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A 'Woorie' Christmas



Christmas came early for Nathan Freeman Jr, seen here with Douglas Timothy Graham...ahem...Black Santa...at the Undoonoo Day Care Centre Christmas party in Woorabinda, central Queensland, last week. Inset: They're dreaming of a cheeky Christmas...Woorabinda kids Koebe Smith, Warren Lee Yoren, Trent Watson and Marcus Conway gave the holidays a thumbs up when the *Koori Mail* visited last week. See Page 35 for more. Photos by CHRISTINE HOWES

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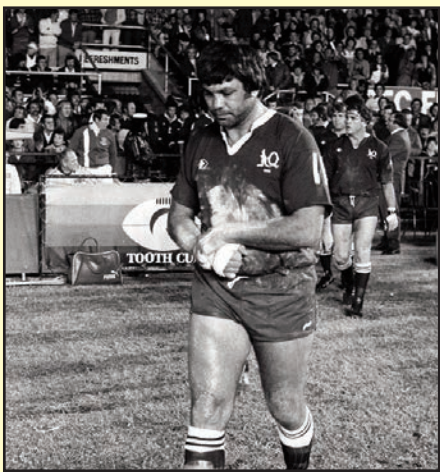
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My FAMILY

Janelle Evans, Woorabinda, Qld

THIS is me (fourth from the left in the green collared shirt), with some of my family.

On the far left, there's my cousin Joe Blair, who is my grandmother's sister's (Geraldine Hopkins) grandchild. Next to him is my Aunt Lorene Munns and in front of her is her grandson, young Jerrod Saltner, 11.

Behind me is my nephew, Lindsay Jarrett Jnr, who is attending St Brendan's in Yeppoon.

The eldest in the family is my grandmother Matilda Hill, who is 81, and can be seen in the centre of the photo. She has nine great, great grandchildren, 53 great grandchildren, 35 grandchildren and seven children.

She was born in Woorabinda not long after it was established and has lived here all her life. She still has two sisters, one in Sydney and one in Barcaldine.

She was raised in the dormitory and used to work at hospital as a wet nurse for new babies and she has connections to Kulali and western Yalangi.

The ATODS building here in Woorabinda is named after her (Mattie's Place).

Next to my grandmother, wearing a bandanna, is my cousin Lionel Fatbird Williams. He belongs to my grandmother's eldest son, David, who is now deceased.

In front of him is my mother Diane Evans, who had four children of her own and raised her cousin's daughter as well. She still looks after kids as a kinship carer for her grandchildren.

I got my love of community history and family trees from my mother. And next to her is my Aunt Celeste (Coochie) Hill.

I have eight children of my own and one granddaughter, most of whom live in Townsville now. But, as a family, many of us still live in Woorabinda.

On my grandfather's side, we're traditional owners here (Wadja people). Aunt Coochie and mum like to go out on country and tell us about our history, hunting and things their aunties have taught them.

Because most of us are women, we like to sit down and have good yarns and a good laugh whenever we can.

As a teenager, I loved sitting down

listening to my Nan and her friends talk about the old days. The boys like to hunt and everyone in Woorie likes a taste of porcupine (echidna) in the winter time and, of course, we are all staunch supporters of the local football team.

Everyone looks out for one another in our family. Nana Mat has taught us not to go out and look for trouble, but wait for trouble to come to us. We all like music and dancing and we're never short of volunteers at Karaoke. Some of us like reading and writing stories and hopefully in the near future we will be able to write some more books about Woorie.

We love living in Woorabinda, the people are friendly, the country is beautiful and of course our big family will always keep us coming back home.

● As told to CHRISTINE HOWES



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OUR CHILDREN



Adventurous youngsters fly high on one of the rides at the 18th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane last month. Photo by NAOMI MORAN.

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Governor-General Quentin Bryce and Aaron Everett, who was recognised in the Tasmanian Human Rights Awards for his work to protect Aboriginal Heritage, particularly at the kutralayna site. – Photo by PEN TAYLER

Recipient puzzled by award

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aboriginal man Aaron Everett has been highly commended in the Tasmanian Human Rights

Awards.

But the heritage campaigner had mixed feelings about being recognised under the individual award category for 'his engagement with the Tasmanian community in telling the history and stories of Tasmanian Aboriginals and in particular of the importance of the kutralayna site'.

"It's a bit strange getting an award after what they've done," Mr Everett told the *Koori Mail* last week. "Kutralayna's one of the oldest sites in the Southern Hemisphere, but it did not stop a government from destroying it,"

he said. "And then you receive an award for trying to stop them, so how do you accept something like that?"

"People say congratulations, and I'm thinking it still didn't protect our heritage out there.

"I don't see (the award) as something for me, I look at it as it benefits us, the Tasmanian Aboriginal community – what we did out there never fell on deaf ears, it did make ways in the wider community."

Heritage

Mr Everett said the campaign to save kutralayna taught him a lot more about how the Government dealt with heritage. Over the span of the campaign, he also became a confident leader and media spokesperson for his people.

"I had to do it, I had to fall into it, from wanting to stand up and fight for the protection

and the rights of Aboriginal people," he said.

Mr Everett and other awards recipients met Governor-General Quentin Bryce at a congratulatory morning tea in Hobart on Friday, the eve of International Human Rights Day.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) also received a high commendation in the organisation award section 'for its work to protect the kutralayna site and in promoting discussion about Tasmanian Aboriginals' rights in the Tasmanian media and community'.

Ironically, Tasmania's Department of Justice is involved in administration of the award. Tasmanian Attorney-General Brian Wightman – who, in his Heritage Minister role, sealed the deal for the controversial bridge over kutralayna to go ahead – was also at the morning tea.



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It's written in the country

TEENAGERS Jamaica Robin and Lawrence Smith listen intently as Elder Robin Kankanpakantja explains ‘tjukurpa’ at Karlpi Rockhole, south of Fregon, in South Australia’s Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. The exchange was part of a recent three-day trek, where Mr Kankanpakantja, his wife Antjala Robin and other Elders guided a group of young men through Walalkara Indigenous Protected Area (IPA).
Photo by ALEX DUNTON

● See Page 42 for more on this inspirational walk.



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Panel confident of recognition

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A NEW preamble specifically recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the Australian Constitution is almost certainly off the cards.

But recognition could still be included in a new section inserted into the nation's founding document to ensure that laws affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aren't affected, should the current so-called 'race power' be removed.

That was the word last week, after the final meeting of the expert panel appointed to recommend to the Federal Government ways, likely to be supported by most Australians, to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution.

But the committee's report on the subject is still a few weeks away, after it was granted an extension to the end of January.

It will then be up to the Government to decide if it will hold a referendum on the subject before the next election – due before the end of 2013 – and, if so, what the wording of such a plebiscite should be.

One of the expert panel's co-chairs, non-Indigenous lawyer Mark Leibler, said the committee was now more confident than ever that a referendum could succeed.

That conclusion followed a national survey, 200 public consultations and other meetings throughout the country, and receipt of more than 3500 submissions.

"Members of the panel are very aware of the great responsibility they have to clearly convey to the Government and the Australian people, the ideas, views and hopes entrusted to them through these public consultations, other meetings and submissions," Mr Leibler said.

"...Many different ideas were raised about what form constitutional recognition could take but there was overwhelming support for change.

"The results of Newspann surveys also show strong and consistent support for constitutional recognition. Our confidence that a referendum can succeed has grown, rather than diminished, over the course of the year."

The national survey, conducted by Newspann, found there was majority support for constitutional recognition in all states and territories. There was also majority support for the removal of sections of the Constitution that permit discrimination on the basis of race.

Removal of Section 51(xxvi) of the Constitution would effectively take away the power of the Parliament to make special laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



The expert panel in Melbourne last week.

Interpretation of such laws has been a thorny issue, most recently with respect to the Northern Territory Intervention, which critics insist has discriminated against Aboriginal people rather than benefited them.

Mr Leibler said some of the submissions received by the expert panel raised concern that a statement of recognition in the preamble could have greater potential for unintended consequences than recognition in the body of the constitution.

"We're weighing this up, just as we're carefully considering all the views raised in all the submissions we received," he said.

To be recommended to the Government, any option must comply with the panel's guiding principles including that it must be technically and legally sound.

Mr Leibler said it was fair to say that panel members, along with the overwhelming majority of Australians surveyed, believed that provisions on the basis of race had no place in the constitution of a modern democracy.

"Clearly any symbolic recognition in the Constitution shouldn't conflict with the substantive text of the document," he said.

"For example, it would be inconsistent to recommend a change that recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people while retaining a section that talks about state governments having the power to

deny people from voting on the basis of their race."

A discussion paper circulated by the expert panel at the beginning of its consultations also canvassed other ideas, including insertion of a statement of values in either a preamble or in the Constitution itself setting out the 'fundamental values of Australian society', and creation in the Constitution of a new guarantee of non-discrimination and racial equality.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin attended the expert panel's

meeting in Melbourne on Thursday and emphasised the importance of the Panel's task, not only for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people but for all Australians.

Ms Macklin had made the same point a week earlier at the Australian Labor Party's annual national conference.

"Like ending the silence on the word 'sorry', constitutional change can bring us together," she said in a speech. "It can help us to build a strong foundation for a shared future – but only if it is a step that we, as Australians, take together."



Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin met with the expert panel in Melbourne last week. She's seen here (second from right) with panel members Lauren Ganley, Timmy Burarrwanga, Mick Gooda (ex officio), and panel co-chairs Patrick Dodson and Mark Leibler.



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Congress meets PM for first time

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has sought to flex its muscles as the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative body, holding its first meeting with Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

Co-chairs Les Malezer and Jody Broun led the organisation's elected board in outlining to the PM and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last Wednesday their hopes for 'negotiation, collaboration and frank discussion' with the entire national parliament.

The National Congress hopes to meet with Federal Opposition leader Tony Abbott early next year.

During the 45-minute meeting in the PM's office, no substantial discussion was had around current issues such as controversial Government plans to effectively expand and continue the Northern Territory Intervention for another decade.

Rather, the meeting was described as 'a starting point for a working relationship to produce results', laying out the Congress's 'credentials', how it would advocate its members' interests and how the Government would respond.

The National Congress now has about 3300 individual members throughout the country and more than 130 organisations, which it says represent an estimated 30,000-40,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"As the first elected national representative body for some time, leadership and a powerful unified voice is needed more



From left, Congress co-chairs Les Malezer and Jody Broun, Congress director Brian Butler, the Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Congress director Rod Little, Congress director Daphne Yarram, and Minister Jenny Macklin. Photo by David Foote, courtesy AUSPIC

than ever," Ms Broun said after the meeting.

"The board welcomes a commitment by the Prime Minister for an annual meeting with Congress directors," Mr Malezer told the *Koori Mail*.

Mr Malezer told the *Koori Mail* that, while the Congress would deal with ministers on the business of the Government, it still wanted the PM to take a personal interest in issues.

"And that's one of the first things Ms Gillard introduced in our discussions; that she took

seriously her role to report to the parliament each year on Closing the Gap, and they're already giving a lot of thought to that report (due in February 2012)," he said.

Mr Malezer, a seasoned Indigenous human rights campaigner, said the Congress did not want to be seen as having just an advisory role for Government.

"We want to be part of the decision-making process and procedures that government uses to make laws and programs

and procedures," he said. "...The Congress has been building its profile and we have an expectation that we'll be seriously listened to."

"We're going to be very disappointed if the Parliament shrugs off what we have to say because we're being very deliberate and objective about what we're saying and expect good faith relations."

Mr Malezer said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had lost ground in the five to six years between the

abolition of the beleaguered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and the National Congress becoming operational.

"(For example) I think very much that if there'd been a national representative body in place, the NT Intervention legislation probably would not have happened," he said.

"...It was called emergency legislation but, as we know, those things that required emergency action were fallacies and lies and made up and the serious disadvantages our communities are facing were wrongly handled and undermined the important structures and efforts communities had put in place themselves to overcome those disadvantages."

"As a consequence, today we have bigger problems in the NT. We're seeing organisations collapsing, we're seeing Aboriginal people now with less voice in 2011 than they had before 2007 and there's increased mistrust and hostility about the way their rights and freedoms are being usurped. For many people in the NT, their laws, values and cultures are being abused."

Mr Malezer said Government pronouncements about a 'new conversation' with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were to be welcomed but were not borne out by a too-short timeframe being applied to a Senate committee review of its new Stronger Futures in the NT Bill 2011.

Mr Malezer said the National Congress would consult its members, especially those in the NT, on their views on the proposed legislation and would insist that it be subject to human rights examinations.

Gas hub opponents hail court victory



ANTI-gas protestors were last week celebrating a court victory that declared the West Australian government's attempts to compulsorily acquire land for a gas hub near Broome were invalid.

Neil Patrick McKenzie from the Jabbir Jabbir people and Phillip James Roe from the Goolarabooloo people, had a technical victory when Chief Justice Wayne Martin declared three notices of land acquisition invalid.

Justice Martin said, however, that the ruling did not prevent the Lands Minister from issuing new notices for the area. Premier Colin

Barnett said that was what his government would do.

Outside court, Mr Roe said he was very happy with the result.

"The judgment was really great for us to go back home and put a smile on our face," he said.

"I'll go back and look after my songline and my heritage and culture. But the fight's not over. There's more to come and I'll be still going hard at it."

Mr Roe's lawyer Michael Orlov said there would be proceedings, probably this week, to declare the songline area an Aboriginal site under the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

Mr Orlov said because the correct approval was not obtained, it could halt the development for about 12 months.

Kimberley Land Council (KLC)

chief executive Nolan Hunter called on the State Government to provide certainty that the proposed development would go ahead.

"Traditional owners want certainty and they want to see the process continued."

"The Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr native title claim group were advised by the KLC about the difficulties that may arise from insufficient description in the State Government's process, but democratically decided to pursue the project, giving consent for the taking of land for a gas precinct at James Price Point in May this year," Mr Hunter said.

"The litigation was not taken on behalf of the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr native title claimants but

certain individuals within the group."

"Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr traditional owners continue to be supportive of the agreement and the significant benefits it will provide for Kimberley Aboriginal people."

"In signing the LNG Precinct Agreement in June, traditional owners secured substantial benefits including jobs and training, business development opportunities and greater access to health, education and housing as well as community development, land management and regional benefits packages."

But Premier Barnett said the judgment would not affect the agreement made with the KLC.

"That deal is concluded and we

have reached agreement," Mr Barnett said, insisting the judgment was not a major setback.

"It doesn't mean a great deal," he said. "When the original notice of intent to acquire the land was issued, an area of some 7000ha was delineated."

"That was to allow some flexibility for where the final 3500ha was to be."

Mr Barnett said the State Government would simply reissue the notice to be more specific about the exact 3500ha it needed for the LNG project.

A spokeswoman for Woodside said the provision of the land was a matter for the state and would not impact the project schedule.

— With AAP

Fighting spirit was on display in 2011

By Koori Mail staff reporters.



THERE was no shortage of news fodder in 2011, the year when the *Koori Mail* celebrated its own major milestones of both 20 years and 500 editions.

Communities across the nation continued to show their fighting spirit, in the streets, in the courts, on the sporting field and often in the face of adversity.

Inevitably, debate continued to rage over the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) or the Intervention, with news just last month of plans to extend most of the controversial measures for another decade.

The Government introduced its Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 into the Parliament and is consulting communities over the Christmas break – a timeframe that has already drawn criticism.

The Bill came on the back of a raft of announcements that toughened up measures regarding alcohol restrictions, income management and licensing of stores in Aboriginal communities prescribed under the Intervention.

The Government says independent reports show Aboriginal people living under the NT Intervention feel safer and are receiving better levels of government services than they did before the controversial regime was introduced four years ago.

2011 was also a year of continued questioning of Australia over its treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from a range of experts, including UN Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay and Amnesty International's secretary-general Salil Shetty.

In other developments, Maurie Japarta Ryan officially registered the First Nations Political Party.

A new social barometer found that relationships between Indigenous and other



ABORIGINAL pensioner and activist Pat Eatock (front) celebrates outside the Federal Court in Melbourne following her racial vilification win against controversial newspaper columnist and commentator Andrew Bolt. The Sydney-based 73-year-old is pictured with her daughter Cathy Eatock and witnesses for the case Graham Atkinson, Wayne Atkinson and Geoff Clark.

Australians were improving but there were still high levels of prejudice between the two.

Controversial newspaper columnist and commentator Andrew Bolt was formally challenged through the courts over comments he made which resulted in a group of Aboriginal people winning a racial vilification case against him. The judgement found that some of Bolt's comments breached the Racial Discrimination Act 1975, sparking national debate.

The Gurindji people of the NT were joined by neighbouring Malmgini, Mudpurra, Bilinara, Ngarinman and Warlpiri peoples to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the 1966 Walkoff from Wave Hill Station near Kalkarindji and Daguragu. The historic event is credited by many as the birth of modern Aboriginal land rights.

Provoking and producing divided opinions this past year was the agreement between the Goolarabooloo people, developer Woodside and the West Australian Government for a \$30 billion dollar liquefied natural gas hub at James Price Point near Broome. Hundreds took to the streets and bush tracks in protest.

Andrew Forrest's Fortescue Metals Group had a fight on its hands over its Solomon Hub iron ore project in WA's Pilbara region, with 105-year-old Yindjibarndi Elder and native title claimant Ned Cheedy leading the charge.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples held its first annual forum meeting at Sydney's Homebush Park, electing co-chairs and six directors to the organisation.

And the Federal Government announced the establishment of an expert panel comprising Indigenous and non-Indigenous

Australians to examine the issue of constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians in the nation's founding document. The panel will report to Prime Minister Julia Gillard this month and there are expectations the Government will announce within a few months its intentions around a possible referendum on the subject.

Natural disasters took their toll on Indigenous communities as well. On the West coast at Warmun, the community began rebuilding after being forced to evacuate during flooding in March. While on the east coast, southern Queenslanders bore the brunt of one of the state's biggest ever natural disasters with the Brisbane floods.

It was another big year for Indigenous performers and other arts practitioners in Australia. The inaugural National Indigenous Music Awards were held in Darwin, and the legendary Jimmy Little was recognised with a Golden Guitar lifetime achievement award at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu graced the cover of Rolling Stone magazine and Archie Roach won the \$50,000 Red Ochre award for his contribution to music. Indigenous author Kim Scott won his second prestigious Miles Franklin Literary Award. Our best black talent was also invited to perform for international visitors like the Queen, US President Barack Obama and American talk show queen, Oprah Winfrey.

A number of communities across the country had success with native title claims including the Kuuku Ya'u people in northern Queensland. The Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara people in South Australia

were recognised as native title holders after 16 years, and the Wanjinia Wunggur were granted native title for land in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

In Queensland, controversy continued to surround the 2004 Palm Island death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee. A decision by the state's police not to discipline six officers involved in the investigation of the tragedy sparked angry protest rallies. Rallies were also held across the country to mark the 20th anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, with many commentators asking what has truly changed.

2011 also saw the passing of some Indigenous greats including boxing legend Lionel Rose, accomplished actor David Ngoombujarra, footballer Maurice Rioli, author Ruby Langford Ginibi, Australia's first Indigenous Olympian Frank Roberts, Sydney Elder Auntie Sylvia Scott, Auntie Lola Edwards and just this month the first Indigenous Australian to captain a rugby team Arthur Beetson.

On a brighter note, the year also brought recognition for the *Koori Mail* and our work in bringing the news to the community. At the 2011 Pacific Area Newspaper Publisher's Association (PANPA) Awards, our humble paper was named joint winner in the category for non-daily newspapers with a circulation of up to 10,000.

That award would not have been possible without the support we receive from you – our readers, our photographers and journalists, subscribers and advertisers. All of us at the *Koori Mail* would like to say thanks to everyone who supported us throughout 2011. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and New Year. See you in 2012.



The front page of our 500th edition.

Our edition-by-edition wrap-up of 2011 is on the next six pages

2011 – The Year in Review



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● MORE than 600 people packed St Mary's Cathedral in Darwin on 7 January to celebrate the life of Maurice Rioli, a legend of Australian rules football and a hero on his Melville Island community in the Tiwi Islands. Mr Rioli died aged just 53 from a heart attack in Darwin on Christmas Day.

● An expert panel led by Professor Patrick Dodson and lawyer Mark Leibler is established to develop options to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution. They are due to report by the end of the year.

● American talk show host Oprah Winfrey completes an eight-day tour of Australia during which she spent time with traditional owners at Uluru and was given a DVD showing the living conditions in some Aboriginal communities.

● Aboriginal people and supporters opposed to the construction of a bridge over 42,000-year-old Aboriginal heritage in southern Tasmania prepare for a confrontation following government approval for the bridge.

● Indigenous tennis champion Evonne Goolagong-Cawley has emerged as Australia's favourite legend from the golden era of the game in research from over-50s insurance company Apia.

● Jason Gillespie, the man generally regarded as Australia's first Indigenous Test cricketer, has joined the growing list of cricketing greats to be immortalised in bronze. Gillespie was at the Adelaide Oval for the unveiling of the sculpture in his honour. It depicts him on his bowling follow through.

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● Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are both recipients and providers of emergency relief and support as part of floods that devastated much of the eastern seaboard, as well as parts of Western Australia.

● Aboriginal country music legend Jimmy Little's long association with the Tamworth Country Music Festival is recognised when he receives his first Golden Guitar – the Lifetime Achievement Award.

● A West Australian Government



Sammy Wilson and Elder Cassidy Uluru amongst the Sydney Opera House crowd which greeted Oprah Winfrey. They were amongst Anangu traditional owners who hosted the talk show host at Uluru.



Koori Mail cartoonist Danny Eastwood's take on the floods that hit Australia early in the year.

department, a private prison transport company and two contractors are facing sizeable fines over the death in custody of an Aboriginal Elder, Mr Ward, in January 2008.

● Australia's first Indigenous political party, the First Nations Political Party, is registered and plans to contest the next Federal and Northern Territory elections, and also has its sights on other states.

● Indigenous media pioneer Lester Bostock, educator Jill Milroy and country singer Auriel Andrew are amongst the hundreds of achievers named in the 2011 Australia Day Honours list.

● Dynamic cricketer Dan Christian's explosive skills earn the 27-year-old a \$900,000-a-year contract to play with the Darren Lehmann-coached Decan Chargers

in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

● Aspiring 2012 Olympian John Weetra receives his highest accolade so far when the 18-year-old is named 2010 South Australian Boxer of Year at an annual awards night at the West Adelaide Football Club Function Centre. He is also named the Elite Boxer of the Year ahead of four other finalists.

