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The pathway towards an Assembly of First Nations

It's been three years in the planning, and now an Assembly of First Nations is closer than ever. Get the full story on the planned representative body in our special report on pages 30-31.

Barrister Tony McAvoy, SC, has been a strong voice for an assembly.

Gooda hits out



Borrolooloo girls have a Blast in Melbourne



IT was a long way from home for these Borrolooloo girls when they represented the Northern Territory in the MILO T20 Blast National School Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The girls played for the Territory in the girls' Years 5-6 division. From left are Shanielle Johnston, Stella Dirdi, Jordan Karkadoo and Trishanne Miller. See page 67 for more pictures. Picture: Getty



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner

Mick Gooda hasn't held back in his annual Social Justice and Native Title report.

Among his targets have been the Federal Government's new 'healthy welfare' card and work-for-the-dole scheme.

He's also recommended that the Western Australian Government should not close any remote Aboriginal communities without proper consultation.

And he's also called for all states and territories to establish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's commissioners and for child welfare targets to be added to the Close the Gap campaign.

Mr Gooda made 21 recommendations in the report, which has been tabled in Federal Parliament.

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My FAMILY

Teddy Rigney – Mt Gambier, SA



I WAS born on Point McLeay Mission, near Lake Alexandrina in South Australia.

We come from the Wilson-Rigney family. We've got a big family tree, with hundreds of relatives.

I'm proud to say I was born on the mission.

There were 13 of us, eight sisters and five brothers. Now there's only four of us still alive.

Whenever I see a young Aboriginal person, I ask them who their parents are. These days you've got to know your own mob.

The three of us brothers (above) run a business putting our art on t-shirts. We bounce ideas off each other.

Brother Merv is the oldest and we all help one another out.

Brother Dennis is a photographer.

I use different elements in our artworks. Visually I like to see lots of colour. Sometimes we might combine one of Dennis's photos with an artwork for our designs.

We all enjoy seeing each other.

Merv takes a bit of time with his art. He's been dreaming of being a painter from primary school, when he entered an art contest and bolted it in.

I work in watercolours and charcoal. I had an art teacher who I loved at school and who pushed me and I stayed with it.

We love working together and creating our artworks and t-shirts.

We've all got quite different styles, but they work well together.

● Pictured above: Brothers Dennis, Teddy and Merv Rigney at a stall they held in Adelaide.

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OUR CHILDREN



YOUNG dancers from all over the state paid tribute at this year's NSW Schools Spectacular in Sydney to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have fought for Australia in wars and conflict. Get the full story on page 48.

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Get ready for more *Black Comedy*



ABC TV's *Black Comedy* will be back for a second season, starting early next year.

But if you can't wait that long to find out what your favourite characters have been up to and meet some new ones, check out the *Black Comedy* Facebook page for tasters.

Yorta Yorta rapper Briggs, who has joined the cast, has written a sketch called *The Elders*.

And, as part of a Campbelltown Arts Centre partnership with the Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, on January 30, the team from *Black Comedy* will be exclusively premiering a selection of skits from the new season.

The Airds Summer Film + Music Series is a free family-friendly, month-long showcase of Aboriginal film and music in the grounds of Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation running over four Saturdays, starting on January 9. For more details, see our Calendar on page 52.

● **Pictured:** *Black Comedy* season two cast members, back from left, Steven Oliver, Nakkiah Lui, Ian Zaro, Briggs, Elizabeth Wymarra and Aaron Fa'Aoso and, front, Deborah Mailman, left, and Leah Purcell.

Report urges gap changes



THE Productivity Commission has released a damning report on Australian governments' efforts to Close the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage, saying that most targets of the campaign will not be met.

And it has called for an overhaul of the way policies and programs are formulated and evaluated in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

The report found that five of the six Close the Gap targets were unlikely to be met.

Productivity Commission chair Peter Harris said that despite considerable effort and investment, little or no progress has been made at the national level in closing gaps for life expectancy and reading and numeracy. Employment gaps have increased rather than narrowed.

A much greater emphasis must be placed on policy

evaluation, the report says.

"If we are to see improvements in outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians we need to move further into the detail, examining which policies and programs work better than others and why," Mr Harris said.

"Our current focus is on setting targets and monitoring outcomes. This must be complemented by evaluation."

Positive side

On the positive side, the report shows that good progress has been made in reducing outcomes gaps in child mortality and Year 12 (or equivalent) attainment rates at the national level.

And, while the target of providing access to early childhood education for all Indigenous four year olds in remote areas was not met, the evidence points to improvements.

Greens spokesperson on

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Rachael Siewert said the report showed that both Coalition and Labor governments had failed to learn the lessons of the past.

"Despite their rhetoric, successive governments have continued to take a top-down approach to reducing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples disadvantage," she said.

"The evidence shows the same old approaches. Start-stop programs have not been working. We need community-driven approaches that are based on culture, respect and evidence.

The report also states that there is a strong case for rationalising the current framework for reporting on Indigenous outcomes and disadvantage.

"Removing some of the duplicate reporting could be a means of freeing up resources for policy evaluation."



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He's fired up for a chat



A BACKYARD fireside chat with Bidjambul Elder Uncle Wes Marne (pictured) will be one of the Indigenous shows at the upcoming Sydney Festival. The 93-year-old Mt Druitt resident has been telling stories "since Moses played fullback for Jerusalem" and his show *Fire Bucket* will utilise several backyards in the inner city and Parramatta as intimate festival venues.

Uncle Wes and his family were walked off their tribal lands in Stanthorpe and taken to Deadbird Mission in Ashford (NSW) when he was nine. "Even on the mission we used to have a four gallon drum with two holes in it and we'd sit around and listen to the old people talk. That's what this is, except we're doing it now," he said.

Uncle Wes's stories will cover his life journey, his grandfather's dreaming and some of the wisdom he has gathered along the way.

He never had a school education of his own, but since the early 1970s Uncle Wes has been going to schools all over Sydney and telling kids the stories of his dreaming and culture.

"I've always been willing to tell my stories. If someone would listen, I'd be there with my mouth jabbering," he said.

In recent years theatre director Alicia Talbot and others have been encouraging Uncle Wes to share his life story and they recently went back to Ashford to talk about his time at Deadbird Mission.

"I just got carried away talking about the swimming and the fishing and the wood carving and they wanted to go and see the places I was talking about," he said.

Ms Talbot will join Wes for the *Fire Bucket* shows and they promise no two nights will be the same.

The Sydney Festival runs from January 7-26. Other Indigenous shows include Kev Carmody, Djuki Mala, Cut the Sky, Spear, the Tiwi Strong Women's Group and Klub Koori. For full details go to www.sydneyfestival.org.au/2016/

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16 plan for recognition



PROFESSOR Patrick Dodson and tax lawyer Mark Leibler will oversee a new Referendum

Council, charged with devising a plan for a referendum on recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten named the 16-member council last week.

It includes prominent Aboriginal people Noel Pearson, Galarrwuy Yunupingu, Mick Gooda, Tanya Hosch, Megan Davis and Pat Anderson, as well as former politicians Kristina Keneally, Natasha Stott Despoja and Amanda Vanstone.

Mr Dodson and Mr Leibler were co-chairs of the former expert panel on constitutional recognition.

"The Referendum Council is an eminent group and will guide an important national discussion about recognition," Mr Turnbull and Mr Shorten said in a joint statement

Consultations will include a concurrent series of Indigenous-designed and led consultations, they said.

Tasmanian Aboriginal lawyer Michael Mansell launched a

blistering attack on the appointment of former High Court Chief Justice Murray Gleeson, saying Mr Gleeson had "publicly canvassed that Aborigines in Tasmania were extinct" during the 1983 Tasmanian Dams case.

"It is not appropriate that a federally established body required to show compassion for Aboriginal people have among its membership someone who has stated such offensive views in such a high-profile place as the High Court. At the time in 1983, we had to make our own submission to the High Court to refute Mr Gleeson's claim," Mr Mansell said.

No consultation

"The appointment also reflects the complete absence of consultation with Aboriginal people. Had we been asked, we could have brought this matter to the attention of the Prime Minister, which would have saved Mr Gleeson some embarrassment.

"We cannot have much confidence that the panel of members will take Tasmanian Aborigines seriously when one of its highly regarded and influential members previously expressed such tasteless remarks toward Aboriginal people.

"Mr Gleeson should retire or the Prime Minister should ask him to."

Reconciliation Australia chief executive officer Justin Mohamed said the establishment of the Referendum Council was a critical step toward further national conversations.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples encouraged the Referendum Council to: press Mr Turnbull to clarify the issues to enable a question to be developed that has prospects of success; ensure that the issues involved be presented to the Australian people in a clear and unambiguous manner; and clarify a timeframe and engage with Congress.

In response the Tent Embassy has started a 'Trick or Treaty' campaign, slamming the Recognise campaign as a way to sidestep Aboriginal sovereignty.

Council members are Patrick Dodson and Mark Leibler (co-chairs), Prof Pat Anderson, Prof Megan Davis, Andrew Demetriou, Murray Gleeson QC, Mick Gooda, Tanya Hosch, Kristina Keneally, Jane McAloon, Michael Rose, Natasha Stott Despoja, Noel Pearson, Amanda Vanstone, Dalassa Yorkston and Galarrwuy Yunupingu.

'Pocket Rocket' is riding high

By BRITTA LYSTER



WHEN it comes to his chosen sport, Indigenous lad Thomas Hutton is riding high. The 10-year-old from the Hunter region of NSW is a top barrel racer, which involves riding a horse around several barrels at the fastest speed possible.

In late November, Thomas showed his class at a competition in faraway Western Australia. On a borrowed horse called Forty, he took out the title, giving him the highest points score leading into the national titles next month.

Hailing from Maitland, west of Newcastle, Thomas (also known as the 'Pocket Rocket') comes from solid horse-riding stock. His mother, Louisa, was a successful amateur jockey and the first woman to ride at several tracks in the Hunter Valley. She now trains racehorses.

His father, a champion sporting rider, is head clerk of the course at trotting meetings in the Hunter Valley. He also breaks-in many horses.

Thomas's own love of horses was ignited at a very early age. In fact he was riding before he could walk, being signed up at the local pony club at nine months old. Then he was led on a horse by his father, with his mother following close behind in case of spills.

Thomas has won many awards for his horsemanship in various disciplines.

After his success in WA, he is at the top of the ladder leading into the Australian Bushman's Campdrafting and Rodeo finals, to be held at Tamworth, NSW. There he'll be back on his own trusty steed, JD.

Mum Louisa praised her son's riding.

"He's done a great job for a boy of his age, and, considering his size, he rides big running horses and not many people can believe the way he rides," she said.



Thomas Hutton shows his riding skill. Picture: All Pegasus Photography www.facebook.com/allpegasusphotography

Gooda blasts card in annual report



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick

Gooda has taken aim at the Federal Government's new 'healthy welfare' card and work-for-the-dole scheme in his annual Social Justice and Native Title report.

Mr Gooda said the two programs, which came out of a review by mining billionaire Andrew Forrest, would not help Indigenous people and said a human rights approach was needed to welfare programs. He said both programs should be voluntary and allow people the choice to opt in.

In August, the Government announced Ceduna in South Australia would host a trial for new debit card accounts that allow spending only on certain items.

Mr Gooda said the card did not address the underlying causes of alcoholism, drug use and problem gambling.

"These reforms will significantly impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples because of

our overrepresentation in the welfare system," he wrote.

"In the coming months, the Australian Government must meaningfully engage with our people about the design and implementation of the healthy welfare card and the work-for-the-dole program in remote communities.

"Limiting people's ability to access their welfare payments in cash does not address the reasons for this harmful behaviour, including poverty, trauma, and lack of education."

Mr Gooda made 21 recommendations, including that the Western Australian Government should not close any remote Aboriginal communities without proper consultation.

And he addresses the anxiety and confusion caused by deep cuts to Aboriginal programs and organisations through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

Mr Gooda also considered some human rights issues for Indigenous people with disability, recommending that the Closing the Gap targets consider disability as an area

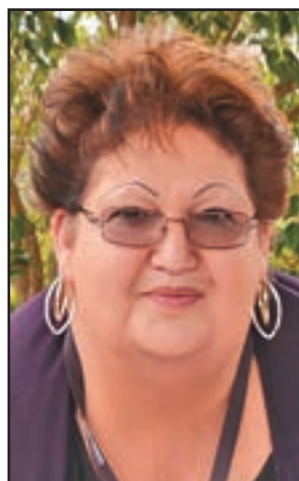


Mick Gooda

for action and that First Nations disability support organisations ensure they are culturally competent, as the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) rolls out.

In the report, Mr Gooda calls for all states and territories to establish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's commissioners and for child welfare targets to be added to the Close the Gap campaign.

Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) chair Sharron Williams told the



Sharron Williams

Koori Mail that Mr Gooda's discussion of cuts to services through the IAS was spot on.

"If government cuts funding to services and SNAICC how can we continue to do the job we're required to do?" she said.

"SNAICC was created as a result of the Bringing them Home report, to speak for and have a strong national voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

"If you reduce our capacity to do so, and if you reduce the capacity of service providers in the

community, our people are going to suffer.

"Funding cuts have a profound impact on how we deliver services. The IAS was very destructive to many Aboriginal organisations, which were defunded or had to reduce what they were able to provide on the ground.

"It's been a double whammy. The Federal Government has reduced SNAICC's capacity to influence and removed community organisations' ability to do their jobs."

Ms Williams said that when Aboriginal children were nine times more likely to be in out-of-home care than other children, then you had to realise there was something "profoundly wrong" with current practices.

"We are not addressing the problems," she said. "Government is continually saying, 'This is really serious. We have to build faster ambulances,' doing things in a reactive rather than preventative manner.

"We should be strengthening the capacity of families, so we can care better for our children at

home and in our communities."

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Shane Neumann said Mr Gooda's report showed the need to refocus policies towards working with Indigenous people and creating meaningful consultation.

"We've seen a pattern of chaos, confusion and neglect, which Mr Gooda has made clear in his report," he said.

"The thing that really strikes me is the urgent need to increase genuine consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"The Government needs to re-fund the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. Congress has two new leaders who are very capable, and the elected representatives. You have to listen to the people who are elected, not just a hand-picked group.

"The trouble with this Government is that it doesn't listen to peak bodies.

"It picks and chooses who it listens to, rather than taking advice from those delivering front-line services."

Hundreds occupy Parliament



Bailai Elder Mabel YowYeh Quakawoot speaks after being removed from occupying Parliament House, Canberra. Protesters were demanding more action on climate change.



BAILAI Elder Mabel YowYeh Quakawoot was one of hundreds of people who occupied Parliament House in Canberra on December 2 to demand

stronger action on climate change.

The protest was timed to coincide with international climate talks in Paris.

"I've seen the devastation that fossil fuels caused in my home of Gladstone," Ms Quakawoot said.

"We need to stand together to protect our country from dangerous climate change and make sure the same mistakes at Gladstone aren't repeated in other communities. It's time for the politicians to put us ahead of the big polluters."

The protest action was organised by the so-named People's Parliament, made up of dozens of Australians and Pacific Islander people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people whose land is threatened by coal and gas expansion, and Pacific Islanders whose homes are being flooded by sea level rise.

Koreti Tiumalu, the Pacific Region coordinator with global climate group 350.org, said that for many Pacific island nations and islands in the Torres Strait, climate change is a lived reality.

"We are calling on Prime Minister (Malcolm) Turnbull to show leadership on climate change and commit to moving away from the fossil fuel industry," she said.

"Australia can play a larger role in protecting the Pacific and we need them to listen to the plight of the Pacific right now."

After occupying the Marble Foyer for more than an hour and calling on politicians to "put people before polluters", 300 people were removed from the Parliament.

● Our people lead the way at Adelaide climate march, page 34.

Research shows a passion for cricket

By RUDI MAXWELL



OVER the past 18 months Professor Mick Dodson and Dr Bill Fogarty have been travelling around Australia to talk

cricket. The two academics from the National Centre for Indigenous Studies have been yarning with Indigenous communities and cricketers to work out why Aboriginal people have been historically underrepresented in cricket, at representative, junior and club levels.

Their research, commissioned by Cricket Australia, has been released in *For the Love of the Game* and traces the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cricket.

Prof Dodson, a Yawuru (WA) man, said his own love of the game began after a slow start.

"I started playing when I went to boarding school," he said. "We had compulsory house sport and I hated it at school. I was glad to get away."

"But when I went to uni I had mates who were mad cricket fans, so I went along to my first Test match

and my interest was rekindled.

"As an Australian, cricket is really hard to avoid. People are always playing, in the park, back streets.

"I remember playing a backyard match with my family in Broome – we had about 37 relatives playing.

"I played a couple of seasons in Melbourne. I wasn't very good at it, but I grew to love it. I love watching really good cricketers play."

Dr Fogarty said their research had revealed that from early colonial times until the 1890s Indigenous people had been engaging with cricket.

'Bugger that'

"Up until that time it had been developing under its own steam, but when the 'protection' era came in people had to apply to go away for the game, so they said 'bugger that'," he said.

"They also saw the game as synonymous with the establishment, so turned to football instead.

"I really think that had a big impact on Indigenous people disengaging with cricket. Then later on you start to see soft exclusion, insidious racism at a club level,

which is a major structural barrier, so we talk about resetting the relationship."

Prof Dodson said many of the players and former players whom they'd spoken with had similar tales of exclusion and racism with their local cricket clubs.

"If you look after the community level then you're going to get people to the top level," he said.

"But you need to put put fair dinkum resources in at a local, state, and regional level so you bring kids through the ranks.

"Other sports, like rugby league, the AFL, support players at a junior level, then reap benefits at a senior level. It's not rocket science."

The report made a series of recommendations to improve Indigenous engagement with cricket.

"We're very pleased with the reaction from Cricket Australia. They've really pulled their socks up. They accept there's a lot more to do, but they're actually doing a bit beyond what we'd expected," Prof Dodson said.

The research included a review of historical and current research literature and findings on the subject

of Indigenous Cricket in Australia and the role of racism in sport.

"Some of the interviews we did were quite emotional and disturbing," Dr Fogarty said. "One thing that many people talked about was how they'd experienced racism at grade cricket – and how hurtful and demeaning and difficult that was.

"A lot of people pushed through, for the love of the game.

"I think this report will really put the idea to bed that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people didn't want to play cricket.

"We were astounded at how people drove miles to talk to us about the game. We were overwhelmed by the passion people had."

Cricket Australia will work with the Indigenous community to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the All-Aboriginal team that toured Britain in 1868.

"Cricket can be the most enthralling pastime. It's tense, fun. There's a lot of laughter. It builds camaraderie, friendships and a sense of team as you cooperate to pursue a common goal," Prof Dodson said.

'Dootch' Kennedy pleads guilty



ROY 'Dootch' Kennedy has

pleaded guilty in Campbelltown District Court to four charges of aggravated sexual assault.

Kennedy is the former chair of the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council and founder of the Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the south coast of NSW.

He was arrested in January 2014 and charged with offences dating back to the 1990s regarding the sexual assault of a teenager.

Kennedy had protested his innocence until this month's appearance and guilty plea.

He will be back in court for sentencing in February.

2015 Paris Climate Conference

Indigenous representatives from around the world engage in a joint prayer session on a boat on the Seine River in Paris as part of a campaign to draw attention to the plight of tribes facing climate change. AAP image



Indigenous demands over rights



INDIGENOUS groups from around the world paddled down the Seine River in Paris, calling on all governments to ensure indigenous rights are included in the climate agreement being negotiated in Paris.

National leaders from around the world were in the French capital to hammer out an international agreement to tackle climate change.

There has been pressure from Norway, supported by other countries including Australia, to have recognition of indigenous rights removed from the body of the text, where it would be legally binding and enforceable, and put in a preamble that would only be aspirational.

The Seed Indigenous Youth Network said Australia's position was being driven by a fear of legal liabilities that would make it harder to get projects like Adani's proposed Carmichael coalmine in

Queensland off the ground.

Seed coordinator Larissa Baldwin said the move to exclude indigenous rights from the text was "clearly in contradiction to the Australian Government's responsibilities under the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People".

"Protect country"

"We know that to protect country, cultures and the lives of all people from dangerous global warming and fossil fuel extraction, we need to keep all new fossil fuels in the ground," she said.

But Australia's Foreign Affairs Minister, Julie Bishop, who is leading Australia's negotiations in Paris, said the Government remains committed to protecting indigenous rights.

"Reporting and commentary that Australia is opposed to references to indigenous rights is wrong," she said. "The Australian Government has been advocating strongly for clear references

to indigenous rights in the new agreement."

Seed described as "bullshit" the Australian Government decisions to support a 1.5 degree limit on global warming, while backing the exclusion of the rights of indigenous people from the legally binding section of the Paris climate agreement at the conference.

"These contradictions are unacceptable, irresponsible and, as young people, we will not stand for it," Ms Balwin said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are on the front lines of the causes and impacts of climate change and fossil fuel extraction, and despite having looked after country for generations, the Australian Government's poor decisions send a clear message that our voices are not a part of the conversation and rights are not on the agenda."

KLC burning program in spotlight

By ANDY PARKS with AAP

DELEGATES from the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) have returned from the Paris Climate Conference (COP21), where their savannah burning program was held up as a world class model for curbing carbon emissions and simultaneously tackling social problems linked to high unemployment.

KLC operates a fire-management program where grasses are burnt early in the season to prevent wild fires and limit the release of carbon emissions. They are then able to sell the carbon credits to companies or governments needing to offset emissions.

So far, more than 300,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions have been abated by the North Kimberley Fire Abatement Project.

KLC chief executive Nolan Hunter said the trip to COP21 had allowed traditional owners to share the story of their fire-burning program and to meet with international corporate business people looking for new and innovative opportunities.

"It's about knowledge sharing and seeing the global picture," he said. "In some countries they look at fire as a bad thing, but they don't see that there are different types of fires that can be used to control heat and reduce emissions."

Wildfires in northern Australia account for 3.1% of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr Nolan said a price on carbon would create further business opportunities for Indigenous people to work on country and continue using their traditional knowledge of land management.

"You strengthen the wellbeing of a young person by strengthening their cultural connection and having them occupied in jobs ... these are the other outcomes," he said.

Mr Nolan said the world's indigenous people would feel the effects of climate change the most, particularly those on low-lying islands.

"I think something like 5-6% of the world's indigenous populations have stewardship over a quarter of the global land mass that accounts for 80% of the world's biodiversity," he said.

"Indigenous rights are a big issue and we have to make sure we are not marginalised."

The KLC delegation gave presentations at several Indigenous forums and also met Australia's Environment Minister, Greg Hunt.

Young farmer wants action

JOSH Gilbert's family has farmed land on the NSW Mid North Coast for 40,000 years.

The young Indigenous farmer wants that to continue for another 40,000, but believes climate change could derail his hopes.

He travelled to the Paris conference representing Australia's young farmers and is urging the Federal Government to implement policies to curb emissions.

"Farmers will keep adapting as much as they can, but there's going to come a time when that limit's up," he said.

"We could head for something that we really don't want to."

Crowdfunding enabled Mr Gilbert and fellow NSW farmer Anika Molesworth to travel to Paris to tell their stories and learn from hundreds of other farmers from around the world.

Mr Gilbert, who believes traditional Indigenous practices can help adapt to climate change, spends time learning about the land from family and Elders.

"They understand the land really, really well, so the adaptation is really quick," he said. "On our farm, we live by the motto that we've been farming for 40,000 years and we want to make decisions today so that we can farm for the next 40,000 years." — AAP

Disability the focus of multimedia exhibition



A MULTIMEDIA exhibition *Unfinished Business* featuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with

a disability was launched in Sydney on the International Day of Disability, December 3.

Human rights photographer and documentary maker Belinda Mason has captured the life story of 30 Indigenous peoples who have a physical or mental disability due to an environmental, social or community factor.

She took pictures and asked her subjects to tell their stories so that people visiting the exhibition can gain a deeper understanding of the social issues around disability and be moved to start a conversation about it.

First People's Disability Network chairperson Gayle Rankine is one of the 30 people who shared their story, pointing out that at least half of Indigenous people are affected by some form of disability.

"There is no word for disability in any Indigenous language," she said. "I am extremely passionate about it, but now I am here, fighting the fight, fighting the fear, fighting the racism."

"We face a double discrimination. Discrimination because of our disability and because of our race. Racism is based on ignorance, I say. But having a disability, you get a double whammy."

Quandamooka man and filmmaker Bain Stewart was so moved by the exhibition that he is looking to develop the project further.

"The images are really powerful but so are the stories behind them," he said. "If you look at (Brisbane broadcaster) Tiga Bayles' grandson Quaden Bayles, a little fella with dwarfism – he's had a lot of hate and trolls on Facebook."

"That vitriol on Facebook about this little Murri fella is so hurtful, and you see the picture and he's just beautiful."

"It's too good of a project not



First Peoples Disability Network chairperson Gayle Rankine, a Ngarrindjeri woman, as photographed for *Unfinished Business*, an exhibition by Belinda Mason.

to pique interest. What that is at the end of the day, I don't know yet, but it will be amazing."

Unfinished Business is being exhibited in KPMG Sydney's private gallery space before going

on tour to regional and metro city locations over the next year, including regional areas.

For dates and to check out the exhibition photographs, go to www.unfinishedbusiness.net.au

Extreme risks at mine – monitor



AN Independent monitor of the McArthur River zinc mine, near Borroloola in the Northern Territory, has identified two extreme risks and made 88 new recommendations, of which 32 are considered high priority.

Earlier this year, NT Chief Minister Adam Giles threatened to close the mine unless operator Glencore improved environmental practices.

The report by the ERIAS Group found 91% of the rock dump was potentially acid-forming when it comes in contact with water, and that there was not enough material on site to provide an adequate cover. It described the likely failure of the acidic waste rock cover as an extreme risk with "likely catastrophic consequences" for downstream ecosystems.

Cattle have been found with lead levels above safe eating standards. They were culled. The NT Government has been forced to regularly cull cattle that gain access to the poorly fenced mineral lease, which sits in the McArthur River cattle station.

Results for Barney Creek, a main tributary of the McArthur River, have worsened since last year's report, which found 90% of fish sampled had lead levels above safe eating standards.

Borroloola Elder and artist Jack Green said his people depend on the river for food.

"Problems at the mine"

"We have had enough of watching the problems at the mine get worse each year while the company plays games with our children and grandchildren's future," he said. "We will be the ones living here long after Glencore are gone."

A statement from the NT Department of Mines and Energy (DME) said it has already started acting on the report.

"There are many complex issues involved in mining management and DME makes no apologies in taking the necessary time to make the right decisions," executive director Phil Hausler said.

"The information provided in the report will be used by the department to implement measures in order to achieve improved environmental outcomes for the site."

Meanwhile, McArthur River region clan groups and residents have launched a fundraising initiative, offering a limited run of reproductions of a painting by Jack Green. The funds will be used to support independent research into the mine's environmental impacts to support a prosecution case against Glencore for damage. For more information go to ecnt.org.au/

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Corporal Bryan Monkhouse, from the army's School of Armour, shows Kerby Siemsen the M1A1 Abrams tank during a visit to Puckapunyal military training area in Victoria.

A taste of the armed forces



YOUNG Indigenous people joined in an Australian Defence Force careers day exercise held recently.

Seventeen Indigenous candidates participated in the army's Exercise Chong Ju, at the Puckapunyal military training area, north of Melbourne.

ADF specialist recruiter Sergeant John Angel-Hands said the candidates were given the opportunity to see what a career in the defence forces would be like.

"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 Islander people's confidence and enable them to make informed decisions about applying for full-time careers in the ADF."

Wiradjuri (NSW) candidate Kerby Siemsen 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," she said.

"It 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."

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Appeal upsets MJDF

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Commonwealth Government has launched an appeal against last month's landmark decision in favour of the Machado Joseph Disease Foundation (MJDF), a non-profit organisation that looks after Aboriginal people with a rare genetic condition.

In November, Federal Court judge Geoffrey Flick found that Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion did not have the power to revoke an earlier decision by former minister Jenny Macklin to make a \$10 million grant to the MJDF from the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA).

The ABA distributes royalty money generated from mining on Aboriginal land in the Northern

Territory. The advisory committee is made up of 14 members elected by the four NT land councils and an appointed chair. However, final approval for how Aboriginal money is spent rests with the minister.

In 2013, the ABA committee recommended a \$10 million grant to the MJDF. Ms Macklin approved the money and wrote to the MJDF, saying it had been successful.

But when he became minister after the change of government that year, Senator Scullion revoked the decision, advising the MJDF that it was not in line with the policy of the ABA.

MJDF chief executive Nadia Lindop said the news of the Commonwealth's appeal had been a blow.

"Our clients and families are feeling quite angry," she said. "We've had so much community support.

"As we talked about with staff, we've just got to keep going, get on with our work supporting people with MJD. You can't let yourself get too down, because we've got important work to do."

MJD is a rare degenerative wasting condition that mainly affects Aboriginal people of Arnhem Land, and is particularly prevalent on Groote Eylandt.

No cure

People with MJD exhibit clumsiness and weakness in the arms and legs, spasticity, a staggering gait, difficulties with speech and swallowing, involuntary eye movements, double vision and incontinence. It is inherited and there is no cure.

People with MJD retain their cognitive capacity and the symptoms of the disease worsen with each generation.

"The strain of MJD in the NT is the more aggressive strain and it has an anticipatory affect, which means we are starting to see younger people affected, which is terrible," Ms Lindop said.

"Often there are multiple generations of the disease in the same family. We've seen a daughter who was caring for her father also become affected. She's in a wheelchair now. Who's going to care for her?"

"As it stands, we're still getting \$500,000 a year from a grant from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, which would have been around the earnings had we received the \$10 million. For now we're okay, but if we go into next year and we're unsuccessful in the court case we'll have to look at laying staff off and reducing what we do."

In recognition of the work it

does, the MJDF just won a national disability award for community access.

"Everyone was so proud of our award – then to have this appeal to come in on top of that," Ms Lindop said.

"What is the Federal Government thinking? An independent panel found our work worthy of celebrating, and then on the other hand the Government is making the decision to appeal."

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Shane Neumann said the decision to appeal was appalling and a waste of taxpayer money.

"This is Aboriginal money that is supposed to be used for the benefit of Aboriginal people," he said.

"MJD affects hundreds of Aboriginal people in the NT and I couldn't think of a better use for money from the ABA than this."



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Jail 'has health benefits'



A REPORT by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) says jail may actually be good, at least health-wise, for prisoners.

The report, *The Health of Australia's Prisoners 2015*, says inmates improve their health and can stop risky health behaviour during incarceration.

The institute said Australian prisoners have a range of health issues, including high levels of disability, mental health conditions, smoking, alcohol and illicit drug use.

But the report says prisoners have reported improvements in their health by the time they are released from prison. In fact, it found Indigenous prisoners are more likely to report their physical health was a lot better since being in jail.

AIHW's David Braddock said the report reveals some promising results with smoking, especially in light of bans, which are being progressively introduced in Australian prisons.

Challenge

The report shows mental health remains a challenge, with almost half of all prisoners having a mental disorder. One in four are currently on medication for such a disorder.

"Of those being released from prison, 41% thought that their mental health had improved since entering prison," Mr Braddock said.

Just over half (51%) of Indigenous prison discharges reported that their mental health was either a lot better (22%) or a little better (29%), compared with a combined 38% for other freed inmates.

A similar pattern was seen for self-reported physical health. Over half (51%) of discharges thought their physical health improved while in prison, with Indigenous discharges more likely than others to report that their physical health was a lot better since being in prison (37% and 24%, respectively).

The AIHW is a major national agency set up by the Australian Government to provide reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare.



Hoping for festival funding are, back from left, Dhinawan, Bluesfest's Rusty Thorpe and Peter Noble and, front from left, Arakwal dancers Belle Arnold and Delta Kay, and Boomerang festival director Rhoda Roberts.

Festival seeks support



NEXT year's Boomerang Festival, which will be included in the Byron Bay Bluesfest, is looking

for financial support.

Boomerang festival director Rhoda Roberts, a Widjabul woman, said organisers have launched a crowd funding campaign to increase the festival budget to make it the best possible experience for audiences.

Boomerang ran as a stand-alone

festival in 2013, and announced in August this year that in 2016 it would run as an Indigenous arts precinct with the award-winning Bluesfest, staged over Easter.

The program will include several stages of music, dance, storytelling, talks and ideas, plus workshops including traditional healing, weaving and carving.

Ms Roberts said the aim of the crowd funding was to pay the artists properly and also have some support staff.

"I'm happy not to take a wage and Bluesfest have been supporting us with administration, but we need some staff to organise the festival and we do want to have more artists," she said.

Crowdfunding packages range from \$25 to \$7000, all offering cultural gifts and experiences.

Artists announced for the festival include Getano Bann, Archie Roach and the Malu Kiai Mura Buia dance troupe from Boigu Island in the Torres Strait.

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Disability insurance coming earlier in remote Qld regions



THREE remote Queensland regions will receive the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) earlier than scheduled in the

national rollout next year. The Queensland Government says the NDIS will soon be in three regions with high Aboriginal populations, including Palm Island.

First People's Disability Network (FPDN) executive officer Damian Griffis welcomed the news.

"We look forward to working alongside the Queensland Government, the National Disability Insurance Agency, local people, organisations and service providers as the NDIS rollout begins," he said.

"By any measure, Aboriginal people with disability are among the most disadvantaged Australians, and meeting the needs of Aboriginal people with disability and their families is one of the most critical social justice issues today."

Murri Disability Advisory Network

Queensland coordinator Paul Calcott said the NDIS offers significant opportunities for Indigenous people with disability.

"It is particularly encouraging that Palm Island has been selected as a site for the early rollout in Queensland because it will enable greater cultural understanding and enhance the preparation for the national rollout from July 2016," he said.

"We are looking forward to working with these communities and learning how the NDIS will work best for them."

FPDN launched its 2013 10-point plan for the implementation of the NDIS in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities at Parliament House, Canberra, following community consultation.

The plan provides guidelines and recommendations for implementing the NDIS 'proper way' by focusing on community-led changes and recognition of the requirements of those living in regional and remote communities.

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Koori court celebrates

By JILLIAN MUNDY



WHEN the Children's Koori Court in Victoria celebrated its 10th anniversary recently, it was a celebration of the opportunity to improve the lives of troubled Indigenous youth in the state.

Court manager Travis Lovett, a Gunditjmara man, told the *Koori Mail* that young Aboriginal people come into contact with the justice system for many underlying reasons and in many cases the court provides an opportunity to help them reconnect to culture and community.

"It breaks your heart," he said. "I strongly believe that, in order for someone to rehabilitate, they need to understand who they are, where they come from and their connection to their land and people."

"One of the beauties of the Koori courts is we have the opportunity to link people back into their culture."

"They come before the Elders and they can identify who their families are and the Elders' connection to their family members as well."

Established in 2005 to address the overrepresentation of young Koori people in the criminal justice system, the Children's Koori Court now sits

in 13 centres across Victoria.

Rather than a judge or magistrate sitting at a bench, lawyers at a bar table and the accused in the dock, or in the public seating behind their lawyer, in Koori court everyone sits around an oval table, including Koori Elders or respected people.

Representatives from services that can help the young people also come to the table. This year the Department of Education has been added to the mix.

Mr Lovett said there had been a misconception in the Aboriginal community that once a child offended they would not be allowed back at school, but more often than not the school has no idea, so petty crime was snowballing into disengagement from education.

Education

A staggering nine out of 10 young people appearing in the Children's Koori Court had been disengaged from education.

Education Department representation, to plan a way back into education, was piloted at La Trobe Court last year, with 80% of those appearing now back in education.

Mr Lovett said the court model is all about getting to the underlying issues, rather than processing people; identifying contributing factors to crime such as homelessness, drug

abuse, disengagement from education, undiagnosed mental illness and acquired brain injury; and bringing appropriate services to the table.

"Someone can come to us with a number of different issues and we can work with that young person to connect them into whatever they need," he said.

"I don't think there's anyone that's come before the court that we haven't been able to work with."

The system is being assessed continually.

Statistics show there are fewer failures to appear, and less reoffending, and that when young people have reoffended they have been for lesser crimes.

It's a therapeutic rather than punitive approach, with Mr Lovett saying the model and results are being watched by mainstream courts, with the roundtable set-up already adopted by some mainstream court programs.

He said court model has been examined across the globe, and is looked upon as international best practice.

Statewide consultations with young Kooris will begin on the Children's Courts early next year.

Another Children's Koori Court will be launched in Geelong in late January, with the first sitting expected in February.

Court manager Travis Lovett stands with Children's Koori Court officer Krystal Cutajar, alongside a shield unveiled at the Melbourne Children's Court for the 10th anniversary, featuring the creator and protector spirit Bunjil.



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At the celebration: back, Chris Mansell, Karen Brown, Shayne Thomas, Rodney Gibbins and Caroline Spotswood; front, Janice Ross, Di Spotswood, Belynda Hooper and Lynne Spotswood, from Launceston and Hobart.



Elders Dorothy Murray and Corrie Fullard hold their certificates commemorating the occasion where they received titles to returned Aboriginal land two decades ago.

Celebration marks Tas land returns



Tessa Atto, Melissa Maynard, Rachel Maynard with Amaya Maynard and Adam Thompson, travelled from Launceston for the occasion.



Graeme Gardner and Bobbi Dillon. Their mothers received titles at the original land return.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ALMOST 200 people gathered at the recently renamed piyura kitina (Risdon Cove), near Hobart, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Tasmania's most significant land returns.

After years of petitions, sit-ins, street marches, meetings and negotiations, in 1995 Tasmania's Aboriginal community gathered to witness 24 of their Elders receive titles to 12 areas of land.

Piyura kitina is the site of the first British settlement in Tasmania and the first massacre of Tasmanian Aborigines at their hands. It is now home to the Aboriginal Children's Centre, a community gathering place where several Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) events, meetings and programs are run. There is also a community garden, and bush lands that are being restored.

Other areas returned are home to the Aboriginal community, Aboriginal rock art and other heritage items, mutton bird islands, or places where significant events took place.

The returns were made possible through the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995*. Another three areas in the Furneaux Islands have been returned since through the legislation.

Five of the Elders who were handed the titles in 1995 are still alive, and two of them were at the celebration and received commemorative certificates of recognition. One was Auntie Dorothy Murray.

"It was tremendous. It was fantastic to get some of our land back," Auntie Dorothy told the *Koori Mail*, recalling the day two decades ago. "It was a wonderful day for us, a glorious day. There was a big crowd here."

Support

Auntie Dorothy said her fondest memory of the day was having all the Elders together, with the Aboriginal community there to support them, and that the day was one of the greatest of her life.

"I was born on the land. I had a lot to do with it," she said, recalling her days as a youngster on Cape Barren Island in the 1940s.

"Reared up by my grandparents and my uncles, they used to look after the land. They had us kids planting grasses on the banks to stop the erosion of the sand dunes.

"We've got the title (now). We know it's there. We know the boys are out doing the management of it."

At the celebrations, organised by the TAC which manages most of the returned land, there were walks, talks and video presentations about land management of returned lands, connection to country,

land returns and land use.

During the past 20 years there has been ongoing work to eradicate introduced species, protect heritage and cultural resources, and traditional burning is now being reintroduced.

TAC state secretary Trudy Maluga said having the land returned was recognition the Tasmanian Aboriginal people had survived against all odds.

"They recognised our birthright and ownership to those lands and gave us for the first time self-determination over our country, autonomy over our lands," she said.

"When we were removed from Wybalenna (mission) we were dispersed in amongst all the cities across Tasmania.

"Those lands gave us the ability to take our people back to our country."

Ms Maluga said the Aboriginal community would never give up striving for the return of more land, for future generations; to heal the land and reconnect; and protect the story and heritage embedded in those lands.

"We will never give up fighting for land... always was and always will be our land," she said.

On the eve of the anniversary, the transfer of nirmena nala, a rock shelter with evidence of occupation dating back thousands of years, from the state-owned electricity producer Hydro Tasmania to the Aboriginal community, was announced.

Vote backs mine



A RECENT vote by traditional owners of the Wangan and Jagalingou (W&J) people has reversed their opposition to Adani's \$16 billion Carmichael coal mine in central Queensland.

The vote, understood to be 7-5, opens the door for an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) to be negotiated between Adani and the W&J Native Title applicant group if a current Federal Court case by opponent Adrian Burragubba is unsuccessful.

In October last year the W&J Traditional Owners Council rejected an ILUA with Adani, saying the mine could destroy their ancestral lands and cultural heritage. Adani then applied to the National Native Title Tribunal to override the traditional owners' objections, and in April the tribunal decided the mine was in the public interest.

Mr Burragubba is challenging the tribunal decision and is due back in court in February. He is arguing that Adani knowingly made false claims to the tribunal about the number of jobs and economic benefits of the mine.

Seeking clarification

He is also seeking clarification from the Federal Court about who can challenge a mining lease when there are many applicants within a registered native title claim group.

"The court has allowed me to voice my opinion, which could set a precedent for Aboriginal people in other communities," Mr Burragubba said.

However, if his case is unsuccessful, the vote by the W&J Native Title applicant group would allow Adani to come back and negotiate a new ILUA.

Mr Burragubba said he could sympathise with the view of people who wanted job opportunities for their people, but that continued connection to land, law and custom were the basis of any native title claim and should override mining interests.

The Queensland Government is also considering a proposal to compulsorily acquire part of W&J traditional lands, to extinguish native title and enable Adani to mine.

Meanwhile, Gautum Adani, the Indian billionaire owner of the mining company, has met with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to ask the Australian Government to introduce new laws that would stop judicial reviews of environmental approvals for major projects such as the Carmichael mine.



