placed to determine and deliver the health care our people need to deliver the life expectancy outcomes we all want. Particularly, the value



Romlie Mokak

and strength of our community-controlled health organisations is evident in the goals and activities outlined in the plan.

The implementation plan's launch marks the beginning of a new process. The hard work now begins.

The plan provides us with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make real and lasting change through the measurable and achievable goals. Specifically, there are 20 new goals to improve Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander health, covering maternal health, early childhood and development, adolescence and adult years, and healthy ageing.

We believe the implementation plan provides an important opportunity to build the capacity of the Indigenous health sector, while also improving the outcomes of our people right across the country. The plan includes measures to map regional service capacity, ensuring that any gaps in critical services are identified and geographical factors are considered in future funding decisions.

A significant achievement in the development of the plan is the inclusion of strategies to eradicate systemic racism from the health system, and creating health services that are culturally safe.

We know that cultural factors have a profound impact on health outcomes of our people. Health services must be supportive, protective and healing. The new measures in this plan will help achieve that goal.

Importantly, this plan sets new levels of accountability and leadership. It will keep governments to account for the health outcomes of our people, with measurable goals and yearly updates on outcomes.

Our genuine partnership with government in the development of the plan provides us with some hope for the future. The collaborative approach shows a good model for future engagement, particularly as we move into the implementation stage.

As we embark on our journey to achieve health equality, the National Health Leadership Forum will continue to engage with government and provide

advice on actions to be taken to meet the needs of our people.

Romlie Mokak is chair of the National Health Leadership Forum and chief executive officer of the Lowitja Institute. The National Health Leadership Forum is a national partnership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations committed to achieving health equality.

The National Health Leadership Forum – full members:

- Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (Kali Hayward/Kate Thomann)
 - Australian Indigenous Psychologists' Association
 - Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives
 - Indigenous Allied Health Australia
 - Indigenous Dentists' Association of Australia
 - The Lowitja Institute
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation
 - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers' Association
 - National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (Lisa Briggs/Matt Cooke)
 - National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Physiotherapists
 - Torres Strait Regional Authority.
- Associate members:
- Ted Wilkes – expert adviser alcohol and other drugs
 - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership in Mental Health representative.

Darkinjung's concern

THE objective of economic development is to empower and give people the option to live their lives as they wish.

For some this will be having the middle-class life in the suburbs. For others it may be living the high life. For many, it will be living in safe, stable communities where they have steady and secure employment, own their own home, get on with their neighbours, are able to send their kids to school and watch them get a good education, have time to enjoy life and are able to provide for their needs themselves without being unduly stressed with money worries.

The comments below are largely focused on the latter group, most of whom are currently seen as battlers, particularly where they are living in regional or city fringe areas.

The challenges of city living are different to those of the country or, in government terms, remote, rural and urban. In urban regions, the costs are generally much greater and therefore incomes have to be higher to enjoy the same economic standard of living.

In the rural or remote regions, employment is often harder to find and there is the real challenge of ensuring that kids (and their parents) do not drift into government-dependant welfare, which in turn leads many Aboriginal people down a path of low socio-economic entrapment, further leading to boredom, despair and substance abuse.

In this regard, economic

development is directly interlinked with cultural and social development.

For Aboriginal people, economic development becomes meaningless without cultural and social development and investment.

For many Aboriginal people in NSW, the right to develop culturally, socially and economically was denied due to past government policies. Aboriginal people were dispossessed from their lands and refused the same rights as other Australians.

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council's experience in economic development to date has been uneasy and costly. Our pathway and our right to economic development to date has regrettably been through the NSW Land and Environment Court.

Governments have a significant role to play in advancing economic development and investment in Aboriginal communities, and although governments may have good intentions, those intentions are not always demonstrated by their actions.

These well-intentioned governments have led to an ad hoc, non-transparent and potentially discriminatory State Government land acquisition process for a big rail transport project, which is undermining economic empowerment for Aboriginal people.

Darkinjung has received official correspondence on the \$300 million intercity train maintenance



Sean Gordon

project under public access to government information laws. Darkinjung has warned the Premier and the ministers for Transport and Planning that its board is extremely disappointed and angered by a controversial decision to reject a Darkinjung-owned site.

Darkinjung has met with the chair of the parliamentary Standing Committee on State Development (Economic Development in Aboriginal Communities) Greg Pearce and is urgently seeking a meeting with Transport Minister Andrew Constance.

Mr Constance has been told in a letter that Darkinjung LALC is also disappointed that the Government is not demonstrating genuine support to Aboriginal

communities that are committed to economic development, especially considering the Government is currently conducting an inquiry into economic development in Aboriginal communities, to which Darkinjung has submitted a paper.

Darkinjung is yet to receive a response.

Since 2011, Darkinjung has spent considerable resources and was several years in discussions with Transport for NSW, covering land it owns at Bushells Ridge, near Warnervale in the north of Wyong Shire. In 2012, Darkinjung was officially notified by then-Minister Gladys Berejiklian that its site was the preferred location and a joint valuation report was prepared along with ecological assessments designs plans.

In June this year, Darkinjung was formally advised that its land was no longer being considered and in recent weeks it has been announced that an alternative site near Kangy Angy has been chosen.

The official documents obtained under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* suggest that public servants wanted Darkinjung land deleted because of an apprehension that land council ownership could delay project delivery. The internal government communications released to the land council were deeply concerning, and we have called on the State Government to release more information to clarify the decision-making process.

We know from one email that in August 2014 a public servant

instructed a private engineering contractor to remove two Darkinjung-owned sites from a short-list of preferred options. The cited reason was 'Aboriginal land council ownership', which 'apparently impacts to a large extend (sic) on timing of delivery'.

In the absence of further explanation, it is open to interpretation that Aboriginal ownership has been perceived as equating to potential difficulty in negotiating a timely outcome for land acquisition, which is discriminatory.

Darkinjung's concern about delay could be linked to something else, such as the proximity of the stalled \$800 million Wallarah 2 coal mine project that also wants to use Darkinjung-owned land for rail access, but has failed to reach an agreement with Darkinjung.

Whatever the reason, the approach adopted by government agencies to site identification and land acquisition and the manifest inadequacies of the site that has now been selected, leave Darkinjung with deep concerns and frustration about the whole process, while also costing Darkinjung considerable time and money.

The Baird Government's rhetoric sadly does not equate to genuine action for Aboriginal economic development.

Barkindji/Wangamara man Sean Gordon is chief executive of Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council, based in Wyong, in the NSW Hunter Valley.

Anthem out of touch

It's every performer's dream. To stand in front of the largest live audience you are ever likely to see and perform the national anthem. Last month I was invited by the AFL to sing Advance Australia Fair at the 2015 Grand Final. I knew it was honour to be asked but I simply can no longer sing the words "for we are young and free".

Don't get me wrong: I wanted to find a way to make it OK. I told the event organisers that I was available to perform but I made it a condition of my appearance that I would be permitted to replace the words "for we are young and free" with "in peace and harmony".

To their credit, the AFL gave my request consideration but decided that they were not able to openly support this change of lyric. So I made the only decision I could make – I turned down the opportunity to sing the national anthem in front of more than 90,000 people at the ground and potentially millions more watching on TV.

People aware of my career will know that I have sung the anthem for significant occasions in the past. So why not now?

Let me be clear: it was an honour to be asked. The problem is, as an Indigenous leader I simply can no longer



Deborah Cheetham

sing the words "we are young and free". For that matter, as an Australian with a strong desire to deepen our nation's understanding of identity and our place in the world, I believe we can and must do better.

Over the past half-century Australians have come to realise much about the persistence, sophistication and success of Aboriginal Australia. The 1967 referendum, the Bringing Them Home Report (1997) and the Apology to the Stolen Generations (2008) have all caught the nation's attention and raised awareness of our shared history.

But many people have

A new anthem, words by Kutcha Edwards and Judith Durham

Australia, celebrate as one, with peace and harmony.
Our precious water, soil and sun, grant life for you and me.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts to love, respect and share,
And honouring the Dreaming, advance Australia fair.
With joyful hearts then let us sing, advance Australia fair.
Australia, let us stand as one, upon this sacred land.
A new day dawns, we're moving on to trust and understand.
Combine our ancient history and cultures everywhere,
To bond together for all time, advance Australia fair.
With joyful hearts then let us sing, advance Australia fair.
Australia, let us strive as one, to work with willing hands.
Our Southern Cross will guide us on, as friends with other lands.
While we embrace tomorrow's world with courage, truth and care,
And all our actions prove the words, advance Australia fair.
With joyful hearts then let us sing, advance Australia fair.
And when this special land of ours is in our children's care,
From shore to shore forever more, advance Australia fair.
With joyful hearts then let us sing, advance ... Australia ... fair.

remained content to leave it there, to settle for what little information they received during school years. For such people, most of Australia's Indigenous cultures remain unwrapped, unacknowledged and unexplored.

They are content to know that Indigenous culture exists without troubling themselves to find meaningful engagement. More worryingly, though not surprisingly, many still toil at a kind of all-consuming denial, which demands an extraordinary amount of commitment and energy to maintain.

Our national anthem tells us that we are young and free. Blindly, many Australians continue to accept this.

But it's not true. Setting aside for a moment 70,000 years of Indigenous cultures, 114 years on from Federation and 227 years into colonisation, at the very least, those words don't reflect who we are. As Australians, can we aspire to be young forever? If we are ever to mature we simply cannot cling to this desperate premise.

How much better would it be if we were to finally acknowledge the nuanced

and sophisticated society discovered by those who arrived 230 years ago was deliberately overlooked? What if the next person to sing the anthem at the AFL Grand Final were to reach beyond the Western imperial history and harness the power of 70,000 years of accumulated wisdom and knowledge?

If it is time for Australia to grow up then how is this to be done? I believe that as a nation we can't mature until we value, understand and embrace the fact that we alone in the world can lay claim to the longest

continuing culture.

In terms of our national anthem I have written and spoken about the need for change for some time.

In 2009 I was privileged to help launch alternative lyrics penned by Australian legend Judith Durham in consultation with Muti Muti singer songwriter Kutcha Edwards.

The words are as inclusive as they are beautiful. Please take the time to read the words and imagine the day when we can write (or sing) the next chapter in our nation's development.

I believe one day we will sing these words at grand finals and other important events and that they will serve to bring us together. Australia, it's time to sing a new song.

Yorta Yorta soprano Deborah Cheetham is a performer, composer and educator. She is the founder of the Short Black Opera company and Associate Dean of the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at Melbourne University. This article was originally published on The Conversation <https://theconversation.com/young-and-free-why-i-declined-to-sing-the-national-anthem-at-the-2015-afl-grand-final-49234>

THE CONVERSATION

Indigenous voices not heard

Yammaa (welcome). My mob is Kamilaroi, our language boundaries stretching from Singleton, NSW, up towards Tamworth through Moree and Boggabilla into Queensland encompassing St George and ending at Surat.

My Yanguru (Moiety) represents my genetic memory connecting me to the oldest living culture in the world. My Yarudhagaa (Totem) reflects my genealogy and remains Kubbaanjhaan. This connects me to my Burruguu-ngayi-li (Dreaming) as defined through Gawuban Gunigal the Waterways, Songlines and Dreaming paths throughout the East Coast of Australia with Biami recognised by many Aboriginal First Nations as our creator.

My wife's country is Maialwali Karuwalli and Pitta Pitta which originates from Winton in Queensland. As 'Woman's Dreaming Paths' there are seven birth grandmothers, the most senior being Yamma-coona, who stretches from the western side of Kamilaroi up into the Northern Territory.

These Songlines and Dreaming paths continue through to the deserts of inner-Australia imparting stories of the 'Wagalak Sisters' all the way to Ramingining in the NT and stretch down to South Australia and across to Western Australia.

Like many Aboriginal people, the Koori Mail represents aspects of my childhood and identity. To now have the opportunity to contribute

to such a culturally significant publication is a dream come true. As always I will try to continue to represent the most grassroots of our people and would appreciate feedback to ensure I remain consistent with integrity.

In this first article my heart goes out to Adam Goodes, Miranda Tapsell and Stan Grant, who have showed extreme bravery in exposing racism against a tirade of verbal attacks on social media. Only in Australia do we defend claims of racism by being even more racist as if racist vilification somehow excuses such behavior.

I believe that a major problem in this country is that non-Indigenous people are not listening to Aboriginal people, they continue to dismiss our concerns, reflection and commentary as living in the past, victimisation and, yes, 'un-Australian'.

But the racist comments targetted at Miranda were not in the past, just as the booing of Adam Goodes, the closure of remote communities and a new stolen generation of Aboriginal children is not in the past – it is today, it is now – and I applaud these and many other cultural warriors who continue to make a stand.

The idea that white people can tell black people who they are and what they represent is no better demonstrated than with the term Aboriginal itself. As within government legislation, the very terminology of who we are is



Woolombi Waters

problematic and remains open to interpretation.

It was under the leadership of Bob Hawke and Clyde Holding as the then Minister for Aboriginal Affairs that the legal terminology of Australian Aboriginals changed to Aboriginal Australians.

How did this change the meaning of our identity? In short Australian Aboriginals means that we are Aboriginals albeit from Australia. Aboriginal Australians means that we are Australians (citizens) albeit Aboriginal. John Howard's Liberal

Government went further with Indigenous Australians, and then John Howard went on radio and said that everyone born in Australia was Indigenous.

Ten years later Tony Abbott declares that before European colonisation Australia "was nothing but bush" and that living on remote traditional Aboriginal communities was a "lifestyle choice".

As stated by one Indigenous scholar: "When we try to understand the values and logic of another culture, we filter this through our own cultural biases." (Brokenleg, 2000)

So what then determines my understanding of the values of my own Aboriginality? Amongst the frustration I believe there remains what was once clearly an unconditional love for our communities and families.

In fact it was only recently that I realised what my understanding of Aboriginality really is...

I was in Jamaica giving a lecture on black consciousness and, after catching a lift to another district, found myself with no phone, no email connection and isolated from the rest of the world.

The last time I was this isolated I was in Ramingining over six years ago. When I think of the quality of the people, the love and compassion I have been part of in these Black communities of the world there remains a very special link of compassion that connects Aboriginal identity around the

globe. So after finding myself with no wi-fi, it had been three days since I had spoken to my wife, who remains my motivation and inspiration in life. My saviour's name was Jackson. He gave me his personal tablet, with wi-fi and a small black phone connected to international calls.

It was the same in Ramingining when Elders allowed me to use the community arts phone and internet. It is this compassion connected to the needs of others that I believe identifies what Aboriginality truly stands for.

It is why we depend on extended families and in our communities when services are lost through funding, why we rally for those in need and why people with celebrity speak out when they no longer have to...

It is this generosity of spirit demonstrated by the Elders of Ramingining and a stranger called Jackson in an unnamed district within Jamaica, together with Adam Goodes, Miranda Tapsell, Stan Grant and others that I believe Aboriginality stands for – 'a generosity of spirit'.

And it is this generosity of spirit that the world needs now like never before.

Dr Woolombi Waters is an award-winning writer, educator and academic at Griffith University. This is his first column for the Koori Mail, in what will be a regular feature.

Garden grows culture



Ngara Nanga Mai garden at Glebe Public School. Wendy Buchanan and Kathryn Dodd-Farrawell explore it with students.



AN Aboriginal community garden in Glebe, Sydney, is set to grow, with improved landscaping, restored artworks and fresh plantings of traditional bush medicine and food seedlings.

The Nura Nanga Mai garden at Glebe Public School has been a community gathering place for 12 years. With support from the City of Sydney, Be Centre charity, Glebe TreeHouse community centre, Glebe Public School and Centipede Before and After School Care and the assistance of local Elders, it will be reinvigorated to continue this important role for many years to come.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore said community groups had come together to make it a special place for local children to learn about Aboriginal culture, art, food and medicine.

The city's \$4,745 funding will help to introduce a Be Centre play-therapy bus to provide support for any local children who need extra help, are experiencing difficulties, or just need a place to express themselves.

There will also be community workshops with artist Aunty Kathryn Dodd-Farrawell to develop two new garden artworks and a logo for the play-therapy bus.

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For further information about the conference and how to register, please contact the co-ordinator at jessie.longbottom@absec.org.au, alternatively you can find all necessary information and the registration page at www.absec.org.au.



Latanya Campbell, 14, from Barmera, South Australia, has assisted headspace in their Yarn Safe campaign.

Check your head



THERE has been a dramatic increase in the number of young

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accessing headspace's mental health services.

Since launching their Yarn Safe initiative a year ago, there has been a 32% increase in the number of Indigenous people accessing headspace centres across Australia.

It is the first youth-led national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth mental health campaign of its kind and was developed with a group of 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people from across Australia.

Phase two of the campaign will delve deeper into the issues

commonly faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people such as stress and pressure, family and relationships, racism, and drugs and alcohol.

Headspace chief executive Chris Tanti said the unprecedented response to Yarn Safe was great, but more work needed to be done to address the disproportionate burden of mental health disorders among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

"Overwhelmingly, these Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people feel that headspace is a culturally safe place," he said.

"However, addressing the needs of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people is an organisation-wide ongoing commitment to

partnership with communities and culturally sensitive practice, including evaluation to ensure that many more young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel comfortable to talk with us."

An Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report released in 2011 showed that in 2008 almost one-third of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (aged 16-24 years) had high or very high level of psychological stress – more than twice the rate of young non-Indigenous Australians.

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Good day to visit parks



NEW signs in the City of Sydney's parks will wish visitors

"bujari gamarruwa" (good day) and acknowledge the traditional owners, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

The new signs are part of the City of Sydney's commitment to raise community awareness and understanding of the world's oldest living culture.

The signs were requested by the city's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel and will be installed in the city's parks in coming weeks, with signs reaching their use-by date replaced first.

Culturally significant sites such as Redfern Park, Hyde Park, Alexandria Park,



Visitors to Redfern Park will soon be welcomed in Gadigal language.

Victoria Park and Yellomundee Park in Redfern will soon also have their signs retrofitted.

The signs feature the Gadigal words for "good day" – "bujari gamarruwa" – and were sourced from *The Sydney Language* by

University of Sydney academic Professor Jakelin Troy, the most comprehensive Gadigal word list published and accepted by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The words are spelt

phonetically rather than historically, making them easier for visitors to pronounce, and helping reawaken Aboriginal language and highlight its cultural significance.

Professor Troy, who worked with the city's

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel on the wording for the signs, has praised the initiative for bringing awareness of the Gadigal language to more people.

"Anytime the language of the city is used, we hear the voices of the Gadigal people from before 1788 right up to now," Professor Troy said.

"The Gadigal story is a remarkable one because of its cultural strength – the strength of these people who've been able to live with these changes and continued to be Gadigal people.

"As an Aboriginal person, it's been uplifting to work together as people of Sydney, where it doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, to acknowledge the Gadigal with these signs.

"Whether you're Indigenous or not, these signs are an important recognition and embracing of place."

Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore said adding the Acknowledgement of Country was an important way to recognise the traditional custodians of the place we now call Sydney.

"Australia's First Peoples have a resilient living culture that the city is deeply committed to acknowledging, sharing and celebrating," she said.

"Including these important messages on park signs will boost awareness of our shared cultural history and lay the groundwork for a future that embraces all Australians and promotes mutual respect and shared responsibility for our land."



Shauntai Batzke (bottom left) at the Metropolitan Opera House New York with coaches and students.

World stage for Wiradjuri singer



A CHANCE encounter with Yorta Yorta opera singer Deborah Cheetham has

proven to have been a life-changing experience for Wiradjuri (NSW) woman Shauntai Batzke.

At the time, in 2008, Ms Batzke had never sung opera. She recently completed a nine-day series of workshops at New York's prestigious Metropolitan Opera House, and in 2016 she will make her debut at the Sydney Opera House.

Ms Batzke was a gospel singer when she and her husband saw a performance by the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir. The chance meeting with Ms

Cheetham led to a workshop and an introduction to the world of classical music and from there Ms Batzke continued to pursue it and was accepted into the Victorian College of the Arts in 2011.

Ms Batzke was the 2014/15 recipient of the Harold Blair Opera Scholarship from the Dame Nellie Melba Opera Trust and one of seven international artists to be selected for the Canto De Las Americas vocal workshops in New York.

"It was amazing. I specifically wanted to make connections with the industry in New York and see what the standard is over there, get a clearer vision of where I want to go in my career and to have some incredible coaching.

"And all of those things were

fulfilled," she said.

They completed the workshops with a performance at the Steinway & Sons Showroom just a few blocks from Times Square.

Ms Batzke said she has well and truly landed back in Melbourne now, where she works as an administrative assistant at Melbourne University's Wilin Centre which assists Indigenous artists find pathways to careers in the arts.

Her own career recently got another boost when she found out she would be playing one of the leads, Old Alice, in Ms Cheetham's contemporary opera *Pecan Summer* when it is performed by Short Black Opera at Sydney Opera House in September, 2016.

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Venue: Dr Mackay Community Centre, Moruya	Venue: Katungul AMS, Bega
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Excellence centre on track



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Leslie Williams (pictured) has

announced community consultations for the NSW Government's \$20 million Aboriginal Centre of Excellence in Western Sydney.

Mrs Williams said a community forum will be held on November 9 at Rooty Hill RSL, with further consultations to follow, including with young people and Elders.

"The Aboriginal Centre of Excellence will be designed and delivered in partnership with the Western Sydney community to support young Aboriginal people making the transition from school into further education and employment," she said.

"The NSW Government has engaged an Aboriginal business to undertake the consultation process with the community and other stakeholders. (Former Democrats Senator) Aden Ridgeway and his team at Cox

Inall Ridgeway will lead this important foundation stage. Aden is well known across NSW and he has undertaken similar consultations with other communities."

Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group President, and St Clair High School student Jasmyn Irwin participated in preliminary discussions and is excited about the opportunities the centre will provide.

"I believe the Aboriginal Centre of Excellence should be about the coming together

of a culture, allowing the youth and the Elders to bond through stories and education," she said.

The consultations will include Aboriginal and community organisations, peak bodies, businesses and service providers within the region; and young Aboriginal people and students. Specific feedback will be sought on a potential site for the centre and the services and programs it will deliver.

For more info visit www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au



Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship 2016

For the assistance and encouragement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders studying for a medical degree at an Australian University.

Applications are now sought for the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship for 2016. Applicants must be people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

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The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of an advisory committee appointed by the AMA. The value of the Scholarship given in 2016 will be \$10,000 per annum, paid in a lump sum for each year of the course.

The scholarship will be awarded for a full course of study, subject to review at the end of each year.

Applications close: 31 January 2016.

To receive further information and an application package, please contact Sandra Riley, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5452 or email sriley@ama.com.au. An application package can be downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medical-scholarship-2016.

The Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund was established in 1994 with a contribution from the Australian Government. The Trust Fund is administered by the Australian Medical Association.

The Australian Medical Association would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the Reuben Peleman Benevolent Foundation and also the late Beryl Jamieson's wishes for donations towards the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship.



Gregg Dreise plays the didge when accepting his award for the book *Silly Birds*.

Author takes literary award for *Silly Birds*



A BOOK that combines humour, great illustrations and a parable about how it is hard to soar like an eagle when you are surrounded by turkeys has won the Indigenous category at the annual Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards.

Silly Birds by Gregg Dreise tells the tale of Maliyan, a proud eagle who always looks, listens and sees things from a long way away. One day he meets Wagun, a turkey, and together these two new

friends begin to do silly-bird things.

Now in their 12th year, the awards promote quality Australian children's literature, the role of speech pathologists in language and literacy development, and a love of learning from books.

Gregg Dreise is a teacher, author and illustrator. He grew up in St George, southwest Queensland. His mother is Lyla Knox, daughter of Ted Knox (Toomelah) and Lulu Simpson (Brewarina). The Knoxes are Kamilaroi Murris, and Gregg's grandma's family are Yuwaalaraay people.

"I am excited to have won the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Award," Mr Dreise said.

"As an author I understand the important link between reading, good language and literacy skills among children.

"I love that more and more books are being created with Indigenous content. It gives meaning and a sense of ownership to their education. This further engages young readers, which may lead to greater education, better jobs and further confidence in today's society. Literacy is a vital and fundamental life skill."

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Gamileraay fight CSG

By NATALIE CROMB



MINING company Santos' exploration drilling for coal seam gas (CSG) in the Pilliga forest in

north-west NSW has been met with resistance from many community groups, none louder than the local Gamileraay people who have activists in Moree, Coonabarabran and surrounds.

Upon learning of exploratory drilling earlier this year, Coonabarabran mother-of-three Nicole Hunter locked herself to an excavator which had entered the forest to clear an area in preparation for CSG work. From that point opposition has increased, particularly in light of concern in Queensland, where CSG activity is prevalent.

Agricultural business consultant Rohan Boehm, who represents lobby group People for the Plains, said more disruption to Santos' clearing in the Pilliga was planned. "We will continue to resist and restrict access to that area," he said.

Mr Boehm said he was sceptical about Santos' assertion there were no immediate plans to begin operations and that exploration is all that is occurring.

"Clearing is only undertaken to pave the way for construction of a



Coal seam gas mining opponents are concerned for the Pilliga forest.

fully-fledged gas field," he said.

Gamileraay activist and community leader Paul Spearim says the mining company's assurances are meaningless.

"Destruction"

"We know the destruction because we have seen it in other locations," he said.

A meeting of Gamileraay people, environmental activists, and other concerned and interested parties and people was

held in Moree on October 24, when further protest activity was planned as well as discussion on the consequences of CSG to the region.

Environmental scientist David Paull, who has resigned from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, said the NSW planning system was "playing to the tune of big developers in this state, particularly the mining and gas sector, to the detriment of our environment and citizens".

"This is being achieved in several ways: by a lack of transparency in the assessment process; by changing regulations and laws to remove the voice of dissent in the community; and by introducing new policies that undermine credible environmental outcomes," he said.

Santos said in a statement that, while it "respects the right of individuals to lawfully and safely protest, there must also be respect for our workers and

contractors on site. We are committed to carrying out our work in a safe and sustainable manner.

"Santos has received all necessary regulatory approvals to carry out this work, which is placed in a section of the State Forest specifically zoned for natural gas development."

Despite the statement, Gamileraay people say they will continue to resist CSG exploration in the Pilliga forest.



Gamileraay CSG opponent Paul Spearim: "We know the destruction because we have seen it in other locations."



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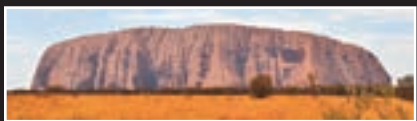
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Uluru handback 30th anniversary



Anangu women from Mutitjulu perform the Mala inma ceremony.

The crowd gathers for the Djuka Mala (Chooky Dancers) performance. (See facing page.)



Traditional owner Reggie Uluru is with former ATSIC chair Geoff Clark, left, and his sons Aaron and Jihad. Mr Uluru danced on the day of the handback, 30 years ago. The matching t-shirts worn by Geoff and Aaron feature a picture of Aaron at the handback, when he was aged four.



From left, Vanessa Jackson, Annabel Richards, Megan Bell with Sally Kenny, Narria Giles and Beryl Bell at the 30th anniversary handback celebrations.

Big day for the Anangu

Pictures by JILLIAN MUNDY



AS the thermometer inched towards 40 and the sun beat down on Uluru, the Anangu people of the region celebrated their success in reclaiming their land.

Thirty years ago, on October 26, 1985, the Federal Government officially returned the lands of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to their rightful owners.

On Sunday, October 15, several hundred residents from the local community of Mutitjulu, as well as visitors from around the world, celebrated with a festival that included traditional dances and performances by the Central Australian Women's Choir, rock musicians Dan Sultan and Shane Howard, and Djuka Mala (the Chooky Dancers) from Elcho Island.