Edition 494 9 February

● An \$11 million accommodation park aimed at providing Aboriginal visitors to Alice Springs with a safe place to stay is opened.

Apmere Mwerre Visitor Park contains a mix of self-contained units, cabins and camping facilities, offering a range of short-term accommodation options for up to 150 people.



Drag artist Destiny Haz Arrived holds the rainbow flag while Isaac Purcell looks on. They led the First Nations contingent for much of the Mardi Gras parade in Sydney.

● Traditional owners from the Northern Territory's central Top End rally in an attempt to form a new land council. Aboriginal clans from across the Katherine region sign a submission on 25 January to establish the proposed Katherine Regional Land Council.

● Respected Aboriginal Elders from across the Northern Territory join a group of other eminent Australians in Melbourne to strongly criticise the Federal Government's approach to Indigenous affairs. They also call for an end to the NT Emergency Response.

● Cyclone Yasi leaves a trail of destruction in far north Queensland but spares Queensland's Indigenous people and communities from the worst of its wrath.

● An emotional Preston Campbell is forced to withdraw from the rugby league All-Stars clash,



handing over the captaincy of the Indigenous side to Johnathan Thurston.

● Indigenous players from throughout north Queensland travel to Charters Towers for the world's biggest cricket carnival – the Goldfield Ashes.

Edition 495 23 February

● Tasmania's new Premier, Lara Giddings, rejects a plea from Aboriginal people that she consider alternatives to putting a bridge through the southern Tasmanian heritage site at Brighton.

● Tributes flow for the late Frank Roberts, Australia's first Indigenous Olympian, during his State service at Armidale in the north of NSW, while Aunty Sylvia Scott, one of the nation's most-loved Elders and well-known for her welcomes to country, also receives a State Funeral in Sydney.

● The expert panel tasked with advising the Federal Government on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians meets in Canberra for the first time. The panel is made up of Indigenous and other people.

● Palm Island and the events surrounding the 2004 death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee are once more in the spotlight, with the world premiere of documentary film *The Tall Man*, as part of the Adelaide Film Festival.

● Relationships between Indigenous and other Australians are improving but there are still high levels of prejudice between the two, according to a new social barometer.

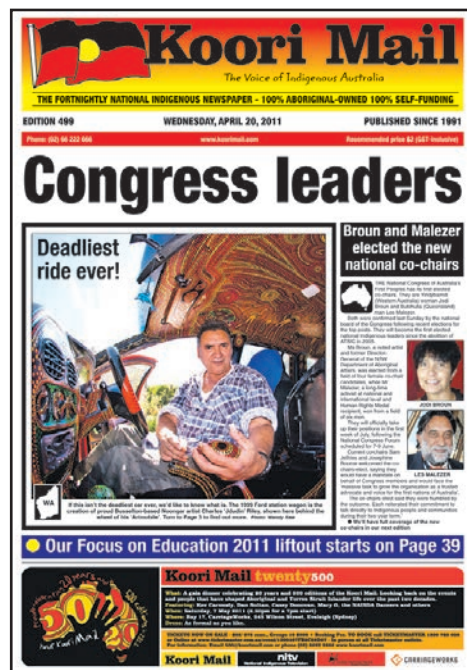
● Indigenous cricket's Imparja Cup returns to NSW after a four-year absence. In a rain-shortened tournament in Alice Springs as a result of ex-tropical cyclone Yasi, a Twenty/20 format is adopted for the whole carnival and in the final, NSW beat reigning champions Western Australia.

Edition 496 9 March

● Indigenous activist Warren H Williams lodges a complaint with the Australian Human Rights Commission after Alice Springs business owners pay for television ads blaming Aboriginal youths for lawlessness in the town.

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● The *National Radioactive Waste Management Bill* is passed by the House of Representatives on 22 February and is expected to be considered by the Senate. If passed it will pave the way for a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty in the Northern Territory.

● Perth tasering victim Kevin Spratt is to seek compensation after being cleared of wrong-doing by the Western Australia Supreme Court. Mr Spratt was repeatedly tasered while surrounded by police in the Perth Watch House.

● Indigenous musician Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu is featured on the cover of the *Rolling Stone* magazine. The cover coincides with the release of his second album, *Rakala*.

● Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people receive a huge cheer as they lead the 34th annual Mardi Gras parade in Sydney.

● Indigenous surfer Otis Carey wins a wildcard entry into the Boost Mobile Surf Sho, an air pro aerial surfing competition at Bondi. He is up against the world's best surfers, including Kelly Slater and Mick Fanning.

● The curtain opens on another year of National Rugby League, with a new crop of Indigenous players taking the field. The Indigenous component of the competition this year is at a near-record 12 per cent.

Edition 497 23 March

● Widespread anger over a Queensland Police decision not to discipline six officers involved in the botched investigation into the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee prompts a protest rally out the front of Parliament House in Brisbane.

● Aboriginal Housing Company plans to re-develop and revitalise The Block in Redfern edge closer to realisation, following a sizeable pre-election grant of \$2 million from the NSW Government to fund the development application process and demolition of all remaining properties.

● National Close the Gap Day is held on 24 March and events are held around the country. Organisers from Oxfam say Close the Gap Day is a way for all Australians to unite and remind political leaders of their commitments to close the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians

Life-savers ... Four of the men involved in the rescue of a man from a crocodile at Weipa, from left, Cameron Jawai, Alfred Port, Egito Motton and Freddy Clermont.



Pride on show ... A small section of the crowd at the All Stars rugby league clash on the Gold Coast during February. The Indigenous team went down 28-12 following a victory the previous year.

within a generation.

● The Dreaming Festival, one of Indigenous Australia's most successful cultural events, has been abandoned as a stand-alone event this year. Instead, organisers from the Queensland Folk Federation (QFF) say they have been forced to include it as a part of the 2011 Woodford Folk Festival, held at the end of the year.

● Former Wallaby Andrew Walker's team, the Boomanulla Knight Riders, beat the La Pouse Panthers 22-12 to win the 2011 Ella Sevens title at a soaked BCU International Stadium at Coffs Harbour.

● Potent from the beginning, the Wanderers Eagles collect their first

flag in 18 years, beating hot favourites St Mary's by 28 points in the Northern Territory Football League grand final in Darwin.

Edition 498 6 April

● Melbourne newspaper columnist Andrew Bolt, who is accused of racially vilifying nine fair-skinned Aboriginal people, says he abhors racism and is simply trying to advance debate on a matter of public importance.

● Linda Burney, a Wiradjuri woman, held her western Sydney seat of Canterbury, but her Labor Party was soundly defeated by the Liberal-National Coalition led by

new NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell.

● NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell installs Sydney-based Liberal MP Victor Dominello as the new Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. Mr Dominello is a lawyer who was elected to the seat of Ryde in 2008.

● Indigenous hockey star Des Abbott shares the 2011 Northern Territory Sportsperson of the Year award with women's international cricketer of the year Shelley Nitschke. It was the first time in the award's 21-year history that the honour had been shared.

● Aboriginal all-rounder Dan Christian takes out the South Australian Cricket Association's highest honour at the players awards. At the Adelaide Oval on

Thursday 24 March, Christian wins the 2010-11 Neil Dansie Medal.

Edition 499 20 April

● The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has its first elected co-chairs. They are Yindjibarndi (Western Australia) woman Jodi Broun and Butchulla (Queensland) man Les Malezer. Both were confirmed by the national board of the Congress following elections for the top posts.

● Indigenous broadcaster NITV is given \$15.2 million to continue operating for the next year. The broadcaster is also now under the umbrella of the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.

● Five young Cape York Aboriginal men who risked their lives saving a fisherman from the jaws of a 3m saltwater crocodile are nominated for bravery awards. Napranum men Cameron Jawai, Alfred Port, Egito Motton, Freddy Clermont and Peter Chevithan along with Weipa's Kevin Beven combined for the rescue of Weipa fisherman Todd Bairstow.

● The 20th anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody is marked with rallies and calls to action. The Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation group launched a national campaign to reduce the over-representation of Indigenous people in prison, while groups rallied in Perth and Brisbane.

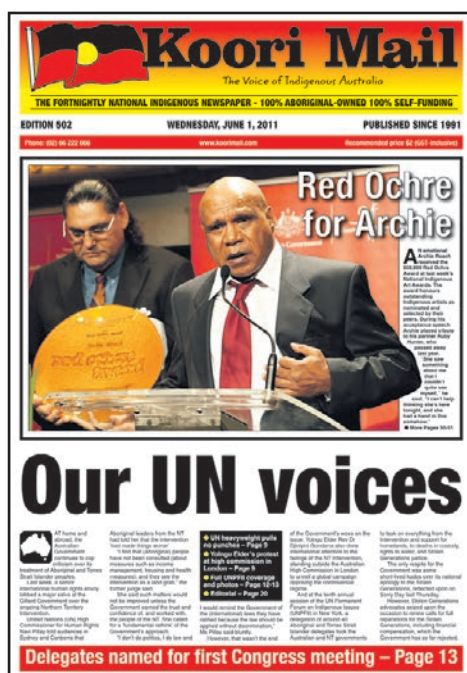
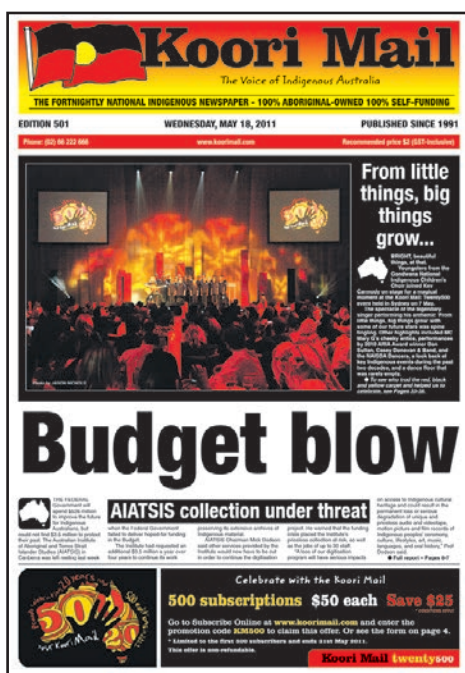
● A refurbished women's centre at the Beagle Bay community in the Kimberley region of Western Australia will provide local women with support, training and jobs. The Beagle Bay Women's Group are now able to realise their strategic plan.

● Anthony Mundine believes he's lifted himself into legendary status by avenging last December's shock loss to former toilet cleaner and garbage collector Garth Wood with a unanimous points decision in Brisbane.

● A barn-storming last quarter gave North Cairns Tigers a 36-point win over Manunda Hawks in the Australian Football League (AFL) Cairns women's grand final at Cazaly's Oval. The Tigers booted six goals in the final term to win 7.9 (51) to 2.3 (15) for their first premiership in three seasons in the women's competition played in the summer.

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Edition 500 4 May

● A replica of Captain Cook's ship, the *Endeavour*, has set sail for a voyage around Australia with a message of friendship and reconciliation. During the 13-month circumnavigation, 39 Indigenous young people will work as crew with the professional crew of 16.

● The Torres Strait's Gab Titui Cultural Centre celebrates seven years of operation. The centre, on Thursday Island, is an initiative of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), focusing on Torres Strait culture and the development and promotion of local Indigenous art.

● THE first elected co-chairs of the National Congress appeal for a fair go amid criticism from some Indigenous leaders. Les Malezer and Jody Broun tell the *Koori Mail* the fledgling Congress has the potential to reshape a better future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

● The *Koori Mail* celebrates its 500th edition with a special wraparound featuring stories, pictures and reflections from 20 years of publishing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

● To celebrate 500 editions of the *Koori Mail*, we list 50 all-time Indigenous Australian sportsmen and women who have had big impacts, not just in sporting arenas but also in other endeavours.

● Tasmanian Daniel Geale says his world title shot against International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight champion Sebastian Sylvester is coming at the perfect time in his career, and he's not worried about the bad record of Australian fighters in Germany.

Edition 501 18 May

● Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr traditional owners vote in favour of an agreement to build a \$30 billion gas hub north of Broome. If the hub at James Price Point goes ahead – which depends on approvals under national environmental laws – it will deliver an expected \$1.5 billion in benefits to local Aboriginal people.

● Sixteen years after lodging a claim, the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara people are recognised as native title holders of 78,672 square kilometres at a



MC Mary G lends a hand to *Koori Mail* directors, from left, Trevor Kapeen, Lawrence Roberts, Pam Roberts, chairperson Russell Kapeen and Ron Randall in cutting the *Koori Mail: Twenty500* cake.

special sitting of the Federal Court in Coober Pedy.

● After defeating Germany's Sebastian Sylvester, newly-crowned International Boxing Federation (IBF) boxing world middleweight champion Daniel Geale says he wants to fulfill a teenage dream by making his first title defence in his home state of Tasmania.

● Lionel Rose is farewelled with a State funeral while the World Boxing Council declares Tuesday 10 May a day of mourning in honour of Rose, describing him as Australia's greatest boxing hero.

Edition 502 1 June

● AN emotional Archie Roach received the \$50,000 Red Ochre Award at the National Indigenous Art Awards and pays tribute to his

partner Ruby Hunter, who passed away last year.

● The Australian Government cops criticism over its treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay.

● Arhem Land traditional owners and Rio Tinto Alcan reach an agreement to secure the operation of the established bauxite mine and alumina refinery on Gove Peninsula for another 42 years.

● Traditional owners the Wanjinia Wunggur are granted native title over 26,000 square kilometres in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

● A potent seven-goal third quarter sets up a commanding win by the Richmond Tigers in the seventh annual Dreamtime at the 'G Indigenous Round Australian

Football League (AFL) match against Essendon at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

● A Mackay Sea Eagles side coached by former Manly and NQ Cowboys star Owen Cunningham takes out the final of an expanded North Queensland Foley Shield rugby league competition in Townsville.

Edition 503 15 June

● Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a new elected national representative body. About 120 delegates at the first annual forum of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples vote in Sydney to elect six new directors to the organisation.

● Indigenous cattle operators across Northern Australia are facing

an uncertain future after the Federal Government bans live exports to Indonesia on humane grounds.

● Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda urges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to tackle 'lateral violence' within their own communities, and warns that the native title process could provoke disputes rather than resolve matters.

● Nyoongar woman Krista McMeeken is named Miss NAIDOC Perth – the first woman to hold the title for 15 years. The final-year law student is crowned at the Moortij Yoka Dreaming Fashion Show at Perth Town Hall.

● After a three-day tour of the Northern Territory, Prime Minister Julia Gillard says the intervention 'has made a difference', and promises to be guided on future actions by community leaders.

● Top female Australian rules talent descended on Adelaide for the 12th Women's National Football Championships. There were Indigenous players in many teams, with the Northern Territory Thunder having nine among their squad.

● Titans veteran Preston Campbell confirms he will return for his 15th season in the NRL in 2012.

Edition 504 29 June

● On the fourth anniversary of the Northern Territory Emergency Response, the Government says it will embark on a fresh round of consultations as a foundation for new laws at the expiration of the Intervention in June 2012, while opponents of the Intervention released an 11 point list of demands at a rally in Darwin.

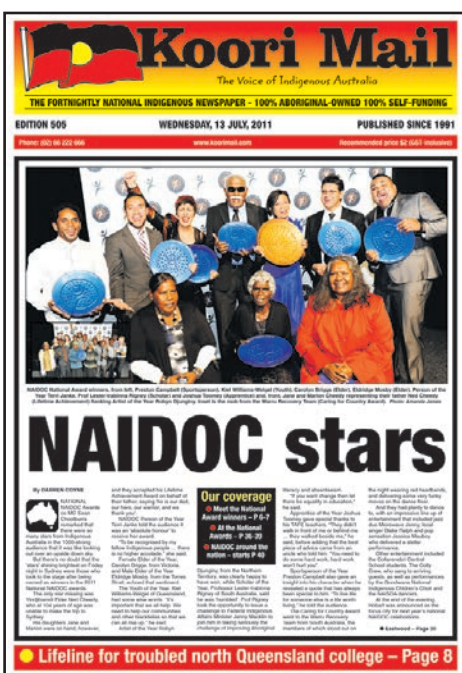
● Aboriginal author Kim Scott wins one of the country's most prestigious literary awards valued at \$50,000, the Miles Franklin Award, for the second time with his book *That Deadman Dance*.

● Woodside's plans to build a \$30 billion liquefied natural gas precinct at James Price Point near Broome escalates further, with protesters forming a blockade of the road into the proposed site.

● In an exclusive interview, former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd says he believes the apology has been part of Australia's 'national transformation' and admits he'd 'deliberately hijacked' then Federal Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson over the 2008 national apology to

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, giving him minimal notice of the wording of the now famous speech because he was still finessing it just moments before.

● The Argun Warriors win the 2011 Sea Swift Island of Origin Rugby League series on Badu Island in the Torres Strait, beating Sagui 20-14 in the final.

Edition 505 13 July

● Hundreds of people turn out in Sydney for the annual National NAIDOC Awards. The year's theme was 'Change – the next step is ours'.

● The City of Sydney's decision to use the word 'invasion' instead of 'European arrival' in one of its official documents provokes a range of reactions. Some describe the language as divisive and inflammatory, while many Aboriginal people are incredulous that the term was even being questioned as a description of first contact between the area's Aboriginal people and the British.

● The Federal Government's six-week consultation with Aboriginal communities about a 'new way forward' for the Northern Territory Intervention start in Tennant Creek.

● Traditional owners the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr people, Woodside Petroleum and the WA Government sign an agreement on a deal for a \$30 billion liquefied natural gas precinct at James Price Point, north of Broome, with \$1.5 billion in benefits to go to Indigenous communities over a 30 year period.

● The Quandamooka people win a 16-year battle to be recognised as native title holders of Stradbroke Island in southern Queensland.

● Fifteen-year-old Ashleigh Barty, from Ipswich, wins the junior girls singles crown at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in England.

● Alice Springs plays host to the second Indigenous Football Festival, with hundreds of players coming together for the three-day event, showcasing the talent of Indigenous soccer players from around Australia.

Edition 506 27 July

● The Federal Government's controversial carbon tax package is welcomed by Aboriginal groups and



Dancing at this year's Garma Festival in Arnhem Land.



The Argun Warriors players and supporters celebrate their win in the 2011 Sea Swift Island of Origin Rugby League series in the Torres Strait.

advocates as a pathway to economic independence. The package comprises \$40 million to help remote communities install clean energy technology such as solar and wind turbines, as well as \$22 million to assist Indigenous people take part in carbon abatement projects related to caring for country.

● Yindjibarndi Elder Ned Cheedy, aged 105, takes up the fight for native title to the Yindjibarndi #1 Claim, at the centre of Fortescue Metals Group's Solomon Hub in Western Australia. Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation calls for a mediator to help in negotiations with Fortescue.

● The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group says it will

receive \$1.277 million from the State Government to form the Centre for Aboriginal Languages Coordination and Development (CALCD), to be based in Stanmore, Sydney. Separately, a federal committee is appointed to begin a new inquiry into the role of Indigenous languages in closing the gap.

● The small community of Warmun in Western Australia starts rebuilding after being devastated during flooding in March.

● Noel Pearson takes control of the Djarragun College at Gordonvale, south of Cairns, aiming to get the financially-troubled school back on its feet.

● Clay Waterman, 15, from Brisbane, ranked number one in



Another Evonne Goolagong? Ashleigh Barty, 15, who won the junior girls singles crown at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in England.

Australia, and 16-year-old Nathaniel May, from Bunbury, WA, travelled to Kazakhstan to compete in the World Junior Amateur Boxing Championships.

● Indigenous educator Dr Chris Sarra is appointed to the inaugural Rugby League Independent Commission.

Edition 507 10 August

● Clothing label giant Mambo withdraws legal action to prevent Palm Island artist Malcolm Mabo from trademarking his family's famous name. Mr Mabo, the youngest son of native title champion Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo, plans

to start his own clothing company to promote authentic Indigenous art and create jobs.

● A report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows that dental decay rates in remote Indigenous communities are some of the worst in the country.

● The Kuuku Ya'u people celebrate the return of their land and a joint management agreement for the Iron Range National Park (to be renamed Kutini-Payamu National Park) on Cape York, with traditional owners calling on local young people to step up to protect country.

● About 2500 visitors make the journey to Yolngu country for the 13th annual Garma festival. Yolngu leader Galarwuy Yunupingu speaks of efforts to establish a university at Gulkala and declares welfare payments a 'killer to Yolngu society'.

● In an interview with the *Koori Mail*, former Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson shares some of his recollections of the 2008 national apology to the Stolen Generations and the events leading up to it, and admits he has no regrets about his own controversial speech on the day.

● Preston Campbell says he is leaving behind his 14-year National Rugby League career at the end of the season to concentrate on community work with Indigenous youth.

● Adam Goodes is named as the inaugural Chair of the Australian Football League's (AFL's) Indigenous Players Advisory Board, which also includes some of the best-known Indigenous players. The board will give players with an Indigenous background a 'real say' in how their colleagues are supported on their football journey.

Edition 508 24 August

● Thousand pack into Darwin's Botanic Gardens Amphitheatre for the inaugural National Indigenous Music Awards. Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu is a popular winner, taking out five of the seven awards.

● The *Koori Mail* is named Newspaper of the Year in its category at the 2011 Pacific Area Newspaper Publishers' Association (PANPA) Awards.

● South Australian artist Dickie Minyintiri, one of the most senior Pitjantjatjara men alive, takes out top honours at the Telstra National
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. Born in about 1915, he is a respected ngangkari (traditional healer) and senior law man.

- NSW Aboriginal Land Council elections saw the nation's largest Aboriginal organisation elect a new governing body.

- A march is held in Perth's Stirling Gardens to Parliament House to launch a protest walk from Wiluna to Perth to draw international attention to what organisers say are the dangers uranium mining poses to Western Australia.

- Three Indigenous boxers are selected for the Australian team to contest the 2011 Elite Men's World Championships Azerbaijan. They are Luke Boyd (NSW) and Queenslanders Damien Hooper and Reggie Palm Island.

- Former AFL great Michael Long launches the book *Legends: The AFL Indigenous Team of the Century*, a study of the team which was named in 2005.

Edition 509 7 September

- Former NT Labor Indigenous Affairs Minister turned independent Alison Anderson announces exclusively in the *Koori Mail* that she plans to join the NT Country Liberals.