Students from Barunga School in the Northern Territory get a hands-on careers experience with Nitmiluk Tours.

Barunga students given a taste of tourism industry



STUDENTS from Barunga School, near Katherine in the Northern Territory, have had a first-hand look at how Jawoyn-owned company Nitmiluk Tours

operates. The Nitmiluk/Barunga Program ran over three weeks and the students were introduced to the key operational areas of tourism, including tour guiding, hospitality and resort operations.

Barunga School principal Adrian Trost said the program gave students the chance to learn about careers in tourism.

"The Nitmiluk operation is a perfect example of the scope within the tourism industry and we hope that through exposure to it we can help broaden students' awareness of the options available

and hopefully drive them to consider the range of positions there," he said.

Nitmiluk chairperson Jane Runyu said part of the company's charter is to provide employment, mentoring and training opportunities for Indigenous

their stories and inspiration is key to our combined success."

Barunga School also operates its own guiding business, the Jawoyn Junior Guides, which provides services to tourists.

Mr Trost said the program with Nitmiluk will provide an insight as to how their own guiding experience can be improved and developed.

Jawoyn Junior Guides operates throughout the year, but is busiest during the Barunga Festival which is held mid-year.

To date, the Jawoyn Junior Guides have shown about 600 people through their local community and surrounding bushlands, and Mr Trost hopes that the Nitmiluk/Barunga Program for students will help to increase that number.

"The future of our culture and the success of our business rely very much on fostering and developing our youth."

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Win for Darkinjung

By BRITTA LYSTER



DARKINJUNG Local Aboriginal Land Council, based at Wyong on the NSW Central Coast, has had a major victory after its long-standing objection to the extension of a sand quarry was upheld by the NSW Land and Environment Court.

In 2013, sand mining company Rocla was given the go-ahead to expand its quarry by 36 hectares to extract up to a million tonnes

of sand annually. This was strongly opposed by Darkinjung LALC and tourist attraction the Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park.

Darkinjung formally lodged an objection to the extension, stating the desired expansion area was rich in Aboriginal cultural significance and heritage.

The Land and Environment Court's support for the objection came nearly 10 years after the application to expand was first submitted.

Darkinjung chief executive Sean Gordon said the ruling was significant.

"We have been involved in the proposed development application process for almost a decade now and in that time we have conducted numerous surveys of the site and night recordings," he said.

"Ultimately, we have been able to identify that this area is immensely important for Aboriginal people and also contains significant Aboriginal artefacts and objects.

"Out of everything that Darkinjung has fought for over the years and, in particular, during my time with the land council, I believe this is by far the

biggest outcome and achievement."

The basis of the refusal of the development application was primarily due to the inadequacies of the surveys that had been undertaken by Rocla. The known heritage in the area and the likelihood of other cultural heritage was seen as an unacceptable risk, which also contributed to the refusal of the proposal.

"The Central Coast has a proud and extensive cultural fabric and we are elated to have won this case and to have fought to keep it this way," Mr Gordon said.

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Written submissions on the above-mentioned listing are invited in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place by 9 February 2016.

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

Waverley Cemetery, St. Thomas Street, Bronte

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Goldfinders Inn Group, Kurrajong

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If you have any questions please contact Christina Kanellaki Lowe on (02) 9873 8558 or christina.kanellaki@environment.nsw.gov.au

Nubrygyn Inn and Cemetery, Euchareena

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If you have any questions please contact Joan Chatfield on (02) 6881 4612 or Joan.Chatfield@environment.nsw.gov.au

Steam Tram Rolling Stock collection (steam tram motor 103A, and trailer cars 93B and 72B), held at Valley Heights

Written submissions on the above-mentioned listing are invited in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place by 9 February 2016.

If you have any questions please contact Cliff Daylight on (02) 9585 6167 or cliff.daylight@environment.nsw.gov.au

An alternative contact for these five proposed listings is Tanya Koeneman, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534 or tanya.koeneman@environment.nsw.gov.au

Further details on all the nominated places can be viewed at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx

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Girl Academy has its first principal

By RUDI MAXWELL



MURRI woman Jessa Rogers has been appointed principal of a new boarding school in Cairns for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers.

The Girl Academy is Australia's first boarding school specifically designed for young mothers and their babies.

And Ms Rogers understands perfectly the difficulties of trying to finish school while pregnant, because she did it herself.

"I was about to start Year 12, running for school captain, auditioning for the school musical and on a scholarship when I found out I was pregnant," she said.

"I was terrified. I knew without Year 12 I wouldn't be able to go to uni and I didn't know what would happen to my scholarship.

"I worked as hard as I could at school without telling anybody, but three months into pregnancy the wheels started falling off. I was sleepy in classes, wasn't performing as well, so I told the guidance counsellor.

"Then I had to tell my parents.

"My dad wasn't so happy and said I couldn't stay at home, but the school executive said I could keep my scholarship and they supported me to finish my education.

"True power"

"It was at that moment I understood the true power of being an educator and I decided I was going to be teacher."

As well as regular school subjects, the Girl Academy will offer vocational education and training opportunities in Certificate III Children's Services, a Diploma of Child Care and certificates in Business Administration and Hospitality.

The idea for the school came from the aunts and grandmothers of Cape York, who were concerned that too many young women weren't finishing their education because of pregnancy.

It was made possible by the Cape York Partnership, and Cape York women.

Ms Rogers, who is also studying for a doctorate in education, cannot wait for first term next year.

"Since I got pregnant at 16, I'd always wanted to see a school that offered opportunities to girls like me, that had a culturally safe space, and was centered on family," she said.

"The Girl Academy is all about empowering women. We're taking a wraparound approach, so wellness, culture and family, are central to every part of education.



The Girl Academy's first principal Jessa Rogers and, inset, with her sons Fox, 3, and Eden, 13.

"I'm so excited, looking forward to everything kicking off, enrolling girls.

"I was really lucky to be raised up connected with my own community, but there was a lot of trauma and destruction in my family. Education was a way for me to manage living in the white man's world but without losing my cultural connections."

The Girl Academy is accepting enrolments from Indigenous girls aged

12-17 who have babies or are pregnant.

"We will also focus on healthy, household, life skills, but we're not here to tell kids how to behave or women how to be mothers. We're here to help girls grow and learn," Ms Rogers said.

"We'll be teaching the girls skills for life, so they can go on and be leaders in their communities, in their families and in their own lives."

Elders enjoy *Peace and Quiet*



Elders Gloria Fisher, Freda Mitchell and Noel Summers, from Logan, Queensland, create a peace flag for the *Peace and Quiet* exhibiton at the State Library of Queensland Gallery in Brisbane.



ELDERS in Brisbane hand-sewed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags in white for the *Peace and Quiet* exhibition at the State Library of Queensland. The exhibition, led by artists Elizabeth Woods and Kevin Leong, explores ideas of peace and collects the thoughts and gestures of contemporary Queenslanders in peacetime, against the backdrop of growing global political conflict.

Butchulla Elder Noel Summers, one of the people who helped make the flags, said peace was one of the most important concepts for everyone to think about.

“Other side of war”

“The flags look great. They’re all different shades of white so you can still see the designs, particularly with the light behind them,” he said. “This peace project shows the other side of war. We have peace here now, but it’s very important for everyone to ask questions about peace.

“We’ve been struggling all our lives, Aboriginal people. The other day I was watching the news about boat people and terrorism and it kind of all sounds familiar. We’ve been through a lot of struggles.

“Being an Elder, it’s all about making things better for our people.”

Peace and Quiet will run until February 14. The 12 white peace flags, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander banners, will be flown in the gallery throughout the exhibition.

Languages for HSC



ABORIGINAL languages will now be available as a Higher School Certificate subject in NSW, but a decision not to have them included in ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) scores has been criticised by an Aboriginal language expert at the University of Sydney.

Professor Jakelin Troy, the Sydney University director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research, wrote the syllabus for the current K-10 syllabus for NSW schools, and has written the first national Aboriginal languages framework

for the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

She told the *Koori Mail* that not having the languages count towards university entrance made them seem “somehow inadequate or reduced” compared with all other languages that do count towards an ATAR score.

“I think there is still a view (in the Board of Studies) that it’s all too hard,” Prof Troy said.

“It will discourage students from taking these courses if they are not part of the ATAR (score).

“Until Aboriginal languages have official recognition, and are taught in a meaningful and

systematic way, attitudes towards these languages will remain indifferent at best and ignored at worst.”

NSW Board of Studies spokesperson Michael Charlton said the criteria for an ATAR score was that the subject needed to have an external exam. He said with 35 Aboriginal languages across NSW, and 19 being taught in schools, an external exam for each language would be difficult.

“The aim of the course in the first instance is to give Aboriginal students the ability to study their language and culture in Years 11 and 12,” he said.

Currently, 61 school campuses

across NSW offer an Aboriginal language as part of the K-10 syllabus.

Prof Troy also said universities needed to “step up” and offer Indigenous languages to encourage people to take language studies further.

NSW was the first state to offer a statewide syllabus for Aboriginal languages in schools, which Prof Troy said has been very successful in terms of the take-up and academic outcomes, but also tangible social benefits.

“Most language revival is happening through writing and literacy programs ... so they learn about linguistics and increase

literacy skills,” she said.

“In some areas there are more non-Indigenous students taking them and there has been a better understanding of place and huge social benefits.”

While saying the ability to extend the study of Aboriginal languages to HSC was a “great step”, Prof Troy said they should be treated the same as any other language.

‘Dead’ European languages, including Latin and ancient Greek, are offered as ATAR assessed subjects in NSW, at times with fewer than 25 students taking them a year across the state.

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Sacred sites on map



A MAP highlighting significant sacred sites in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) has been completed. The map, created by the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) and the National Broadband Network (NBN) in preparation for the NBN roll out, took two years to finish. More than 600 sites have been identified in the project.

The NBN and AAPA undertook anthropological research and consultations with custodians to create the most up-to-date map ever produced for the Alice area.

AAPA Minister Bess Price said that due to the large scale of logistics required to create the map, nothing like it had been done before.

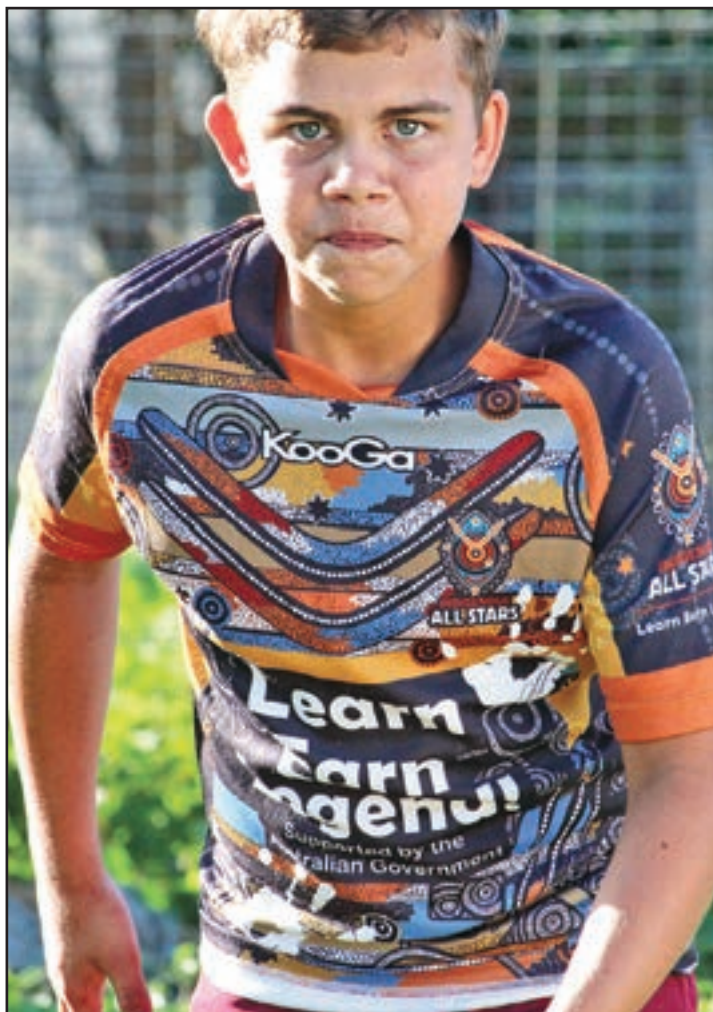
She said it was the most comprehensive consultation process the NBN has done anywhere in Australia.

New developments in the region will be able to use the map to incorporate the sacred sites into their working plan.

"Until now, no single developer has ever attempted to roll out infrastructure across the entire town. This is now possible due to the extensive work carried out by AAPA and NBN," Mrs Price said.

The NBN roll out will serve 9200 premises in the region. It is expected to take about five months.

Zach scores scholarship



Zach Alley-Prior: "I want to get a better life, a better education. It's very important to me. I like football more, though."

By CHRISTINE HOWES



"GRAB it, take it as it is and don't break the rules," was Dell Prior's advice to her 12-year-old grandson Zach Alley-Prior after he won a rugby league scholarship into Year 8 at Ipswich Grammar School.

The scholarship came after Zach was seen playing for Cairns in Innisfail, in far north Queensland, earlier this year. He will get opportunities to play at the highest levels – as long as he passes his school work.

"I made the Cairns team," he said. "I think it will be tough to play for Ipswich Grammar. It will be different to Cairns football."

Zach's mum Shandell is over the moon. "Me and my dad used to watch him when he was six and we knew he'd be good," she said.

Uncle Joe Wallace said Zach had a promising future. "A scout came up and saw Zach and a couple of other boys play in a trial game in Innisfail," he said.

"The kids get to go to Ipswich Grammar for five years and they'll play league and union."

"Ipswich Grammar has indirect links to the Reds for union and the Broncos, Titans and Roosters in league, as well as the Ipswich Jets."

Ipswich Grammar director of sport Nigel Greive said the school could provide a springboard for many opportunities. "I saw Zach playing ... in April and immediately saw something a bit special about his work rate and very strong running in the game, and that's where it all started," he said.

"He will be coming down mainly for his schoolwork, and the spin-off is his obvious passion for rugby league. He'll be introduced to rugby union as well."

Zach's favourite NRL team is the South Sydney Rabbitohs, and his favourite player is Cowboys captain Johnathan Thurston.

He said education was also important to him.

"I want to get a better life, a better education," he said. "It's very important to me. I like football more, though."

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Notice issued pursuant to section 85(1) of the *Constitution Act 1934*

Pursuant to section 82(1) of the *Constitution Act 1934* the South Australian Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission ("the Commission") is about to commence proceedings for the purpose of an electoral redistribution of South Australia into House of Assembly electoral districts.

What is the basis of the redistribution?

Whenever an electoral redistribution is made, the number of electors in each electoral district must not vary from the electoral quota by more than 10 per cent. The electoral quota is obtained by dividing the total number of electors for the House of Assembly as at a specified date, being a date not earlier than six months before the date of the Commission's order, by the number of electoral districts.

What is the task of the Commission?

In making an electoral redistribution, the Commission is required to:

- ensure, as far as practicable, that the electoral redistribution is fair to prospective candidates and groups of candidates so that, if candidates of a particular group attract more than 50 per cent of the popular vote (determined by aggregating votes cast throughout the state and allocating preferences to the necessary extent), they will be elected in sufficient numbers to enable a government to be formed;
- have regard, as far as practicable, to-
 - a) the desirability of making the electoral redistribution so as to reflect communities of interest of an economic, social, regional or other kind;
 - b) the population of each proposed electoral district;
 - c) the topography of areas within which new electoral boundaries will be drawn;
 - d) the feasibility of communication between electors affected by the redistribution and their parliamentary representative in the House of Assembly;
 - e) the nature of substantial demographic changes that the Commission considers likely to take place in proposed electoral districts between the conclusion of its present proceedings and the date of expiry of the present term of the House of Assembly.

The Commission is also authorised to have regard to any other matter it thinks relevant.

Can you make a submission?

The Commission invites representations from any person in relation to the proposed electoral redistribution.

Any persons wishing to make representations to the Commission regarding the proposed electoral redistribution may do so in writing, and deliver the representation either personally or by post to the Secretary of the Commission, by 5:00pm on Friday 15 April 2016.

When and where will the hearings take place?

The Commission will conduct a preliminary hearing as to demographic data which will commence at 10:00am on Tuesday, 2 February 2016 in the Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 3 Angas Street, Adelaide.

Please refer to our website ecs.sa.gov.au for more information and details of the Commission.

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Mining Lease Application 504 (Mining Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease.

An area of 620.52 hectares situated approximately 43 kilometres east south-east of Ulan, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Kepeco Bylong Australia Pty Ltd (ACN 075 361 769) is the applicant of Mining Lease Application 504 (*Mining Act 1992*), for a mining lease which would authorise the mining for coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

The Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman; Titles Program, Division of Resources and Energy, telephone (02) 4931 6578 or fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **30 December 2015**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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At the Kinchela reunion in Moree: front, Gus Wenberg, Richard Campbell, Paul Whitton, Trevor Elwood, Vince Wenberg, Angus Loaf, Pam Tighe, Maria Wenberg, Nell Harradine and Stan Harradine; back, Richard Sayers/Combo, Herbie Nixon, Lindsay Suey, Noel Gillon, Michael Welsh, Willie Leslie, Harry Ritchie, Lester Maher, Stephen Ridgeway/Maher, Cecil Bowden and Manuel Ebsworth.

Kinchela 'boys' gather in Moree

By JACKIE MUNRO



"IT gives me goosebumps when I think about it. It was just really

special to see the boys again after so long."

Uncle Michael Welsh's words reflect a sentiment shared by many survivors of the Kinchela Boys' Home (KBH) in Kempsey, NSW, when they were reunited at a gathering in Moree last month. For one, it had been 50 years since he had seen any of his fellow Kinchela boys.

The gathering was organised by the Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC), which is run by Kinchela survivors. Kinchela Boys' Home, which operated from 1924 to 1970, was home to more than 600 Aboriginal boys, as well as a small number of girls in the home's early years. All were taken from their parents.

Kinchela boys were stripped of their names and instead given numbers, and KBHAC is helping Kinchela survivors regain their identities and heal from the abuse and trauma inflicted on them by Kinchela staff and management.

The reunion, held at the Dhiyaan Aboriginal Centre, covered three days. It helped to connect Kinchela uncles with the Moree community.

As well as reconnecting the survivors, the reunion included a community yarn, morning tea and an Elders' lunch.

There was also a workshop on trauma and emotional wellbeing with Mullenjarli/Walkamin descendant Dr Derek Chong.

Moree-born Uncle Willie Leslie, taken from his family when he was 11, was never



Front: Lindsay Suey, Vince Wenberg, Gus Wenberg and Cecil Bowden. Middle, Raquel Clarke, Marj Treweek, Paul Whitton, Maria Wenberg, Nell Harradine, Cathy Dixon, Stan Harradine and Bruce Ellis. Back: Trevor Elwood, Richard Sayers/Combo, Dave Rendell and Paulette Whitton.



Richard Sayers (who was known as Richard Combo at KBH) and Paul Whitton. The reunion in Moree was the first time the two had seen each other in more than 50 years.

able to settle back into the Moree community after his release from Kinchela because everyone he had known as a child was gone, including his parents.

"The main reason why I went back to it (the reunion) was to find two old Kinchela boys, and we found them in the nursing homes," he said.

"But I also found some old friends and even one of my cousins. It was good to catch up."

One of these missing survivors was 80-year-old

Uncle Angus Loaf, who was taken from his family at Menindee, in far western NSW on the banks of the Darling River.

Following his release from Kinchela in 1948, Uncle Angus didn't return to his community, instead living and working in the Moree area.

None of the Kinchela boys knew where he was, and many thought he had passed away.

The story had a happy ending, because with the help of the Munro family and

Moree's Aunty Pam Tighe, KBHAC was able to find Uncle Angus living in a Moree nursing home.

Wailwan man Uncle Michael Welsh, who has worked with the KBHCA since 2009, has been to Kinchela survivors' reunions in centres including Dubbo, Batemans Bay, Kempsey and now Moree. He has been meeting with fellow Kinchela boys regularly over the past five years, and believes the gatherings are an important part of the healing process for both survivors and for communities.

"When I was younger, I was never able to talk about it, but now, getting to talk about it helped a lot, and it's something I wasn't able to do before," he said.

"When the boys get together and get down to talking, it's great to see them start yarning. It's really good to connect with the other brothers because they have all experienced the same thing.

"It's such a different time now. Now there's community acceptance and we're able to talk about it, which helps us heal. Heal us, and heal the community."

KBHAC is developing a Kinchela Boys' Home Healing Centre along with other projects, and Uncle Michael believes it will have a significant impact on helping survivors and their families move on from their trauma.

"We're all connected like a spiderweb across the land. If we start doing something here, then slowly, one day, it'll reach all of us," he said.

"I don't want to leave this world with all this pain and hurt in our communities and to have my children and our children carry our pain with them."



At the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV Awareness Week event in Cairns: from left, Hendrick Fourmile, Dr Mark Wenitong, Nerelle Nicol, Ian Saunders, Steven Oliver, Lala Nicol (seated), Neville Fazulla, George Skeene, Dr Gracelyn Smallwood, James Ward, Rochelle Watson and Simon Doyle-Adams.

New approach call over HIV

By CHRISTINE HOWES



COMEDIAN and actor Steven Oliver has a big question about HIV. "How do you defeat something that

has two of the world's most powerful tools on its side – fear and idiots?" the *Black Comedy* star asked at the launch of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV Awareness Week in Cairns.

Health experts are calling for a new approach to arrest rising rates of HIV in Indigenous communities.

At the Cairns event, Associate Professor James Ward, head of infectious diseases research Aboriginal health at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, presented HIV trends data and spoke about why a response was required and how a national crisis can be averted.

"We're at a really vulnerable point in our time in Australia," he said. "I think messages have been missed and we're trying to mobilise communities across the country to talk about HIV."

"This week gives a platform to start talking about HIV more and more in Aboriginal communities."

Mr Oliver, who recently lent his talents to a campaign about sexual health, said he had lost a close friend to HIV, and knew others who were living with it.

"After almost 30 years of those Grim Reaper ads on TV, people still can't differentiate between HIV and AIDS," he said. "And so that's a campaign which maybe worked a bit too well – see, they scared people that much it created a stigma surrounding HIV, therefore scaring people to not get tested, scaring people to discuss it and, inevitably, scaring people to thinking they had it."



Nerelle Nichol and Lala Nichol with Gracelyn Smallwood.

Diagnosis led family to many challenges

WHEN Nerelle Nichol's late brother Wayne was diagnosed as HIV positive, the family faced many challenges.

"It was up to my mother to convince my father to accept my brother's homosexuality," Ms Nichol said at the Cairns launch of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV Awareness Week.

She said her brother had been one of the participants in the first Anwernekenhe National HIV Alliance (an organisation that supports the rights of Indigenous people affected by HIV) conference in Alice Springs, 21 years ago.

"Over the years, my mother has been an ambassador for AIDS in Cairns," Ms Nichol said. "On World AIDS Day (December 1) some of the carers and some of the participants have always come to pick up mum if we haven't been available to take her."

"My mother is now 86 years of age. She saved a bit of my brother's quilt to go on the AIDS quilt, so I think it's a blessing, and I just feel very strongly that his spirit is with us today."

"When Wayne was diagnosed in Cairns he had very, very good care and it was very coordinated."

"And those people who cared for my brother are still very much a hope to my mother."

"So, I think we have much to be proud of from that era in Cairns, and that is something that I would like to see reinstated – that kind of holistic care rather than people fighting about who's going to take care of him."

"The more I think about it the more questions I seem to have, but I'll start with the one that stands out to me."

"How do you defeat something that has two of the world's most powerful tools on its side – fear and idiots?"

"You see, idiots are willing

to believe anything, especially when it's fuelled by fear. We could say education is the key, but the educated must be willing to learn."

"Do I have the answers?"

"Of course not."

"I do, however, think that we need to change the

focus, because rather than make people scared, we need to make them care."

"Care that the last time they had unsafe sex or shared a needle could well be a very important time, that could mean changes."

"Care that the decision they're making right now could very well be a decision that affects them for the rest of their lives."

"Care enough to tell friends to always keep safe."

"Care enough to know that when it comes to HIV they're not necessarily the only person who's affected."

Other speakers at the launch included Neville Fazulla, chair of the Anwernekenhe National HIV Alliance, a community-based organisation aimed at improving the lives and protecting the rights of Indigenous people affected by HIV; HIV ambassador Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, who was one of the original instigators of the Condoman campaign; and Apunipima Cape York Health Council public health medical advisor Dr Mark Wenitong.

Mr Fazulla said one of the many frustrations of her alliance was the lack of understanding surrounding HIV, including government insistence on treating the condition differently from other chronic conditions.

"I've lived with five chronic conditions," he said. "Like Auntie Gracelyn Smallwood said, we're all in it together, we're all the same; don't be afraid of it. It's like any other chronic condition and should be incorporated into service delivery."

Dr Ward said HIV awareness should not be limited to one week.

"What we're trying to do is get communities mobilised, get people talking about it, get them thinking about HIV on a more constant basis throughout the year," he said.

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- provide two work-related references
- be proficient in spoken and written English

Eligibility

These roles will be filled by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people as an equal employment opportunity program as per Section 65 of the *Public Sector Act 2009*.

Enquiries

Please contact Ms Joyleen Thomas, Principal Cultural Advisor on (08) 7109 7077 or 0434 367 367.

An information session will be held on Tuesday 5 January 2016. To register your interest for this session please contact Ms Thomas.

Applications

Applicants must email their applications to PTSDApply@sa.gov.au quoting the vacancy number. Applications must include a letter of no more than two pages addressing the essential minimum criteria, a curriculum vitae and completed coversheet, employment declaration and confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander descent form. The SA Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety is a core value.

Closing Date: 5:00pm Friday 8 January 2016

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Kevin (Macca) McDonald

Tasmanian Aboriginal Elder and artist
Cape Barren Island

Favourite bush tucker?
Mutton fish (abalone) and wallaby.

Favourite other food?
Salads.

Favourite drink?
Coffee, tea and beer.

Favourite music?
Country and Western – Hank Williams and Johnny Cash.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Building, working with wood and being creative with drift wood.

Favourite holiday destination?
Home – Cape Barren. The scrub and the beaches.

What do you like in life?
Being happy and free from misery.

What don't you like in life?
Negativity.

Which black or Indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Never got to meet him – Maurice Rioli, the great Richmond AFL legend.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Errol Flynn, my old grandfather Claude Mansell and Syd Jackson.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Instead of (government) pumping millions of dollars into foreign policy, direct it to Aboriginal communities to empower us to take charge of our own destiny, in health, education and training, drug and alcohol problems, domestic violence is a big one, deaths in custody, etc, etc...

Quote



"We'll be teaching the girls skills for life, so they can go on and be leaders in their communities, in their families and in their own lives."

– Inaugural Girl Academy principal Jessa Rogers

● See page 14

Unquote

MJDF deserves better than this

IT'S difficult to see the Commonwealth Government's decision to appeal against the Machado Joseph Disease Foundation's win in the Federal Court as anything but an act of bloody-minded bastardry. (See story page 9.)

Here's a foundation working to care for Aboriginal people living in remote areas suffering with a debilitating disease. It just won a national disability award for its commitment to community access.

And yet the MJDF has been fighting for more than two years for access to a grant from the Aboriginals Benefit Account, which was supported by the advisory committee, made up of Aboriginal people.

The foundation won in the Federal Court last month.

And now the Federal Government is appealing.

That's simply a waste of taxpayer money on lawyers and causing anger and distress in the remote communities affected.

It's Aboriginal money slated for an organisation that looks after vulnerable Aboriginal people.

The Federal Government should pull its head in and let Aboriginal people make decisions about how to spend their own money.

IF you're interested in treaties and how they might work, have a read of our special package about the proposal for an Assembly of First Nations on pages 30-31.

Barrister Tony McAvoy, SC, explains



OUR SAY

some of the reasons why he believes treaties are the way to go for self-determination – and how First Nations might get there.

AND a big, excited congrats to the Cape York Partnership and Cape York Women for setting up Australia's first boarding school to cater for the needs of young Indigenous mothers. (See story, page 14.)

What a great way to empower young women, by helping them care for bub while they finish school.

And they've clearly found a wonderful champion and role model in principal Jessa Rogers, whose commitment to education is simply inspiring.

FINALLY, the year is just about ended and the holiday season upon us. A big thanks to everyone who reads the Koori Mail, and who contacts us with story ideas, photos, poems and letters. It's your paper – and we love hearing from you.

Have a fantastic time catching up with family and friends.

Be gentle and safe with one another and we'll catch you in the new year.

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Dawn a woman for all seasons

By PETER ARGENT

DAWN Likouresis is the heart and soul of her community, and over a lifetime has given much to the people around her – especially youth.

An Adynyamathanha, Arabunna and Antakirinja woman, she grew up on Davenport community, 5km from Port Augusta in South Australia.

She's stayed around her country all her life, living in Coober Pedy before returning to Port Augusta about a decade ago.

Married to Peter and with children, Leilamarie, Eldine and Shaquille, and two granddaughters, Nikylah and Callista, her door has been open to all, and she proudly declares the young people she's helped have now become members of her extended family.

Known widely as 'Aunty Dawn', she's helped those who needed it, with sport a focus over the years.

"Aunty Dawn has always had a passion for helping others," Port Augusta's Tahma Jackson-Coulthard, one of the many youth she has helped, says. "It is extraordinary how much one woman can inspire you to pursue your dreams and aim high."

"I am honoured to have her looking out for me and my colleagues, and having faith in us."

Aunty Dawn is a great organiser, and not afraid to go straight to the top if it will help her cause.

About two decades ago, when Aunty Dawn saw US basketball legend Earvin 'Magic' Johnson was

in Australia she wrote to him, seeking support for the young people in Coober Pedy and surrounding areas. Magic called her personally and offered tickets to his exhibition game.

Aunty Dawn counts Hollywood greats among her contacts, organising for young people to meet stars including Val Kilmer, Benjamin Bratt, Cole Hauser, Anthony Anderson, Keith David and Vin Diesel while they were filming locally on movies including *Red Planet*, *Pitch Black* and *Kangaroo Jack*.

She's also planned school programs for Coober Pedy youth, inviting former Harlem Globetrotter Dwayne Cross and AFL stars Troy Bond and Ronnie Burns to join in.

Stars

Sports stars invited to the community included cricket greats Sir Ian Botham and Sir Viv Richards.

Olympian Cathy Freeman was the main speaker at a camp she arranged for local young women.

Aunty Dawn has coached soccer, basketball, netball and softball sides, and just last year she coached her first Australian rules side, in the Aboriginal State Football and Netball Carnival at Kilburn.

She serves on many committees and local groups.

Strong in her faith, she has a quote she lives by:

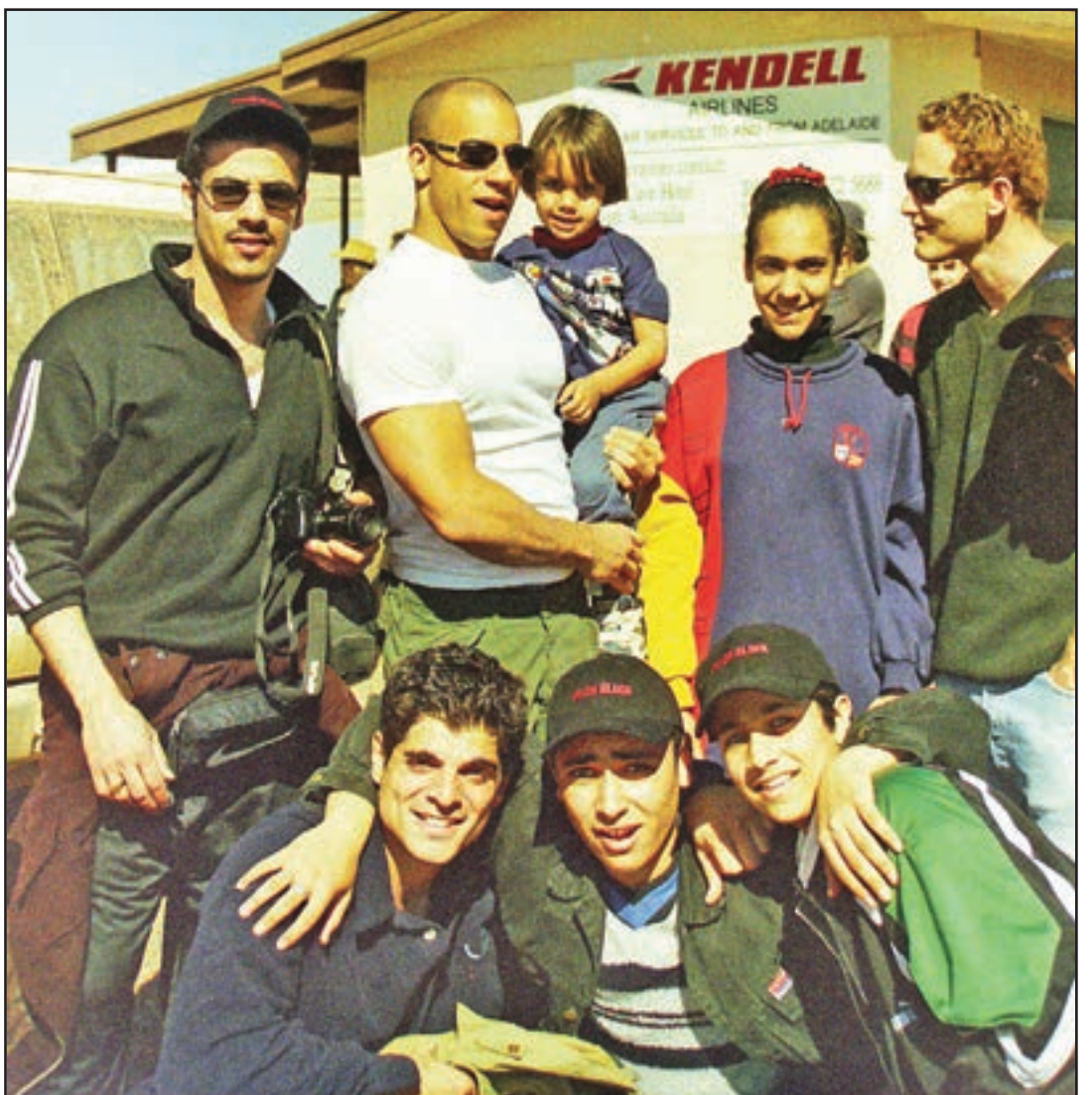
*Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
A heart that forgives the worst,
A mind that forgets the bad,
And a soul that never loses faith in God.*



Dawn Likouresis with cricket greats Viv Richards, left, and Ian Botham (now both knights) during their visit, organised by Aunty Dawn, to communities in the north of South Australia.



Ian Botham and Viv Richards meet some of the locals during their visit to Coober Pedy.



Hollywood action man Vin Diesel (in white t-shirt) with locals in Coober Pedy. The star was in the community for the filming of the movie *Pitch Black*.



Dawn Likouresis with Hollywood star Val Kilmer.

Deadly times at Orange High



ABORIGINAL
students at
Orange High
School in
central-

western NSW have
created their own
newspaper, *The Deadly
Times*.

Students came up with
story ideas, interviewed
community members and
Elders, took their own
photos and produced a
professional-looking
publication.

They printed 1000
copies and distributed
them throughout the
community.

Teacher in charge of
the project Kenneth Mills
said it had been a
pleasure to work with the
students, who put in an
enormous effort to come
up with a "truly deadly
publication".

● Pictured: Orange
High School students
Jarlen Munday and Kiara
Crossley present principal
David Lloyd with a copy
of *The Deadly Times*.

Book features songs from the Gulf Country



WARALUNGKU
Arts has launched
the *Gulf Country
Songbook*:
Yanyuwa, Marra,
Garrwa and
Gudanji songs in

Boroloola (NT) at a community
celebration attended by
hundreds of people.

The songbook is a
showcase of some of the
many songs composed in
Yanyuwa, Marra, Garrwa and
Gudanji languages over the
past 100 years.

There are songs of land
rights claims, of the maranja –
dugong hunters of excellence,
paddling a canoe on the sea
at night – boundary riders on
a pastoral station, and
ancestral beings journeying
across country.

Gudanji man Allan Baker
Bajayi said he was learning
songs from the book.

"This was our way of
history keeping," he said.

The songbook offers
insights into the social history
of the region, the critically
endangered languages of the
Gulf country, and the
composers and singers.

Nearly 50 song lyrics and
their English translations or
interpretations are included in
the songbook, as well as
rhythmic transcriptions, a CD
of the songs, and a DVD of
micro documentaries about
some of the songs.

Codes on song pages also
allow readers to listen to the
songs on mobile devices.

The *Gulf Country Songbook*
is available through
Waralungku Arts or go to
www.waralungku.com/

Garrwa singer
Hazel Godfrey
of Robinson
River, NT, sang
Mararabarna
songs at the
launch of *Gulf
Country
Songbook*.

Picture: Karin
Riederer



Dinah Norman, Marjorie Keighran and Jemima Miller sing
Yanyuwa songs at Jawuma.

Picture: Benjamin Warlungundu Ellis Bayliss

Songlines theme for NAIDOC



'SONGLINES – The
living narrative of our
nation' has been
chosen as the 2016
NAIDOC theme.

The theme aims to
highlight the importance of songlines
to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
people and how songlines connect to
the Dreamtime.

National NAIDOC Committee
co-chairs Anne Martin and Ben
Mitchell said the committee chose the
theme to encourage all
Australians to explore
and celebrate how
songlines have helped
Indigenous people
remain connected to
country.

They said songlines
have shared sacred
stories and ceremonies
for tens of thousands
of years and the
theme will showcase
Indigenous histories
and connection to the
land.

"Through learning more about
songlines, all Australians can
celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander cultures as the oldest
continuing cultures on the planet," Ms
Martin said.

Historically, songlines were used to
navigate vast distances and mapped
oceans, waterholes, rivers, bird,
animals, plants and hunting grounds,

and are now recorded in traditional
arts, crafts, dance, songs and stories.

Mr Mitchell said he is excited to
see how the theme will be reflected in
the artwork submitted as part the
NAIDOC poster competition next year.

"Songlines crisscross the
Australian landscape and extend for
large distances across many of the
beautiful land elements we have in
this country. It will be great to see how
artists interpret the theme and
Australia's landscape onto canvas,"
he said.

The 2016 National
NAIDOC Poster
Competition offers a
\$5000 cash prize and
the winning entry will be
recognised nationwide
as the official 2016
National NAIDOC
poster. The competition,
now open, will close on
March 21.

Nominations for the
2016 National NAIDOC
Awards are also open,
and the winners of the

10 categories will be acknowledged
for their contributions and talents as
Indigenous Australians at a ceremony
during NAIDOC Week.

NAIDOC Week will run officially
from July 3-10.

For more information, including
competition and nomination forms and
ideas on how to celebrate, visit
www.naidoc.org.au

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Work to preserve our culture

I WAS reading the letter about Deebing Creek, Ipswich (Save Deebing Creek, *Koori Mail*, December 2).

I have been following this story in the *Queensland Times* and find it most disturbing.

I am a Wiradjuri person from NSW living on Bribie Island, trying to preserve what is left here of our Indigenous culture.

I believe it is time for all Aboriginal people to work to preserve our culture. It does not matter where we live; we are all brothers and sisters and have a responsibility to care for land. It does not matter if it is ours or not.

Cemetery sites are sacred. The story should be researched and preserved for future generations.

It is time to get behind the people of Ipswich. Culture should not be lost for financial gain.

We need a system to help all our brothers and sisters all around Australia (we are all one family).

Ron Powell
Bribie Island, Qld

Vital ceremonies

THE obstacles to maintaining culture are many in urban environments, due to lack of private ceremonial grounds, funds, work commitments and people being so geographically dispersed.

It only takes a couple of passionate leaders to make things happen in a community.

Aunty Di Kerr and Aunty Irene Morris are such people, being instrumental in supporting and guiding a special Wurundjeri ceremony in Melbourne for our young women, with the assistance of community leaders such as myself.

Many years ago, I found a reference that described the Murrum Turukuruk (which loosely translates to body-female) in detail, which led me on a journey to figure out a way that we could recreate it. As with most Indigenous communities, I was surrounded by many young girls. I felt that because I was not exposed to these kinds of ceremonies growing up, the next generation didn't have to.

This is a community ceremony where men are welcome to view the final ceremony. We wanted each girl to learn the roles and responsibilities of being a young woman and no longer being a child. We also wanted them to take something home with them as a symbol of this.

We held activities over two weekends, leading up to the final ceremony at the conclusion of the second weekend, at Nioka Bush Camp, in South Morang, Victoria. I invited all Indigenous women to assist the girls who would be going through the



Wurundjeri senior Elders and sisters Aunty Diane Kerr (back third from left) and Aunty Irene Morris (back fifth from left) with letter-writer Mandy Nicholson (between the aunties) and ceremony participants. Ms Nicholson says the photo holds much significance as it marks the first time that this ceremony has taken place in its entirety since European arrival.

ceremony. I made an effort to only invite Indigenous women, as a community grows strong when our culture is strong, as opposed to 'performances' for the general public.

We lack ceremony for our own communities, so doing so maintains staunch, proud people, as living in the city does not encourage this.

We showed the girls how to make their own 'dhirrarra' (reed necklaces) and possum skin 'kaiung' (women's apron/belt). We also got the girls to create designs relating to their animal spiritual protectors, and used a wood burner to put these onto the possum skins.