"I feel really happy right now," Rita Djingo beamed.

The day marked years of persistence by the community's Elders, who had campaigned for their land rights until the government capitulated, Ms Djingo said.

"It was amazing that they were able to do that without having much knowledge of the system; they weren't taught to read and write," she said. "They told everybody that we want education in the Western way. We didn't go to school; we followed our ancestral teachings.

"Through their strength and commitment to their culture, the Government then finally started to listen to them because they were so strong in expressing that."

Now the community has a primary school, high school, new recreation hall, pool, and an aged and disabled care facility, Ms Djingo said.

The return of Uluru was an important step towards protecting ancient laws, Pamela Taylor said.

Stories of the python, snake, rufous hare wallaby, devil dingo dog, and the blue-tongued lizard of the area are a key part of cultural teachings.

"If we hadn't have been able to get the land back there would have been the risk of us losing an important part of that (culture)," Ms Taylor said.

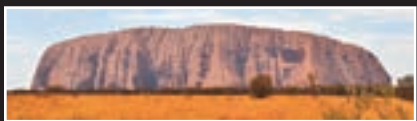
● More Uluru handback pictures on the next three pages



Pam Brown, from Papunya, with Nikeshia Coles and Myra Giles, from Mutitjulu.



Traditional owner Nellie Patterson, who was among the signatories of the original handback, is with Jo and Michael Willmott.



Uluru handback 30th anniversary

Former Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park chair Donald Fraser MCs the occasion and sings.



Mutitjulu community rangers Michael Wilson, Jacob Braeden and Basil Patient hand out 30th anniversary Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park lands handback commemorative mugs.



The Central Australian Women's Choir (plus three men) sing hymns in Western Arrernte and Pitjantjatjara languages.



Maria Malay, from Bedford Downs in the WA Kimberley, and husband-to-be Edward McHugh, from the Cook Islands, held a stall at the anniversary festival. They hold a painting of their story.



Murray George performs an emu dance at the celebrations.



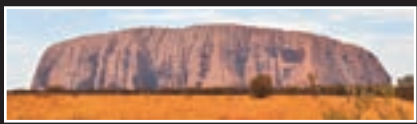
Djuka Mala (the Chooky Dancers) are a crowd favourite, but their performance is cut short when the audience is evacuated due to high winds.



Traditional owner and Uluru-Kata Tjuta board member Alison Hunt sings some tunes.



Dan Sultan and Shane Howard team up on stage to perform Jimmy Chi's *Nyul Nyul Girl*.



Uluru handback 30th anniversary



Traditional owner Malya Teamay wants young local people to become those who get work, including the top jobs in the community.



The official anniversary took place on the same spot as the handback 30 years ago. NT Minister Bess Price is pictured speaking here with interpreter Lena Taylor.



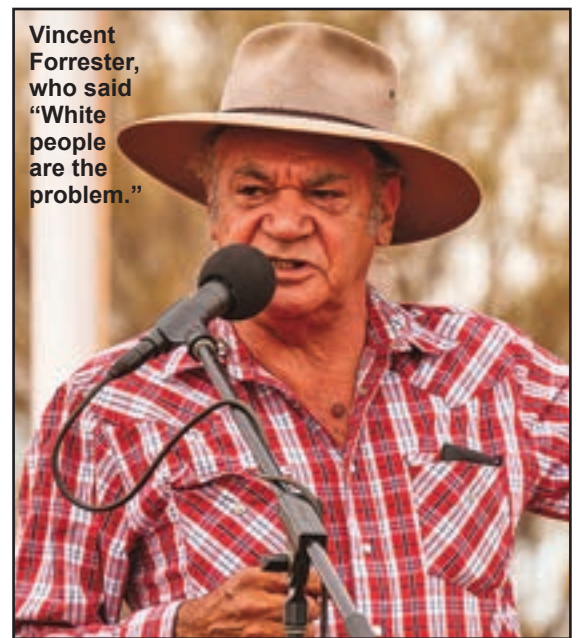
Judy Trigger danced about coming from the east to deal with people who hurt her nephew.



Traditional owners Debra Walkabout, Tony Adamson, Lena Taylor and Jean Reid-Uluru at the celebration.



Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.



Vincent Forrester, who said "White people are the problem."



Anangu Pitjantjatjara women Nyinku Jingo and Pamela Taylor.



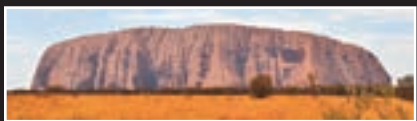
Cassidy Uluru and Roley Mindamare before performing the snake dance dreaming.



Federal Opposition Leader Bill Shorten.



Mrs Paddy, Belinda Pears and Nininaka Lewis, from Ernabella community.

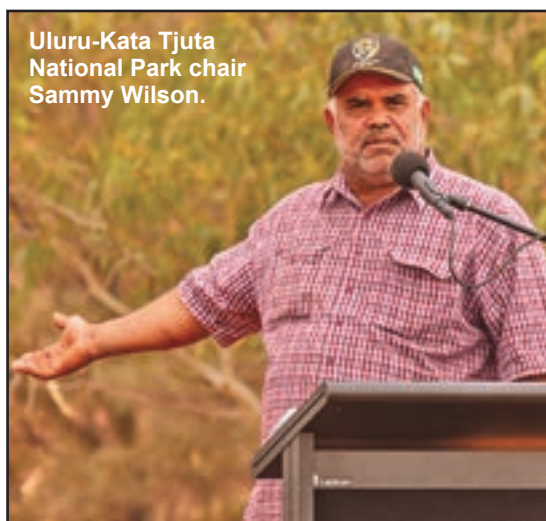


Uluru handback 30th anniversary

Ladies at the celebration, from left, Judy Trigger, Rosie Driffen, Pixie Brown, Bess Price, Janet Injika, Caroline Windy and Pantjiti McKenzie.



Politicians rushed to have their pictures taken when framed prints of a famous picture of the handback were presented to Anangu traditional owners – many of whom were in the original photo. Holding the frames are Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, Reggie Uluru, Senator Nova Peris and traditional owner Barbara Tjikatu.



Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park chair Sammy Wilson.



Lizzie Ellis speaks of her 11 years as interpreter for the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Board, praising members for their “amazing work”. With her is her sister’s boy Dion Ragget-Giles.



Happy local people Katie Curtis, Billy Nelson, Bob Curtis, Alvina Riley, Noeline Shaw, Laleta Curtis, Elsie Nipper, Pamela Ray and Wilma Dixon at the 30th anniversary celebration. All pictures by Jillian Mundy



MP Warren Snowdon, whose seat includes Uluru, impresses locals with his almost fluent Pitjantjatjara at the beginning of his speech. Beside him is interpreter Lance McDonald, whom he needs for only part of the speech.

Brisbane is ready for Clancestry



Dancers perform during last year's Clancestry Festival at South Bank, Brisbane.



THE Queensland Performing Arts Centre's (QPAC's) annual festival Clancestry, A Celebration of Country will run from November 30 to December 6 in the Piazza at South Bank, Brisbane.

Clancestry showcases traditional and contemporary artforms highlighting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

QPAC chief executive John Kotzas said curating Clancestry is about creating a sense of connection.

"The land on which QPAC stands has long been a meeting place," he said. "For countless generations

Kurilpa (in inner-city Brisbane) has been an area where people come to tell stories and connect with community.

"Today, the cultural precinct stands on this land and we continue to work with Elders and community to ensure the continuation of those longstanding storytelling and gathering traditions."

QPAC's pedestrian tunnel will house Clancestry's *Living History* exhibition, showing relationships that have shaped the lives and careers of many significant Indigenous people.

The centre's Cremorne Theatre will be the base for Clancestry's Conversation Series featuring contemporary Indigenous

issues. There is also a Black Screen Film program that picks up on the themes from the Conversation Series.

Other Clancestry highlights include a traditional opening event, Yera Bora, from 7.15pm on December 4 at the Playhouse Green. Yera Bora, a Yuggera tribal welcome and corroboree, will bring together more than 30 dancers, songmen and didgeridoo players across the five language groups of the region.

There is also a contemporary music and children's program, workshops, markets stalls and more. For the full festival program, go to www.qpac.com.au/clancestry/

Gallery will be first to pop up in Hunter



THE first Aboriginal 'pop up' gallery in the Hunter (NSW) will open this Saturday

(November 7) at Lake Macquarie.

Called Ninkinpa Art Gallery, it is the first of its kind for the region and possibly in Australia, according to owner-operator Aboriginal artist Saretta Fielding.

"My first exhibition *Ninkinpa - stories of Home* will launch the pop up gallery," she said.

"I am opening this pop up gallery in my home because it is a wonderful community space that lends itself to displaying my work well, inviting people into my studio and to enjoy firsthand Aboriginal hospitality and culture."

● **Pictured: Saretta Fielding will open the Ninkinpa 'pop up' gallery in NSW's Hunter Valley.**



Panel to be held at expo



A PANEL aimed at helping Northern Territory Aboriginal musicians in remote areas will be held this month during the

2015 Australasian Worldwide Music Expo (AWME). Run by MusicNT, the panel will include those involved in Central Desert music programs such as Bush Bands, Desert Divas and Sista Sounds. It also includes Eleanor and Raymond Dixon, from the band Rayella, who have also been invited to perform at the conference.

AWME, in Melbourne from November 12-14, brings together musicians, industry representatives and festival audiences for three days of music, networking and conference sessions.

The MusicNT panel will focus on ways to help Aboriginal musicians enter the music industry.

The panel, to be moderated by Boomerang Festival director Rhoda Roberts, will include MusicNT Bush Bands project coordinator Adelaide Wood, Association of Artist Managers chair and Bush Bands mentor Greg Carey, Nannup Music Festival director Phaedra Watts and Seed Fund general manager Stacia Goninon.

MusicNT Central Australian manager Milyika Scales believes the



Rhoda Roberts will chair the MusicNT panel at AWME.

expo is important for musicians.

"We are so isolated here in the NT, it's important to show what we are doing to a national audience, especially when we are having such strong outcomes for our artists and partners," she said.

"It's easy to forget that our programs are actually unique and nationally significant."

The MusicNT AWME Panel will be held on Friday, November 13, from 3pm in the Amcor Lounge, Arts Centre Melbourne. More information at www.awme.com.au



It Starts Here Now, by Leanne Tobin.

Art at the Blacktown institution



A MAJOR artistic and healing event will be held at the Blacktown Native Institution in Sydney this Saturday, November 7. Free family activities including storytelling, live music, traditional food and a barbecue are part of the event, the culmination of a year-long project between the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA), Blacktown Arts Centre and UrbanGrowth NSW.

Artists Darren Bell, Karla Dickens, Steven Russell, Kristine Stewart, and Leanne Tobin will reveal artworks, plus there will be music from Brothablack and Krista Pav, and campfire storytelling by Uncle Wes Marne.

The Blacktown Native Institution was a residential school for Aboriginal and Maori children from 1823-1829. Originally located at Parramatta and later moved to Blacktown, it is among the first known sites where Aboriginal children were removed from their parents and institutionalised.

A website, bniproject.com, has also been created as part of the project as a keeping place for personal stories about the site.

The BNI project website is home to historical information and personal stories regarding the Blacktown Native Institution.



Karla Dickens' *Loving Memory* artwork.

New singles released



TWO new Indigenous performers have had their music released by

CAAMA Music on to iTunes. Kristal West and Alice Skye were among the winners of the national Alukura songwriting competition, organised by CAAMA Music to uncover new female talent.

As part of Alukura, earlier this year eight Aboriginal female singer-songwriters from around Australia flew to Alice Springs to be mentored by female group the Stiff Gins and record a single in the CAAMA Music studios.

A crowdfunding campaign followed, which raised \$10,000 towards the creation and promotion of an album.



Alice Skye. Picture: Danny McShane

Now the first two singles – by West and Skye – have been

released, with the album to follow in early 2016. Kristal West was a



Kristal West. Picture: Rhett Hammerton

finalist on *The Voice* television show in 2014, as part of the duo 'Z-K',

mentored by Will.i.am. She is now working as a solo artist and has recorded an

EP at CAAMA Music, produced by Dave Crowe and due for release in 2016.

Her single *And That's Why* is an original composition and showcases the vocal talents that earned her a spot in the finals of *The Voice*.

Before entering CAAMA Music's Alukura competition, Alice Skye's family and friends had never heard her perform or even knew that she composed her own songs.

Since then, her profile on Triple J Unearthed has attracted reviews such as this from long-time radio presenter Richard Kingsmill: "Love the way you're working that voice. Keep writing/singing please..."

Victorian network is on the job



WEENTHUNGA Health Network in Victoria is working to increase the number of First Australians in the health workforce as part of a strategy to help improve the health and wellbeing of Indigenous people.

The organisation is aiming to increase the uptake of health careers by First Australian school leavers, and to improve the knowledge and skills of Victorian health staff working with First Australians.

Part of the strategy to help meet these objectives is hosting Women's Talk Health days which provide an opportunity for Indigenous female students in Years 10-12 to participate in a focused health day to raise their awareness of healthy living and outline health career opportunities.

The recent Melbourne Health Day was attended by 17 young women considering health careers. Several participants came from remote communities in Northern Territory and WA.

A health day was also held in Bendigo, with three scholarships presented to support students.



Students listen during the recent Melbourne Health Day.

Wenitong named to GP training advisory body



APUNIPIMA Cape York Health Council's Dr Mark Wenitong has been appointed to the Federal

Government's GP Training Advisory Committee.

The only Indigenous GP on the committee, Dr Wenitong aims to give an insight into the skills GPs need to deliver quality medical services in remote Aboriginal communities.

The committee will oversee the governance of the Australian General Practice Training program and advise government on GP training policy and delivery.

There are now more than 4700 GP registrars on the Australian General Practice Training program nationally.

Dr Wenitong, who is also adjunct associate professor at James Cook University's School of Public Health, said his new role is to help ensure there is an effective training policy and practice to deliver a well trained and well supported, culturally competent GP workforce in Australia.

"GPs are centrally relevant in health care, often being the first port of call when someone has a health and wellbeing need, physical illness or mental



Dr Mark Wenitong

health issue," he said.

"The need for this 'generalist' to diagnose, to centrally coordinate, treat and manage, and advise and advocate best patient care across the health system is critical.

"It is vital they are well trained to provide care in a variety of situations, including culturally appropriate care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, as this skill will enable them to help not only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but all of their patients."

Dr Wenitong's term as Independent Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander GP is three years.

New study finds high cancer rate



INDIGENOUS people in four high-income countries, including Australia, have

higher rates of potentially preventable cancers than the rest of the populations.

They include lung and cervical cancer, and their high incidence has prompted a call for better health surveillance and targeted prevention, early detection and vaccination programs.

The study, published in *The Lancet Oncology*, is the first to look at the scale and profile of cancer in indigenous peoples of the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. They have disproportionately worse health

and lower life expectancy than non-indigenous citizens, the authors note.

Led by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the study found Maori (New Zealand) people have higher rates of many cancers compared to other New Zealanders.

Trend

But this trend is not seen in the indigenous populations of the other countries.

The most commonly occurring cancers among all the indigenous men were lung, prostate, and colorectal cancer. Among indigenous women, they were breast, lung and colorectal cancer.

The researchers particularly noted that lung cancer among

Indigenous men in Western Australia was 44% higher, and in Maori men was 155% higher than in other men.

Smoking, a major risk factor for various cancers including lung, appeared to be highly prevalent in the four indigenous communities, lead author Dr Freddie Bray said.

"Our findings highlight the need for much improved targeted programs of screening, vaccination, and smoking cessation, among other prevention strategies," the authors said.

They also called on governments and researchers to work with indigenous communities to improve cancer surveillance, in response to substantial shortcomings in available data. — AAP



National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation chair Matthew Cooke at the position paper signing with Pharmacy Guild of Australia national president George Tambassis.

Position paper aims to help close the gap



A RANGE of changes to Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme outlined in a new paper aims to boost the number of

Indigenous people accessing appropriate medicines and help close the health gap.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia released a national joint position paper calling for improvements in the Closing the Gap PBS co-payment measure.

Introduced in 2010, the CTG co-payment measure reduces or removes the patient co-payment for PBS medicines for eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients with, or at risk of, chronic disease.

Some of the key points the position paper raises are the need for the measure to:

- link CTG eligibility to the patient's Medicare card to improve privacy, and so that the patient is eligible

regardless of who the prescriber is or where their medicine is dispensed;

- expand the PBS listing to include more common medicines;
- include dose administration aides for better management of medicines; and
- better communication for patients and health professionals of the CTG co-payment measure.

NACCHO chairperson Matthew

"Improved access to medicines is critically important if we are to see generational change in the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Pharmacy Guild of Australia national president George Tambassis said it was pleasing that more than 258,000 Indigenous patients were accessing the more affordable PBS medicines through the measure, but

more could be done to ensure greater take-up.

"A range of practical enhancements would assist those in remote areas to get better access to the medicines under the scheme and ensure they have access to it wherever they fill their prescriptions," he said.

"We want this vital scheme to be sufficiently

flexible to improve the health of people wherever they live and wherever they travel.

"These relatively simple improvements will help in the management of chronic disease within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

"Improved access to medicines is critically important if we are to see generational change in the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Cooke said it was important that everything is done to ensure Indigenous people have access to appropriate medicines.

"Chronic diseases are one of the major reasons we still have a gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal and other Australians," he said.

Dementia is the target of southern NSW project



ELDERS will be provided with culturally sensitive information on dementia risk reduction as part of a new program being rolled out by Alzheimer's

Australia NSW, in partnership with Katungul Aboriginal Medical Service.

The project will include five 'Aboriginal Dementia Yarn Up' events hosted this month in Aboriginal communities in the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla shires of southern NSW.

Participating Elders will be given the opportunity to discuss dementia risk reduction strategies, symptoms and treatments with experts. In addition, they will be served a healthy meal to reinforce the importance of good eating when it comes to maintaining brain health.

The rate of dementia is three times higher amongst Indigenous people aged over 60 compared with the general population. Reducing dementia risk is seen as one important way to help close the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

"Our Yarn Up events will be tailored to meet the specific cultural needs of each community visited," Alzheimer's Australia NSW regional manager Barbra Williams said.

"We hope by getting information about dementia into these communities we can influence lifestyle choices, encourage the development of strong support networks for community members living with dementia, and educate people about where they can go to access support."

For information on dates, times and locations, contact Alzheimer's Australia NSW on (02) 6492 6158.

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Charts look at prostate health



THE Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) has launched an education resource for Indigenous men and their families. Three flipcharts have been specifically developed to

provide Indigenous men with balanced information about prostate health, prostate cancer diagnosis, treatment options and advice for carers and partners on how to deal with a cancer diagnosis. The flipcharts have been designed to be used in a number of settings, such as in health clinics or at prostate cancer support groups.

PCFA chief executive Anthony Lowe said the foundation worked closely with healthcare professionals and government bodies to ensure the resources were culturally appropriate.

For more information about the new education resources or to access the *Engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities in Prostate Cancer Healthcare Programs* monographs, go to www.pcfa.org.au

Foundation holds ceremonies for Year 12 students



THE Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) recently celebrated graduation ceremonies for Year 12 scholarship recipients in Cairns and Brisbane. QATSIF is an independent public foundation established by the Queensland Government in 2008 to provide scholarships as a secure funding source for improved educational outcomes for young Indigenous Queenslanders.

The Cairns graduation ceremony, held at St Mary's Catholic College, was attended

by staff and students from Woree State High School, Peace Lutheran College, Mt St Bernard College Herberton, Atherton State High School, Good Counsel College Innisfail, St Andrew's College Redlynch, St Monica's College, St Stephen's Catholic College and St Mary's Catholic College. Sixty-nine Year 12 QATSIF Scholarship recipients took part.

The Brisbane graduation ceremony, held at the University of Queensland, was attended by 47 Brisbane state, Catholic and independent schools and included 207 of the 487 Year 12 QATSIF scholarship recipients completing Year 12 this year.



● Above: Students and staff from Peace Lutheran College at the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation ceremony in Cairns.



● Left: Students and staff from Alexandra Hills State High School at the ceremony held in Brisbane.

Program wins praise



AN Aboriginal family therapy training

program is providing alternative career entry points for Indigenous workers, according to a new report by the Bouverie Centre in Melbourne.

The Aboriginal Family Therapy Program enables workers to return to study and develop a professional career pathway in family therapy.

Run in Victoria since 2008 and now also available in Queensland, it is designed to introduce students to family therapy theories and practice, with an emphasis on maintaining sensitivity to families' needs and experiences.

The program, delivered in the community, is largely available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child, family and health workers, with provision for the community to invite non-Indigenous workers.

Victoria's Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, Andrew Jackomos, said there was a lack of Aboriginal managers, policy developers and workers in the field, as well as a shortage of Aboriginal specialists in different areas working with Aboriginal children.

"What we have to do is take a long-term view and develop the Aboriginal workforce, whether it's through Aboriginal family therapy knowledge and skills, policy managers,



With 'The Bouverie Centre Aboriginal Family therapy Training Program – Impact Analysis Report', from left, Andrew Jackomos, Dr Kerry Proctor, Fiona McIlwaine, Alison Elliott, Trudie Newman and Jeff Young. Picture: Tess Flynn

managers of child protection out in divisional offices and workers at the coalface," he said.

The program is made up of a one-year Postgraduate Certificate in Family Therapy and a two-year supervision component to support graduates'

integration of family therapy skills into workplace practice.

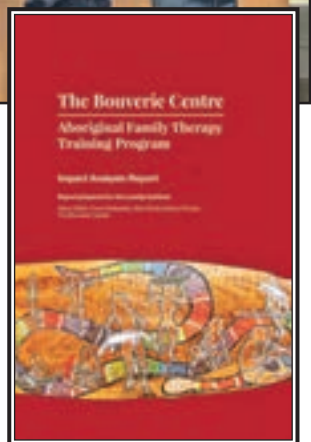
It has one of the highest tertiary retention and graduation rates of Indigenous students, currently at 89%. Of the 80 graduates to date, 69 are Aboriginal and/or Torres

Strait Islander, and two have gone on to complete a Master of Clinical Family Therapy, with another currently completing his final year.

The Bouverie Centre program is being delivered in Mildura (northern Victoria) and Cooktown

(far north Queensland).

'The Bouverie Centre Aboriginal Family therapy Training Program – Impact Analysis Report' was prepared by Alison Elliott, Fiona McIlwaine, Nick Stone and Kerry Proctor and published by the Lowitja Institute.



Training to benefit Aboriginal teaching assistants

Marika Councillor, who is working as an Aboriginal student support officer at Good Sheppard Primary School in Lockridge, Perth.



POLYTECHNIC West (WA) has joined forces with the Catholic Education Office to provide education

support training for Aboriginal teaching assistants (ATAs) in Catholic schools.

The training will help recognise the skills and experience of current ATAs in the workplace, while also building ATA skills and confidence.

Executive director of Foundation Skills and

Community Services at Polytechnic West Lyn Southam said the arrangement will provide culturally appropriate training.

"The role of the ATA in many schools is to guide, mentor and support students, while working with their families," she said.

"This training provides an opportunity for ATAs to focus on the challenges that face Indigenous students each day, and on how to overcome them.

Acting team leader for Aboriginal education at the Catholic Education Office

Norman Brahim said the partnership will enable Aboriginal students to secure a formal qualification with a strong support network.

"Polytechnic West has proven to be a most responsive partner in this project," he said.

'Can-do'

"The lecturers we are working with have a positive, 'can-do' attitude. They are always willing to provide support and guidance to the students and that, in turn, makes their learning easier."

Mr Brahim said that for

some ATAs, receiving a formal qualification can transform their personal beliefs.

"It gives them credibility in the outside world and, personally, it provides them with a great sense of achievement and competency," he said.

Marika Councillor is an Aboriginal student support officer at Good Sheppard Primary School in Lockridge, is one such person.

She was enrolled at university, but took leave to have her first child back in 1994.

"Twenty years later, I

decided it was finally time to get that qualification I've always dreamed of. I enrolled in the Certificate III in Education Support at Polytechnic West and haven't looked back," Ms Councillor said.

She said the course was flexible so she could continue "the job of being a mum".

"Having now finished my Certificate III, I can't wait to enroll in my Certificate IV – I want to keep learning so that I can really support my students and encourage them to be the very best they can."

Best in the Torres Strait recognised



EMPLOYEES and businesses have been recognised at the 2015 Torres Strait Employment and Training Recognition Awards, held recently on Thursday Island.

Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service's Gwen Ketchell took the main prize, the My Pathway Ken O'Brien Achiever Award, for her achievements in the health industry.

Other awards recognised local employers, apprentices, and trainers in encouragement, excellence and customer service categories.

Torres Strait Employment and Training Recognition Awards president Mark England said the event continues to get bigger, with a record number of nominees and categories this year.

"We're all very proud that the awards are now firmly fixed in the Torres Strait annual calendar," he said.

Mr England said Ms Ketchell was a popular winner.

"She has been instrumental in developing and implementing innovative processes and leading her team of over 45 staff," he said.

"Gwen was the driving force for

the implementation of new standards across the service in the food and cleaning areas.

"She has been recognised as an icon of the hospital and it is for this reason she is being recognised as one of the most influential and positive Indigenous leaders within the organisation."

George Gabey received a special recognition award for transforming his life and fulfilling his dream of joining the Royal Australian Navy.

The 150-strong audience was entertained by Torres Strait musical identities Seaman Dan and Kura Stephen.

Other winners this year:

Inspirational Employer – Godfrey Construction (small) and K and M Plumbing (medium/large).

Inspirational Apprentice or Trainee – Jerimiah Warria (Outstation North).

Inspirational Trainer or Mentor – Enock Charlie (My Pathway).

Strait Encouragement Award – Rasme Ware (IBIS)

Inspirational Employee – Christopher Saylor.

Community Support – The Grand Hotel.

Deadly Customer Service – Mavis Whap (IBIS).

Vic awards at league



THE 12th annual VAEAI Wurruker

Vocational Education and Training Awards were held recently at the Aborigines Advancement League in Thornbury, Melbourne.

Hosted by the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI), the event was attended by more than 220 people who celebrated the success of the Indigenous community in vocational education and training.

They also recognise and celebrate training providers, community and organisations which are working to help Indigenous people.



Participants at the Aboriginal Children's Forum in Melbourne.

New Victorian video promotes the benefits of kindergarten education



THE Victorian Government has launched a set of digital videos promoting the benefits of kindergarten to help boost Aboriginal participation in early childhood learning services.

Families and Children Minister Jenny Mikakos launched the videos at the Aboriginal Children's Forum in Preston,

Melbourne. She co-chaired the forum with Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative chief executive Raylene Harradine.

Ms Mikakos established the quarterly forums in June to work with Aboriginal community organisations to tackle the overrepresentation of Aboriginal children in child protection.

The Koorie Kids Shine at Kindergarten

video aims to promote the benefits of kindergarten and highlight the vital role quality early years education and care plays in children's development and success at school and beyond.

Overall, 96% of Victorian children attend kindergarten in the year before school, but one in five Aboriginal children does not, despite Aboriginal families having free kindergarten access for

three- and four-year-olds.

The videos will be distributed to kindergarten operators, councils and Koorie engagement support officers.

"Early learning is vital for brain development and giving children the best possible start in life – lifting Aboriginal participation in kindergarten is crucial to improving lives and outcomes down the track," Ms Mikakos said.

KARI scholarship helping Crystal



MILLER High School (western Sydney) student Crystal Madsen has been given

resources she needs to pursue her dream education pathway, as part of her involvement with KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc and the Australian Institute of Professional Education (AIPE).

The 16-year-old from western Sydney was selected as a recipient under the 2015 KARI School Scholarship Program.

The grant has helped Crystal buy new school uniforms, along with equipment and materials for her elective subjects.