- We cover the Gurindji Freedom Day Festival at Kalkarindji and Daguragu celebrating the historic Wave Hill Walkoff of 1966 when Aboriginal stockmen led by Gurindji/Malgnin man Vincent Lingiari went on strike over poor working conditions at the Wave Hill pastoral property. It was the 45th anniversary of the event credited as having 'lit the fire that became the national land rights movement'.

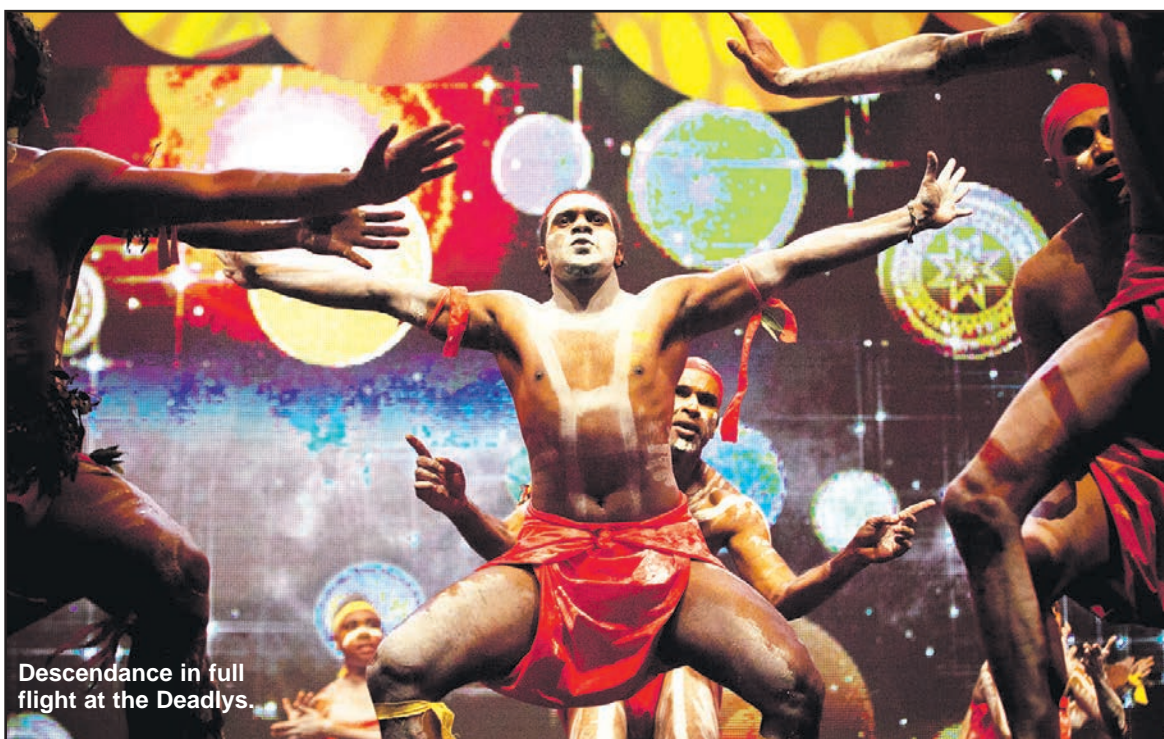
- Traditional owners welcomed a decision to grant national heritage listing to more than 19 million hectares of the west Kimberley region, despite the site of the proposed gas hub at James Price Point being excluded.

- Cape York Land Council celebrates its 20th anniversary and acknowledges two decades of campaigning for land across Queensland's far north and the organisation's partnership with other key regional organisations.

- Country singer Warren H Williams and the Warumungu Songmen gathered in front of 500



A march during the Gurindji Freedom Day Festival at Kalkarindji and Daguragu, which celebrated the historic Wave Hill Walkoff in 1966.



Descendance in full flight at the Deadlys.

people at the Nyinkka Nyunyu Cultural Centre for a premier performance of *Jurnkurakurr* – a song that celebrates the heart of Warumungu land and culture.

- The 'Building our Foundations: National Congress Report', resulting from the National Congress of Australia's First People's first meeting, finds that most delegates want constitutional protection of Indigenous rights.

- Three Indigenous players, including David Peachey's cousin Tyrone Peachey, were named in the National Rugby League's 2011 Toyota Cup Team of the Year. The other Indigenous players are wingers Dane Gagai (Broncos)

and James Roberts (Rabbitohs).

- The Tiwi Ashes cricket match is held on Melville Island with cricketing greats Matthew Hayden and Allan Border and former Wallaby Matthew Burke taking part in a fundraiser for the Tiwi College.

Edition 510 21 September

- Chair of the Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Professor Larissa Behrendt says universities should be more proactive in helping to increase the number of Indigenous people

attending higher education institutions instead of simply waiting around for them to show up.

- Deakin University's Institute of Koorie Education notches up 25 years, with almost 600 Indigenous people having graduated at degree and masters level from a range of courses. Celebrations are held on Wathaurong Land outside Geelong.

- The Government spent \$40,228 per head of population on Indigenous people in 2008-09, compared with \$18,351 for other Australians, according to a supplement to the 2010 Indigenous Expenditure Report by the Productivity Commission. It also reveals that 53 per cent of total

Indigenous expenditure came from State and Territory governments, with the Commonwealth providing 47 per cent in direct expenditure on services and assistance to individuals, service providers and local governments.

- A new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows Indigenous people have a much higher rate of kidney disease than other Australians, and are four times more likely to die as a result.

- Amnesty International Indigenous rights campaigner Rodney Dillon and Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda criticise the Federal Government's lack of action in regards to the rights of Indigenous people.

- Indigenous women from across the country converge on Parliament House in Canberra to meet with women from all sides of politics and to talk about ways of working together to improve the lives of Indigenous people at the third annual Oxfam Straight Talk Summit.

- Opponents of the multi-billion-dollar gas hub at James Price Point in WA establish a 'tent embassy' to mark the first 100 days of their protest and blockade of the road into the site.

- Ten teams turn out at Red Devil Park, Byron Bay, for the Koori Mail Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival. North-Western Barbarians, with a generous sprinkling of Lismore-based Northern United players in their ranks, beat the Maclean-based Jermaine King Memorial side 42-22 in the final.

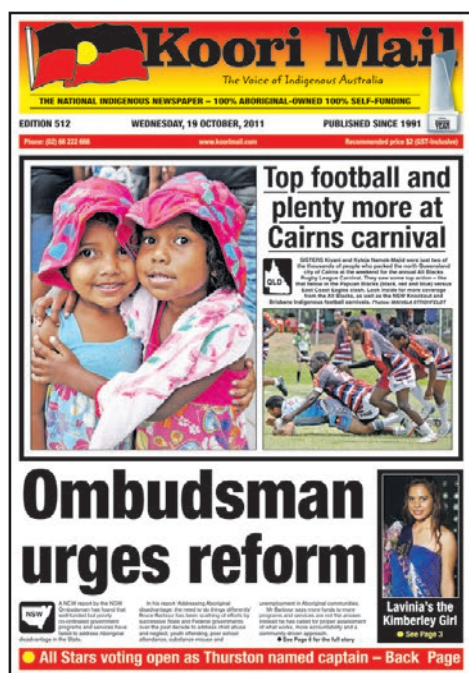
Edition 511 5 October

- Pat Eatock and a group of other Aboriginal people win a racial vilification case against controversial newspaper columnist and commentator Andrew Bolt. In his judgment, Justice Mordecai Bromberg found assertions by Mr Bolt that some 'fair-skinned Aborigines' were choosing to be Aboriginal and using their Aboriginal identity to access benefits and advance their careers breached the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, sparking a flurry of national debate about freedom of speech versus freedom from racial prejudice.

- The annual Deadly Awards showcase the talent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the fields of music, arts, sport and community. Held at the Sydney

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Opera House, this year's awards have a more rigorous voting system and a revamped stage.

● One of Australia's funniest blackfellas, Sean Choolburra, ties the knot with his sweetheart, Koori Radio's Jodie Treweek, in front of about 100 friends and family at a resort at Kingscliff on the NSW far north coast.

● The National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) says the planned changes to the history curriculum of Australian schools is clumsy and insulting, lacks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and calls for a delay in its implementation.

● Hundreds of Aboriginal people, art enthusiasts and collectors travel from around Australia to the Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs for Desert Mob 2011 which features more than 300 artworks from more than 33 art centres.

● The Wiradjuri Study Centre is opened in Condobolin, western New South Wales, by Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd. The centre runs vocational courses and includes a cultural centre and sporting facilities.

● Bathurst hosts hundreds of people for this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, won by Mindaribba Warriors.

Edition 512 19 October

● The NSW Ombudsman's report 'Addressing Aboriginal Disadvantage – the need to do things differently' finds that well-funded but poorly co-ordinated government programs and services have failed to address Aboriginal disadvantage in the State.

● Western Australia's Lavinia Ketchell is named Kimberley Girl 2011 in front of a big crowd in Broome.

● Outgoing State Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen says the SA State Premier should control the Indigenous Affairs portfolio in South Australia, calling for Aboriginal Affairs to become the responsibility of the 'very top' of government.

● Torres Shire Council mayor Napau Pedro Stephen and Torres Strait Island Regional Council mayor Fred Gela meet with Qld Premier Anna Bligh and call for greater political autonomy for the Torres Strait, winning support.



Funnyman Sean Choolburra and his new bride Jodie Treweek with the wedding party and friends.



Roo stew ma'am? The Queen during her visit to Clontarf Aboriginal Academy in Perth.

● Amnesty International chief Salil Shetty visits Australia and challenges the Gillard Government to lift its game on Indigenous disadvantage.

● Thousands of people pack the north Queensland city of Cairns for the All Blacks Rugby League Carnival. It follows other successful carnivals in Brisbane and Bathurst.

● Jonathan Thurston is named captain of the Indigenous All Stars Rugby League team for 2012.

● Jiu-jitsu exponent Shantelle Thompson takes two gold medals and a silver at the Pan Pacific Titles in Melbourne after medal-winning performances at the South Australian titles earlier in the year.

Edition 513 2 November

● The Queen visits Australia for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Perth,

raising mixed reactions in the Indigenous community.

● More than 200 Indigenous doctors gather in Broome for the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association symposium where AIDA president Peter O'Mara warns there is a growing gap in the number of non-Indigenous doctors compared with Indigenous doctors.

● Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin launches the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy 2011-2018 designed to increase the participation of Indigenous people in the economy in five priority areas.

● The filming of *The Sapphires*, the movie based on the stage play about four Aboriginal singers from country Victoria who dreamt of fame as singers, wraps after shooting on locations on the Murray River at Albury, in Sydney and in Vietnam.

● The National Congress joins a barrage of criticism of Federal Government plans to ramp up the



The 1000 Warrior March held in Melbourne.

Northern Territory Intervention, describing key one-size-fits-all measures underpinning the Intervention – including compulsory income management – as 'big stick' policies that should be dropped.

● Home team Swans downed Perth side Bulldogs to win this year's Gwaba Football Carnival in Bunbury, Western Australia. Ten teams – six from Perth and four from WA country areas – took part in the 12th annual carnival, which drew a good crowd.

Edition 514 16 November

● Hobart hosts a 'Pride Parade' in the lead-up to the Australian Labor Party (ALP) national conference, where same-sex marriage is set to be debated.

● The Federal Government releases a report it says shows that Aboriginal people living under the Northern Territory Intervention feel

safer and are receiving better levels of government services than they did before the controversial regime was introduced four years ago.

● Hundreds of men march through Melbourne streets for the inaugural 1000 Warriors March to reclaim, respect and protect Indigenous culture.

● The National Health Leadership Forum is established to develop a national plan to improve Indigenous health outcomes. Close the Gap co-chair Mick Gooda says the forum will be a national representative voice to governments.

● An overwhelming majority of respondents to a new survey express their support for constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their heritage, cultures and languages. The national survey by Newspoll finds there is majority support for constitutional recognition in all states and territories, as well as for the removal of sections of the Australian Constitution that currently permit discrimination on the basis of race.

● Indigenous player Patrick Mills continues his stunning form in the National Basketball League, underlining his status as one of the best players in the country.

Edition 515 30 November

● There is furious criticism of Federal Government plans to ramp up aspects of the Northern Territory Intervention for at least another decade.

● Plans are in hand to mark the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra on 26-28 January next year.

● We reported on how Indigenous people turned out for the flying visit to Australia of US President Barack Obama during November.

● The Federal Court confirms native title rights over a large area of the Murray River region in South Australia.

● In sport, an Australian Indigenous team is to compete at the Otago World Cup in New Zealand next year.

● And Port Adelaide snaps up talented Sturt midfielder Chad Wingard in the AFL Draft.

What's the rush?

Govt accused of dodging NT scrutiny



INDIGENOUS groups have accused the Federal Government of trying to dodge scrutiny over its plans to link school truancy to income management in Northern Territory Indigenous communities.

In mid-November, the Federal

Government announced that truant Indigenous children and their parents in the NT would face school officials and Centrelink at 'conferences' before welfare payments were cut off.

It will also introduce welfare restrictions to tackle alcohol abuse and ramp up community-driven alcohol management plans.

A Senate committee is investigating the proposed legislation and has a public submissions deadline of 12 January.

Some Aboriginal groups have slammed the short time frame, saying the Christmas holiday period and NT wet season will cut off roads for weeks and prevent people from making submissions and possibly attending hearings.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) national director

Jacqueline Phillips said the organisation had written to the Senate committee's secretariat calling for a 1 February deadline.

"It's terrible timing in terms of maximising participation, particularly from Northern Territory communities who are the most important voices to be heard on this issue, in light of the wet season," she said.

Consultation tour

In mid-2011, the Federal Government undertook a six-week consultation tour through 100 NT communities and says the tough income management measures were requested by them.

Ms Phillips said ANTaR had concerns about that consultation process.

"There was not a lot of transparency about what was said," she said.

A spokesman for the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples said the Congress was also concerned about the tight deadline.

Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert, who is on the committee conducting the inquiry, said the committee was bound by the Senate and ultimately the Government's timeline.

"It's too tight," Senator Siewert said, adding that people would be distracted by Christmas and New Year.

"These are significant changes to the legislation," she said.

The inquiry would accept late submissions, she said.

Comment has been sought from Ms Macklin.

The inquiry is set to report back on 29 February. — AAP

Get the children to school: Garrett

FEDERAL Education Minister Peter Garrett has ended the year with a plea to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents to start the next one with renewed commitment to their kids' education.

He's called for a new collaborative partnership between governments, schools and Indigenous communities and families to close the literacy and numeracy gaps, especially in the Northern Territory.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* on Friday, Mr Garrett said he knew that 'the overwhelming majority' of Indigenous parents in the NT understood the importance of education and were making sure their kids were in class and learning, 'but there are some who don't'.

Indigenous education is at the forefront of the new Stronger Futures in the NT Bill 2011, introduced into the Parliament last month by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, and currently the subject of a Senate committee review (see separate

story, this page).

If passed, the Bill will enshrine measures such as a link between school truancy to income management for a decade.

It has invoked strong criticism from Indigenous and social service organisations, but Mr Garrett last week was holding the line.

"Attendance lies right at the heart of where we need to be with Indigenous education," he said.

"The overwhelming opinion of people who took part in the (mid-year) Stronger Futures consultations was they wanted to see parents who didn't send their kids to school held to account.

"What we're proposing is that if we don't have a kid attending school regularly, the school convenes an attendance conference with the family and they can talk through what the barriers are and then they have to agree to an attendance plan.

"That plan might include, for example, the family agreeing to walk their child to school. It could also include action the school will



PETER GARRETT

take, for example, resolving an issue of bullying, or providing a school uniform.

"It's only if people refuse to participate in the conference or come up with a plan or don't fulfil it, that income suspension kicks in.

"But if a family complies within 13 weeks, then all the income

support is reinstated with full back pay."

Mr Garrett said most schools he visited were making a big effort and were well equipped, 'but the kids need to be there'.

He said that while attendance levels were promising in some communities such as Gunbalanya, they were much poorer elsewhere.

"The fact is that, overall in the NT where this particular measure is identified, we have attendance as low as 40 per cent in some schools, which is dangerously low," he said.

"If a kid misses a day a week regularly, at the end of the year they are more than a year behind. And once a kid falls behind, it's incredibly difficult for them to catch up again... (yet) the whole of the world they'll grow in to depends on them being literate and numerate."

Mr Garrett said he'd been heartened by a number of advances in Indigenous education in 2011, including the Council of Australian Government's

endorsement of the first ever national Indigenous education plan; new national teaching standards due to come into effect next year, relating to the engagement of Indigenous students in the classroom and the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives in teaching materials; an additional \$30 million in funding to focus schools under the Next Step program; and another initiative to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers.

But he conceded that challenges remained, including the better retention of teachers in remote communities.

"The average stay of teachers in remote communities is around eight months, which is completely unacceptable," he said.

Ultimately, though, growing attendance rates was the biggest challenge.

"We have a lot happening in education but none of it can have the desired effect unless we have the kids in school," he said.

— By KIRSTIE PARKER

The offices of the Koori Mail will be closed from Monday, 19 December 2011 to Monday, 2 January 2012 inclusive.

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Left high and dry

By ALF WILSON



A PROMISE by the Federal Labor Government to fund much-needed sea walls and protection works on outer islands in the Torres Strait appears to have come to nothing, with king tides expected in the coming months.

And north Queensland Liberal MP Warren Entsch is spitting chips – telling the Government it should hang its head in shame.

Low-lying Torres Strait islands Poruma, Warraber, Iama, Masig, Boigu and Saibai are the worst affected by the annual tides, with residents' homes often inundated with sea water.

Work costed at \$22.4 million is needed to prevent the islands again being flooded during the tides between January and March.

The Federal Government is three years into a five-year commitment to provide Pacific Island nations with \$160 million to adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

The Government gave a commitment to address the Torres Strait situation in August after Mr Entsch, the Federal Member for Leichhardt, introduced into the Parliament a private member's motion entitled 'Torres Strait Sea Walls'.

"This motion called on the Government to commit to restore and rebuild the damaged sea walls on the outer islands of the Torres Strait and this is a huge breakthrough that will encourage protection of the island communities from further devastation," the Liberal MP said back then.

"There is substantial evidence of continued flooding on the outer islands due to king tides and the success of having this motion accepted will ensure that we don't see this beautiful part of Torres Strait devastated yet again."

The motion was passed by the House of Representatives with the full support of the Government and the Independent MPs.

In September, Mr Entsch wrote to Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Simon Crean to ask him for a



Saibai Island's Councillor Ron Enosa, right, with Warren Entsch.



A previous king tide inundates part of Saibai Island in the Torres Strait.

Photo by Dave Hanslow, courtesy of the TSRA.

projected timetable for repairing and rebuilding the sea walls.

However, in November, Mr Entsch received a reply from Mr Crean advising the sea walls were the responsibility of the local Council and then the Queensland Government.

The *Koori Mail* has a copy Mr Entsch's

30 November reply to Mr Crean, in which he expressed his disappointment.

"To say that I was underwhelmed and bitterly disappointed would be very much of an understatement, particularly given that I was approached on your instructions by a senior advisor in your office, urging me not to proceed with the

vote on my private member's motion in May 2011 and to hold it over until after the winter break," Mr Entsch wrote.

"The reason given was that your Government had decided it was inclined to support the motion and instructed you to source the funding from your Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

"Your adviser was very specific in her request in that you were keen to support the initiative, however, required additional time.

"Being committed to finding a solution rather than politicising the issue, I agreed to the request. I accepted your commitment at face value: Clearly, I have been misguided and that has been very much to the expense of the Torres Strait people."

'No intention'

Mr Entsch told Mr Crean it was clear that neither the Minister nor the Federal Labor Government had any intention of honouring their commitments.

"Quite frankly, you should hang your head in shame," he said.

"...When the next king tides inundate these northern Australian communities on the 10th December 2011, 9th January and 7th February 2012, destroying more of the Saibai Island cemetery, I can assure you that the community is reminded of the deceit and contempt you and your Labor Government have shown the residents of these island communities and I will be holding you personally responsible for this inevitable desecration.

"...You appear to be prepared to sit back and do nothing while Torres Strait Islander communities disappear off the face of the earth.

"Your inaction will ultimately contribute to the destruction of close to \$1 billion of infrastructure on these islands, and then facilitate the forceful removal of these Indigenous resident populations, to locations yet to be identified."

The Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) says it has started work on a project to upgrade sea walls, despite no commitment from the Federal Government to fund the project.

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Wotton speaks out

By CHRISTINE HOWES



HE may be quietly spoken, but Lex Wotton's presence loomed large at the First Nations Pathways Conference in

Townsville last month.

Demonised by mainstream media and hero-worshipped by many within the Indigenous community, Wotton finally got to tell his side of the story of a riot that took place on his home of Palm Island in the wake of the 2004 death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

And despite serving a jail term after being convicted for his role in the community uprising, he was quick to tell delegates he had no regrets.

Wotton said that even though he had accepted his fate throughout all that had happened to him, he sometimes found it hard to accept that some people looked up to him.