We also taught the girls some basic language (Woiwurrung) and

a Wominjeka ngarra (welcome dance), which honours all the generations of women before us and cleanses the ceremonial ground. We also painted them up with ochre sourced from country to symbolise their connection to Mother Earth (legs), fertility of women (belly), nurturing arms of a mother (arms), connection to Mother Earth through your mind, body and soul (face), with a circle to symbolise the continuation of culture.

We encourage the girls who have participated in the ceremony this year to take a leadership role and mentor the girls next year. In 2016 we will also be incorporating a 'Wominjeka bubup biik-dui' (welcome baby to country

ceremony), exposing babies to ceremony as soon as possible.

Young Indigenous girls face racism at school and in the wider community, leading them to sometimes question their identity.

It is crucial that these ceremonies continue as they are at that critical age where they form the beginnings of the women they will become. We are creating leaders.

Ceremonies like this one help our girls stand tall. One mother told me afterwards, that her stepdaughter has a renewed pride in her Aboriginality, and that is what these kind of things are all about.

MANDY NICHOLSON
Melbourne, Vic

POETRY

If Only

It's been 20 years now
The pain still lingers
I live this life with a heavy heart
Tears shed and dried
Memories and reasons...
still swirl in my mind.

No use asking
Why?
That question died...
Left, unanswered, long ago
It is us you left behind
To write the poetry
To console our torn hearts.

Oh little brother...
If only you can see what I see
today.
A world,
You were meant to be in...
A world
You could have thrived in.
If only
If only
If only.

IRENE HOWE
Browns Plains, Qld

Unbelievable

A silly little argument, that led to no-one's harm,
The man laid on the road, as to permit death to come,
Along came a police officer and put the man in arrest,
The man's dear wife cried, he's only just upset.
Why, why do you make an arrest, in disgust at the gungis
Unsympathetic actions, Places the woman in emotional distraction.
She pulls off her jumper, ties it around her neck,
Starts the pull as she loses her breath,
The gungis run in and also arrest.
At the hospital father is very upset,
Wants to talk to daughter in private,
Have respect, father said, But test from the gungis oppose this he plead,
Um not allowed gungi says, his reply as she was on ventilation,
No I said, just needs attention, Daught walkin around, she's fine out of bed.
Please let dad talk to daught, away from prying ears.
No he says, the daughter and father turn to tears.
A typical scenario for all Original people,
Then DOCS came and well they just evil,
Still permitted to do their filthy deal to steal,
The very heart of our Original people.
Shame on gubbas, they are pitiful,
Still dealing their ways, they are unbelievable.

PETER FOSTER
Campbelltown, NSW

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

Even if sent via email, all letters and

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

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We are in need of healing

AS I reflect on the past year I found myself coming back to a comment written in the *Koori Mail's* previous editorial referring to the tragic case of Ms Dhu: "... and ultimately she was also a victim of domestic violence by someone she loved".

We Aboriginal people are in need of healing. We need to take responsibility for our families and ourselves and understand better how the pain we carry hurts those around us.

I'm not talking about a hardline punitive "need to take responsibility" such as is being sold as Aboriginal reform by government and in the media. I mean a caring "Are you okay, my sista, my brotha?" connected to an extended family and community sort of way; the way I believe we should be.

It was through the people I loved that my early addictions and self-harming behaviours began. It was uncles and older cousins who introduced me to yarndi (marijuana). I don't mean youthful experimentation. I mean systematic abuse of substance.

They were supposed to clip me around the ear and tell me to "knock off", not ask me if I knew where they "could score".

What we believed were flirtatious playful sexual attractions ("Ask her if she wants to see me") were, in reality,

abuse and sexualising of our youth.

There is nothing romantic about "hole there" or "Did you tear her cuzz?" There is nothing loving, caring or funny about "What's this then, s*ut?" This is a violent and misogynistic language that maintains oppression against our women.

And from my generation was the biggest label of all: "SHAME". Remember that one? It's why we wouldn't talk up in class, didn't want to get better grades making us stand out or even attempt to try – because that would be "shame".

If your yard was tidy, you had food in the fridge or a flash house, you were an "uptown nigga". Just think how we would speak about ourselves: "Stop ginning around" or if someone burnt a cigarette in a brand new sofa we would all say, "Blackfellas just can't have anything nice."

Yes, my beautiful sistas and my loving, caring brothas, we are hurting and only we can turn this around. We used to all laugh and say, "They just too Black," or "real Blackfella, ay" or even "Mission bred", but you know what?

This was never Aboriginal culture. We were not a naturally shy people who were opposed to success.

This was trauma. A deep,



Woolombi Waters

emotional trauma that reflects unspeakable crimes carried by families who never received the support required to put an end to the pain over generations of suffering – yes, suffering – and it has to stop.

I too am suffering. I didn't grow up with my Aboriginal mother. I love her, but I will never have the relationship with her I should. Neither will my children.

I cry. I am diagnosed with depression and I cut myself off

from the people I love and my wife pays a terrible burden for loving me.

I have a history of drug abuse, domestic, emotional and physical violence, both as a victim and as a perpetrator. I have spent time in jail, have been hospitalised several times for mental health issues and will be taking medication until I die.

I am no better or worse than anyone else who has fought pain and lost. I just have a privileged opportunity to share with others and, as I reflect on this year, Christmas, Jesus, faith and everything in-between, this is what I wanted to write.

People also ask me how I turned everything around.

There are two things most important I want to share.

Prayer and taking responsibility changed my life. I believe in Jesus Christ as the son of Biami (God and creation) and see no conflict within my own Burruguu-ngayi-li or Dreaming. I wrote only last week that one of the greatest lies told to our people was that we had to join the system to change it.

The other lie was that Jesus was white. Jesus was Black, as a direct descendant of Abraham who came out of Africa.

When I was lost and in unspeakable isolation I would pray. I still do, first thing in the

morning and before bed.

In prayer I began to read and in reading I learnt that I was responsible, not for my pain, but for choosing to dwell in it and allow it to overcome me rather than choose other options that would guide me out of the darkness.

I had to stop making excuses and blaming others and face consequences. I had to stop lying and accept, though I was a victim and yes life was unfair, I was also prolonging my pain rather than ending it.

We all do it; we gossip, we say things that hurt and we judge others rather than look inward at ourselves. I had to break association with people I love in rebuilding my life.

It is a journey I am still on and will be until the day I die, and rather than get easier it gets harder.

I often laugh that at my age life should be slowing down, not getting busier, and my commitments should be less, not more.

I wouldn't have it any other way.

Merry Christmas and see you all again in the New Year.

Dr Woolombi Waters is an award-winning writer, educator and academic at Griffith University.

The right mindset

RECENTLY I attended the Eighth Global Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Seoul, South Korea.

Until the late 19th century, Korea was ruled by a centuries-old dynasty that adopted a policy of isolationism, resisting attempts to open up trade and diplomacy. Korea was colonised by Japan in 1910 and World War II left it under Allied occupation – Soviets in the north and the United States in the south. The North's invasion of the South triggered the Korean War. There have been two Koreas ever since.

Half a century ago South Korea was one of the poorest countries in the world, with few natural resources and little industry. Today it's an economic powerhouse, a member of the G20 and a leading global manufacturer.

South Korea consistently positioned itself where it had the most competitive advantage. Initially this was low-cost labour and exporting cheap goods.

As GDP grew, it invested in infrastructure and industry and moved to high-tech manufacturing. It also embraced Western ideas like democracy and free markets.

Meanwhile, North Korea remained locked in poverty and isolation.

(Great British leader) Winston Churchill described democracy as "the worst form of government except for all those other forms that

have been tried from time to time".

Those of us who live in modern democracies can take them for granted, even be self-critical. We forget most people don't have what we have.

The *Economist* intelligence unit publishes a Democracy Index that scores electoral process and pluralism, civil liberties, functioning of government, political participation and political culture. Countries are grouped into full democracies (score eight or more), flawed democracies (6-8), hybrid regimes (4-6) and authoritarian regimes (below 4). 'Flaws' include weak democratic culture, low political participation, political instability and corruption.

The 2014 Index had only 24 full democracies, covering 12.5% of the world's population, and 52 flawed democracies covering a further 35.5%. More than half the world – 3.6 billion people – live in systems that are not democracies. Very few have the kind of democracy and liberty Australia enjoys.

South Korea has a liberal democracy, a free market economy, civil liberties, the rule of law and participates in the global marketplace. It ranks 21st on the Democracy Index. North Korea has a totalitarian dictatorship, a centrally controlled, dysfunctional economy and chooses complete isolation. It ranks last.

Australia consistently scores in



Warren Mundine

the top 10. We're one of the freest countries in the world.

Like most countries, Australia's history includes shameful chapters. We need to be able to leave them in history.

Closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is, therefore, critical.

The greatest challenge to economic development for Indigenous Australians isn't a lack of money, assets or opportunities, nor discrimination and historical wrongs. It's a mindset that afflicts

many colonised peoples – that participating in the modern economy means turning your back on your culture.

The mindset is wrong. For thousands of years, humans have shared ideas and innovations and used them to advance their societies. Democracy, for example, was an innovation originating in Greece that took hold throughout Europe. South Korea celebrates Korean culture side by side with modernity and has acculturated Western norms into its own.

Australia's First Nations were isolated from other human groups until the late 1700s. First contact with Europeans wasn't about sharing ideas, but dispossession and death. But today Indigenous Australians can and should embrace the best the world has to offer.

Jean-Marie Tjibaou, a leader of the Kanaks of New Caledonia, once said: "We are not survivors of prehistory, still less archaeological fossils, but men of flesh and blood."

The greatest threat to indigenous cultures is to be treated like museum pieces. Colonised peoples, too, can modernise and adapt. Our cultures, too, can embrace the best of both worlds.

Democracy, corporate governance, competition and free market economics, private land title, using land as an economic asset, protection against discrimination. These are all ideas

colonised peoples can benefit from.

Australia, too, can learn from South Korea. The world is constantly changing. Ideas that worked in the past won't always make sense in the future.

Our system wasn't built for a 24/7 digital, globalised economy. We must reform areas like penalty rates, subsidies, free trade and tax without seeing proposals howled down or political leaders too timid to pursue them.

Clinging to rusted-on principles will impede Australia and leave us uncompetitive.

Reform is hard. Great political leaders clearly communicate why reform is needed. They say, "This is where I'm going to take you and this is how I'm going to take you there." And clear communication means speaking to people in a way they understand; not treating them like fools.

Democracy, opportunity, free markets and adaptation are far more important to achieving sustainable economic growth than natural resources, wealth or history.

There's no better illustration of this than the Korean Peninsula. It's one we can all learn from.

Nyunggai Warren Mundine is chairman and managing director of Nyungga Black Group and chairs the Prime Minister's Aboriginal Advisory Council.

IF YOU BASH ONE WOMAN YOU SHAME US ALL

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS ALL OF OUR BUSINESS

ANYONE can report it. **ONLY** the police can charge a person. **ONLY** the police can withdraw charges.

To report domestic violence anonymously, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit www.crimestoppers.com.au

Where a life is in danger or a crime is taking place always call Triple Zero (000).



NSW Police Force

Amnesty's first column

WELCOME to the first regular *Koori Mail* column from Amnesty International Australia. I'm Tammy Solonec, a Nigena woman from Derby in the Kimberley of Western Australia, although Perth on Noongar Boodja has been my home for 25 years.

I am a lawyer by profession, having completed my qualifications at the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA, and I was formerly a director of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. I am currently the Indigenous rights manager at Amnesty International Australia.

Our Indigenous rights team consists of Indigenous rights advisor and former Tasmanian ATSIC commissioner Rodney Dillon, and Indigenous rights campaigners Julian Cleary and Roxanne Moore. Julian is a lawyer who previously worked with Indigenous people, including at the Central Land Council in Alice Springs. Roxanne is a Noongar woman, a lawyer, and Fulbright scholar who worked previously for the Chief Justice of Western Australia, Wayne Martin, and with Mick Gooda in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice unit of the Australian Human Rights Commission. You'll be hearing from Rodney, Julian and Roxanne in future columns.

At Amnesty International we are committed to the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In Australia we've been focusing on Indigenous issues for about eight years. Our first big campaign worked with the Alyawarr and Anmatyerr communities of Utopia in the Northern Territory on Indigenous people's right to live on their ancestral homelands.

Our current campaign, 'Community Is Everything', aims to end the overrepresentation of our children in the criminal justice

system, creating a better future for Indigenous kids.

Australia's Second Universal Periodic Review (UPR): This first column will concentrate on the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Australia, held last month in Geneva, Switzerland. I was fortunate enough to attend the review, to monitor the comments by 107 other countries on Indigenous issues, and to be able to feed that information back to the mob at home.

During the UPR, each country judges other countries on their human rights record. Last month's review was Australia's second UPR, after the first in 2011.

It was clear from both of Australia's reviews that countries are very concerned about the rights of Indigenous people and refugees in Australia.

An issue that cuts across refugee and Indigenous rights was the recommendation by 27 nations that Australia ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture, which Australia committed to do at the 2011 review. This would allow UN investigators to inspect all places of detention in Australia (including police lockups, prisons, juvenile detention centres and refugee detention centres) to ensure they comply with international standards.

Countries were not impressed that Australia committed to do this four years ago and had made almost no progress since then.

Indigenous Incarceration: Many nations, including Canada, Ireland, Paraguay, Denmark, the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Poland, decried the soaring rates of detention of Indigenous people, particularly our children. They recommended mandatory sentencing be ended and urged Australia to raise the age of criminal



Amnesty International's Tammy Solonec

responsibility to at least 12 to comply with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Government response was disappointing, claiming it would address incarceration by targeting long-term drivers of violence: education, employment and economic development – the same rhetoric we have heard for years.

There was no mention of strategies such as justice targets and justice reinvestment, for which the Change the Record Coalition, of which Amnesty is a member, has been advocating. There was no funding commitment for early intervention, prevention and diversion.

Closing the Gap: Countries made many comments about the need to close the gap on health, housing, education and employment, and about the rights of

Indigenous people in remote communities, women and children.

However, there was also misplaced praise of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, without mentioning the strategy had ripped off \$500 million from Indigenous community control since the last UPR.

Peru urged Australia to better support Indigenous institutions and specifically mentioned the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, but Australia's response made no mention of Congress not being granted any further funding.

Constitutional reform:

Georgia, Sri Lanka, Estonia and Korea urged Australia to continue the process of Constitutional Recognition, without mentioning it had stalled on several occasions nor that there is a lot of disagreement about it amongst Indigenous people. Russia focused on the need to remove racism from the Constitution.

Violence against women:

Many nations were concerned about high rates of violence against women, with the US and Singapore specifically mentioning Indigenous women. Others praised the National Action Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children. The Government noted that \$100 million had been invested in the plan, including \$21 million for Indigenous people. However, that is being spent on policing in remote locations, and not allocated to the family violence prevention legal services.

Homelands communities: The US and Mexico raised the threat of closure of homelands communities, including the forced eviction and demolition of Oombulgurri in WA. The need for health, housing, education, employment and community safety for people in rural and remote areas (particularly

women and children) was raised by Bolivia, Croatia, Portugal and the Republic of Moldova.

Disability Rights: Disability rights were strongly represented in the review, including discrimination and violence against Indigenous people. Australia was praised for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and committed to address the indefinite detention of people with disabilities, many of them Indigenous, like the cases of Marlon Noble and Rosie Fulton.

Where to from here?

By March the Government must decide what recommendations to accept, and it held an NGO forum in Canberra to hear civil society comments.

The UPR is very useful for Indigenous people. We now know which countries are most concerned about issues affecting us, and can write to those countries to thank them for their comments and provide them with updates. We can also lobby our Government to accept and implement the recommendations most relevant to us.

There is a really important role for Indigenous people and organisations to play in monitoring the implementation of the recommendations in the lead up to the next UPR (which will most probably be in 2020). People can make submissions, do their own lobbying, or contribute to the work of the NGO Coalition or Indigenous organisations already working on the issue like the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

We anticipate that public and media interest in the UPR will continue to grow, and we encourage Indigenous people and organisations to remain engaged in the UPR process and hold Australia to account.

Changes show the way

TOO often, people living in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory tell me of their frustrations at being land rich but dirt poor.

It is not good enough that Aboriginal people have vast land assets but are being prevented from leveraging them to create real and long-lasting benefits for themselves and their communities.

It is not that Aboriginal Territorians don't want to use their land. They do, and there are success stories, for example in Gunyangara, where the Gumatj Corporation is employing 60 local people in a range of businesses, including a timber mill and furniture-making workshop, a nursery, a community store and a café.

In addition, the Gumatj Corporation operates the Garrihiya cattle station and abattoir and a site has been identified for a small-scale bauxite mine at which a new mining training centre is being developed.

Success stories like that of the Gumatj Corporation show how much potential there is for Aboriginal communities to use their land to create economic opportunities. But to date there have been too few of these success

stories, in part because Aboriginal people have faced bureaucratic obstacles not placed in front of other Australians.

Some of these obstacles have prevented provisions in the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* which allow Northern Territory land councils to delegate certain functions and powers to Aboriginal corporations from being used, even though they have been available since 2006.

The passage of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2015* through the Australian Parliament has removed these barriers and provided clearer parameters for applications.

The changes make it easier for land councils to agree to Aboriginal corporations – comprised of traditional owners or community members from a certain area – carrying out land council functions and powers concerning local land-use decisions.

The Government supports the local empowerment of traditional owners and communities and we are committed to removing the current bureaucratic delays in land councils that prevent commercial decision making.



Nigel Scullion

This is key to opening up economic opportunities for Aboriginal people as it would allow local organisations to play a greater role in the management of their land and create local capacity to take advantage of economic opportunities.

The *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2015* also makes a number of

amendments to facilitate a sublease at Mutitjulu that will empower community members and land owners with localised decision making about the use of their land, and enable them to take advantage of the economic development opportunities offered by Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Earlier this year, I joined Galarrwuy Yunupingu and other Gumatj traditional owners at the Garma Festival to sign a memorandum of understanding for a community entity township lease covering Gunyangara.

My strong hope is Gunyangara can provide a model for other communities that want to administer township leases, giving traditional owners a new option when determining tenure arrangements that work best for them.

Instead of leasing their community to the Executive Director of Township Leasing, a strong community entity may instead take control of the township lease and have direct responsibility for decisions about local land use. Some communities may wish to lease to the Executive Director of Township Leasing with provision for a transfer to a

community entity in the future.

The *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2015* also demonstrates the Government's commitment to recognise traditional ownership of land in the NT. It schedules three parcels of land in the Vernon Islands, Simpson Desert and the Wickham River (including Yarralin) areas. Once scheduled, land rights can be granted giving traditional owners access to the benefits of being the recognised land owners under a strong land rights scheme.

I am proud of the amendments to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. They demonstrate what can be achieved when there is a productive relationship between traditional owners, land councils and the Australian Government.

And I am particularly pleased the amendments have the support of the NT land councils. I look forward to joining them next year to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Act passing through the Australian Parliament.

NT Country Liberal Party senator Nigel Scullion is the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister

Tshala, Business Credit Analyst



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HERITAGE ACT, 1977

S60 APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given, under Section 61 of the *Heritage Act 1977* that the Heritage Council of NSW has received an application for the provision of landscaping, planting, creek restoration and promenade works in the Gardens Precinct (stage 1 works) at Parramatta Park and Old Government House. Parramatta Park and Old Government House are listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR Listing No. 00596) made under the *Heritage Act 1977*.

Applicant: Parramatta Park Trust

Proposal: Landscaping, planting, creek restoration and promenade works in the Gardens Precinct (stage 1 works)

The Heritage Council invites written submissions regarding the proposal. Submissions are to be forwarded to the Heritage Council's postal address, below, to be received by **close of business on the 8 January 2016**. Note that if a submission is made by a way of objection, the reasons for objection must be specified in the submission. Unless you state otherwise, copies may also be provided to the applicant or other interested parties in some circumstances.

The application relating to the proposal may be inspected at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment & Heritage, 3 Marist Place, Parramatta, or at Parramatta City Council Customer Service Desk at 126 Church Street, Parramatta between 8:30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Further enquiries may be made at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, by contacting Felicity Barry, A/Senior Team Leader, Archaeology at Felicity.Barry@environment.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9995 6914.

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Ashley Bropho, left, Brendan Morrison and Declan Milligan cook up a storm at Outcare's community barbecue in Claisebrook, Perth, during Disability Awareness Week.

Raising awareness



WESTERN Australia's Outcare celebrated Disability Awareness Week with a community barbecue at Claisebrook, Perth, earlier this month. The barbecue gave people the chance to chat and share a plate of food with people who have 'hidden' disabilities.

Disability Awareness Week ran from November 29 to December 5 with the aim of raising awareness of people living with disabilities.

The Disability Services Commission provided community organisations with grants of \$250 or \$500 to be used for events and activities during the week to show the importance of access and inclusion for all.

Rangers help save quolls



ABORIGINAL rangers have helped to collect nearly 100 northern quolls from Astell Island in the Gulf of

Carpentaria and return them to the mainland, where they will be taught to avoid eating cane toads. The quolls were collected by a team from the Territory Wildlife Park (TWP), Marthakal Rangers from Galiwin'ku, the Dhimurru Rangers from Nhulunbuy, and scientists.

TWP staff will start training the quolls to avoid cane toads, and hope to release half the trained quolls into the Mary River region of Kakadu next year to establish a wild population.

The northern quoll is under threat, mostly from eating the poisonous cane toads.

In 2003, the Island Ark project moved a group of 45 northern quolls to Astell Island and a further 19 quolls to the nearby Pobassoo Island. They were left to repopulate away from human interference and threats. The project was a success, with thousands of quolls now on the two islands.



Northern quolls that have been bred on Astell Island are being trained to avoid eating poisonous cane toads.

TWP curator Dion Wedd was on the team which found suitable quolls to bring back to the mainland for training.

"Research has shown that by exposing northern quolls to food mixed with the skin of toads and a nausea inducing chemical, they quickly learn to avoid such foods and therefore they learn to avoid cane toads," he said.

"As the female northern quolls are very nurturing and protective of their young, they teach their young to avoid cane

toads and this lesson is passed down to future generations."

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Minister Bess Price said cane toads are an ever-increasing threat to wildlife.

"Our vigilance is needed at every level to combat their movement into the Territory," she said.

"I fully support this innovative program and applaud the hard work and dedication of our Territory Wildlife Park team."



NITV journalist Danny Teece-Johnson believes he was racially profiled by Redfern Police on his way to work.

Redfern search sparks concern

By NATALIE CROMB



NATIONAL Indigenous Television (NITV) news journalist Danny Teece-Johnson has spoken out about a recent experience in which he says he was racially profiled on his way through Redfern station while going to work. Mr Teece-Johnson, a Gomeri (NSW) man, said a police officer put his hand on his shoulder and pulled him up for a "quick chat".

When Mr Teece-Johnson asked why, as he had just walked passed a sniffer dog without incident, he was told that the officers were looking for someone who "fits your description" and he was required to accompany them to a room where he was to be searched for drugs. The police searched his person, pockets and bag.

Mr Teece-Johnson shared an account of the incident on his social media account, saying that he was searched at random and given the description of "about my height, beard, shaved head and Aboriginal appearance".

Ultimately, Mr Teece-Johnson was cleared of any wrongdoing and allowed to continue on his way to work, but he made clear to the officers that he was a journalist and would be speaking and writing about the incident.

Following Mr Teece-Johnson's social media post about the incident, it became clear that this was not an isolated incident according to the many people who commented on their own experiences with racial profiling.

Josh Nicholas wrote: "They stopped me at Ashfield station last week and they were extremely rude and confronting, accusing me of being high (when) I was on my way home from work. (Stripped) searched me and kept me for a half an hour. Of course they found nothing but didn't even apologise to me."

Police response

Superintendent Luke Freudenstein, from the Redfern Local Area Command, told the *Koori Mail* he conducted an investigation of the incident by speaking with the officers at the train station and by viewing the CCTV footage.

"The officers present were bewildered by the allegations as the search was routine and within protocol and they certainly didn't racially target the gentleman. In fact, they commented how courteous and cooperative he was," he said.

Supt Freudenstein said he believed Mr Teece-Johnson was mistaken in how he perceived the police actions and invited him to attend the station to review the footage and be informed of how the protocols were followed.



At the opening of the new Yarrabah women's shelter are, from left, Georgina Paris, Queensland Government ministers Curtis Pitt and Leeanne Enoch, Maria Richards and Josephine Murgha.

Yarrabah shelter opened



A NEW \$868,000 women's shelter at Yarrabah, east of Cairns, will be managed by the community's Aboriginal Corporation for Women. Queensland Housing and Public Works

Minister Leeanne Enoch (who has since changed portfolios) said the five-bed shelter will provide safe, temporary accommodation and support for women and children in the Yarrabah community.

Ms Enoch, a Quandamooka (Qld) woman, said the Not Now, Not Ever report into family and domestic violence underlined how important

accommodation and support are for victims of violence, and the Yarrabah Women's Shelter is a "significant investment to this end".

The State Government is also providing nearly \$400,000 a year for the next three years to fund support services at the shelter.

Safe place

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt said he was pleased to see there was now a safe place for women and children in Yarrabah to go in times of family crisis.

He thanked the Yarrabah Women's

Group for their advocacy and for all they do in the community.

"Indigenous women are 35 times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be hospitalised for spousal or domestic partner assaults. That's a horrific statistic we have to combat," Mr Pitt said.

Ms Enoch said she looks forward to the day that women's shelters are no longer needed.

"Domestic violence has no place in our community, and it is up to all of us to drive the change in attitudes and behaviour needed to eradicate it," she said.



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- Narrabri to North Star

ARTC has commissioned GHD Pty Ltd and Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Assessment as part of this EIS process.

ARTC invites Aboriginal knowledge holders for these two project areas to register their interest in being involved in the consultation process.

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- 15 January 2016

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Principles to guide the development of the Assembly of First Nations

Self Determination

In line with various articles in the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples we:

- determine our own political status (article 3)
- exercise autonomy or self-government in matters relating to our internal and local affairs (art 4)
- maintain and strengthen our distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions (art 5)
- exercise our right to belong to an Indigenous community or nation, in accordance with the traditions and customs of the community or nation concerned (art 9)
- participate in decision-making in matters which would affect our rights, through representatives chosen by ourselves (art 18)
- will determine our own identity or membership in accordance with our customs and traditions (art 33)
- will determine the responsibilities of individuals to their communities (art 35).

Respect for and protection of culture

We will:

- act and behave with respect for the cultural authority of each nation
- recognise and respect the right of each Nation to be different
- work in ways that strengthen the inherent right of each nation to exercise self-determination as outlined above
- engage respectfully with each nation and with each other.

Inclusiveness

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples can contribute to and participate in the development of the assembly.

We will facilitate the engagement with and contribution from as many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as practicable.

This is an extract from the Social Justice and Native Title Report 2014, by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

Answers to what, who, why and how

Here are answers to some fundamental questions about the planned Assembly of First Nations.

Who can be a member of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN)?

All First Nations can be members of the assembly. The process allows for self-nomination and it is expected that there will be some overlap.

What is a First Nation?

The term 'First Nation' is intended to identify the people who collectively hold the primary right to speak for their country.

Why do we need an Assembly of First Nations?

Through a collective voice with the mandate or 'cultural authority' to speak for country we can present our strongest

argument for self determination and settlement of our grievances. Without a collective voice it will be impossible to convince government that it must settle with us and actively promote our self-determination.

What is the difference from the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples ('Congress')?

The structure of the Congress allows for the appointment of people by popular vote. The delegates, board and co-chairs are not the endorsed representative for their First Nation. While some of the individuals on the Congress might hold positions and be endorsed by their First Nation, it is not a prerequisite for election and most of the delegates will not have that endorsement. This is no

criticism, but a reality of the Congress structure. The end result is that the Congress cannot go to government and say, 'First Nations of Australia want treaties that contain X, Y, Z.' The best the Congress could do is say, 'We believe First Nations would support X, Y, Z.'

To ensure that any treaties or agreements that First Nations entered into were fairly negotiated and met some minimum standards there would need to be a framework agreement. The Congress could not negotiate that agreement unless it was endorsed by First Nations to undertake that negotiation.

How will the AFN work?

Once an interim charter is adopted, an executive council would be appointed to take forward the AFN including to oversee the general assembly,

the coordination, preparation and distribution of papers.

Resolutions passed by majority vote at the general assembly would become resolutions of the Assembly of First Nations. However, individual First Nations might choose to not become parties or signatories to the resolutions until ratified by such First Nation.

How will it be funded?

The funding will have to come from within the system. Independence from Government and industry is essential.

Each First Nation would agree to add to its future compensation agreements provision for an additional small percentage to be paid directly to an Assembly of First Nations trust. A standard clause has been drafted as an example.

Charter introduction

This is from the introduction of the draft interim charter of the Assembly of First Nations:

AFFIRMING the First Nations of the lands and waters now known as Australia existed prior to the purported annexation by the British in 1788 and 1825; and

AFFIRMING the First Nations have continued to exist; and

RECOGNISING the First Nations are governed by legal systems adapted over time and having their origins rooted in the spiritual and ancestral

connections with their lands and waters; and

RECOGNISING that the First Nations did not cede sovereignty of their lands and waters to the British or any other foreign entity and that their lands and waters were not "discovered" nor "settled" by the British or any other foreign entity; and

RECOGNISING that the First Nations agree to form an Assembly to promote, advocate and develop mechanisms

● for formal national and international recognition of each First Nation and its citizens; and

● the just and equitable settlement of historical and present day grievances each First Nation has with the Commonwealth of Australia and the relevant State or States and Territories; and

● for ongoing dialogue and engagement between the First Nations, and between the First Nations and all levels of the Australian government and industry.

RECOGNISING that the economic independence of the Assembly of First Nations is critical to the achievement of its role and function.

Time right to move forward

By **TONY McAVOY**

ABORIGINAL and Torres Straits Islander people have suffered the insufferable over the past 227 years since the British assertion of sovereignty over eastern Australia.

While there have been improvements in many aspects of our lives since the 1967 referendum, we remain at the margins of society.

In 2014, Australia ranked second only behind Norway as the country with the highest standard of living as calculated by the Human Development Index.

Yet the historic and present-day inequities of racial prejudice, segregation and, perhaps most importantly, the wrongful acquisition of our lands and

resources has meant that while Australians enjoy a level of luxury and comfort that has never been experienced before in the history of humankind, we are told we have equality of opportunity and that should be enough.

Well, in my opinion we do have an opportunity. But it is not the opportunity presented to us by access to education, or by jobs programs, or primary health care improvements. The opportunity is that which has flowed from the native title process.

It can now be said with certainty who the traditional owners and therefore First Nations are with respect to almost the whole of the country. It is not the native title determinations but the research that has allowed many of us to re-assemble our

land-holding communities and reach positions of mutual recognition with our neighbours.

Our First Nations are the fundamental building blocks of our engagement with government. It is from our position as First Nations that we have the authority to say 'yes' or 'no' to the events which occur on our country.

It is also the basis from which we are entitled to a proper share of the wealth derived from our resources.

It is when we are standing on our own country asserting our right to make decisions about our own future and the future of our lands that we are at our strongest.

When our First Nations are supported by regional land councils, great political

and economic development can follow.

But to truly engage in a national discussion about our lands and waters we must find a collective national voice built upon the strength of our individual First Nations.

The biggest obstacle we face is ourselves. We must overcome the mental oppression and not be limited by the forces whose interests are served by a system that ensures we remain marginalised.

Once we are able to join with a unified voice and demand that the relationship between our First Nations and governments be renegotiated, we will be at our strongest.

If we are ever to reach any truly just settlements in this country, we must take

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Assembly of First Nations



Barrister Tony McAvoy: "If we are ever to reach any truly just settlements in this country, we must take head-on and dispel the falsehood that has Australia been 'settled' by the British. Australia was no more settled by the British than Timor Leste was settled by the Indonesians." (See below.)

Draft charter formed



A GROUP of Aboriginal people has been working over the past three years on a draft charter for an Assembly of First Nations.

And the working group is calling for representatives to attend a meeting in Darwin in June next year.

The notion for an Assembly of First Nations arose in 2013 from a paper presented to the National Native Title Conference in Alice Springs by barrister Tony McAvoy

(see his opinion piece below). After the paper was presented, about 60 people gathered and held a meeting calling for the assembly to be progressed.

A working group was established and more papers were delivered about the idea of an assembly at the National Indigenous Legal Conference in 2013 and the World Indigenous Legal Conference in 2015, with meetings being held at the national native title conferences in Coffs Harbour (2014) and Port Douglas (this year).

At a meeting in Port Douglas this past June, a decision was made to hold the inaugural First Nations meeting in June 2016, to coincide with the national native title conference.

It is planned that in Darwin, subject to agreement, an interim charter for an Assembly of First Nations will be adopted with a view to the first general assembly being held in 2017.

A draft interim charter of the Assembly of First Nations has been prepared and copies were distributed and the content

discussed at this year's meeting in Port Douglas.

Larrakia Development Corporation chief executive Nigel Browne welcomed the first national meeting of First Nations and all delegates to discuss an assembly.

"As traditional owners of Garramilla (Darwin), Larrakia have pursued recognition of their sovereign rights for many years," he said.

"From the 1972 Larrakia Petition to the 37-year-old Kenbi Land Claim, we continue to

maintain, protect and promote connection to country through a variety of contemporary and traditional means.

"During the National Native Title Conference to be held in June 2016 we understand that a meeting of the First Nations Assembly will convene in Garramilla. A welcome is extended to all delegates who will be travelling to attend this significant and historic gathering of First Nations representatives on Larrakia country."

to true self-determination

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head-on and dispel the falsehood that has Australia been 'settled' by the British. Australia was no more settled by the British than Timor Leste was settled by the Indonesians.

We not only possessed our lands according to our laws and customs, we had dominion over our own lands.

The fictitious 'settlement' of Australia is at the heart of many of our grievances with government. The reality and plainly obvious truth is that we have been invaded and the invaders have unlawfully occupied our lands.

The High Court chose not to unravel the myth of 'settlement' when it disposed of the doctrine of 'terra nullius' in the Mabo

decision. The court left us in no-man's land as some historical anomaly.

Before Mabo, the legal basis of our invasion and dispossession was that Australia was terra nullius and could therefore be settled by the British. After Mabo, the legal basis for our dispossession remains that Australia was lawfully settled even though the land was not terra nullius.

So, put another way, the High Court found that Aboriginal people lived in Australia and had systems of laws and customs that supported rights and interests in land that could be recognised by British law, but those rights and interests were not enough to fend off claims that Australia was 'desert and uncultivated' and therefore amenable to lawful settlement.

The notion is absurd.

This initial historical and legal fallacy has the effect of placing us in the category of people whose rights and interests must be recognised, but not interfere with the asserted sovereignty acquired by the British and exercised by the colonies.

As opposed to being people from whom land must either be acquired by cession (through a treaty) or conquest.

The consequences of this historical fallacy have been dramatic. But we must now live with the reality.

Treaties are the way forward to true self-determination. We must overthrow the fallacy of settlement and through our collective voice set the scene for fair and equitable futures for each First Nation.

An assembly of First Nations is the

appropriate body to negotiate the terms under which individual First Nations will be resourced to participate in settlement negotiations and some minimum not-negotiable outcomes.

Wiri man Tony McAvoy is the first Aboriginal person to have been appointed a Senior Counsel. He is a barrister who specialises in native title. He has represented the Githabul people, Quandamooka people, Kalkadoon people, Pitta Pitta people, Kullilli people and the Barngarla people in successful native title claims. He has also appeared in the High Court challenging validity of the Alcohol Management Plan on Palm Island, and in the Federal Court representing the Rirratjingu people.

Free legal work may be available



INDIGENOUS businesses in NSW may now be eligible for some free legal services during their first three years of operation.

A partnership between the NSW Law Society and the NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce has created the Indigenous Enterprise Legal Assistance (IELA) scheme.

The Law Society says it identified in its Reconciliation Action Plan a desire to assist the capacity building of Indigenous businesses, which would boost levels of Indigenous employment.

"A flourishing Indigenous private sector is also likely to create robust career paths for Indigenous employees. Underpinning the IELA scheme is the view that successful Indigenous enterprise will assist with closing the gap in a real and sustainable way," the Law Society said in a statement.

The chamber will determine eligibility and then a business or individual can be referred to a participating solicitor who is best able to offer the assistance required.

More information at IELA@lawsociety.com.au or phone (02) 9926 0300.

Call for more WA Aboriginal police



WESTERN Australia's police force should reflect the percentage of Aboriginal people in the state, an employment boss says.

JobTrainWA chief executive Selina Maguire said more Aboriginal officers in the WA force would the lead to fewer Indigenous people ending up in the state's prison system.

She said more needs to be done in the Aboriginal community to encourage people to become police, with family and cultural reasons sometimes standing in the way of a job in the force.

"The likelihood, if you're working as a police officer, with having to deal with your own family or arrest them is quite big, very big. The likelihood of knowing someone you're arresting is huge," Ms Maguire said. —AAP

Mary River park plan is in place



A JOINT management plan for the Northern Territory's Mary River National Park is now in place.

NT Parks Minister Bess Price said the plan focuses on working with businesses and the wider community to further improve the park.

"We want people to have choices with experiences in tourism, camping, fishing, four-wheel-driving, increased infrastructures for activities like bird watching and increased adventure experiences within the park," she said.

Mary River National Park is 100km east of Darwin, covering 112,000 hectares. It has about 25,000 visitors each year.

The park is jointly managed by the Parks and Wildlife Commission and Limilngan and Uwymil traditional owners.

Forestry Tasmania move welcomed



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal community has welcomed Forestry Tasmania's announcement that logging will be halted on Bruny Island to preserve the habitat of the endangered swift parrot.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre heritage advisor Sharnie Everett said he hoped the development would "signal heightened environmental awareness by Forestry Tasmania which will help ensure the conservation of species that have been part of the life of this island for countless generations".

He said the swift parrot has become an emblem for the ability of contemporary Tasmania to conserve ancient values and commit to a sustainable future.

"We applaud this renewed commitment of the Tasmanian Government and its agencies to assist in this process," Mr Everett said.



One of the two award-winning calendars featuring Tiwi seasonal and ecological knowledge.

Tiwi calendars win



CALENDARS created by Tiwi Islanders and the CSIRO have won an award for the role they play in preserving Tiwi culture.

The two calendars, which feature Tiwi seasonal and ecological knowledge, won the award in the Culture and Heritage category at the Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT's 2015 awards.

The award ceremony was held at the

Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre in Katherine.

The Tiwi Islands, 80km north of Darwin, have a population of about 2500.

The calendars focus on the three major and 13 minor overlapping Tiwi seasons, and on key Tiwi plants and animals. They play an important role in preserving Tiwi knowledge for future generations.

Senior traditional owner Bernard Tipiloura said there has been a significant loss of Tiwi knowledge

over the past decade.

"We're worried that kids are not learning culture, so we need to think of new ways to teach them and these calendars will make a huge difference," he said.

Mr Tipiloura said the calendars will be used to teach children their culture and the proper way to live to become strong Tiwi people.

He said the calendars will also teach his people about the cycle of foods available on the Tiwi Islands, which he says will

help to improve the health of the community, as many of the children have never seen or eaten them.

"All of the bush foods in the calendars are healthy. There's no sugar; they're good for you," he said.

Mr Tipiloura and CSIRO's Barbara McKaige accepted the award from NT Deputy Chief Minister Willem Westra van Holthe.

The calendars were produced as part of an Inspiring Australia Unlocking Australia's Potential grant.

Fresh hope for scabies control



SCABIES was virtually eliminated in a community by dosing everyone with the drug ivermectin, according to Australian researchers involved in a

world-first study. The findings have implications for controlling the debilitating skin disease around the globe, including in some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities where it's endemic.

The study, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, was run by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the Kirby Institute at the University of NSW in Fiji, where one-quarter of the population is infected.

Murdoch senior researcher Associate Professor Andrew Steer says while the recommended treatment of permethrin cream effectively treats individuals, many often become

reinfected in the community.

Three isolated communities were given different interventions – standard cream treatment for affected individuals and their families, mass administration of the cream, and mass administration of ivermectin.

After one year the prevalence of scabies declined by 94% in the ivermectin group and their skin sores were reduced by 67%.

The disease declined by 64% in the mass cream group and 49% in the standard-care group.

"Super-simple"

"The tablet was a super, super-simple intervention," Prof Steer said.

"Everybody got a tablet and if you had scabies you had a second tablet seven days later and we did nothing else before coming back a year later.

"I think that is the wow factor for us. It's not a long treatment course and doesn't require people going back into the communities repeatedly."

Scabies, caused by a microscopic mite that burrows under the skin, is estimated to affect more than 100 million people globally, including 69% of Australian Indigenous infants in their first year.

"The terrible itching leads to severe secondary infections that can cause potentially deadly diseases including rheumatic fever, rheumatic heart disease and chronic renal failure – conditions that occur in Aboriginal people at the highest rates in the world," Prof Steer said.

The 2015 Nobel Prize for Medicine was awarded to the scientists who discovered ivermectin, now used in mass drug programs to control river blindness and lymphatic filariasis. — AAP

Welgraven on SA honour roll



ADNYAMATHANHA woman Vicky Welgraven has been inducted into the South Australian Women's Honour Roll for

being 'a strong advocate and ambassador for Aboriginal women's rights'.

Last month she was selected to sit on the Reconciliation SA board and last year she was nominated to be SA's representative on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA) board. Ms Welgraven is active in the Adelaide Aboriginal community through several other voluntary positions.