The scholarship program is an educational development initiative involving up to 100 annual scholarships of \$500 for Aboriginal students entering Years 11 and 12. Recipients also have access to mentoring services offered by KARI.

Established in 1999, KARI is an Aboriginal community service with its head office in Liverpool, in Sydney's south-west.

"The financial help has really taken a weight off my shoulders and allowed me to choose elective subjects that I'm interested in, rather than

those that are most affordable," Crystal said. "I've also been receiving support and guidance about different options for internships, jobs or further education, which has really opened my eyes to all the opportunities that are out there for me."

Crystal's dream job is to become a zookeeper, specifically helping with endangered animals and breeding programs. After completing her Higher School Certificate, she aims to gain relevant tertiary qualifications towards that goal.

Other programs

As a scholarship recipient, Crystal has been eligible to participate in KARI's other programs including the debutante ball, Aboriginal student awards night, and volunteering for the KARI Winter Appeal.

All Aboriginal students in Sydney's west and south-west are encouraged to apply for the KARI Scholarship Program, under which 90% of scholarship holders have completed the Higher School Certificate.

For further information, visit www.aipe.edu.au or www.kari.org.au

Broken Hill group wins



THE Early Years Discussion Group (EYDG) in Broken Hill has been recognised

for making an outstanding contribution to improving opportunities for children in the far west of NSW.

The EYDG won the Advocacy for Children Award at a ceremony in Sydney recently as part of NSW Children's Week.

Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation Early Years Project leader and EYDG facilitator Lesley Harvey was in Sydney to accept the award with Pearl Ferguson, from Menindee Children's Services, and Janette Jones, who works with Maari Ma and at Rainbow Preschool.

Maari Ma chief executive Bob Davis said it is an honour for his organisation to be working with a group of service providers who share the goal to make children's education, health and wellbeing the best it can be.

"I congratulate the group for its passion and commitment and

"While (EYDG) tackles issues which are not directly health-related, they focus on some of the social determinants of health such as safety, early literacy, health literacy and quality early childhood education and care."

– Maari Ma's Bob Davis



would like to thank our director of corporate services, Cathy Dyer, who has been a primary driver of our early years work," he said.

"The EYDG was set up almost 10 years ago and was originally a group of community-based children's services based in Broken Hill established to improve services for the benefit of all children across the region. "While it tackles issues which

are not directly health related, they focus on some of the social determinants of health such as safety, early literacy, health literacy and quality early childhood education and care."

The EYDG is made up of representatives from the region's community-based and government pre-schools, long-day-care centres, playgroups and other early childhood support services.

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: 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 Festival 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 SA, North Terrace, 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, this is a survey exhibition of master Ngarrindjeri weaver Yvonne Koolmatrie's work. Held at the Art Gallery of SA, North Terrace, Adelaide. Open 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

Until November 15: *Undiscovered* photographic works exhibition. Works by Michael Cook give a contemporary Indigenous perspective on European settlement of Australia. Held at The Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Sydney. Open daily 9.30am-5pm. Cost: \$7 adult, \$3.50 child, \$17.50 family. Details: (02) 9298 3777 or visit www.anmm.gov.au/undiscovered

Until November 19: Registrations open for Building Kinnections: Disability Information Group for Aboriginal Services forum at the Dubbo RSL Club on December 2. Limited places, and early registration is encouraged. Details: 1300 134 450 or visit www.western.iri@fac.s.nsw.gov.au



Bangarra's
Waangenga Blanco
and Deborah Brown
performing in *Brolga*.
Picture: Greg Barrett

Bangarra performs in regional centres



BANGARRA Dance Theatre is performing *Kinship* on a tour of regional centres.

Shows continue in NSW cities until November 18.

Regional touring is a major part of the company's annual calendar, connecting the theatre with communities that inspire their stories, as well as exposing audiences to a positive representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Bangarra also schedules cultural dance workshops, meet and greets and Q&A sessions where possible when on tour.

Artistic director Stephen Page says the regional tour is an excellent opportunity to reach new audiences.

"This is a special time of year for us as we love going on the road and performing in regional arts centres," he said.

"Audiences are hungry for these experiences and are so receptive and enthusiastic.

"*Kinship* is a flagship Bangarra program, featuring *Brolga* and *ID*, two works which I choreographed at different points in my career."

Performances will be held in Orange (November 4), Dubbo (November 7), Port Macquarie (November 11-12) and Lismore (November 17-18).

Until November 22: *Belonging Now, Personified Landscapes* exhibition. Featuring works by The Aboriginal Women's Artists Collective. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Cost: Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until November 30: Gadigal '99 Stories' Project. An audio archive project asking Sydney's Indigenous communities to record and document 99 stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience, particularly stories of cultural, historical and traditional significance.

Details: Daniel Tuwai on (02) 9384 4000 or visit www.kooriradio.com

Until November 30: 'Aboriginal Dementia Yarn Up' events. This new program by Alzheimer's Australia NSW aims to educate Aboriginal Elders about dementia. It involves five Yarn Up events at Aboriginal communities in the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla shires. For information on dates, times and locations, contact Alzheimer's Australia NSW on (02) 6492 6158.

November 7: C3West Blacktown Native Institution Corroboree. Includes family activities, story telling, live music, traditional food and barbecue, children's workshops and live performances. Held at Oakhurst from 5-9pm. Free event. Details: Jodie Polutele on (02) 9839 6245.

November 7-8: Official opening for Ninkinpa Home Studio and Gallery, the first Aboriginal 'pop up' gallery of its kind, owned and operated by local Aboriginal artist Saretta Fielding. Held at Jindalee St, Toronto, from 11am-3pm. Free entry. Details: www.saretta.com.au

November 9: Workshop for Aboriginal Business Owners. Conducted by the Regional Development Australia (Northern Rivers NSW) for Aboriginal business owners who may be interested in tendering for contracts on the Pacific Highway upgrade. Held at the Grafton Community and Function Centre, 59 Duke St, Grafton, from 2-6pm. Registration essential. Details: Roxanne Smith on (02) 6627 3202 or email roxanne.smith@industry.nsw.gov.au

November 10-11: Aboriginal Business Enterprise Symposium. A business development forum for Aboriginal organisations, focusing on issues such as mentoring support, networking and successful partnerships. Held at the RSM Club, Evans St, Inverell, from 9.30am-5pm (day one) and 9am-noon (day two). Details: Harry White on (02) 6720 8303 or 0437 678 720 or email harry.white@lls.gov.au

November 11-18: *Eora Aboriginal Art* exhibition. Includes sculptures, paintings, drawings, ceramics, prints and photography by Indigenous student artists. Held at Eora College, 333 Abercrombie St, Chippendale, daily from 9am-5pm. Details: (02) 9217 4878.

November 12: Boggabilla and Toomelah White Ribbon event. Includes guest speakers, free barbecue, raffles, live music by Roger Knox and a meet and greet with White Ribbon ambassador Ronald Prince. Held at the Town & Country Hotel from 10am-2pm. Details: Carl McGrady on 0403 344 405 or Rex McIntosh on 0403 368 279.

November 13: Michael (Garmarroongoo) Huddleston exhibition opening. Journalist Jeff McMullen will open this exhibition, with artworks depicting the Ngandi region's wildlife

and Mimi Spirits celebrating connection to land. Held at Burrunjui Art Gallery, 245 Lady Denman Drive, Yarramundi Reach, ACT from 6pm. Details: (02) 6251 4371 or visit www.aboriginal-arts.com.au

November 16-27: Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways (Expression of Interest). An opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to participate. It is delivered in residential blocks and based in Sydney. Details: (02) 9825 7333 or email swsi.aboriginalunit@det.nsw.edu.au or visit <http://education.aboriginallearningcircle.com/register>

November 21-22: Homeground Festival 2015. A free weekend festival of First Nations culture, music, dance and arts. Held at the Western Broadwalk, Sydney Opera House. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or visit sydneyoperahouse.com

Queensland

November 5-7: *Knock Knock* performance. Showcases the individual talents of the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) students with music, acting and dance. Held at Cremorne Theatre, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Cultural Centre, South Bank, Brisbane from 7.30pm. Cost: \$15-\$24 a person. Details: 136 246 or visit www.qpac.com.au

November 7-8: Gordonvale Reconciliation Rugby League Football Carnival. Open men's and under-18 teams welcome. \$1500 nomination fee (non refundable \$200 deposit), 13-a-side, 25-min halves. Limited spaces. Details: Jason Joinbee on 0466 780 928.

November 14: Yarrabah Band Festival. A night of music, art and food and a line-up of local and interstate musicians, suitable for all ages. Held at Bishop Malcolm Park, Yarrabah, from 8pm. Details: (07) 3010 6600 or visit www.gmf.org.au

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, Brunswick, 233 Sydney Road, Brunswick.

November 14: NaranaFest 2015. A family-focused alcohol-free music festival, it includes food, arts and crafts activities, cultural exhibition, performances by Archie Roach, Yirmal, The Louds, Kutcha Edwards and more. Held at Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 410 Surf Coast Highway, Grovedale from 10am-9pm. Tickets: \$35 via Ozitix or \$45 on the gate. Details: (03) 5241 5700 or visit www.narana.com.au

Northern Territory

Until November 27: Sista Sounds workshops. MusicNT's annual program of music workshops for Indigenous women and girls in remote communities across Central Australia. Held at centres 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

November 14: 'The history of Choral Practice in remote Aboriginal communities in Central Australia 1870-2015' symposium. The choral practice in remote Central Australian Lutheran communities and the archive it has created represent a largely untold Australian story. The symposium includes performances by the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir. Held at Hermannsburg, NT, from 10.30am-3.30pm, with a performance at 7pm. Details: Pastor Robert Borgas on (08) 8952 4666 or 0437 184 044 or visit www.grweb.org/desertchoir2015

Child safety officers sought



THE Queensland Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services is looking for more

Indigenous child safety officers. The officers work with vulnerable children and their families to ensure parents receive the support they need to safely care for their children.

The department is offering cadetships to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students in their final year of study in either a Bachelor of Human Services or Bachelor of Social Work.

Kevin Yow Yeh, a fourth year social work student, has received a cadetship with the department.

"It's a great opportunity

"In addition to the financial support that comes with the cadetship, it has also given me an opportunity to strengthen my networks within the Department of Communities, Child Protection and Disability Services." – Kevin Yow Yeh



for me to develop specialist skills so that I can make a real difference in my community," he said.

"I have a team of peers and industry professionals supporting me 100%.

"I also had the opportunity to meet other Indigenous students embarking on their university journey, and together we were able to share our aspirations and fears

about our studies and work. This also allowed me to feel really connected with like-minded people and what grew from this meeting was a real sense of camaraderie.

"In addition to the financial support that comes with the cadetship, it has also given me an opportunity to strengthen my networks within the Department of Communities,

Child Protection and Disability Services.

"I exchange emails and call the cadetship team on a regular basis. They are aware of my desire to work for the department and go above and beyond their roles to help me achieve my goals."

The cadetship program offers a range of benefits, including:

● financial support,

including paid university fees and text book allowances;

● academic support and pastoral care;

● coordinated field placements; and

● assistance with applying for employment with the department following graduation.

The department says working as a child safety officer offers a range of career opportunities, such as staff management, mentoring, training, practice and policy development.

To apply for a cadetship, students will need to complete a cadetship application form which can be found on the department's website www.communities.qld.gov.au/careers

For more information about the cadetship program, email icpp@communities.qld.gov.au

Top award to Charlee



TRAINEE Aboriginal environmental health officer Charlee Law was

named the National Trainee of the Year at the recent National Environmental Health Conference. Ms Law, who has been working with Sydney Local Health District since 2012, received a New Colombo Plan Scholarship – a Federal Government initiative to increase study and work opportunities in the Indo-Pacific region – last year.

Now completing a Bachelor of Natural Science (Health and Environment) at the National University of Singapore, she earned a place on the Dean's Merit List for being in the top 10% of her student cohort at Western Sydney University, and has also completed a Diploma of Business and Certificate II in

Indigenous Leadership.

She is one of the first environmental health trainees to be jointly employed by Sydney Local Health District and City of Canada Bay.

"Awards like these reflect quality of training, which couldn't have been reached without the support and mentorship I have received from the Public Health Unit and other Population Health staff," Ms Law said. "I'm so grateful to everyone at Sydney Local Health District."

Success

The award recognised Ms Law's academic success, her leadership in mentoring other trainees, and her commitment to improving public health outcomes in her community. She regularly volunteers to promote trainee programs to prospective university students.

"Charlee also helped organise

the 10th national conference on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health after presenting at the ninth national conference," Sydney district deputy director of environmental health Graham Burgess said.

"Her presentation explored how international leadership programs focused on Indigenous youth could improve environmental health outcomes and benefit all communities involved."

Within the Sydney district, Ms Law helps organise Aboriginal cultural events including Close the Gap Day and NAIDOC Week, and also visits childcare centres and primary schools to promote germ and hygiene awareness. To learn more about the Aboriginal Environmental Health Officer Training Program visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/



National award winner Charlee Law:
"I'm so grateful to everyone at Sydney Local Health District."

It's your guide to employment

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Manager, Research Office

Never Stand Still

UNSW Law | Reference: 11118
Salary base: \$95K - \$107K per year
 The Manager of the Research Office is responsible for the effective operational management of the Research team through the provision of leadership, direction, motivation and development support to the team.
 This position will also provide strategic advice and high level support to the Associate Dean (Research) in order to sustain and continue to improve research performance and increase research income. To be successful in this role you will have extensive experience in successfully managing, leading and motivating teams, excellent written and interpersonal skills, including demonstrated negotiation and conflict resolution skills and a demonstrated ability in strategic and resources planning.

For more information, application procedures and other vacancies, visit: jobs.unsw.edu.au



Traineeship – News Operations Assistants (Indigenous) Location Negotiable

This is an exciting career move (24 month position) for an enthusiastic individual ready to launch into a career in the newsgathering industry.

Are you interested in how news programs are produced? In this trainee role you'll develop the technical skills for news production, including field camera operation, editing, studio operations, outside broadcasts and associated systems.

The trainee position includes mentoring and training from experienced professionals.

For details visit **abc.net.au/careers**

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

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Project Officer, Clerk Grade 7/8

NSW Ombudsman, Strategic Projects Division (Aboriginal Unit)

The role of the Project Officer is to conduct and support projects, audits, research or reviews aimed at improving service delivery to Aboriginal people; identify systemic issues for further project, review or investigative action; and handle inquiries and a caseload of complaints related to issues impacting on Aboriginal people and communities.

This role is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. The NSW Ombudsman considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*.

Salary Range: \$88,015 pa to \$97,426 pa – total remuneration package up to \$107,989 (package includes salary, employer superannuation and annual leave loading).

How to apply:

Only applications that are submitted through www.jobs.nsw.gov.au will be accepted. The job reference number is 000040LF.

- Online applications must consist of:
 - o covering letter and resume highlighting your claims for the role
 - o response to the targeted questions provided in the online advertisement
 - o response to the job knowledge test provided in the online advertisement
- The assessment process will be conducted by a standard panel assessment process.
- One ongoing role is currently available.
- A talent pool may be created for future temporary and/or ongoing employment.
- Short listed candidates will be subject to security and other vetting processes.
- Late applications will not be accepted.

Closing date: Wednesday 11 November 2015

Enquiries: Shelagh Doyle (02) 9286 1050

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Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service (BAHS) Ballina

BAHS is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service that provides comprehensive primary healthcare services to the Aboriginal Communities in the Ballina and surrounding regions

We are seeking suitably qualified people to fill the following full-time position.

Female Aboriginal Health Worker

Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service considers that being Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander is a general occupational qualification for these positions under Section 14 of the Anti – Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

For further information on these positions, please contact the Practice Manager, Marilyn Bailey on 02 6681 5644 or via email to: pm@bullinahahs.org.au

For a Selection Criteria please email adminsupport@bullinahahs.org.au

Written applications containing:-

1. Résumé
2. Statement addressing the Selection Criteria
3. References

Please send to:-

CEO (Marked Confidential)
 BAHS
 P.O. Box 148
 BALLINA NSW 2478

**Applications Close
5pm Friday, 20th Nov 2015**

PRACTICE MANAGER

A fantastic opportunity exists for an experienced Practice Manager to join a medical service based in Mt Druiitt working to improve the health of Aboriginal people within the western Sydney community and its surrounds.

Some of the tasks within this role include:

- Operational management of the practice to ensure it runs efficiently
- Management of Doctors, Nurses, AHP's & Administration staff
- Overseeing the service provided to patients
- Managing patient and stakeholder feedback and incorporating it into the service
- Regular feedback to the Management Team on patient experience and quality processes

Essential criteria:

- General Practice Management experience required
- Operational, Human Resource and Financial experience
- Excellent communication skills - both verbal and written
- Ability to multi-task and high attention to detail
- Experience with Medical systems

If you are interested in this opportunity then please email recruitment@wentwest.com.au and attach your resume, along with a covering letter explaining why you think you are suitable for the role. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. This is a maximum term opportunity ending June 2016 with the potential for extension.

To be the successful candidate you must meet the position requirements, provide evidence of qualifications and registrations, as well as complete a National Police Check and Working with Children Check.

Full working rights to work in Australia are required for this role.

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Education

Senior Project Officer

Clerk Grade 9/10

Temporary full-time role up to 30 June 2016

Position number and location: Newcastle (178666)

Total remuneration package valued to: \$122,556 p.a. (salary \$100,330 to \$110,560 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

We are seeking a highly experienced Aboriginal Senior Project Officer to work across Government agencies in facilitating partnerships that address Aboriginal Affairs priorities, and broker solutions to issues requiring cross agency collaboration with and for Aboriginal communities. The Senior Project Officer also provides a leadership role in developing capacity in Aboriginal community self-governance and economic development by supporting Aboriginal people and communities to identify and improve outcomes that are important to them. Travel within NSW is a requirement for this role.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume in a maximum of 5 pages, which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Applicants must address their suitability to the following pre-screening questions.

1. Describe a project that you have managed, including its aims, resources, stakeholder expectations, challenges encountered, and how you managed each of those elements including any variations that arose during the project. **300 word maximum.**
2. This position requires sound analytical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with both staff and a wide range of stakeholders. Please describe your experience in these areas, particularly working in partnership with Aboriginal community organisations, emphasising aspects of your past experience and your capabilities that equip you to meet the demands of this position. **300 word maximum.**

Essential requirements:

Aboriginality
 Current driver's licence
 Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people

Inquiries: Robert Russell, Senior Regional Coordinator PH: 0407 951 430

To **apply online** please visit the JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 178666

Closing Date: 18 November 2015

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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ACADEMIC ROLE - INDIGENOUS SPECIALISATION

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- **School of Global, Urban and Social Studies**
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- **Attractive Salary +17% Super**

Are you seeking an exciting challenge within a dynamic educational environment?

This is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander designated position, classified under "special measures" of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. The occupant must be of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander descent.

To view a Position Description and to apply please visit our website at yourcareer.edu.au using the Jobref#551220. For further information please contact Associate Professor John Whyte, Deputy Dean, Policy, Practice and Social Innovation at (03) 9925 1079 or john.whyte@rmit.edu.au. Applications should address the key selection criteria outlined in the position description and include your current curriculum vitae.

Note: Level of appointment is flexibly depending upon qualifications and experience.

Applications close: 23 November 2015

www.rmit.edu.au/yourcareer

Department of Health & Human Services

Practice Leader (Aboriginal Family Lead Decision Making)

- CPP 5.2
- West Division, Brimbank Melton
- Ongoing. Full-time (76 hours per fortnight)
- \$95,572 - \$104,650 plus superannuation

This dynamic senior leadership role provides authoritative advice and professional opinions to child protection practitioners. The Child Protection Practice Leader is responsible for working in partnership with the community co-convenor and Aboriginal organisations in providing community education, training and consultation for Child Protection and Aboriginal agency employees. This position will work collaboratively with practitioners and teams to strengthen case practice with Aboriginal children and families, to provide effective service delivery and to support other practitioners.

Position reports to Area Manager, Child Protection, Brimbank Melton, West Division

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Emma Orchard 03-9275-7103

Job Reference number: **DHHS/WD/459333**

Applications close: **Midnight Wednesday 11th November 2015**

For more information about the Department of Health & Human Services visit **www.dhhs.vic.gov.au**

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit **www.careers.vic.gov.au**

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health & Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au



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Justice Officer - Stores

Dame Phyllis Frost Centre



- Use your warehousing experience in this diverse role
- Fixed-term position until 31 July 2016, based in Ravenhall
- Salary range \$46,143 - \$59,255 plus superannuation

Located in Melbourne's western suburbs, the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre is a medium to maximum security facility for female offenders.

As the Justice Officer - Stores, you will undertake a range of stores, procurement and prisoner shop duties, including data entry, stock control and delivery, accounts processing and related administration tasks.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- an understanding of stores and warehousing operations
- well developed computer skills
- strong attention to detail.

A current forklift licence as well as experience in a stores/warehouse environment is desirable.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Sunday 15 November 2015.



ABORIGINAL RIVERKEEPER TEAM

(up to 4 trainee opportunities)

Would you like to work on Country, undertake paid training and be part of a dynamic Aboriginal team to manage the environment for one of Sydney's major river corridors?

The Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team is an initiative from the Georges River Combined Councils Committee Inc. (GRCCC) funded by the Australian Government to manage the natural and cultural heritage of the Georges River in southern Sydney.

We are looking for up to four new Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team trainees. You will have the opportunity to work for 18 months full time and you will continue the work of the current Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team. Work commences January 2016 and you will do TAFE training in Conservation Land Management until June 2017.

Working as part of the award winning GRCCC Riverkeeper program you will work closely with our partner Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Local Government Councils.

As part of the Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team you will be employed and fully supported by Eco Logical Australia to work as a mobile work team operating across the Georges River catchment. If you are interested in a job or a traineeship that makes a real difference to the Georges River corridor, promotes reconciliation and builds your skills to manage Land and River Country then this is the role for you.

For further information on an Aboriginal traineeship position with the Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team you can:

- Download the full job and traineeship position descriptions from <http://www.ecoaus.com.au/jobs/> or <http://www.georgesriver.org.au/>
- Email jobs@ecoaus.com.au to request position descriptions or further information
- Call Vanessa Cavanagh (Project Manager Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team at Eco Logical Australia) on 1300 646 131, or Svetlana Kotevska of the GRCCC on 9330 6057 to discuss if one of these positions is for you.

Don't wait – the closing date to get your written application in to us is
Monday November 16th 2015.

LEGAL CONSULTANT

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Please visit www.hender.com.au for more details and application instructions. For further information on our client please visit www.ais.sa.edu.au.

Applications close Wednesday 11 November 2015. Telephone enquiries are welcome and may be directed to Gill Manser at Hender Consulting on (08) 8100 8827.



Justice

Aboriginal Client & Community Support Officer, Aboriginal Services

- Ongoing full-time
- Taree
- Clerk Grade 3/4, Salary (\$65,608 – \$71,839), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Provide project support and effective customer service to Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal clients attending court.

Reference number 00003Z5V

Applying for the role:

To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Monday, 16 November 2015 (11.59pm)

Contact: Nicole Smith, Phone: 0455 327 743 and email: nicole_smith@agd.nsw.gov.au

Support Manager



Work Type: Full time

Location: Newcastle/Lake Macquarie, NSW

This position is an Aboriginal identified position.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and suitably experienced person to join the HWNS team at our Hunter Region Aboriginal Services in the role of Support Manager.

If you have a passion for supporting the human rights of people with disabilities, we look forward to receiving your application.

For information on this role and on how to apply, please visit our website www.hwns.com.au

HWNS is an EEO employer. The role is an Aboriginal identified position under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Only Australian citizens, permanent residents or those with working rights in Australia are eligible to apply. No smoking in the workplace is company policy

Let's Go!

Department of
Housing and Public Works

Executive Director (Identified), Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Strategy Unit

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Strategy Unit

Contract for One year

Department of Housing and Public Works

Salary: \$134 921 - \$140 746 p.a.

Location: Brisbane Inner City

REF: QLD/196778/15

About the role

The role of Executive Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy Unit, is a key leadership and coordination role within the Department. Reporting directly to the Director-General, the role leads a small team that is focused on collaboration and partnerships. The role is responsible for setting the strategic framework through which a wide range of Departmental activities, projects and services are integrated and delivered to better meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the state.

The role works across boundaries and provides leadership in ensuring a coherent and cohesive effort in the improvement of our cultural proficiency and in our contribution to the government's commitment and service delivery priorities to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Enquiries: Stephen Long 3008 3040

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date:

Friday, 13 November 2015



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ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER (FIXED TERM CONTRACT)**

Please visit www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/careers for further information and to apply.



Project & Policy Officer (Aboriginal Identified)

- Community Legal Centre Program
- Package up to \$107k (Clerk Grade 7/8)
- Temporary vacancy until 30 June 2017 (35 hpw)

We are looking for an Aboriginal Identified candidate to work in the Community Legal Centre Program providing support in relation to program coordination and policy development. The successful candidate will specifically be involved in the monitoring and evaluation of Aboriginal Cultural Safety standards across Community Legal Centres (CLCs).

Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003ZJU

Closing Date: Sunday, 15th November 2015

Enquiries: Benjamin Dougall on (02) 9219 5669

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OFFICE MANAGER (Aboriginal Targeted)

- Package up to \$94k (Clerk Grade 5/6)
- Ongoing and Temporary Talent Pool

We are seeking highly skilled, organised and motivated Office Managers. 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. 0000419A

Closing Date: Sunday 15th November 2015

Enquiries: Leanne Greenham on (02) 9219 5104

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Energetic & highly motivated part time Certificate III Early Childhood Educator

Rozelle Child Care Centre is a Community Based Long Day Care Centre in the Inner West, situated in Callan Park. The benefits of a not for profit community based child care centre is that the parents form a voluntary committee, with input into decision making in partnership with the Director.

This position is for an enthusiastic, energetic and qualified Early Childhood Educator with a Certificate III in Children's Services to work in a strong team environment of 4 educators within the 3-5 year age group. The position is a part time, job share for Thursday and Fridays only.

Our successful candidate will have:

- Certificate III in Children's Services
- Current Senior First Aid Certificate & Anaphylaxis/Asthma Management Certificate
- Experience in the Early Childhood Field is ideal, in particular with the 3-5 year age group
- The ability to work well in a team and to adapt to new situations
- Working with Children's Check
- Competent skills in working in a team, communicating with families, children and peers
- Sound knowledge of the development and implementation of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and the Emergent Curriculum
- Experience in IT technology required for documentation and children's portfolios
- Commitment towards the centre's goals, philosophy and vision
- A solid understanding of Education and Care Service's National Regulations 2011 and National Quality Framework & Standard.

Benefits of this Role:

- Above award salary
- Pro rata annual leave, sick leave, TIL per year
- Ongoing training & professional development.
- Generous programming time allocation (2 hours per week)

Salary from \$23.06 per hour (dependent upon years of experience).

Serious applicants need only apply.

A cover letter addressing the essential criteria and a CV is to be emailed to office@rozellechildcare.org.au or apply through the appropriate link by Wednesday 18th November 2015.

All enquiries can be made to Marie on the below information.
Marie Touma (02) 9555 9354
Director
office@rozellechildcare.org.au



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Department of Defence

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Applicants must provide proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage. Please visit <http://www.defence.gov.au/APSCareers/infoforapplicants/submitting-applications.htm> for more information.

Positions will be advertised from 2nd – 23rd November 2015.

How to apply

For more information, Applicant Information Packs (including selection criteria and application instructions), and details of the positions available visit: www.defence.gov.au/apscareers. Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by the due date in the Applicant Information Pack, which is **11.30 pm (AEDT) Monday 23rd November 2015**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens and prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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Senior Solicitor Civil Law Service for Aboriginal Communities (Aboriginal Targeted)

- Package up to \$126k (Legal Officer Grade IV)
- Ongoing Opportunity in Central Sydney

We are looking for an experienced solicitor for our Civil Law Service for Aboriginal Communities. The role will provide legal services to Aboriginal communities in NSW. The successful candidate will be passionate about bringing partners together to work with Aboriginal communities in creatively developing and delivering this service.