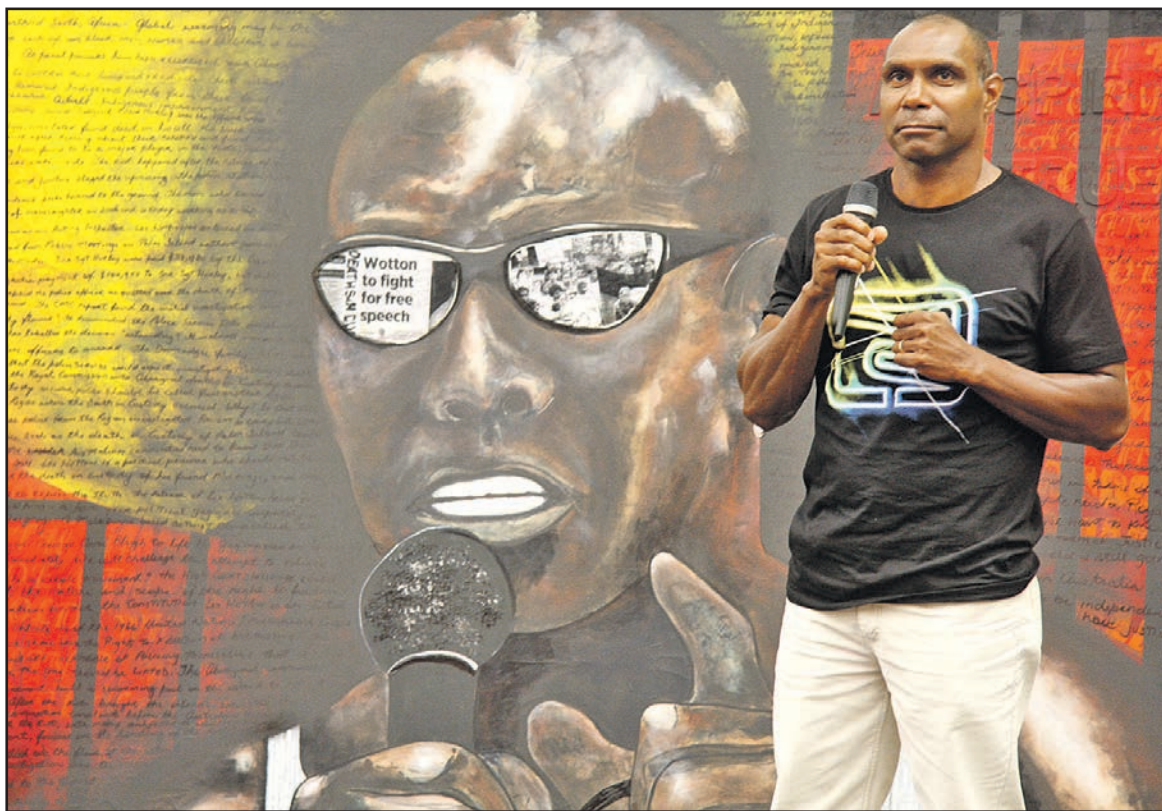
Subordination

His lawyer Stewart Levitt said Wotton and other cases particularly concerning Palm Island were not about black offenders, but black subordination.

"This is about the exertion, or the assertion of power, and the extraction of subordination to recognise the pre-eminence of our legal system and the compliance of black people," Levitt said.

"People should only go to jail, to major corrective services facilities for the general population, in circumstances where they have committed serious crimes that warrant it, not based upon long, questionable records and not based upon breach of compliance orders."

Mr Wotton said he did what he



Lex Wotton speaks at the First Nations Pathways Conference in Townsville. He is standing in front of Donna Ives' painting *In-Justice*.

could to stay out of jail, but claimed witnesses were manipulated and evidence went missing.

"Police officers would interview some of our locals, they had to give an interview. If they didn't give interviews, they would be charged," he said.

He said that according to those witnesses, 'I had a shovel, I had a crowbar, I had a sledge hammer, I even threw rocks'.

"(But) I can't throw rocks (due to) operations on my shoulders. We actually got medical evidence to present to the courts that was denied in the courts... somehow the Crown didn't accept that."

Wotton also said police confiscated some evidence.

"We were denied a lot of things," he said.

"My co-accused decided to plead guilty because their legal advisers didn't want to carry them and I pleaded with them."

"I said: 'Don't plead guilty, whatever you do. Don't feel guilty; you're not guilty of anything'."

"I've studied all of the statements before I met Stewart, I studied everything."

"I listened to everything in the courts when we went through the committal proceedings."

"What buggers me, because I'm not a lawyer, is that I couldn't

understand why, after all of that, that there was no evidence."

"The judge decided to still prosecute me, so I could see that things were still against us."

"There was no evidence to suggest that I committed arson. One of my co-accused actually admitted to arson, but their evidence was thrown out because they didn't have any legal advice when they were giving their statements... that's why they walked."

Wotton insisted that even the way he was arrested was questionable.

"I was actually standing in a pair of shorts waiting," he said.

"They even accused me of looking for a place to run (but) I saw the cars coming miles away, if I wanted to run. Why would I want to run – I'm innocent?"

Wotton described his bail conditions, which usually prevent him from speaking at public meetings, as 'a gag'.

"They put the gag on because they don't want me to talk about a system that incarcerates our people," he said.

"I've seen things go on in the prison that were unfair, whether you're black or white. But our blokes out there, they do it harder because they have no one to stand up for them."

"They'd come to me, you know, the very second day I got incarcerated, they sent an Indigenous officer down and his words to me were: 'Look Lex, they don't want you here.'"

"I said, 'What for?' and he said 'They think you're going to be too much of a handful'."

"I said, 'Well, too bad, I'm here and you're not going to get rid of me'."

"I tried to mind my own business in prison and do the right thing so that if I do certain time without any incident, I'd be eligible for parole. And it is stated in the High Court that it's a privilege for me, so it is a privilege for me to be out here today – that's what the system says."

"I don't know...When you question things, they want to break you... that becomes part of your record and nothing positive about any prisoner is written, it's all negative. The system doesn't work."

Wotton said he was very grateful to his supporters.

"I'd like to give my thanks to people who supported me from then, right through to now and in the future," he said.

Torres Strait islands left high and dry

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The council has asked for \$5 million under Round Two of the Federal Government's Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF), to help rebuild sea walls to protect communities from flooding in king tides.

TSIRC engineering manager Patrick McGuire said the council received a small amount of funding through the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).

"We're using that to prepare the

designs, so as soon as the money is made available (through RDAF), we can hit the ground running, so we're doing all the prep work that we can," Mr McGuire told ABC News.

"It's certainly a worthwhile project. The points have been made that one of the most at-risk places in the world for sea level rise or climate change is the Torres Strait and the Government should be looking after its own back yard."

Earlier this year, Torres Strait Island Regional Council mayor Fred Gela

warned Prime Minister Julia Gillard that residents on the outer islands were at risk of becoming Australia's 'first climate change refugees'.

Iama (Yam Island) councillor Walter Mackie said his council was doing what it could and had built a wall at the back of the island to protect the community from king tides.

"The infrastructure is owned by the Federal and State governments. We are proud of this island – it is our heritage, our life, and it is the islands which give us our identity," Cr Mackie said.



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Stolen wages bungle

Identical twins, identical work; one paid – the other refused

By ALF WILSON



PAUL and Arthur Ah Wang are 76-years-old and, despite their usual cheery demeanor, they're fed up.



From the age of 13, the identical Torres Strait Islander twins worked together on a pearling lugger off Mackay, free diving to collect pearl shell and doing deckhand duties.

It was dangerous work and, if they misbehaved, they were often sent below decks to bed without dinner... little more than slave labour.

They're both claimants for Stolen Wages under a Queensland Government regime, but despite doing the same job,

one has been paid and the other has not.

Paul, who now lives in Townsville, received just \$3000 for his years of work and labour.

But it has been deemed that Arthur, who still lives in Mackay, did not have sufficient documentary evidence for his application and he's still trying to sort out the administrative mess.

The Stolen Wages is a campaign conducted by the Qld Council of Unions (QCU) to seek full repayment of the \$55.4 million of wages withheld from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers for decades of the last century.

The Beattie Government committed to pay that amount, but then reneged and only paid out \$34 million, putting the remaining \$21 million into an educational trust fund for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

But the Stolen Wages claimants, blokes like Paul and Arthur, would like the money they're owed.

Last week, they travelled to Brisbane to meet with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt about the Government honouring the commitment to pay all of the



Paul Ah Wang, left, and his identical twin Arthur.

Stolen Wages.

Accompanying them were QCU secretary Ron Monaghan and Indigenous Industrial Officer Gwen Taylor.

The *Koori Mail* met up with the twins at the Townsville Airport upon their return. They said the Minister had given them a good audience.

"There were television crews from all of the major networks and SBS and mainstream print media was there and the Minister said he would look into Arthur not being paid," Paul said.

Arthur said he was now confident he would be paid his

outstanding money.

"I think it went pretty good and I am glad we came down to Brisbane," he said.

But the twins hope the trip also helps all of the other Stolen Wages claimants to receive what is due to them.

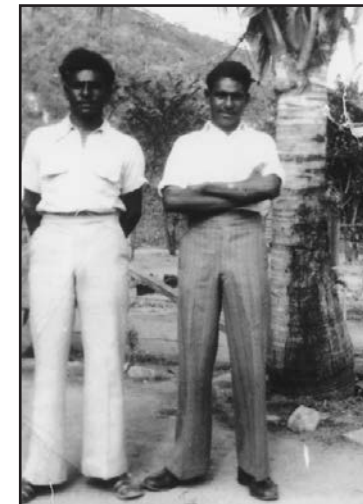
"Many of the claimants are dying before they get their money," Paul said.

QCU Townsville branch president Les Moffitt said the whole Stolen Wages process was flawed.

"To have twins doing the same job and one gets paid and the other one doesn't. We are

using them as an example of the flaw," Mr Moffitt said.

The QCU has given a commitment to claimants that they continue campaigning until all Stolen Wages are paid. The union has finalised its statement of claim for a test trial on behalf of Stolen Wages claimant Uncle Conrad Yeatman to be held soon.



Arthur Ah Wang, left, and Paul Ah Wang dressed for Sunday church at Palm Island, off Townsville, at about age 14 (circa 1950). Their skipper insisted they go to church.

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Submissions close: 31 January 2012

Public Briefing: 15 February 2012, Parliament House, Brisbane

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Report date: 19 March 2012

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Alice takes action on anti-social behaviour

By DARREN COYNE



A NEW action plan for Alice Springs has been developed by the community in an effort to create a safer and more

inclusive community.

The plan follows intense negative publicity earlier this year about crime and anti-social behaviour in the desert town, with Aboriginal youth particularly targeted.

That publicity prompted NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson and Central Australia Minister Karl Hampton to increase police patrols and lighting in hot spots, and consultations began for the action plan.

Developed by a group of nine community members, the plan targets four key areas: crime and alcohol, youth services, education and early childhood, and business and economic development.

Co-chairs of the group, Alice Springs mayor Damien Ryan and former journalist now Government worker Catherine Liddle, launched the plan on 28 November.

Ms Liddle told the Koori Mail that action had already begun with short, medium and long-term strategies planned.

She acknowledged there was 'no smoke without fire' when asked about Aboriginal youths involved in anti-social behaviour, but said a consultant had found that many crimes such as break-ins were often being carried out by non-Indigenous people who were



Catherine Liddle and Damien Ryan at the Sunday markets.

from out of town.

She said, however, that 'urban myths' had popped up because the Alice Springs' community had lost its ability to communicate effectively and the action plan would encourage better delivery and co-ordination of services and programs designed to improve the town.

"The Chief Minister has asked all government departments to look at the action plan and integrate its measures into their department's priorities," Ms Liddle said.

"The plan is that you don't call for more funding; you work with what's available because up until now it hasn't been used appropriately.

"This plan is not about us, but about the whole community. It identifies key actions that need addressing.

"Although, many departments and non-government organisations have already increased efforts in the

short term to address the issues of crime and violence over the summer period, which is important for our town, we also need to look at long term solutions."

Co-chair Damien Ryan said that the group had met in various locations around town to ensure the group engaged with the community.

"There is increased effort by many departments and organisations in our town to work together to make a difference which is great, and we are seeing some real improvements," he said.

"We will continue to communicate with the public about the action plan and its progress through regular eNewsletters and information stalls at the markets, and other public places around town."

Apart from the four key areas already mentioned, the plan also has some more general aims, including developing a cross-cultural resource kit for newcomers to Alice Springs, outlining Arrernte culture and history.

Cultural protocols would also be developed for Indigenous visitors coming into Alice Springs from outlying communities, and positive promotion to restore pride in the town.

"Alice Springs has an incredible history – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous – and were not celebrating it any more," Ms Liddle said.

"We're not taking advantage of being in an incredible place and we need to remember who we are."



The Alice Springs Action Plan Group, comprising co-chairs Damien Ryan and Catherine Liddle, Brad Bellette, Neil Ross, Liz Martin, Harold Furber, Jenny Nixon, Eva Lawler (NT Government) and Mark Coffey (Australian Government).



Uncle Alo Tapim, one of the delegation members, hands over a carved wooden dugong to chairman of the Natural History Museum board of trustees, Oliver Stocken.
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Remains returned

By TRACI WILLIAMS



THE ancestral remains of a group of Torres Strait Islanders held in the Natural History Museum in the UK have started their journey home to a final resting place in Australia.

A delegation of nine Torres Strait Islander people has recently returned from the United Kingdom where they received the ancestral remains of around 20 of their ancestors, released by the museum in London.

"It was really moving for us, and poignant" Ned David, one of the delegation members, told the *Koori Mail*.

"There was also excitement that we are doing something so important and there is a tangible outcome for our communities. We are bringing back something that belongs to us, something that has been part of our community."

Mr Flanders said one of the first of the delegation to return to the Torres Strait was Keith Pabai, from Malu Ki'ai. His community put on a huge feast and celebration to mark the occasion.

"It was an indication of how strongly people felt about the return of remains and how important it is for our communities," he said.

Long wait

Mr Flanders said that it had been a long wait for many in the Torres Strait.

"We have known for a while that our ancestors were held in places all over the world," he said.

"A lot of the Elders today who were at one point in time either the chairman of their community or a leader in some shape or form were informed back in the 1960s and 1970s that the remains of their ancestors were held overseas.

"Some of those people are still alive today – only a handful. But a lot of them say that they never dreamed that remains would be brought back in their lifetime."

The return of the remains follows new

Australian Government policy on Indigenous repatriation, which aims to facilitate dialogue between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, national and international collecting institutions and other relevant stakeholders.

"The repatriation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ancestral remains provides an opportunity to right the wrongs of the past and to build positive relationships between the collecting institutions and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," said Arts Minister Simon Crean, at the announcement of the new policy recently.

For the Natural History Museum (NHM), it's the start of a positive journey.

"We are very pleased with how this repatriation process is going," said Ian Owens, the NHM's Director of Science.

"We have established much more collaborative ways of working which has been recognised by the community leaving some of the remains at the museum.

"Ensuring that both the needs of the Indigenous or claimant groups and of science are met requires building a shared understanding through dialogue as we have demonstrated in our discussions and partnership with the Torres Strait Islander community."

Mr Flanders agreed.

"Some of the remains are poorly provenanced – they know they are from the Torres Strait but cannot be sure from which community," he said.

"Until that is known, the Natural History Museum is the best place for them out of respect for the communities which may one day be able to claim them."

The remains will now be housed in the Queensland Museum, which will care for them until they are ready to be repatriated to the Torres Strait.

For Mr Flanders, it's just the beginning.

"For my generation, we are so grateful that we have played a part, however minor, in bringing home the remains of our ancestors," he said.

● **LEFT:** Members of the Torres Strait Islander delegation sing traditional songs on the steps of the Natural History Museum, along with Emma Loban, a Torres Strait Islander woman currently on a fellowship at the Museum.

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Quote



'Very few people have done as much for Queensland rugby league as he has. Artie was a true Queensland icon'

– Johnathan Thurston on the passing of rugby league great Arthur Beetson on 1 December

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Unquote

Good tidings for more good news

ISN'T it the way? The more years we get under our belts, they faster they seem to go.

This has been one such year, as evidenced by the whirlwind of news, events and activities summed up in our annual 'year ender' (pages 7–13).

It has been both fascinating and educational to flick back through the editions for the year.

2011 was a huge year for us at the *Koori Mail*. We celebrated our 20th anniversary, published our historic 500th edition and were named Newspaper of the Year in our category of the nation's leading publishing industry awards. Thank you to all those who helped us reach these milestones.

More broadly for our communities, it was a year of ongoing efforts to close the gap, thinking and talking Constitutional reform, consolidation of a new representative body the National Congress, a new mutation for the Northern Territory Intervention and much, much more. There were the inevitable 'hatches, matches and dispatches' as our mob grew their families, hooked up and headed off. We lost some of our best, as illustrated just last week when the legendary Arthur Beetson passed away unexpectedly. Vale Big Artie.

Next year is already shaping up to be an important one. Before January is out, we'll have celebrated the 40th anniversary of the iconic Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra. That'll be an opportunity to reminisce about the struggles, setbacks and achievements



in black Australia since Billy Craigie, Tony Coorie, Michael Anderson and Bert Williams erected a large beach umbrella out the front of what is now Old Parliament House.

Around the same time, the expert panel looking into possible constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will report to the Federal Government on what it believes broader Australia would come at, if a referendum were to be held on the issue.

It is important to realise that there's a potential world of difference between what the committee might recommend, what the Government will make of it and what, if anything, might be put to the Australian people.

While many of us will be in the mood to eat, drink and be merry, let's imbibe healthily and in moderation and make 2012 a year where we close more of the gap than ever before.

The *Koori Mail* will be back on newsstands and in mailboxes on 11 January. But don't forget, between now and then, to keep us informed of what you and yours get up to over the break.

In the meantime, stay well, happy and safe.

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Another horizon

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

BY THE time you read this, dancer Sidney Saltner will be footloose and fancy-free.

Jetting over to Hong Kong for a well-earned break, his retirement last month from Australia's leading Indigenous dance company Bangarra heralded the end of a long and celebrated career.

But it's also the start of another journey for Bangarra's longest-serving member.

At 43, the time has come for Saltner to hang up his dance shoes with the company, but it's unlikely we've heard the last from this small-town boy with big-city dreams.

Not one to retire quietly into the shadows, Saltner is now on the lookout for new opportunities as a solo artist and choreographer. While he'll certainly miss the family at Bangarra – and be missed – he is welcoming the chance to direct his life on and off the stage.

Growing up in rural central Queensland, dance has been Saltner's life as far back as he can remember. His career has spanned a quarter of a century and as he reflects over the years, it was with a sense of wonderment.

There has rarely been a year when he hasn't toured internationally with Bangarra and his role in the company's collaborations with the Australian Ballet remains a highlight.

Not only has he commanded centre-stage in countless performances over the years, including *Skin, Fire: A Retrospective* and his latest and final *Mathinna*, but he's appeared in iconic Australian films like *Billie's Holiday*.

Sydney Olympics

In 2000 he featured in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Sydney Olympic Games.

With more than 1000 performances under his belt, this Wulli Wulli man has travelled what feels like a million miles from his small-town roots. But it's to them that he always returns.

"I grew up mainly around Moura and Biloela, they're huge country areas, mining and cattle," Saltner told the *Koori Mail*.

"I had a really normal childhood, I went to school and played football but it's the opposite of where I am now, that's why I moved," he said with a laugh.

It was the arrival of the family's first television set when Saltner was eight that marked the beginning of his love affair with dance.

"I remember watching the ballet on the ABC and feeling some kind of connection to it, then the Solid Gold dancers came on and I loved them. Eventually I joined the school choir and school productions."

It was his experiences during boarding school in Warwick that paved the way for a life less ordinary. While Saltner acknowledges the influence of his early years, it was second chapter of his life story that drove him to push his body beyond the limits of human endurance to express what words sometimes cannot.

To tell an entire story through movement is Saltner's living legacy in the Australian artscape.

"Boarding school was quite similar to being in a big family, but I was always independent and keen to see the world," he recalled.

"I played football from a young age because all my cousins and brothers did, but I decided it was the time to do what I really wanted to do. Part of that was going to boarding school, my break away from the family. It was like 'if I can do this, then I can do anything'."

And that's just what Saltner did. By the time he finished high school, he had bought

Sidney Saltner in the production of *Spirit*.
– Photo Leo Bonne



a one-way ticket to Sydney to train with the National Aboriginal and Islander Dance Academy (NAISDA).

He was just 18.

Following his graduation five years later, he performed with the Aboriginal Islander Dance Theatre (AIDT) and was eventually appointed assistant artistic director.

In 1997, Bangarra snapped him up and that was the beginning of a whole new life.

"Every time you came home, it got harder and harder to leave. You really miss your family but you know you can't go back because there's nothing for you there. One of the biggest challenges was being so far away from my family," he said.

Swallowing fears

But the show must go on. Even if that means swallowing your fears and leaping out into the darkness in the hope that all blood, sweat and tears will be worth it.

"That first step out on to the stage was nerve-racking, I had dreamed of dancing on the big stage, but I just thought it was stupid, it was never going to happen. So you shyly put yourself out there," Saltner said.

"At the college we were doing shows at Belvoir Street Theatre and suddenly it's not a dream any more, it's reality."

Inspired by the greats of Indigenous arts industry – Bob Maza, Djakapurra Munyarryun and Raymond and Sylvia Blanco to name a few – it took a young and impressionable Saltner a few years to



Sidney Saltner... hanging up his dance shoes, for now.

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Plan to cut Indigenous prison rate



A NEW State Government plan aims to cut the shocking rate of imprisonment of Indigenous Queenslanders.

The Indigenous Justice Just Futures Strategy released last Wednesday aims to tackle what it says are the underlying causes of Indigenous crime – poverty, unemployment, and alcohol and drug abuse.

Indigenous people are almost 12 times more likely to wind up in prison than non-Indigenous people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt says.

"Just Futures includes practical, on-the-ground actions to address the underlying causes and consequences of crime," he said in a statement
Strategies outlined in the 48-point

plan include hiring 25 health professionals to work with at-risk Indigenous children and teens, running social marketing campaigns, giving jobs training to young Indigenous people and increasing the number of Indigenous people in the police service.

Local committees comprised of Indigenous Elders, council members and community groups will work with schools, police and health workers to help implement the strategies.

Cairns, Townsville, Mount Isa, Rockhampton and Brisbane will be the focus, as these cities have a higher number of Indigenous people in prison.

An independent taskforce of 12 Indigenous people will oversee the implementation of the strategy, which will be rolled out over the next three years.

The taskforce will report to State Parliament each year on the progress of the plan.

The strategy has garnered a mixed reaction from Indigenous lobby groups.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) said the plan should do more to help young people and called for a separate youth justice strategy.

"Just Futures goes some of the way to addressing the needs of our most vulnerable and hopefully preventing them from ending up in the justice system, but it does not go all the way," ANTaR Queensland president Kitty Carra said in a statement.

Project 10 per cent, a group formed to reduce the number of Indigenous people in prison, said the strategy was long overdue. – AAP

Sidney's new horizon

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find his way.

"I remember arriving in Sydney, it was like a whole other world had opened up," he said.

"The first three years was party, party, party. After that I settled down and said dance was what I really wanted to do and I had to give it everything I had."

"I loved being surrounded by so many black people."

By far the most invaluable lesson Saltner learned along the way was cultural connection, and he carries it with him wherever he goes in the world.

Despite all the accolades, his return to remote communities has been particularly poignant. He knows the power that a single performance can have on someone's life.

"One of the things I've loved is going back to the communities, dancing out on the riverbeds or basketball courts for children that would probably never have gotten to see anything like that before," Saltner said.