A fan of the Port Adelaide Power football club, she introduced an acknowledgement of country to the meetings of the club's Outer Army Supporter Group, was instrumental in setting up the South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance, and also spoke to the SA Government on gaps in services for Indigenous women.

Adnyamathanha Elder Charlie Jackson said Ms Welgraven lost her parents when she was very young and has had to



Vicky Welgraven at the honour roll induction ceremony.

fend for herself all her life.

"I'm so proud of her ... she made a decision to leave her home and venture to Adelaide in order to have a broader representation and connection with Aboriginal people in South Australia and as a result of that, and her skills and abilities to engage with Aboriginal people throughout the state, she has shown such strong leadership qualities," he said.

Ms Welgraven paid tribute to her husband and daughter, telling the *Koori Mail* she wouldn't be able to be such a strong advocate without their support.

Scullion supports changes



THE Federal Government says changes to the Community Development Program (CDP) aim to

encourage jobseekers to be more active in their communities.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said 66% of jobseekers have now been placed into community activities, and the aim is to get all working-age people in remote communities either working or actively engaged in activities that benefit their communities.

"Under these reforms, there will be more local decision making by providers who know the jobseekers and have closer connections to what is going on in communities," he said.

"Payments will be made weekly so remote jobseekers have immediate access to their money and feel the financial impact of not turning up to activities straight away – not weeks down the track."

The types of activities available

will depend on the needs identified by local service providers and may include things like delivering meals on wheels or getting children to school every day.

"Remote jobseekers will also be able to earn more income on top of their welfare payments," Senator Scullion said.

"Until they reach the minimum wage, their income support will depend on their participation in CDP activities, rather than income thresholds, taper rates and work credits.

"This simple system will make it easier to move between income support and intermittent work, which is typical in many remote areas."

The reforms will be phased in from July 1 next year. The new arrangements will be rolled out only where there are capable service providers with strong community connections. Initially, the reforms are likely to be put in place in four remote regions, and affect about 2000 jobseekers.



Aboriginal woman Tilly Bloomfield attended the 1962 Murrumbidgee-Lachlan handcraft exhibition with other CWA representatives.

Book reveals CWA activism



A LARGELY untold history of 'quiet activism' by groups of Aboriginal

matriarchs working with the largely conservative NSW Country Women's Association (CWA) in the 1950s and 60s is the subject of a new book by La Trobe University academic Jennifer Jones.

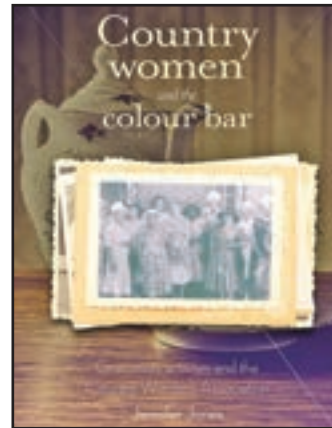
Dr Jones' book *Country Women and the Colour Bar* tells the story of how Aboriginal branches of the CWA were set up in six locations, and that by working together the women made significant gains in improving the living conditions of Aboriginal women and in breaking down long-standing racist assumptions.

Dr Jones said the NSW CWA was at first reluctant to have separate branches and wanted to assimilate Aboriginal women into existing branches. But on advice that Aboriginal women were less likely to go to mainstream branches because they may feel shamed or uncomfortable, the idea of having separate branches was approved.

"It turned out to be a good approach," she said. "It sounds like the perpetuation of segregation, but it turned out to be a more culturally appropriate way to overcome those issues."

The first branch was established at Boggabilla in 1956, with others set up at Kempsey (1960), Taree (1960), Nowra (1961), Grafton (1961) and Griffith (1962).

"You have to remember this



was before the 1967 (referendum) 'yes' vote ... it was a viable way for (Aboriginal) women leaders to make changes on stations, to be able to harness the cultural capital of the CWA," Dr Jones said.

"During a period of restrictive government policy, the CWA trained Aboriginal women, wrote letters to the welfare board, staged campaigns, forged genuine relationships and broke down the local colour bar."

The book describes how Aboriginal women participated in beauty contests, handcraft lessons and baby pageants and, in doing so, broke down established segregation.

She said Dolly Mundine, running in Grafton's Jacaranda Queen beauty contest with the full assistance from the CWA branch in making costumes and jewellery, was an example of "cross-racial cooperation that was unprecedented for the era in the area".

Dr Jones recounts one story where a white woman (Mrs

Hickson) asked an Aboriginal woman in Taree to bake some cakes for a fundraising event. When the Aboriginal woman explained that she couldn't because Aboriginal houses didn't have ovens in their kitchens, Mrs Hickson was so horrified she went "off like a shot and had ovens in those houses very quickly".

"They'd made a dogged ally ... When the CWA saw the conditions, they came in to help ... It was the sympathy of bitter experiences; they could appreciate the hardships and couldn't conceive a woman could have a kitchen without a stove!" Dr Jones said.

In conducting interviews with surviving members, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, and their families, many were confused about why the branches didn't keep going throughout the 1970s.

"Aboriginal rights were coming in and it (the CWA branches) seemed to work when there were no other avenues for Aboriginal advancement ... They were making connections with conservative women interested in humanity, breaking down the colour bar in a period when others weren't," Dr Jones said.

"They (the white women) risked their own respectability and demonstrated to others that colour didn't matter. They found common ground through other values and it brought women together in rural areas who were in geographical proximity but socially distant, and that was broken down."



Dolly Mundine and other contestants in the 1969 Grafton Jacaranda Festival Queens competition.

People's Climate March in Adelaide



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make a statement at the People's Climate March.

Our people show way



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people led the People's Climate March in Adelaide earlier this month.

Janette Milera, from SOS Blak Australia, said climate change would have significant impacts on Indigenous people, which would compound existing community issues.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are on the front lines of the impacts of climate change and fossil fuels," she said. "Caring for country means we shouldn't be digging it up."

Kaurna man Karl Telfer gave the welcome to country, then Nukunu man Jared Thomas spoke about the proposal for nuclear waste dumps near his homeland.

Other speakers included Freedom Summit spokesperson Tauto Sansbury, Adelaide Lord Mayor Martin Haese, Uniting

Nukunu man Jared Thomas speaks about proposals for nuclear waste dumps on traditional lands.



Church moderator Deidre Palmer, representatives from the Australian Services Union and Oxfam, and Wilderness Society SA director Peter Owen.

The march called for a "just

transition" to 100% renewable energy, a move beyond fossil fuels and support for those most affected by climate change, including Indigenous people and Pacific island nations.



Tanya Hunter and Janette Milera, from the SOS Blak Australia Adelaide branch, speak to marchers.



Members of the SOS Blak Australia Adelaide group prepare to lead the People's Climate March.



Young marchers carry the Aboriginal flag during the march in Adelaide.



Members of the Mirning people from the far west of South Australia were among the Indigenous people marching in support of climate action.



Photographer Tash Nannup took this great image of Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett facing angry Aboriginal people protesting plans to close remote communities in the state.



Adam Goodes, the 2014 Australian of the Year, was in the spotlight throughout 2015.

Highs and lows

2015 will be remembered as the year the SOS Blak Australia campaign took off around the world. Following threats by the Western Australian Government to close remote Aboriginal communities, protests were held around the country, across the world and online. In Perth, Premier Colin Barnett was delivered a clear message: Hands off our communities. (See picture above.)

Adam Goodes might have been Australian of the Year in 2014, but in 2015 his was the name that was never far out of the spotlight.

In the AFL's Indigenous round Goodes performed a war-cry dance after kicking a goal, leading to a tsunami of commentary.

From that game on, Goodes was repeatedly booed every time he touched the ball. By July, his teammate Lewis Jetta had had enough, and also performed the war-cry after kicking a goal against West Coast.

Goodes took a week off footy after the furore became massively intense. Support for him came from all quarters, including the Garma Festival in Arnhem Land, where young boys and other dancers painted Goodes' number 37 on their backs to show solidarity.

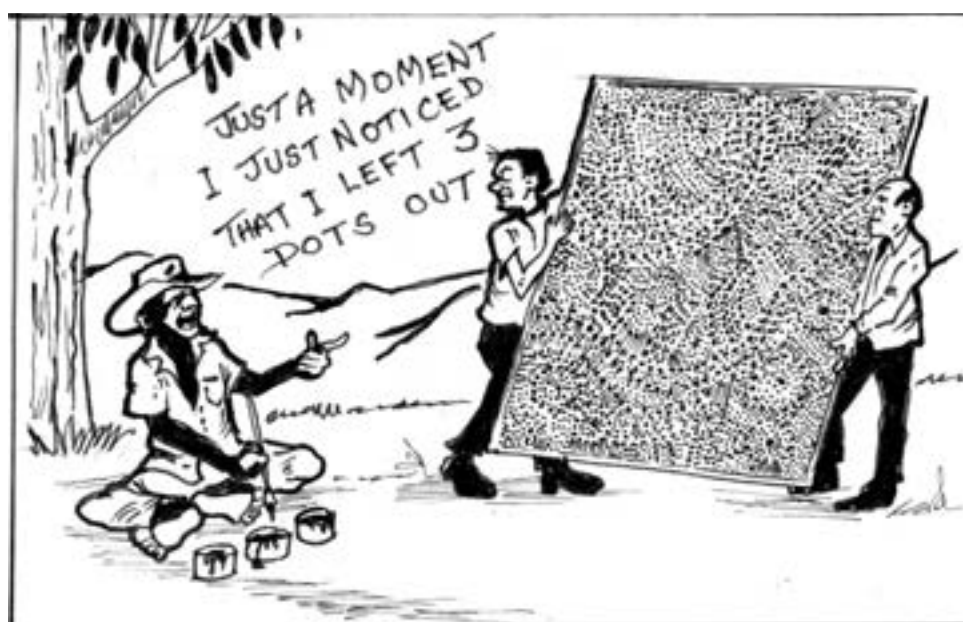
Goodes played the year out, but quietly announced his retirement after the Swans' last game.

And while we might have seen a change from the self-proclaimed 'Prime Minister of Indigenous Affairs' Tony Abbott to the smoother Malcolm Turnbull, the Coalition's shambolic approach to Indigenous policies continued. The Indigenous Advancement Strategy – the Federal Government's main funding vehicle for Indigenous programs – caused great distress and difficulties for many grassroots and community organisations.

Ceduna in South Australia, which has a high Aboriginal population, became the first region to sign up to the Government's 'Healthy Welfare' card trial – in which 80% of all welfare payments are quarantined and only allowed to be spent on government-sanctioned goods and services.

Our sportspeople again continued to blaze at the top of their fields, with rugby league sensation Johnathan Thurston picking up just about every award possible this year.

Some long overdue recognition was given to some of our sporting trailblazers, with



The Koori Mail again benefitted from the services of master artist and cartoonist Danny Eastwood. Here's just one example of his work published during the year.

Marcia Ella-Duncan inducted into the Australian Netball Hall of Fame, Faith Thomas into the South Australian Cricket Association's Avenue of Honour, and John Moriarty into the Football Federation Australia Hall of Fame.

Indigenous artists continued to use their skills to tell stories about culture, history and modern society. Tony Albert's breath-taking sculpture *Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall* was unveiled in Sydney's Hyde Park, paying tribute to Indigenous service personnel.

On a personal note, in 2015 the Koori Mail celebrated 600 editions – still 100% Aboriginal-owned and still operating in Lismore on Bundjalung country!

Following is a brief edition-by-edition summary of 2015, as reported in the Koori Mail.

Edition 592 – January 14: A tragic start to the year with the funeral of eight Torres Strait Islander children, seven of them siblings, killed in a Cairns home in December. Family members asked that the children be referred

to only as 'Keriba Omasker', a term from the Meriam Mer Erub dialect meaning 'our children'. The funeral was attended by more than 4000 people.

In Canberra, the Abbott Government was pushing ahead with plans for a cashless welfare card, despite reports saying income management was ineffective. A joint statement with more than 30 signatories including the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), Secretariat for National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) and the Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) called on the Government to reject any expansion of income management.

The 2015 Indigenous All Stars rugby league team was about to be announced, with fans voting the players on to the team via an NRL website. About 11,000 people had voted, with Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis neck and neck to take out the title of the game's most popular Indigenous player.

Edition 593 – January 28: Northern Territorian of the Year Rosalie Kunoth-Monks pulled no punches in a wide-ranging interview with the Koori Mail, saying governments must stop trying to control First Nations People. She also said January 26 was not a day the nation can celebrate together.

Invasion Day/Survival Day festivities around the country were featured, with Doonooch (NSW) Dancers at Sydney's Yabun festival adorning the front cover.

The Koori Mail also moved further into the digital age, with the launch of our smart phone and tablet app.

Indigenous cricketers were gearing up for the annual Imparja Cup in Alice Springs, with 2014 champions Western Australia missing or omitting seven players from the previous year's winning team.

IMP marathon runner Adrian Dodson-Shaw announced he would trudge through the ice and snow to be the first Indigenous runner to participate in the North Pole Marathon.

Edition 594 – February 11: The Jimmy Little Foundation announced it faced an uncertain future, with federal funding running out. It announced a fundraising campaign to keep its healthy eating and healthy living programs running in outback communities.

The Queensland state election was still too close to call, but Leeanne Enoch and Billy Gordon made history by being the first Labor Aboriginal MPs to be elected into the Queensland Parliament.

In NT politics, Chief Minister Adam Giles, Australia's first Aboriginal head of government, survived a clumsy attempt to remove him from the top job.

'The battle of the best' is how we described the upcoming Murri versus Koori Challenge. Featuring the two best non-elite Indigenous rugby league sides, NSW champions Walgett and Torres Strait's Kulpiyam, were all set to battle it out on the Gold Coast for the title.

Edition 595 – February 25: Fifty years after the late, great Charles Perkins led the
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Freedom Ride bus through regional NSW communities to highlight discrimination and segregation, a group including some of the original Freedom Riders, their families and current Sydney University students set off to recreate the famous trip. This time the riders were welcomed in communities such as Dubbo, Walgett, Moree and Kempsey with marches in the streets, community celebrations and concerts.

The Abbott Government indicated it would implement 26 of the 27 recommendations made by billionaire miner Andrew Forrest in his report Creating Parity. Amongst the contentious recommendations were the cashless welfare card; devolving the land council structure to make it easier for traditional owners to convert their land to 99-year leases with the Federal Government; stopping 'distractions to education' by ensuring cultural ceremonies were only attended outside school hours; and penalising parents whose children don't attend school by fining them or reducing their Family Tax benefit. The only recommendation that had been ruled out was granting tax-free status to Indigenous businesses.

New Queensland Indigenous MP Leanne Enoch was named as Minister for Housing, Public Works, Science and Innovation in Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's new cabinet.

Tributes flowed after the death of Faith Bandler, an activist who was instrumental in campaigning for the 1967 referendum which gave Aboriginal people rights in the Constitution. She was 96.

It was a huge fortnight for sport, with the Indigenous All Stars beating the NRL All Stars 20-6, and Badu Island's Kulpiyam team claiming the title of best amateur rugby league team after beating NSW team Walgett 30-22 in the Murri v Koori Challenge. In cricket, the WA men's team held on to win against Queensland with the last ball of the Imparja Cup, while in the women's match, NSW defeated Victoria. In AFL, the Indigenous All Stars snatched defeat from victory with some inaccurate kicking, going down to the West Coast Eagles 7.7 (49) to 5.11 (41) in a low-scoring game.

Edition 596 – March 11: There was a bit of colour and pizzazz on the front page, with pop star Jessica Mauboy and Bundjalung drag queen Destiny Haz Arrived sharing the stage at the annual Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras festivities.

More than 100 Aboriginal



In April, Broome man Adrian Dodson-Shaw became the first Aboriginal Australian to reach the top of the world after completing the gruelling North Pole marathon.

community-controlled health organisations (ACCHOs) had their funding extended for another three years in a widely welcomed funding package worth \$1.4 billion from the Federal Government. But Aboriginal legal services were looking at how they may have to reduce services, with \$13 million cut from the sector.

WA land councils were demanding a stop to planned changes to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* and the closure of remote communities by the State Government.

In sport, four Indigenous women were named in the Australian Rugby League Jilloos squad in preparation for a test match against the Kiwi Ferns in May.

Edition 597 – March 25: Rallies were staged across the country against the WA Government's planned forced closure of remote Aboriginal communities. WA Premier Colin Barnett was whisked away after angering a crowd in Perth. More than 250 small communities, home to 12,000 people in WA, were under review after the Federal Government cut essential service funding, with a \$90 million parting gift that would last two years. Prime Minister Tony Abbott drew widespread criticism for his comments on ABC radio that it was "not the job of the taxpayer to subsidise lifestyle choices".

Meanwhile, Hollywood star Hugh Jackman lent his support to the campaign, posting a picture and

message on Facebook seen by more than two million people.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion announced an employment initiative that aimed to bring the level of unemployment of Indigenous people in line with the rest of the country's workforce. He said about 20,000 new jobs would need to be created to reduce the jobless rate from 16% to 6.3%.

In Top End AFL, the Wanderers stormed home in the NTFL grand final against St Mary's, winning 11.17 (83) to 7.7 (49) in front of 11,000 people at TIO Stadium. The Wanderers needed to win their final round against Palmerston to make the finals, then won another five in a row to take the premiership. In the Tiwi Islands Football League (TIFL), the Walama Bulldogs beat Pumarali 7.12(54) to 7.10(52) in a thriller on Bathurst Island. It was the Bulldogs' first premiership since 1997.

Edition 598 – April 8: The Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) came under fire from several quarters, with dozens of Indigenous organisations facing closure after not receiving funds they were relying on. The Government said the IAS would streamline Indigenous affairs while not disadvantaging community organisations. But the *Koori Mail* was contacted by a number of organisations whose programs had been affected.

In Queensland, MP Billy Gordon

resigned from the Labor Party and was considering his political future after his criminal history and allegations of domestic violence were made public.

The Wangan and Jagalingou people, traditional owners of land in Queensland's Gallilee Basin, signed up for a David-and-Goliath battle with Indian mining giant Adani by refusing to sign an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA). The proposed \$16.5 billion Carmichael coal mine is slated to be the biggest thermal coal mine in Australia.

In sport, NSW allrounder Ashleigh Gardner's star continued to rise, being named Lord's Taverners Indigenous Cricketer of the Year. It capped off a year in which she was named in the NSW Breakers team, Cricket Australia's Under 18s Female Talent Squad and Player of the Championship in the Under 18 Female National Championships.

Edition 599 – April 22: The Queensland Government committed to creating a \$21 million compensation fund to pay outstanding Stolen Wages claimants. At the time, about 7500 Indigenous Queenslanders were believed to have Stolen Wages money owing to them from a time when they worked as virtual slaves.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles threatened to take children from their parents if anti-social behaviour continued in Alice Springs. He made the comments after rocks

were thrown at police officers during the Easter holidays. NT Children and Families Minister John Elferink also said the Government would take a "zero-tolerance approach".

Galiwinku community on Elcho Island (NT) was hit by two cyclones, a month apart, with 79 houses made uninhabitable and 124 significantly damaged.

Broome man Adrian Dodson-Shaw became the first Aboriginal Australian to visit the North Pole and also to complete the gruelling marathon through snow and ice. Meanwhile, the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) named a squad of 12 to compete in the 2015 New York Marathon.

Edition 600 – May 6: Thousands of people around Australia and the world joined a day of protest on May 1 against plans to force closure of remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia. More than 60 events were held in Australian capital cities, regional centres and also in Europe, the United States, New Zealand and Asia. Kimberley Land Council chair Anthony Watson spoke to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York, calling for international action.

The WA Government deregistered more than 20 sacred sites after Supreme Court judge John Chaney overturned the narrow definition of sacred sites under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA)*. The WA Government announced it was considering an Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill.

The Wuthathi people of far northern Queensland won a long-running native title determination covering 2826 square kilometres of Cape York.

In sport, Mahalia Murphy scored a hat-trick in her debut match for the Jilloos rugby league team, helping them to win 22-14 against the Kiwi Ferns, while South Australian softball player Vanessa Stokes created history by becoming the first Australian-born player to be signed with the American National Pro Fastpitch franchise.

Edition 601 – May 20: A report by the WA Auditor General into the delivery of power, water and wastewater services in the Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields regions found drinking water often doesn't meet Australian standards and that uranium and other potentially fatal contaminants were present in more than 60 of the communities.

Larrakia/Tiwi actor Miranda Tapsell won the Most Popular New Talent Logie and the Graham Kennedy Award for Most

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Mardi Gras magic
Pop star Jessica Mauboy and Burdett drag queen Destiny Blue arrived at the start of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras after-party last weekend. See our Mardi Gras coverage, including more images, on page 16. Only picture.

Wins and losses
Health groups get funding as legal services hold fears
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Black Power activists get ready to reunite – see page 4

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Hands off our communities
Indigenous people are protesting against the proposed changes to the Northern Territory's land rights laws. The changes would allow the government to take land from Indigenous people without their consent. The protesters are demanding that the government respect the rights of Indigenous people to their land.

Funding shambles
Govt strategy roundly condemned
Our Focus on Education feature appears in the next edition

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Tribute loaded with feeling
BANGORA Dance Theatre performers are dressed by the stars of the film and the film's cast. The performers are dressed in traditional Aboriginal clothing and are performing a dance that tells the story of the film.

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Djuki Mala shine
The Djuki Mala dance troupe performed at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras after-party last weekend. The troupe is made up of Indigenous people and is known for their traditional dance and song.

Stolen Wages breakthrough
Govt to create \$21m fund
Our 24-page Focus on Education feature starts on page 33

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Outstanding Newcomer at TV's night of nights. Ms Tapsell played Martha Tenant in the drama *Love Child*, which was set in a Kings Cross hospital in the 1960s.

Joanna Lindgren, the great niece of Australia's first Indigenous federal MP Neville Bonner, was set to follow in his footsteps. A Mununjari woman from Queensland, Ms Lindgren was nominated as Queensland's new Liberal National senator, replacing the retiring Brett Mason.

Indigenous Marathon Project graduate Nat Heath defied paralysis and medical expectations to win the Port Macquarie Ironman competition. In 2010 he lost sensation from the neck down and was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, an auto-immune condition where nerves are attacked by the body's own immune defence system. He was advised that he would never be able to participate in any endurance sports again, but proved the experts wrong by running the 2013 Tokyo Marathon and also Sydney's Blackmore's Running Festival marathon. His win at Port Macquarie meant he qualified for the World Championships.

Edition 602 – June 3: The AFL's Indigenous Round was front and centre, with the Richmond Tigers defeating Essendon 10.12 (72) to 8.11 (59) in the Dreamtime at the 'G opening game.

And Adam Goodes told critics to "take a chill pill" when the crowd (and then the media) erupted about his spontaneous war cry



It was a huge year in rugby league for Indigenous Australia. Johnathan Thurston, right, underlined his world class with major award wins and by leading the North Queensland Cowboys to their first NRL title, while we said farewell to another Indigenous champion in Justin Hodges, left.

dance after kicking a goal against Carlton.

The death of a 59-year-old Aboriginal man in a Darwin watch house for public drinking renewed calls for the NT Government to repeal its 'paperless arrest' laws. The system was introduced in October 2014 so police could hold someone without charge for four hours and reduce their paperwork.

In NSW, Bureau of Crime statistics showed Aboriginal kids are now 44 times more likely to be in detention than other kids.

Edition 603 – June 17: Eddie Koiki Mabo had one of the stars in the Southern Cross named after him.

The announcement by the Sydney Observatory came during celebrations for Mabo Day (June 3), the day in 1992 when the High Court handed down its historic decision overturning terra nullius and ending a 10-year legal battle. Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama visited Uluru and met with traditional owners.

Noonuccal Nuugi man Wesley

Enoch was announced as upcoming director of the Sydney Festival. His three-year contract begins in 2017.

In sport, Byron Bay surfer Soli Bailey put in a star performance to win the Australian Indigenous surfing championship at Bells Beach; and five Indigenous players were named in the Queensland State of Origin rugby league side, while NSW had none, dropping Andrew Fifita from the side that played in the first Origin match.

Edition 604 – July 1: A special report on the ice scourge found more needs to be done to stop use of the drug by Indigenous people. Aboriginal leaders also called for more rehabilitation services and better coordination of services.

A stoush between the Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC) and Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy (RATE) founder Jenny Munro was headed for the NSW Supreme Court. AHC wanted to develop The Block in Redfern, while Ms Munro and others occupied the site to prevent the proposed development. AHC argued that it needed clear access to start its \$70 million Pemulwuy Project, which includes a commercial centre, gym, shops, accommodation for 152 university students and 62 affordable homes for Aboriginal people. Ms Munro and RATE supporters held grave fears for the future of Aboriginal housing if AHC didn't prioritise Aboriginal homes over other commercial aspects of the project. A settlement was ultimately achieved.

Indigenous players Kyah Simon and Lydia Williams held their heads high as the Matildas' World Cup Soccer dream comes to an end in a 1-0 loss to Japan in the quarterfinal in Canada.

Edition 605 – July 15: Prominent Indigenous people from across the country were invited to a meeting with Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten to discuss the way forward to constitutional recognition. The historic meeting established broad agreement in many areas, although there were calls for an Aboriginal plebiscite (vote) before a general

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Three Gamilar boyz added a twist to the number 22 that represented them as a show of support for Spring Games A's, after Adam Goodes, who'd been Pinned to Andrew Lane earlier this month. Picture: Michael Davis, Daily Mail Australia

Our mob stares down racism

THE outpouring of support for an Aboriginal player from Adam Goodes came from all over the country. On July 29, playing against the West Coast Eagles, Goodes was fouled and

struck every time he touched the ball.

Shane Griggs, Adam Lane, and other supporters from throughout Australia, had made his way to the game, brought in by the police to the stadium to see the West Coast Eagles player.

The subsequent international focus and media scrutiny saw Goodes take a week off from the footy.

Support came from the far East as the Gamilara Festival, where Goodes' ethnic Gamilara group number 22 is their

Messages of support also came from a host of celebrities.

Goodes returned to the field against the Queensland Cats on Tuesday night in a remarkable comeback.

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Questions raised about Congress

Kamu set to bloom

Former CEO accuses body of failings

CONGRESS National Congress of Australia's First Peoples chief executive, David Gough, has made a scathing attack on the body's leadership and its role in the national body's 50th anniversary celebrations. Gough, who was CEO from 2007 to 2013, says the body has failed to deliver on its promises and has been a disappointment to the people it represents. He says the body has been a disappointment to the people it represents and has been a disappointment to the people it represents.

Judges critical of Palm Island raid

A federal court has ruled that the Palm Island raid was a breach of human rights. The court found that the raid was a breach of human rights and that the police used excessive force. The court also found that the raid was a breach of human rights and that the police used excessive force.

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Monster celebration at Uluru

New blood

Congress co-chairs named

Buddy on way back

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has announced the names of its new co-chairs. The co-chairs are David Gough and David Gough. The co-chairs are David Gough and David Gough.

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Rangers take their case to Canberra

Charity wins

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'Ugly new low'

Long time coming, but recognition at last

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parents and relevant agencies about the underlying problems.

Putuparri and the Rainmakers, a film about a group of Nguaar people from the Great Sandy Desert, won Australia's richest film award, the \$100,000 CinefestOz prize.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott spent a week visiting the Torres Strait and Cape York, part of his promise to spend a week each year living in remote Indigenous communities.

The Federal Government intervened in a dispute between the Aboriginal Housing Corporation and the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy about a development at The Block in Sydney. Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion arranged for a \$5 million grant and \$65 million loan that requires AHC to build the Indigenous housing at the same time as the commercial developments that are part of the Pemulwuy Project.

A report commissioned by Melbourne University's Indigenous EyeHealth unit found more than 32,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's eyesight could be saved if an extra \$227 million was invested in services over the next 10 years.

In sport, basketball powerhouse Nathan Jawai signed with the Perth Wildcats for his first season back in the Australian National League since 2008, after a spell playing in America and then Europe.

Edition 610 – September 23: Adam Goodes announced he was ending his AFL career after the Swans' semifinal loss to North Melbourne. The 35-year-old clocked up 372 games, kicked 464 goals and won two Brownlow medals.

A shocking report released by the NT Children's Commissioner detailed violent abuse against Aboriginals kids in detention, including the use of tear gas and keeping them in solitary confinement without water at the Don Dale Detention Centre.

A gathering of First Nation's People in Alice Springs drafted a document to promote discussion about a treaty.

Support poured in for Aboriginal champion Lance 'Buddy' Franklin, who announced he would not be taking part in the AFL finals season because of a mental health issue.

The WA Lower House passed a bill that would extend the state's mandatory sentencing regime and see teenagers tried as adults.

New Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull told the National



Faith Thomas, left, the first Aboriginal woman to represent Australia in any sport, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the South Australian Cricket Association's Avenue of Honour this year, while former soccer champion John Moriarty, right, was inducted into the Football Federation Australia Hall of Fame.



Congress of Australia's First Peoples that he wanted to meet with representatives at the "earliest possible opportunity".

And North Queensland star Johnathan Thurston won the Rugby League Players' Association award the third straight year and the fourth time overall.

Edition 611 – October 7: A huge weekend for our Indigenous sporting champs, with Johnathan Thurston winning his fourth Dally M Medal and captaining the Cowboys to an NRL premiership, while Cyril Rioli picked up the Norm Smith Medal for best on ground in Hawthorn's grand final win over West Coast.

Liberal MP Ken Wyatt became the first Indigenous person in the federal ministry after Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull named him Assistant Health Minister.

Anangu traditional owners celebrated as an area of five million hectares of Aboriginal freehold land surrounding the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park, an area larger than Switzerland, was made an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA).

Barrister Tony McAvoy became the first Indigenous person to be appointed Senior Counsel (SC), also known as Queen's Counsel (QC) in some places.

A class action case against the Queensland Government by Lex Wotton and his family began to determine whether police actions

on Palm Island after the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee in 2004 were racially motivated.

It was a double victory for the Redfern All Blacks at the 2015 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Dubbo, with the women's side taking the final against Kempsey 28-0, and the men snatching a golden-point extra-time victory over the Newcastle All Blacks to win 36-32.

In another thriller, the Southern Dingoos Black won the Queensland Murri Rugby League carnival men's final 22-20 over the Saguci Tigers, from Badu Island. Murri Sistas beat Highlanders 22-0 in the women's final.

Edition 612 – October 21: Former National Congress of Australia's First Peoples chief executive Lindon Coombes made a series of stunning claims about the organisation. He said that in 2013 the board failed to accept a \$15 million offer from then Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin. Then when Labor lost the election, the Coalition Government made the decision not to fund Congress. Mr Coombes also claimed there were many serious structural problems with the board.

Soul singer Emma Donovan recruited rock legend Tim Rogers and Uncle Archie Roach to breathe new life into two Indigenous classics, *Blackfella Whitefella* and *Down City Streets*. The money

raised goes to the SOS Blak Australia campaign to save WA remote communities.

The family of Aboriginal man Shaun Coolwell asked for answers after he died in custody in south-east Queensland.

Johnathan Thurston's winning streak continued, winning the Eddie Gilbert Medal for Queensland's best Indigenous sportsperson.

Former junior Wimbledon tennis champion Ashleigh Barty decided to give cricket a go and joined the Brisbane Heat for the summer's Women's Big Bash League competition.

Edition 613 – November 4: As part of the 30th anniversary celebrations of the handback of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, we featured a group of Anangu women performing the Mamu inma (monster ceremony) on the front page. The small community of Mutitjulu is still struggling after expected jobs and development opportunities didn't eventuate.

Jackie Huggins and Rod Little were elected as the new co-chairs of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Lance 'Buddy' Franklin announced he would be back for the Swans' pre-season training program after battling mental health problems.

And in sport, 10 Indigenous Australians boarded an aeroplane for New York to take part in the

city's huge marathon, as part of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP).

Edition 614 – November 18: The social, environmental and economic benefits of Aboriginal ranger programs were highlighted in a new report called *Working for Our Country*, launched in Canberra.

A foundation that looks after Aboriginal people with a rare degenerative disease won a landmark court case against Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion. The Federal Court found Senator Scullion didn't have the power to revoke an earlier decision by Labor minister Jenny Macklin to make a \$10 million grant to the Machado Joseph Disease Foundation (MJDF) from the Aboriginal Benefit Account (ABA).

In sport, we reported that the NRL Indigenous All Stars will face an international World All Stars team in a pre-season game at Brisbane's Lang Park next year.

And Anthony Mundine was considering retirement from boxing after a crushing loss in a super welterweight title fight against American Charles Hatley.

Edition 615 – December 2: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers who died in World War I were recognised in a special ceremony at the Australian War Memorial. The ceremony was initiated, developed and conducted by a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander army personnel, who also travelled to Lone Pine at Gallipoli in Turkey during August.

Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council spokesperson Adrian Burragubba called on Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk to rule out compulsorily acquiring land in order to extinguish native title.

Queensland coordinator-general Barry Broe proposed acquiring parts of Wangan and Jagalingou lands in the Galilee Basin in order to enable Indian mining company Adani to develop its Carmichael coal mine.

An inquest in Perth revealed harrowing details of the last days of Ms Dhu, a 22-year-old Yamatji woman who died in the Port Hedland watch house.

Faith Thomas, the first Aboriginal woman to represent Australia in any sport, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the South Australian Cricket Association's Avenue of Honour at the Adelaide Oval.

And Aboriginal soccer star John Moriarty was inducted into the Football Federation Australia Hall of Fame.

Jack is first Aboriginal captain



JACK White has been elected captain of St Brendan's College, Yeppoon, making him the first Aboriginal person

to hold the position.

The 17-year-old said he was honoured to take on the position at the central Queensland school.

"Throughout this year I have tried to use my leadership role to be a good role model for not only the Indigenous boys but also all of the boys within the college, and even be a role model for my senior peers," he said.

"Particularly with the Indigenous boys I have tried to use my leadership role as an example that they shouldn't be afraid to have a go at something even if it is pushing your comfort zone."

Jack said his family, friends and teachers have given him invaluable support.

"I have been strict with my study time. More importantly it was just about balancing my schoolwork, footy, and leadership role," he said.

"The school understood that I would have a busy year and therefore they didn't put too much pressure on me. Overall I have just taken this year one step at a time."

He said he wants to make sure younger students enjoy their time at the school and to make sure they take advantage of every opportunity.

"You have to give everything your best shot and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone," he said.

St Brendan's College, Yeppoon, captain Jack White with principal Nick Scully.



"I encourage the young Indigenous boys to study hard as a good education is the key."

After finishing school, Jack plans to move to Sydney and continue his rugby league training with the under 18 St George NRL club.

He said that while it is a big step moving out of town to Sydney, he wants to focus on

making the 20s team and then making the big step into NRL.

"You have to train hard for that, and it comes down to pre-season training and you have to be committed," he said.

"Good person"

"And it's more than just football. If you don't do well in the classroom you don't get to do

sport, so St Brendan's taught me to be a good person. I think that's a big part of where I am today."

Jack said he is aiming to study civil engineering part-time at Sydney University, even though his main focus is following his dream and having a career in the NRL.

"My family are really happy. They knew how much hard

work I put into it," he said.

"It's going to be tough, though. There are a lot of other boys down there wanting to follow their dreams so I have to stay dedicated, and stay committed to what I want to do."

The school's first Indigenous school captain, Torres Strait Islander Cyril Manas, was elected in 2006.

Convict's headstone has been restored



A RESTORED headstone has been unveiled in Wellingrove, north-west NSW, to mark the final resting place of Henry Harrison. Mr Harrison was a convict from Warwickshire, England, sentenced at the Old Bailey in London to seven years' transportation for stealing. When he died at Wellingrove in 1913 at the age of 96, he was the last surviving convict to be transported to NSW.

After being freed, he arrived in Wellingrove by 1855 where he established a sawmill and operated it for many decades.

He lived with the Aboriginal people of the area and married Lena, an Aboriginal woman (also known as Susan or Amy or Kate) and had seven children.

The Inverell Reconciliation Group in conjunction with undertakers Thorley & Sons repaired the headstone and held a gathering of family members at the site.

A significant proportion of the Aboriginal community of New England and the NSW North West is descended from Mr Harrison, whose life is regarded as synonymous with the spirit of reconciliation.



Anthony Dale works at the grave site of Henry Harrison.

Kids' oral health set to improve



THE oral health of Indigenous children in three remote NSW communities is

expected to improve thanks to a new project. The University of Sydney's Poche Centre has created the Healthy Teeth program, set to start in February. It funds chilled filtered water fountains which will be installed at Boggabilla and Mungindi central schools and Toomelah Public School in term one next year.

As part of the program, there will also be a dedicated oral health aide in the schools to teach students the importance of brushing their teeth each morning and helping to

encourage more Indigenous children to drink water rather than soft drinks.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare says dental decay rates are much higher among Indigenous children.

Small changes

Poche Centre director Kylie Gwynne said small changes like providing filtered water at school can make a huge difference and enhance children's lives, even improving their lifespan prospects and preventing illness.

"There's a real blaming of people – 'you drink sugary drinks, you get bad teeth'. But the water quality in some of these towns is so terrible and it's so hot that it's often cheaper to

buy soft drink than a bottle of water," she said.

According to Mrs Gwynne, when the Poche Centre first intervened in the communities, in 2013, many of the children were in acute pain from dental problems. But she said that had totally changed, and the centre can move towards a more preventative approach.

Thousands of oral health kits were assembled at a community packing day at the University of Sydney on November 24, with more than 110 volunteers putting them together.

The kits will be distributed to communities in Boggabilla, Toomelah, Mungindi, Singleton, Narrabri, Inverell, Tingha, Glen Innes, Tenterfield and Moree.

Alice office opens



ECONOMIC development and job opportunities for Aboriginal communities will be the focus of the new Office of Aboriginal Affairs, which has officially opened in Alice Springs.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said the office has a vision for Aboriginal Territorians to be empowered to

participate in the Northern Territory economy, while being supported to maintain their connections to lands and culture.

"Part of its strategy is targeting the creation of at least 3800 new Aboriginal jobs over the next five years through a range of new procurement policies that are designed to drive economic development in remote and regional

areas of the Northern Territory," he said.

Aboriginal employment targets and policies will include:

- doubling public sector Indigenous employment from 1800 to 3600 employees by 2020;
- requiring each contractor to achieve 30% Aboriginal employment for all government infrastructure contracts above \$500,000;

- a new remote contracting policy aimed at ensuring 70% of small contracts for construction, repairs and maintenance in remote Aboriginal communities go to local Aboriginal businesses by 2017; and
- ensuring a minimum of five civil and construction contracts per year valued at over \$5 million are awarded to joint venture proposals with Aboriginal businesses.



Adam Giles

Switched-on electrician is looking for more jobs

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL electrician Mick Prien would love to employ more Indigenous apprentices if the volume of work was there.

In March last year Juru and Bindal man Mr Prien set up his own business, Townsville CBD Electrical, and employed Aboriginal apprentice Brandon Stutley, who has links with the Yamaji mob of Western Australia.

"Before that, I worked as an electrician on large projects over 12 years and never saw any Indigenous electricians on job sites," Mr Prien said.

"That was surprising because there are many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living around here.

"This inspired me to take the next step starting my own business, a vision to train and mentor our next generation to work in the electrical industry.

"This involves a four-year apprenticeship. If we can gain more workload our business can grow. This passion of mine will happen."

Mr Prien's company does

domestic, commercial and industrial work around the Townsville region, Charters Towers, the Burdekin, and north to Cairns.

"We eventually want to gain work throughout Cape York and the Torres Strait and eventually throughout Queensland," he said.

Mr Prien met with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion in Nambour and discussed his vision for the future in April this year.

"I was very lucky to get this opportunity to talk with the minister, where he took time to hear my business ideas," Mr Prien said. "He was excited about our visions and has pointed us in the right direction for upcoming opportunities."

Brandon Stutley started his apprenticeship late last year. He had attended school at Townsville's Ryan Catholic College. "My dad was from the Stolen Generation in WA," he said.

Mr Prien is keen to obtain as much work as possible from Indigenous organisations, government works and he is looking to develop his business even further through the resource sector.



Electrician Mick Prien and his apprentice Brandon Stutley.



Triple J's Matt Okine and Alex Dyson with AIME's Jack Manning Bancroft.

Triple J and AIME in hot partnership



IN the lead-up to its annual Hottest 100, radio station Triple J has announced a new partnership with

AIME, a mentoring program that supports Indigenous kids through high school and into university, training and employment.

Last year, 93% of AIME's Year 12 kids completed school, exceeding Australia's non-Indigenous rate of 87% and the national Indigenous rate of 59%.

The partnership with Triple J gives people the option of making a donation when they vote for their favorite song in the 2015 Hottest 100, or asking

people to make a donation if they attend a Hottest 100 party.

AIME founder and chief executive Jack Manning Bancroft said every donation will help the organisation reach its goal of helping 10,000 kids by 2018.

to lead us to a stronger future. To help supercharge this show, we welcome Triple J listeners to the AIME family.

"Every listener who donates some cash, rocks an AIME cap as a symbol of Indigenous success, or signs up to be a

mentor is supporting us to work with more kids. We hope they know this will change our country forever."

Triple J acting manager Meagan Loader said the station was excited to help give young Indigenous students a

leg up and to use the popularity of the Hottest 100 for good.

Voting opened on December 10, and the countdown will be played on Survival Day, January 26.

"Every listener who donates some cash, rocks an AIME cap as a symbol of Indigenous success, or signs up to be a mentor is supporting us to work with more kids. We hope they know this will change our country forever."

"For over 10 years we've seen thousands of uni students working with us to see Indigenous kids finish school at the same rate as every Australian kid," he said.