Apply Online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00003ZZV
Closing Date: Sunday, 15th November 2015
Enquiries: Monique Hitter on (02) 9219 5828

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Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Services Inc.

EXCITING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking:

1. A Finance and Operations Manager;
2. A Western Outreach Worker;
3. Executive Communications Officer;
4. Crisis Accommodation Manger

EMH is an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation based in Melbourne, and we are the peak body for Aboriginal women living in Victoria. We provide expert services in the following sectors: women's, family violence, refuge and homelessness and housing, and also the Aboriginal community sector.

Only women are able to apply for these positions and we strongly encourage Aboriginal women to apply.

Please contact: Kalimna Andy on (03) 9482 5744 or kalimna@emhaws.org.au to obtain a copy of the position descriptions.

Applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria along with a current resume are to be emailed to Kalimna or posted to PO Box 167 Fairfield, Vic, 3078 before the closing date.

**Closing date for these positions is:
4th December 2015**

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO)

Maternity - Part Time (Ref: 17236)

- Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- Are you passionate about Aboriginal Health Care?
- Are you willing to contribute and make a difference to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and babies?

IF SO, WE NEED YOU ON OUR TEAM!

Western Health has a unique opportunity for an Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO) to join our experienced Aboriginal Health Team. In this role you will work in partnership with the Midwifery Group Practice (MGP) midwives; offering pregnant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women support throughout their childbirth experience.

You will enjoy contributing to strategies and guidelines to improve overall Aboriginal Health at Western Health (WH) through cultural awareness education programs. In particular you will correctly record Aboriginal women and babies on WH information systems and improve access to mainstream services and other initiatives.

While the core of this role is to work within Midwifery, this position will also work alongside the existing AHLO in providing services to patients from other areas of the hospital when required.

You will have:

- Experience in providing support and advocacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and families.
- A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture, society and kinship networks and be accepted by the Aboriginal community.
- An understanding of Aboriginal Health issues, systems and policies at both the local and state level.
- Excellent verbal, written and computer skills.
- Confidence to liaise effectively with Midwives, General Practitioners, Nurses, Specialists and Allied Health Professionals.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

For further information please contact: Jacqueline Watkins on 0403 004 994 or email: Jacqueline.watkins@wh.org.au

Alternatively, please apply via the link below
<https://westernhealth.mercury.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=B24h9zfCE78=&jbc=ere> or visit www.westernhealth.com.au

CLOSING DATE: 27th NOVEMBER 2015

Western Health respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri and Boonwurrung Elders and peoples of the Kulin Nation as traditional owners of the lands on which Western Health sites are located. We are committed to improving the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their communities.



Aboriginal Youth and Family Worker Reconnect and Getting It Together (GIT)

Be part of a supportive regional team working with young people 12-18 and their families. The focus for Reconnect is family relationships, and the focus for GIT is reducing A&OD use. The position involves both group and individual work.

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Part Time: 28 Hours per week

Applicants must obtain Application Package: www.nrsdc.org.au (Positions Vacant)

Applications Close: 5pm Monday 9th November 2015

Applications to: youthinfrastructure@nrsdc.org.au

Applicants to address all criteria and submit in PDF or WORD format.

Inquiries To: Sonya Mears-Lynch ReconnectGrafton@nrsdc.org.au
6643 5843 / 0427 317 595

* Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as specified under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

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Aboriginal Child & Family Practitioner (specified) Hunter Permanent

Our Family Referral Service (FRS) Hunter is the first point of contact for vulnerable Aboriginal children, families and communities in accessing support services. You will develop a range of culturally appropriate engagement strategies with a whole of family focus. We will equip you with a leading edge resilience framework to allow you to assess and refer to the appropriate local services.

You will have diploma and/or experience in relevant field or demonstrated capacity and willingness to further develop your skills to meet the required competency with supervision. You will be committed to engaging in the community and contributing to making a difference in the lives of the children and families accessing our services.

TBS has a demonstrated commitment to providing a culturally safe environment through our Reconciliation Action Plan and a regional Aboriginal Staff Reference Group. For more information, including the Position Description, please go to www.benevolent.org.au/jobs

Email applications to CCHMNCRecruitment@benevolent.org.au. For enquires contact Kirsty Stewart on 02 4922 6507. **Closing date 20th November 2015.**

The Benevolent Society considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Join our passionate team and make a real difference

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Aboriginal Health Manager

Full-time (3 year contract)

Location: Newcastle, Erina or Tamworth, New England region

Hunter New England Central Coast Primary Health Network is a government funded, not-for-profit organisation focused on improving healthcare for our communities.

Our Aboriginal Health team are seeking someone to provide strategic and operational leadership to the team. The team are responsible for the development of strategies that aim to improve access to effective health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within our region by working with individuals, groups and organisations that have an interest and responsibility to improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal people.

For a full position description & details of how to apply visit www.hnecphn.com.au or contact Jacqui Smith 0488 165 580.

Applications close 9am 10 November 2015

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SENIOR OFFICER NARRAGUNNAWALI: RECONCILIATION IN SCHOOLS AND EARLY LEARNING

There are currently two positions available, one in Sydney and one in Canberra.

RA is looking for highly skilled, passionate and enthusiastic people to assist us in meeting our organisational goals. Join an open-minded, positive and committed team of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians working on a national program focussed on education. We are looking for professional and motivated educators to join *Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning*. *Narragunnawali* is a national program that aims to support all early learning services, primary and secondary schools in Australia to develop environments that foster a higher level of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions.

As an integral part of the *Narragunnawali* team at Reconciliation Australia, you'll have the opportunity to influence schools and early learning services on a national scale, you will:

- Contribute to the development of *Narragunnawali's* four key components:
 - 1 Reconciliation Action Plans
 - 2 Curriculum resources
 - 3 Professional learning for teachers and educators
 - 4 National Awards program

Reconciliation Australia (RA) is an independent, national not-for-profit organisation promoting reconciliation by building relationships, respect and trust between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our vision is for all Australians to wake to a reconciled, just and equitable Australia.

- Contribute to the creative development of the *Narragunnawali* online platform
- Maintain strong relationships with stakeholders, including State and Territory based education sectors (Government, Catholic and Independent) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education bodies.
- Promote *Narragunnawali* in public forums

All positions are full-time, fixed-term up to 30 June 2017.

You will receive a competitive salary of \$70,000 per annum plus superannuation and will be supported to undertake relevant training, with freedom to manage and own projects. Reconciliation Australia is committed to improving employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and strongly encourages them to apply. For further information about Reconciliation Australia, job descriptions and selection criteria go to our website at www.reconciliation.org.au or contact Reconciliation Australia's HR Manager on (02) 6273 9200.

Applications should include a completed application cover sheet, resume and address the selection criteria for the position (max. four pages).

Applications close: 5pm Tuesday, 10 November 2015.

Please send applications to:

Fiona Dearden
Reconciliation Australia
Old Parliament House,
King George Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600
Jobs@Reconciliation.org.au



GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Aboriginal targeted position
The Hills Local Area Command, CASTLE HILL
Clerk Grade 1/2
Temporary Full-Time up to November 2016
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.000040QB

Salary Package: \$70,404. Salary: \$58,687 – \$63,801. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within The Hills Local Area Command, focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force. The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations.

Job Notes:

- This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants **only** in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy. Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - o Give written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application; or
 - o Attach a document addressing each of the selection criteria to your application.
 - o Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- **Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.**

Enquiries: Yasemin Hizbaz – Local Area Manager on (02) 9680 5305

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for Requisition Number 000040QB

Closing Date: SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2015

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Project Officer, Aboriginal Programs

Wollongong Location
Reference No. 000041FQ
Permanent full-time opportunity
USS Grade 8 (\$90,240 – \$96,836 pa)

We have an exciting opportunity for a Project Officer to be a part of our Environment team within the Strategy and Engagement Division. This position plays a key role in engaging, promoting, developing and delivering road safety and driver licensing programs and initiatives (directly or through contracts) within Aboriginal communities to reduce road related fatalities and injuries and improve legal and safe driving. The position holder will report to the Senior Advisor Aboriginal Programs.

**Applicants can apply online at
www.rms.nsw.gov.au/careers**

For additional information on this position, please contact Garry Ferguson on (02) 6640 1024.

Closing Date: 15 November 2015

These positions are identified for Aboriginal applicants.

Roads and Maritime aims to ensure its workforce is representative of all communities and encourage diversity in teams to provide a more creative, innovative and responsive workforce to meet the challenges of the future.



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Aboriginal Early Years Worker (Identified)

Aboriginal Early Years Program, West Ryde
Permanent Part-Time (30 hrs p/w)

You will work with Aboriginal families to provide practical and emotional support to promote positive relationships between parents and children. Your focus will be the development of practical life skills to support the family in raising their children. You will link families to other services and support groups and work in a culturally safe manner.

You will have experience working with children and families and be well connected with community. You will be excited about working with other agencies and committed to improving outcomes for children and parents. You will enjoy working independently and as part of a larger team.

For more information, including the Position Description, please go to www.benevolent.org.au/jobs Email applications to Fiona.carr@benevolent.org.au For enquires contact Fiona Carr on 0420 958 922.

Closing date 30th November 2015.

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Department of Justice and Regulation

Senior Evaluation Lead Koori Justice Unit



- Ongoing, full-time position
- Melbourne CBD location
- Salary range \$86,493 - \$104,650 plus superannuation

The Koori Justice Unit is primarily responsible for coordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice agreement across the Victorian Government and justice system.

We are currently seeking a Senior Evaluation Lead, Monitoring & Evaluation to design and deliver effective evaluations, develop and maintain quantitative and qualitative information collections, and build monitoring and evaluation skills and capabilities with stakeholders.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Koori community, both society, culture and the issues impacting on it
- demonstrated ability in conducting statistical analysis, including the development and use of information systems and relevant software packages
- demonstrated knowledge and experience using various evaluation techniques and methodologies.

A relevant tertiary qualification in evaluation or relevant field is highly desirable.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close on Sunday 11 November 2015.

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Aboriginal Nursing & Midwifery Cadetship and Scholarships Programs

Applications now open
Make a real difference and help improve the health of our Mob

NSW Health is consistently working towards building a competent and culturally safe workforce. This is your opportunity to make a difference in meeting the needs of our Mob so that we can enjoy a longer, healthier life, free from disease and illness. The Aboriginal Nursing & Midwifery Strategy offers financial assistance and support for Aboriginal people enrolled in nursing and midwifery studies through our cadetship and scholarships.

Find out more and apply

For further information, please contact
The Aboriginal Strategy NSW Nursing
& Midwifery Office:

Freecall: 1800 155 325

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

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

Cadetship and Scholarships on offer

**NSW Aboriginal Nursing
and Midwifery Cadetship Program**
Close 27 November 2015

**Aboriginal Undergraduate
Scholarships**
Close 19 February 2016

**Aboriginal Postgraduate
Scholarships**
Close 19 February 2016

**Aboriginal Post-Enrolment
Scholarships**
Open all year round

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ABORIGINAL QUITLINE SPECIALIST

- Provide specialist telephone advice and counselling
- Work with and support Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people quit smoking
- 2 x part-time (0.5FTE) fixed term positions – St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Cancer Council Victoria has been leading efforts against cancer since 1936 through world leading research, prevention, support and advocacy programs. Located within our Prevention Division, Quit Victoria is dedicated to ending the pain, suffering and costs caused by tobacco. One of Quit's key support services is the Quitline which provides access to free and confidential specialist telephone counselling, self-help resources, advice and support for smokers, including a tailored counselling service for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Victorians.

Cancer Council is seeking two dedicated Aboriginal Quitline Specialists to join the Quitline team. You will be responsible for providing telephone information, advice and individualised counselling to assist Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal smokers who want to quit smoking, respond to incoming calls and make outbound calls via the Quitline call back counselling service and play an integral role in supporting Victorian Aboriginal communities in reducing their smoking prevalence. These positions will also involve attending events and liaising with networks and local communities as required.

These two part-time fixed term positions for 12 months provide a salary within range \$53,400 - \$59,000 pa (\$26,700 - \$29,500 pro rata for part time) plus superannuation, annual leave loading and the benefits of not-for-profit salary packaging and a meal entertainment card. We also offer a flexible and friendly work environment, social and wellbeing activities, and a location close to public transport.

To find out more visit www.cancervic.org.au/about/careers
or contact Bradley Brown on (03) 9514 6697.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples are strongly encouraged to apply
Applications close Wednesday 11 November 2015



Health

South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Senior Clinician (Social Worker Level 3)

Ref: 254781 – Temp P/T 32hpw at Community Health Services – Macarthur
Salary: \$45.75 – \$47.29 ph
Enq: Lissy Tresa (02) 9794 1700

Operation Assistant

Ref: 278690 – Perm P/T 8hpw at Fairfield Hospital
Salary: \$24.57 – \$25.25 ph
Enq: Vesna Veljovic (02) 9616 8240

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.

Closing Date: 17 November 2015

Assistant Policy Analyst (Health Manager Level 1) Aboriginal Policy Pathway

Ref: 283218 – Temp F/T 38hpw based at NSW Ministry of Health, North Sydney
Salary: \$1,291.87 – \$1,737.80 pw
Enq: Victor Tawil (02) 9391 9272

This is an identified position and Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date: 17 November 2015

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health

Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

Electrician/Mechanical Tradesperson Electrician Level 1

Lithgow/Portland Hospital
Permanent Full-Time
Salary: \$51,468.94 pa
Enquiries: Paul Prammer 0417 479 348
Reference ID: 283563

Closing Date: 15 November 2015

This is a targeted position in accordance with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2015_026. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and, where found suitable, will be given higher priority. Aboriginal applicants may have to cite their Aboriginality in addition to the selection criteria. Information to assist you with your application can be found on the NSW Health Stepping Up website – www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Apply online at:
[https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/
ViewPosition.aspx?Id=283563](https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=283563)

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



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Health

Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Manager Aboriginal Health

Classification: Health Manager Level 4
Location: Sydney, Malabar
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Base Salary: \$115,404 – \$138,074 pa
Enquiries: Geraldine Baillet, (02) 9700 3002
Email: geraldine.baillet@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au
eRecruit Reference Number: 286409
Closing Date: 13 December 2015

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent – authorised under section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act (NSW) 1977*.
2. Tertiary qualification in Management, Aboriginal Leadership, Health, Social Science or criminal justice, or equivalent work experience.
3. Extensive knowledge and demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal emotional and social wellbeing and of underlying determinants of Aboriginal Health, particularly in relation to the criminal justice field.
4. Demonstrated excellent interpersonal skills and ability to consult and negotiate with internal and external stakeholders at all levels to build positive relationships.
5. Extensive experience in high level written communication including the ability to produce strategic documents and reports.
6. Extensive experience in strategic planning with a proven record of achievement.
7. Demonstrated experience in managing simultaneous complex projects within agreed timeframes.
8. Extensive experience in the management of human, financial and physical resources to ensure budget and performance targets are achieved.

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

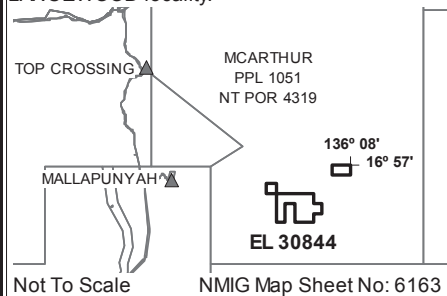
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

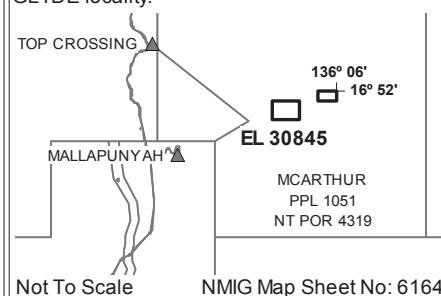
The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

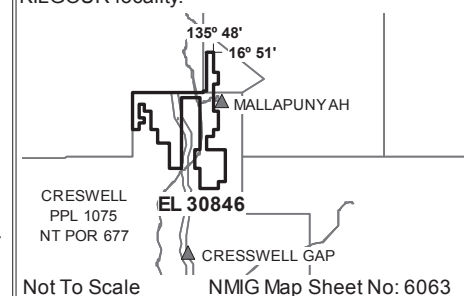
Exploration Licence 30844 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 14 Blocks (46 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LANCEWOOD locality.



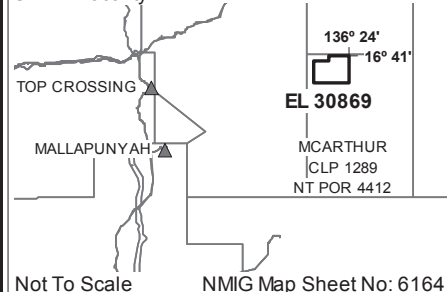
Exploration Licence 30845 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 8 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



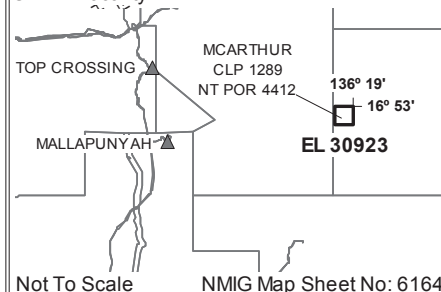
Exploration Licence 30846 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 114 Blocks (365 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality.



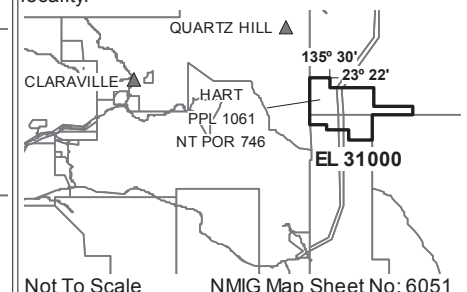
Exploration Licence 30869 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 32 Blocks (106 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



Exploration Licence 30923 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 9 Blocks (30 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



Exploration Licence 31000 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 171 Blocks (523 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRAHMA 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: 4 November 2015



Creating a brighter future

James Cook University (JCU) strives to be leaders in Indigenous education through the delivery of successful and sustainable services and programs that empower staff, students and communities to reach their full potential and achieve their goals. Reflecting this commitment a new unified Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre has been established to provide leadership and co-ordination across student and community engagement, education and research relating to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We now have these exciting opportunities available within the Centre;

- Head, Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student and Community Engagement, Townsville or Cairns
- Senior Lecturer, Townsville
- Transition Officer, Townsville and Cairns

These are designated positions for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The successful applicants must be an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander with culturally relevant expertise and knowledge.

Applications close: Sunday 22 November 2015

For more information go to:
jcu.edu.au/jobs

JCU is committed to equal opportunity, diversity and sustainability.

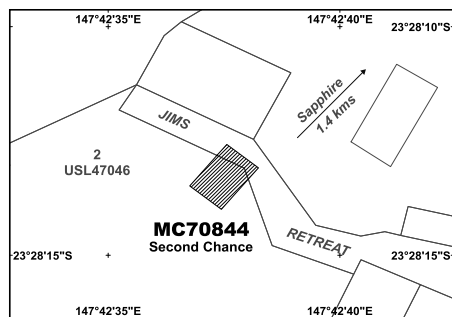
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS AND RENEWAL OF MINING LEASE

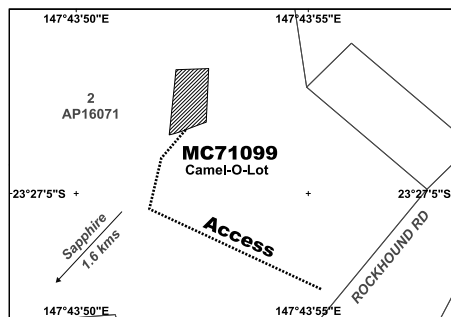
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 renewal of MC70844, MC71099, MC71176, MC71215, MC71216, MC71218, MC71223, MC71229, MC71233, MC71298, MC71299, MC71338, MC71381, MC71387, MC71388 and MC72116 and grant of MC300034, MC300039 and MC300041 and renewal of ML70437 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

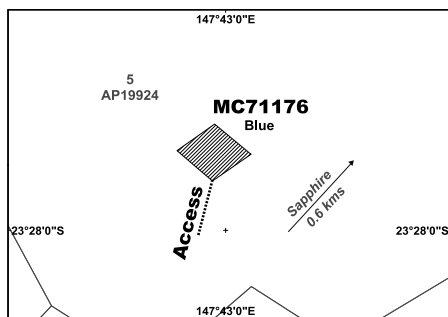
Mining Claim 70844 renewal sought by Gabrielle Leonard, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.4 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



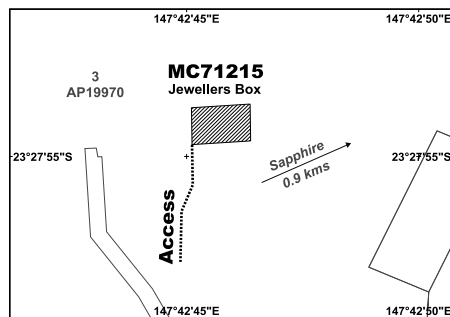
Mining Claim 71099 renewal sought by Victor Gordon O'Connell, over an area of 844 m² centred approximately 1.6 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



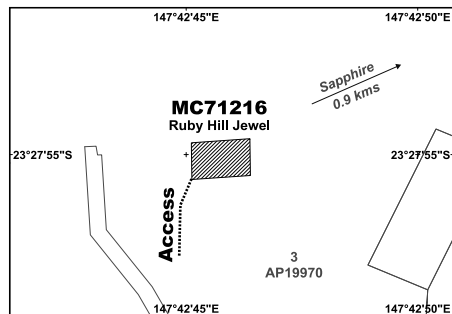
Mining Claim 71176 renewal sought by Pamela Denise Cotterall, over an area of 869 m² centred approximately 0.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



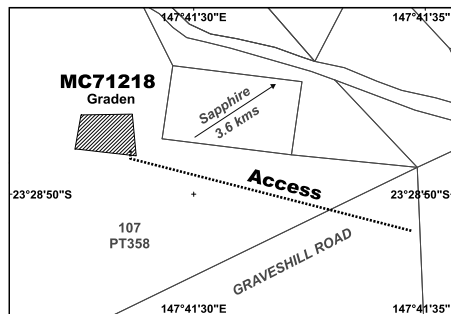
Mining Claim 71215 renewal sought by Paul Francis Anderson (50%) and Grant Markham (50%), over an area of 888 m² centred approximately 0.9 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



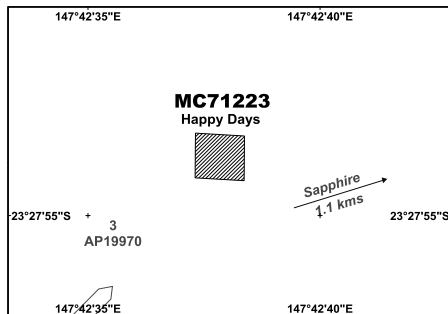
Mining Claim 71216 renewal sought by Paul Francis Anderson (50%) and Grant Markham (50%), over an area of 888 m² centred approximately 0.9 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



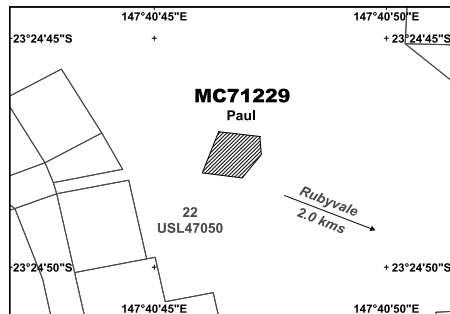
Mining Claim 71218 renewal sought by Thomas Allright, over an area of 883 m² centred approximately 3.6 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



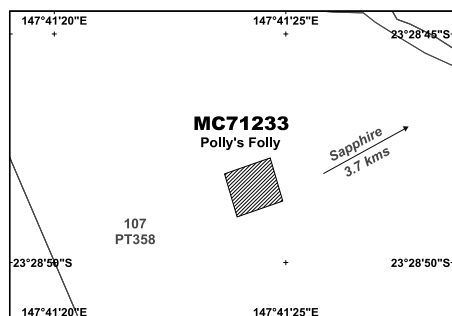
Mining Claim 71223 renewal sought by Liisa Marjatta Mikkola, over an area of 899 m² centred approximately 1.1 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



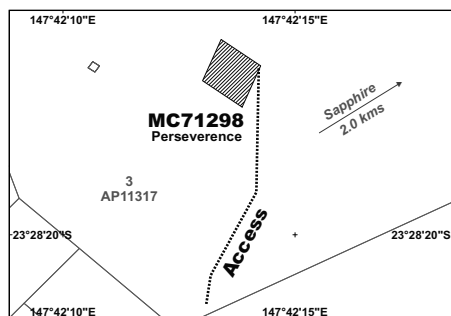
Mining Claim 71229 renewal sought by Paul Douglas Cox, over an area of 801 m² centred approximately 2.0 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



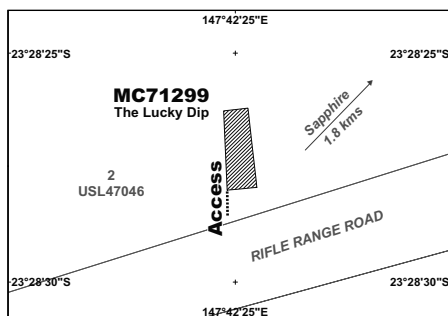
Mining Claim 71233 renewal sought by Rodney Keith Parker, over an area of 895 m² centred approximately 3.7 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



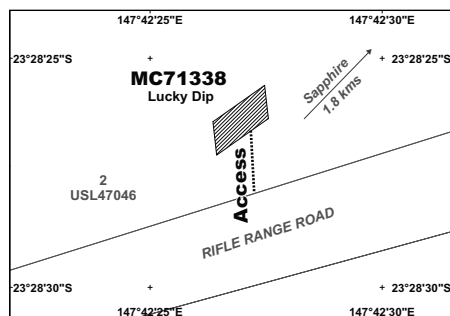
Mining Claim 71298 renewal sought by Stacey Claude Gurr, over an area of 873 m² centred approximately 2.0 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



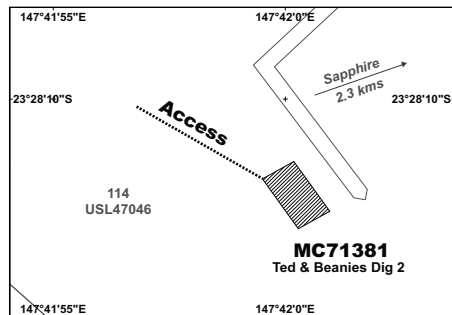
Mining Claim 71299 renewal sought by Norman William Roser, over an area of 887 m² centred approximately 1.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



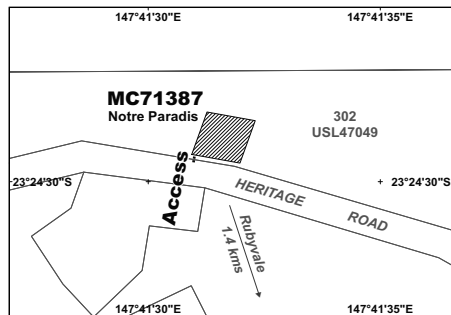
Mining Claim 71338 renewal sought by Shane Athol Thompson, over an area of 763 m² centred approximately 1.8 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



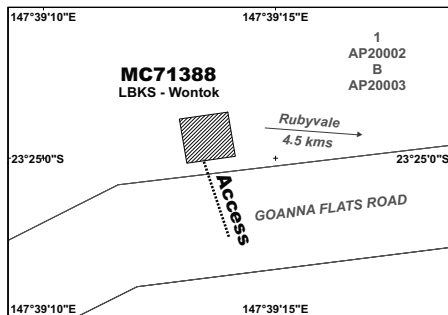
Mining Claim 71381 renewal sought by Alfred Frederick Kilimoff, over an area of 899 m² centred approximately 2.3 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



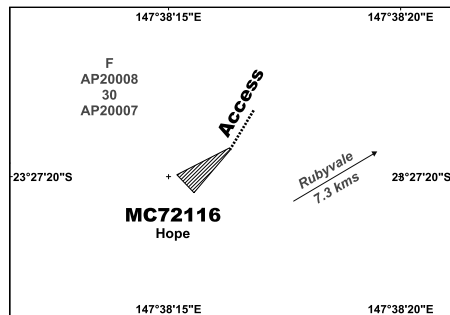
Mining Claim 71387 renewal sought by Kenneth James Green, over an area of 893 m² centred approximately 1.4 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



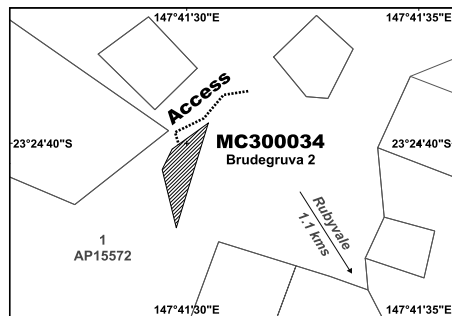
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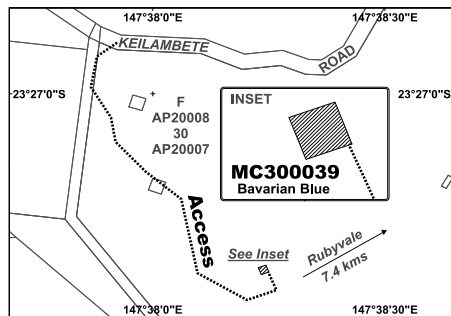
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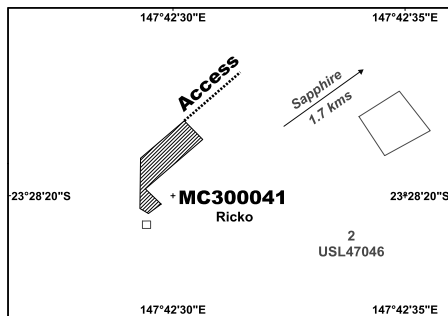
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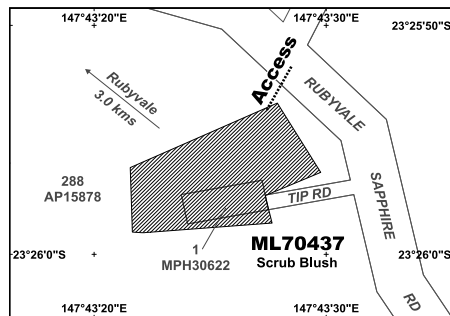
Mining Claim 300039 sought by Alessa Teresa Fremmer, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 7.4 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300041 sought by David Willyan McIntyre, over an area of 885 m² centred approximately 1.7 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Lease 70437 renewal sought by Armfest Pty Ltd, ACN 051 650 616, over an area of 25,004 m² centred approximately 3.0 km South East of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The renewal or grant of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years. The renewal of the 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 five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed or granted and the Mining Lease be renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims and the renewal of the Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim and Mining Lease Renewals or Applications, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale

Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims and renewal of the Mining Lease. 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: 25 November 2015





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NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
REGULATED MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ROSELLA SUB TC PTY LTD** for 2 x 660 mm pumps and 1 x 250 mm pump on the Murrumbidgee River, at/adjacent to Lot 2//594842 Parish of Cooonoon, County of Waradgery, for irrigation on Lots & 3 & 4//629313, lots 25, 26, 28, 41 & 44 //756744 Parish of Cooonoon, County of Waradgery.