"I find that really special and rewarding.

"So many communities have had such a huge impact on me and all I've achieved. Mornington and Tiwi Island people, Kimberley mob, Yirrkala community not to mention all the Torres Strait Island mob."

Like his contemporaries, Saltner knows his performances must create a



Saltner's final role was playing Governor John Franklin in the production Mathinna. – Photo by Declan McMonagle

new cultural dialect, using his body to impart the stories that must be understood by Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and audiences throughout the world.

"You're given the movement and stories and you infuse it with your own style and that's the beauty of traditional dance... of all dance really. To have that spirit that comes through is so important to reflect who you are," he said.

Saltner is philosophical about his final days with Bangarra. He describes his last performance in Mathinna as 'surreal'. Flowers in hand and with the echoes of the audience's thunderous

applause in his ears, he knows that dance won't be his last.

But he'll embrace the unknown as he always has, with gusto and determination.

"I never thought I'd be here, from standing at the bus stop 25 years ago with my skinny little blackfella legs with such a big dream and that's what it was then, only a dream."

"I've learned culture and I've taken culture back home, my father's rekindled his knowledge of our culture, it's come back full circle. Who knows what's in store for me next."

Perhaps the best is yet to come.



Nothing heroic about being in jail

I WAS recently asked if I'd consider working in juvenile justice – I have the experience and the qualifications and I am Aboriginal. I said no thanks, I am burnt out, and I will tell you why.

Yes, kids are our future.

Yes, there's a huge need for support and diversionary activities for young people and their families, struggling with a range of social issues and coping with intergenerational trauma.

And yes, stats show that kids become locked in a cycle of behaviour that turns the courthouse into a revolving door.

Yes, I know that some are locked up because they were picked on, set up and falsely accused – but I am talking about others.

We have all seen the groups of boys roaming, older ones teaching some as young as six-years-old, how to whistle, how to keep watch, what opportunistic signs to

look for – and we know what they are doing.

They are not demonstrating some political expression; this is not a sign of subversion, they are not rebelling against a white-dominated racist society – they are unsupervised kids, teaching other littler kids how to behave badly.

And what do most of us do when we see this activity?

How is it asserting black pride for kids to accumulate fines they will never pay so they will never hold a driver's licence, never drive their kids or their old people anywhere?

They are unlikely to have a job and the chip on their shoulder will just get bigger.

And don't under-estimate the effect crime-plagued communities have on how the wider society regards Aboriginal people.

Why feel sympathy for someone who is locked up when you have been robbed, vandalised, terrorised and heartbroken by a group of children, who learnt it from older

Aboriginal people?

I see nothing heroic about Aboriginal people in jail.

It's a tragedy of epic proportions – for the wasted lives of the people inside and the sadness it brings to their family on the outside, and for the young ones who will be drawn into that miserable life.

The lucky kids are those who pull up because someone they trust said they need to knock that off right now, or they are so horrified by the jail experience they never want to go back there.

There are many stories of Aboriginal people who are reaping the results of a changed life – they turned their back on crime, addictions and violence – and they make us all proud and hopeful for the future.

ELOISE PAPILLON
Via email

POETRY



If it wasn't for the footprints...

If it wasn't for the footprints, we would not know about 'before', And Australia's history we have today would not make sense anymore
If it wasn't for the footsteps, which created the path we share, Our survival in this landscape would lead us to nowhere
If it wasn't for the footpaths still here from that long ago, Our heritage in writing would only reflect our woes
If it wasn't for the footprints which were made into the sand, The ones left by ancestors, our Aboriginal clans;
If it wasn't for their footsteps which carved the land and lore, Australians would not know about these footprints from 'before'.

By Z QUAKAWOOT, 2011

The Summertime Bathurst Blues

In the morning breeze, I hear the sounds,
of early spirit bird tunes
As the sun shines in, the walls cave in,
and light out glows the moon.
Guards stroll up, the wing gates bang,
the day has now begun
Half restless dreams, that should have been.
I live 'em – I believe I can
I miss the waves, down near caves
And watch the news,
But I'm in here, all alone
With the summertime Bathurst Blues

REUBEN SCOTT
Bathurst, NSW

To fight another day

From father to son
A name is given,
A heart full of will power
A young boy's life is driven,
Born a gifted athlete
Determined to fulfil his destiny
To lead his people and honour a nation;
Like our forefathers would have said before,
We are from the mainland!
We have never been offshore!
When it comes to boxing
What can you say?
Now the man is reborn
The legend will remain!

By MICHAEL THOMPSON
(This poem is dedicated to Anthony 'The Man' Mundine and his family)

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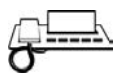
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The Campaign and Festivals are distinct projects with numerous linkages and opportunities for cross promotion. Applicants may apply for either or both projects. Applications close on **Wednesday 11 January 2012**.

Application information and documentation is available on the FaHCSIA website at www.fahcsia.gov.au

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EXACTLY what will it take for the Gillard Government to accept the strong voices of the Elders and the communities that they do not want anything to do with the first or the second NT Intervention, and especially not for another ten years?

Government consultation does not mean just talking to those whom they favour. I am quite sure that there are some living in the communities who, for their own personal reasons, do accept the Government push, and some like Ms Bess Price, who lives in Alice Springs, and not in the prescribed areas, but as it is within their rights to make their views known, they are also entitled to be wrong.

And, indeed, such is the case. The greater majority of those living in the prescribed areas oppose all or parts of the Intervention. As I do.

I have no problems that there is an alcohol/drug war currently in place. Both these addictions are killing our people and must be brought under control for the betterment of the families and the communities.

I have no problem that there are more police in the communities, the better to protect the women from violence and the children from abuse.

Still waiting

However, I am still waiting for a paedophile to be charged and sentenced from within the communities. The Howard lie proves to be just that: A lie – a lie that is continued by the Gillard/Macklin Government.

Both WA and SA have been successful in such prosecutions, but the NT has not. The greater majority of the so-called 'child sexual abuse' was between consenting teenagers.

Of course, this also happens in every State/Territory community in Australia.

If, after some four years or more, the above concerns and problems have not been at least alleviated, then surely that must highlight that the whole government approach is an abject failure, which it is.

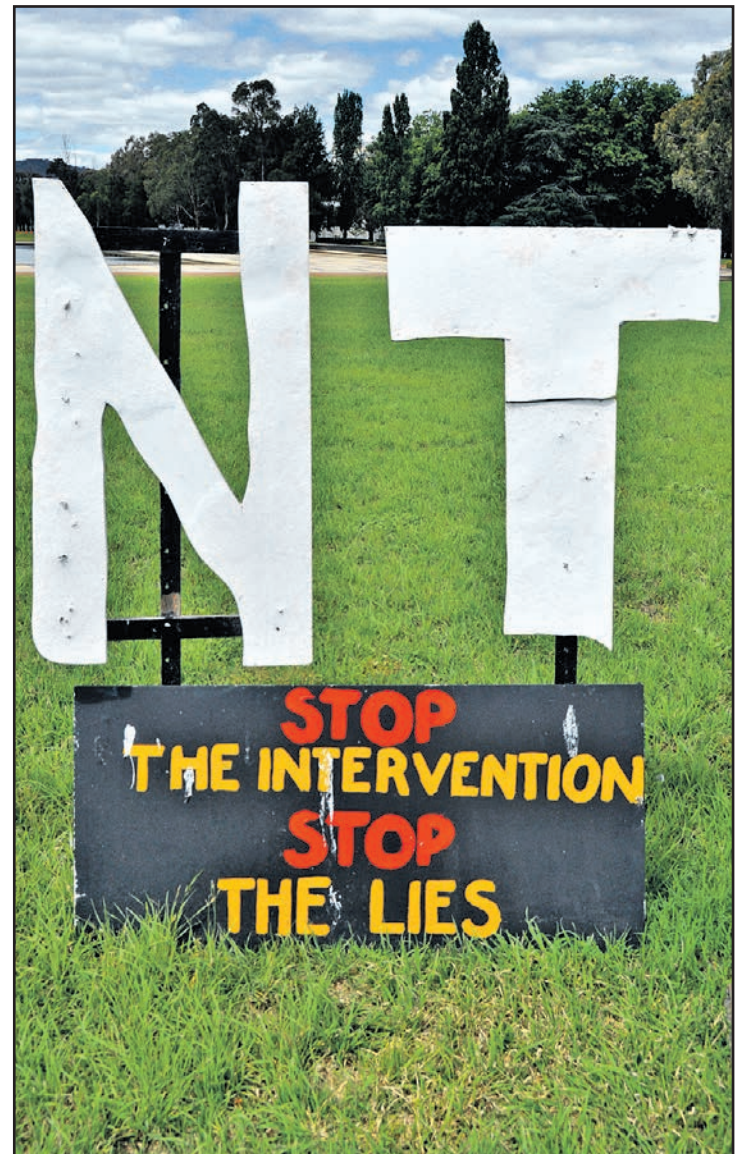
There must obviously then be another agenda that the Federal and NT governments are planning for. They wiped out the successful CDEP work that was allowing the traditional owners to remain on their lands.

Taking that work away has left them idle and more prone to find other things to do.

The land grabs forced the traditional owners to become under the control of the Federal Government by forcing them to become lessees of their homes and country for up to ten years.

Housing that was promised has been a disaster and very, very costly as rogue contractors have milked the system for all they can get.

This, of course, causes stress to those caught up in the system and thus leads to pressure to move away from country – as planned for by



A clear message from the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the NT Intervention. – File photo

the intervention.

Then came 'the hubs' that were intended to turn some communities into the shopping malls of the desert.

A captive clientele forced them to shop only at Woolworths or Coles with their BasicsCard. With the added advantage for the Government that it would also force people off country.

No mention is ever made on the role of the Government 'mission managers' who are placed there on huge wages, new housing, etc. But to do what?

Perhaps to facilitate the movement of the traditional owners off their lands in the remote communities?

Great cost

But what are they doing, or have done, at great cost to Aboriginal funding?

Very little of that funding is reaching those who need it, but it is broadcast as if we were, in fact, receiving such monies and we were somehow wasting it. Just so not true.

The whole intervention thing has become, as previously predicted, one sick farce, but worse, it is damaging to our people, our culture and our Aboriginal psyche.

When one looks at a resource map of the NT, we find many identified mining sites for uranium, among other saleable

rocks. The problem? The ownership of the lands under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (NT) 1975 that was initiated by the Whitlam Government, but brought into legislation by the Fraser Government.

It has been stated that new politician John Howard begged Fraser to scrap the 'Socialist/Communist' legislation, but Fraser went through with it.

That Howard has a long memory is well known.

It is more than time for Gillard/Macklin to drop the pretence that they recognise their personal/governmental duty of care for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders and that they admit that they are serving the wishes of the multi-national mining companies, including that owned by Twiggy Forrest.

ISJA fully supports those opposed to the NTER and calls on the governments to scrap not only the second Intervention, but also the spurious first Intervention and then sincerely and respectfully enter into discussions with the Elders and the communities for a better and more positive dialogue to take place.

As equals.

On Aboriginal lands.

RAY JACKSON
President, Indigenous
Social Justice Association
Sydney



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Request for Applications for Inclusion and Professional Support Program 2013 – 2016

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is seeking applications from suitable organisations for funding to deliver activities under the Inclusion and Professional Support Program (IPSP) 2013 - 2016.

The objective of the IPSP is to promote and maintain high quality, inclusive, early childhood education and care, for all children in eligible education and care settings. The IPSP is a component of the Australian Government's Child Care Services Support Program, and is integral to implementing and supporting the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care.

A Request for Applications (RFA) was released on Friday 9 December 2011, seeking applications for 67 Inclusion Support Agencies, 8 Professional Support Coordinators, 8 Indigenous Professional Support Units and a National Inclusion Support Subsidy Provider. The RFA documentation can be downloaded from DEEWR's website at www.deewr.gov.au/IPSPapplications

Applications must be emailed to DEEWR by 2.00pm, Canberra time, Friday 24 February 2012.

To support the RFA, DEEWR will offer information sessions in the week beginning 9 January 2012. Information sessions will be held in capital cities (depending on the level of interest) and via web conferencing for participants unable to attend in person. To register your interest in participating in an information session, please send an email advising your nearest capital city to: IPSPapplications@deewr.gov.au

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Koori Mail

I write to you, because I live to love my people from this land.
Equality is all my people want, when will they understand
A columnist breached discrimination laws, our Elders had a win.
Judgement in favour of the plaintiffs, *Koori Mail* now shows their grin.
Too deadly from the accolades, the pen is mightier than the sword.
Congratulations to the nominees and winners of the Deadly Awards.
Praise to our black queens, most raise their children independently
Too deadly, too black, too strong, too proud, they embrace their responsibility.
Our Gurrumul is internationally known for his voice, his song is heard.
His native tongue is mesmerised, our heart will feel his words.
The *Koori Mail* is an icon now and distributed nationally.
It demonstrates our advancements for survival, as we adapt rationally.
Our people gather from near and far, what is that all about.
They come to cheer their football team, compete to win at league knockouts.
Mainstream, media includes our stories 'Closing the Gap' is hypocrisy.
No positive feedback, no interaction, we're not included in the industry.
If you want to inspire the youth, conferences aren't the key.
Inspiration comes from leaders of men or women who need to lead.
I idolised Mandela, Malcolm X and the Hurricane.
I read 'Blood on the Wattle' too, but there are no Aboriginals I can name.
I suspect that is due to where I've been, I have something in common with them.
I can relate to them in such way, as I've followed their prison trend.
You think the community is discriminatory, try living behind these bars.
The judge, the jury, the system, is white, incarcerated and mentally scarred.
The recidivism rate is rising, we are the majority behind these fences.
Duty of care is their mission statement, it is about dollars and not much sense.
How do they justify the years we get, non-Indigenous do not get years.
We are punished due to our heritage, as our families shed the tears.
The recommendations of Black Deaths in Custody, are recognised in NSW.
In Queensland we are imprisoned, what laws and what details.
Most offenders have had a tragic past, but we try to make amends.
Most of us are institutionalised, it seems we've been condemned.
You may have family and friends in here, please don't let them burn
The shoe may be on the other foot one day, no regrets, when it's your turn.
Koori Mail needs to be proactive, the ball's now in your court.
We are free without freedom, in our country and we yearn for your support.
Everyone I know reads the *Mail*, it's proof we're living black.
Your articles are very insightful, political agendas stated the facts.
I commend everyone involved, winds aloft now in your sails.
We have a connection that goes unbroken, I thank you *Koori Mail*.

By TROY HOPKINS, Qld

● **Note from the Editor: Thank you to all of our brothers and sisters in jail. We're honoured to have you read us and we will continue to do what we can to ensure your voices are heard.**

Administrators take over affairs of medical service



DURRI Aboriginal Corporation Medical Services in Kempsey, NSW, has been placed under special administration by the

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

The move follows an examination of the organisation's records, which revealed poor corporate governance and weak financial management.

"This corporation has provided quality health to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for 30 years. For most of

that time the corporation has been well-governed and managed," said Registrar Anthony Beven.

"In recent times, though, there has been a worrying deterioration in the corporate governance standards and this process will help to protect the essential health services delivered by the corporation."

Mr Beven has appointed a special administrator to work with the corporation's funding agencies and members to re-establish good governance and financial management at

the corporation and assess if there are any breaches of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

The aim is to help the organisation get their affairs back in order, fix their problems and to return control back to its members.

"I want to see the new directors undertake corporate governance training," he said.

The organisation runs three medical centres in Kempsey, Nambucca heads and Bowraville.

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Mourning a legend

THE big fella may have been farewelled by family, friends and former team-mates, but sporting and Indigenous Australia will mourn the loss of rugby league great Arthur Beetson for many years to come.

'Big Artie', as he was widely known, died from a heart attack on the Gold Coast on 1 December.

A private funeral for him was held on Friday at Redcliffe Leagues Club, north of Brisbane, which recruited Beetson as a teenager in 1964.

Beetson was the first Indigenous Australian to captain his country in any sport. He played 28 Tests for Australia – twice as captain – and also led Queensland to victory in the historic first Origin game at Lang Park in 1980.

He coached the Maroons to series wins from 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1989, and also played 235 club games, including for Sydney teams Balmain, Eastern Suburbs and Parramatta.

He was a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1987 for his services to rugby league, named an Immortal by Rugby League Week in 2003 and inducted into the Australian Rugby League Hall of Fame in the same year.

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In February 2008, he was named in a list of Australia's 100 greatest players (1908-2007), which was commissioned by the NRL and ARL to celebrate the code's centenary year in Australia.

Beetson was later selected in the front-row in Australian rugby league's Team of the Century.

He was also named in the Queensland rugby league Team of the Century and Indigenous rugby league Team of the Century.

Amongst the 600-plus people who turned out on Friday to remember and honour him were former Australian captains Darren Lockyer, Mal Meninga, Wally Lewis and Gordon Tallis, current players Johnathan Thurston and Justin Hodges, NRL CEO David Gallop and former Wallabies Coach John Connolly.

Following a smoking ceremony, those at the service rose to their feet as one and applauded as Beetson's coffin – bearing handprints in red, black and yellow and draped with an Aboriginal flag, a football and his Number 11 Queensland jumper – was brought to the front.

The funeral service capped off a week of tributes for Beetson.

Also known as 'Meat Pie Artie', he could clean up an English forward quicker than he could down a meat-filled pastry and off-loaded the ball with the silky skills of a five-eighth



Arthur Beetson, pictured in Brisbane in 2004 promoting his autobiography 'Big Artie'. NewsPix Image.

in a front-rower's body.

Brilliant footballer, successful coach, role-model to the Indigenous community – Beetson was all of those, but just as significantly as fellow rugby league Immortal Johnny Raper pointed out: "You'd never hear a bad word about Arthur Beetson."

Along with the late Senator Ron McAuliffe, Beetson was central to the birth of the State of Origin concept in 1980 before going on to instill the importance of the Maroon jersey into a young Wally Lewis.

Beetson finally ended his playing days in Sydney with Parramatta in 1979-80, entering rugby league folklore after McAuliffe plucked him from reserve grade as the man to inspire Queensland to an historic

victory in a 'mate against mate' concept which is now the game's showpiece – State of Origin.

Recently retired Queensland Rugby League managing director Ross Livermore said Queensland owed a lot to Beetson.

"Artie was Queensland to his boot straps," he said.

There will be a public memorial for Beetson at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium (Lang Park) this Sunday, 18 December. Channel 9 will give a live coverage of it. Beetson will be immortalised in bronze, with a statue that will stand at the stadium to inspire new generations of players.

– *Koori Mail*, with Wayne Heming and Tony Bartlett of AAP

● See sport page 90 for more...



Queensland captain Artie Beetson at the Queensland vs NSW rugby league State of Origin match on July 8, 1980, at Lang Park.

What they said about 'Big Artie':

ARL Indigenous Council Chairman William 'Smiley' Johnstone:

"While today people embrace the All Stars and concepts of practical reconciliation, few can understand the pioneering courage of a man like Arthur, who stood proudly for who he was and who led a nation. He was an inspiration... and what he has done for his people will never be forgotten."

League star Johnathan Thurston:

"Artie was an inspiration to all Indigenous rugby league players, including myself, and will always be remembered as one of the greats of the game... Artie was a true Queensland icon."

Prime Minister Julia Gillard:

"His brilliance on the field remains seared into the memory of rugby league fans... He will be remembered as one of Australia's greatest ever players in an iconic period for his sport."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin:

"He was a proud ambassador for Indigenous Australians, particularly for young people. In his work with Indigenous youth, Artie sent a strong message that with a good education and hard work, anything is possible."

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh:

"... Arthur Beetson was a favourite son in Queensland. He could walk into any pub in the Sunshine State and be mobbed – such was his status. Everyone wanted to shake his hand, pat him on the back, and hear his stories..."

Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda:

"The passing of 'Artie' Beetson is a huge loss for Australian sport and the broader community... His death at the age of 66 reminds us of the unacceptable life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians."

Rugby league immortal Wally Lewis:

"Arthur Beetson will always be remembered for showing us how to play State of Origin after whacking Parramatta team-mate Mick Cronin and putting one on Graeme Wynn's chin. Artie showed us all that night what it meant to be a Queenslander. He was one of the greatest blokes you'd ever want to meet on the street."

Former Qld State of Origin team-mate, Chris 'Choppy' Close:

"He had a presence about him and a magnetism and charisma and I'm thinking how could anyone tackle him, how could they stop him... I still think he's probably the greatest rugby league forward this country's ever produced, and will remain that way."

Campaigner honoured

By TRACI WILLIAMS



THE Jewish Museum in Sydney has honoured Aboriginal protester William

Cooper with a panel unveiled in the museum telling the story of his support for the Jewish people in the lead-up to World War II.

At an event to mark the occasion at the Jewish Museum recently, Cooper's great grandson, Kevin Russell, said he was honoured to speak about the life of his grandfather and the recognition by the Jewish community.

"My great grandfather couldn't practise language, culture and traditions," he said.

"He was treated as a living black dog."

Russell says Cooper learned to read and write as a young boy at Maloga mission.

In his 70s, he read about what was happening in Germany and knew it was wrong.

A major Nazi program was being conducted against the Jewish community. Known as Kristallnacht, it involved the persecution and intimidation of Germany's Jewish population.

On 6 December 1938, Cooper led a delegation of the Australian

Aboriginal League to the German Consulate in Melbourne to deliver a petition which condemned the 'cruel persecution of the Jewish people by the Nazi government of Germany'.

Cooper was refused entry at the German Consulate and so he left the petition at the gate.

"It was almost inconceivable that one man would get up and fight and for that the Jewish community is grateful," said chief executive of the Jewish National Fund of Australia, Rob Schneider at the event.

King

"In my opinion, he was the Martin Luther King of Australia."

The panel will sit amongst the timeline of history in the Jewish Museum in Sydney.

"It's a remarkable story," said Jewish Museum historian, Konrad Kweit.

"It's the story of a proud Aboriginal Elder who fiercely fought for Aboriginal people in Parliament and for land rights. It was a remarkable gesture of humanity that forged a bond between the Aboriginal and Jewish communities."

"This panel has an important place in the museum," said CEO



Kevin Russell, left, who spoke about the deeds of his great grandfather William Cooper, pictured with more descendants of William Cooper – Barbara McDonogh, Sharyn McDonogh and Michael McDonogh, along with Auschwitz survivor, Viola Wertheim, and Peter Wertheim, executive director of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

of the Jewish Museum, Norman Seligman.