"This generation is standing



The Redfern All Blacks women's side celebrates after winning this year's Knockout.

Redfern All Blacks tackling violence



THIS year's Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout women's

competition winners, the Redfern All Blacks, have participated in an all-day Tackling Violence workshop in the Redfern/Waterloo community.

Part of a Knockout sponsorship agreement with Tackling Violence, 20 players and club officials joined in the day-long event.

The workshop, led by Dixie Link Gordon and Ashlee Donohue, discussed violence against women, how to recognise signs of domestic violence, what local help was available and how to help someone who is facing domestic violence.

"The RAB (Redfern All Blacks) girls had some strong opinions and the discussion amongst all of us was very open," Ms Gordon said.



Workshop leaders Dixie Link Gordon and Ashlee Donohue.

"There was good learning and sharing of knowledge, and everyone left the workshop feeling strong and confident about what we had done."

The Tackling Violence program has also had workshops at Alexandria Park High School and another involved the Redfern All Blacks men's side.

RAB manager Jo Bostock said the women had been keen to do the workshop after seeing

the positive effects the program had with the men's side.

"We knew the program was positive and all the girls respect Aunty Dixie and Ashlee and the work they do in our community," she said.

"The girls are very aware of the issues around domestic violence, and using their own words and information to produce a resource for the community they live in is the deadliest idea ever."

A Redfern/Waterloo women's pamphlet is being printed, featuring the RAB women's words and designs. They will be delivered to local organisations and groups.

Local organisations also attended the workshop to give information and answer questions about the services they provide. They included Mudgin Gal Aboriginal Women's Centre, Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Service, Weave, and Wesley Mission Gambling Help.



Elkira Simmons performs calisthenics.

Acknowledgement at SA calisthenics



THE Calisthenics Association of South Australia now has an Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning of competition events,

thanks to the efforts of a Waka Waka woman and dance mum, Michelle Simmons.

Ms Simmons' 12 year-old daughter Elkira has been doing calisthenics for five years.

A lecturer in Aboriginal studies at the University of SA, Ms Simmons wrote to the president of the association and asked if an acknowledgment could be made to the people whose land competitors dance on.

The association agreed, and Ms Simmons hopes the acknowledgment will make the sport more

accessible to Aboriginal kids.

She said the sport, culturally, it is a world away from the experiences of many Aboriginal kids, but the self-confidence and joy it has given Elkira was something she wished more Aboriginal children could experience.

Elkira recently performed a solo dance that started with her wrapped in an Aboriginal flag, then revealing a sparkly blue dress and performing to two tracks from *The Sapphires* movie.

"They've never seen anything like it on the calisthenics stage before ... it's quite an old-fashioned, competitive environment. It's great she could do something different and go outside the square a bit," Ms Simmons said.

Project targets Noongar words



CURTIN University researchers are working with the Noongar community in a new historical project.

Ancestor's Words aims to produce the first account of writing by Noongar people held in Western Australian archives. It covers the period from 1860 to 1960.

The university research team will work with a Noongar group which includes Elders and representatives from community organisations to transform Noongar historical writing into cultural heritage for the Noongar nation.

Curtin University's Anna

Haebich said Noongar knowledge has been passed down in oral history, but is not widely known.

"Looking at the period from 1860 to 1960, the project's significance lies in uncovering seemingly hidden knowledge about activism by Noongar people, which has been silenced in the past," she said.

Significance

Marion Kickett, Curtin's Centre for Aboriginal Studies director and a member of the working group, said the project would showcase the significance of past writings by Noongar people.

"This project will highlight many stories of disposessions,

intelligence and an enduring resilience that sustained many and deposed others; these tales of survival are a valuable legacy," she said.

Kyle Morrison, Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company's artistic director and another member of the working group, believes the project could also involve Noongar youth in new, creative projects.

Research is being carried out by Curtin University, Deakin University and Colgate University in New York.

The project is being funded by the Australian Research Council from January, and is being supported by the State Records Office of WA and the State Library of WA.



YUGAMBEH and Butchulla (Qld) man Brett Nutley is seeking more signatures for a petition to lower the Indigenous retirement

age to 55 before it is handed to the Senate in the new year.

Mr Nutley says that because the life expectancy of Indigenous people is much lower than other Australians, the current retirement age of 65 means many Indigenous Australians do not have the chance to enjoy retirement before they die.

He started the petition a year ago and is asking for more support.

"It's a shame that our Elders across this country have fought so hard over the years for our generations to have opportunities to

understand how we can get involved in legislation, and it seems (a shame that) with an important issue such as this we have only secured 735 signatures across the country in a whole year," Mr Nutley said.

"It is quite upsetting that a lot of our people will never have a chance to retire before they die."

The petition asks the Senate to lower the optional retirement age for Indigenous Australians to 55 and to cover full superannuation benefits and old-age pensions.

"Let's all band together like the old people did and make a difference for our next generation," Mr Nutley said.

To sign the petition go to www.gopetition.com/petitions/lower-australian-indigenous-peoples-retirement-age-to-55-years.html

They're good to govern



FOURTEEN Indigenous students representing 11 different Aboriginal corporations have graduated with a Diploma of Business (Governance) in Darwin.

The course was offered by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) to corporation directors, potential directors and key staff to improve corporate governance knowledge, enhance management skills and build capacity.

Susan Betts, a director from the Wara-Manda Aboriginal Corporation based in Port Lincoln, South Australia, who also runs her own business, said she was glad she'd completed the course.

"Our corporation is about healing and connecting our people back to country," she said.

"I enjoy helping to run the corporation. I feel fantastic that I have completed the Diploma of Business (Governance)."

Link-up (Qld) chief executive Patricia Conlon, of

the Kuku Yanlanji people of north Queensland and a former ATSIC commissioner, also completed the course, which she praised.

ORIC registrar Anthony Beven said his office wants to see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations succeed as effective, sustainable and accountable organisations with good, capable leaders at their helm.

"This group has shown real commitment," he said.

"Each person has strived to get the most out of a tough course and now joins a growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working hard to make their corporations and communities stronger."

● **Pictured: Course participants: back from left, Julieanne Eisemann (trainer), Samarla Deshong, Natalie Ellis, Christina Stone, Cassandra Raymond, Russell Styche and ORIC registrar Anthony Beven; middle, Kelvin Costello, Janice Betts, Juanita Heparia, Brandon Tyrrell and Pat Conlon; front, Rosemaria Brown, Ellen Gough and Susan Betts. Absent: Jai Joseph**



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Technology used in competition to keep traditional stories alive



Students and staff at Shepherdson College create a digital resource as part of the Living Archive Digital Story Competition.



A NEW generation of Indigenous storytellers has reinvigorated traditional stories in language, using the latest in technology.

The Northern Institute at Charles Darwin University recently ran a Living Archive Digital Story Competition as part of its Living Archive of Aboriginal Languages project, which is building a digital archive of threatened literature with the language-owning communities.

Project manager, CDU linguist Cathy Bow, said the competition had encouraged people to create digital resources based on books in the archive.

"Many people who look at our archive enjoy seeing the stories, and often ask if they can listen to the stories," she said.

"While there are some audio files, we

don't have the capacity to record or digitise audio and video files so we're always looking for ways to add multimedia recordings."

Ms Bow said individuals, schools and organisations were invited to create an entry using any combination of text, image and audio based on a book or

text already in the archive, with the permission of people who own the story.

The judges couldn't pick a winner and decided to award equal first place to the Families as First Teachers (FaFT) Playgroup and Elleamor 8 class at

Shepherdson College, both from Galiwinku in the Top End.

Surprisingly, they had both chosen a story about three clams named *Dinj*, *Danj* and *Donj*.

The winning entries are at cdu.edu.au/laal/

"Many people who look at our archive enjoy seeing the stories, and often ask if they can listen to the stories."

Elders awarded QUT doctorates



TWO Indigenous Elders who have made a major contribution to their south-east Queensland communities have been awarded honorary doctorates by Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

Lilla Watson has been an activist for human rights since the 1970s, participating in the anti-apartheid Springbok protests and as a member of the first Aboriginal delegation to China. She was later instrumental in the development of the Link-Up agency, tasked with the responsibility of reuniting Stolen Generation children.

As an educator with The University of Queensland she developed and taught subjects such as Aboriginal Perspectives.

Since retiring as a lecturer in the 1990s, Dr Watson has become a visual artist and her work is at Roma Street Parklands, the Brisbane Magistrates Court, and the Queensland State Library.

Administrator

Mary Graham has been administrator for the Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency, ATSIC regional councillor for south-east Queensland, a Corrective Services commissioner, a native title researcher, and a foundation member of the National Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.

Now a member of the Ethics Committee of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, her other roles include researcher with the Kummara organisation, facilitator at The BlackCard training company, and member of the Ethics Committee of the CSIRO.

QUT vice-chancellor Peter Coaldrake said both women had contributed in a remarkable way to the development of the community. "Their own life stories are inspirational and both are truly outstanding role models, demonstrating commitment to advancing the cause of Australia's Indigenous community," he said.



Lilla Watson and Mary Graham received honorary doctorates from the Queensland University of Technology.

University of WA Discovery Days prove popular



MORE than 150 young Indigenous students from 30 schools have experienced university life first-hand at The University of Western Australia. They were taking part in the Year 8 Discovery Days program organised by

UWA's School of Indigenous Studies (SIS).

Students joined in activities including marketing at the business school, fitness testing at sport science, learning about human biology and psychology, and making a paper bridge with students from Engineers Without Borders.

The Discovery Days, which started in 2000 with 25 students from five schools, has grown to a week of activities involving many schools.

SIS senior project officer Ray Garrett said schools from as far away as Port Hedland and Tom Price in the Pilbara organised camps for November so they could attend. Students from the South West Follow the Dream program and Merredin College drove for hours to participate.

"Activities"

"We really try and engage our visitors with activities like one that UWA medical graduate Luke Davies held where he had the students plastering each other's arms, which they absolutely loved," Mr Garrett said.

In addition to hands-on activities, the students met current Indigenous university students and were told about entry pathways and the SIS Outreach Program.

South West Follow the Dream coordinator James Skoda said he found the event "totally engaging, flowing and interactive, as did the students".

"The use of mentors and allowing the current UWA students to hold the majority of the relationships and presentations worked really well and was totally engaging for the younger students," he said.

The Year 8 Discovery Days are part of the overall SIS outreach program that includes a Year 12 Leadership Seminar, WACE revision and Year 10 science camp.

Celebration at Tabulam tutorial centre



STUDENTS, families and staff have come together to celebrate the third

year of the Jubullum Tutorial Centre at Tabulam, northern NSW.

Guests at the celebration included North Coast education director Peter Campbell and acting chief executive of the Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council Owen Trembath.

Awards were presented by student Tyrone Avery to the teaching staff who have been part of the program since its inception.

The centre, run out of the Tabulam Tennis Shed, is supported by Kyogle Council. It operates five days a week with girls' and boys' groups running.

Students regularly attend the centre in groups from Year 8 to Year 11. Next year the first Year 12 group will graduate.

● Pictured: Jubullum Tutorial Centre participants at Tabulam.

Scholarships go to UNE students



FOUR Aboriginal students have each received a full postgraduate scholarship from the University of

New England (UNE) in northern NSW. Michael Brogan, Amy Hammond, Victor Briggs and Robert Waters won the scholarships through UNE's ATSI Creative Practice Scholars Program.

UNE says the program, which was more than a year in the making, is part of its commitment to enhance access and support for Indigenous students who want to further their studies.

Alan Davison, an associate professor and head of the UNE School of Arts, said the scholarships will be used to assist the students in furthering studies in creative practice.

"Only natural"

"As the school has a distinctive creative practice research profile within the university, it is only natural that we are using this as a vehicle to develop deep links and knowledge-sharing with Indigenous scholars," he said.

"We are looking forward to the vibrant cultural enrichment that will occur, and for the opportunity to take a strong stance on the importance of the arts in current discussions around knowledge and culture."

Recipient Robert Waters, a poet and storyteller, said the scholarship will allow him to dedicate himself fulltime to his studies.

"I am honoured to be part of this group of amazing people; the research that has been proposed by the others in this cohort is extremely exciting and personally I am thankful that I can be part of that," he said.



Poet and storyteller Robert Waters is one of the four Aboriginal students to receive a full postgraduate scholarship through the University of New England's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Creative Practice Scholars program.

New unit to help families, students



NORTHERN Territory Education Minister Peter Chandler has launched an initiative aimed at helping Indigenous

students and their families make the best choices at the start of secondary schooling.

Called the Transition Support Unit (TSU), it will allow students to stay 'on country' to complete a program offering English literacy and numeracy through vocational training and career pathways, or allow students to move to a residential boarding facility in a regional or urban centre.

Funding of \$13 million has been allocated from the Federal Government's Remote Aboriginal Investment Fund, and 25 staff have been recruited, 13 of whom are Indigenous with strong connections in communities across the NT.

Unit staff have visited more than 30 remote schools, established relationships with NT boarding schools, boarding facilities and many interstate boarding schools and met with over 130 students, including former boarding school students.

Transition Support Unit director Rob Picton said the team was focused on providing a safe and successful education experience through to Year 12 and that a feature of the TSU would be intensive support to Indigenous families and students who are attending residential boarding facilities.

New clinic for Danila Dilba



SEVERAL hundred people have helped Darwin's Danila Dilba Health Service celebrate the opening of a new clinic at its Palmerston Health Centre. The

general practice clinic adds to the family centre and dental clinic to help meet increasing demand for services in the Palmerston area, a rapidly growing satellite city of Darwin.

Danila Dilba chair Patrick Stephensen says the expansion "is part of our efforts to better serve the community".

"This move allows the family centre to expand its women's and

children's health programs," he said.

"The Gumilebirra women's health program will now be able to offer well women's checks, health assessments, contraception clinics and regular and acute general care.

"Our dynamic mums and bubs program will continue to provide maternal services, home visits, and high-risk and specialist services.

"And our child health program will be able to expand its services to help cater for the estimated 3000 Indigenous children living in the Palmerston area.

"The board's really proud of all our committed staff who are working to meet the needs of our community."



Senior Aboriginal health practitioner Chiquita Bicknell works for community wellbeing in the new Danila Dilba clinic at Palmerston, near Darwin.

Alarm over diabetes



SOMEONE you know will have diabetes, but many people with diabetes don't know they have it,

according to the latest global Diabetes Atlas released for World Diabetes Day 2015.

"The global statistics for diabetes are staggering – 415 million people now have diabetes and the number is set to rise beyond 642 million by 2040," Diabetes Australia chief executive Professor Greg Johnson said.

"That's one in 10 of the world's adult population. In 2015, the Western Pacific Region has the highest diabetes burden, with some Pacific island nations showing rates as high as one adult in every three with diabetes."

Diabetes rates are very high among Indigenous Australians.

Prof Johnson said there was a need for stronger action in Australia to prevent more people developing type 2 diabetes, and to

New telemedicine program's goal to prevent amputations

A NEW telemedicine program aims to prevent amputations in people with diabetes in remote Australia.

The program, to initially focus on foot ulcers, will run in under-served areas of north Queensland, but has the potential to be introduced nationwide.

Local nurses will use an advanced 3D camera and software to scan the depth and size of diabetes-related injuries.

The uploaded information will be assessed by specialists in main centres, enabling

doctors to track changes in the wound over time.

James Cook University scientist Associate Professor Usman Malabu said people with diabetes in rural and remote areas, many of whom are Indigenous, have up to three times higher rates of amputations due to complications than other Australians.

"Indigenous people have a higher rate of diabetes than the general population and by the time they are seen by a doctor it's almost too late," he said. – AAP

better care for and support Australians with the disease.

"Over 1.15 million Australians have diabetes," he said.

"This ranges from very young children to adolescents and young adults, women during pregnancy,

and adults of all ages.

"We see a very high burden of diabetes in Indigenous Australians, rural and remote communities, and the poor and disadvantaged.

"People living with diabetes are

at serious risk of complications including blindness, limb amputations, heart attack, stroke, kidney disease, and experience high levels of depression, anxiety and distress."

Prof Johnson said diabetes is

fast becoming the major threat to human health and productivity.

"In Australia ... diabetes costs (the nation) over \$14.6 billion a year," he said.

"Soon, diabetes will overtake heart disease as the leading cause of disease burden in Australia.

"We must raise awareness that we can prevent and manage diabetes. We can prevent more people developing type 2 diabetes, and we can prevent most of the complications with better care.

"We have good evidence of what to do, but we need to scale up our fight against diabetes. Currently the size of our efforts to fight diabetes is simply not enough to deal with the size of the threat.

"The release of the new global figures underlines the urgency to ensure the response to diabetes is a whole-of-community focus on prevention, treatment, care and support for diabetes."

Bond University offers 'pathway'



BOND University has launched an 'Indigenous pathway' into its medical program.

As part of the initiative, Bond University, on Queensland's Gold Coast, will offer a dedicated Indigenous medical program for the successful applicant.

"The Indigenous Pathway concept is about actively recruiting the best and brightest Indigenous school-leavers and post-graduates to consider a career in medicine," Bond University's Dr Shannon Springer said.

"Australia-wide, there are currently only around 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors and just over 300 studying medicine.

"Ultimately, increasing these numbers will improve access to health care for Indigenous people because, as patients, they do feel more comfortable seeing medical practitioners

who probably have a similar background and therefore understand the history and context surrounding Aboriginal health issues."

Bond University says that over the past three years it has put more than \$2.5 million into improving tertiary education results for Indigenous students through outreach programs,

"Bond University is uniquely placed to support the national goal of improving tertiary qualification statistics for Indigenous people."

scholarships, bursaries and dedicated on-campus support.

It says that as a result, enrolment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students has more than doubled and their degree completion rate is well above the national average.

"Bond University is uniquely placed to support the national goal of improving tertiary qualification statistics for Indigenous people," Dr Springer said.

"Its boutique campus environment and small class sizes allow all students to benefit from the mentoring provided by academics.

"For our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students we also have the Nyombil Centre on campus which provides study support and an opportunity to connect with other Indigenous students and the wider community."

Dr Springer, of Aboriginal and Australian South Sea Islander heritage, was one of the first two Indigenous doctors to graduate from James Cook University, in 2005.

More information on the Bond scholarship criteria and assessment process is available at www.bond.edu.au/scholarships.



Bond University's Dr Shannon Springer, who was one of the first two Indigenous doctors to graduate from James Cook University, in 2005.

New tool will help with FASD



THE Central Australia Health Service's Remote Alcohol and Other Drugs Workforce Program has introduced a new tool to help deal with growing number of infants born with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the Northern Territory.

The Yarning about Alcohol & Pregnancy is a pictorial resource that assesses the level of risk to a woman who is pregnant and who is using alcohol.

"This resource was created because we had a number of our remote alcohol and other drugs (AOD) workers dealing with the effects of alcohol and pregnancy on the ground, and they didn't feel equipped with resources to support them," program manager Jennifer Frendin said.

With national attention on FASD and media reports like the ABC's 4 Corners' Hidden Harm recently highlighting the damage caused by drinking alcohol during pregnancy,

Ms Frendin said it was timely to come up with a user-friendly resource.

The team consulted with more than 60 services, including midwives, doctors, nurses, counsellors, health professionals from the Menzies School of Health Research, Aboriginal Health Practitioners, and remote AOD workers from across the NT, to come up with a workable solution.

Increasing

Director of addiction and clinical forensic medicine at the Alice Springs Hospital Dr Jennifer Delima said FASD is increasing across the NT. "This material is relevant to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous mothers," she said.

"What is happening to baby while it is in mum's tummy is important and Yarning about Alcohol & Pregnancy is not punitive, but a supportive approach to mothers and so it helps both clinicians and families get the best possible results for mother and baby."



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Aaliyah Haumono, of Darlington Public School, seems to enjoy being a 'revolting child' in the *Matilda* segment.



This year's Indigenous segment in the Schools Spectacular paid tribute to The Sapphires Indigenous singing group and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have fought for Australia in wars and conflict. One of the original Sapphires, Laurel Robinson, was in the audience and also spoke to the two featured singers, Talia Sigsworth and Atahlia Sutherland, sharing with them her experiences performing for Australian diggers in Vietnam.

Simply Spectacular



Talia Sigsworth, from Wollongong High School of Performing Arts, and Atahlia Sutherland, who studied at Orange High and the Dubbo School of Distance Education, sing the hits that made The Sapphires popular in the 1970s.



ABORIGINAL students from across NSW starred in this year's Schools Spectacular held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Hundreds of Aboriginal students, supported by teachers, staff and volunteers, added to the 4200 who contributed to the 32nd Schools Spectacular gala.

Featured artists were Talia Sigsworth, from Wollongong High School of Performing Arts, Atahlia Sutherland, from Orange High and the Dubbo School

of Distance Education, and Aaliyah Haumono, from Darlington Public School.

The Spectacular also featured a Bangarra Dance Theatre-choreographed Indigenous segment, this year paying tribute to The Sapphires and Indigenous war veterans.

With the theme 'This is Our World', this year's Schools Spectacular featured 2000 dancers, a 1500-voice choir, an 80-piece symphony orchestra, rock, jazz, brass and marching bands and soloists.



Amberlilly Gordon, of the Dubbo College Senior Campus, is part of the Aboriginal Dance Company's segment choreographed by Bangarra Dance Theatre.



Cody Cosson, of Wade High School, dances with the Aboriginal Dance Company which led the segment choreographed by Bangarra Dance Theatre.

Philip Parsons Fellowship recipients Shakthidharan and Nakkiah Lui.



Plays pay off for Lui

NSW INDIGENOUS woman Nakkiah Lui is one of two recipients of

the NSW Philip Parsons Fellowship for Emerging Playwrights.

Supported by Belvoir and Arts NSW, the fellowship includes a commission and funding towards a creative development for the new script.

Ms Lui, a Gamilaroi/Torres Strait Islander woman, has written two plays for Belvoir – *This Heaven* and *Kill the Messenger*. She is also a writer and performer on ABC1's *Black Comedy*.

The other recipient is writer and director Shakthidharan.

Belvoir's Anthea Williams said it was unprecedented for two playwrights to be awarded the fellowship.

"However the judging panel felt that both of these writers had produced seminal works that should be recognised," she said.

"The company will commission both playwrights to produce a first draft of a new work."

Residency for Muir



CONTEMPORARY artist Josh Muir, whose work draws on hip-hop and street art culture,

has won a year-long residency at the University of Melbourne.

Based at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), the Hutchinson Indigenous Residency was created to enable Indigenous artists to undertake significant projects of their choice. It includes a cash grant of \$40,000 and up to \$5000 for materials.

Muir, a 24-year-old Yorta Yorta/Gunditjmara man from Ballarat, says he will use the time and space to reflect and research ideas for his artwork.

He says he will move to Melbourne to develop his work and tell stories of his life, his people, and the world around him through digital imagery and sculpture.

"As a visual storyteller, research is very important to the development of my ideas and having access to resources at the University of Melbourne is

"Josh has a strong connection to his culture and uses his heritage to explore his Indigenous identity through art. He is bound to take advantage of every opportunity the University of Melbourne offers him."

– Deborah Cheetham



going to be an amazing opportunity," Muir said. "I'm looking forward to immersing

myself in the VCA art studios, to learning skills and dedicating myself to the creative life."

VCA associate dean Deborah Cheetham said the residency aimed to build an alumni of

Victorian Indigenous artists, enabling them to share their ideas, enhance their skills and strengthen and develop Indigenous cultural practice.

"For more than 1000 generations the Indigenous people of this land have passed on all knowledge of geography, the sciences, medicine and humanity through the visual and performing arts," she said.

"Josh has a strong connection to his culture and uses his heritage to explore his Indigenous identity through art. He is bound to take advantage of every opportunity the University of Melbourne offers him."

The Hutchinson Indigenous Residency was established in perpetuity last year from a \$1 million grant from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust and named in honour of Darvell M Hutchinson, who steered the trust for 50 years. Hutchinson Indigenous Fellowship applications are open to all Victorian Indigenous artists.

New skills for arts workers



TORRES Strait Islander arts workers are working on new skills through the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) Indigenous Arts Leadership Program.

Gab Titui Cultural Centre gallery officer Aven Noah Jnr was the latest participant in the 10-day leadership program.

He was selected as one of 10 participants from across Australia for the industry-focused program, designed to inspire, build knowledge and create lasting networks.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairperson Joseph Elu said the authority values and supports the professional development of all artists from the region, and it was "pleasing to have one of our own staff selected for this program".

"The TSRA is committed to supporting its Indigenous workforce into leadership positions," Mr Elu said.

"Lead the way"

"From on-the-job experience and knowledge transfer, to harnessing opportunities outside the region, it is important for the future of our organisation and our communities that Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal staff members are developing the skills to lead the way in the future."

Mr Noah Jnr is the third Gab Titui Cultural Centre staff member to participate in the leadership program, following former communications officer Emma Loban and retail officer Thelma Savage.

The NGA Indigenous Arts Leadership Program takes participants behind the scenes to demonstrate the different types of jobs, roles and careers available in the visual arts sector.

The program also offers an opportunity for participants, who come from a diversity of backgrounds, to learn from each other as well as from industry professionals.



Gab Titui Cultural Centre gallery officer Aven Noah Jnr installs *Naga Mawa*, by Yessie Mosby, as part of the 2015 exhibition *Evolution: Torres Strait Masks* in the Gab Titui Ephraim Bani Gallery on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.

Mary shares the story of her life in new book



SENIOR Indigenous woman Mary Roberta Mitchell has written a book about

her life in and around Cunnamulla and Eulo, south-west Queensland.

Called *Mary's Story – From Bob's Hut to Personalised Plates*, the book tells of her life from her birth 77 years ago in a hut near Eulo.

The author reminisces about growing up on the Tilbooroo property, going to school in Eulo, and moving to Cunnamulla.

Mitchell tells of heartache and joy in the book.

For more information about the book, email wallen1@bigpond.com



Wominjeka to have music and activism



MUSIC, art and activism will come together for next month's Wominjeka Festival in

Melbourne's inner west.

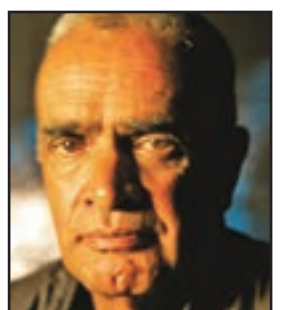
A celebration of Indigenous creativity that also aims to spark critical cultural conversations, Wominjeka is presented by Maribyrnong City Council and St Jerome's Laneway Festival.

Activist and academic Gary Foley will be one of the guest

speakers, and there will be the world premier of the exhibition *Call from the West*, inspired by the life of the Footscray-based Indigenous activist William Cooper.

Musicians on the Wominjeka program include The Pigram Brothers, Bart Willoughby, Briggs, TigerLilly, and Brett Lee.

It will all take place at the Footscray Community Arts Centre from January 15-17. Details at footscrayarts.com/event/wominjeka-festival-2015/



Gary Foley will be at this year's Wominjeka.

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance call 13 11 14.

Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services for carers. Call 1800 242 636, Monday to Friday.

The Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative. Children who are eligible for the program can access funding of up to \$12,000 each financial year for a range of early intervention services. Children must be registered before age six. For more information, call the Registration and Information Service on 1800 242 636 or visit www.carersnsw.org.au

Now Open: Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) is seeking Indigenous Australians 18-30 for its Marathon program and to complete a Certificate III in Fitness. To apply visit www.imp.org.au or telephone (02) 6162 4750.

South Australia

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 www.nctafe.aboriginallearningcircle.com

IPROWD Education and Training Program now open. Assisting Aboriginal people to gain entry into the NSW Police Force. Details: 1300 823 393 or 1300 830 177 or email iprowd@tafensw.edu.au or visit www.iprowd.tafensw.edu.au



The Tiddas Choir, left, will perform at the Koorie Heritage Trust's A Very Koorie Krismas at Federation Square in Melbourne on December 19, as will Jessie Lloyd's Mission Songs Project, with singers pictured at right.

Very Koorie Krismas at the Heritage Trust



THE Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne will have an afternoon of festive family fun on December 19 from 1pm-4pm at Federation Square. The inaugural A Very Koorie Krismas family event will include choirs, live music, craft and storytelling.
"Along with celebrating the Christmas spirit this year, we invite all our friends and families to also support and celebrate our Koorie culture and communities by joining in an afternoon

of fun and activities," Heritage Trust chief executive Tom Mosby said.

The Tiddas Choir and Jessie Lloyd's Mission Songs Project are scheduled to perform, while James Henry will play an acoustic set.

Gunditjmarra woman and master weaver Bronwyn Razem and Yorta Yorta woman Donna Blackall will share traditional weaving techniques to make bush toys and baskets using mediums including natural fibres, raffia and wool.

Cassie Leatham-Harrup plans to use

local Indigenous ingredients and materials in her bush tucker workshop.

For the kids, there will be Koorie-inspired noughts and crosses and colouring-in stations, as well as live storytelling with Mandy Nicholson.

And Koorie Klaus is due to drop in about 3pm.

The Koorie Art Show 2015, an end-of-year showcase by Koorie visual artists, will also be open in the trust's exhibition gallery.

More details can be found at www.koorieheritagetrust.com/

Until January 31: *The Koori Art Expressions 2015* exhibition, a selection of visual artworks created by students from 36 public schools across Sydney. With almost 70 works inspired by this year's NAIDOC theme 'We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate'. Held at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour daily from 9.30am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9320 6000 or visit www.australianmuseum.net.au

Until December 19: *Wanarn Painters of Place and Time: Old Age Travel in the Tjukurrpa* exhibition. Featuring the artworks and stories from the book of the same name, based on works

from artists at the only aged-care facility in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Sydney, Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au

Until January 29: *Milingimbi* exhibition. Showcasing the works of three artists from the small island in Central Arnhem Land, producing jewel-like works on barks as well as fine wooden sculptures and weavings. Held at Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9225 1744 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/exhibitions/milingimbi

Until January 31: *Saltwater Country* exhibition. A major

touring exhibition that features imagery of some of Australia's most beautiful coastlines, includes more than 50 works by 16 of Queensland Indigenous artists.

Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton, Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Cost: Gold coin donation. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until February 5: Boomalli Annual Members Show 2015. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Sydney from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

December 17: Boats and Bush Tucker TAFE course enrolment day. The course includes building a canoe/small vessel, survival skills, teamwork, excursions and more. Information session at Lismore campus TAFE, Aunty Fay Room, 64 Conway St, Lismore at 11am. Details: Sharon Taylor on 0409 122 933 or email Sharon.taylor32@tafensw.edu.au

December 18: Reading for Reconciliation Book Group to improve knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and histories. Held at Lismore Library, Magellan St, Lismore from

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1.30pm. Free. Details: (02) 6621 2464 or email lismorebookclubs@rtrl.nsw.gov.au

December 21-February 21:

Being Tiwi exhibition of new works and recent acquisitions that highlight nine contemporary artists from the Tiwi Islands. Includes an artist talk, print workshop and guided tour. Held at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, The Rocks, Sydney, Mon-Wed, 10am-5pm, Thurs, 10-9pm, Fri-Sun, 10am-5pm. Entry fees may apply. Details: (02) 9245 2400 or visit www.mca.com.au

January 9:

Archie Roach and My Friend The Chocolate Cake performances. A one-off concert performing separately and together. Held at The Sydney Opera House. Details: (02) 9250 7777. Tickets available from Ticketek or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com

January 9, 16, 23 and 30:

The Airds Summer Film + Music Screening Series. To be held across four Saturdays, includes screenings of *The Sapphires* + *Bow & Arrow*, *Bran Nue Dae* + *Stephen Pigram*, *Stone Bros* + *Bart Willoughby* and the premiere of *Black Comedy* season two + *Aiesha Saunders*. Held at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, 187 Riverside Dr, Airds, from 6.30pm. Free. Details: Yasmin Ivanac on (02) 4645 4296 or 0451 991 717.

January 12-15 and 19-22:

Goori Ngubuyah (Holiday Program). Targeted for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students from Grades 7 to 12 in the Ballina Shire. Includes beach activities, ten-pin bowling, sport activities, cultural tour and more. Details: Les or Amanda at Bunjum Co-op on (02) 6686 5644.

February 6-7:

Bundjalung 9s Rugby League Carnival. \$750 team entry, \$9000 cash prizes. Held at Ballina Seagulls Rugby League Field, Kingsford Smith Park. Details: Lenkunar Roberts Hickling on 0412 463 730 or email ctidaboriginalcorp@yahoo.com.au

Queensland

Ongoing: Our Place walking tour. Join a short walk along the Brisbane River and discover the history that lies beneath the concrete. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, South Brisbane, on the first Wednesday of each month (excl January) from 10.30-11.30am. Bookings: slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on. Details: (07) 3842 9824

Until January 16: *Mwerr-angker Alpert (Pretty Flower)* exhibition. Artists from Ampilatwatja return to Brisbane with their distinctive paintings of Central Australia. Held at Woollongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woollongabba on Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm. Opening



Tears Have Fallen, by Paul Bong. Picture: Michael Marzik, courtesy of the artist and UMI Arts

Pathways 6 on show at UMI Arts gallery



UMI Arts' annual *Pathways* exhibition, showcasing works by recent participants in the Cairns-based organisation's Exhibition Ready program, is now on show. This year's *Pathways 6* exhibition features

works by Joseph Banu, Paul Bong, Lynelle Flinders, Norman Miller and Samuel Savage.

Banu, a descendant of the Boethigiam and Koey Zugu tribal groups on Boigu Island, primarily works in sculpture and uses items washed up on beaches for his art.

Yidinji (north Qld) artist Paul Bong (Bindur Bullin) is known for his traditional Yidinji shields and designs, but he is currently involved in printmaking.

Dharrba Warra clan woman Lynelle Flinders, from Starke River, is one of a small

number of member artists who specialise in hand-printed textiles.

Munganbana Norman Miller is of the Jirrbal, Bar-Barrum and Tableland Yidinji tribes of the north Queensland rainforest. He creates rainforest-themed artworks on canvas as well as lino prints.

And Samuel Tainga Toa Savage Snr, from the Dudamud village of Erub (Darnley Island), Eastern Torres Strait Islands, is a multidisciplinary artist who crafts traditional headdresses using knowledge passed down from his grandfather, as well as pearl shell carvings, mixed media sculpture and vinyl-cut prints.

The exhibition will be at UMI Arts Gallery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts until January 22. Details on (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

night December 11 from 6-8pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit www.wag.com.au

Until January 22: *Pathways 6* group exhibition 2015. Features the work of five artists far north Queensland. Held at UMI Arts Gallery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, 335 Sheridan St, North Cairns, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

Until February 21: *Walan Giiny (strong heart)* exhibition. Indigenous artists with disability tell their stories through creative pieces of art on canvas, wheelchairs, wheelie-walkers and canoe. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Pl, South Bank, Brisbane from Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3842 9824.

Until April 9: *Brutal Truths* exhibition. Showcasing three major installations of works encompassing drawings, paintings, text works and videos. Held at Griffith University Art Gallery, Queensland College of Art, 226 Grey St, South Bank, Tues-Sat, 11am-4pm. Free. Details: Lauren on 0418 799 544 or visit www.griffith.edu.au/visual-creative-arts/

December 17: The Great Holiday Book Swap. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Pl, South Bank, Brisbane from Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm. Gold coin donation. Details: (07) 3842 9824

December 19: Community healing project event. The lives of eight Manoora children will be remembered a year on, as their families give thanks to the broader community for its support. Activities include a

waterslide, wall climbing, jumping castle, circus and arts activities and more. Held at Stan Williams Park, Brothers Leagues Club, Behan St, Manunda, from 1-5.30pm, followed by a concert from 6-8pm. Free. Details: Pip Miller on 0419 681 543.

Victoria

Until February 28: *Koori Art Show 2015* exhibition. A non-acquisitive award exhibition, presenting the work of emerging to senior Koorie and Victoria-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square in Melbourne. Open daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.fedsquare.com/events

Until March 5: *Open Your Eyes* exhibition. Features works from the men's group Pitcha

Making Fellas, inspired by the environment, Koorie history and South Eastern mark-making. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton, open daily from 10am-5pm. Cost: Adults \$14, concess & kids, Free. Details: 13 11 05 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka

December 19: Koorie Heritage Trust's 'A Very Koorie Christmas'. Includes choirs, live music, storytelling, kids' activities, basket weaving and more.

Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square. Free. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com

January 15-17: Wominjeka Festival. Includes a line-up of Indigenous artists from around the country, including The Pilgram Brothers, Bart Willoughby, Briggs and more. Held at Footscray Community Arts Centre, 45 Moreland Street, Footscray. Free event. Details: Jirra on 0475 230 880 or visit www.footscrayarts.com

Western Australia

Until December 31: *Wirnpa 2015* exhibition. An exhibition by Daniel Walbidi, Wirnpa is a jila (living water) and is one of the most significant places for many tribes in Great Sandy Desert. Held at Short St Gallery, 7 Short Street, Broome, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Free. Details: (08) 9192 6118 or visit www.shortstgallery.com

Until January 10: *Pampa Mara Tjanpi* exhibition. An exhibition of contemporary fibre textiles from 12 artists all over 70 representing six remote communities of the Ngaanyatjarra lands of WA.

Held at the Perth Cultural Centre, James St, Perth. Open daily 9.30am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 9212 3700 or 1300 134 081 or visit www.museum.wa.gov.au/museums/perth

Until January 10: *Warakurna: All the Stories got into Our Minds and Eyes* exhibition. An exhibition of contemporary works that document a new art movement emerging from the Western Desert community of Warakurna. Held at the Perth Cultural Centre, James St, Perth. Open daily from 9.30am-5pm. Free. Details: (08) 9212 3700 or 1300 134 081 or visit www.museum.wa.gov.au/museums/perth

Until February 21: *Resistance* exhibition. A presentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices and world-views about contemporary Indigenous life. It features Indigenous knowledge systems and commentary on Indigenous experiences, histories, cultures and people.

Held at Art Gallery of WA, Perth Cultural Centre, Wed-Mon, 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (08) 9492 6600 or visit www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

AES, landscaper are building jobs



THE Aboriginal Employment Service (AES) has partnered with landscape construction company Design Landscapes to help Indigenous jobseekers benefit from growth in the Sydney construction industry. Although the partnership is still in its early stages, the AES says it is already assisting Design Landscapes with the placement of five first-year apprentices as well as irrigation installation staff. Two Indigenous candidates referred by the AES have already started work.

The AES said candidates for Design Landscapes worked through an eight-week pre-employment trade readiness program, with a one-week residential block.

"During that week we cover setting structures, such as getting up in the morning in time for work and eating right, and at night there's some life coaching," AES national construction manager Rohan Tobler said.

"It's all about getting people ready for work and going through some of the personal things that are hindering them from getting a job."

Involved

Eighteen Indigenous people from the Sydney region are now involved in the trade readiness program, and it is expected Design Landscapes will soon offer a further five apprenticeships for Indigenous jobseekers.

"There's a career path in construction, and while you can go through high school and not get the education required to go to university, through trade training and something like the Design Landscapes apprenticeships, within four years you can become a professional," Mr Tobler said.

Design Landscapes' focus on recruiting more Indigenous employees has been spearheaded by human resources director Monique Markezic. She has been instrumental in the formation and development of a Reconciliation Action Plan and Indigenous participation guidelines, along with the recent AES partnership.

Ms Markezic said Design Landscapes has had high levels of Indigenous employment, with most recruits coming from staff referrals. The business now wants to increase its Indigenous worker ratio from 12% to 20% over the next four years.

"We believe that our partnership with the AES will help further increase our reach to Aboriginal men and women keen to pursue careers within the landscape and civil construction industry," she said.

"We know that candidates will be more qualified, better prepared and have the desire to succeed when referred to us by the AES. In short, they are qualified referrals."



Stephen Lardner, who was placed through the AES, is with Design Landscapes' Matthew Turnbull on site.



Design Landscapes' Monique Markezic with Stephen Lardner, who was placed through the AES, and Marty Waring.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Aboriginal Facilitator (Right People for Country Program)

\$86,493 - \$104,650
Melbourne - CBD

An exciting opportunity exists as VPS 5 Right People for Country Aboriginal Facilitator within the Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria Branch of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC).

As an Aboriginal Facilitator with the Right People for Country program, you will work with Traditional Owner groups and other stakeholders to support Traditional Owner-led agreement making. Key components of this role include facilitating engagement, project planning and implementation, and capacity strengthening opportunities with Traditional Owner groups as well as contributing to the consolidation and strengthening of the Right People for Country program.

To be successful in this role you must have demonstrated experience in group facilitation, strengthens based capacity building and experience working with Aboriginal communities. Your capacity to engage with community, build relationships, communicate effectively will be critical as will your ability to problem solve and take initiative.

Understanding of the legislative and policy context relating to recognition of Traditional owners will be highly regarded.

This is a designated position established as a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and key selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au and refer to position number **1193467**

Closing date for applications is Sunday 20 December 2015.



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POSITIONS VACANT

The Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is a unique organisation providing a range of cultural, community, health and education services for Aboriginal people residing in the Maitland, Cessnock and parts of the Dungog LGAs.



Mindaribba LALC is seeking motivated people interested in a commencing a rewarding career in the following vacancies:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Full Time (fixed term contract)

The CEO is responsible for providing an extensive range of support and assistance to the Mindaribba LALC Board through the day-to-day management of the Mindaribba LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have tertiary qualifications in Business, Archaeology or extensive relevant experience. In addition the successful applicant will have extensive knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. High level organisational and management experience is an essential requirement of this position together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles and appreciation of contemporary Aboriginal issues.