This application was made to consolidate existing work/use approvals and include the above additional works and lands.

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. (A7006)

Any queries please call (02) 6953 0700, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2337-I	PLUTON RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	138km N'ly of Derby	Lat: 16° 3' S Long: 123° 30' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2416	PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED	34BL	116km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 30' S Long: 124° 42' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2750	SQUADRON RESOURCES PTY LTD	59BL	152km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 54' S Long: 115° 45' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2767	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	23BL	79km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 54' S Long: 117° 49' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/875	DOWNUNDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL	25km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 29' S Long: 118° 7' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/543	NEVE, Colin Robert	1BL	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2415	LEGEND MINING LIMITED	11BL	89km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 124° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2527	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	34BL	121km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 123° 55' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2528	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	15BL	127km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 123° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2529	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	117km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 24' S Long: 123° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2558	BLACK RAVEN MINING PTY LTD	24BL	119km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 16' S Long: 122° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2560	MUSGRAVE MINERALS LIMITED	30BL	96km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 122° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/959	NEWMONT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	49BL	97km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 120° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/960	VANMARIS, Bradley Paul	4BL	97km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 120° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/961	VANMARIS, Mathew Gordon	4BL	97km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 120° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/799	ECHO RESOURCES LIMITED	62BL	53km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 29' S Long: 120° 54' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/836	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	13BL	24km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 0' S Long: 120° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/859	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	4BL	23km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 120° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1242	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	55BL	46km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1243-I	BULLSEYE MINING LIMITED	6BL	93km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 121° 25' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1245	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	70BL	51km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2873	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	9BL	35km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3084	MB EXPLORATION PTY LTD	174BL	110km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 123° 26' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3086	SULPHIDE RESOURCES PTY LTD	25BL	213km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 124° 52' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3087	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	48BL	80km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 121° 49' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1845	BEADELL RESOURCES LTD	13BL	196km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 124° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1890	NEXUS MINERALS LTD	4BL	94km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 122° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1891	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	53BL	151km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 54' S Long: 124° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1892	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	70BL	62km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2985	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	98km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 10' S Long: 118° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3154	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	46BL	31km NE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 3' S Long: 117° 56' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3313	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	19BL	57km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 48' S Long: 117° 15' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3318	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	38BL	87km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 118° 27' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/3362-I	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	2BL	86km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 0' S Long: 118° 11' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1700	GOLDEN LIFE NATURE PRODUCTS (WA) PTY LTD	38BL	130km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 59' S Long: 119° 43' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1701	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	10BL	124km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 47' S Long: 119° 59' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1703	SAGELAND PTY LTD	6BL	33km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 118° 15' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3316	PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED	11BL	192km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 7' S Long: 119° 50' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3331	IRON BULL BANGEMALL PTY LTD	20BL	90km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 52' S Long: 120° 25' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1859	FAUREX PTY LTD	59BL	23km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 120° 48' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1860	AUSTRALIAN MINERAL PARTNERS PTY LTD	20BL	97km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 119° 23' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/494	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	46BL	66km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 54' S Long: 118° 29' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2138	PACIFIC ORE LIMITED	1BL	49km NE'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 116° 27' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2149	WILTSHIRE, Peter Andrew	7BL	26km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 116° 53' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2151	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	23BL	70km W'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 117° 13' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1755	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	43BL	80km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 55' S Long: 122° 30' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3308-I	NEXT COMMODITIES PTY LTD	12BL	33km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 9' S Long: 123° 54' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3387	THOUSAND ISLAND RESOURCES PTY LTD	9BL	73km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 53' S Long: 123° 17' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4730	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	190BL	54km E'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 38' S Long: 114° 42' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4747	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	15BL	10km E'ly of Eneabba	Lat: 29° 50' S Long: 115° 22' E	CARNAMAH SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4748	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	23BL	32km N'ly of Eneabba	Lat: 29° 32' S Long: 115° 21' E	IRWIN SHIRE, THREE SPRINGS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4773	CABLE SANDS (WA) PTY LTD	5BL	14km E'ly of Busselton	Lat: 33° 38' S Long: 115° 30' E	BUSSELTON CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4774	LITHIUM POWER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	30BL	8km SW'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 59' S Long: 116° 4' E	BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2256	BLACK OAK MINERALS LIMITED	44BL	79km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 119° 15' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2313	SAGELAND PTY LTD	5BL	91km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 31' S Long: 119° 49' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2316	CRUCIBLE RESOURCES PTY LTD	11BL	69km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 118° 39' E	WESTONIA SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2317-I	MAJEKA MINERALS PTY LTD	70BL	133km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 119° 14' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2319-I	HANNANS RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	59km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 119° 27' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4965-I	BARACUS PTY LTD	6BL	29km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 4' S Long: 127° 53' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5989	HIGGINS, Ryan	6.58HA	7km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 12' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5990	ZINFANDEL EXPLORATION PTY LTD	71.95HA	22km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2251	SPINDLER, Frederick William	6.13HA	11km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 117° 59' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2252	LITTLE, Terrence Harold	9.92HA	50km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 59' S Long: 117° 44' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2253	LITTLE, Terrence Harold	9.92HA	47km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 117° 45' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4827	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	192.87HA	38km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 121° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4828	CASCADE RESOURCES LTD	136.42HA	32km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	31/2080	LING, Monte Justin ISSLER, Natacha Andrea	147.98HA	126km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 122° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2083	MARTIN, Charles Philip Laidley MAHER, John Joseph	43.52HA	132km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 122° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8608	ROSS, Brian George Alexander	194.46HA	18km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5537	BREWER, Gerard Victor	180.28HA	63km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1374	WHITE, Benjamin Jack	74.50HA	43km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1768-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	175.80HA	86km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 48' S Long: 116° 57' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2954	WILTSHIRE, Peter Andrew	150.53HA	52km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 118° 9' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2957	BARNES, Gregory TAN, Soh Cheng	59.19HA	17km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 42' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2074	MILIAUSKAS, Murray Keith	111.32HA	28km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 116° 50' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2075	BROSNAN, Alan	108.05HA	1km SE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 117° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2076	BROSNAN, Alan	14.13HA	1km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 117° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1831-3	BDC CORPORATE PTY LTD	506.66HA	17km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 19' S Long: 127° 32' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1834	BDC CORPORATE PTY LTD	187.01HA	21km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 21' S Long: 127° 31' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1835-6	BDC CORPORATE PTY LTD	385.44HA	29km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 24' S Long: 127° 27' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1837	BDC CORPORATE PTY LTD	172.25HA	22km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 21' S Long: 127° 30' E	HALLS CREEK 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: 4 November 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 **4 February 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. 4 March 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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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
MACQUARIE RIVER ABOVE BURRENDONG WATER SOURCE**

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **SIMPLIT PROPERTIES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LIMITED** for a 200 mm Centrifugal pump for irrigation (increase in pump size) on Lot 2 DP 202027, Parish of Jedburgh, County of Roxburgh.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.(A006847)

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
LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **PETER DESPINIDIC & JEANETTE RUTH DESPINIDIC** for a new irrigation bore located on Lot 21 DP 586201 Parish of Bombira County of Phillip for the extraction of water from the Lachlan Fold Belt MDB Groundwater Source.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006892)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7469, Alice Clifton, Water Regulation Officer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE #3 QUD621/2011

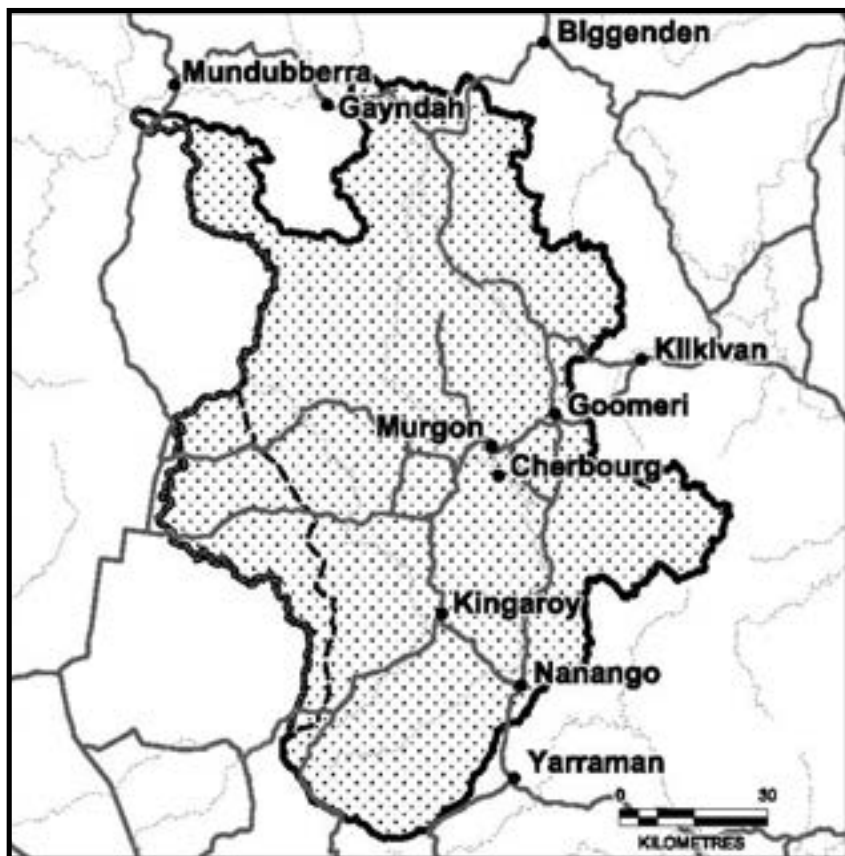
WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE #4 QUD91/2012

WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE #5 QUD93/2012

NATIVE TITLE INFORMATION & AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

The Wakka Wakka (#3, #4 and #5) People are currently described as the Aboriginal people who identify as Wakka Wakka People who are descended from the following ancestors:

1. Jenny and David Carlo (parents of Princey Carlo);
2. Minnie Bly (mother of Thomas Simpson), Ethel and Bill Button;
3. Maggie Hart (mother of Crabbie Chapman);
4. Mother of William Pickering, Lucky Law;
5. King Billy and Maria of Boondooma (parents of Tommy Dodd of Taabinga);
6. Maggie West;
7. Kitty of Boonara;
8. MiMi;
9. Kitty mother of Jack Bulong;
10. John Bond;
11. Kitty (mother of Jenny Lind), Jenny Lind and Mick Buck;
12. Boubijan Cobbo;
13. Stockman Bligh and Aggie Bligh;
14. Tommy (aka Boondoon) and Maggie (parents of Willie Bone), Billy McKenzie (father of Chlorine McKenzie), Chlorine McKenzie.



Wakka Wakka #3 and #5 claim area map. (This map is indicative only)

This Notice invites all members of the Wakka Wakka People, as described above, to information meetings at the time and location below:

Information Meeting:

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 21 November 2015

Time of Meeting: 10.30am to 3.30pm (registration from 9.30am)

Venue of Meeting: Gayndah Town Hall, Cnr Capper & Pineapple Streets, Gayndah

The purpose of the Information Meeting is for the current claim group to:

1. Consider relevant anthropological and genealogical research into the following:
 - a. "Mother of William Pickering, Lucky Law" to potentially amend to: "Mother of William Pickering."
 - b. How ancestor Mick Buck is described, and
 - c. Addition of two (2) further apical ancestors, namely:
 - i. "Kate/Katie/Kitty Law", and
 - ii. "Emily of Degilbo mother of Annie".
2. Consider anthropological research for:
 - a. Unclaimed area to south/east of Wakka Wakka #5; and
 - b. Combining Wakka Wakka #3 and #5 into one claim.
3. Consider replacing the current Applicant for Wakka Wakka #3, #4 and #5 with a newly authorised Applicant for the applications for Wakka Wakka #3, #4 and #5, in accordance with section 66B of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) to represent:
 - a. the combined Wakka Wakka #3 and #5 native title claim application; and
 - b. Wakka Wakka #4.
4. Membership of the Family Representative and Elder Group.

Authorisation Meeting #1

This Notice invites all members of the Wakka Wakka People, as described above, to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Sunday, 22 November 2015

Time of Meeting: 9.30am (registration from 8.30am)

Venue of Meeting: Gayndah Town Hall, Cnr Capper & Pineapple Streets, Gayndah

The purpose of Authorisation Meeting #1 is for the current claim group to consider anthropological and genealogical research into the following named individuals and their association with the Wakka Wakka claim areas and potentially **authorise the amendment** of the Wakka Wakka People claim group description as follows:

1. Amend "Mother of William Pickering, Lucky Law" to read as:
"Mother of William Pickering."
2. Addition of two (2) further apical ancestors, namely:
 - a. "Kate/Katie/Kitty Law", and
 - b. "Emily of Degilbo mother of Annie".

Note: Descendants of all the ancestors identified above will be invited to address the meeting, however those descendants whose ancestors are described in paragraph 2(b) above will not be able to remain and be present for or participate in decision-making at the meeting.

If amendments to the current claim group description as proposed are authorised, the **amended Wakka Wakka People claim group description, as newly described**, will be:

1. Jenny and David Carlo (parents of Princey Carlo);
2. Minnie Bly (mother of Thomas Simpson), Ethel and Bill Button;
3. Maggie Hart (mother of Crabbie Chapman);
4. Mother of William Pickering;
5. King Billy and Maria of Boondooma (parents of Tommy Dodd of Taabinga);
6. Maggie West;
7. Kitty of Boonara;
8. MiMi;
9. Kitty mother of Jack Bulong;
10. John Bond;
11. Kitty (mother of Jenny Lind), Jenny Lind and Mick Buck;
12. Boubijan Cobbo;
13. Stockman Bligh and Aggie Bligh;
14. Tommy (aka Boondoon) and Maggie (parents of Willie Bone), Billy McKenzie (father of Chlorine McKenzie), Chlorine McKenzie;
15. Kate/Katie/Kitty Law;
16. Emily of Degilbo mother of Annie.

Authorisation Meeting #2:

Depending on the decisions made at Authorisation Meeting #1, a further authorisation meeting will be held for those people who fall within the amended Wakka Wakka People claim group description, as newly described above.

This Notice invites all members of the Wakka Wakka People, as newly described, to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Sunday, 22 November 2015

Time of Meeting: Immediately after Authorisation Meeting #1 to 3.00pm (approximate)

Venue of Meeting: Gayndah Town Hall, Cnr Capper & Pineapple Streets, Gayndah

The purpose of Authorisation Meeting #2 are for the newly described claim group to:

1. Considering Authorising:
 - a. Combining Wakka Wakka #3 and #5 into one claim.
 - b. Authorise persons to be the Applicant for Wakka Wakka #3, #4 and #5, in accordance with section 66B of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) to represent:
 - i. the combined Wakka Wakka #3 and #5 native title claim application; and
 - ii. Wakka Wakka #4.
2. Advise QSNTS of:
 - a. Future Act Representation, and
 - b. Family Representative and Elder Representation.

All members of the Wakka Wakka People Native Title Claim Group are invited to contact the QSNTS Community Relations Unit on free call 1800 663 693 by close of business on Friday, 13 November 2015 to register their intention to attend the meetings.

QSNTS regrets that it is unable to assist with transport or accommodation to attend the meetings. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.



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MEETING OF WURUNDJERI TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Native Title Services Victoria with the support of Wurundjeri people is organising a further meeting of Traditional Owners for Woiwurrung/Wurundjeri country on **6 December 2015**.

The purpose of the meeting will be to authorise a Threshold Statement to commence negotiations with the State of Victoria under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act*.

Under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act* the State Government is able to negotiate a Settlement Agreement with a Traditional Owner Group to formally recognise and acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners of their traditional country.

A Settlement also resolves matters under the *Native Title Act* and confirms that a Traditional Owner Group's corporation is entitled to be registered as the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) responsible for Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area.

NTSV invites all people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests in Woiwurrung/Wurundjeri country and have traditional and cultural associations to this country to attend a meeting on:

Date: Sunday 6 December 2015

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Aborigines Advancement League, 2 Watt Street, Thornbury

Purpose: To authorise a Threshold Statement to commence negotiations with the State of Victoria about a Recognition and Settlement Agreement under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act*.

Please contact Drew Berick on **(03) 9321 5300**, 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 the meeting.

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GUMBAYNGGIRR PEOPLE - NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

Proposed amendments to the Gumbaynggirr People Native Title Application

Date and Time: **Wednesday 18 November 2015 – 9:30am – 5:00pm**

Thursday 19 November 2015 – 9:30am – 3:00pm

Venue: **Valla Beach Tourist Park**

1 Regatta Drive, Valla Beach NSW 2448

NTSCORP Limited ('NTSCORP') provides legal advice and assistance to the Gumbaynggirr People in their native title application (NSD6104 of 1998) and is convening a meeting for all members of the Gumbaynggirr People native title claim group.

Who should attend?

Members of the native title claim group as described in the registered application, being:

all descendants of Maggie Buchanan, Frank Whaddy and Vina Duncan+, Elsie Taylor+ and Jack Flanders+, Topsy Taylor and Sam Dotti+, Henry Duckett and Emily Walker+, David Ballangerry and Florence Randall, Wabro Kelly+, and Ben Bennelong and Dollie 'Tickie' Kelly

AND members of the native title claim group as defined by the revised definition which was adopted by the Gumbaynggirr People in 2009, being Aboriginal people who are:

(a) the biological descendants of:

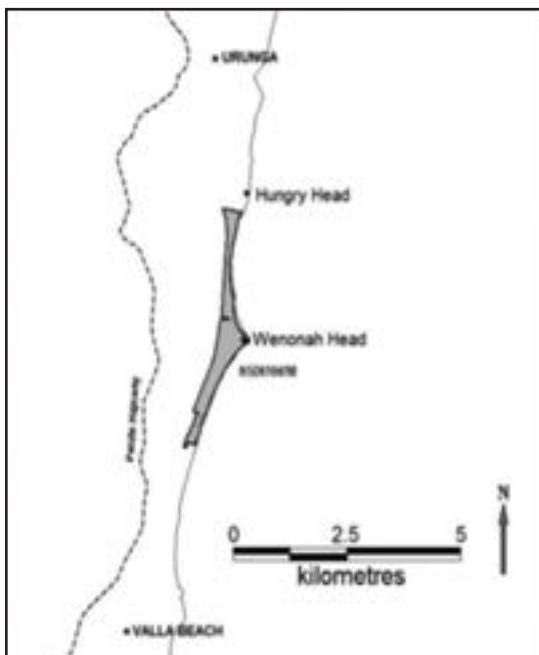
King Ben Bennelong;
Maggie Buchanan and Davy Cowling*;
Biddy, the mother of Lavina Duncan (Bina Whaddy);
Fanny Purrapine*, the mother of Lily Kelly and Hilda Kelly Robinson;
Darby Kelly*;
The father of Maggie Kelly's mother Biddy*;
William 'Old Bill' Dotti;
John 'Jack' Dotti*;
Lucy Flanders;

Dave Ballangarry;
Robert Walker and Louise Linwood*;
John 'Jack' Long*;
Bridget 'Biddy' Briggs Needam*;
Mary Briggs* and Fred Briggs*;
Susan*, mother of Charles Jarrett Snr;
Rose Taylor;
Charles Layton*;
Mick McDougall*;
Clara Skinner*;
Sylvie Craig*;
Elizabeth 'Kitty'

Campbell/Cameron* (known as Elizabeth Blakeney);
Emily Sutton*;
Fred Hookey*;
Nobby Neville*;
Mary Jane Ferguson*;
Billy Lardner Jnr*;
King Bobby of Oban*;
The parent of Charlie Whitton and Lucy Larrigo (nee Whitton)*;
Walter Smith* and Stella Jane Davis*;
Jane Gard/Maskey

and (b) persons who have been adopted into the families of those persons (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons);
and (c) persons who have been otherwise incorporated, or who are direct descendants of a person who has been otherwise incorporated, as a member of the Gumbaynggirr People and who identify as and are accepted as a Gumbaynggirr person, in accordance with Gumbaynggirr laws and customs

AND any other persons who assert native title in the claim area.



Location of the claim

The lands and waters are located near Urunga at Wenonah Head on the mid-north coast of New South Wales.

The Claim Area is approximately 1.689sqkm.

The northern boundary of the claim is near the Hungry Head Surf Life Saving Club. The southern boundary is located near the point at which Oyster Creek, McGraths Creek and another unnamed creek join. The western boundary is located near the North Coast Railway line. The eastern boundary is the coastal Mean High Water Mark.

The native title claim area is identified by grey shading on the map on the left.

THE AGENDA FOR AUTHORISATION MEETING 1:

1. Introduction, welcome and acknowledgement of country
2. To provide an update in relation to the progress of the native title application
3. To confirm the decision making process of the native title claim group for the native title application
4. Presentations of Gumbaynggirr anthropological and historical reports
5. Discuss background and reasons behind proposed amendments to the native title application
6. Consider and authorise any amendments to the Native Title Determination Application (Form 1) including in respect of:
 - a. Amending the rights and interests claimed by the claim group;
 - b. Amending tenure and land use issues identified by the claim group in accordance with tenure analysis;
 - c. Any amendments to the claim area;
 - d. Any other amendments necessary for the registration of the Native Title Determination Application
7. Consider and authorise amendments to the claim group description in the Native Title Determination Application (Form 1) – in particular, to ask the meeting to confirm the Gumbaynggirr People's 2009 acceptance of the revised definition (set out above), noting that the changes will result in:
 - a. changes to how some ancestors are identified by reference to a higher generation in the revised description. This applies to those marked with an (+) above;
 - b. the removal of the names of five ancestors: (i) Frank Whaddy; (ii) Topsy Taylor; (iii) Henry Duckett; (iv) Florence Randall; and (v) Dollie 'Tickie' Kelly, noting that they remain included in the revised definition if they were 'adopted or incorporated' as Gumbaynggirr People. It is also noted that all have spouses, or their spouse's parent, named in the revised definition; and
 - c. additional ancestors being named, some of who may have been captured by the original description, as noted with an (*) above.

THE AGENDA FOR AUTHORISATION MEETING 2:

1. Introduction, welcome and acknowledgement of country
2. To confirm the decision making process of the native title claim group for the native title application
3. To confirm changes to the claim group description of the application made and authorised in Group Authorisation Meeting 1
4. To confirm decisions made and authorised in the Gumbaynggirr People Claim Group Authorisation Meeting 1 including:
 - a. Amending the rights and interests claimed by the claim group;
 - b. Amending tenure and land use issues identified by the claim group in accordance with tenure analysis;
 - c. Any amendments to the claim area;
 - d. Any other amendments necessary for the registration of the Native Title Determination Application
5. To confirm the authorisation of the Applicant to make the amended native title application and to deal with matters arising in relation to it
6. Consider management options for any native title rights and interests recognised through the native title application
7. Future acts update
8. Any other business as determined by the meeting

Please contact NTSCORP to confirm your attendance by **Wednesday 8 April 2015**. Limited assistance for travel & accommodation may be available but you will need to complete a registration & mileage form and return it to NTSCORP by **11 November 2015**. Morning tea and lunch will be provided

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NATALIE ROTUMAH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ON TOLLFREE PHONE 1800 111 844 OR (02) 9310 3188 OR FAX (02) 9310 4177.

Sport

Young league players at five-day camp



SIXTY of NSW's most talented under 15 Indigenous rugby league players gathered at the NSW Academy of Sport at Narrabeen last Friday for a five-day camp in a bid to earn a position in the 20-man NSW Ruby League (NSWRL) KARI Aboriginal Resources under 16 squad for 2016.

The team selected will play at Suncorp Stadium against the Queensland's under 16 Indigenous side as the curtain-raiser to next year's NRL All Stars match against the Indigenous All Stars in Brisbane on February 13.