"Seventeen-thousand visitors to the museum each year will see the courage of William

Cooper and the important lesson of who stood up for the Jews when no-one else did."

In describing what he called the amazing journey that was

Williams Cooper's life, Rob Schneider had the last words: "May his memory be an inspiration and a blessing for all of us."



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2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Documentary)
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)
6:30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary)
11:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Grounded PG (Documentary)
1:00 Rural Health Education Foundation PG (Documentary)
2:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time2 G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Grounded G (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
8:00 Strong In the City PG (Documentary)
8:30 On the Edge PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 The Making of Samson and Delilah PG (Documentary)
10:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

12:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Documentary)
6:00 Letter Box G (Documentary)
6:30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Urban Clan PG (Documentary)
11:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Grounded PG (Documentary)
1:00 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
1:30 Strong In the City PG (Documentary)
2:00 On the Edge PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Grounded G (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Summer Series NC (Sport)
8:00 Rodeo: Life on the Circuit PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 When Two Tribes Go To War PG (Documentary)
9:30 Land of the Little Kings PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

12:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Documentary)
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)
6:30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Rural Health Education Foundation PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Grounded PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Barefoot Summer Series NC (Sport)
1:30 Rodeo: Life on the Circuit PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Grounded G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Pacifica - Sth Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Night Cries: A Rural Tragedy PG (Documentary)
9:30 Gulpit!: One Red Blood PG (Documentary)
10:30 Crocodile Dreaming M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:00 Bizou G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Letter Box G (Kids)
9:30 Yeyekerte G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Yaarmz 4 PG (Documentary)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
3:00 Rural Health Education Foundation PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
4:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 The Making of Samson and Delilah PG (Documentary)
7:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
7:30 Rose against the Odds PG (Drama)
8:30 Rose Against the Odds PG (Drama)
9:30 Rose Against the Odds PG (Drama)
10:30 Rose Against the Odds PG (Drama)
11:30 Samson and Delilah M (Drama)

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

1:30 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
7:30 Gene Boy Came Home PG (Documentary)
8:00 Rose against the Odds PG (Drama)
9:00 Rose Against the Odds PG (Drama)
10:00 Rose Against the Odds PG (Drama)
11:00 Rose Against the Odds PG (Drama)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 NATSIBA 2011 NC (Sport)
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5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Yarning Up: Behind the Scenes PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 In a League of Their Own PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 In a League of Their Own PG (Documentary Series)
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9:00 Wind PG (Drama)
9:30 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)
10:00 Green Bush PG (Documentary)
10:30 Fish - An Unborn Soul PG (Documentary)
11:30 Beyond the Dreamtime PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER

1:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Documentary Series)
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)
6:30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids)
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10:00 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Ngati NRL NC (Sport)
11:00 Ngati NRL NC (Sport)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Grounded PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Rasta In Aotearoa PG (Documentary)
1:30 Ta Moko PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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5:00 Grounded G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Samoana PG (Documentary)
8:00 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Mer Rkrwer-akert PG (Documentary)
9:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 In the Shed PG (Documentary)
10:30 Ravens and Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

12:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Documentary Series)
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11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
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2:00 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
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6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Apekathe PG (Documentary)
8:00 Rural Health Education Foundation PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Not a Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)

WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER

12:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
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6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Lore of Love PG (Documentary)
8:00 Desert Healing PG (Documentary)
8:30 On the Edge PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 In Search Of Bony PG (Documentary)
10:30 The Forgotten PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)

THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER

12:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Documentary Series)
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)
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1:30 On the Edge PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Summer Series NC (Sport)
8:00 Rodeo: Life on the Circuit PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Footy: The La Perouse Way PG (Documentary)
9:30 Cane Toads: Unnatural History PG (Documentary)
10:30 Crocodile Dreaming PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)

FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER

12:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Documentary Series)
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)
6:30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Rural Health Education Foundation PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Grounded PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Barefoot Summer Series NC (Sport)
1:30 Cane Toads: Unnatural History PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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5:00 Grounded G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Gamma Live PG (Documentary)
10:00 Yidaki PG (Documentary)
10:30 Yaarmz PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:00 Kai ORA G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Yamba's Christmas Surprise G (Kids)
9:30 Yeyekerte PG (Kids)
10:30 Yaarmz PG (Documentary)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Rural Health education PG (Doc Series)
4:00 Yaarmz PG (Documentary)
4:30 Yidaki PG (Documentary)
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 In Search Of Bony PG (Documentary)
7:00 Visit to a Chief's Son G (Drama)
8:30 Bush Bands Bash PG (Entertainment)

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER

1:30 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
7:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Yeyekerte G (Kids)
10:30 Yaarmz PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes PG (Doc)
1:00 NATSIBA 2008 NC (Sport)
2:00 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 Island of Origin Kriole Versio NC (Sport)
4:00 QLD Indigenous Golf C'ships 08 NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Babakueria PG (Documentary)
6:30 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Blood Brothers PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Blood Brothers PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Moose TV PG (Entertainment)
10:00 Blood Brothers PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Bits of Black Business PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER

12:00 Boxing Day M (Drama)
1:30 The New Black M (Documentary)
2:30 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)
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4:00 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)
4:30 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Documentary Series)
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)
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7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Ngati NRL NC (Sport)
11:00 Ngati NRL NC (Sport)
11:30 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Grounded PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Doc Series)
1:30 Cool School Antarctica PG (Doc Series)
2:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Doc Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Grounded PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
7:30 Hotere PG (Documentary)
9:00 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)
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10:00 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
11:30 Going Bush PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER

12:00 InTune 09 PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Documentary Series)
6:00 Letter Box G (Kids)
6:30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Letterbox Pro G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Ngati NRL NC (Sport)
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11:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Grounded PG (Documentary Series)
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6:30 The Dreaming G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Ravens and Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Rural Health Education Foundation PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)



At risk kids targeted

By DARREN COYNE



A NEW program is under way in northern New South Wales

aimed at getting young people off the streets and keeping them out of trouble.

Aimed predominantly at Aboriginal kids, the program will target a group of 20 young people, aged from 14 to 18 years old, from Lismore, Ballina, Casino and Coraki.

Running on alternative Fridays for eight weeks, the young people will be picked up from their homes, taken to the PCYC in Lismore and given a meal.

Activities

They will then take part in activities such as Aboriginal art, kickboxing, basketball, small motor construction and maintenance, as well as receive information on getting a driver's licence, healthy lifestyles, domestic violence and drugs and alcohol.

The sessions will also provide an opportunity for the young people to interact in a positive way with police.

The Richmond Local Area Command, Lismore

PCYC Police, Aboriginal Justice Group, the Attorney-General's Department and the Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Lands Council are all involved in the program.

Richmond LAC acting superintendent, Inspector Greg Moore said the program was a great initiative that would be supported by local police.

"We struggle at times with youth on the streets at night and are often told that the reason for this is that there is nothing else to do," Insp Moore said.

"Hopefully, this program will stop those young people from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour."

Senior Sergeant Brett Marshall, the commander of the Northern PCYC zone that stretches from Tweed Heads to Port Macquarie, and out to Tamworth, said he hoped other government agencies in those areas would support similar programs.

The project was conceived by Amanda Dodds, from the Aboriginal Justice Group, as a way of addressing a range of social issues including isolation, access to sporting activities, healthy lifestyles and crime prevention.



Amanda Dodds, from the Aboriginal Justice Group in the Attorney-General's Department, shakes hands with Senior Constable Sarah Marcon. Looking on are Lismore PCYC manager Nicole Crook, Lismore Police Aboriginal liaison officer Ros Sten, deputy registrar Mel Everson, acting superintendent Inspector Greg Moore, senior registrar Michael Knock, Senior Sergeant Brett Marshall and acting Inspector Mick Smith.

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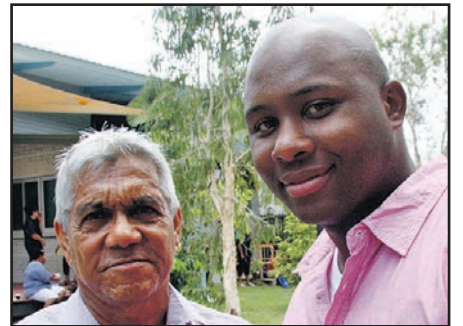
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Debbie Kilroy, Georgina Haines and Shireen Malamoo.

Broad range of topics covered

By CHRISTINE HOWES in Townsville



FROM the openly angry to the quietly fuming, the First Nation's Pathways Conference in Townsville last month had them all.

Human rights campaigner Dr Gracelyn Smallwood organised the three-day conference, backed by a team from James Cook University and a huge posse of volunteers.

Their combined efforts attracted more than 60 speakers and 150 delegates including experienced activists from throughout the country and overseas, including Palm Islander Lex Wotton in his first sanctioned public appearance under his notoriously strict bail conditions.

Sessions covered human rights, justice, constitution, education, health, land rights, trans-generational trauma and the environment.

One speaker, African-American woman Juanda Honore, spent 17 years as a Los Angeles police officer and then worked for some years with a group focused on economically empowering underserved urban communities and teaching entrepreneurship.

Ms Honore said what she had heard at the conference resonated deeply with her own experiences.

"The plight of the Aboriginal people is very, very similar to a lot of the issues that we have faced as blacks in the States," she said.

"We fall into the category of poor education, especially with our youth, low employment, a lot of crime in the communities that we're a part of and just

not a lot of opportunities that we would like to have available."

Native American scholar Professor Bette Jacobs said the key was communities working together, as well as maintaining language.

Huge redwood trees in California were

"Palm, regardless of all the kicking in the guts we've faced, we continue as a community to get up, to hold our heads high and continue to be strong, and that's what makes a community," he said.

"It's about leading for tomorrow and continuing the fight of a lot of Aboriginal



Eileen Hoosen, Jeff McMullan, Les Malezer and Kylie Wilson.

hundreds, possibly thousands, of years old even though they only had a shallow root system, Prof Jacobs said to illustrate their point.

"(But) they stay upright because their roots are intertwined."

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey spoke on issues from an Aboriginal community perspective.

leaders who are sitting in the room, and many of who aren't here today.

"One of the best things I think I've probably got is my community degree because that's what you need in black community, not a university degree.

"One of the things that Palm has to be aware of in terms of creating a good future for these young leaders is...the

bureaucratic suffocation that's going on in our community and the layers and layers of bureaucracy that are continually choking our community."

Mr Lacey said he could say from experience that 'Someone else is always setting the agenda for us'.

"The other important thing is as a community we must also understand lateral violence, and I certainly thank Chris Sarra for the way he spoke about it yesterday," he said.

"What we've got to do as leaders in our own community is pull up that type of violence or gossiping or whatever against our own people because we become our own worst enemy.

"At the end of the day, the people who will get the blame on the ground are the community leaders who have to take the whacks and the kicks and everything else from community members.

"It's important to understand also that the answers lie within us."

Kooma man Wayne Coco Wharton spoke on education, activism and gatekeepers.

"I've never been an Australian citizen, never going to be an Australian citizen," he said. "I'm an active participant in the Cold War against the colonialists that occupy this country by force.

"I've defended my country, acted in a manner to defend my country in any way, shape or form that needs my survival and the survival of my family.

"No way, in my lifetime or any of my family's lifetime, have we consented our freedom and our ownership of our country to any foreign-occupied force. Never.

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First Nations Pathways Conference



Dorothy Hellyer, Mariah Hellyer and Dorothy Smith.



Maria Tattersall, Kath Naden and Lynne Mitchell, from Broken Hill.



Jackie Huggins and Michelle Deshong.



Jim Gaston and Dr Ellen Ariel.



Josephine Sailor and Paul Pedro.

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"Our mob are in crisis. This time, I'll call it the Time of the Gatekeepers.

"This is the time of the 'haves' and the 'have nots'. There are black gatekeepers getting paid to do a job that they don't want to do because they don't want to upset their employers and lose their car payments, lose their mortgage, lose their jobs, get upset and get kicked out. They're gutless.

"We knocked down the doors in the seventies and eighties. These fellows built new doors and new fences, and they put up new gates. We have to take them on.

"Every community, at your board level, at your organisation level, you've got to take these people on. You've got to make them accountable."

National Congress co-chair Les Malezer called on people to think more seriously about the UN Human Rights Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

"My speech was a little bit different from the number of speeches I've given since



Seated: Eddie Savage, Tyiesha Tapim-Savage, Sherry Kay-Savage. Standing L-R: Topsy Tapim, Samara Luta, Kenny Wano, Aicey Zaro, Elia Terare, Nanette Ahmat, Norita Morseau-Diop, Watalip Ahmat, Danny Foulkes-Morseau and Millianna Davey.



Naianga's TSI catering crew – Florence Schwartz, David Smallwood, Naianga Tamwoy and Miriam Luta.



Josephine Sailor, Dee Sailor, Wayne Wharton, Joann Schmider and Cilla Pryor.



Francesa Purcell, Latonia Leo, Sherry-Kay Swag and Petula Heron at the conference.



Kylie Sambo, Dianne Stokes and Jenny Munro.

I've come into the Congress, mainly because I'm interested in what's going on at the community level as I've been travelling around," Mr Malezer said.

He said some key elements of the Declaration were particularly relevant.

"The first one is that the Declaration confirms that we are peoples. If it didn't do that then our rights would only be the same rights that already exist in the universal Declaration on Human Rights," he said.

Property rights

"The other important provision is our rights to property, our rights to land, our rights to territories, to waters and to resources.

"And these are rights that Indigenous peoples are denied around the world that, you know, we've seen to be just as simply being merged and to be treated the same, and no better, than the citizens of the country which has colonised us.

"The country that has colonised us now has to recognise that we are now, in fact, peoples who hold title to property, who hold title to resources and so on, and that

the country has to deal with this arrangement. So how do we react as peoples when our people are being killed or murdered by invaders or foreign elements or aliens, whatever you want to say as to rally together?" Mr Malezer said.

"In the Palm Island case, it's quite clear what happened – an injustice was perpetrated from the very time Mulrunji died and, when they sent the family away who come to inquire after him and then didn't tell the family until four hours later that he died, the injustice had already been committed.

"So the sort of the thing the whole island should have rallied about and reacted to had already happened at that stage.

"As we know, it took quite a while before the community did decide to take on-the-street action. So it wasn't a riot, it was a revolution. As a peoples we got to say: 'We will not accept this'.

"...The work I've been doing in the UN in the National Congress is the same that Lex Wotton is doing, we're doing the same thing. We're saying we have to rally as

peoples and we have to insist this is the way we want things to be done.

"The only thing that hasn't happened is that our people haven't yet woken up to the fact that this is a revolution."

Dr Smallwood said the conference achieved what it set out to do, that is to provide an opportunity to discuss national and international issues and challenge the way forward for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"We have a real balance of gentle and non-gentle people but, let me tell you brothers and sisters, there's black and white in this audience, and most conferences don't let activists talk. I haven't given up the fight.

"Whether you are in the bureaucracy or out of it, you can make changes as a Christian or a non-Christian person, as a black or a white person.

"And it's very difficult for you working in the system to fight the system, I know that. We've all been there. And, if we didn't have heavy activists, a lot of you people – both black and white here today – wouldn't be sitting in your seats."

European challenge



AN Aboriginal leader is taking his challenge of Australian sovereignty over his traditional land all the way to some of Europe's biggest courts.

Michael Anderson, from Goodooga in northwest NSW, will travel to Europe this month in an attempt to prove the Euahlayi people should not be subject to Australian rule.

Mr Anderson is due to have discussions at the International Court of Justice in The Hague and the European Court of Human Rights, in France.

A lot of his case will be based on a promise he claims was made by Queen Victoria to Aborigines that they would keep their lands, law and leaders.

Mr Anderson maintains the promise is still on the British statute books.

"The British parliament have in their statute books an act that recognises the continuance of Aboriginal sovereignty and dominion over our people and lands," he said in a statement.

"It is a major political and legal blunder on the part of the Australians and the British.

"Our time for pro-active political and legal action has come." – AAP

Auntie Girlie's 90 years of happiness



Auntie Girlie (Ila) Purdon, above and right, with her cake at Leprena Aboriginal Uniting Congress community centre.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



RESPECTED Tasmanian Aboriginal Elder Girlie (Ila) Purdon celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends in Hobart last week, and is looking forward to celebrating a wonderful 90th Christmas.

Her Christmas wishes are simple and sincere: 'love and happiness, and a wonderful Christmas with family and friends'.

'Auntie Girlie', who is independent, active, healthy except for some arthritis, says she holds no secrets to a long life.

"You've just got to fit in with the changes and accept what's out there," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'm happy all the time, basically you have to be happy, you can't criticise people out there doing things you don't like, you've got to accept it."

Auntie Girlie was treated to two 90th birthday celebrations, a family gathering on the Saturday leading up to her birthday and a community gathering at Leprena Aboriginal

Uniting Congress community centre, attended by about 80 people.

"I am in a good place, I feel good about everything, I feel calm," she said.

The mother-of-three, grandmother-of-seven, great grandmother-of-thirteen and great, great grandmother-of-five was born on Cape Barren Island on 6 December 1921, and grew up on Flinders Island.

Auntie Girlie says life back then, almost a century ago, was a lot more relaxing and no one worried as much.

She recalls an island life style before electricity, television and cars.

"You had a little wireless if you were lucky enough, and we did a lot of walking," she said.

"We had no electricity, we had kerosene lamps and fat lamps; a jam tin with soil and filled up with mutton bird fat and bit of old sheet twirled for a wick."

She is happy to enjoy the comforts of the modern world though. "To go back [to those days] for a holiday would be beautiful," she said.



Registration of interest



Delivery of Indigenous social housing

Building contractors and suppliers of residential building systems are invited to register their interest in potential tender opportunities from a program delivering affordable social housing for Indigenous people across Queensland over the period 2012-18.

Indigenous owned enterprises are encouraged to participate in this program.

This \$1.56 billion program is part of a coordinated effort by government to improve the standard of housing for Indigenous people and includes:

- New construction and upgrade projects for 34 remote Indigenous communities across Queensland
- New construction and upgrade projects for Indigenous housing state-wide.

Key objectives of the program include:

- Delivery of sustainable housing
- Addressing community expectations
- Support for local Indigenous employment, training and enterprise development

Individual packages of work may range from \$500,000 to \$10 million however some package values may be outside this range depending on specific program requirements.

Any solutions offered should be capable of delivering an integrated service, taking a community based schematic design and delivering finished homes complete with all design development, construction, on-site services and any statutory approvals.

Registration of Interest – No commercial offer is requested at this time. By submitting a response to this registration of interest, contractors acknowledge that this is not intended to create any contract or other legally enforceable relationship.

Registration Of Interest (ROI) documentation is available from Wednesday 7th December 2011 in electronic format and can be accessed by following the links to eTender from: www.qgm.qld.gov.au

Registration closes at: Project Services Electronic Tender Box.
2.00pm Wednesday 18th January 2012

For further information in relation to the program and this registration of interest please contact Keith Whenmouth - Director Program Delivery, Indigenous Communities Works Group on ph (07) 40573066.



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WA police pick up 40 kids after dark



WEST Australian police have picked up 40 children roaming Perth streets after dark over the first weekend of an operation to cut juvenile crime. Operation Safe Place was launched the week before last to target known offenders and other children found wandering the streets unsupervised at night. WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan told reporters last week that 40 unaccompanied children had been intercepted by police over the preceding weekend, with 18 taken to a

new crisis care facility in the southern suburb of Bentley. Others were taken home. "Quite a number of those kids were 12 and 13 years old," Mr O'Callaghan said. "They were found around the railway line in the very early hours of the morning and I think any reasonable person would think that's not a good place for a 12 or 13-year-old to be." Mr O'Callaghan said he expected the number of unaccompanied children picked up after dark would increase in coming weeks.

The Police Commissioner has previously spoken out about Aboriginal youth crime that makes up more than half of all juvenile offences in WA. He said statistics showed juveniles were responsible for more than half of all property crime in WA, and that there was a crime spike each year between November and April, when children were out of school and the weather was warm. He said police had been forced to act by irresponsible parents who allowed their children to roam alone late at night and often got into trouble. – AAP

Focus on disability

By CHRISTINE HOWES



WALKING the walk from a wheelchair? Not an easy task, for sure, but Byron Albury, who heads up the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network in Queensland, says he is doing just that.

Mr Albury was speaking at a workshop held in Townsville early this month, where the focus was on disability and employment issues called 'Clever Business – Smart Thinking For Everyone'.

The workshop was timely given Australia's recent ranking as the worst country in the developed world for quality of life for Australians – any and all Australians – with a disability.

PricewaterhouseCoopers said in their report 'Disability Expectations – Investing in a Better Life, a Stronger Australia' that quality of life for the disabled in Australia was at an unacceptable level.

"Currently, almost one in two people with a disability in Australia live in or near poverty (45 per cent)," the influential company said.

Bottom of the heap

"Globally, Australia is at the bottom of the heap, it is ranked 27th out of 27 OECD countries."

At the Townsville workshop, First People's Disability Network Australia executive officer Damian Griffis said very few Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a disability were employed.

"There's very few Aboriginal people with disability in employment – very, very small numbers," Mr Griffis said.

"If there are, it's really only by chance – not really by design.



Workshop participants.

"Only yesterday, Australia was ranked the worst developed country in the world for employment options for people with disabilities.

"If you add the Aboriginal aspect to that, then it's a very extreme percentage.

"Work gives people self-esteem and gives people purpose, but it also gives you income.

"So, when you're living in poverty, the opportunity to earn some money is really critical to be able to support yourself, but also support your own family or your wider community.

"Having a disability is very expensive, a lot of people don't realise that.

"The best thing about today is there's a couple of very practical

examples of some positive programs that have been created for Aboriginal people with disabilities."

Mr Griffis singled out Café 64 in Walgett as one such example.

"That's a café where half the staff are Aboriginal people with disabilities and the half are not, and it provides an important way for Aboriginal people to learn skills in working in a café," he said.

"It's also the most popular café in town too, and is also a legitimate business, so their example is a great one.

"But, sadly, there are very few examples of employment programs focussed on Aboriginal people with disability across the country.

"There's not enough employment programs with people with disabilities full stop, be they Aboriginal or not. We've got a long way to go."

Rare example

Mr Albury said he was a rare example of someone in a chair 'doing the regular every-day bit'.