FINANCE OFFICER

Part Time (with the possibility of Full Time)

The Finance Officer is responsible for maintaining financials in order to meet legislative requirements and to support the operation of the Mindaribba LALC. The successful applicant will have extensive related experience and tertiary qualifications in accounting or a related field.

ABORIGINAL CULTURE AND HERITAGE OFFICER Full Time - Part Time

The Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Officer (ACHO) contributes to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal culture and heritage through the identification, assessment, management, interpretation and monitoring of objects and places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance. The ACHO encourages and facilitates Aboriginal participation in culture and heritage management within the Mindaribba LALC boundaries. The successful applicant will have demonstrated skills and experience in the area of Aboriginal culture and heritage and preparing related reports.

ABORIGINAL YOUTH WORKER X2 (One Male and One Female) Part Time (up to 32 hours)

The Aboriginal Youth Worker (AYW) is responsible for leading a strengths based, early intervention and family centred program of work which aims to support the delivery of culturally appropriate programs for Aboriginal young people and their families within the Mindaribba LALC boundaries. The successful applicant will have extensive experience in a related service and have completed, or be willing to complete, a tertiary qualification in youth work or a related field.

All applicants must obtain a copy of a recruitment package for their respective position/s and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. **To obtain a copy of the recruitment package please contact Todd Heard Chairperson, by email:** todd.heard@bigpond.com; on 0437 259 714; or 4015 7000.

Applications can be forwarded to todd.heard@bigpond.com or marked **"Confidential"** and posted to:

The Recruitment Panel
Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 401, East Maitland NSW 2323

Applications Close: 8th of January 2016.

Please note no late applications will be accepted.

Being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions as described under Section 14(d) of Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Being a male/female is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions as described under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

GUREHLGAM

ABN: 91 103 222 411

Coordinator - Aboriginal Family Wellbeing Service Coffs Harbour

Gurehlgam is a community service provider. We are an Aboriginal run NFP focused on improving the lives of all Aboriginal people. Gurehlgam manages the Aboriginal Family Wellbeing Service (AFWS) as a project under the Safety and Wellbeing stream of the Federal Indigenous Advancement Strategy

AFWS supports Indigenous children, their families and carers through provision of case management of families, referral advice, support, and education. Community connections are a vital part of this service

Gurehlgam is seeking to engage a coordinator with strong skills in community service at a managerial level.

Remuneration is at the SCHCDSI Award level 5 or 6 depending on experience.

Information packs can be had by emailing manager@gurehlgam.com.au.



Applications must be emailed by close of business Friday Jan 8th, 2016. The position will commence in late January, 2016

Call Kenn or Pat on
02 66428677
For more information

NSW Advisory Board Appointment



Volunteer position

Do you want to contribute to world's largest humanitarian organisation? Do you have a background in the human services, community or corporate sectors and an understanding of Member and Volunteer organisations? We are seeking a committed Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person for an appointment to the NSW Advisory Board of the Australian Red Cross.

The NSW Advisory Board has a range of responsibilities including advising the Executive Director on strategic issues, supporting the governance of the Division and communicating to Members and Volunteers.

For enquiries, please contact Jody Broun on (02) 9229 4219.

For further information and to apply online, visit our careers page and search job reference number 502157.

redcross.org.au

Applications close 22 January 2015.

Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This is an equal opportunity measure under section 27 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT).

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**Family &
Community
Services**

Senior Client Service Officer Aboriginal Specialist

Clerk Grade 5/6
Department of Family & Community Services
Housing NSW
Reference No. 00003ZJW

- **Housing Services**
- **Location:** Wagga Wagga
- **Salary range:** \$77,448 - \$85,455 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the Opportunity

The Senior Client Service Officer Aboriginal Specialist aims to help homeless clients with complex support and housing needs to access and sustain tenancies in the private rental market.

Job Notes

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position.

The position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14a of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

This position is available to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders only.

This is an on-going full-time role in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.

A talent pool may be created to fill both on-going and temporary opportunities if and as they arise.

Closing date: Tuesday 22nd December 2015 at 11:59 pm.

For enquiries: Lana Morgan on 0475 981 226

How to apply: For more information on available job vacancies and to apply online, please visit the careers page at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and refer to job reference number **00003ZJW**.

Thank you for your interest in this position.

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A dynamic & safe workplace is currently recruiting:

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To commence a Pre Service Training Course
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SPIEGELTENT PRODUCER



The Spiegeltent Producer is responsible for creating and delivering an exciting, creative and balanced calendar of events in the Melba Spiegeltent at Circus Oz, located in the heart of Collingwood.

The Spiegeltent Producer must have an extensive understanding and connection to the performing arts community, alongside highly developed communication, negotiation and stakeholder management skills, as well as experience in relevant production and administrative areas, including event management, budgeting and finance.

For full job description and contact details go to
www.circusoz.com/employment

Applications close Tuesday 5 January 2016.

Circus Oz is an equal opportunity employer.



Relationship Manager x 2 Positions

Employment Classification: Flexible hours - Full or part time
Locations: Canberra & Melbourne

We are looking for two high calibre, experienced Relationship Managers to connect Indigenous businesses with corporate and government customers in a rewarding and collaborative environment.

Supply Nation is the Australian leader in supplier diversity, established in 2009 to connect our membership of Australia's leading brands and government with Indigenous businesses across the country. We maintain a vision of a prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous business sector, and believe that a collaborative and united approach is the key to achieving real change for Australia's First People's.

Position Objective

Your primary responsibility will be to drive the development of a sustainable and prosperous Indigenous enterprise sector in Australia.

Your key tasks include building and maintaining strong relationships with our members (including procurement managers, corporate social responsibility managers and/or purchasing officers) as well as with Indigenous businesses who are Registered or Certified with Supply Nation in order to facilitate contracts and purchases where possible.

Specialist Knowledge and Attributes:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous societies, cultures and issues affecting Indigenous Australians in business
- Demonstrated ability to interact with all levels of business from C-suite to operations
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of small to medium business enterprises
- Excellent level of competence in using Microsoft Office applications
- Canberra role - knowledge and experience of Federal Government

Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Demonstrated high level communication, analytical and liaison skills; in particular skills relevant to working with Indigenous communities and other key stakeholders
- Ability to assess the appropriate information to provide, and/or services to refer with little external direction
- Demonstrated experience in supporting strong working relationships both internally and externally
- High level administrative skills including the ability to prepare reports, business letters and general correspondence
- Well developed interpersonal skills demonstrating a positive approach to client service and managing expectations of Supply Nation members, partners and suppliers
- Demonstrated knowledge, or the ability to rapidly acquire knowledge, of different business models and company structures
- Ability to learn and work with procurement teams (previous experience with procurement teams is desirable)

Additional Requirements:

A current driver's license
Attendance at after hours' meetings may be required
Interstate travel will be required
Ability to work cross functionally and across geographies

Applications close: 4 January 2016

Please apply for either of the positions by submitting a letter that highlights your experience and interest in the role (no more than two pages).

Applications should be submitted to:
info@supplynation.org.au

Senior HR Consultant (Aboriginal Employment)

Human Resource Services

Reference No: 215126

For further information and to apply visit:
www.une.edu.au/jobs-at-une

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OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR

The Office Co-ordinator at Circus Oz forms a crucial part of a dynamic administrative team, being primarily responsible for the smooth and efficient operations of our busy office, providing a friendly and welcoming first point of contact for visitors, and possessing great personal skills and an ability to multi-task and prioritise. Experience in general office administration essential; experience in office-based information technology problem-solving an advantage.

For full job description and contact details go to
www.circusoz.com/employment

Applications close Tuesday 5 January 2016.
Circus Oz is an equal opportunity employer.

COFFS HARBOUR AND DISTRICT LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Permanent Full-Time

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CH&DLALC is seeking applications from experienced and qualified individuals to join our Land Council in the role of Chief Executive Officer.

A Local Aboriginal Land Council is constituted by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The objects of a Local Aboriginal Land Council are to improve, protect and foster the best interests of all Aboriginal persons within the Council's area and other persons who are members of the Council. A Local Aboriginal Land Council has the following legislative functions conferred or imposed on it: Land Acquisition, Land Management, Aboriginal Culture, Financial Stewardship and other functions prescribed by regulation.

The Chief Executive Officer will be required to possess and demonstrate high level skills in all legislative functions conferred on a Local Aboriginal Land Council.

All applicants must obtain an application package and address all selection criteria.

Applicants from Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged.

For further enquiries and to obtain an application package please contact Ken Craig Jnr on (02) 6652 8740 or email admin@coffsharbourlalc.com.au

Applications close: 4pm Friday 8 January 2016



The AIATSIS Collections program is seeking to recruit staff for the following positions:

APS 4 Archive Officer (Photographic)

Special Measures vacancy

Salary \$58,915-\$64,308

Closing Date 22nd December 2015

Position descriptions and application forms are available on the AIATSIS website:

<http://aiatsis.gov.au/about-us/work-us/current-vacancies>

Contact: recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au

NOWRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Aboriginal Identified

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the NLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Deputy Chairperson Noleen Clarke, on 0432 114 123.

Applications can be forwarded to nowralalc@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

**The Chairperson
Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 528
Nowra NSW 2541**

Applications close Friday 20th January 2016



Relationships Australia
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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTITIONER WAGGA WAGGA

Permanent Part-Time 4 days per week

Level D (SCHCDS 5)

Salary: \$69,587 - \$75,178 pro rata

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region Inc. has a position for a suitable candidate to provide Family Dispute Resolution (mediation) to support families following separation.

Relevant tertiary qualifications are essential and either registration as a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner or willingness to undertake accreditation.

This position will include group work, service promotion, outreach and case management work.

Applicants need to submit a written application addressing the selection criteria and a current resume.

The position description and selection criteria are available at:
www.racr.relationships.org.au/about-us/employment

Applications can be emailed or posted to: Ray.Overvliet@racr.relationships.org.au
36-40 Gurwood Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Enquiries to Ray Overvliet Ph: 02 6923 9100 or
Email: Ray.Overvliet@racr.relationships.org.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: COB Monday 21 December 2015

RACR is an equal opportunity employment employer. This is a designated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Position.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Executive Officer Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) is responsible for the pastoral care of Catholic Indigenous people and supporting them in the living of their Faith. The work of the Ministry also provides an interface between all Aboriginal people and the Catholic Church.

The Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring that these vital services remain part of the Ministry and are further strengthened in the Archdiocese of Sydney. This position works with the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Advisory Committee, as well as other Archdiocesan, non-Church and Community stakeholders to ensure the effectiveness of ACM and the services it provides. This position is based at Alexandria.

To be successful in this role the ideal candidate will have: Knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church and a personal commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church; Demonstrated leadership ability and relevant experience in a similar role; Appropriate academic qualifications e.g. Degree in Theology; An awareness of the issues facing Aboriginal

people and families, and a track record in delivering professional programs to deal with these issues; Experience in building and maintaining effective networks.

The Executive Officer will also possess the following attributes: Excellent people skills; Demonstrated experience in and commitment to evangelisation; Capacity to deal sensitively and intelligently with difficult issues; Effective and compassionate communication skills, both spoken and written; Proven capacity for strategic thinking and planning; Professional and proactive manner and presentation.

A position description detailing further information about this role is available, by emailing hr@sydneycatholic.org

All applications (including Application Letter and Resume), should be addressed in confidence to:

David Nethery, Employment Services
Manager
Polding Centre, Level 5
133 Liverpool Street, Sydney, NSW 2000
or to: hr@sydneycatholic.org

Applications Close: 20 January 2016

Nursing & Midwifery

Enrolled Nurse Scholarships 2016

APPLICATIONS OPEN FROM 11 JANUARY TO 10 FEBRUARY 2016

NSW Health in partnership with TAFE NSW is offering scholarships for the Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) (Course Code HLT51612) program across NSW.

This scholarship provides recipients with a place in the Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) program to commence from April 2016. Following successful completion of the Diploma and progressing through standard recruitment processes, you will be offered employment as an Enrolled Nurse in a NSW public health facility. The only cost to the student will be the compulsory student fee which will be reimbursed by NSW Health on completion of 12 months employment as an Enrolled Nurse.

You may be eligible to access VET FEE-HELP to cover your student fees until the time of reimbursement.

TAFE is offering the program and it will take between 12 – 18 months to complete.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close 10 February 2016



To download a scholarship application package and find out more about what being an Enrolled Nurse involves, visit: www.health.nsw.gov.au/enrollednurse

Department of Justice and Regulation

Executive Officer - West Metropolitan Regional Area Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC)



- **A great opportunity to make a difference in the community**
- **12 month fixed-term, full-time position**
- **Salary range \$86,493 - \$104,650 plus superannuation**

The North West Metropolitan Area (NWMA) delivers justice services to Victorians who live in north and west Melbourne, including: custodial services at prisons, Community Correctional Services, Sheriff's Operations and Consumer Affairs front of house enquiries.

The Executive Officer will be responsible for the development and maintenance of supportive linkages between justice agencies and community organisations, providing policy advice, implementing the Regional Justice Plan, providing secretariat services to the Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) as well as promotion of all Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) initiatives within the region.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it
- strong problem solving and influencing skills, with the ability to think quickly and react appropriately to challenging situations
- excellent written and verbal communication skills and a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community.

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 Friday 8 January 2016.

Department of Health & Human Services

Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Coordinator

The Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Coordinator is central to supporting the Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group in its work toward developing community led initiatives and actions aimed at preventing, reducing and responding to family violence in Aboriginal communities.

The Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Coordinator promotes the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy within local and regional communities, with Aboriginal and mainstream organisations and across government departments. They facilitate and assist in the development of community based responses to family violence.

Are you

- Passionate about making a difference for local Aboriginal people across west metropolitan Melbourne to reduce family violence within the community
- Able to work with and build relationships with a variety of people to develop local solutions to local issues
- Confident in your ability to manage competing government priorities and community expectations

ONLY ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AS THIS POSITION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE SPECIAL MEASURE PROVISION, SECTION 12 (1) OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT 2010 (VIC)

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact **Lesley Murray, Team Leader, Local Connections (03) 9229 4151**

Job Reference number: **DHHS/WD/378968**

Applications close: Midnight Wednesday 23rd December 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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Online Communications Manager (Executive Level 1)

Ongoing - fulltime
Salary \$89,922 - \$98,639pa

This is a Special Measures position and Identified position

The Online Communications Manager is responsible for managing the quality and standards of all aspects of the Institute's online communication activities, from the website through to digital and social media, including consolidating and building the AIATSIS brand across all online digital products. The Manager will develop and implement the website strategy and devise online campaigns for AIATSIS public promotions and programs.

This position will be filled using the Special Measures provision, which allows for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service. The vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 6 January 2016

How to apply:

Applicants must address the selection criteria which include the ability to demonstrate knowledge and an understanding of both Indigenous cultures and the issues affecting Indigenous Australians today and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Please consult the AIATSIS web site www.aiatsis.gov.au for the position description and selection criteria and follow the steps for how to apply at <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/about-us/work-us/how-apply>

For enquiries please contact Bryce Gray on (02) 6246 1605 or email bryce.gray@aiatsis.gov.au

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



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Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer

SES Band 1
Full-time, Ongoing
Executive

This is a Special Measures Position and Identified position.

The AIATSIS Deputy CEO/COO is a member of the senior executive team, reporting directly to the CEO and providing leadership across all functions in the agency. We are looking for a highly experienced leader with a strong record of accomplishment in delivering innovative and transformative change within a business. This role provides direction across three key elements that are essential to the future of AIATSIS:

- Collaboration: the future vision for AIATSIS rests heavily on establishing collaborative relationships, both internally and externally to the agency.
- Innovation: this role is responsible for the oversight of significant transformation agendas that will see the implementation of new and innovative ways of AIATSIS working with partners across these sectors and government agencies.
- Capability: This role is responsible for ensuring that human, financial, physical and information resources are the best available to achieve the business and strategic outcomes.

Who can apply

The position will be filled using the Special Measures provision, which allows for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service. The vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Closing Date: Wednesday 6th January 2015

If after reading the position description you require further information, contact Russell Taylor on 6246 1106 or email Russell.Taylor@aiatsis.gov.au.

To obtain the selection documentation for this position please consult the AIATSIS website www.aiatsis.gov.au



Administrative Support Officer

Aboriginal targeted position
Operational Communications & Information Command
SURRY HILLS
Clerk Grade 1/2
Temporary Full-Time up to 31 August 2016
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.000044HI

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 position of Administrative Support Officer provides administrative and clerical support in the delivery of personnel, quality assurance, human resource services and finance to the business services unit and business units within the Operational Communication and Information Command. This position provides a wide range of executive, administrative and clerical functions across the Command. The nature of duties will vary and will depend upon the nature, volume, period and workloads across the business units and will support the portfolios of personnel, human resources, quality assurance, customer service, and finance. The Administrative Support Officers may be required to undertake reception duties as required.

Job Notes:

- This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants **only** in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy.
- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the *Police Act 1990* for up to 31 August 2016.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - Give written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application; **or**
 - Attach a document addressing each of the selection criteria to your application.
 - 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: Ellen Ashby – A/HR Coordinator on (02) 9265 4717

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 000044HI.

Closing Date: SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 2015

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Recovery Support Worker (Part Time)

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Here is your opportunity to join an organisation whose passion is to give everyone a fair go!

Working as a Recovery Support Worker for our Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) Program in Eurobodalla, you'll support individuals by encouraging community participation, self-reliance, confidence, wellness and happiness.

Don't miss this opportunity – apply now!

To apply for this job go to: www.schizophrenianswjobs.org.au
& enter ref code: 2533964.
Applications close 21 December 2015



Health

Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Endorsed Enrolled Nurse (EEN1-5) PPT 16 hpw (Aboriginal Identified)

Classification: Endorsed Enrolled Nurse

Location: Nowra

Employment Status: Permanent Part-Time

Salary: \$22,536.75 – \$23,968.19 pa

Enquiries: Jennifer Fogarty, (02) 4424 6202

Reference No: 291396

Closing Date: 16 December 2015

To apply for this position

please visit nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, Equal Employment, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



- Become part of a leading national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation
- Melbourne based
- Fulltime, competitive salary with generous salary sacrifice options

The Lowitja Institute is Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research, named in honour of its Patron, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG. The Institute was established in 2010, emerging from a 14-year history of Cooperative Research Centres funded by the Australian Government CRC Programme.

It is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation working for the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples through high impact quality research, knowledge exchange, and by supporting a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers.

The Institute is embarking on a new strategic plan to further develop its sustainability into the future. To undertake this exciting work, the Institute is recruiting a new executive team and invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the following fulltime positions:

Director, Innovation and Business Development

to provide strong leadership, innovation and direction in the generation of new concepts, products and services to build sustainable funding streams.

Director, Corporate Services

to drive efficient and effective systems to increase the impact of the Institute's work.

Director, Research and Knowledge Translation

to build the profile, quality and reach of the Institute's research and knowledge translation activities.

The Director Research and Knowledge Translation is an identified position and only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (Section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic)).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for the other positions.

To obtain an application pack, which contains the contact details for obtaining further information, please visit our website at <http://www.lowitja.org.au/employment-opportunities>

Applications, addressing the selection criteria and submitted through the Lowitja Institute Recruitment Portal, must be received by 5pm on Friday 8 January 2016.

www.lowitja.org.au



Producers

Speaking Out Radio Program

Please note: these vacancies
are open only to Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander applicants

ABC Radio currently has two Producer opportunities available in Sydney.

We're looking for creative and motivated Producers for ABC Radio's weekly program 'Speaking Out' focussing on Indigenous politics, news, culture and issues.

You will research, record and create cross media content for the new one-hour program hosted by Larissa Behrendt.

For details visit abc.net.au/careers

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SNAICC, the national non-governmental peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families, is looking for a new **Chief Executive Officer** to play a key role in building the future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

The successful candidate will be a skilled and persuasive communicator; a strong and strategic leader; a flexible and innovative thinker; an experienced and capable manager; and able to connect to our communities with clarity and commitment.

This position provides the opportunity to drive development and implementation of SNAICC's strategic plan to achieve our vision for an Australian society in which our communities are empowered to determine their own future; where the rights of our children, young people and families are protected; our cultural identity and achievements are valued; and children and families have access to culturally appropriate services.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are especially encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants are invited to contact Frank Hytten (0432 345 652) to discuss the role.

Applications are required by **Monday 18 January 2016** and can be submitted by email to frank.hytten@snaicc.org.au.

Please download position description from the SNAICC website www.snaicc.org.au for more information.

Department of Justice and Regulation

Great job opportunities within the Loddon Mallee Region



The Department of Justice and Regulation's Loddon Mallee Region provides a range of justice and regulation services in Swan Hill, Mildura, Bendigo and several outreach locations, as well as the Loddon Prison Precinct in Castlemaine and Tarrengower Prison in Maldon.

Aboriginal Parole Officer

- 12 month fixed-term, full-time position based in Swan Hill
- Salary range \$70,928 - \$76,645 plus superannuation

As the Aboriginal Parole Officer, you will deliver quality case management to a complex caseload of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal prisoners on parole. You will contribute to an integrated risk assessment and management framework by developing strong links with Aboriginal agencies and maintaining close partnerships with internal and external stakeholders.

To be successful in this role, you will have solid case management experience, with proven needs assessment and intervention skills. You will have a strong understanding of the Victorian Koori community, including the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members.

Aboriginal Community Corrections Officer

- Ongoing, full-time position based in Mildura
- Salary range \$60,551 - \$69,630 plus superannuation

In this role, you will monitor and supervise complex and high profile Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal offenders who have been sentenced by the courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole. You will also provide culturally appropriate guidance and counselling to offenders, assisting them to participate in programs and community work by developing strong links with Aboriginal agencies.

As our ideal candidate, you will have an understanding of the Victorian Koori community, with proven ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members. You will have excellent problem solving, influencing and written communication skills, with a keen eye for detail.

Project Officer

- Ongoing, full-time position based in Mildura
- Salary range \$74,962 - \$85,052 plus superannuation

As the Project Officer, you will provide secretariat support for the Mildura and Robinvale Local Aboriginal Justice Action Committees and the Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee within the Loddon Mallee Region, including the preparation of meeting papers, agenda, venue, catering and minute-taking. You will provide a range of administrative functions to support the Executive Officer in order to achieve business objectives.

As the successful candidate, you will have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori community, both society and culture and the issues impacting on it. You will have superior project management skills, with the ability to use effective negotiation techniques in order to address issues and meet timelines.

For further information on these positions and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 13 January 2016.

These are Aboriginal Identified Positions. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Exceptional SES Band 1 Regional Manager Roles

National
disabilityinsurance
Agency

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The NDIA is now seeking exceptional regional managers to be part of the senior leadership team delivering the NDIS. These exciting opportunities will help transform the future for those living with disability.

- Influence and lead a world first reform agenda in disability services
- Support the choice and control of people with disability, their families and carers
- Implement the NDIS in key locations across Australia
- Drive social and economic reform nationally

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is searching for Regional Managers to grow the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) across Australia by embedding their values and philosophy of 'Listen. Learn. Build. Deliver.' With effective set up of a number of new sites within a geographic region, together with oversight of existing offices, the NDIA is seeking leaders that can guide and facilitate the growth of the Agency through the development and cultivation of relationships and partnerships with individuals, community groups, disability organisations, governments and other agencies.

The NDIA is looking for proven experience developing business strategies and overseeing the implementation of policy and operations. A leader who can express the value of learning, and embedding new initiatives in a complex, changing environment is essential.

The Regional Managers will bring strong innovative and change management practices, demonstrated policy and program experience in a complex service delivery environment, together with sound knowledge of government policy, processes and accountability requirements.

As senior leaders in the Agency, you will have a strong collaborative and collegiate orientation and be committed to building a diverse, inclusive, disability confident Agency.

The NDIA welcomes and encourages applications from people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

To apply - please forward your cover letter and detailed resume to Jo Fisher Executive, at NDIAregional@jofisher.com, or for more information please call Jo Fisher or Eilish Devine on +61 3 9016 6000.

The **National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)** is about providing choice and control to eligible people with permanent and significant disability, their families and carers. It gives peace of mind to those living with disability.

The **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** trial has commenced in a number of regions and states and the full Scheme will commence progressively from July 2016. The staged introduction is planned so that we can work with the community and other stakeholders to make sure that a sustainable and well developed Scheme is shaped and implemented.



Australian Government



www.ndis.gov.au



Hamelin Station Stay Manager

Hamelin Station Reserve – Hamelin Pool, near Shark Bay Western Australia
Full time, fixed term of 9 months

The Hamelin Station Stay Manager will oversee and manage the Hamelin Station Stay operations. This includes managing all bookings, ensuring facilities within the station stay precinct are maintained to the highest standard, engaging with visitors, and ensuring all visitors, staff and volunteers working within the Station Stay precinct adhere to Bush Heritage health and safety requirements. This role is well suited to a job share arrangement.

Further information regarding this opportunity is available at:
www.bushheritage.org.au/get-involved/employment

Applications close 4 January 2016



Office of
Environment
& Heritage



Joint Management Coordinator

Mutawintji

Clerk Grade 7/8

Temporary Full-time

(1 role available up to 12 months)

Vacancy Ref: OEH 539-15

Duties: The Joint Management Co-ordinator (JMC) will provide essential liaison, advice, and support between the Mutawintji Board of Management, Wiimpatja, the Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), and other stakeholders.

Total Remuneration package: \$107,997 p.a. Package includes salary (\$88,015 pa – \$97,426 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

To apply: Applications are to be lodged online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries: John Holcombe – (08) 8080 3206 or 0429 676 620

Applications Close: Friday, 22 January 2016, 11.59 pm

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Health

Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Complex, Aged & Chronic Care Community Nurse

Classification: Registered Nurse

Location: Blacktown/Mount Drutt

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$58,142 – \$81,649 pa

Enquiries: Margaret Cunha (02) 9881 8700

Email: margaret.cunha@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference No: 293341

Closing Date: 3 January 2016

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

Z08076

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health

South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Ref: 293525 – Perm F/T 38hpw at Drug Health

– Campbelltown

Salary: \$56,577 – \$83,778 pa

Enq: Kelly Walker

Ph: (02) 8717 4036

Closing Date: 30 December 2015

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*.

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

Z08052

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Warra-Warra Legal Service

Position Vacant: Manager

Warra Warra Legal Service is a free community legal service assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander survivors of domestic and family violence and sexual assault in the Far West.

Warra Warra Legal Service is seeking an enthusiastic and self-motivated person to join a challenging and dynamic work environment. The Manager is responsible for the oversight and management of all aspects of the service in accordance with the Association Objectives.

Location: Broken Hill, Wilcannia and Menindee: Far West New South Wales

Salary: \$80,000 + Superannuation Package

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position.

Applications for this position must be:

- Of Aboriginal descent through parentage;
- Identify as being Aboriginal; and
- Be accepted in the community as such. *Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.*
- WWLS may deem it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

Applications close: 5pm Monday 11 January 2016

Contact: eliza.hull@warrawarra.org.au for an employment package for this position.



Teaching Opportunity

Are you passionate about your industry and want to share your knowledge and experience with others?

We are looking for a Registered Nurse or Registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner who is Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) registered to join our team of teachers at North Coast TAFE.

Teacher of Aboriginal Health (Identified Position)

JobsNSW Ref No: 0000453B

Salary: Total package of up to \$103,121 pa

Status: Temporary Full Time for 12 months

Location: Port Macquarie

Closing Date: Sunday 17 January 2016

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ACT
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Education and Training

Education Strategy Student Engagement

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer

School Assistant 3

Salary Range: \$48,824 - \$52,547 (PN: 16036, several)

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education section is seeking people who are passionate about working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, their families and schools to support their education and training needs. The successful applicants will be willing to provide classroom support for students and to work in teams to implement programs to build relationships and understanding between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal students.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Relevant Certificate IV or equivalent qualification or willingness to undertake further study is desirable. Current driver's licence. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* will be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people_wvp.

Notes: This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. These are temporary positions available for up to 12 months with the possibility of extension.

Contact Officer: Patrick Chapman (02) 6205 0156 patrick.chapman@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 15 January 2016

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**CATHY
FREEMAN
FOUNDATION**

Programs Manager

The Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) is a not-for-profit organisation, supporting the education of over 1600 school-aged Indigenous children and their families. The Foundation's purpose is to close the education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, and provide pathways to a brighter future.

It aims to do this by working with communities and schools in four discrete Indigenous communities across Queensland and Northern Territory. Across our partner communities, CFF runs five programs engaging students from before school through to school completion. CFF works with students, local schools, other community organisations, parents and families to deliver these programs.

With positive tangible results and a strong program framework in place, CFF has recently embarked on an exciting journey expanding from 600 to 1600 students and from one to four communities across Australia.

We are looking for a dedicated and passionate individual to join our small team to manage CFF's current program delivery. The Programs Manager will work collaboratively with the current Programs Manager as part of the Programs Team. Together the Programs Team is responsible for program delivery in CFF partner communities.

Management of community, program and funding partners is integral to this position. A key component of this is by supporting and managing local community staff, who facilitate the day to day program activities.

To apply and for a full position description and key selection criteria, please visit the Careers page on the CFF website at: <http://www.cathyfreemanfoundation.org.au>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application closing date: Wednesday 13 January, 2016.

For enquiries, please contact: Lachlan Preston, Programs Manager, Cathy Freeman Foundation on Ph: 03 9686 4813 or Email: lachlan@cathyfreemanfoundation.org.au



I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and diverse, enabling me to do truly meaningful and interesting work.

Medical Consultant

Women's & Children's Health Network
Community Health Division

Elizabeth

Job Ref: 576841

Senior Aboriginal Cultural Lead

Women's & Children's Hospital

North Adelaide

Job Ref: 573333

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Aboriginal Case Manager (HM1)

Aboriginal Court Diversion and Bail Support Program (*Aboriginal Identified*)

Reference Number: 295202
Classification: Health Manager Level 1
Salary: \$67,408 - \$90,676
Location: Eastgardens
Employment Status: Temporary Full Time (up to 07/11/2016)
Contact Details: Darryl Gardiner, 8732 3077
Email: darryl.gardiner@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 04/01/2016

To apply for these positions please visit <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

Justice and Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, Equal Employment, Ethical Practices, and the Principals 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

Administration Officer (AO4)

Aboriginal Court Diversion and Bail Support Program

Reference Number: 296745
Classification: Administrative Officer Level 4
Salary: \$57,276 - \$58,654
Location: Eastgardens
Employment Status: Temporary Full Time (up to 07/11/2016)
Contact Details: Darryl Gardiner, 8732 3077
Email: darryl.gardiner@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 04/01/2016



NEW MEMBERS

Applications are invited for membership of the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing (MACA).

The MACA is seeking people who have professional, academic or community experience in issues affecting older people in NSW and responding to the challenges and opportunities of population ageing.

Members should have an understanding of government policy processes and be able to use their skills in strategic thinking to influence policy development.

Experience, skills and knowledge in the following areas are particularly valued:

- Ageing experiences of Aboriginal people
- Ageing experiences of people from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Older people living in rural or remote communities
- Employment, skills and training of those in technical, trade or manual/labourer occupations

The MACA advises the **Minister for Ageing** on issues affecting older people in NSW and on the impact of population ageing on Government and the community. The MACA meets approximately six times a year in Sydney and may host events or community consultations across regional NSW.

While the majority of members are older people, people of any age with relevant expertise are encouraged to apply.

For information about the MACA and how to apply, please visit www.ageing.nsw.gov.au/about_us/news/macarecruitment-2015-2016 or contact Participation and Inclusion, the MACA's Secretariat, on **1800 729 368** or email nsw.maca@facss.nsw.gov.au

Applications close 5pm, Friday 15 January 2015.

Z08107

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

HILLAS WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **CRAIG ANTONY ANDERSON AND CARMEN BINDI VANZELLA** for two pumps and an existing bywash dam on 5//831381 for irrigation purposes on 5//831381 all Parish Hillas, County Wynyard. (Application for an additional pump only).

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. (A7275)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2611 Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

LOWER NAMOI REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE NAMOI RIVER

An application for a water use (amendment) has been received from **DRILDOOL PTY LTD** for, irrigation purposes on Lot//DP 67, 68//133136, 78//727827, 80//727846, 54//753918, 11, 12, 19, 58, 66, 73, 74//753921.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water PO Box 382 Narrabri 2390 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6799 6621, Robert Albert.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SHARING PLAN

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended water supply works and use approval has been received from **ROSELLA SUB TC PTY** for a pump (capacity 1450 l/sec) on the Lachlan River for Irrigation purposes, Lot 2 DP 752977, Parish Ina, County Franklin, and a Turkeys Nest Storage of 770ML on Lot 23 DP 752971 Parish of Florabel, County Franklin.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006129)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808, Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z07944



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	20/531-3	POLARIS AUSTRALASIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	4074.61HA	30km NW/ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 14' S Long: 117° 40' E	CUE SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1101	EXTERRA RESOURCES LTD	225.07HA	69km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 122° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1102	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	91.71HA	51km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 122° 26' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1103	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	95.98HA	49km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 122° 26' E	LAVERTON 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: 16 December 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 **16 March 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. 16 April 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 Queensland

Notification day: 30 December 2015



National
Native Title
Tribunal

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A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 **on or before 29 March 2016**. After **29 March 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: Abraham Muriata & Anor on behalf of the Girramay People v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD741/2015

Date filed: 21 August 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 1,251 hectares in the vicinity of Cardwell.

Relevant LGA: Cassowary Coast and Tablelands Regional Councils.

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Application name: Tom Congoo & Anor on behalf of the Bar Barrum People #8 v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD779/2015

Date filed: 1 September 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers 164.2 sq km approximately 6.6 km north east of Mount Garnet.

Relevant LGA: Tablelands Regional Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER
WESTERN MURRAY POROUS ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from: **BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL** for a bore on 6615//769405, Parish of Bidura, County of Cairn, for industrial purposes (road construction and maintenance).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 363, Buronga NSW 2739 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A6047)

Any queries please call (03) 5051 6218 Don Reid, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

GUNNEDAH-OXLEY BASIN MURRAY DARLING BASIN GROUND WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **BAIADA POULTRY PTY LIMITED** for a Water Supply Works/Bore on Lot 33 DP846520 County of Pottinger, Parish of Curlewis for Industrial purposes on Lot 33 DP846520 County of Pottinger, Parish of Curlewis.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 550, TAMWORTH NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection.(A7261) Any queries please call (02) 6763 1470, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

NSW MURRAY AND LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and USE APPROVAL has been received from **LEANNE RUTH MACKIE** for an 80 mm centrifugal pump on the Darling River on Lot 2 DP 1061095, Parish of Palinyewah, County of Wentworth for the purpose of irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 363, Buronga, NSW, 2739 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of your objection. (A7249).

Any queries, please call (03) 5051 6218, Don Reid, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

BOGAN RIVER VALLEY

An application for a new FLOOD WORK APPROVAL has been received from **CURRAWAH ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CENTRE** for an existing levee for prevention of inundation of land by floodwater on Lot 1557 DP 763536 Parish of Gongolgon, County of Cowper.

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. (A007179)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
31/1101	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	477866	599.61HA	101km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 122° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
77/1921-I	BLACK OAK MINERALS LIMITED	477517	88.06HA	71km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 119° 16' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 16 December 2015

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **16 March 2016**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 16 April 2016**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

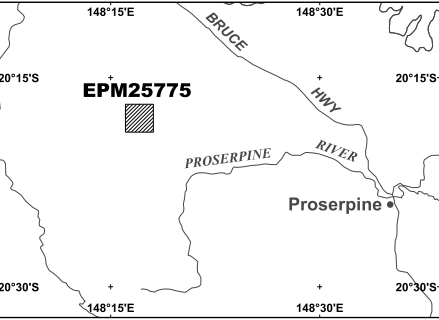
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS
OR MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCES

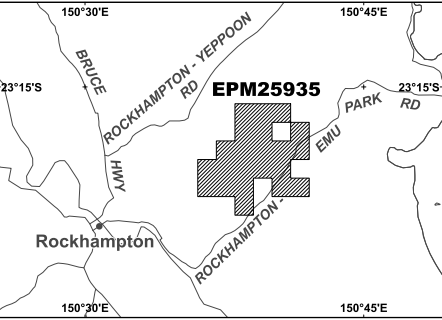
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals or Mineral Development Licences shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

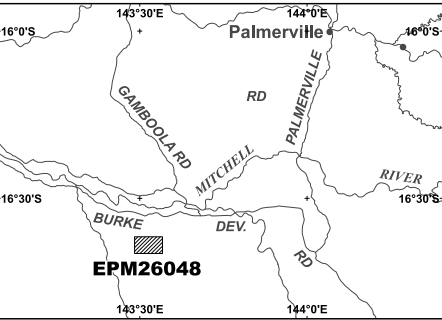
Exploration Permit 25775 sought by Armfest Pty Ltd, ACN 015 650 616, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 32 km North West of Proserpine, in the locality of the Whitsunday Regional Council.



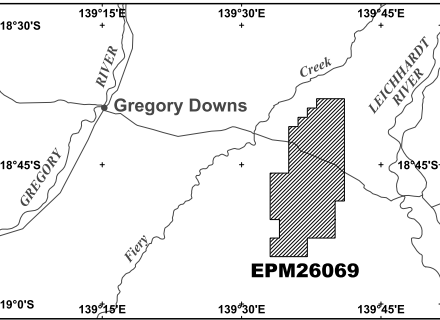
Exploration Permit 25935 sought by Dynasty Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 604 136 558, over an area of 22 sub-blocks (69 km²), centred approximately 17 km North East of Rockhampton, in the localities of the Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council.



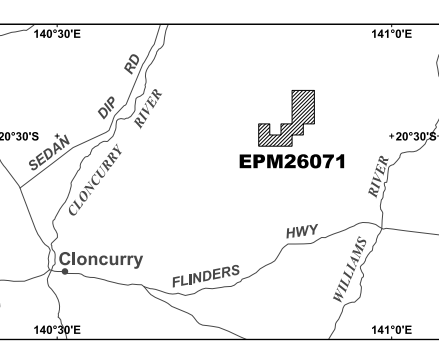
Exploration Permit 26048 sought by Michael Peter Thompson, over an area of 15 sub-blocks (49 km²), centred approximately 90 km South West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Mareeba shire Council.



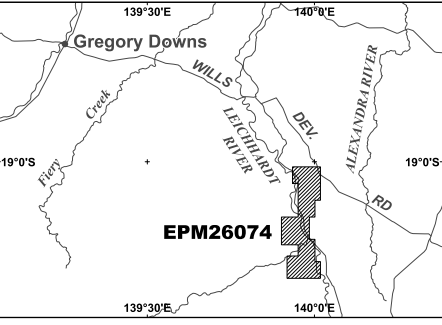
Exploration Permit 26069 sought by Footprint Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 167 751 868, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (324 km²), centred approximately 40 km South East of Gregory Downs, in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



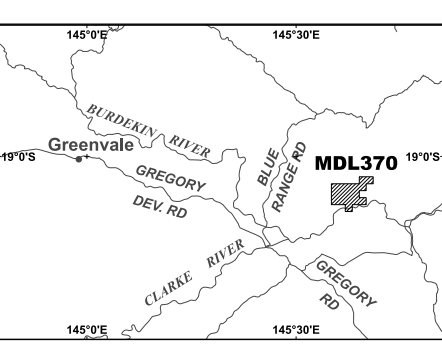
Exploration Permit 26071 sought by Newmont Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 006 306 690, over an area of 12 sub-blocks (39 km²), centred approximately 43 km North East of Cloncurry, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



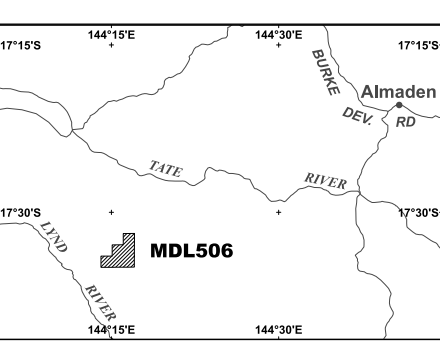
Exploration Permit 26074 sought by Newmont Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 006 306 690, over an area of 91 sub-blocks (295 km²), centred approximately 94km South East of Gregory Downs, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council, Burke Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council.



Mineral Development Licence 370 sought by Queensland Epithermal Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 010 544 822, over an area of 5,499.0782 ha, centred approximately 68 km East of Greenvale, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



Mineral Development Licence 506 sought by Queensland Epithermal Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 010 544 822, over an area of 1,963.9946 ha, centred approximately 50 km South West of Almaden, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014. Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 3, June 2014, pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant or renewal of the permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the

Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 6 January 2016



DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **OLD BUNDEMAR PTY LTD** for a 200mm pump, for irrigation purposes on Lot 9 DP 753599 Coolac/Harden.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A7243)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2576, Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

LOWER BARRINGTON/GLOUCESTER RIVERS WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been submitted by **MURRAY JON MCDONALD** for a 100 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 486 DP 939903 for the purpose of irrigation on Lots 486, 487 and 488 DP 939903.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A007210)

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511 Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a COMBINED WORK APPROVAL has been received from **AC VIOLI FARMS PTY LTD** for an irrigation bore on Lot 45 DP 751721 Parish Naunton, County Cooper.

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. (A7250)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2772 Sarah O'Brien, Water Regulation Officer.