Rugby league legends Ronny Gibbs, Rod Silva, Ian Naden, Scott Mieni and Dennis Moran took part in the camp.

The players who miss out on selection will still be eligible for a number of other programs to be held throughout the year.

300-plus at carnival



MORE than 300 players were expected at the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander netball tournament at the Calwell courts, Canberra, last Saturday.

The tournament was to open with a smoking ceremony, with a welcome to country later in the morning.

Competition is in three divisions – 13-15 years, open mixed and open women.

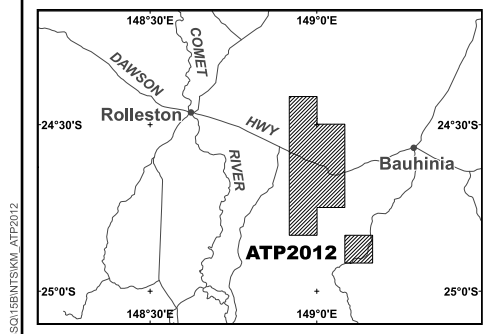
Teams were expected from far north Queensland, Victoria, regional NSW, Sydney and the ACT.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN AUTHORITY TO PROSPECT

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 an Authority to Prospect shown below under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld).

Proposed Grant of ATP2012 sought by Santos TOG Corp., ARBN 102 958 734 (24.2421875%), PAPL (Upstream) Pty Limited, ACN 131 318 888 (20.8333984375%), Total E&P Australia, ARBN 112 603 880 (15.1515625%), KGLNG E&P Pty Ltd, ACN 146 143 339 (11.363671875%), Santos TOGA Pty Ltd, ACN 077 536 871 (8.87578125%), Total E&P Australia II, ARBN 149 617 167 (5.6818359375%), Santos TPY CSG Corp., ARBN 108 566 052 (4.6875%), Santos QNT Pty Ltd, ACN 083 077 196 (4.09375%), Santos TPY Corp., ARBN 102 958 707 (2.9296875%), Santos Queensland Corp., ARBN 111 733 969 (2.140625%), over an area of 225 sub-blocks (702 km²) centred approximately 28 km South West of Bauhinia, in the locality of Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): Grant of an Authority to Prospect under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a term not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

It should be noted that this land will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of this authority.

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 an Authority to Prospect. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the 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

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Authority to Prospect, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Authority to Prospect application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8082.

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NOTICE OF AN AUTHORISATION MEETING OF THE GOMEROI PEOPLES' NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP (NSD 2308/2011)

When:

**Wednesday, 2 December 2015
8:00am – 12.00pm – Meeting Registration
1:00pm – 5:00pm - Meeting**

**Thursday, 3 December 2015
9:00am – 3:00pm – Meeting continued**

Where:

**Tamworth War Memorial Town Hall
26-28 Fitzroy St Tamworth, NSW 2340**

Who should attend:

The meeting is open to **all members of the native title claim group in the Gomeri People native title determination application** (NSD2308/2011) ('Gomeri Claim Group' and 'Gomeri Claim' respectively), being the descendants of:

Thomas Pitt (born in 1838); Billy Barlow (born in Tycannah, 1835); Peter James Cutmore (born in Tycannah, 1849); James Swan (born in Combadello, 1825); Harriett Wyndham (born in Mungie Bundie, 1863); William Levy (born in Terry Hie Hie, 1867); Sally Nerang (born in Terry Hie Hie circa 1840); Eliza Barlow (born in Terry Hie Hie circa 1860); Kitty Dangar (born in Walgett, 1837); William Clark (born in Collarenebri, 1845); Murray Ippai (born in Collarenebri); Mary Ann Ippai (born on the Barwon River); Edward Morgan (born in Dungalear, 1855); Nancy Morgan (born in Dungalear, 1861); Robert Nicholls (born in Collarenebri, 1842); Frank Mundy (born in Collymongle, 1872); Lena Combo (born in Mogil Mogil, 1876); Jack Thunderbolt (born in Walgett, 1847); Betsy Yates (aka Polly Yates and Polly Burras) (born on the Barwon River circa 1860); Jenny (born in Walgett circa 1840); Dick Silk (born in Walgett); Fred Parker (born in Gingie, 1864); Murray Rook (born in Collarenebri, 1865); Ethel Tinker (born in Mercadool circa 1878); Emily McPherson (born in Collarenebri, 1892); Billy Whitford (born in 1828); King Robert Cobbler (born in Mogil Mogil, 1855); Billy Wightman (born in Kunopia, 1813); John McGrady (born in Moree, 1853); William Dennison (born in Kunopia, 1843); Charlie Dennison (born circa 1846-1866); Alice Dennison (born in Moree circa 1863 -1873); Lucy Long (born in Boomi circa 1850); Minnie Lance (born in Boomi circa 1868); Harry Denham; Charles Cubby (born on the Boomi River); Sarah Wilson (aka Sarah Murphy and Sarah Witman) (born in Kunopia, 1868); Reuben Bartman (born in Boomi in 1876); Billy Dunn (born in Mungindi); William Edwards (born in Thallon); Queen Susan (born in Welltown); Phoebe Munday-Williams (born in Mungindi, 1864); George Bennett (born in Mungindi, 1873); Amelia Bell (aka Amelia Brown) (born in Bingara, 1862); William Snow (born in Tamworth or Moonbi, 1855); Francis Snow (born in Tamworth, 1858); Matilda Wyndham (born in Bingara in 1842); Thomas Duke (born in Bingara, 1847); Teasie Griffen (aka Jessie Griffen and Ellen Griffen) (born in Barraba, 1859); Mary Anne Hammond (born in Tamworth, 1836); Elizabeth Guest (aka Eliza Gillan) (born in Liverpool Plains, 1840); Jane Maloney (born in Walhallow, 1838); Mary Ann Healy (born in Murrurundi, 1829); Thomas Taylor (born in Coolah, 1836); Elizabeth Loder (aka Elizabeth Bates) (born in Murrurundi, 1843); Sarah Gatehouse (born in Aberdeen, 1835); William Duncomb (born in Muswellbrook circa 1830); John Morris Tighe (born in 1852); Susan Bishop-Young (aka Susan Dangar) (born in Warialda); Sarah Murphy (born in 1846); Thomas French (born in Scone, 1825); John Thomas Bates (born on the Mooki River, 1840); Alexander Nean (born in Liverpool Plains, 1843); David Johnson (born in Cassilis circa 1838-1844); Mary Orr (aka Nellie Orr) (born in Garrawilla, 1853); Julia Campbell (born on the Castlereagh River circa 1833-1834); Annie Jendis (born in Burbagat, 1845); Harriet Munro (born in Gunnedah, 1867); Alice Eliza Natty (born on the Namoi River near Boggabri, 1857); James Tighe (born in Coonabarabran, 1842); William Tighe (born in Toorawandi, 1844); Patrick Tighe (born in Coonabarabran, 1852); Jane Tighe (born in 1864); Mary Jane Griffin (aka 'Old Ibadah'); Susan Slater (born in Coonabarabran, 1839); Thomas Leslie (born in Kirban circa 1850-1854); James Leslie (born in Armatree, 1853); Ellen Fuller (born in Rockgidge, 1854); Sarah Hughes (born in Coonabarabran circa 1834-1859); James Cole (born in 1845); Mary Ann Hall (born on the Castlereagh River, 1840); Samuel Bruce Smith (born in Tambar Springs circa 1860 – 1863); Elizabeth Ann Smith (born in Mullaley, 1866); William Green (aka William Edwards) (born in Kings Plains near Inverell, 1853); Angus Landsborough (born in Newstead, 1867); Patrick Landsborough (born in Newstead, 1872); Alec Brown (born in Bundarra, 1873); Margaret King (born in GumminGummin near Gulgambone circa 1854-1858); William James King (born in Coonabarabran circa 1851-1853); Florence May Blackman (aka Louisa Florina Blackman) (born in Coonamble, 1846); Euphemia Blackman (born on the Castlereagh River, 1851); Henry Arthur Yates

(born in Coonamble, 1860); Betsy Yates (born in Wingadee, 1854); Annie Day (born in Bullarora Station near Coonamble circa 1871-1876); Army Toomey (born in Wingadee near Coonamble, 1886); Maria Clare Hall (born in Gulgambone circa 1830-1833); Thomas Carney (born in Tonderburine, 1852); Jim Duncan (born in Coonamble in 1854); Thomas Reid (born in Cuttabri, 1840); Thomas John Blacklock (born in Terembone, 1851); Thomas Dangar (born in Drilldool, 1857); Harry Doolan (born in Pilliga, 1855); George Green (born in 1851); Lucy Barr (born in Boggabri, 1851); Peggy Reid (born in Cuttabri, 1836); Julia Jane Saunders (born in Wee Waa, 1845); William Newman (born in Cuttabri, 1807); Emma Dingwell (born in Bograh Station near Narrabri, 1864); Kate Purser (born in Narrabri, 1863); Mary Ann Lucas (born in Millie, 1840); Frank Maybury (born in Killarney Station near Narrabri circa 1840); Charlotte Hagan (aka Charlotte Keegan) (born in Narrabri circa 1850-1870); Nellie Combo (born in Wallah Station near Narrabri, 1850) and Mary Peake (born in Narrabri, 1848).

Background

Following a number of requests from members of Gomeri Claim Group, NTSCORP Ltd will be assisting in the notification and organisation of this meeting. This is in accordance with NTSCORP Ltd's statutory facilitation and assistance and dispute resolution functions under s 203BB and s 203BF of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

The area that is the subject of the Gomeri Claim ('Gomeri Claim Area') is bounded by the NSW/QLD state border in the north, the western slopes of the New England Tableland in the east, the Hunter and Goulburn Rivers in the south and the Castlereagh River in the west.

An **independent facilitator** will be present to conduct the meeting and an **independent legal advisor** will be present to provide members of the Gomeri Claim Group with legal advice regarding any issues arising during the course of the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Update on developments in relation to the Gomeri Claim.
2. Confirmation of the relevant decision making process for the members of the Gomeri Claim Group.
3. Considering and making any **decisions about legal representation** for the members of the Gomeri Claim Group / Applicant, and in relation to any future acts associated with the Gomeri Claim Area.
4. **Considering and authorising any changes proposed to the persons who jointly comprise the Applicant** in the Gomeri Claim.
5. Considering and making any decisions about the role and the authority of the Applicant in the Gomeri Claim.
6. Any other matters as determined by members of the Gomeri Claim Group.

If you wish to attend the native title claim group meeting, please contact NTSCORP Ltd on the numbers listed below by close of business on **Friday 20 November 2015**, so that all relevant arrangements can be made. Mileage assistance and **1 night's accommodation** may also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP Ltd's policies. **Please note that accommodation is limited and will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone by Friday 20 November 2015. Please note that requests for accommodation will not be accepted after this date.**

Our details are:

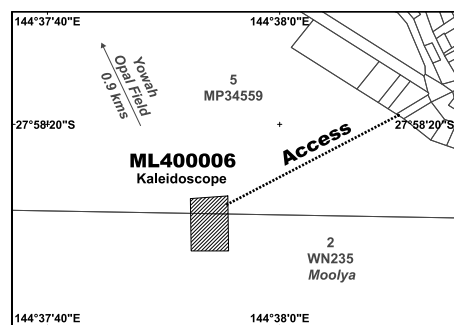
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASE AND RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of ML400006, and renewal of MC60250 and MC60304 and grant of MC300035, MC300040, MC300049 and MC300054 as shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

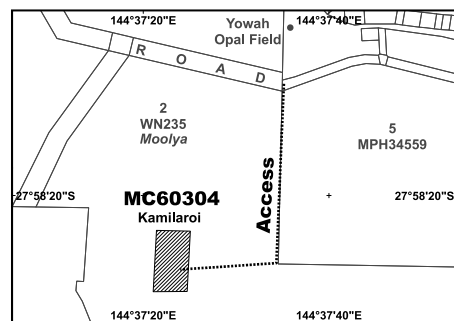
Mining Lease 400006 sought by Colin Peter Lawrey, over an area of 1.2570 ha centred approximately 0.9 km South East of Yowah Opal Field, in the locality of Paroo Shire Council.



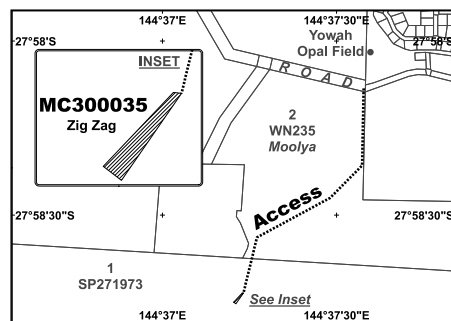
Mining Claim 60250 renewal sought by Norman Alexis Nieuwland, over an area of 1.9311 ha, centred approximately 1.7 km South South West of Yowah Opal Field, in the locality of the Paroo Shire Council.



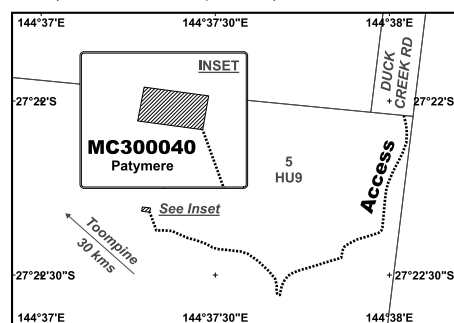
Mining Claim 60304 renewal sought by Bradley Hans Blair (50%) and Fritz Pregoner (50%), over an area of 2.0160 ha, centred approximately 0.8 km South South West of Yowah Opal Field, in the locality of the Paroo Shire Council.



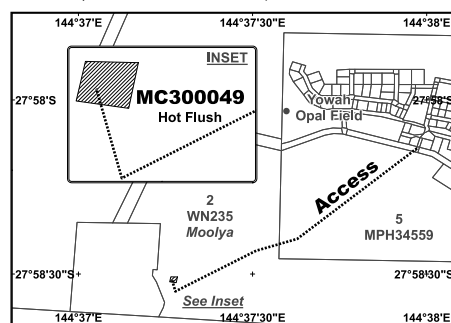
Mining Claim 300035 sought by Norman Alexis Nieuwland, over an area of 0.0604 ha centred approximately 1.4 km South West of Yowah Opal Fields, in the locality of Paroo Shire Council.



Mining Claim 300040 sought by Joachim Harazim, over an area of 0.0884 ha centred approximately 30 km South East of Toompine, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council.



Mining Claim 300049 sought by Leonora Thompson, over an area of 0.0900 ha centred approximately 1.0 km South West of Yowah Opal Field, in the locality of Paroo Shire Council.



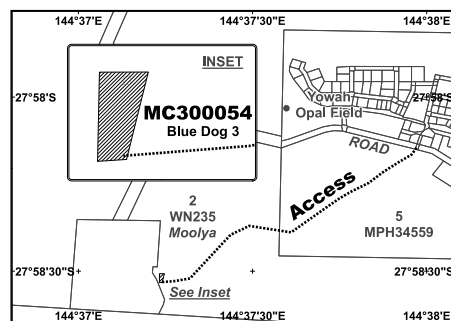
Nature of Act(s): The renewal or grant of Mining Leases and Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases and Claims be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Leases and Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease and Claim Renewals or Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9372.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Leases and Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain

Mining Claim 300054 sought by Dr Peter James Drum, over an area of 0.0857 ha centred approximately 1 km South West of Yowah Opal Field, in the locality of Paroo Shire Council.



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: 25 November 2015



Sport

Ella rugby 7s on March 5-6 at Coffs Harbour



DETAILS have been announced for the 2016 Lloyd McDermott Rugby

Development Team (LMRDT) Ella 7s rugby union tournament at Coffs Harbour.

It will be played on Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, at the Coffs International Stadium in Stadium Drive.

The tournament will be limited to 24 men's and 12 women's teams.

All players must be over the age of 18.

Players turning 18 in 2016 can apply for dispensation under the ARU two-year window application process. These need to be lodged with the organisers before Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Each team will pay an entrance fee of \$1210, which will include 12 sets of jersey shorts and socks, a training ball, 12 water bottles and 14 lunch recovery packs.

All players must complete an ARU registration form.

As part of the organisers' arrangements with Coffs Harbour Council, all visiting teams must book their accommodation through the Coffs Harbour Information Centre. Visitor Information staff can be contacted on 1300 369 070 (toll

free in Australia) or +61 2 6648 4990.

Team nominations will not be finalised until organisers receive accommodation booking confirmation from the Coffs Harbour Information Centre.

Entry to the tournament will be \$5, including players.

Each team will consist of 12 players and two management staff with a maximum of two non-Aboriginal players.

This means a maximum of five replacements per game. Once replaced, that player cannot return to the field of play. Exceptions will be made for a blood bin situation.

Each team will play a minimum of three games.

The event will be run on Cup and Plate competition – and if enough teams nominate – a Bowl competition.

All pool, quarterfinal and semifinal games will be seven minutes each way, with the Cup finals 10 minutes each way with a two-minute break at half time.

The men's Cup winner will receive \$10,000, based on 24 teams.

In the women's draw, the Cup winner will receive \$5000 (based on 12 teams).

There will also be monetary prizes for the runners-up and the minor Plate competition.

Nominations and payments close on December 31, 2015.

AFL toughens stance on illicit drug use



AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) players will be named publicly, fined and suspended for four

matches if they record a second strike by testing positive to illicit drugs under the AFL's new illicit drugs policy.

Under the new policy – which AFL football operations boss Mark Evans last Wednesday branded as tougher – players will receive a \$5000 suspended fine for their first strike, but will remain anonymous while receiving counselling and target testing.

Their name will be made public on the second strike as they serve a four-match suspension.

A third strike will incur a 12-match suspension.

However, to achieve a transition from the existing policy to the new one, players already on strikes will be granted some leeway if they incur a strike under the new policy.

Players who have not incurred a strike for two years or longer will have a clean slate under the new policy.

A player who is already on one strike incurred in the past two years will receive a penalty equivalent to one strike under the new policy if

they record another strike.

A player already on two strikes will be named publicly and receive a four-match suspension and the fine if they return a positive detection.

Evans said the AFL and the AFL Players Association would continue to work together on the illicit drugs policy to ensure it kept pace with what was occurring.

"Drug use in society, and that includes AFL footballers, is an incredibly complex issue. There is no silver bullet that just makes this go away," Evans said.

"Even though drug use in the playing group is below levels that exist in the broader community of the same demographic, we also believe the privilege of playing AFL football comes with the responsibility to the clubs and the game."

AFLPA CEO Paul Marsh said players retained the opportunity to modify their behaviour if they recorded a strike, but a balance had been found that also provided clubs with information to support players if the behaviour was repeated.

"We want to deter players from using illicit drugs, but when players do use them ... the AFL Players' Association is there to support them and the long-term aim is to try to change their behaviour in the future," Marsh said. – AFL.com.au

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Raiders welcome Sezer



EVEN rival Canberra halfback Sam Williams admits Gold Coast recruit Aidan Sezer can add another

dimension to the Raiders' National Rugby League (NRL) attack in 2016.

But Williams is determined not to be relegated to the Canberra outer by the ex-Titans pivot.

Williams got to size up his opposition early when Canberra became the first team to return from the off-season on Monday, October 26.

He quickly focused on Sezer who is tipped to leapfrog Williams and partner Dally M Five-eighth of the Year Blake Austin in the halves in the 2016 NRL first round.

Williams admitted Sezer was an exciting option for the Raiders.

"He's got a really good left boot. Blake and I are right-footers so it adds a different dynamic to our game," he said.

"I am sure his long left boot will come into play a little bit throughout the year.

"It (Sezer's signing) really puts the pressure on everyone to perform.

"We come here early in the pre-season to try and prove why we should be in the team."

Williams was knocked back when he asked to be released to the Titans with a year left on his contract after the Raiders signed Sezer.

Now he's bracing himself for an off-season of Raiders halves pairing speculation thanks to Sezer's arrival.

"I just said to someone we've got another few months of these questions but we are lucky to have him here at the club," he said.

"I am excited about the chance to challenge myself, learn about Aidan and his game and try and push each other so we can be in the best position we can be come round one."

Williams shrugged when asked if it was weird returning to training



Aidan Sezer Picture: nrlphotos.com

in October.

They had seven weeks off after their 28-24 NRL win over Parramatta on September 6.

NRL champions North Queensland were still holding their tour of regional areas celebrating their 2015 premiership success.

"To be successful next year we have to be back this time of the year," Williams said.

"We've got a few months to work with Aidan.

"There's no reason why we can't start the season really strong, hit the ground running." Canberra captain Jarrod

Croker admits the pressure will be on the Raiders to perform under coach Ricky Stuart in 2016 now he's got "the team that he wants".

After a 2015 NRL finals near miss, Croker said they could no longer afford to give any more hard luck stories in Stuart's third year at the NRL club.

Croker welcomed new arrivals such as Sezer, former Knights hooker Adam Clydsdale and ex-Melbourne powerhouse Jeff Lima.

It's up to the Raiders to turn into a green machine that is firing on all cylinders in 2016.

"He's got the team that he wants. It is up to us now," Croker said.

"There's not many players left from a couple of years ago, so it's been a bit of a fresh start the last 18 months to two years.

"I am excited about it (challenge). I know Sticky (Stuart) is as well."

Croker looked forward to Sezer adding healthy competition to their incumbent halves combination of Williams and Austin.

"I met Aidan so I know he is excited to get into it," Croker said. – AAP

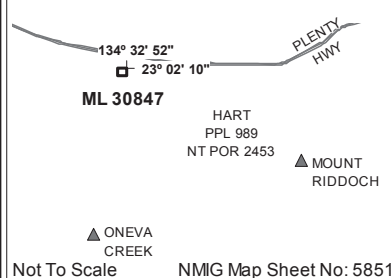
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

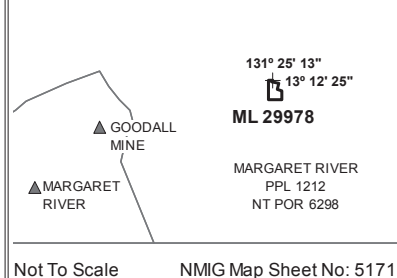
The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following mineral title applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 30847 sought by ASTERISM GEMS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 604 439 956 over an area of 19 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.



Mineral Lease 29978 sought by CR & E PTY LTD, ACN 163 015 110 over an area of 18 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease/s commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Notification Day: 4 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	15/1817	HARVEY, George LENNOX, Brian James BROCKMAN, Graham Lindsay	2.56HA	20km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 20' S Long: 121° 28' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1254	VENTUREX SULPHUR SPRINGS PTY LTD	1150.11HA	58km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 18' S Long: 119° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1333	TRONOX WESTERN AUSTRALIA PTY LTD YALGOO MINERALS PTY LTD	630.57HA	43km SE'ly of Cervantes	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 115° 26' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1338	J & K CIVIL (WA) PTY LTD	53.18HA	5km NE'ly of Jurien Bay	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 115° 4' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1341	J & K CIVIL (WA) PTY LTD	157.36HA	16km E'ly of Green Head	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 115° 8' E	COOROW 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: 4 November 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 **4 February 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. **4 March 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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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 18 November 2015

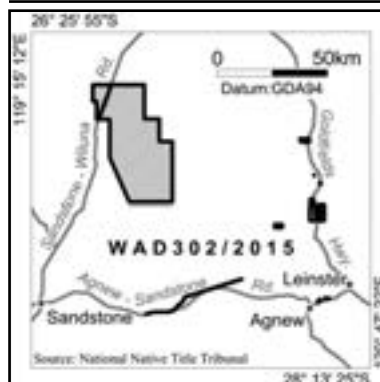


National
Native Title
Tribunal

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, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 17 February 2016**. After **17 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: Edwin John Beaman & Ors v State of Western Australia (Tjiwarl #2)

Federal Court File No: WAD302/2015

Date filed: 22 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 1,314 sq km and is located generally 60km north east of Sandstone.

Relevant LGA: Shires of Leonora, Sandstone and Wiluna

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Netball attracts 700+



Some of the successful Malikas players.



FIFTY-SIX teams from throughout NSW converged on the Charlestown (Newcastle) netball complex on October 23-24 for the 16th annual Koori netball tournament.

The tournament attracted more than 700 Indigenous netballers from as far afield as Lismore, Wagga Wagga, the Macleay Valley and Tamworth.

There were five divisions: Open women, open women B, 12-15 girls, mixed and under 12.

The standard of play was high, with nine teams competing in the open B and four teams in the under 12 division competing for the first time.

Finals results: Under 12, Malikas defeated La Perouse; 12-15s, Bowra Jinders defeated La Perouse; open B, South West Sydney Kookaburras defeated La Perouse; open A, Malikas defeated Barwon Swans; mixed, Malikas defeated Ungooroo United.

The tournament also benefitted from Netball NSW working with Charlestown netball and Sport and Recreation.

The tournament dates for next year are October 28-29.



Action in the open mixed game between Mixed Relations and Castlereagh Trackers.



The Mixed Relations team.

Walker in rugby sevens

SHANNON Walker was in a half-strength Australian rugby sevens side in their key warm-up to next month's important Olympics qualifying tournament.

Waratahs flanker Pat McCutcheon and sevens veteran Con Foley have returned to action to bolster the side in winning the Central Coast Sevens.

It was the team's last hit-out before the regional Olympic qualifier in Auckland.

Australia must win the eight-team Oceania tournament on November 14-15 to make the Rio Games.

Although both New Zealand and Fiji have already qualified for rugby's return to the Olympics, Samoa stands as a tough rival to overcome in the two-day Auckland competition.

— AAP

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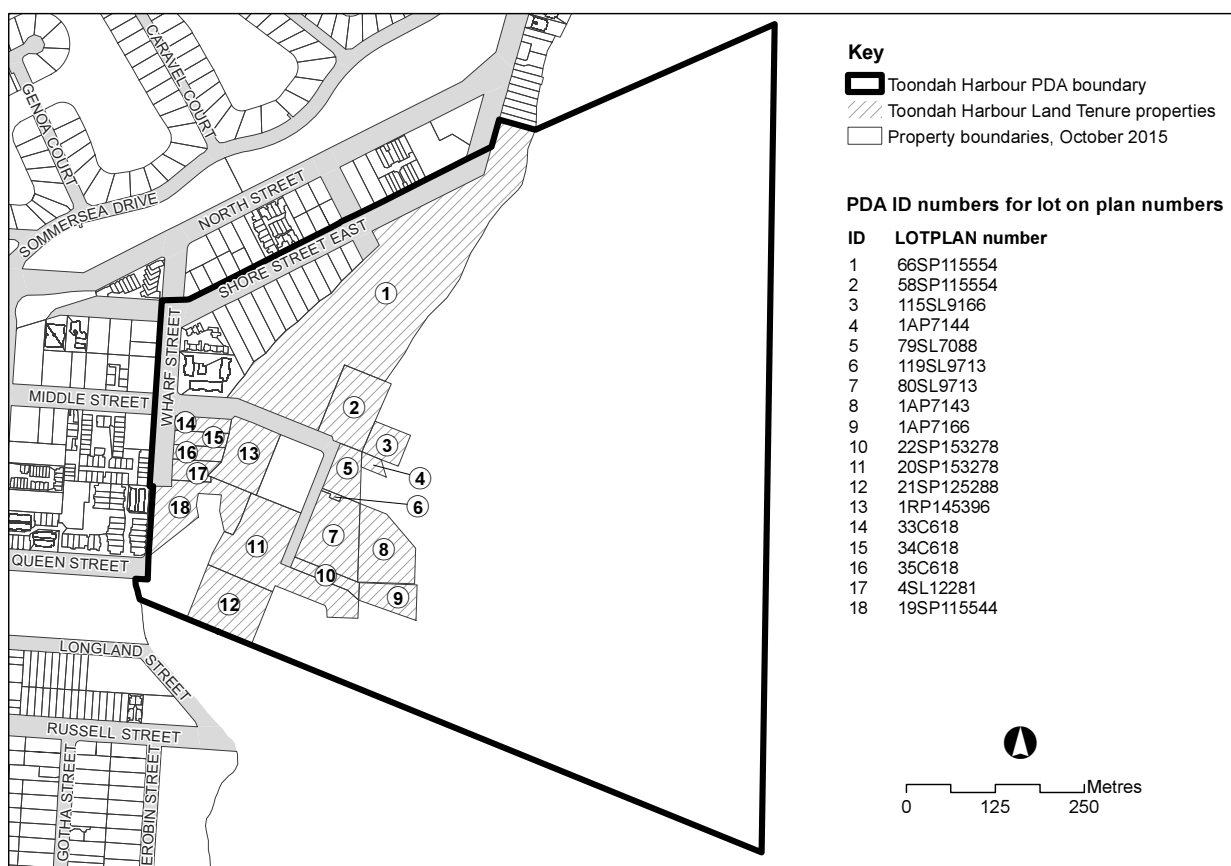
Toondah Harbour Priority Development Area

The Toondah Harbour Priority Development Area (PDA) was declared at the request of Redland City Council (RCC) on 21 June 2013. Planning of the Toondah Harbour PDA is being managed by the Minister for Economic Development Queensland (MEDQ) in partnership with RCC.