"I'm probably a key figure in terms of employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland because I'm walking the walk and doing the regular every-day bit," he said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network of Queensland is a network lobby group, so employment is one of the issues we look at.

"Employers will look at the chair before they look at the person in the chair, but that's the



Damian Griffis, Michael Fox and Byron Albury.

stereotype."

Discussion around these and ideas for enterprise was the idea behind the workshop, hosted by RI Australia.

Chair of the organisation Michael Fox said the idea to hold the workshop in Townsville arose a year ago.

"We had a workshop in Sydney a year ago, and the number of people who came from Queensland to the workshop said we should run a similar program in Townsville, focussed on Indigenous Australians with a disability," he said.

"And we've spent the last year organising that.

"We've got about 60 registrations and about 50 have turned up, which is great.

"We're really talking about the transition from education to employment and social inclusion for Indigenous Australians with a disability.

"As a result, all of our talking circles are led by Indigenous

Australians with a disability like Damian and Bryon and other people here.

"The main discussion is about examples of Indigenous Australians with disabilities running successful employment programs as a model and that discussion is run by Indigenous Australia."

'Snappy technology'

Mr Fox said they were also using some 'pretty snappy technology' as well.

"We wanted to develop technology that would be more transportable and as cost-effective as we could," he said.

"So we've managed to get remote Auslan interpreters in Brisbane and we've got the remote real-time captioning in Melbourne.

"And as long as we've got connection for Skype, that means that we can run our accessible technology to any venue, which is pretty exciting."



Byron Albury leading the workshop discussions in front of an amazing array of technology, including an Auslan interpreter in Brisbane and live captioning from Melbourne, both via Skype (centre screen).

Dispute simmers

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE bitter dispute between a West Australian native title group and mining company Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) rolled on last week, despite the commencement of negotiations over access to sacred sites.

The Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) says FMG's Pilbara iron ore project Solomon Hub threatens sacred sites – a claim the company has disputed, invoking support from a rival Aboriginal group.

However, YAC last week met with representatives of the ore company to facilitate access for independent analysis of sacred sites.

Things didn't quite run smoothly, with FMG attempting to impose strict rules that the YAC group not take journalists or recording equipment to the meeting. But YAC anthropologist Phil Davies said the commencement of the negotiations was an encouraging development.

Late last month, the Solomon Hub was inspected by the WA Registrar of Aboriginal Sites Kathryn Przywolnik.

FMG said the review of the heritage values was

done with traditional owners from Wiru- Murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (WYAC), a rival group splintered from YAC.

YAC member Ned Cheedy, 105, is the most senior Yindjibarndi Elder and lawman.

Widely acknowledged for his leadership, Mr Cheedy and other senior Elders represent considerable, privileged knowledge about the area's sacred sites.

One of those Elders, Mr Cheedy's niece Mavis Pat said her uncle presently opposed the actions of the mining company, and that above all things she wished to protect the land.

The dynamic between the two rival Aboriginal Corporations has divided the Yindjibarndi community, according to Ms Pat's daughter.

Maisie Pat last week expressed serious concerns to the Supreme Court, that her mother had signed a document later used in court by WYMAC members and lawyers, when she was not fully aware of what it was that she was signing.

That document was an Interlocutory Injunction Application that sought to prevent YAC from holding its annual general meeting.

Mavis Pat is a senior applicant of the Yindjibarndi #1 native title claim that underlies FMG's Solomon Hub, and a member of YAC.

In a subsequent sworn statement to the court, Ms Pat told the Supreme Court that, 'the paper that I signed on Thursday 25-11-11 with Ron Bower, Aileen Sandy and another white woman, I didn't understand it'.

She said she felt pressured by the group of people, who had picked her up and taken her to town to sign it.



A YAC protest outside FMG's annual general meeting in Perth last month.

"...I shouldn't have signed it but I felt they would abuse me if I didn't," she told the court.

"Now that this paper has been explained to me, I don't agree with it.

"I want to protect my land and not mine the land...I am a law woman who supports my Uncle Ned Cheedy. I don't want to destroy that land."

When Mavis Pat's statement was presented in court, lawyers struck her off as a plaintiff, but went ahead with the action on behalf of the remaining two plaintiffs, Aileen Sandy and Sylvia Allen – both WYMAC members.

A YAC spokesperson said Mavis Pat was unaware she agreed to 'pay damages to any party harmed by the interlocutory injunction' by signing it.

In her supporting statement, Maisie Pat said she felt the group had taken advantage of her mother, who she said could not read well.

"She shouldn't be pressured by others," Maisie Pat said.

"The Wiru-Murra solicitors should not come and see Mavis without me. I need to be able to be there to explain to her what she is signing.

"Where is the justice in this system for our people? There is none. All we get is these white fellas come into our community and tell us what to do all the time. We are sick of it. We are entitled to be respected.

"I would like to meet face to face with Andrew Forrest. I would like to give him a piece of my mind. He is doing the wrong thing, 'you are dividing our family that was once close.'"

Mavis Pat complained that she was also included as a plaintiff in another court action against the YAC in June without her consent.

YAC directors said they would support Mavis Pat to get a restraining order against the lawyer who got her to sign the document, and would help her complain about the incident to the WA Legal Profession Complaints Committee.

In a further development on Friday, YAC issued a statement accusing FMG of imposing 'apartheid-like' rules on Yindjibarndi visits to country.

The group said, having acquired a limited right to mine in Yindjibarndi country, FMG was now demanding that Yindjibarndi people stay out of their traditional country and apply to FMG 'managers' for permission in writing to enter.

In a statement, YAC's CEO Michael Woodley said its members were visiting the Solomon Hub area to 'peacefully go about their cultural business, not to prevent FMG from exercising any of its mining rights'.



Government of South Australia

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Extension of period inviting Aboriginal feedback

Have your say on the Draft State Natural Resources Management Plan

The Natural Resources Management (NRM) Council invites Aboriginal people and communities to submit written/verbal feedback on the draft State NRM Plan.

The State NRM Plan, developed by the NRM Council sets the direction for South Australia in the management of its natural resources.

Submissions from Aboriginal people and communities close **Tuesday 31 January 2012**.

Where to find a copy of the draft plan:

- the "Have Your Say" website www.environment.sa.gov.au/haveyoursay/draftstatenrmplan
- Regional NRM Board offices - visit www.nrm.sa.gov.au for addresses
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Level 1, 100 Pirie Street, Adelaide
- Your local council office
- Upon request - statenrmplan@sa.gov.au, 08 8124 4858 or NRM Council, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide, SA 5001

How to submit your feedback:

- Upload your submission/comment on the 'Have Your Say' website
- Email your submission directly to the NRM Council statenrmplan@sa.gov.au
- Post your submission to NRM Council, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide, SA 5001
- Telephone your feedback to 08 8124 4858

Please note: we will not be able to incorporate any new feedback received after 31 January 2012 as the final Plan is due for release by April 2012.

Sections that may be of interest:

- Target 2 Measures (page 12)
- Priority Actions 2 and 8 (page 20)

For more information please contact the State NRM Plan Project Team on 08 8124 4858.

www.environment.sa.gov.au

Stolen Gen advocate honoured with award



A STAUNCH advocate of the Stolen Generations, who died earlier this year, has been recognised and

honoured for her work.

Lola Jane Edwards passed away on 1 August but on Friday was announced as the winner of the Community Individual Award at the 2011 Human Rights Awards.

Ms Edwards was born in 1946 in the northern New South Wales town of Tingha, a proud member of the Anaiwan and Gamilaroi Aboriginal Nations.

At the age of four, she and her siblings were taken from their family, community and country. Young Lola was sent to the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Training Home in southern NSW. She did not see her mother again until she was in her 30s and never met her father.

Throughout her life, Ms Edwards consistently and tirelessly worked for social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Two of many important recommendations that were included in the landmark *Bringing Them Home* report, were the direct result of her persistence – a national apology by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and an annual Sorry Day.

Ms Edwards was a member of Link-Up (NSW) and in 1995/6, together with



The late Lola Jane Edwards.

the late Carol Kendall, Lola was appointed to the specialist team which travelled extensively throughout NSW conducting 30 preparatory forums to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including members of the Stolen Generations, to give evidence to the Australian Human Rights Commission's Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal People from Their Families.

In Sydney on Friday, Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) president Catherine Branson QC congratulated all awardees for their 'extraordinary efforts in protecting and promoting human rights in Australia'.

Queens Counsel Ron Merkel took out the top award, the Human Rights Medal.

"For 40 years, Ron Merkel has devoted himself to access to justice for

people who are marginalised and disadvantaged. He has had a long and outstanding commitment to the promotion and advancement of human rights as a legal practitioner," said Ms Branson.

"Ron Merkel takes on cases that many others would avoid and his advocacy spreads far and wide including defending the rights of prisoners to vote in elections and protecting the rights of Indigenous Australians not to be racially discriminated against.

"In addition to his extensive human rights advocacy, Ron has occupied a number of important positions, including founding trustee of the Koori Aboriginal Heritage Trust and president of the Victorian and Australian Councils of Civil Liberties.

Another winner was SBS Radio journalist Stefan Armbruster whose reporting brought the Malu Sara saga to national attention won the Radio Award. Mr Armbruster was the first to report on the continuing injustice befalling the victims of the Malu Sara tragedy. His reports gave voice to their frustration and distress with the legal system many years after the immigration patrol boat sank in the Torres Strait on 15 October 2005.

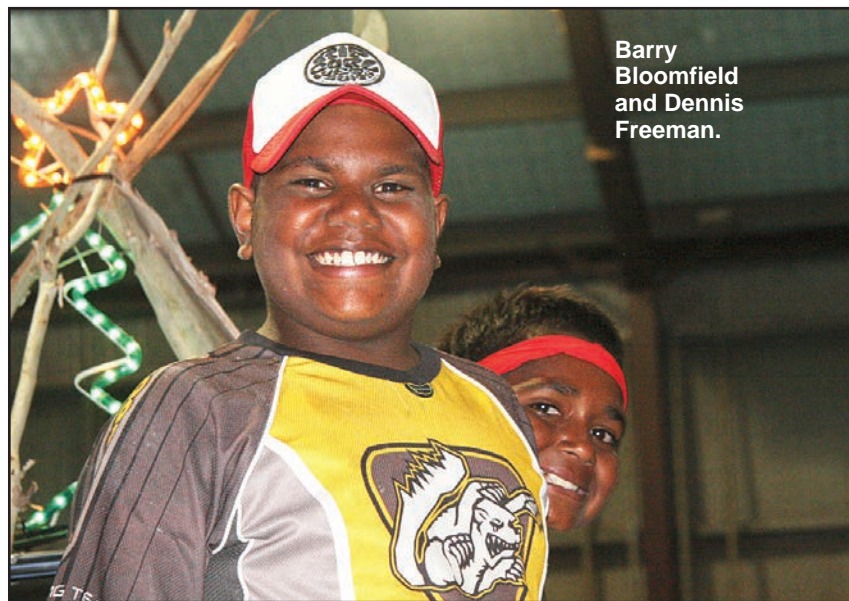
More than 200 entries were received for this year's Human Rights Awards, with 40 finalists selected.



Auntie Rose Thaiday and her great granddaughter Kylarnee Thaiday.



Back, from left, Harrison Blair, Stewart Smith and Chevez Sands; seated, from left, Shaisarn Sands, Ethan Smith and Koebe Smith.



Barry Bloomfield and Dennis Freeman.



Gianni Evans, Sheldon Beckett, Campbell Bounghi and Stewart Smith.



Kalisha Daisy, Sharon Gela and Veronica McKinley.



Miriam's Dancing Group.



Pre-preps from Undoonoo Day Care.

Soul to tap, gospel to rap... party had it all

Woorabinda celebrates

By CHRISTNE HOWES



TALENT and sharing was on the menu – along with some deadly kup murri – for Woorabinda's community Christmas party last week.

Just about the whole town turned out to see an afternoon and evening of performances by kids and adults, including a Tongan fire dance offered by special guests to the community from Mareeba and Brisbane.

But that wasn't all – turns out there are people in the Woorabinda community who can dance – everything from soul to tap – and sing – everything from gospel to rap.

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council mayor Paul Adams said they had held their party early so teachers could be included in the mix.

"This is something for our community to say thanks for their services for this year," he said.

"A number of services have kicked in, it's all about networking together.

"Remembering that we've come so far in a short space of time – struggles we had to put up with, but it's all good.

"This year alone, we had a lot of deaths in our community, so we needed something like a Christmas

party to make us realise that life is short and we need to enjoy every aspect of it.

"A Christmas party like this will give us the true meaning of Christmas as well, we invited the churches to be involved.

"We got three churches – the Catholic Church, Anglican and the AIM Church and we wanted them to be a part of the celebration.

"We've also got some Christian mob down from Mareeba and Brisbane and they're from New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa and New Zealand.

"It's time for us to all work together and to build this place up. To me, it's all about the kids, and trying to get programs helping the kids at a proper level.

"It's not all about the hype and grime that you hear in the media and all that stuff; it's sharing and caring.

"Woorabinda is a lovely place and locals would say it's a really good place that's been talked about wrongly. This is all about having fun and also sharing time with family."

Organisers said they were particularly grateful to the people of Woorabinda for supporting the event, the Woorabinda Pastoral Company, the health service and the PCYC.

"I just hope everyone had fun," Mr Adams said.



The Woorabinda Dancers.



The Little Princess Choir.



Nathan Freeman Jnr and Malcolm Freeman.



Year Twos join in the fun.



This young Woorabinda Dancer was enjoying the event, and so was the audience.



Shania Huskic enjoyed the celebrations.

Become a Foster Carer

One third of all children of foster care are Aboriginal, but there are not enough Aboriginal carers to support them. It is important for our future generations to remain connected to community & culture to keep their identity alive. If you are interested in becoming a carer please contact us.

Myimbarr Aboriginal Child, Youth & Family Services has been funded to work together with Family & Community Services in the recruitment and retention of Aboriginal Foster Carers in the Illawarra Region.

Our Foster Care Support service is for;

- Aboriginal Carers and non-Aboriginal Carers caring for Aboriginal children
- Aboriginal people thinking about becoming a Carer for Aboriginal children

We are committed to providing the following services;

- Providing information, assistance and support to become a carer
- Assist Community Services in their recruitment process
- Facilitate carer support groups and activities
- Provide support and advice to both community services and carers to improve the communication, support and training of Aboriginal Carers
- Support network opportunities for foster carers
- Provide access to appropriate training, community and cultural activities and events
- Information and advice

If you are an Aboriginal Carer, non-Aboriginal carer caring for Aboriginal children or are interested in becoming a carer;

Contact: Rod on 4226 3358 or Email: rod@iac.org.au

Aboriginal Heritage Fitzgerald Bridge at Aberdeen

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the new Fitzgerald Bridge at Aberdeen to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:

Penny McCordle
Principal Archaeologist
McCordle Cultural Heritage
P O Box 166
Adamstown NSW 2289

Registrations must be received by Tuesday **3rd January 2012.**

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to build a new bridge over the Hunter River at Aberdeen to allow access for higher mass limit vehicles between Muswellbrook and Tamworth. The project is fully funded by the Australian Government.



- The proposal may result in Roads and Maritime Services:
- applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, and/or
 - undertaking investigations in accordance with the Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010, and/or
 - undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

Kimberley girls sing in Sydney



TEN young girls from the West Australian Kimberley town of Halls Creek, most of them Aboriginal, recently performed at the Sydney Opera House for the Governor-General Quentin Bryce. The group joined members of the Australian Girls Choir during a week-long visit to Sydney as part of a program organised by Girls from Oz to provide opportunities for young women to forge pathways to education, training and employment. Pictured here with a backdrop of the Sydney Harbour Bridge are, at back, from left, Duana Skeen, Brittany Wiltshire, Brooke-Lyn Calwyn, Summah Bedford-McGinty and Hannah Duinker. Front, from left, Lydia Ozies, Kayla Wiltshire, Hayley Jade Edwards, Sophia Gumpoltsberger and Shonita Gordon.

Constructing their future



THIRTY Aboriginal people on Groote Eylandt will be trained to work in the construction industry under a \$395,000 project.

The Australian Government training project in the Gulf of Carpentaria will provide skills in welding, fabrication, construction, civil works, literacy and numeracy, first aid and the nationally recognised OH&S white card.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Mark Arbib and Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon said the project would be managed by Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprises (GEBIE) Civil and Construction.

"The project will provide accredited and non-accredited training to Aboriginal workers, creating valuable transferable

skills to work on upcoming construction projects and pursue further employment opportunities on Groote Eylandt," Senator Arbib said.

"Early this year I visited Groote Eylandt and saw the fantastic work GEBIE Civil and Construction are doing to provide long term skills and job opportunities for Aboriginal Australians.

"The training this project provides will support the long term economic sustainability of the Groote Eylandt community and will help maintain job opportunities for Aboriginal workers.

Senator Arbib said the project would involve partnerships with the local Job Services Australia provider, GEBIE Job Shop, and Angurugu School and Registered Training Organisations, employees of GEBIE Civil and Construction,

Mr Snowdon said tailored mentoring

support would be provided to assist the project's participants to retain employment.

"Locals on Groote Eylandt face many barriers to employment including, transport, family considerations and understanding of the work environment. I am particularly pleased that support will be provided to assist people with literacy and numeracy," Mr Snowdon said.

Senator Arbib said it was critical that Indigenous Australians had the support and training they needed to take up employment opportunities.

"Over the next four years the Australian Government has committed almost \$650 million to the Indigenous Employment Program," Senator Arbib said. "This is part of the Australian Government's target to create more than 100,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians by 2018."



Panels tell a traditional Tasmanian Aboriginal creation story. – Photo by Graham Sanders

History re-born

The story of Needwonnee people told in a unique way

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE completion of a unique Aboriginal story-telling experience at Melaleuca, in Tasmania's remote South-West World Heritage Area, was celebrated with a launch in Hobart last week.

Melaleuca can only be accessed by air, sea or a one-week walk, but receives an estimated 7000 visitors each year.

Onsite art panels, a campsite, canoe and traditional and contemporary fibre works, all carefully and passionately crafted by today's Tasmanian Aboriginal people, tell the story of the Needwonnee people and their lifestyle, who last lived on their homelands more than 180 years ago.

The Needwonnee heritage walk campsite features a dome-shaped hut, spears and a fire hearth; finer details were not overlooked – there are also stone tools, waddies (war clubs), woven baskets, a shell necklace, kelp water carrier and shells from edible shell fish.

The art panels tell the creation story set in nearby Cox's Bight.

In many ways the installation also tells a story of today's Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal artist Leonie Dickson, who worked on the project, said she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"I loved it, it was good fun to be there with the young ones," Ms Dickson said.

"It's important we took young ones with us, it was educating them about their culture and they can pass that down, with the making of the spears and the waddies and the baskets.

"For tourists, it's a Tasmanian Aboriginal cultural experience – they see it how it was back then.

"We don't have anything like it anywhere else in Tasmania – this is a first, it's really important we get our story out there, we're still here."

Created out of a partnership between



Jamie Green with a bark canoe which is part of the Needwonnee track interpretation experience in Tasmania's remote south west.

– Photo by Fiona Rice

the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (TALSC) and the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), the project funded by the Australian Government's Job Fund employed more than ten Aboriginal people.

"This is a great example of how well-targeted Australian Government investments are making a real difference to communities and individuals across Australia by improving employment prospects and promoting communities through heritage value," said Federal Employment Participation Minister Kate Ellis.

Turning point

Tasmanian Environment, Parks and Heritage Minister Brian Wightman said the walk marked a turning point in the interpretation of Tasmania's extraordinary Aboriginal heritage.

"The Needwonnee Walk experience is unlike any other," Mr Wightman said.

"Unlike most interpretive attractions, these installations are made from materials that won't last. Over time, they'll wear away and return to the landscape.

"That means the scenery constantly changes over time, providing regular opportunities for participants to celebrate their traditions by refurbishing huts or creating new installations.

"It's a fitting tribute to the Needwonnee people, who lived a transient lifestyle, with homes and tools that were mobile, not permanent."

Mr Wightman, who infamously signed the permit to allow a bridge to be built over 40,000-year-old heritage at kutralayna for the Brighton Bypass road within days of becoming Minister, hoped the launch would also be a turning point in his relationship with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

'Difficult start'

"As many of you would know, my relationship with the Aboriginal community got off to a somewhat difficult start," he conceded.

"For me, the past 12 months has been about learning, learning about Aboriginal

culture and the place that it plays in Tasmania and learning how to rebuild those relationships which were made difficult, obviously by the Brighton Bypass.

"I think we have a long way to go. I believe it is time for education to lead the way, particularly in appreciation of Aboriginal cultural material in Tasmania. I hope it's a turning point in our relationship."

Mr Wightman said the day was a significant one for him, being the first time he was involved in a launch with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

The project also includes a booklet, which tells the story of the Needwonnee people and a ten-minute DVD which tells the story of the Needwonnee people and the creation of the heritage walk.



Aboriginal fibre artists Leonie Dickson and Verna Nichols crafted creation figures from local materials. – Photo by Fiona Rice



Sam Lennox, Verna Nichols, Anthony Dillon, Leonie Dickson, Jay-Dee Jackson and Sky Maynard, who all worked on the project at the Needwonnee launch in Hobart.



An impressive traditional carving knife was made especially for the IPA celebrations and this enormous cake. From left are Senator Jan McLucas, Malcolm Pearce (Fisheries Qld), Wolf Sievers (Qld Parks and Wildlife), Vince Mundraby, Andrew Maclean (Wet Tropics) and Mike Berwick.

A new era dawns

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



VINCE Mundraby is a patient man. As interim chair of Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation, he's had to be.

For the Mandingalbay Yidinji people of Cairns, the recent dedication of an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) has heralded a new era in land and sea conservation and management.

For the past 50 years, much of Mandingalbay Yidinji country just east of Cairns, across the Trinity Inlet, was divided into Government protected areas including Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, Grey Peaks National Park, East Trinity Environmental Reserve, Giangurra Reserve and the Trinity Inlet Fish Habitat.

That's about to change. A recent dedication ceremony in Cairns saw traditional owners, Elders, community representatives and government officials come together to celebrate a milestone in Indigenous self-determination and 'taking care of country our way'.

The Mandingalbay Yidinji IPA takes in almost 10,000 hectares of diverse natural environments including marine areas, mangroves, freshwater and wetlands, rainforest clad

mountains, coastal plains, beaches, reefs and islands.