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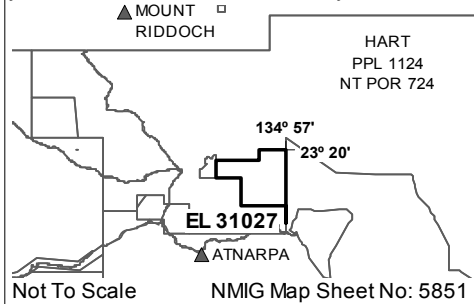
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

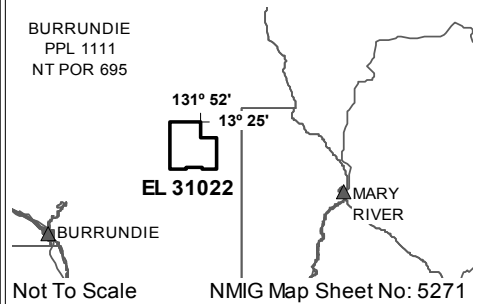
The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

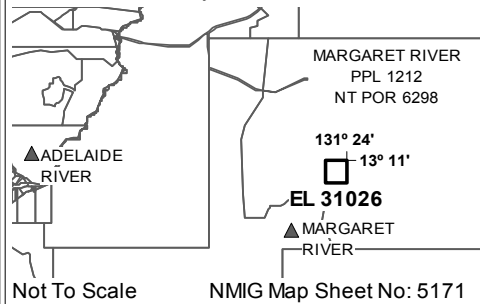
Exploration Licence 31027 sought by CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN GEMSTONES PTY LIMITED, ACN 058 162 182 over an area of 42 Blocks (110 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.



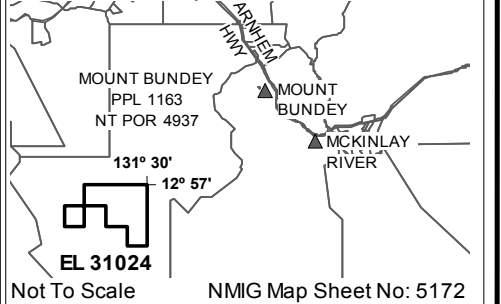
Exploration Licence 31022 sought by CR & E PTY LTD, ACN 163 015 110 over an area of 8 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



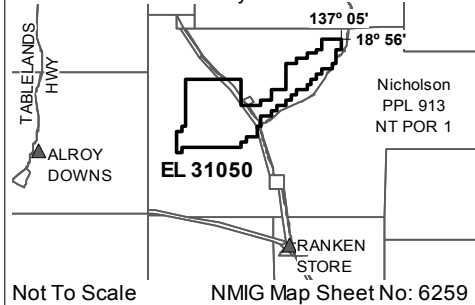
Exploration Licence 31026 sought by NORTH QUEENSLAND MINING PTY LTD, ACN 152 890 643 over an area of 1 Block (3.34 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



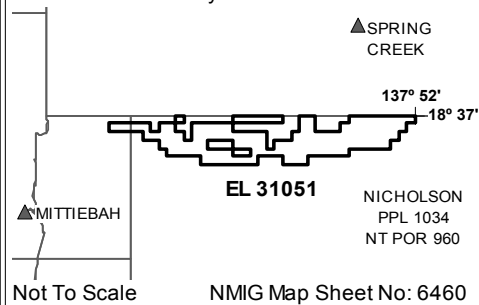
Exploration Licence 31024 sought by NT GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 009 625 870 and WLADIMIR FALCO over an area of 7 Blocks (24 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



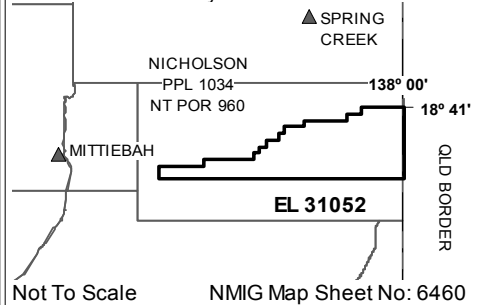
Exploration Licence 31050 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 250 Blocks (812 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



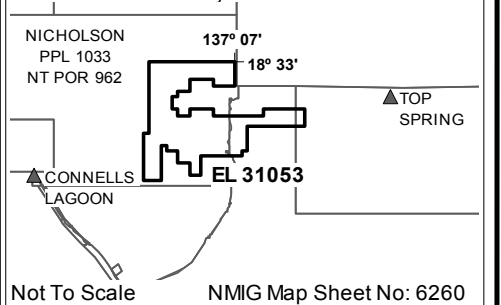
Exploration Licence 31051 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 120 Blocks (377 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



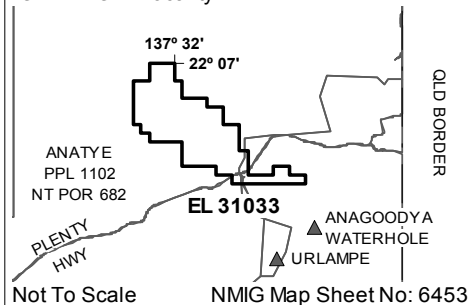
Exploration Licence 31052 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 250 Blocks (813 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



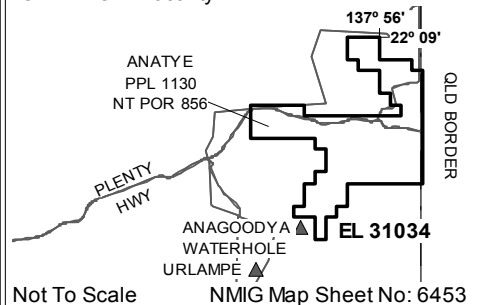
Exploration Licence 31053 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 250 Blocks (814 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MITTIEBAH locality.



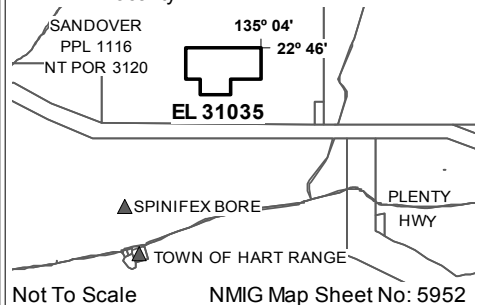
Exploration Licence 31033 sought by TERRITORY MINING PTY LTD, ACN 122 356 398 over an area of 110 Blocks (350 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TOBERMORY locality.



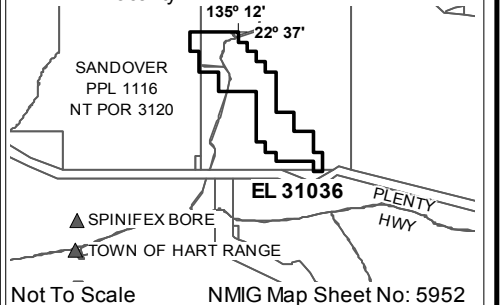
Exploration Licence 31034 sought by TERRITORY MINING PTY LTD, ACN 122 356 398 over an area of 113 Blocks (360 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TOBERMORY locality.



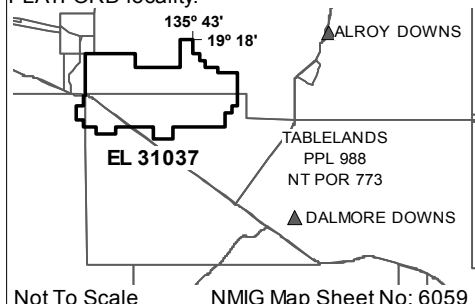
Exploration Licence 31035 sought by TERRITORY MINING PTY LTD, ACN 122 356 398 over an area of 12 Blocks (38 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DNEIPER locality.



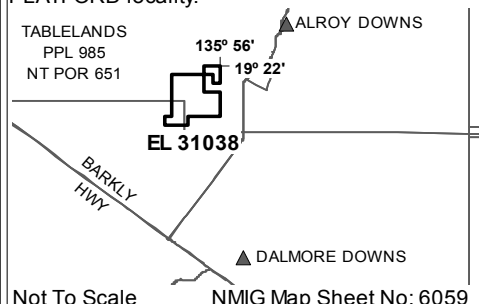
Exploration Licence 31036 sought by TERRITORY MINING PTY LTD, ACN 122 356 398 over an area of 65 Blocks (206 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DNEIPER locality.



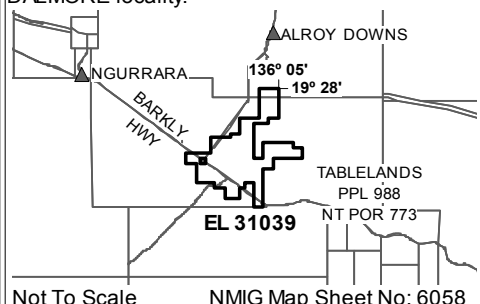
Exploration Licence 31037 sought by TERRITORY MINING PTY LTD, ACN 122 356 398 over an area of 246 Blocks (791 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PLAYFORD locality.



Exploration Licence 31038 sought by TERRITORY MINING PTY LTD, ACN 122 356 398 over an area of 32 Blocks (104 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PLAYFORD locality.



Exploration Licence 31039 sought by TERRITORY MINING PTY LTD, ACN 122 356 398 over an area of 201 Blocks (648 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE 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: 16 December 2015

Two Indigenous players in Jillaroos squad



TWO Indigenous players, Casey Karklis and Jenni-Sue Hoepper, are in the Australian rugby League Jillaroos extended squad of 16 to prepare to play New Zealand in three matches during the Auckland Nines tournament. The Jilaroos will take on the Kiwis at Eden Park. Coach Steve Folks said the squad was

a blend of experience and youth, which looked to build on an impressive 2015. “We recently held a training camp with a squad of 25 on the Gold Coast,” Folks said. “I was excited by how far the girls developed their skills, pace, mental ability and ball work in only a couple of days,” the coach said. “The team selected will learn from each other and more importantly, will balance

each other out. “They are a committed bunch of women and I have no doubt that they will fly the flag proudly for Australia against our old rivals.” Captain Steph Hancock will again lead the team in 2016. The Jillaroos will play three matches at the Nines against the Kiwi Ferns on February 6 and 7 before a Test Match in May next year.



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 <i>Mining Act 1978</i> :						
Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2423	FISSURE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	42BL	83km NE'ly of Derby	Lat: 16° 50' S Long: 124° 14' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2150	CUNDEELEE PTY LTD	90BL	141km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 3' S Long: 116° 36' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1429	PASCOE, Dawn Elena	1BL	11km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 11' S Long: 121° 33' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1485	BULLABULLING OPERATIONS PTY LTD	6BL	26km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 120° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/480	GOLDSTAR RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	31BL	64km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 120° 40' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/876-l	WELD RANGE METALS LIMITED	6BL	66km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 117° 28' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/877	WELD RANGE METALS LIMITED	1BL	66km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 59' S Long: 117° 25' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/534	RESOURCE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	11BL	48km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	25/535	RESOURCE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	8BL	42km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/554	SUMITOMO METAL MINING OCEANIA PTY LTD	9BL	44km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Exploration Licence	28/2561	YILUN PTY LTD	18BL	128km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 122° 57' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2562	YILUN PTY LTD	34BL	129km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 123° 4' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/944-l	HOOPEr, Stuart Leslie	1BL	87km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 120° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/964	GOLDSTAR RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	5BL	68km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 120° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/861	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	1BL	29km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 120° 29' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1240	NOONPARK PTY LTD	37BL	49km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3088	MOLLOY, Marjorie Ann	1BL	28km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3089	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	105BL	164km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 124° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1897	A.C.N. 159 782 537 PTY LTD	3BL	68km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 122° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/355	EXTErrA RESOURCES LIMITED	10BL	53km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 121° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4598	WESTERN RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	57km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 119° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4599	BARACUS PTY LTD	10BL	64km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 18' S Long: 119° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4606	BARACUS PTY LTD	41BL	63km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 119° 8' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4615	FMG MAGNETITE PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	45/4615	FORMOSA STEEL IB PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	45/4616	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	3BL	31km N'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 119° 50' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4621	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	29BL	30km N'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 119° 41' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3315	GEKO-CO PTY LTD	7BL	76km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 14' S Long: 120° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3328	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	10BL	43km N'ly of Newman	Lat: 22° 59' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3329	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	8BL	84km E'ly of Roebourne	Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 117° 55' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3345-l	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	24BL	93km E'ly of Roebourne	Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 118° 0' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3400-l	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	3BL	26km NE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 6' S Long: 117° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3401-l	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD	50BL	69km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 15' S Long: 116° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3401-l	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD	14BL	65km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 116° 43' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1710	AMCI (IO) PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	52/3337	AMCI (IO) PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	52/3339	OXLEY RESOURCES LIMITED	34BL	13km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3343	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LIMITED	129BL	104km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 17' S Long: 119° 40' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1041	CUNDEELEE PTY LTD	32BL	171km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 58' S Long: 116° 54' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/463	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	37BL	88km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 46' S Long: 120° 28' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2152	AUSTRALIAN VANADIUM CORPORATION (HOLDINGS) PTY LTD	60BL	49km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 119° 12' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2157	MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD	62BL	34km N'ly of Mt Magnet	Lat: 27° 45' S Long: 117° 55' E	CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1688	ZEN MINERALS PTY LTD	1BL	15km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 116° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1754	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	53BL	25km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 16' S Long: 117° 44' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3406	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	70BL	40km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 11' S Long: 122° 12' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4711	TATTERSON, Timothy Vincent	21BL	84km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 54' S Long: 122° 36' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4779	FORGE RESOURCES CROWN PTY LTD	57BL	78km W'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 19' S Long: 123° 3' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4781	EDEL RESOURCES PTY LTD	17BL	10km N'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 37' S Long: 114° 9' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4782	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	19BL	60km SW'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 115° 29' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE, GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/557	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	157BL	37km NE'ly of Albany	Lat: 34° 49' S Long: 118° 12' E	ALBANY CITY
Exploration Licence	77/2327	YILGARN IRON PTY LTD	49BL	53km NE'ly of Albany	Lat: 34° 48' S Long: 118° 24' E	ALBANY CITY
Exploration Licence	77/2328	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	42BL	23km S'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 47' S Long: 120° 6' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4970	PEMBERY PROSPECTING PTY LTD	15BL	118km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 119° 21' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4972	PEMBERY PROSPECTING PTY LTD	1BL	112km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 49' S Long: 119° 17' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4973	HASTINGS PROJECT HOLDINGS PTY LTD	1BL	20km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 21' S Long: 127° 47' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4975	SPEEWAH MINING PTY LTD	3BL	89km S'ly of Wyndham	Lat: 16° 20' S Long: 127° 55' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/2921-2	SPEEWAH MINING PTY LTD	3BL	85km S'ly of Wyndham	Lat: 16° 19' S Long: 127° 58' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/2923	ARCHER X PTY LTD	164BL	129km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 19° 8' S Long: 126° 54' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2337	GOLDSTAR RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	273.75HA	70km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 120° 35' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2337	BROWN, Michael John	195.23HA	73km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 120° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2337	STEHN, Anthony Paterson				
Prospecting Licence	26/4064	DOBAJ, Elizabeth Virginia	81.49HA	43km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4065	NORTHERN STAR (KANOWNNA) PTY LIMITED	100.08HA	9km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4072-3	NORTHERN STAR (KANOWNNA) PTY LIMITED	192.35HA	8km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2236	WILSON, Roy Thomas	308.63HA	25km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2240-1-S	MANSEN, James Karl	88.49HA	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8615	MAHER, Lloyd Hannis	19.35HA	57km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	38/4181	SULLIVANS GARAGE PTY LTD	85.22HA	7km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 21' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4187	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	179.67HA	24km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 29' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5569	ROBERTS, Brian Thomas	35.89HA	24km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 122° 35' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2988, 45/2992-3, 45/2995 & 45/2997-8	BR EXPLORATION PTY LTD	195.53HA	54km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1773	TRIBAL MINING PTY LTD	850.50HA	86km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 118° 55' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1352-S	GIBSON, Craig Robert	71.43HA	89km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 0' S Long: 118° 10' E	KARRATHA CITY
Prospecting Licence	57/1387	HENNING, Robert Mark	9.00HA	6km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 119° 14' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1685	BENNETT, John Paul	21.60HA	7km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 119° 13' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2079	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	121.39HA	9km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/2016	CALEGARI, John	1.67HA	69km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 117° 9' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/2017	CALEGARI, Shane John				
Retention Licence	59/1-l	WHITFIELD MINERALS P/L	15.76HA	6km SW'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 13' S Long: 121° 43' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
		WHITFIELD MINERALS P/L	12.02HA	7km SW'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 14' S Long: 121° 43' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
		VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	2234.42HA	13km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 26' S Long: 116° 44' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 16 December 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 **16 March 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. 16 April 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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AFL Woomeras tour NZ



THE 2015 AFL Indigenous Woomeras are back home after touring New Zealand.

The team left Melbourne for Auckland on Sunday, December 6, and returned last Monday.

Now in its second year, the AFL Indigenous Woomeras program focuses on personal development and leadership for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women aged 14-18 years.

Selected from the National Female AFL KickStart championships, the AFL Indigenous Woomeras is a national under 18 female development program that immerses participants in an elite training environment.

Its aim is to increase football skills, personal development and leadership skills.

The squad of 21 assembled in Melbourne for an induction, training session and a team dinner before departing to New Zealand, with many participants on their first international flight.

Led by head coach and current AFL Sydney playing-coach Chereta Daylight, the program is supported by a team from the AFL's diversity programs.

The AFL Indigenous Woomeras program has been established to

provide young Indigenous females with the opportunity to develop on and off the football field.

Highlights of the tour included a cultural exchange and rafting in Rotorua, hiking in the Tongiraro Crossing, a visit to Te Puia and traditional Polynesian recovery spa with a special focus on building resilience and communication skills.

AFL diversity manager Ali Fahour said the AFL Woomeras program had grown in numbers since its launch last year, representing a fantastic opportunity for the participants to learn, develop, and give back to their respective communities.

Second time

"This is the second time we have taken the Woomeras on an international development program and we look forward to being immersed in the New Zealand Indigenous culture and developing our young Indigenous athletes to go on to become great leaders in their community or potentially participate in the proposed national women's league," Fahour said ahead of the tour.

"We're excited to be back here and to have a two-game series against the New Zealand Kahu, a team made up of the best female players in New Zealand.

"We have quite a few talented players to watch: Emily McGuire who is a member of the WA AFL Female Talent Academy is set for a big 2016, while Sophie Townsend is a Tasmanian who brings a wealth of leadership experience to the squad.

"Our participants recognise the widespread social and cultural benefits involved with travelling to another country to represent their culture, their community and their country."

Following the final match, the Truganini Medal will be

presented to the player who best represents the four pillars of the AFL Woomeras program: communication, resilience, decision making and identity.

The medal, named in honour of Truganini, recognises her contribution as a leader to Indigenous women both past and present.

The 2015 Indigenous Woomeras Squad: Te'anna Fujii (Marsden, Qld), Moesha Morris (Edmonton, Qld), Madison Yarran (Beckenham, WA), Danika Corcoran (Youngtown, Tas), Pamai Dau (Condon, Qld),

Tamika Coyne (Mount Barker, WA), Brahe Reid (Cowra, NSW), Delma Gisu (Wulguru, Qld), Elise Muller (Melton, Vic), Alyx Glanville (Echuca, Vic), Carron Daveson (Moonta Bay, SA), Jessica Stassi (Winnellie, NT), Hayley Smith (Ballarat, Vic), Kiarra White (Braitling, NT), Tyeisha Tighe (Glebe, NSW), Ashley Murphy (South Hobart, Tas), Tayla Thorn (Bellamack, NT), Jacana Drill (Hurstbridge, Vic), Sophie Townsend (Burnie, Tas), Chekena Wilson (Glebe, NSW), Emily MacGuire (Wattle Grove, WA).

Quentin off to Taiwan with Aust futsal team



YOUNG Wulli Wulli/Wakka Wakka warrior Quentin Dodd has been selected in the

Australian Youth men's team to tour Taiwan next year.

The 16-year-old from Ipswich has just competed in the national titles in Brisbane, where the Australian team to play in Taiwan was announced.

The tour will run from May 13 to May 29.

Quentin has been playing club soccer since the age of five.

In club soccer, he plays for Ipswich-Western Pride under 16s in the National Premier League.

He plays club futsal on Friday nights, school futsal on Tuesday afternoons and this year played his first season in Brisbane League futsal on Saturdays.

He also attended the three-day men's Metropolitan West carnival this year.

Quentin is an all-round athlete and at school this year obtained a Gold sports award.

He is also an accomplished volleyball player and next year will be a sports captain at his school.

He is also in his school's Indigenous dance troupe and has been part of the Ipswich Indigenous Youth Council program.

In 2017, he will travel to the US on a National Scouting



Quentin Dodd

Report (NSR) scholarship to play college soccer and study photography.

He dreams to be picked up to European league or A League in Australia and be an Indigenous mentor.

The 2014 FIFA Futsal World Championship was held in Taipei, the Taiwanese capital, and the sport has since taken off in that country.

While training and playing futsal is the main priority of the tour, there will be time set aside for sightseeing and cultural activities.

The tourists will play against Taipei's futsal schools and regional teams.

The cost of the tour is \$5950 per player or supporter.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 30 December 2015

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 on or before 29 March 2016. After 29 March 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: Christopher Richardson & Ors on behalf of the Djabugay-Bulway-Yirrgay-Nyakali-Guluy People v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD398/2015

Date filed: 25 May 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: Application covers about 1079 sq km north easterly of Cairns and extending westerly towards Mareeba and northerly towards Port Douglas.

Relevant LGA: Cairns Regional Council, Douglas Shire Council and Mareeba Shire Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au.

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Shared country, shared future.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 30 December 2015

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 1806, Darwin, NT, 0801 on or before 29 March 2016. After 29 March 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: Mt Riddock Pastoral Lease

Federal Court File No: NTD61/2015

Date filed: 23 September 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 2,700 square kilometres and is located approximately 27 km south east of Engenala.

Relevant LGA: Central Desert Shire

For assistance and further information about this application, call Lisa Jowett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au.

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Mitchell magic

By PETER ARGENT



ABORIGINAL-American pocket rocket and Adelaide Lightning basketball star Leilani Mitchell lived every

sportsperson's dream on Sunday afternoon, December 6.

With the game on the line, she produced the matchwinner in a heart-stopping encounter.

A buzzer beating lay-up with less than a second remaining on the clock by the diminutive Mitchell against taller and stronger opponents gave the Adelaide Lightning a brilliant two-point Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) victory over the Dandenong Ranges at the Adelaide Arena.

Her coach Tracy York called a time out with 13.6 seconds remaining after Jacinta Kennedy tied the contest up at 70-all, draining a pair of free throws.

One-on-one

Mitchell took it upon herself to deliver when it counted – going one-on-one with her direct opponent – driving to the basketball and rolling the ball in with her non-preferred left hand, sparking riotous celebrations with her teammates.

She played a strong all-round game, with 16 points, five steals, four assists and a couple of rebounds as the Lightning's point guard.

The final score was 72-70 with the Lightning collecting a fourth win for the season from the opening 12 contests.

What made this game even more impressive was that the young Lightning side had a double-digit deficit during the third quarter on a hot and oppressive Sunday afternoon where the temperature in Adelaide reached 41 degrees Celsius.

Mitchell has also been selected in a 12-strong Australian Opals squad for a three-match test event in Rio in January, kick-starting their campaign for an inaugural Olympic Games gold medal.

A majority of the team (including Mitchell) played a part in the Opals' World Championship campaign in Turkey last year, and Joyce expected "a large chunk" to also go to Brazil.

"There's a couple of players obviously you would think would come back into this team before Rio," Joyce said.

"It's important that we keep building that cohesion and develop that style of play and our culture.

"It is always a fantastic opportunity to play the host in their country ahead of a major tournament."

The Opals will take on Brazil at the Carioca Arena – the venue for next year's Olympic basketball tournament – on January 15 followed by games against Argentina and Venezuela.

They will also play an unofficial scrimmage against Brazil on January 13.

The hosts present the biggest challenge, but Joyce is relishing the chance for his team to familiarise themselves with the venue and opposition.

"They're (Brazil) going to be very, very loud and they're going to be tough to beat at home," Joyce said.

"The important thing for me is we get four games and about three days practice in 10 days, so it's just a great opportunity.

"It is always positive for the team to familiarise themselves in the venue that will be part of the 2016 Olympic Games."

The Opals have claimed three silver and two bronze medals over two decades at the last five Olympics and are striving for that elusive gold.

– With AAP



Mikaela Dombkins hugs Mitchell after the Adelaide Lightning's amazing WNBL win over the Dandenong Ranges in Adelaide on December 6. Picture: Peter Argent

Who's going to coach Maroons now that Meninga is gone?



HE hasn't even spoken to Queensland Rugby League bosses yet, but the queue of Kevin Walters backers continues to form, with Maroons great Justin Hodges the latest to endorse him as the man to replace Mal Meninga.

Walters has been deemed the favourite to fill the huge shoes of dominant Maroons mentor Meninga by the man himself, despite not even meeting with Queensland officials yet.

Walters said he was not taking anything for granted as he vied for the coveted spot with the likes of super coach Wayne Bennett and Cowboys' premiership mentor Paul

Green before the Queensland board meets to decide Meninga's successor in January.

However, he has an all-star fan club pushing his cause after Hodges became the latest to jump on the Walters bandwagon.

"Kevvie is definitely ready for coaching Origin," retired 24-game Queensland veteran Hodges told the Former Origin Greats website.

"He's been part of the Queensland set-up for a few years now and, having played for the Maroons, he understands what Origin is about.

"Kevvie is as good a choice as anyone."

For the record, Walters wasn't getting too carried away by the intensifying interest in his claims.

"I haven't had any talks to be honest," he told the Broncos website.

"They have got a process to go through to find the next Queensland coach.

"I don't even know when that time frame is for them to make that decision.

"But I am certainly keen on the post."

However, Walters vowed to be himself if handed the Maroons reins.

"I would be privileged," he said.

"The way Mal (Meninga) has set things up, whoever gets the job, it will be one that is very treasured.

"You have to add your own touch to anything.

"But if I try to be like them and do what they do, that's not the way I should do things." – AAP

Hockeyroos bow out in World League



THE Australian Hockeyroos women's hockey

team bowed out of the World League in Argentina when beaten in a shoot-out after a 2-all draw with Germany on Rosario last Friday.

Indigenous players Mariah Williams and Brooke Peris were part of the Australian campaign.

The Australians squandered a 2-0 half-time lead.

The Germans won the shootout 2-1.

Earlier, Williams and Peris took part in Australia's 2-1 win over hosts Argentina

in a qualifying match in Rosario on Monday, December 7.

Playing her 26th match for Australia, Williams was a run-on player and Peris come on as a substitute in her 67th appearance for the Hockeyroos.

After defeating Argentina, Australia was at the top of the Pool B standings on six points.

In their next game on December 9, the Aussie girls were beaten 1-0 by Great Britain, but were assured of a place in the quarterfinals.

Williams, from Parkes, NSW, was a run-on player in the game against Britain, while Northern Territorian Peris was a substitute.

Women-only league carnival planned

By ALF WILSON



A WOMEN'S rugby league carnival to be held at Mackay early next year is expected to be dominated by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players.

The Queensland Rugby League (QRL) sanctioned event will be held at the Mackay Junior

Rugby League grounds on Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6.

It will be open to teams from throughout Queensland.

One of the carnival organisers, Renae Kunst, said the aim was to boost interest in women's football.

"We want as many teams from the Torres

Strait, Cape York, Bamaga, Hope Vale, Palm Island and from all over Queensland to compete," she said.

"The carnival will showcase and rejuvenate women's rugby league in Queensland. It has dropped off in past five or six years. We expect up to 20 teams."

Sides from Cherbourg, Woorabinda, Rockhampton, Yarrabah, Cairns, Townsville and the Mount Isa region have expressed interest.

Attract best players

Ms Kunst said the best Indigenous and non-Indigenous players in the state would be there.

"It is open to everyone and they don't have to be a rep player and already we have nine

teams nominated," she said.

Champion Moa Island team Deddeyal Gammaz would have the opportunity to show they are the best in the state.

Deddeyal Gammaz won their sixth Zenadth Kes carnival in a row at Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval in October.

Four women's sides competed there. At Mackay, Deddeyal Gammaz will come up against sides like the Murri Sistas.

The strong Murri Sistas, which included players from Torres Strait and the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), won the 10-team women's section at the recent Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival at Redcliffe.

A Palm Island Barracudettes team, which would include players of Torres Strait descent, is another that will nominate.

Vigoro popular with women

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander women made up the majority of players at the annual representative North Queensland Cup

vigoro carnival matches between Townsville and Cairns.

Held at Townsville's Queen's Park on December 5-6, Townsville took out the A grade division and Cairns won the Veterans.

Kamara Thompson, who has Aboriginal and Torres Strait heritage, won the bowling aggregate with 19 wickets.

Townsville easily won the carnival with 15 points.

Tenille Humphreys, from Townsville, scooped the batting awards, taking out the aggregate (82), average (41) and highest score (49 not out).

Kamara Thompson took most wickets with 19, Krichelle Ross, of Darnley descent, won the bowling average (1.86) and also the most run outs off bowler (9).

Cairns wins veterans

Cairns took out the veterans' division with seven points and its players fared well in the individual awards.

Batting aggregate went to Leanne Coutts (91) as well as the average (30.33) and highest score (63 runs).

Bowling aggregate winner was Yvette Enoch, of Cairns, with 16 wickets.

Yvette also won the bowling average (5.56).

Run outs off bowler went to Townsville's Sofie Wilson (3).

Fielders catches was shared by Cairns' Val Nancarrow and Townsville's Karen Wright (3).

Nita Fleming Memorial Trophy for the carnival's highest individual score went to Leanne Coutts (63 runs).



Murri Sistas won the women's section of the Murri Knockout at Redcliffe earlier this year. Picture: Alf Wilson

Jawai won't pursue racism claims



THE Perth Wildcats and Nate Jawai won't pursue further action after the centre was allegedly racially abused during a National Basketball League (NBL) game against the New Zealand Breakers.

The Wildcats say Jawai was taunted while being subbed out of the game in Auckland on December 2.

"As this was an isolated incident limited to one person, Nate and the club have decided to move on," the Wildcats said.

Jawai, who is of Torres Strait Islands descent, was abused when returning to the bench during the Breakers' 99-78 win at the North Shore Events Centre.

Wildcats coach Trevor Gleeson said the incident happened when Jawai walked off

the court after picking up a foul, prompting Perth to call for extra security around their bench.

"When Nate came off there was some racial (comments), and we just wanted some extra security when he was on the bench," Gleeson told reporters post-match. "... It wasn't pretty."

Gleeson suggested the crowd wanted to incite a reaction from Jawai, who was the first Indigenous Australian to play in the US National Basketball Association (NBA).

But Gleeson's comments surprised the Breakers, whose chief executive Richard Clarke said his club was taking the allegations seriously.

The Breakers didn't receive an official complaint from the Wildcats or the NBL, but started their own investigation.

Clarke confirmed there were comments

directed at Australian international Jawai, but witnesses contacted in the season member's section said none of them were racist.

"We have had conversations with members who have seats in that area and their comments have been consistent in that while there was an exchange between fans and Jawai, they are clear in their assertions that this exchange did not contain any racial abuse," Clarke said in a statement.

He added that game referees coach Ken Coulson was also sitting behind the visitors' bench and heard nothing untoward.

"As a club we don't condone or tolerate abuse in any form, and we would be both surprised and disappointed if our fans have behaved in this manner," Clarke said. — AAP



Nathan Jawai

Brendan Doggett wears the Brisbane Heat colours. Picture: Getty



Doggett on board for another Big Bash season



LIKE thousands of others around Australia, Brendan Doggett is lining up again these holidays for cricket's Big Bash League (BBL)

experience.

But the rising Queensland Indigenous fast bowler is ready for a T20 cricket master class this time after getting a taste of the big time last year with the Brisbane Heat in the KFC T20 Big Bash League.

The Toowoomba product has been named the Heat's community rookie for a second-straight BBL season after he got the opportunity to train with the teal team last summer.

He will be joined by Queensland Bulls batsman Sam Heazlett, who was named as the development rookie.

"Hopefully, the younger players can

gain some insights and experience during the BBL that will stand them in good stead as they go further with their careers," Heat coach Daniel Vettori said last week.

"Certainly there is some exciting talent around and I'm sure the likes of Sam and Brendan will enjoy the chance to work alongside the Heat players and coaching staff."

For Doggett, last years' experience proved decisive. He went on to impress as a first-time selection for Queensland at the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs and has started this season in fine form for Wests in the Brisbane Premier cricket competition.

The rangy 21-year-old was picked after just a handful of games this summer to play in the Queensland Academy of Sport 2nd XI in the first Toyota Futures

League game of the season and did not disappoint.

Not surprisingly, he can't wait for BBL/05 to get under way and for the chance to train alongside Koori paceman Josh Lalor, who is a new arrival at the Heat.

"I loved it," he said of his recent Futures League stint. "I couldn't ask for a better experience, especially after having a taste of things with the Heat."

"In the past 12 months I've learned a heap about my bowling and the game so I can't wait to get into again with the Heat."

While one Indigenous mentor at the Heat, Dan Christian, has moved clubs to the Hobart Hurricanes, the arrival of NSW quick Lalor has been welcomed by Doggett.

"Josh is a bit of a hero of mine – he's very skilful and as a pace bowler, I reckon

I can pick up a lot of tips from him," he said.

The Toowoomba apprentice carpenter will also have the likes of former New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond, now the Heat assistant coach, to work with, as well as the Heat's West Indian stars Lendl Simmons and Samuel Badree.

Doggett, who is from the Worimi people, traditional owners of the land around Port Stephens, in NSW, on his mother's side, will again have the chance to mix his Imparja Cup squad training with the Heat sessions.

The Heat play four games at the Gabba this summer, starting with the Melbourne Renegades featuring Chris Gayle, on Saturday, December 19, followed by the Hobart Hurricanes (December 29), Sydney Thunder (January 3) and Adelaide Strikers (January 8).

Barty an instant hit



Ashleigh Barty



FORMER tennis prodigy Ash Barty has proven she's no novelty act with an impressive innings for the Brisbane Heat in the opening match of the inaugural Women's Big Bash League.

Just four months after her first net session since making the switch to cricket, the 19-year-old showed on December 5 she's equally as handy with the willow.

She posted 39 off 27 balls, including a six, in the Heat's 20-run loss to the Melbourne Stars to open the tournament at Junction Oval, which is just down the road from Rod Laver Arena where she faced Serena Williams at the Australian Open in 2014.

Batting at No 6 in the Heat line-up, Barty was the second top-scorer for her side despite an unorthodox approach.

"I haven't really had time to get a set technique so I'm just going out there

and having a swing so it was good to get some runs on the board," Barty said.

Barty lined up for the Heat later in the day for another game against the Stars, but her impact this time was limited – she scored just one run as the Heat went down for the second time – this time by 10 runs.

Sparked interest

A dinner with the Australian women's team before their Ashes victory earlier in the year sparked Barty's interest and she was lured into cricket by the thought of playing a team sport and spending more time at home.

"It's been great in cricket to come into a team environment because it's the first time I've ever experienced it and I'm loving every moment," Barty said.

"It was too much too quickly for me as I've been travelling from quite a young age.

"I wanted to experience life as a

normal teenaged girl and have some normal experiences."

A former Wimbledon junior champion, ranked as high as No 129 on the women's professional tour, Barty is still involved in tennis as a coach and hasn't ruled out a return at some stage.

She said she hadn't set any goals in her new sport or a time frame.

"I'm just trying to learn as much as I can and just enjoy it and hopefully score a few runs," she said.

Another Indigenous cricketer – Ash Gardner – missed out on the Women's Big Bash League T20 cricket derby on December 6 between the Sydney Thunder and across-town rivals Sydney Sixers.

She was omitted from the starting XI.

The Thunder had a resounding nine-wicket win at Howell Oval, Penrith.

Gardner, 18, a regular for the NSW women's team at the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs, is the youngest player in the Sixers squad. – With AAP



The Borroloola girls' Years 5-6 cricket team at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Thursday: back row, from left, teacher and coach Jonathan Dorning, Noreena Sam, Jordan Karkadoo, Trishanne Miller, Jorja Miller and team manager Margaret Thomson; front row, Stella Dirdi, Shanielle Johnston and Zakira Lansen. Pictures: Getty



Jorja Miller, from Borroloola, played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Girls had a blast



WHILE Melbournians enjoyed a balmy 25-degree maximum last

Thursday, the visiting girls' cricket team from Borroloola, in the Northern Territory, thought it was a bit cold.

The barefooted girls in Years 5-6 represented the Northern Territory at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the MILO T20 Blast National School Cup on December 10.

Following their success at the MILO T20 Blast School Cup in Katherine, the Borroloola girls' team was selected to represent the Northern Territory in their division.

The Darwin Cluster MILO T20 Blast School Cup saw Larrakeyah Primary School boys selected for the Years 5-6 boys' division, while a St Philips College team travelled from Alice Springs to play in the Years 7-8 girls' division following their success at the Imparja Cup MILO T20 Blast School Cup.

The MILO T20 Blast National School Cup featured teams from across Australia, culminating in the Years 7-8 division that was played under lights.

Australian cricketers were on hand to offer advice and support to players throughout the day.

Matches were played on grass outfields with smaller boundaries to encourage regular fours and sixes.

Several games took place on the MCG at the same time.



● LEFT: Borroloola's Noreena Sam lines up a big hit.

● BELOW LEFT: There were four Aboriginal girls in the John Forrest Secondary School team from Perth, winners of the girls' secondary school School Cup.

● BELOW: Jordan Karkadoo hits out for Borroloola.



Roberts hints at Broncos move

FORMER Gold Coast rugby league flyer James Roberts has given the strongest indication yet he is close to signing with Brisbane.

Roberts has also garnered the attention of other National Rugby League (NRL) clubs, including St George Illawarra, however speculation continues to grow that the 22-year-old wants to remain in south-east Queensland.

"It's all about lifestyle and being happy,"

he told News Corp Australia. "When I'm happy, I play my best footy which is another reason why it's hard to leave the Gold Coast."

The 2015 Dally M centre of the year became a free agent in November after a bizarre contract bungle, including a forged signature from a Titans staffer, led to his deal becoming null and void with the NRL.

The Titans claimed last Monday that Roberts had rejected an upgraded offer.

—AAP

The world awaits...

By CHRIS PIKE



THE star of teenager basketball sensation William McDowell-White continues to rise as he nears a decision on his future with him

now leaning towards spending at least one year playing at college in the United States.

The 17-year-old has long been earmarked as a shooting star in Australian basketball ranks and having represented Australia at the under 19 World Championships and dominating the Australian school championships in 2015, he has continued to be even more on the radar.

He has been talked of as yet another Australian to enter the big money world of the US National Basketball Association (NBA), but for 2016, he is too young to be drafted into the world's best basketball league and has a decision to make on his future.

McDowell-White's options are to spend a season playing professionally most likely in the Australian National Basketball League (NBL) or to attend college in America for at least one season.

Fairytale

It could be a fairytale beginning to his professional career if he was a focal point of the Brisbane Bullets in the 2016-17 NBL season with the team set to return to the league following an eight-year absence.

However, the lure of college in the United States is probably winning out right now for the son of three-times Brisbane Lions Australian Football League (AFL) premiership star Darry White.

Even though Metro State University and Saint Mary's University have been popular destinations for Australian college players, McDowell-White would be just as happy to attend a school where he's the only Australian.

It's a decision that he and his family are getting closer to making as 2016 approaches.

"I'm open to anything at this stage. It will be pretty cool to go somewhere not many Australians have gone, but me and my family are just open to anything at the moment in making the decision on my future," McDowell-White said.

"I would like to go to a Division 1 school over in the States and then we'll just see what happens with my career from there."

Most recently, McDowell-White represented Brisbane's Ignatius Park



William McDowell-White
Picture: Graham Hunt

College at the Australian school championships and he put up some simply remarkable numbers showing just how exciting a talent he is.

In his five games at the carnival, McDowell-White averaged 31.8 points, 16.2 rebounds and 3.8 assists a game while shooting an outstanding 53 per cent from the field.

His tournament got off to a slightly slow start with 14 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots.

Not that it wasn't impressive, but what he delivered later was incredible.

McDowell-White warmed up with 39 points and 16 rebounds against St Peter's College and then hit 43 points and 15 boards against Newington.

And then against Sydney Boys High School, he had a phenomenal 49 points, 15 rebounds, five blocks and three assists.

The carnival gave him the perfect finish to life as a high school student and now, as he embarks on the next step, he knows that there are some areas of his game he still needs to keep improving.

"I'm a point guard and I'm pretty good in transition, and I love pushing the ball and working with on-ball screens. They are the two biggest aspects of the game that I excel in at the moment," McDowell-White said.

"I definitely need to keep working on my shot. That's not the greatest so I need to work on that and I need to get a bit stronger too."

"Being a skinny build, I need to put some meat on and I have to keep getting better with my decision making. I think I'm pretty good at the moment but I can get better."



Tyson Demos
Picture: Simon Bennett

Demos is sidelined

By CHRIS PIKE



TYSON Demos' strong start to the National Basketball League (NBL) season with the Illawarra Hawks has come to an abrupt finish due to a knee injury.

The defensive specialist's career in the NBL appeared in jeopardy at the end of last season after he played a limited role under Gordie McLeod with a Hawks team that claimed the wooden spoon.

The club then had to fight for survival, but once the Hawks' future was guaranteed, a new coach was appointed with championship-winning mentor Rob Beveridge replacing McLeod.

Work ethic

Beveridge has proven in his coaching career to have faith in guards like Demos who are strong leaders, outstanding defenders and who set the scene for their team's work ethic through how dedicated they are to getting every inch of performance from themselves and teammates.

Beveridge had tremendous success with the likes of Damian Martin and Brad Robbins with the Perth Wildcats who possess those traits, and that's exactly why he was quick to sign up Demos once he was appointed coach in Illawarra.