Development of the PDA provides an opportunity to support economic development and will seek to reinforce Toondah Harbour as a community focus and a regional gateway to Moreton Bay and North Stradbroke Island. Development will include opportunities for mixed use and medium density residential development as well as tourism and retail based development, dedicated ferry terminals, public open space and the potential for a private berth marina.

The Toondah Harbour PDA is located on the southern shores of Moreton Bay in Cleveland, approximately one kilometre east of the Cleveland CBD. The PDA covers a total area of approximately 67 hectares, including 17.5 hectares over land and 49.5 hectares over water within Moreton Bay.

The State Government and RCC proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The ILUA is proposed to apply to parcels of land within the Toondah Harbour PDA illustrated in the Map below (ILUA Area).



The ILUA Areas is not currently subject to a registered native title claim. Negotiations for the ILUA are about to commence. The ILUA will provide for the consent of the native title parties to the surrender of Native Title Rights and Interests over the areas within the Toondah Harbour PDA where native title continues to exist.

Any persons who consider they hold or may hold native title in relation to land or waters within the area of the Toondah Harbour PDA are invited to register their interest to participate in the ILUA negotiations not later than 16 December 2015 by writing to the Manager, Indigenous Services Unit, Department of State Development, PO Box 15009, City East QLD 4002 (ph: 07 3452 7230). Written replies should clearly set out: Your name and details of how you can be contacted; and the basis upon which you assert a native title right and interest in the area of the Toondah Harbour PDA.



Queensland Government



Nathan Jawai

Physical – that's his type of game

By CHRIS PIKE



NATHAN Jawai has had an eventful return to the National Basketball League (NBL) with the Perth Wildcats early in the 2015-16 season and the

powerhouse is looking to only keep it up with the physical and passionate approach to his game.

Jawai has returned to the NBL, having last played in the league in 2007-08 with the Cairns Taipans which set the path for him to make history as the first Indigenous representative with the Australian Boomers and then in the US-based National Basketball Association (NBA).

Serious injury

After stints with the Toronto Raptors and Minnesota Timberwolves in the NBA, the monster man spent his time in Europe, but a serious neck injury in 2013 put his career in jeopardy.

He fought his way back to again play in Spain and then represent Australia at the Basketball World Cup last year, and now it's back to the NBL for this current season at the Wildcats.

The 29-year-old, who stands 209cm and weighs 143kg, arrived late in the pre-season and then suffered a family tragedy that meant he spent much of the week before the opening of the season away from his teammates.

However, Jawai has made a significant impact with the Wildcats early in the season,

starting on fire in a season-opening win over the Adelaide 36ers.

Some frustrating games were to follow where the big man got in foul trouble and also pulled up sore, but last month he was at his intimidating best against Melbourne United at Hisense Arena with 13 points and eight rebounds as he showed how dominant he can be.

With his size, Jawai wants to use his strength to his advantage and he knows he needs to keep doing that to help avoid having to chase around more athletic big men.

And with Perth possessing fellow big men Matt Knight and Tom Jervis, he's not concerned about foul trouble either and wants to keep being physical.

"With the defence we play, it doesn't put me under too much pressure to avoid the fouls. I need to continue to be aggressive and that's what I keep doing because we have a lot of players coming off the bench," Jawai said.

"I'm going to keep playing physical and if I get in foul trouble, we have Tommy or Matty there. That's the luxury of having so many bigs on the team and it's been great so far. That's my number one gift is being physical along with my size.

"Hopefully, I can keep getting in better condition and I can consistently go out there and play more minutes instead of needing quick breaks. I need to keep being physical because there are way quicker guys than I am. I have that physical advantage, but I also have a disadvantage of playing against quicker guys who can also hit the three."

While Jawai recognises his size as his great strength, he knows that continuing to work on getting in the peak physical condition he was in when he played in the NBA will only see him help the Wildcats be a championship contender and help his chances of playing in the Olympic Games next year.

"Of course I want to trim down more. I have let that known since I got here and that's one of the reasons I came here," he said.

"I was with Trev, David Philpot and Sheldon Griffiths with the Boomers so they know my body, and I want to trim down a bit more.

Right direction

"I have lost 6kg since I've been here and I'd like to lose about six more so I'm heading in the right direction. Hopefully, by the end of the season, I'll be a lot fitter and can play a lot more consistently."

While Jawai's size and strength have made him a favourite for the Perth crowd, the passion he has shown to fire up the Wildcats fans after scoring slam dunks are something that he also wants to continue.

"It's an emotional thing to get your team going a little bit and I'm not like I was in my rookie season and could dunk the ball every time, so when I do it now, I want to show my passion for the game," Jawai said.

"It's hard work when we come to training every day and you love the game, so when you're out there and you do something nice, you want to pump up your teammates and the crowd."

Lockyer backs Meninga



BRISBANE and Queensland rugby league legend Darren Lockyer says he should be

overlooked for Immortal Status in favour of Maroons coach Mal Meninga.

Lockyer is tipped to be included in the exclusive club when the judging panel meets next year to determine the next inductee.

The performance of North Queensland playmaker Johnathan Thurston in leading the Cowboys to this year's National Rugby League (NRL) premiership has ignited debate about whether he should be included while still playing.

The Immortals concept is owned by Rugby League Week and in the past players have not been considered until five years after retirement.

Lockyer retired at the end of the 2011 season after a stellar career that included 36 appearances for Queensland, an NRL record 355 club games for Brisbane, 59 Tests for Australia and four grand final wins.

Lockyer is considered the next in line to be included in the Immortals alongside Clive Churchill, Reg Gasnier, John Raper, Arthur Beetson, Wally Lewis, Reg Gasnier, Bob Fulton and Andrew Johns.

However Lockyer says Meninga, who won three titles with Canberra and is the only player to have gone on four Kangaroo tours before going on to a stellar coaching career with the Maroons, should be considered ahead of him. – AAP

Dempsey to remain a Bomber



ESSENDON utility Courtenay Dempsey has signed a one-year contract, extending his Australian Football League (AFL) career

into an 11th season.

Dempsey played 13 games this year, going forward late in the season.

"Woosha' (new coach John Worsfold) has made it really clear what he expects from me this season," Dempsey said.

"I'm excited about tackling this pre-season head-on and as a team I feel we have plenty to prove in 2016."

At times, Dempsey has frustrated Essendon fans with clumsy disposals.

But Bombers list manager Adrian Dodorio said Dempsey could be invaluable next season as they tried to improve their attack.

"Courtenay is an exceptional talent, he has speed and he also proved he can kick goals, which is an area of our game that needs to be strengthened this season," Dodorio said. – AAP

NRL trophy on tour of FNQ

THE North Queensland Cowboys have been touring remote parts of North Queensland showing off the National Rugby League major premiership trophy they won after they beat the Brisbane Broncos 17-16 in a golden-point grand final at the Sydney Olympic Stadium on Sunday, October 4.

Burketown...



Doomadgee...



Mornington Island...



Mills' Spurs in the mix



PLAY 82-plus games in a season and it don't mean a thing if you ain't got that ring in the National Basketball

Association (NBA).

Just ask LeBron James.

'The King' had to wait nine years for the first of his two titles (2012, 2013) and all the hype that surrounded him until then as the best player in the game didn't make him feel fulfilled.

In the past two seasons, three Australians have received championship rings and hoisted the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

They were Patty Mills and Aron Baynes in 2014 as their San Antonio Spurs smashed Miami Heat 4-1 in the finals, then Andrew Bogut finally found himself on a winning team earlier this year as the Golden State Warriors beat James's Cleveland Cavaliers 4-2.

Going into the 2015-16 season, which started this month, it's a golden period for Australia, with four of the seven Australians in the NBA on the rosters of genuine title contenders.

Bogut's Warriors and Mills' Spurs are the two favourites in a stacked Western Conference.

The Warriors are well placed to build a dynasty under coach Steve Kerr.

Mill's Spurs have some ageing concerns in a stellar roster.

But the Spurs have been one of the most consistent teams of the past decade and they should continue to be this season.

In the Eastern Conference, Australia's Matthew Dellavedova again finds himself on the early title favourites with Cleveland, despite the Cavs never having won a championship.

Favourites, sure. Deserved favourites, maybe not. — AAP

Jerkic to challenge for crown

By GRAHAM HUNT



UNDEFEATED Rocky Jerkic is to fight for the Australian super welterweight title in Mansfield,

Queensland, on November 28.

He will challenge Queenslander Shannon King, who has had 10 fights for nine wins (seven by knockout) and one loss (by knockout).

King has an Australian ranking of No 8.

Jerkic, the Queensland-born New South Welshman, has had 11 professional fights for 11 wins — eight inside the distance.

The 183cm has an Australian ranking of No 4.

Jerkic's last fight was a unanimous points decision over 10 rounds against Filipino Arnel Tinampay in the NSW Hunter Valley town of Singleton on July 4.

King hasn't had a fight since last March 28 when he had a 10-round points win to claim the Australian super welterweight title.

Meanwhile, welterweight Cameron Hammon extended his undefeated professional record to 14 (eight by knockout) with a seventh-round KO win over Thai Denkamom Pakdee Gym at Perry Park, Sydney, on October 10.

The Moree-born Hammond now has an Australian ranking of No 3.

Meanwhile, Anthony Mundine's next fight is against American Charles Hatley in Melbourne on November 11 for the World Boxing Council (WBC) Silver super welterweight title.

Hammond also has a fight lined up on the Mundine-Hatley undercard. He will take on Indonesian Sahlan Coral over eight rounds at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Coral has had 17 pro fights for 14 wins (eight by KO) and three losses.

Weight stands in way of rematch

DESPITE concentrating on the next fight in his comeback campaign, Danny Green has continued to verbally spar Anthony Mundine over a possible rematch.

Mundine, former Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Person of the year, originally stipulated unorthodox conditions for a rematch, including that Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull "recognise my people on the flag and recognise my people on the anthem".

Speaking at the Loyal Foundation Sportsman's lunch, Green said he agreed to drug testing and had no

problems with his rival's requests of changing the Australian flag.

"I'm in talks with Mal now about getting a high resolution photo of Choc for the flag," he said.

"Out of all the stipulations there, only one is an issue ... Getting Choc's face on the flag shouldn't be a problem; it should already be there."

According to Green, reaching an agreement on weight remains the outstanding obstacle to sealing the deal on a rematch of 2006's bout, which saw Mundine emerge victorious. — AAP

ISQ's first-time two-times Eddie Gilbert medallist



Johnathan Thurston with the Eddie Gilbert Medal, which he won for the second time last month at the Indigenous Sport Queensland awards at a dinner at the Brisbane City Hall. Thurston, who won the inaugural Eddie Gilbert Medal in 2007, could not attend the 2015 awards because of rugby league commitments.

Lalor's flying start

By PETER ARGENT



NEW South Wales left-arm bowling all-rounder Josh Lalor was in impressive form

for the Blues in their opening Futures League cricket fixture.

In a contest played at the Railways Oval on the edge of the Adelaide Central Business District, Lalor dominated the fixture with bat and ball, as well as in the field.

Lalor, 27, is fighting for a place in the NSW Blues First XI against Cricket Australia contracted players Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood, along with Sean Abbott, Gurinder Sandhu and teammate in this game, Doug Bollinger.

In the South Australian Redbacks first innings, Lalor was involved in five dismissals, taking three wickets, including breaking the back of their middle order with two scalps just before the first lunch break on day one.

His first innings analysis was 3-46 from 12.4 overs.

Batting in the middle order, Lalor then produced a classy and unbeaten half century.

With fellow allrounder Tim Ley, the pair produced a match-winning 109-run sixth-wicket partnership.

Lalor ran out of partners just after achieving his half century, having faced 105 delivers in a two-hour 16-minute occupation of the crease where he despatched six boundaries.

In the second innings, Lalor

Josh Lalor in action for NSW against South Australia in the Futures League match in Adelaide.

Pictures: Peter Argent



captured the wicket of Redbacks teenage young gun Patrick Page Jnr with a smart piece of field placement.

After moving a fielding to deep square leg two balls earlier, Lalor had him caught in this position.

His figures in the second innings were 1-22 from 11 frugal overs.

NSW won this contest in comprehensive style and Lalor played a significant role in the innings and 33-run victory.

Lalor was born in Mount Druitt, NSW, and is a marketing graduate of the University of Western Sydney. He has played eight first-class games to this point and six 50-over contests and eight more Big Bash T20 games for the Sydney Sixers.

This year he has been picked up by the Brisbane Heat franchise in the Big Bash.

For the other Indigenous lad in the NSW team, leg-spinning all-rounder Jonte Pattison, it was

a game to forget.

He was not required to role his arm over in the first innings and retired hurt after being hit flush on the helmet from the first ball he faced from Redbacks quick Phil Neate.

While he has no long-term effects from the incident, he was rested for the remainder of the contest.

The Futures League competition involves two other Indigenous players – Northern

Territorian Brandon King is playing for Tasmania, and Brendan Doggett in the Queensland team.

In the game between Queensland and Tasmania at Harrap Park, Mackay, that started on October 19, King had figures of 11-1-44-0 in Queensland's innings of 7-350 declared, while Doggett had figures of 10-2-22-1 in Tasmania's innings of 152.

Tasmania's next game is against Victoria starting on Monday, November 9 at Kingston Twin Ovals, south of Hobart.

NSW's next match is against Western Australia starting on the same day at the Blacktown International Sports Park, Sydney, and Queensland is up against WA at a venue yet to be named on Monday November 23.



Jonte Pattison was a spectator for much of the match against South Australia after being struck by the first ball he faced.

Youngsters' thrilling



Winning team Coastal Balaz after the final. Pictures: Alf Wilson



Runners-up North Coast Dolphins.



● ABOVE: Arkai Brothers, from Moa Island.

● LEFT: Former NRL star Chris Sandow, right, with North Coast Dolphins teammates Les Wragge and Eddie Aubrey – all from Cherbourg.

● RIGHT: Coastal Balaz and NRL Titans player Nene Macdonald receives his player of the carnival award from with carnival organiser Jenny Pryor and Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service's Donald Whaleboat.

By ALF WILSON



COASTAL Balaz, with players having an average age of just 21, took out the Bindal Sharks All Blacks carnival in Townsville, beating

North Coast Dolphins 18-14 in an exciting final.

Both sides included NRL players, with Coastal Balaz having Titans stars Kierran Moseley and Nene Macdonald.

Dolphins were boosted by former Parramatta and South Sydney halfback Chris Sandow, who has just returned from English Super League.

Held from October 23-25, a total of 20 men's teams battled it out at the Townsville Sports Reserve.

Six under 19 sides and five under 15 teams also competed at the alcohol and drug-free event.

Coastal Balaz coach Mick Dempsey, a former champion Townsville player, told the *Koori Mail* the side had an average age of just 21.

"They were lads who played at Western Lions junior club here in

Townsville and our oldest player was Jermaine Ross at 38, followed by Jimmy Baira at 33, and P J Hart at 28. The remainder were youngsters," he said.

Nene Macdonald was named player of the carnival and Moseley, who was introduced to the crowd as 'the Murri from Cloncurry', was best in the final.

In the silver plate section, the Palm Island Barracudas beat the Torres Strait side Eastern Warriors side that included Cowboys back Robert Lui, 36-16.

Off to England

Lui is off to English Super League team Salford.

Murungal Defence Force side defeated Bowen Stingers 22-18 in the bronze division final for the Kevin Aldridge Shield.

Defence had players from around Australia, including the Torres Strait.

Cannonball won the under 16 and under 19 finals.

More than 10,000 spectators watched the games, making it the biggest event that weekend in Townsville, which has a population of 190,000.



● ABOVE: Two Cannonball players tackle an opponent in the under 16 final.



● LEFT: Elijah's Heroes Patrick Mosby, with blue headgear, and Patrick Whap tackle a Defence team opponent in round two.



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● ABOVE: Jack Sibley Memorial forward Andrew Dale loses the ball against Palm Island Barracudas in a qualifying game as he is about to score.

● RIGHT: Cowboys back Robert Lui plays for Torres Strait side Eastern Warriors.

● BELOW: Under 16 champion team Cannonball.



● LEFT: Jermaine Ross, from the winning team Coastal Balaz, is one of the oldest players at age 38, and is with Elijah's Heroes player Patrick Mosby.
● BELOW: Palm Island Barracudas celebrate after their plate final win.



Winning Zenadth Kes carnival side Pioneer Knights (1).

Pioneer Knights win Zenadth Kes carnival

By ALF WILSON



PIONEER Knights (1) beat Wagadagam Storm 28-22 in a tough final to the Zenadth Kes rugby league All Blacks carnival on Thursday Island from October 16-18.

In the women's final, Deddeyal Gammaz, from Moa Island, made it six wins in a row.

Twelve men's sides and four women's teams battled it out at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval in the biggest carnival in the Torres Strait this year.

Best players for Pioneer Knights (1) were Gayai Binawel, Matt Bon, Eddie Daniels, Joel Marama and Chris Pabai.

Pioneer Knights (1) was a memorial team for the late Derek Bon, who is a brother of players Matthew and Gabriel Bon, who proudly held the trophy after the win.

Matt Bon won the player of the carnival award.

For Wagadagam Storm, George Morseu, Denison Misi, Mick Picker, Maipale Morseu and Junior O'Cloudy stood out.

In the semifinals, Pioneer Knights (1) beat Warrkes Chiefs and Wagadagam Storm beat Kulka Balas.

In the women's final, Deddeyal Gammaz Moa Island thrashed Wakeyama 60-0.

It was the sixth win in a row for Deddeyal Gammaz.

Referee Rod McCrae was highly impressed with Deddeyal fullback Latoya Billy, who has represented the Australian Jillaroos.

"Layota was in everything and is just a good player – and she had plenty of mates who went well. Stephanie Mooka went well for Wakeyama," he said.

Meanwhile, star back Windsor Bowie, who is being chased by Queensland Intrust Super Cup clubs Norths Devils and Ipswich Jets, shone for the Injinoo Crocs who beat New Mapoon Warriors 30-18 in the grand final of the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) rugby league competition at Bamaga.

A large crowd attended the October 10 action at Bamaga's Yusia Ginou Oval.

The two teams were the leaders following the four rounds of Friday night games in previous weeks.

The two other sides in the competition were Bamaga Roos and Alau Eagles.

Both knockout semifinals went to golden point with Injinoo Crocs beating Bamaga Roos and New Mapoon Warriors defeating Alau Eagles.



Gabriel Bon, left, and brother Matt hold the Zenadth Kes trophy after their side Pioneer Knights (1) won the grand final. The side was a memorial team for their late brother Derek Bon.



Deddeyal Gammaz win the women's final for the sixth time in a row.

Pictures: Aaron Smith – Torres News

Coach is coy on Jamie Soward's Panthers future



ANTHONY Griffin has made no assurances on the future of Penrith

stars Jamie Soward and Peter Wallace after being officially unveiled as the new coach of the NRL club on October 12.

Former Brisbane mentor Griffin will take over from Ivan Cleary who was sacked with a year to go on his contract with the club on Monday.

Griffin fell out with Wallace in their time together at the Broncos and Soward's future too is uncertain amid reports that the 30-year-old is being shopped around.

Wallace is off contract at the end of next season, while Soward's four-year deal concludes at the end of 2017.

Griffin was non-committal on the future of both playmakers.

When asked if Soward had a future at Penrith, Griffin replied: "I wouldn't know. If he trains hard enough he will be (here)."

Wallace, 30, was scathing in his assessment of Griffin when he was let go by Brisbane at the end of 2013, claiming Griffin lied about his plans for him.

However Griffin said that was part and parcel of rugby league.

"I felt for Peter at the time but I made the decision that Brisbane needed Ben Hunt as

the long-term halfback. I am at the Panthers now and those decisions were made for another day and another club. I will be making decisions for the club I am working for now."

Panthers general manager Phil Gould, who made the decision to sack Cleary and appoint Griffin, indicated there could be changes in the club's roster ahead of 2016.

Idris questionmark

Jamal Idris is another Panther whose future is under a cloud. Idris has produced bursts of his best since moving from Gold Coast, but missed most of this year with an ACL injury. The former Canterbury centre is off contract at the end of next season.

"Again. I don't know," Griffin said.

"I've seen the playing list over the past couple of days, but my first priority is to set a standard here – and that's not to say there hasn't been standards here but that's just the way I work – but any player who wants to work hard enough will get an opportunity."

Gould said he only had eyes for Griffin as Cleary's replacement and no other candidates were considered.

Former Penrith NSW Cup coach Garth Brennan has been appointed as Griffin's assistant. – AAP

Nathan Rosas steps down the wicket for Bad Company.



Good result for Bad Company



BAD Company cruised to victory in the final of the 2015 Dingo Cup cricket carnival at Timber Creek, in the Northern Territory on October 10-11.

The team from Katherine beat the Timber Creek Dingoes after having disposed of Kalana Crocs in the preliminary final.

The Dingoes won the toss and decided to bat, but lost in-form opening batsman Jason Barnes (7) early to some quick bowling from Dwayne Rosas.

Dingo captain Travis Motlop (32 not out off 18) remained not out throughout the carnival as he hit his way to another retirement.

Bad Company skipper Nathan Rosas (2-10 off two overs) managed to knock over the dangerous Desmond Jones for one, but it was the Dingoes who finished the innings strongly following handy late runs from wicketkeeper Jeff Mortlock (21 off 13) and Joshua Henry (27 not out off 10) on their way to a combined total of 4-99 from their 10 overs.

The Timber Creek Dingoes were looking for early wickets in their quest for the Dingo Cup, but despite David Trindle's early departure (2), Nathan Rosas (30 not out of eight) and Lewis Lampton (30 not out off 11) smashed a combined 48 runs in boundaries as they rapidly lifted the run rate.

Bad Company finished with 2-100 from 7.3 overs to win with



The Bad Company men with their Dingo Cup trophy.



Pup Cup players.

2.3 overs to spare.

The MILO T20 Blast School Cup, also known as the Pup Cup, saw four teams of school children from Timber Creek and Bulla Camp come together to enjoy a fun hit out.

They formed the Timber Creek Puppies and Timber Creek

Crocalicious teams.

Following their close preliminary final win against the Bad Company Women, the Timber Creek Crocalicious were then matched against the Timber Creek Puppies in an all-local final.

After being sent in to bat, the Puppies started extremely well, with Bradley Hector leading the way with two fours and two maximums on his way to an unbeaten 33 not out off 19). Melanie Henry (2-8 off 2) and Caitlyn Henry (0-6 off 2) were the highlights for the bowling side, holding the Puppies to an innings total of 3-73 from their 10 overs.

Chasing 74 from 10 overs to win, Crocalicious gained some momentum after ring-in Dwayne Jones blasted four fours and one eight on his way to a quick-fire 32 not out off 15.

A flurry of wickets and tight bowling from Christello Jones and Kye Durkay (1-1 off one over apiece) however stunned the Crocalicious, and they could only manage a total of 5-57 from their allotted 10 overs.



Bad Company batsman Marcus Rosas hits out.

Jamie Soward
Picture: Getty



Yarrabah carnival won by Malu Kiwai

By ALF WILSON



MALU Kiwai took out both the open men's and under 18 finals at the Gindja Cup Yarrabah

rugby league carnival in Cairns on October 24-25.

There were 10 open men's teams, three under 18s and two women's sides.

The classy Malu Kiwai

defeated Yarrabah side Guyala 20-14 in a high-quality final.

Malu Kiwai was made up mainly of players with Boigu Island descent. They reached the quarterfinals of the recent Arthur Beetson Murri carnival at Redcliffe.

Other men's sides were Carbine Cowboys, Vanuatu Descendants Red, Yarrabah Rebels, Kummon Burry, Kadar Mossman and Ibwaw Baw.

Tour of a lifetime



NSW coach Laurie Daley speaks outside Parliament House last Wednesday on the eve of the Young Achievers rugby league tour of France and Italy. Picture: NSWRL



SOME of rugby league's biggest names were at Parliament House, Sydney, last Wednesday, October 28, to help raise funds for the Young Achievers tour.

The Young Achievers, consisting of young non-elite Indigenous rugby league players from throughout NSW, will leave on November 8 for a tour of France and Italy, returning on November 28.

NSW Blues coach Laurie Daley and former Manly great Ronny Gibbs were amongst those at Parliament House to help raise further funds for the tour.

They were joined by former National Rugby League (NRL) player Beau Champion and NRL Indigenous Council chair Linda Burney in support of this initiative.

"The NSWRL's Young Achievers Tour will change the lives of all involved," Daley said.

"The tour plan sees participants visit some of the most historically significant parts of Europe, locations particularly significant to Indigenous Australians.

"The trip will have a tremendous impact on

those young men on and off the field."

Some of the players in the Young Achievers team come from places as small and remote as Bourke and Collarenebri.

Their tour will take them to some of the most historical sites in Europe, including battlefields of the Somme, focusing on the Indigenous involvement in the world wars.

Embassy reception

The team will also attend a reception at the Australian Embassy in Paris and be guests of the mayor of Villers-Bretonneux for the laying of the wreaths on Armistice Day.

"This is going to be a tour of a lifetime for these young men," Ms Burney said.

"They'll be young men when they go away; they'll be great young men when they come back.

"Many of them had never been to Sydney before and most of them have never been overseas. The wonderful thing about this trip is that they are not only going over to have a great time playing football, but also visit places that are important to our story, the story of reconciliation.

"It's very special."

Matildas downed by England



THE Matildas have returned from China winless from their two-match tour

after being defeated by England 1-0 in a friendly international at Chongqing.

England scored the only goal of the match early in the second half of last Tuesday night's match.

Emily van Egmond had Australia's best chance to equalise, but headed over the bar from six metres out on the hour mark.

Lydia Williams was

goalkeeper for the Australians and Kyah Simon came on as a second-half substitute.

A few days earlier, the Matildas drew 1-1 with China.

Simon captained the Australians in that match.

Australian-based Matildas returned home to resume W-League commitments.

The next international matches are scheduled to be 2016 Olympic crunch qualifiers in March in Japan.

Meanwhile, the retirement of Australia's former captain and record-setting Matildas goalkeeper Melissa Barbieri from international football has

opened the door further for Indigenous goalkeeper Lydia Williams.

Williams already is a key goalkeeper in the Australian line-up.

Barbieri, 35, has appeared at four World Cups and has kept more clean sheets than any other woman for Australia.

She said she wanted to spend more time with her daughter Holly after 86 appearances for the Matildas.