Following a disappointing 2014-15 season, Demos played in the Queensland Basketball League with the Mackay Meteors, helping to lead them to the championship.

His form there saw him earn another NBL contract with his home-town Illawarra

Hawks. And he had a tremendous start to the new season with 10 points in a narrow loss to the Cairns Taipans.

However, a couple of weeks later he was slowed by a knee injury and now he has been informed that he requires surgery on that knee and his season is over prematurely.

It was a cruel blow for the 27-year-old veteran of 221 NBL games, but he is looking at the positives.

Demos is confident that by having the surgery in December, he will be suitably recovered in time to play in the QBL with the Mackay Meteors again in 2016 and that he will be right to take part in the whole pre-season training with the Hawks ahead of the 2016-17 season.

First things first though, and Demos has no doubt that the Hawks can be a serious contender for the 2016 NBL championship with Jarrad Weeks taking his place in the roster with veteran point guard Rhys Martin now having returned from injury.

And Demos will remain part of the group helping in a coaching capacity for the rest of the season.

"I saw the specialist last week and he booked me in for surgery on my knee. It's micro-fracture surgery and it's looking like I will be out for five to six months. Hopefully it will be right for the start of pre-season next year," Demos said.

"The positive is that Weeksy has been playing awesome and it's great to have Rhys back now as well. He will add a different sort of feel to the group."

"I think this team will be very good and can go a long way this season. I'll enjoy watching that from the bench and helping out where I can."

Lees on fire in game against West Indies



TASMANIAN Ryan Lees was amongst the wickets for the youthful Australian XI that beat the touring West Indies in a four-day match that ended at Allan Border Field, Brisbane, on December 5.

Australia won by 10 wickets in a disappointing display by the tourists in their first game in Australia.

Scores: West Indies 243 and 210,

Australia 444 and 0-13.

Lees took 1-28 off 22 economical overs in the West Indies' first innings, and 3-68 off 20 overs in the second innings.

He was 2 not out in Australia's innings of 444.

Lees, 21, is a right-arm fast bowler. In October he played for the Cricket Australia XI in Sydney in the One-Day Cup series against state teams.



Your chance to run



THE search is on for the next crop of Indigenous athletes to run in the 2016 New York Marathon.

Young Indigenous Australians are being encouraged to apply for the life-changing 2016 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) team.

Established in 2010 by world champion marathon runner Robert de Castella, the IMP, a program of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF), is a health promotion charity that uses running as a vehicle to drive social change and celebrate the resilience and achievement of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Each year a team of 12 young Indigenous Australians from regional, remote and city areas, aged 18-30, is selected to train for the world's largest marathon, the New York City Marathon.

Most have no prior running experience.

It is also compulsory for all members of the team to complete a Certificate III in Fitness, providing career pathways and opportunities.

In the past six years, IMP has trained and mentored 53 runners across the finish line of major international marathons, including New York, Tokyo, and Boston.

One runner, Adrian Dodson-Shaw, from Broome, even contested the North Pole Marathon.

To apply for the 2016 IMP team, visit www.imf.org.au or contact IMP head coach Mick Rees.

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IMP head coach Mick Rees

De Castella is encouraging all young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

"We received more than 150 applications in 2015 and we expect even more for 2016," he said.

"The beauty of this program is that no running experience is required. We aren't looking for the fastest or the fittest people.

"We are looking for those who are determined, demonstrate commitment and are willing to become ongoing role models for their family and community.

"IMP is about celebrating Indigenous resilience and achievement and highlighting how the simple act of running creates an incredible ripple effect, having a significant impact nationwide, as we've seen in the



Eileen Byers, from Rappville, near Casino, was a member of the 2015 IMP squad that completed the New York City Marathon. Picture: Graham Hunt

past six years of the project.

"We have witnessed enormous mental, emotional and personal growth in all of our IMP graduates and that echoes throughout communities.

"They become inspired, they realise

anything is achievable and they develop a contagious sense of pride and belief. We are very excited about meeting hundreds of applicants and showcasing their capacity to achieve to the nation," he said.

FNQ super carnival proposed

By ALF WILSON



A STEERING committee is being set up by the Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Northern Division with representatives from each regional All Blacks carnival with the aim of starting a North Queensland super carnival next October.

Tenders may even be called from interested parties for the right to host the carnival that would be held at the same time and in opposition to the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival in Queensland's south-east at Redcliffe.

That was one of the decisions taken at a Northern Division meeting in Cairns on December 9, where officials from many of the 2015 North Queensland All Blacks carnivals attended.

Thursday Island rugby league identity Terry Abednego was one of those there.

"Scott Nosworthy (Northern Division QRL division manager) will be talking to the QRL board



From left, Alby Anderson (NRL game development officer, Cairns), Richard Grogan (Yarrabah), Robbie Moore, Troy Fraser (Sport & Rec), Terry Abednego, Rod McCrae, Scott Nosworthy, Steve Harris (Southern Suburbs RL), Jason Joinbee (Gordonvale All Blacks), Farran Willett, Eddie Prior, Sam Bann, Gillian Bann, Lucretia Willett, Fiona Prior, Leigh Anderson (Northern Division chairman), Sha-Lane Gibson (Cairns District Women's RL), Nigel Tillett (Northern Division). Kneeling in the front is NRL game development officer, Torres and Cape, Sean Durant.

about our proposed North Queensland carnival," Abednego said.

"With 10 straight weekends of carnival football in north Queensland, the only weekend available was the one same as the Murri carnival.

"There was strong support from all parties at the meeting

mainly because of two reasons – the costs involved travelling to Brisbane and the way the Murri carnival has been run the past few years.

"Once Scott gets a definite answer from the QRL, it will then be decided by the North Queensland Indigenous Steering Committee and the QRL whether

it will be up for tender or for all carnival organisers be involved in some capacity."

Mr Nosworthy said there were some great outcomes at the meeting.

"It went very well with great representation and some clear outcomes," he said.

"We are going to set up a

strategic committee involving all carnival organisers and a few independents to look at getting some clear direction that involves community consultation.

Mr Nosworthy said he was waiting on advice from the QRL.

Cairns-based QRL operations manager Sharon McDougall said the decision to form a committee was well received.

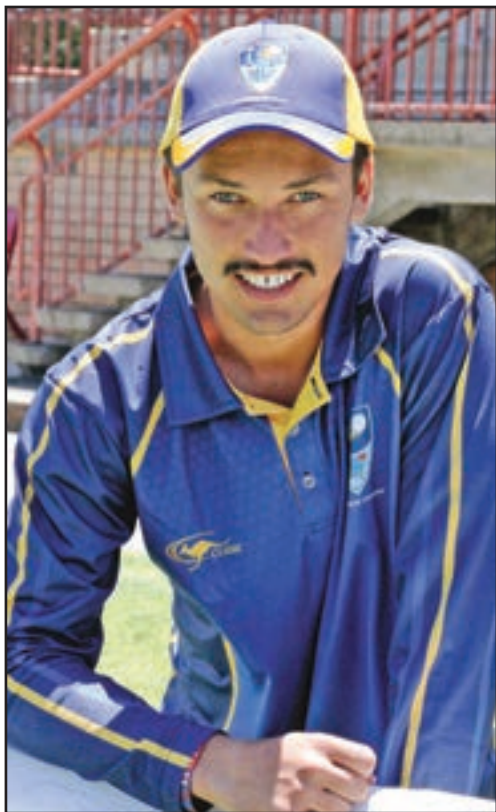
"The committee will have input into the direction of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carnivals with consultation taking place for a possible North Queensland Murri carnival," she said.

Big overheads

The move to establish an NQ Super Carnival comes because of the high cost involved for far north Queensland sides to travel to Redcliffe for the Murri carnival.

It cost around \$30,000 for airfares, nomination fees, accommodation and other expenses to be part of the Brisbane event for each of the Torres Strait sides.

The *Koori Mail* understands that Kulpiyam, from Badu Island, has been one of the prime movers behind a super far northern carnival.



Jonte Pattison is in the provisional Australian under 19 team to contest the Under 19 World Cup in Bangladesh early next year.



Brandon King bowls for his adopted state Tasmania against his home territory (Northern Territory) at the Australian under 19 carnival in Adelaide.



Ayden McGregor-Baptista spins one down the pitch for South Australia at the Australian under 19 carnival. Pictures: Peter Argent

Jonte in under 19 squad

By PETER ARGENT



JONTE Pattison has been named in a provisional Australian under 19 cricket squad to prepare for the Under 19 World Cup in Bangladesh early next year.

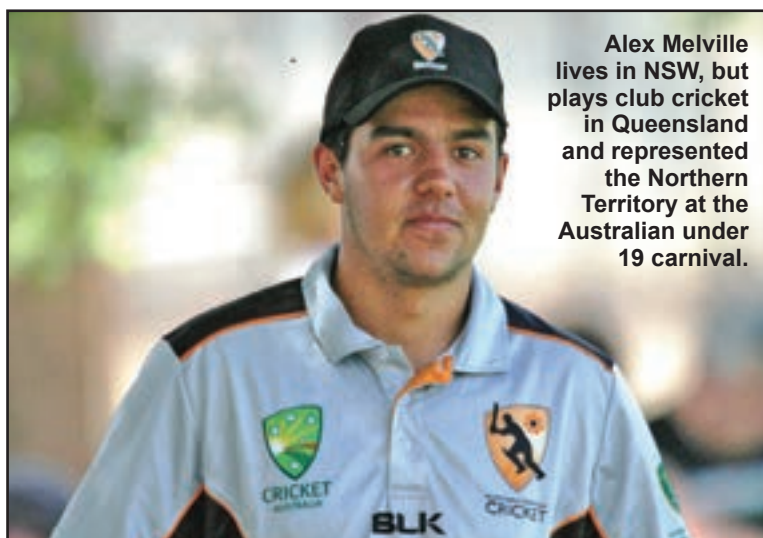
The ACT-NSW Country captain was named after leading ACT-NSW Country into the final of the Australian under 19 championships in Adelaide last Thursday.

Pattison skippered the ACT/NSW Country side with aplomb and into a final, after winning all previous seven games, including the qualifying and semifinal.

They played close rivals NSW Metro in the decider at Gliderol Stadium, Glenelg, and went down by nine wickets after comprehensively defeating NSW Metro in an earlier fixture by six wickets with 25.1 overs to spare.

Selectors have named a total of 21 players in the provisional Australian squad. This will be cut to 15 before the World Cup.

NSW Blues Rookies Henry Thornton and Jonte Pattison headline the eight NSW Metro and ACT-NSW Country contingent.



Alex Melville lives in NSW, but plays club cricket in Queensland and represented the Northern Territory at the Australian under 19 carnival.

Pattison was one of four Aboriginal players at the under 19 carnival.

The others were South Australian Ayden McGregor-Baptista, former Northern Territorian Brandon King (Tasmania) and Alex Melville (Northern Territory).

All are spinners.

Pattison, who played Australian XI cricket last summer, is a leg-spinner and middle-order batsman.

King, who played for the NT in the corresponding tournament last

summer, is a right-arm off-spinner, as is South Australian talent McGregor-Baptista.

Melville is a left-arm orthodox spinner now playing grade cricket for the Gold Coast in the Brisbane competition.

50-over games

This year's tournament was all 50-over games, leading into the 2016 Under 19 World Cup in Bangladesh from January 22 to February 14.

In round four in Adelaide, Pattison produced a scintillating

110 not out against Queensland at Sacred Heart College.

Chasing down a formidable total of 258, his century was brilliant and the cornerstone of a successful run chase.

In an innings that lasted 114 minutes, he faced just 92 deliveries and dispatched 14 boundaries and three sixes.

This gave his side a five-wicket triumph with 8.2 overs and two balls to spare.

Pattison under bowled himself in the tournament, with his best effort being 1-27 from seven overs also against the northerners in the same game.

Against the South Australians, he took the crucial wicket of their leading batsman Patrick Page in the thrilling two-run win at Park 25 in oppressive 41 degree conditions on Sunday, December 6.

He also had three other scores in the 30s and finished with 248 runs at an average of 41.3.

McGregor-Baptista delivered with the bat and ball at different times for the Redbacks.

In his final game of the tournament, he made a better than a-run-a-ball 73 (68 delivers – 72 minutes, 8x4s 2x6s) in a 135-run fourth-wicket stand with keeper-batsman Damon Kerr, which went a long way to assuring

that South Australia finished third.

In the thrilling but ultimately heard-breaking two-wicket semifinal loss to NSW Metro at Railways Oval, he bowled the Redbacks back into the contest, taking an economical 2-21 from his 10 overs, which included five maidens.

He also took two victims in the round five clash with ACT-NSW Country.

King, who has already played in a pair of Futures League games this year, had to wait to the final game to snaffle his first wicket of the tournament, claiming a respectable 1-34 from seven overs, while he bowled with good control against the NT at Glandore Oval, finishing with 0-31 from his 10 overs.

He also made a couple of handy 20s in the lower order with the bat for the Tigers.

Melville had strong performances against South Australia to start the tournament in round one at Parkinson Oval, taking 3-34 from his 10 overs as they grabbed an unexpected win.

He also played a big role in his teams win over Tasmania in plate game at Glandore.

His 2-29 from 10 overs played a key role in this victory.

New girls' cricket partnership in NT



CRICKET is to be used as a vehicle to help young Indigenous girls in the Northern Territory to achieve education outcomes.

Cricket Australia and the Stars Foundation have announced a partnership that will focus on Indigenous girls in schools across the Territory.

The initial 12-month partnership, which was announced at Sanderson Middle School in Darwin on December 1,

will reach 500 girls, helping them gain education and training qualifications.

Cricket will be used to increase student engagement and attendance, and promote health and wellbeing.

Cricket Australia executive general manager, game and market development, Andrew Ingleton, said the partnership would achieve results beyond the cricket field.

"We're excited to establish this partnership with the Stars Foundation,"

Mr Ingleton said.

"Not only will it encourage more Indigenous girls to play cricket, but importantly, it will contribute to the education and health of the students.

"This partnership is further evidence of the power of sport to be used to achieve outcomes beyond on-field success and participation."

Stars Foundation CEO Andrea Goddard said the partnership between the two organisations would have a lasting effect on the education and

health of Indigenous girls.

The partnership with the Stars Foundation complements Cricket Australia's partnership with the Clontarf Foundation which has cricket in 61 schools reaching 3838 Indigenous boys.

In 2014-15, more than 26,000 Indigenous Australians played cricket.

Cricket returns to the Northern Territory in February 2016 via the inaugural National Indigenous Cricket Championships and annual Imparja Cup in Alice Springs.

Value of culture

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

IT is always great to have the opportunity to 'go bush' and reconnect with the land.

Recently, I had the opportunity to do so in the company of some rising National Rugby League (NRL) players along with current professionals Luke Kelly, from Parramatta, and James Roberts, who was still a Titans players at the time.

There were 16 players in total ranging from 16 to 20, with the exception of James and Luke.

The weekend camp near Aratula (west of Beaudesert) was something that Dean Widders and myself had been wanting to do for a long time and with the support of the NRL and the two clubs, it finally happened.

It certainly wasn't luxury accommodation, with no electricity and running water, but the boys were not there for a holiday.

The camp provided experiences to help our young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island players explore their understanding of their identity and allow them the opportunity to understand how this plays an integral role in their lives on and off the field.

This cultural submersion creates a safe place to explore the positive aspects of strong culture and allows the individuals the opportunity to seek knowledge, wisdom and guidance from not only their peer playing group but from Elders and other respected men.

In all my work with youth – including the time Dean and I have spent together in remote and urban settings – the one common feature of any successful program was that it has an authentic connection to culture.

No understanding

For many of our kids – including rugby league players – they identify as Aboriginal but have no real understanding of what that means.

They need the opportunity to connect or reconnect with their culture as part of being confident in their own identity.

Only then do they have a real chance of chasing their dreams and being successful, whether it be on the football field, in business, on the stage, or in their studies.

The camp was part of The Positive Principles rites of passage program, which is being driven by Gamilaroi counsellor Clinton Schultz, who works closely with Indigenous players across the game.

He had great assistance from Jeremy Donovan and Uncle Harold Tayley, who were integral to the success of the camp.



Parramatta youngster Luke Kelly found the camp a worthwhile experience. Picture: Benjamin Cuevas/ Parramatta Eels



Emerging Indigenous rugby league players and mentors at the camp at Aratula, west of Beaudesert, were encouraged to connect to their culture.

Often Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players can have difficulty with the rigours of being involved with the NRL when they have to leave the bush, community, family and, to a large extent, leave culture behind to pursue a career in rugby league.

The program is designed to help players and staff in the NRL better understand their cultural connection and how to handle any conflicts with their culture and demands of the game.

It focuses on key elements like respect, responsibility, reciprocity, acceptance, connectedness and interconnectedness.

The players went back to basics and slept out at Aratula and sat around a campfire listening to and telling yarns, building a 'sweat lodge' type

structure using flexible sapling trees called a 'Jilla Warri'.

The structure represents the sanctuary of a turtle shell, entering the womb of the mother earth.

The young men gathered particular stones that are then heated for several hours and brought inside the structure, with water then being poured over the stones, creating steam like a sauna.

As part of the ceremony, Jeremy played the didge in the darkness and the heat and the process was one of cleansing and healing.

Highlight

Luke Kelly found this to be one of the highlights of the camp.

"The whole weekend was a great experience for the boys," he said.

"There were some physical and emotional challenges, but the boys were up to it.

"They shared their personal stories in the yarning circle, but the experience in the Jilla Warri, with the steam and the sound of the didge in the darkness played by Jeremy, was an experience I will never forget.

"It was like a spiritual connection to land and really gave us the opportunity to reflect on issues that were important to us."

The activities certainly built up an appetite and the boys' efforts

in collecting the stones and digging the pit were certainly rewarded.

They cooked in an Aboriginal-style 'hangi' called a 'kuppa murri', using a Kurrma (Yalanji word for ground oven).

It was the best feed I have had in a long time.

Emerging young Titan Brian Kelly, who has been training with the NRL squad during the pre-season, said it was a valuable experience for him which gave him a better understanding of his culture, other like-minded footballers and his place in the NRL and how important the connection to culture is in the NRL environment.

"We learned a lot from the Elders of the area who told us stories of their growing up and what the land and culture meant to them and we all spoke about respect, responsibility and other things," he said.

Different

"Collecting wood for the fire and building the shelter, and cooking the kuppa murri, and then heating the stones... it was all new and different, but I really got a lot out of it."

"It was good to talk to other footballers openly about footy and life and our culture. Family and community are important to us and being from Ballina and that area, which a lot of the other boys come from, we appreciate our community and extended family getting something out of what we achieve, and the weekend brought that home even more.

"To hear some of the yarns and talk about what respect means to us and our connection with that was really good."

This was only a start in what is an important process.

The pressures of succeeding in the NRL are only increasing and I commend the NRL for supporting such an initiative.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

The All Stars match will be a great start to another exciting year of rugby league!

See you at the game!

Buddy Franklin's message of hope

● From back page

commented on Franklin being so brave to declare his illness was an acknowledgment of the shame that unfairly clouds mental illness.

But for Buddy and those close to him, his health came first.

And herein lies the big problem with mental illness.

And that is where his courage to seek help is an important message for us all.

Mental illness has a fatal form in suicide, one of the biggest killers of young people.

Yet suicide is still shrouded in shame, an act that seemingly confirms the failings of the victim rather than the pain of

the disease.

All communities should have the conversation; all families should have the conversation – perhaps more so given not everyone has ready access to a support network like Franklin – so we can find the 'normal' of dealing with mental illness.

Inevitably, Buddy's mental health will be a consideration in every appearance, every training run, every game, until it is normalised.

He will be asked – by the media, for the masses – how he is feeling much more than any other player.

A poor performance will bring his mental state into question, even though other players are allowed to recover and

rehabilitate their injuries with few questions.

Only when players' good performances are, at least partly, credited to their good mental health, will the prejudice surrounding mental illness start to fade.

Only when other players speak of their experiences, past and present, will the stigma start to disappear.

And only when awkward conversations are had in every area of society, frequently enough for them to no longer be awkward, will people have the confidence to ask for help.

And only then will mental health outcomes start to improve.

If, like the AFL, we are playing the long game with this, trying to help people and

save lives, then we can always hope for a surge in the final quarter.

Franklin may have already kicked the winning goal for mental health.

We should all learn from Buddy's experience and thank him for his real courage.

We should use the opportunity to talk to those close to us and reaffirm our commitment to family.

And if we are suffering in silence, we should speak out and seek help.

The help is there.

This is the true story of hope as we head into the festive season.

Have a safe holiday and may you all kick a few life goals in the New Year! Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Country players on show



SEVERAL Indigenous players will be in action at the Australian Country Cricket Championships in Mt Gambier, South Australia from January 4-11.

The men's and women's tournaments are being hosted by Cricket Australia (CA) and the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA).

It will provide country cricketers an opportunity to play in a national carnival that will see six teams from across Australia and the East Asia Pacific region battling it out in T20, one-day and two-day cricket.

For the first time, an all-female division will take part alongside the male division.

This will see cricket's top country players join the pathway in a time where there has never been more opportunities for women in cricket, with the inaugural rebel Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) launching this season.

Flying the Indigenous flag will be Queenslanders Barry Weare and Bradley and Ben Mitchell (NSW) in the men's division, while NSW will be coached by Jeff Cook.

Samara Williams and Kavita Pepper will be playing for the West Australian women.

Natalie Plain will line up for Victoria.



Jeff Cook, left, chats with Test player Usman Khawaja at the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs earlier this year. Cook will coach the NSW Country team in Mount Gambier in January. Picture: Graham Hunt



● ABOVE: Natalie Plain bowls for Victoria in the Imparja Cup. Picture: Getty



● ABOVE RIGHT: Barry Weare will play for Queensland.



Samara Williams
Picture: Getty



● RIGHT: Queenslanders Bradley Stout. Picture: Peter Argent



Outgoing NATSICAC co-chair Aaron Briscoe, left, and co-chair and former South Australian Premier John Bannon. Picture: Graham Hunt

Cricket Australia advisory positions become vacant



CRICKET Australia (CA) is on the lookout for a co-chair and two independent members of its National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cricket Advisory Committee (NATSICAC).

Aaron Briscoe's term as co-chair for the past three years is coming to an end.

CA is calling for expression of interest for the three positions.

It says that as part of its aim for cricket to be a sport for all Australians, it is focused on increasing the engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as well as contributing to the reconciliation agenda through opportunities to be involved at all levels of the game.

NATSICAC is an officially sanctioned sub-committee of the Cricket Australia board.

The sub-committee has the responsibility to advise on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander involvement within cricket.

"The co-chair will play a critical leadership role in the effective operation of NATSICAC," CA said.

"We are seeking an active, respected and experienced member within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. The successful candidate will demonstrate a track record of leadership, experience in serving on boards and committees and a strong commitment to the advancement of Indigenous cricket strategies.

"The successful candidates will demonstrate strong understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and community affairs and a track record of community leadership."

Each position carries a three-year term.

Applicants are to submit a current curriculum vitae supported by a two-page submission addressing the selection criteria for the respective roles to community@cricket.com.au by the close of business on December 28, 2015.

The trip of a lifetime for Victorian cricketers



FORMER England Test star Kevin Pietersen is pictured with members of the Noogal Toengorrt Tani Victorian Indigenous squad in Dubai.

Twelve young cricketers took part in the Kevin Pietersen 24 Foundation inaugural Sprite 24/7 Project.

The cricketers, aged between 15 and 18, trained with Pietersen, attended international matches, met high-profile cricketers and competed in the project's T20 World Cup, representing Australia.

The Noogal Toengorrt Tani squad came from across Victoria, including Benalla, Gippsland, Healesville, Ballarat and Mornington Peninsula.

In Dubai over 10 days, teams from India, England, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, South Africa and Australia met at the academy for an intensive high-performance training program that included skill development, coach education, media training, nutrition and recovery.

Pietersen's interest in the Noogal squad stemmed from the Melbourne Stars' connection to the Indigenous community.



After discussions with Stars BBL/04 Community Rookie Josh Eaton, who plays for Premier cricket club Essendon and is also a part of the Noogal squad, Pietersen connected with Cricket Victoria to offer the participants the opportunity to train at his academy.

It's back to work for the Cowboys



THE North Queensland Cowboys have begun preparations for their National Rugby League (NRL) premiership defence, returning to pre-season training in Townsville. The Cowboys officially set their 2016 campaign in motion on Monday, November 30, eight weeks after their

epic 17-16 grand final win over Brisbane to claim their first title. All of the club's grand final team attended the first training session at their base, including Clive Churchill Medal winner Johnathan Thurston. However Kangaroos and Queensland prop Matt Scott is on limited training duties after undergoing off-season neck surgery.

With no end-of-season representative schedule, the Cowboys stars have enjoyed a deserved break from football. Coach Paul Green has warned his players against complacency as they attempt to become the first side to win back-to-back premierships in a unified competition since the star-studded Brisbane outfits of

1992 and 1993. The Cowboys moved to shore up their future, extending hooker Jake Granville's deal until the end of 2018. However a number of players, including James Tamou and Lachlan Coote, are off contract at the end of next season and so are allowed to discuss their futures with rival NRL clubs. – AAP



Perpetual LOYAL, the yacht to be crewed by Kurtley Beale and other sporting personalities.



Kurtley Beale, the rugby player, soon will become Kurtley Beale, the sailor. He is pictured here at a training session last September at the University of Bath three days ahead of the opening match of the Rugby World Cup at Twickenham stadium, London. Picture: AFP

Beale to set sail



WALLABIES ace Kurtley Beale will join a host of Australian sports stars aboard *Perpetual LOYAL* in this year's Sydney to Hobart yacht race. Beale is making his debut in the great race in the name of charity. The Wallaby hopes to raise funds to buy vital medical equipment for children's hospitals. "Looking at the commitment of other sportsmen and women across the years and the contribution they have made to

the Humpty Dumpty and LOYAL Foundations, it is a team that I want to be part of," Beale said. "I want to know I have made a positive contribution to children's lives." Beale will join retired rugby league star Anthony Minichiello, former Wallabies captain Phil Waugh and former Australian cricket skipper Michael Clarke on *Perpetual LOYAL*. Minichiello and Waugh have done it before. "Just as important for me is to test myself in a new arena," Beale said. "I believe that as an athlete to

keep improving you must continually test yourself both mentally and physically." Beale doesn't have to resume training with the Waratahs until the New Year. "When Anthony (*Perpetual LOYAL* skipper/owner Anthony Bell) approached me, I saw it as an offer I couldn't refuse," Beale said. "I spent last weekend sailing with the crew on *Perpetual LOYAL* and was blown away by the sheer sailing talent and knowledge on the boat. "I can't wait to set sail with this team on Boxing Day."

Anthony Bell said this would be *Perpetual LOYAL*'s final Sydney-Hobart campaign. "We intend to go out with a bang," he said. "We have had an amazing seven years. "Our 2011 line honours victory is a moment that I will look back on fondly. "However, the greatest pleasure I have had being involved in the race is looking at the commitment of my sailing team and the funds the LOYAL foundation has raised for children in need. "This is the greatest reward

and the victory our crew treasures the most," Bell said. The LOYAL Foundation works on the principle that every dollar donated is distributed to approved charities, including the Humpty Dumpty Foundation, with no administrative costs. Beale's journey with the *Perpetual LOYAL* crew can be followed via: Twitter: @PerpetualLoyal #PerpetualLOYAL Facebook: www.facebook.com/perpetual.loyal Instagram: perpetualloyal YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/PerpetualLtd



Josh Lalor and Jonte Pattison Picture: Peter Argent



Brandon King
Picture: Peter Argent



Ryan Lees



Brendan Doggett

Future of cricket

By GRAHAM HUNT



IN an Australian first, four Aboriginal cricketers were involved in one Australian Cricket Futures League match when NSW took on Tasmania in Sydney in late

November.

Josh Lalor and Jonte Pattison turned out for NSW, while the Tasmanian side included Ryan Lees and Northern Territory product Brandon King.

NSW won the game outright, scoring a massive 4-565 declared in reply to Tasmania's 185 and dismissing Tasmania for 299 in the second innings.

King and Lees were each dismissed for ducks in Tasmania's first innings.

Lees also failed to score in Tasmania's second innings, while King managed just four runs.

Didn't bat

Neither Lalor nor Pattison were required to bat in the NSW innings.

In Tasmania's first innings, left-arm medium-pace Lalor finished with 0-13 from six overs.

Leg-spinner Pattison did not get a bowl.

In Tasmania's second innings, Lalor had figures of 33-11-71.3, while Pattison finished with 15-1-39-1.

In an earlier drawn match at the

Blacktown International Sports Park, Sydney, Pattison had bowling figures of 27-3-74-3 in Western Australia's second innings after not getting a bowl in the first innings.

Match scores: WA 178 and 9-393 dec, NSW 302.

Pattison did not score in the NSW innings.

Lalor did not play in that match.

In October, Lalor took 3-46 in South Australia's first innings total of 150 and scored 50 not out (105 balls) in the NSW reply of 340.

Pattison retired hurt before he had scored.

In South Australia's second innings,

Lalor took 1-22 (11 overs).

The Queensland Futures League side includes Indigenous player Brendan Doggett.

In Queensland's win over Tasmania in October, Doggett took 1-22 (10 overs) in Tasmania's first innings total of 152.

He did not bat in Queensland's innings of 7-350 declared.

Doggett took 1-13 in Tasmania's second innings of 159.

The Futures League will resume on Monday, January 11, when Queensland takes on NSW at the Gabba, Tasmania is up against South Australia in Hobart, and the ACT takes on Western Australia at Manuka Oval, Canberra.

\$10,000 boost for clubs



TWO Aboriginal sporting clubs have received \$10,000 grants from the

Holden's Home

Ground Advantage program. The NSW Northern Rivers rugby league club Bundjalung Baygal Warriors will use the money to buy uniforms and equipment.

The Bundjalung Baygal Warriors take part in rugby league carnivals.

The Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative (BDAC) is rolling out a new sports and activity project with the help of its grant.

The Bundjalung Baygal Warriors inspire youth to develop a strong work ethic, practise reconciliation, connect to culture and live a healthy lifestyle through sports and physical activities.

Club treasurer Levi Caldwell said the club was highly motivated to support its community.

"We are committed to making a difference by inspiring local youths to reach their full potential," he said.

"We're thrilled to receive this funding that will allow us to

invest in new uniforms to help members feel a sense of belonging to the club."

The Warriors are involved in local community workshops focusing on fitness training and rugby coaching clinics for youths.

They also run programs to address issues of domestic and family violence, alcohol and drug abuse, homelessness and raises awareness of mental health conditions affecting the community.

Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative (BDAC) CEO Raylene Harradine said the money would be used to engage up to 60 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from the Bendigo region to become involved in sport.

"The program encourages kids to participate in their chosen sport on a weekly basis and this funding will help purchase new uniforms and running shoes," she said.

"At BDAC we provide a holistic approach to health care and, in addition to sports activities, these kids will have access to leadership development, health check-ups and ongoing education in areas including health, wellbeing



Quayside Motors Lismore general sales manager Andrew Latimere, left, is pictured at Casino with, from left, Bundjalung Baygal Warriors RLFC president Levi Caldwell and board members Luke Walker and Leonard Hickling. The club was founded in 2013 and has been successful in recent local rugby league carnivals, winning the 2013 Northern United Knockout in Lismore and this year competed in its first NSW Aboriginal Knockout and reached the final 16.

and nutrition."

Established in 2001, BDAC delivered nearly 4000 services to its members across the region and provides services to Aboriginal youth through programs such as the Local Justice and Juvenile Justice program, Koori placement and support, Young Wellbeing

program as well as male and female youth groups.

In 2014 Holden committed \$5 million over 10 years to its Home Ground Advantage program. It provides grants to community-based sporting clubs across Australia. Twice a year, grants totalling \$250,000 are awarded, with one major grant going to a

project worth up to \$100,000 in value.

Applications for the 2015-16 summer round opened on November 1.

The application process is easy and online. Clubs wanting to apply should visit www.holden.com.au/homegroundadvantage

Always a Hawk?

Rioli signs two-year extension with Hawthorn



BOASTING healthy hamstrings and an impressive trophy cabinet,

Hawthorn star Cyril Rioli is set for the rest of his Australian Football League (AFL) career.

The Norm Smith Medalist from this year's premiership win has signed a two-year contract extension with the Hawks.

That will take the four-times premiership player through to the end of the 2019 season, when he will be 30.

Only last year, Rioli managed just 12 senior games for the season because of repeated hamstring injuries.

He was sidelined from round 15 and had to prove his fitness before playing in the grand final win over Sydney.

This season, the small forward dynamo only missed one game and starred as they brushed aside West Coast for their third-straight flag.

"I don't really think too much about my hammys when I go out to train now," he said.

"Stuff I do in the gym gives

me a lot of confidence getting out there on the field."

Rioli said he would follow the same pre-season regime again, but perhaps with more intensity.

"We set out a plan last year during the pre-season. We stuck to that and that definitely worked," he said.

"(It was) working mostly on my legs and just getting those things right.

"That definitely set my season up."

For all Hawthorn's success since the 2008 premiership in his debut season, Rioli said the epic 2012 grand final loss to Sydney remained all the motivation he would need.

"We don't want to go down that path again," he said on the first day of pre-season training.

"For myself, the losing one really cuts me up ... that's our driving force.

"But everyone looks in really good shape and ready to go.

"We feel if we play the Hawthorn way, that will give us every chance."

Rioli was also rapt that his nephew Daniel Rioli went to Richmond in last month's draft, continuing the wider family's rich AFL history.

"To carry on that Rioli name, it's awesome," he said.

"I was hoping Hawthorn might have got him, but he's in pretty good hands with 'Dimma' (coach Damien Hardwick) at Richmond."

The latest Rioli to join an AFL club has cheekily suggested he might have Cyril covered for pace.

"He probably does, but he's a few flags behind," was the premiership star's response.

— AAP



Cyril Rioli celebrates winning the Australian Football League (AFL) grand final against the West Coast Eagles at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) last October 3. Picture: AAP

Hard road to Rio



THE Matildas, Australia's women's soccer team, will need to overcome a taxing schedule and the likes of Japan and North Korea if they wish to qualify for Rio

2016.

Australia will play five games in 10 days during the six-team Olympic qualifying tournament in Osaka, Japan, and will need to finish in the top two in order to progress to the main draw.

They face their biggest challenge in fourth-ranked Japan in the tournament opener on February 29, while the ninth-ranked Matildas will also need to overcome North Korea (6th), China (15th), South Korea (17th) and Vietnam (33rd).

"I guess there is no better time to play Japan than first up when we're fresh and they're fresh," Matildas coach Alen Stajcic said.

"We've played them three times in the past 18 months and those results were a draw and two narrow losses so we know we're in the ball park to match them. We've just got to do it on the day.

"It's a bit like the World Cup. It's almost like a Group of Death trying to qualify and we've got our blockbuster first up."

Making the task even more challenging for the Matildas is the fact each squad can only comprise of 20 players, three of which are likely to be goalkeepers.

"There's no use wishing for things," Stajcic said on whether there was a preferred schedule.

"At the end of the day we've got five tough games and there are no easy opponents."

Matildas' path to Olympic qualification: Japan, February 29
Vietnam, March 2
South Korea, March 4
North Korea, March 7
China, March 9

— AAP

Kyah finds her range

KYAH Simon's goal gave the Matildas a 1-0 win over South Korea in their last hit-out before Olympic qualifiers.

Simon's goal came in the 68th minute, when she pounced on a defensive bungle in the second half to lash home in Incheon, South Korea, on November 28.

The 24-year-old called it a great win.

"Solid effort in tough conditions. Always love scoring for my country," she tweeted.

Super welterweight title won by Jerkic



ROCKY Jerkic is the new Australian super welterweight boxing champion after an eighth-round TKO win over Shannon King in

Brisbane on November 28.

Referee Adrian Cairns stopped the fight one minute and 19 seconds into the eighth round after King had been dropped for the second time.

The fight at the Mansfield Tavern was scheduled for 10 rounds.

It was described as untidy, where at times it appeared the referee lacked full control.

Jerkic, the Gladstone orthodox fighter, was behind on points on two of the three judges' cards before the fight was stopped.

Judges Adam Height and Cyril Cairns each had King ahead 67-66, while the third judge, Phil Austin, had Jerkic ahead 67-66 in a tight contest.

Jerkic, 27, has won all 12 of his professional fights since debuting in October 2011 – nine of them inside the distance.

For Queenlander King, the loss was his second in an 11-fight career. Seven of his nine wins have ended inside the distance.

Jerkic first fought a 12-year-old when he was only nine.

He won 98 of his 104 amateur fights – his last loss was at the age of 15.

His style has drawn comparisons with Anthony Mundine.

For a time he attended Mundine's gym in Redfern every day and eventually trained with 'Choc' and made his professional debut under Tony Mundine's tutelage.

Last year, Jerkic trained for a month at Floyd Mayweather's gym in Las Vegas with legendary trainer Jeff Mayweather, uncle of Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Jerkic was raised by his Croatian father in Gladstone.

He stepped away from boxing for three-and-a-half years, saying he had lost his love of the sport.

But he was convinced by his girlfriend to return to the ring and then showed up at the Mundine gym. — Graham Hunt



Kurtley to tackle the high seas
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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Franklin is back



THE Sydney Swans are hopeful of having Lance Franklin back on deck for their Australian

Football League (AFL) season opener against Collingwood after the superstar forward made a very public return to training on Tuesday, December 1.

Franklin had to cut a path through a posse of camera crews and reporters to join teammates for day one of Sydney's pre-season at the club's Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) practice ground after sensationally sitting out this year's finals series while battling a mental health issue.

Significant step

Coach John Longmire said it was a significant step forward for the 28-year-old after three months dealing with his inner demons.

"It's just a good sign that he's back here and where he wants to be," Longmire said.

"Ultimately he feels really comfortable training and playing. And like any player, that's what they do. Football's critical and we understand the importance of it."

While Franklin will continue receiving professional treatment, Longmire says it's otherwise business as usual for the dual premiership winner.

Barring any further setbacks, the Swans expect their \$10-million

Lance Franklin attended a Sydney Swans training session on December 1. It was his first time back with the Swans in three months as he continues his battle with mental health issues. Picture: AAP



man to line up against the Magpies at the Sydney Olympic Stadium on March 24.

"As we sit here at the moment, we haven't got any player ruled out for round one," Longmire said.

"But it is only the first of December so there is a long way to go but we expect all of our players to be ready for round one."

"We know that over the course

of the pre-season various challenges happen, injuries or whatever, but we expect Lance to be available at this point."

Speaking out

Longmire commended Franklin for speaking out about his troubles and acknowledged the ordeal would have taken a toll on the 28-year-old.

"It's not something that just goes away because you turn up to training. It's something he'll keep working on as well," he said.

"I think most people would recognise it's been a challenge for him. It's not an easy thing to do, to come out publicly first and foremost."

"I hope it really helps his career but, almost more importantly than

that, helps him as a person. I think that's the most important thing to come out of it."

"Football's critical and we understand the importance of it in supporters' eyes and coaches' eyes."

"We understand the win-loss record more than anyone, but you need to make sure you're right as a person first and foremost and that's a critical component: to make sure you're feeling good about it."

"There's no point a coach standing out the front talking about game plans and team rules if you're not quite right or you don't feel right."

Long-term

Longmire said Franklin was returning to training on the advice of specialists who believed playing again was vital to his long-term recovery.

"That's what they play footy for," the coach said.

"They thrive in that camaraderie of the playing group. They thrive on the spirit of battle on the football ground. They thrive on trying to get better as players."

"Lance is no different, even though he's got a higher profile than any other player on our list in regards to that."

"Today's the first step in that and he's ready to go in what we hope is a really strong pre-season." — AAP

Buddy's message of hope

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THE return of Buddy Franklin to training was one of the major news stories of the day.

Such is Buddy's profile that it appears that anything to do with him is considered newsworthy.

But this was not a regular return from training — it was Buddy coming back from a break from the game due to his mental health issues.

While I will be using Buddy's story as part of what I want to talk about, this article is not so much about him personally, but more about what we can learn from his story.

I am confident that Buddy will return to the field as big and powerful a figure in the game as ever.

He has the support of his

partner and friends as well as the support network of the Swans to make sure this is the case.

Buddy's personal journey in this space is an important one for us to remember as we approach the holiday period.

For a range of reasons, Indigenous people suffer mental health issues at a higher rate than the general population.

We know that we lose too many of our youth — particularly young men — to suicide when compared with other groups.

Christmas is a time of joy and celebration and joy for many.

For others who suffer from depression and other illnesses, it can be a time of heightened isolation and sense of loneliness.

This is where Buddy's story is one of hope and strength.

Fans expect players to be 'mentally tough' and strong.

It is almost part of their job description.

Fans will accept that players will miss games due to physical injury like a knee or shoulder condition.

But when news broke that Franklin had a mental health condition keeping him off the field, that was different, and was treated differently.

How that story was told, and the public reaction to it, goes some way towards explaining our changing attitudes towards mental health.

It also demonstrates, regrettably, we still haven't addressed the stigma and prejudice.

Buddy's situation became part

of the broader news because it was so unusual.

Unusual for a footballer, an elite athlete, to be ruled out of competition because of a mental health condition.

Unusual because Buddy was perceived as young and successful and did not fit the profile of a person with a mental condition.

It caused some people to reconsider their perception of Franklin and in doing so, their perception of mental illness.

The fact that the announcement was made, like any other injury or illness, will hopefully make such things unremarkable.

The fact that some publically

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