In her absence, the position of Matildas goalkeeper is likely to be contested by Williams and 20-year-old Brianna Davey. – With AAP

Rio Olympics on Mitchell's wish list



LEILANI Mitchell, the 'senior pro' on the Adelaide Lightning roster for the 2015-16 Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) program, is keen to build on

her gold medal success with the Australian Opals at the World Championships in 2014.

She wants to be in national colours at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

"It was such an honour to represent Australia and it (Rio) is definitely my goal," Mitchell told the *Koori Mail*.

"The Olympics is at the top of my basketball list.

"It was one of the reasons I came to Australia.

"We got a gold medal at the (World) champs, which wasn't expected, because we didn't have Liz Cambage and Lauren Jackson.

"It was a good achievement and exciting to be involved.

"I played with the Phoenix Mercury in the American League (WNBA) over the past season and while I'm a free agent next season, I am keen to stay in Australian and be involved in the Opals program.

"There isn't a lot difference between Australian and American basketball.

"In America, it is just the size of them – generally the opponents are bigger, stronger and faster.

"Here is Australia, the intelligence and versatility of the girls is better."

Just 1.65cm tall, Mitchell grew up at Tri-Cities, which is in the south-eastern part of the US state of Washington. She is the only girl and has five brothers.

"My brothers had a significant influence on me, and when I was younger I was the biggest tomboy," Mitchell said.

"They were happy to throw the boxing gloves on me and get me to fight with the lad next door.

"I am number four (on the family tree) and now I have a dozen nieces and nephews.

"At high school I played volleyball and softball, but then I focused on basketball."

After a strong college career, the first three years at the University of Idaho, and her senior campaign with the University of Utah, Mitchell was drafted by the Phoenix Mercury at selection 25 overall in the second round of 2008 WNBA Draft, but then was traded to the New York Liberty during the 2008 pre-season.

She had six years with the Liberty and was the regular starting point guard from the 2010 season.

Mitchell also enjoyed a five seasons with Arras in the Ligue Féminine de Basketball, a French professional league, winning the 'Import Player of the Year' Award and being a first team All Stars selection in 2009-10.

In Australia, she had two seasons in the WNBL with the Dandenong Rangers (2013-14) and Sydney Uni Flames (2014-15), but in a recruiting coup in July, the Adelaide Lightning franchise signed Mitchell.

"It is a bit of a rebuilding year and the first few games haven't turned out the way we would have wanted them too," she said.

"I'm probably the most experienced in this group."

Known for her work ethic and court intelligence, Mitchell has had to deal with bigger and stronger opponents throughout her career.

Her perimeter shooting has improved to an extent that in July 2015, in a WNBA fixture against the Indiana Fever, Mitchell scored career-high 25 points shooting at 8-14 from the floor, which including an amazing 70% efficiency (7-10) from three-point range.

She is a cornerstone of the Lightning's program this year.

"Leilani is a key player in the Adelaide Lightning team and brings a wealth of experience and basketball IQ," Tracy York, the club's head coach, said.

"She is a superstar who is down to earth and leads by example, fitting in easily on and off the court.

"We look forward to the team working and growing with Leilani."



Leilani Mitchell

Picture: Peter Argent

Honouring our vibrant past

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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ONE of the pleasing features leading into the official announcement of the Australian Football League (AFL) draw for 2016 was the confirmation that the AFL will name the Indigenous round after Sir Doug Nicholls.

While some might look at this as a rebranding exercise, I believe that to honour Victoria's first Aboriginal state player is a sign of respect and a statement at the same time.

Obviously, the game struggled to come to grips with the booing of Adam Goodes, who quietly retired and has avoided any form of celebration of his lengthy and brilliant career.

The recognition of Nicholls is an acknowledgment that Goodes was not the first to encounter racism in the game.

Adam is the modern champion of the fight for respect and equality – not just within the game – but the broader community as well.

The recent attacks on him as an ambassador for a retail store just shows how far we still have to go as a country.

That is why honouring our champions of the past is important.

It gives us an understanding of history and the strength to fight in the present and for the future.

Seen as the father of Indigenous footballers, courageous wingman Nicholls played 54 VFL games for Fitzroy between 1932 and 1937 along with a more decorated VFA career as a player and coach for Northcote.

Famously subjected to racial

discrimination and taunts during an early trial game with Carlton, Nicholls was initially ostracised by his Fitzroy teammates, but became a popular and admired footballer, as well as a talented sprinter and boxer.

He represented 'the Big V' four times.

The 2014 Indigenous Round paid tribute to Nicholls in the AFL Record, but talks were already under way to further highlight his contribution to the game in a number of fashions.

The move to rebrand the Indigenous Round in his honour was put forward by the recently formed AFL Indigenous Advisory Group.

The group is chaired by community leader Paul Briggs and includes commissioners Kim Williams and Sam Mostyn, along with the AFL's Jason Mifsud.

Last year, Sir Doug's family – he died at 81 in 1988 – highlighted their campaign to have him inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame by vowing to establish a Hall of Fame for Indigenous players.

Those family members included Nicholls' great-grandson, Nathan Lovett-Murray.

State governor

Knighted in 1972, king of Moomba the following year, a minister and Aboriginal social justice pioneer, Sir Doug became Governor of South Australia in 1976, but stood down the following year due to illness.

A statue of him and wife Lady Gladys stands in Melbourne's Parliament Gardens.

Nicholls is the only AFL player to have been knighted and serve as a state governor.

The centrepiece of round 10 on May 27-29 next year will be the annual Dreamtime At The 'G match on Saturday night between Essendon and Richmond.

The AFL announced the honour for one of Australia's most famous Indigenous figures a day before the release of next season's fixture.

"Sir Doug Nicholls is the great untold story of Australian football and he represented both the values of our game and epitomised the spirit of reconciliation," said AFL chief executive Gil McLachlan.

"He was a pioneering campaigner for reconciliation, but his love for and commitment to Australian football was the glue that brought together all the other facets of his life."

McLachlan described Sir Doug's contribution to society as one of football's most



Sir Douglas Nicholls, the first Australian Aboriginal knight, arrives at Heathrow Airport on November 11, 1972, with his wife Lady Gladys before heading for Buckingham Palace to receive his knighthood. *Picture: Getty*

interesting stories.

Jason Mifsud, the AFL's senior adviser on Indigenous and multicultural affairs, said Sir Doug Nicholls' commitment to Indigenous people had been his lifelong work.

"Sir Doug understood that on many levels sport – in particular Australian football – has a critical role to play in the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Mifsud said.

"After he retired from Fitzroy, Sir Doug was the longstanding chairman of the National Aboriginal Sports Foundation (NASF) that conducted national Aboriginal football carnivals in all capital cities.

"He organised and coached the first Aboriginal All Stars games during World War II when the VFL and VFA suspended all competition matches, and these games were the forerunner to today's AFL All Star games, when he brought together the best Aboriginal footballers for All

Star games against VFA and local clubs from 1942-1948.

"He also ensured that Aboriginal women were involved in his carnivals through a national Aboriginal women's netball carnival, running at the same time and location as the football carnivals, and these carnivals also triggered the NASF rugby and basketball carnivals.

"This honour in our game's Indigenous Round is due recognition for a great man."

It will also help bring a clear focus on the issues we need to confront as a game.

Adam Goodes has been a force for the betterment of the game and true reconciliation for our peoples.

Doug Nichols held the torch for his generation.

It is now up to all of us to continue the legacy of these two greats of the game.

Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!

Qld won't be left in lurch: Meninga



MAL Meninga says he won't be leaving Queensland 'in the lurch' if he takes over as

Australian rugby league coach.

Meninga said Queensland had 'never been stronger' as he emerged as the favourite for what looms as a full-time national job.

Australian Rugby League Commission chairman John Grant has hinted that Meninga was most likely to take over from Tim Sheens as Kangaroos coach.

He told News Corp he personally preferred a full-time national mentor, all but ruling out other leading candidates – and NRL coaches – Wayne Bennett and Craig Bellamy.

Meninga said if he were to make the painful decision of handing in the Maroons reins, they would be left in good hands.

Queensland have won nine of the last 10 State of Origin series under Meninga.

"I would not exactly be leaving Queensland in the lurch," Meninga told the Former Origin Greats website.

"Rugby league in Queensland has never been stronger.

Great system

"We now have terrific systems in place with our development and Origin program. We have a stack of young talented players coming through the ranks and the Emerging Origin program.

"We also have the coaching staff and resources to ensure the ground we have made over the past decade can be built upon and taken forward.

"But again, this is all hypothetical."

Under ARL rules, Meninga would technically be able to juggle the Queensland and national jobs.

But Meninga reiterated that he would consider walking away from Queensland only if offered a fulltime Kangaroos gig reportedly paying \$300,000 a year.

"It is an important job, a highly esteemed job and one that I think every coach in the game should aspire to," Meninga said.

"But we all need to sit and wait to see exactly what the job will be before we start anointing a successor."

Meanwhile, Maroons great Darren Lockyer has ruled himself out of contention for the Queensland Origin job if Meninga walks away.

Meninga had nominated Lockyer and fellow Broncos great Kevin Walters as potential successors. – AAP

What a season!

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

REGARDLESS of the result, the 2015 National Rugby League (NRL) grand final between the Broncos and Cowboys will best be remembered as a battle for the ages.

In all the excitement surrounding the Cowboys' win, there was little time for sympathy for the Broncos.

I will start with them as I review the season in the next few articles.

The Broncos looked on course to snare a long overdue seventh premiership and deliver a fairytale ending to the career of skipper Justin Hodges.

It was still a great finish to a

great career for Hodgo, but it will be tinged by disappointment nevertheless.

The cruel manner of Brisbane's 17-16 golden point grand final defeat will take some time to overcome, but the Broncos can be extremely proud of what they achieved this season.

Expectations were lifted around Red Hill with the return of Wayne Bennett and an improvement on the eighth-placed finish achieved in 2014 under previous coach Anthony Griffin was expected.

The Broncos confirmed themselves as genuine premiership contenders when they flogged the Rabbitohs 47-12 at Allianz Stadium, Sydney.

That victory gave the Broncos much-needed belief and confidence heading into the business end of the season, while the eight-tries-to-two win also assured a top-two finish.

Outstanding and desperate goal-line defence underpinned Brisbane's season and this was the main catalyst for their success.

Underpinning this was the great leadership partnership with Hodgo and Sam Thaiday inspirational across the season.

I expect the Broncos to be contenders again, but it will be interesting to gauge how big a loss Justin will be.

In Canberra, Raiders fans will once again be disappointed with another bottom-half-of-the-table finish, but I believe the 2015 season has placed the Green Machine in a great position to

revisit their glory years in the near future.

With three of the best purchases of the 2015 season in Iosia Soliola, Josh Hodgson and Blake Austin, the Raiders surprised many this year and appear to be building a team that will be very competitive with a group of players committed to each other and the long-term vision of coach Ricky Stuart.

But their inability to win close games at home ultimately proved the death of their campaign, their inexperience and lack of game-management skills extremely evident as they went down five times at home by two points or less.

Potent combination

Jack Wighton is one of the most exciting players in the competition and with Edrick Lee combining with him, they have one of the most potent attacking left flanks in the game.

It will be interesting to see where Aiden Sezer fits in given the outstanding form of Blake Austin this year.

Sezer is a quality player and is a must for the starting side.

He is one of the reasons I believe the Raiders will be strong finals contenders next year.

They will have to work on their defence and more particularly their defensive decisions out wide, where they continually struggled with their decision making.

But that's what off-seasons are for.

The Bulldogs are a team I think will struggle next year.

Looking over the year that

was for the Bulldogs, it's not hard to see the impact of losing NSW halfback Trent Hodkinson to a dislocated wrist two weeks out from the finals series.

With Hodkinson gone for the season, so was Canterbury's direction – but not their heart.

It took a clash with the minor premiers and a controversial try decision to end the Bulldogs' campaign in week two of the finals, but it doesn't take away from a season in which nothing came easy for the club.

They may have been slick in attack, but they were rusty in defence at times, producing the eighth-most missed tackles in the competition.

The question is how they will fare without Hodkinson next year.

No Hodkinson, no Pritchard and no recruits at the moment – it can only hurt their chances surely?

Being one of just two teams to have not signed anybody new for 2016, it will come down to those already at the club to lift next season.

Reynolds and Mbye best be getting as much practice as possible on their halves combination if the club is to be successful in 2016.

With the reduction in interchanges, the Bulldogs playing roster looks a little bit vulnerable.

The Cronulla Sharks failed to deliver their passionate fans a maiden club premiership, but once the dust settles on a hugely disappointing semifinal loss, 2015 will go down as a great season for one of my old clubs.

Just one year after the club was forced to its knees by the drugs saga, Shane Flanagan's effort to get his side to the semifinals was an amazing effort.

The Sharks had a horror start to the 2015 season as they went down in heartbreaking fashion in four-straight games, leaving many to suggest they'd be picking up their second-straight wooden spoon.

However, that would have been a travesty considering the class and experience in the Sharks outfit, especially in their forward pack where the likes of Michael Ennis, Luke Lewis, Wade Graham, Andrew Fifita and of course Paul Gallen made up one of the NRL's toughest middle units.

When the Sharks do look to 2016, there will be many welcome selection headaches.

Barba dilemma

The biggest dilemma for Flanagan is what to do with Ben Barba.

He is too good to be simply a bench player, but still appears to be down in confidence.

If Flanagan can find the key to unlock the attacking brilliance of Barba, they will be among the favourites for the title.

With a hugely underrated set of young backs, a tough-as-nails forward pack, and two class playmakers coming in next year, the boys from the Shire are building a squad that could finally deliver that elusive premiership title.

It is a way off yet but I can hardly wait for 2016 to kick off.

Ayden has the edge in Premier League

TEENAGE off-spinning allrounder from Adelaide, Ayden McGregor-Baptista, was a member of the Eastern Edge side that won its third South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) Premier League crown on Sunday, October 25. The Premier League, which includes teams from the Northern Territory and Papua New Guinea, play in a nine-round competition during September and October. McGregor-Baptista, a national Indigenous squad member, displayed plenty of promise with the Edge in the four games he played. In the final fixture, he smashed a-run-a-ball 39 and collected 2-14 from six overs. *Picture: Peter Argent*



Yarran to face off against Blues in 2016



FORMER Carlton speedster Chris Yarran won't have to wait long to take on his old club with Richmond set to kick off the 2016 Australian Football League (AFL)

season with a blockbuster clash against the Blues at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

The clash between the traditional rivals will get the 2016 season under way on Thursday, March 24, before a brief pause with no games scheduled on Good Friday as expected.

Collingwood's clash with Sydney at ANZ Stadium is the pick of Saturday's matches, while beaten grand finalists West Coast kick off their campaign with a home encounter against Brisbane on Sunday.

Yarran crossed from Carlton to the Tigers with just 30 minutes remaining in this year's trade period, after a tense standoff between the clubs.

The 24-year-old played 119 games in seven seasons with the Blues but he requested a trade to Punt Road after his relationship with the club soured this year.

— AAP

Pattison to lead team at U19 carnival



JONTE Pattison is to captain the NSW Country-ACT team at the 2015 Cricket Australia national under 19 championships in Adelaide from November

30 to December 10.

Playing against him in the NSW Metro team will be another rising Indigenous cricketer – Brendan Smith.

Pattison and Smith were teammates in the Australian under 19 team that recently toured England. That team was touring about the same time as the Australian Ashes and Southern Stars women's teams were in England.

Pattison, a leg-spinning allrounder, is a NSW Blues Rookie Squad member.

Harmon Sandhu, who is the younger brother of NSW fast bowler Gurinder Sandhu, will captain the NSW Metro side.

The teams will be coached by two former NSW spin bowlers, with Beau Casson in charge of the NSW Metro side and Greg McLay looking after the ACT-NSW Country team.

Former NSW fast bowler Mark Cameron (ACT-NSW Country) and Sydney first grade veteran Anthony Clark (NSW Metro) are assistant coaches.

Smith plays club cricket with Bankstown and Pattison is from the NSW Central Coast.

NSW Metro are the defending champions with ACT-NSW Country finishing third last summer.

The under 19 championships will take on a new format this summer with teams only playing 50-over matches.

Teams will play five preliminary rounds before the quarterfinals, semifinals and the final.



Jonte Pattison



Brendan Smith

AFL to honour Sir Douglas Nicholls



THE Australian Football League (AFL) will name the Indigenous

round after Sir Doug Nicholls, its only player to have been knighted and serve as a state governor.

The centrepiece of round 10 on May 27-29 next year will be the annual Dreamtime At The 'G match on Saturday night between Essendon and Richmond.

The AFL announced the honour for one of Australia's most famous Indigenous figures a day before the release of next season's fixture.

54 games for Fitzroy

Sir Doug played 54 games for Fitzroy in the 1930s and was the first Indigenous player to represent Victoria.

Also a talented boxer and sprinter, he later became a Church of Christ pastor and was knighted in 1972.

Playing football provided employment during the winter.



The Parliament Gardens statue of Sir Douglas and Lady Nicholls in Melbourne.

To earn a living during the rest of the year, he boxed with Jimmy Sharman's boxing troupe, a travelling sideshow in which Sharman offered his fighters for challenge against allcomers.

As an athlete he competed in gift races around Victoria during the athletics seasons,

and in 1928 he won the Nyah and Warracknabeal Gifts.

Sir Doug was the first Indigenous person to be knighted and have the role of state governor.

He was Governor of South Australia for five months in 1976-77, resigning because of ill health, and he died in 1988.

Sir Doug is the great-grandfather of former Essendon player Nathan Lovett-Murray.

"Sir Doug Nicholls is the great untold story of Australian football and he represented the values of our game and epitomised the spirit of reconciliation," said AFL chief executive Gil McLachlan.

"He was a pioneering campaigner for reconciliation, but his love for and commitment to Australian football was the glue that brought together all the other facets of his life."

The AFL Commission decided to name the round after Sir Doug following a discussion at the league's Indigenous Advisory Council.

Race relations became a hot topic in Australian sport earlier this year when some fans booed Sydney's two-time Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes.

Goodes retired at the end of the season. – AAP

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Stars to wait longer for fame nod



ADAM Goodes is a certainty to be inducted into the Australian Football League (AFL) Hall of Fame, but it may take longer than first

thought.

The AFL's elite players will have to wait longer to go into the Hall of Fame after the league's move to alter eligibility criteria.

The greats of the game were previously considered for Hall of Fame induction three years after their retirement, but last Wednesday the AFL

Commission extended that period to five years.

"The AFL Commission endorsed the view... that an increase in the eligibility requirements to be named as a member of the Hall of Fame would further increase the prestige around selection," AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan said.

"Induction into the Hall of Fame is the final acknowledgement of an outstanding contribution to our game and must continue to be reserved for the most worthy from all parts of Australia."

Adelaide's Andrew McLeod, the

Western Bulldogs' Brad Johnson and Port Adelaide's Warren Tredrea were all inducted in 2014, but would only have been eligible to be considered for induction in 2016 under the new rules.

Players who retired in 2012, like Geelong fullback Matthew Scarlett and Brisbane's Luke Power – both triple-premiership players – would previously have been up for induction next year, but must now wait until 2018.

Dual Brownlow medallists Chris Judd and Adam Goodes, who both retired this season, will be up for Hall of Fame consideration in 2021. – AAP

Imparja Cup to revert to its roots

By GRAHAM HUNT



CRICKET Australia has released a draft draw of the 2016 National Indigenous

Cricket Championships (NICC) to be played in Alice Springs next February.

Big changes were announced earlier this year with the advent of the NICC, a stand-alone national Indigenous tournament. State and territories previously competed as part of the Imparja Cup.

But the NICC and the Imparja Cup will be held simultaneously in Alice Springs.

The Imparja Cup will return to its original status as a competition between major centres such as Tennant Creek and Alice Springs which originally competed for the

Imparja Cup in 1994.

Community men's and women's and schools' divisions will continue within the week-long cricket carnival from Tuesday, February 9, to Saturday, February 13.

The Major Centres final will be a T20 game at Traeger Park at 9am on Saturday, February 13.

The NICC interstate competition for men will run from Monday, February 8, to Monday, February 15.

The NICC women's division will start on Thursday, February 11, with the final the following Monday.

Same grounds

The NICC men's and women's games will be played at the usual Alice Springs grounds – Traeger Park and Albrecht and Larrapinta ovals.

Cricket Australia says the draft

is subject to change.

The format for NICC men's games will be a mixture of T20 and 50-over games.

All women's games, including the final, will be T20s.

NSW, Victoria, the Northern Territory and Western Australia and a yet-to-be-confirmed team will make up the women's competition.

NSW has dominated the women's division since they became the first state team to enter in 2008.

They have since been joined by Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Most men's teams will play two games a day, but each team will play just one game on Wednesday, February 10.

The Northern Territory will have the day off as they have the bye.

The only two games on the final



Traeger Park, Alice Springs, where National Indigenous Cricket Championship (NICC) matches will be played next year in the same week as the major centres Imparja Cup competition.

day – Monday, February 15 – will be the women's final at Traeger Park at 8.30am, and the men's 50-over final at 12.30pm.

Anyone wishing to submit a

team for the Imparja Cup or the community division can register their interest by contacting Ben Hodgart via ben.hodgart@ntcricket.com.au

IMP Front Runners take off with Qantas



A \$1.4 MILLION grant from the Qantas Foundation will empower young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be leaders in their communities.

The Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) was granted the money to help graduates of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) known as Front Runners, provide education or career pathways, pursue a business enterprise or support a community development project.

The IMP is a program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF), a not-for-profit foundation established in 2010 by world marathon champion Robert de Castella.

Each year, the IMP selects 12 young Indigenous men and women aged 18-30 to train for the New York City Marathon and complete a compulsory Certificate III in Fitness.

Their achievements are a celebration of Indigenous resilience and success.

Step forward

De Castella said the grant was a major step forward in the long-term self-sustainability of the Front Runners project.

"Our graduates are the future of the foundation and the inspiration for their families, communities and the nation to change," he said.



Actor Hugh Jackman was on hand for the launch of the \$1.4 million Qantas Foundation Front Runners grant to the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF). Pictured, from left, former IMP runners Nat Heath and Charlie Maher, head coach Mick Rees, Hugh Jackman, IMP founder Rob de Castella, Georgia Gleeson, 2015 IMP runner John Leha and former IMP runner Elsie Seriat.

"Every graduate accepts the responsibility and embraces the opportunity to drive positive change through their families and communities.

"The Front Runners Qantas grants will allow us to provide the support and opportunity needed to make a significant and lasting change.

"It's not programs that create change, it's people. That's what we do – we work with incredibly passionate, capable and determined people who are committed to being the change they want to see.

"Heck, they run a marathon with just six months' training."

De Castella said he hoped the support of

Qantas set an example for other major corporations that wanted to work with the IMF and make a lasting difference.

The Qantas grants announcement came on the eve of the departure of the 2015 IMP New York Marathon squad. The squad was at a pre-departure camp in Sydney when the announcement was made.

Hard road to New York



SIX months ago, they had no running experience.

Last Monday (Australian time)

10 young Indigenous Australians faced the biggest challenge of their lives – taking part in the world's most iconic running event, the New York City Marathon.

Last year, there were 50,530 finishers, averaging 4:34.45 for the 26.2-mile (42.16km) course.

And like last year, runners from Australia's Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) were there.

This year's IMP team consisted of 10, made up of five men and five women: Daniel Lloyd (Murray Bridge, SA), Chris Guyula, (Gapuwiyak, NT), Dwayne Jones (Timber Creek, NT), Aaron West (Queanbeyan, NSW), John Leha (Marrickville, NSW), Jessica Lovett-Murray (Heywood, Vic), Harriet David (Cairns, Qld), Jacinta Gurruwiwi (Elcho Island, NT), Alicia Sabatino (Thursday Island, Qld) and Eileen Byers (Casino, NSW).

Many obstacles

Many of the runners have overcome considerable adversity and personal challenges including mental health, family, and weight issues, to emerge as fit and healthy role models and representatives for their families and their communities.

In addition to their running achievements, the squad has gained qualifications in a Certificate III in Fitness, Level 1 Recreational Running, and Sports First Aid and CPR, providing long-term employment pathways and opportunities in health-related industries.

Head coach Mick Rees acknowledged the dedication and commitment required to have



Ten runners made up the 2015 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) New York Marathon team.

achieved these incredible feats.

"The squad arrived in Canberra in May for their first camp. Most were quite shy, reserved and unsure of themselves," she said.

"The adversity, challenge and sacrifice each and every one of them has made is overwhelming. They have endured situations in their short lives that most people

never endure in a lifetime.

"Running gives them a goal, a purpose and a strong sense of self-belief after each training run. We constantly tell them to celebrate every run because sometimes it takes a lot of organisation and sacrifice just to complete a training run.

"Through running, members of

the squad have learned a lot about themselves. They have grown in character and confidence.

"They have used the discipline; they have learned to overcome personal struggle and I am so proud of what they have all achieved in a significantly short amount of time," he said.

The IMP, a program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) is a not-for-profit foundation established in 2010 by world marathon champion Robert de Castella.

Each year the IMP selects young Indigenous men and women aged 18 to 30 to train for the New York City Marathon.



Leilani eyes berth in Rio Olympics
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Winners are grinners

Palm Island Barracudas star Walter Geia even found time to smile for the camera as he dived over for a try in the plate final at the Bindal Sharks All Blacks rugby league carnival at Townsville. The Barracudas beat Torres Strait side Eastern Warriors in the plate final. *Picture: Alf Wilson*
● Turn to pages 60-61 for more on the Bindal carnival.



Buddy will be back



LANCE Franklin is already training and will be a certain starter in Sydney's pre-season program, according to the Australian Football

League (AFL) club.

Franklin was unavailable for the Swans' entire finals campaign, having taken a break due to a mental health condition.

The superstar forward was a notable absentee from the club's best and fairest.

It led to speculation that Franklin, who left Hawthorn to sign a nine-year

deal with the Swans in 2013, could walk away from the sport.

The reality is Franklin had a positive end-of-season meeting last month with the club.

Swans football manager Tom Harley revealed that Franklin had already started to shape up for pre-season training.

"He'll be back when the other players are due for sure. He's training at the moment," Harley said at the end of trade period.

"Lance will be involved for sure. He's in preparation for pre-season mode, which is what players do now.

"He's in good spirits and in pretty good physical condition as well."

The Swans' senior players, including Franklin, are due to start pre-season training on December 3.

The Swans and Greater Western Sydney also traded down the draft to bank more points under the new academy bidding system.

"We've got a net gain of 235 points, so we know that our position has improved," Harley said.

"You've got to be careful about (calling it) exploiting. They are the rules and there weren't any trades that were knocked back as far as I know." – AAP



Lance Franklin

Bye round to precede 2016 AFL finals



A BYE round between the regular season and finals will be a key component of the 2016 Australian Football League (AFL) draw.

Round 23 was struck by controversy this season after a number of teams pulled out their best players in

preparation for finals.

"The AFL has introduced a bye week before the finals so that those clubs playing in September can have the best possible lead-in and preparation for the most important matches of our season," AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan said last Thursday.

Fremantle and North

Melbourne opted to rest more than one-third of their side in the final round this year, with the Kangaroos' decision virtually dashing Adelaide's top-six hopes.

It wasn't the first time matches at the end of the season had deteriorated into chaos.

The Dockers have a history of employing the controversial

tactic. In 2010 they rested eight players for a round 22 match against Hawthorn and were beaten by 116, while in 2013 they also rested 11 players in a final-round fixture.

The AFL is yet to decide how it will use the gap weekend, however there is some suggestions the Brownlow Medal could be moved forward.

Meanwhile, the grand final is again a week later than normal, this time to be played on October 1, with the AFL seemingly abandoning the last-Saturday-in-September tradition.

The season will begin with the traditional Richmond-Carlton clash at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on Thursday, March 24. – AAP

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