Partner agencies – Djunbunji Land and Sea Program, Wet Tropics Management Authority, Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), Terrain Natural Resource Management, Cairns City Council, Fisheries Queensland and the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities – have all played a role in getting the IPA off the ground.

According to traditional owners, the complex challenges involved in a multi-tenured IPA also brought unparalleled commitment and dedication from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners, and that is part of the agreement's success.

It is the first IPA to be established over government protected areas and the first to take in sea country, in this case almost 1,600 hectares of saltwater wetland and marine area.

But for the Mandingalbay Yidinji people, it's the start of another journey, and this will be where the real challenges lie. The real work now will be to translate the goodwill and intentions of the partner agencies into real employment outcomes, better health and housing.

"We've been here for a long, long time, the traditional owner



Traditional owner David Mundraby.

groups aren't going anywhere. It's about getting down, sitting around the campfire and working out how we can work with our partner agencies to actually achieve better management and work out better ways of conservation," Mr Mundraby said.

"What we're trying to do is work together and the IPA is the vehicle. The only petrol in the tank that's needed now is the will of all the stakeholders, it's a new time for all of us but I do believe we have the answers."

It is hoped that through the IPA, the region will get a much-needed boost.

"Putting in better management practices will demonstrate to the

rest of the world that Cairns is a vibrant place, that we will get back on top of things and manage our natural resources in a culturally appropriate way with our partners," Mr Mundraby said.

"We want people to see country our way, we don't see any lines or national parks."

"Not only as Mandingalbay people but we as the community of Cairns and the region are demonstrating that with the three levels of government all the major partners and the people of Cairns, this is the way forward for natural resource management and we're going to promote this to the world."

The next step, Mr Mundraby said, was to advance the IPA to the next stage – self-sufficiency and leadership in Indigenous land and sea management.

"The question for us now is how do we fit into our partner agency's management plans and regimes, how can we take up the responsibility with their support and the resourcing?" he said.

"That will demonstrate the will and the resolve that the IPA signing was not a hollow token agreement."

"And that is the issue, how do we enshrine ourselves within the workings of our partnership organisations?"

With no job pledges yet by any partner agencies, integrating employment initiatives into each partner agency would be

welcomed by traditional owner groups.

"We want to sit down and say to the partner agencies 'How would we be reflected in your operational budgets and plans?' We want to see how many Mandingalbay Yidinji people are working in all of our partner organisations," Mr Mundraby said.

"There should come a time in which we're self-sufficient, where we won't need handouts by government."

"Where we're actually sustaining our existence through service agreements, contractual arrangements, employment within the partner organisations and through the activities we initiate."

Health, education and housing initiatives are also key targets of the IPA.

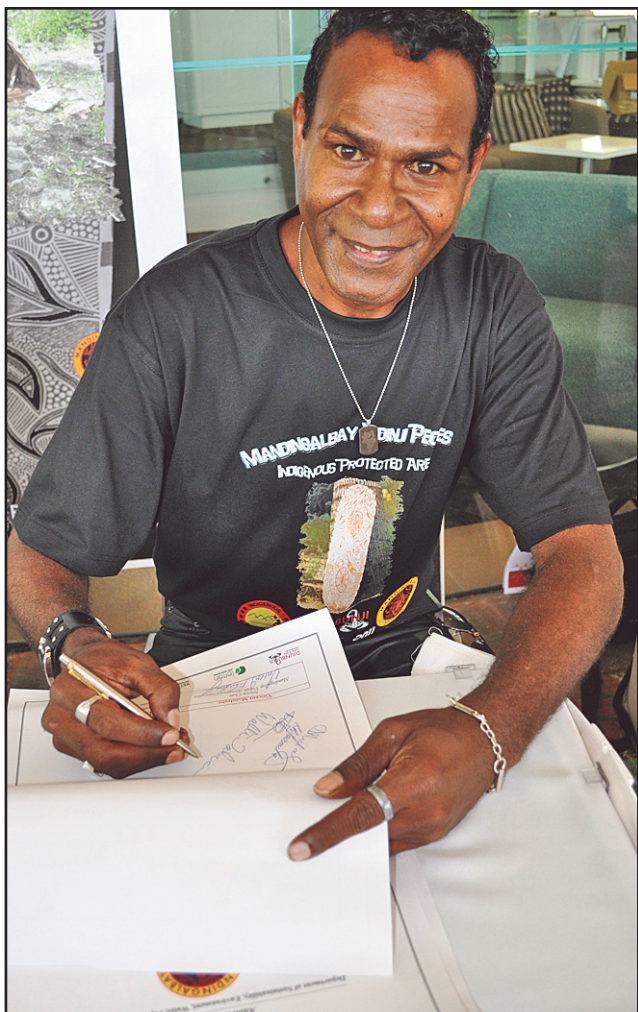
"We want to look back in ten years time and see whether the welfare reforms in our area are working. That might be measured by our life expectancy to see whether we're living a longer life from this point in time due to the granting of an IPA."

"In ten years time we'd like to stand back have a look at Mandingalbay Yidinji people and say we're self-sufficient and we're not getting one cent of handouts from the Government, our people are employed, housed, happy and healthy."

"That's where I want to be in ten years time."



Government officials including Indigenous Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt and Senator Jan McLucas join traditional owners to unveil the official dedication of the Mandingalbay Yidinji IPA.



Walter Tabuai adds his signature to the Mandingalbay Yidinji IPA dedication.



Traditional owner Lillian Fourmile signs the historic dedication.



Traditional owners Isaac Mundraby with his cousin Lillian Fourmile.



These young dancers made the most of the celebration.

Call goes out for expertise, experience



A NEW initiative set up by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation has generated a call for members of the Stolen Generations to contribute their knowledge and expertise.

The initiative will comprise a seven-member reference committee made up of five external members and two representatives from the Healing Foundation Board of Directors.

The National Sorry Day Committee, which supports the initiative, is urging Stolen Generations members to participate.

"Many members of the Stolen Generations are now elderly and time is running out for them," said non-Indigenous co-chair of the National Sorry Day Committee, Sally Fitzpatrick. "Since the apology they have been urgently looking for the next steps to support their healing journey."

She said the National Sorry Day Committee welcomes the Healing Foundation's commitment to making Stolen Generation's healing a key focus of the Foundation's work into the future. The Stolen Generation's reference committee will help to achieve that goal.

"Stolen Generations members want to create their own healing agenda using their skills and strength to support and inspire each other," said Ms Fitzpatrick.

The Stolen Generations reference committee will be tasked with a range of responsibilities including Stolen Generation's participation in the work and vision of the Healing Foundation and identifying goals and direction of the Stolen Generations initiative over the next two years.

Visit the Healing Foundation website at www.healingfoundation.org.au for more information and expression of interest forms for the reference committee.



The non-Indigenous co-chair of the National Sorry Day Committee, Sally Fitzpatrick.

Funding for Stolen groups



THE National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) is encouraging members of the Stolen Generations to apply for the Office of the Arts funding recently announced by Minister for the Arts Simon Crean.

According to the Office of the Arts, there has, in the past, been a lack of applications from Stolen Generations organisations, services and groups so the NSDC is urging the Minister to ensure that the current funding round, which closes in early February, gives attention to Stolen Generations projects to help people to reconnect to country, culture and languages and to provide experiences of healing through the arts.

The NSDC is calling on Stolen Generations groups as well as arts groups and institutions who are interested in working with members of the Stolen Generations to apply for the funding to ensure the stories and experiences of Stolen Generations members can continue to be heard. For more information on the grants call 1800 006 992 to speak with an Office of the Arts contact.

MP wants youth circles



A NEW South Wales Labor MP is calling on the State Government to consider piloting

Aboriginal circle sentencing for Indigenous juvenile offenders in order to help identify young people at risk of committing serious offences and hopefully prevent them happening in future.

MP Walt Secord recently observed circle sentencing for adult offenders taking place in Kempsey, where more circle sentencing is conducted than any other court in the state.

The session he attended was conducted by Local Court Magistrate Wayne Evans, circle sentencing court project office Victor Darcy and four Aboriginal community representative from Kempsey – Iris Flanders, Richard Pacey, Di Davis and



Labor MP Walt Secord.

Malcolm Webster.

"It was clear to me that circle sentencing reflected a genuine concern to rehabilitate the

offender and change his behaviour," he said.

"At all times they were mindful of the victim and the accused was given an opportunity to ask questions about what was occurring and what the sentence would mean.

"Community members showed a genuine care for the accused, but they also spoke frankly in front of him about his behaviour."

Circle sentencing, a concept that originated in Canada, where Mr Secord was born, involves convening the sentencing in an Indigenous community environment. Community members and a presiding judicial officer sit in a circle to discuss the offence, the offender, the background and the consequences. Sometimes the victim also attends. Through this model of justice, a sentence is

derived for the offender.

In the words of Magistrate Wayne Evans as told to Mr Secord at the Kempsey circle sentencing: "The accused is unable to hide behind their solicitor. They must acknowledge their guilt. They must account for their actions. They must face their victims. They must understand their impact."

NSW sentencing circles hear a variety of offences, including assault, break and enter, theft-related offences, domestic violence and driving offences. Jail still remains a sentencing option, but other rehabilitation measures are considered including drink-driving programs, anger management courses, weekend detentions and random drug and alcohol tests.

While circle sentencing courts are held in various parts of NSW

including Armidale, Bourke, Brewarrina, Dubbo, Lismore, Moree, Mount Druitt, Nambucca Heads, Nowra, Walgett and, most recently, Blacktown, the NSW State Government is now assessing the potential for circle sentencing in Coonamble, Wellington and Ulladulla.

Mr Secord said he hoped the NSW Attorney-General Greg Smith would continue to expand the circle sentencing program but would like it to go one step further. "I would like to see a pilot juvenile Aboriginal circle sentencing program for those aged between 16 and 18," he said.

"This could identify young people who will be at risk of committing more serious offences in the future and based on what I observed, would offer a real chance to avoid that negative outcome."

Palm Island Senior Campus



Jimeka Richardson with her art on Palm Island.

Jimeka's bags on sale

BY ALF WILSON



ART by 17-year-old Palm Island schoolgirl Jimeka Richardson features on limited edition shopping bags being sold at Coles Supermarkets throughout Australia until Boxing Day.

A few months ago, the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) partnered with Coles supermarkets to run a student art competition across both St Michaels' Catholic School and Bwgcolman Community School on Palm Island.

The brief for the entrants was to draw something that symbolised what they love about Palm Island.

Bwgcolman Community School student Jimeka was announced as the winner when the bags went on sale in October. Her artwork featured vibrant local exotic flowers.

Even American country superstar Dolly Parton was spotted with one of the bags during her tour Down Under.

CFF CEO Sonya Stephen said it had been exciting to offer this unique opportunity to the students of Palm Island to have their design seen by Australians all over the country.

"We received over 50 wonderful drawings from all age groups ranging from Year 12 right down to Prep, which made it very difficult for us to decide on a winner," she said.

Of her painting, Jimeka said: "Palm Island is a pretty place to live. The colours I've used in my artwork reflect parts of the island that are special to me. I hope that other people enjoy my picture."

When asked what she'd like to do when she finishes school, Jimeka declared that she wanted to go to TAFE and do an arts course and 'teach little kids how to do art'.

Coles flew Jimeka and her father Robert down to

Melbourne to present her with the first CFF shopping bag.

A long way from home, it was a proud and memorable moment when Jimeka jumped on stage in front of almost 600 people to accept the bag.

No doubt adding to her already-exciting Melbourne trip was the opportunity to have lunch and a good old yarn with Cathy Freeman and the rest of the CFF team.

Jimeka was on Palm Island in late November armed with a camera – one of the competition prizes – snapping pics at a football carnival.

The limited edition bag will be available for \$5 in all Coles stores until 26 December. Coles will donate a percentage of the bag sales to the Cathy Freeman Foundation.



Jimeka Richardson and Cathy Freeman with the shopping bags (CFF image).

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Redfern photo competition



ANY budding photographers in the Redfern and wider community... get your cameras ready.

There are \$1600 worth of prizes on offer for photographs of the area that showcase the community's creative, business and cultural opportunities and help promote Redfern to the wider community.

The 'Smile, You're in Redfern!' photo competition is part of the Redfern brand campaign that has been created to promote Redfern and the surrounding suburbs of Waterloo, Darlinghurst and Eveleigh as a great place for both business and recreation.

Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore MP is encouraging people to become involved. "With such a diverse community and with so many interesting locations such as The Block, CarriageWorks, Eveleigh Market and Redfern Park, we are looking forward to receiving some creative entries incorporating the Redfern brand,"

Cr Moore said.

For a chance to take home prizes from South Sydney Rabbitohs, Woolworths, restaurant and market vouchers, photographic entries should capture the 'welcoming spirit' of Redfern and demonstrate the thriving community that exists there. Photographs can be of people, buildings or the landscape, and need to incorporate the Redfern brand and include a caption 25 words or less. The community can vote for their favourite Redfern photo at www.facebook.com/redfernwaterloo.

The photographs with the most votes will be put to a judging panel of Redfern Ambassadors with the winners announced at Eveleigh Market on 3 March next year.

Entries close at 9am on Monday, 27 February 2012. To enter, photos should be sent by post to Redfern Photo Competition, SMDA, PO Box 3220 Redfern NSW 2016 or by email to communications@smda.nsw.gov.au

Training to give skills to Western Sydney mob



SIXTY Aboriginal people in Western Sydney will be trained and employed in a variety of industries under a Federal Government employment program.

They will take part in the TAFE South Western Sydney Institute

Deadly or Not - Aboriginal Employment Services program.

Indigenous Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib said the program would help people join industries where skills were in demand.

That included industries where Indigenous job seekers had not traditionally sought employment,

he said, including automotive, aero skills, transport and logistics, building and construction, finance, health, engineering, manufacturing and environmental science, design and tourism, hospitality, primary industry and the arts.

"This project started in July 2011 and will run until August

2012. To date, eight Indigenous Australians have been placed into employment.

Parramatta MP Julie Owens said the program was supported through \$493,800 from the Federal Government and was a fantastic opportunity for Western Sydney's Indigenous people.

"During training, participants

will have access to IT resources, mentoring, counselling and other Aboriginal support services provided by the TAFE," Ms Owens said. "The participants will continue to be mentored once they've been placed into employment, which means they will gain support and information while in the workplace."



National Association of Crafts People founder Jaya Jaitly with Warren Mundine, Sharon Gray, Krystal Perkins and Seraphine Bray.

Indian exchange

By TRACI WILLIAMS



WITH India's economy on the rise and Australia's relationship with the country of increasing relevance, Indigenous business advocate Warren Mundine sees the relationship between Indian people and Aboriginal people as worth investing in.

The CEO of the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce recently took a small delegation of Aboriginal businesswomen to India to look at a range of projects and learn about the work that India's women, especially, do to support their communities.

"There is the issue of the lifting our communities out of poverty and establishing economic development opportunities," Mr Mundine told the *Koori Mail* last week.

"And there's also the issue of the

remoteness of people, theirs, like ours, tribal societies locked out of the economic mainstream, but many wanting to shift into the business world and develop their own enterprise."

The trip was an eye-opening experience for the three Aboriginal women in the delegation - Krystal Perkins from All The Perks, Seraphine Bray, who is the Indigenous Employment Manager at Leightons, and Sharon Gray who is National Business Development Manager - Indigenous Jobs Australia for Fairfax Media.

"There are lots of similarities with our communities in terms of Indigenous people and some of the Indian community - we face similar things such as socio economic issues, jobs, access to infrastructure and simply just making a go of living in your village or in our case, on country," said Ms Perkins.

The visit took the group through various communities and businesses operating in

Bangalore, New Delhi, Jaipur and Tilonia. In addition to visiting highly developed IT operations, the group also looked at health programs assisting communities with similar health problems experienced by Indigenous communities such as renal dialysis and diabetes.

The feedback from the Indian community was positive, according to Mr Mundine.

"They loved the group," he said. "There was an exchange of ideas, the community loved it and want to build a stronger relationship."

Mr Mundine said he would like to hold an Indigenous-India summit to look at economic development issues because there were opportunities for both communities to continue to learn from each other particularly with the increasing number of Indian people coming to Australia. "Next we hope to bring some Indian women out to Australia to look at our communities," he said.

Meat jobs for 40 in Qld



FORTY Indigenous people have begun training towards a full time job

in the meat processing industry in Rockhampton in Queensland.

They will also receive training in literacy and numeracy, time and financial management, as well as workplace support and mentoring from NEATO Employment Services

While at work at Teys Brothers, the largest employer in Rockhampton, they will be involved in a 'buddy' support program, linking them with experienced abattoir workers.

Federal Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib and Capricornia MP Kirsten Livermore said it was fantastic that local training providers and industry were working together to provide long-term job opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

"I congratulate both NEATO Employment Services and Teys Brothers Rockhampton for their commitment to ensuring Indigenous Australians receive the training and support required for long term employment within the meat processing industry," Senator Arbib said.

Ms Livermore said the project was a result of almost \$280,000 from the Australian Government's Indigenous Employment Program.

"Tey's Brothers is the largest employer in Rockhampton and it is fantastic that the company has taken the initiative to be involved in this program," she said.

Senator Arbib said it was critical that Indigenous Australians had the support and training they needed to take up employment opportunities.

Second bone found in Adelaide gardens



A SECOND human leg bone has been found in the Adelaide Hills as police sift through 20 tonnes of loam quarried south of the city.

The bone was found on Monday of last week at the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens in the Adelaide Hills after police combed through soil sourced from quarries on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

The search was

prompted after a human leg bone was found at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, in the city, the week before last in mulch sourced from the Mount Lofty site.

Det Sgt Malcolm Williams said the bones could be Aboriginal

remains, dating back more than 200 years, but could be much younger.

"We're talking 20 to 200 years old," he said.

Det Sgt Williams said the bones, which were being forensically tested, could also be those of an early

settler to South Australia.

"Until we find out the origins of the bones and how old they are, 'suspicious' I suppose is a broad word that we'll use," he said. He said police might also search the original quarries. - AAP



Learning orienteering, from left, Amos Frank, Bradley Roberts, Sleen Nelson, Lawrence Smith (at back).



Roger Kayipipi gives directions to, from left, Timmy Dodd, Amos Frank, Carl Roberts, Clayton Stevens, Simon Roberts, Charlie Frank, Jamaica Robin, Lawrence Smith, Bradley Roberts, Galvin Jack, Sleen Nelson, and Toby Riley.

Elders share their stories on APY trek



SA

ABORIGINAL Elder Robin Kankanpakantja remembers an idyllic childhood, on country with his family.

Looking around and seeing all of the pressures and issues impacting on younger generations in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, he has yearned to share those experiences.

Recently, he got his chance – together with his wife Antjala Robin and other community Elders, guiding a group of teenage boys on a trek through Walalkara Indigenous Protected Area (IPA), south of Fregon.

The three-day Tjina Ankula Kulini Ara Irititja ('Walking along thinking about the past') walk and camp was a project between Fregon Community, APY Land Management, Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Fregon School.

Robin specifically wanted the young men to walk across country on the tracks that his family had followed.

"I was born at Walalkara. As a child I was with my family in the Walalkara area, we camped at rock holes eating Malu (kangaroo) and bush foods. I remember



walking with my family to Mimili and Watarru," he said.

It was hoped that, by walking through country, the young men would learn about 'tjukurpa' – important and ancient Anangu cultural knowledge – and think about how smart and strong their ancestors were.

Each morning, the group rose with the

sun, packed up camp and listened to Robin and other Elders talk about the country they were going to walk through.

The young men hiked through sand dune country, across spinifex and mulga plains and along the base of ancient mountain ranges.

As they walked, they also learnt about

orienteering, how to use a GPS and collected plants for identification. And they played tracking games and went rabbiting to test their bush skills.

Each night, they met up with community Elders, making camp together and listening to stories about the country they had walked through and the rockholes they were camped near.

In the end, the group made it to Tjukal rockhole where they were cheered and clapped as they arrived by their grandparents, who were proud and happy to see the young men walking through country again.

"The walk was good," Antjala Robin said afterwards. "The young men were listening to Elders and walking across country."

The walk was such a success that consideration is being giving to a similar walk next year for young women in the APY community of Fregon.

The organisers thanked Jimmy Perry of Makin Trax, Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council SA, who set up camp, cooked and talked to the young fellas about drugs and alcohol.

The camp was also supported by DFC Youth programs and FaHCSIA.



Making dinner, from left, Nola Armstrong, Antjala Robin, Joanne Ken and Jimmy Perry of Makin Trax, ADAC SA.



Walking through Walalkara IPA.



Taylor Cooper and Galvin Jack sharing stories over the camp fire.

Partnership in Pilbara

By TRACI WILLIAMS



KEY native title groups in the Pilbara are expected to receive sustainable benefits for their communities after the establishment of a new partnership to underpin a native title agreement reached with Rio Tinto in June.

Their partnership with the Australian Government and Rio Tinto Iron Ore was forged with governance support and other assistance received from the native title representative body for the area, the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC).

YMAC Chief Executive Simon Hawkins told the *Koori Mail* that such agreements offered significant opportunities for business development

and intergenerational wealth creation for Aboriginal communities in the Pilbara.

The partnership is based on the success of a pilot program run earlier in the year and will involve four traditional owner groups in the Pilbara region – Kuruma and Marthudunera, Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura, Nyiyaparli and Ngarlawangga.

“Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation and the native title groups we represent have been working hard over the past several months to implement these agreements in a way that is sustainable and transparent,” said Mr Hawkins.

“This requires a legal understanding of the agreements and the structures set up under them, as well as business development skills and resources.”

Mr Hawkins told the recent Indigenous Business, Corporations and

Entrepreneurship Conference at the University of WA that an ongoing challenge would be to ensure that those taking on official roles on boards and committees received the training and support necessary, particularly in relation to governance and financial literacy, so that they could meet their obligations under the agreement.

Co-ordinated by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, the traditional owner groups will be offered induction training for new directors; corporate governance workshops; ongoing corporate governance support and mentoring services for directors.

“Land councils like YMAC are uniquely placed to be able to offer the kind of assistance that is necessary for these agreements to deliver real and lasting benefits to the communities,” Mr Hawkins said.

Students' taste of Christmas



ABORIGINAL students at Inverell High School students received a sweet reward for Christmas from celebrity chef

Adriano Zumbo.

The desert and pastry chef specially designed ginger bread stars for the students so that they could create their own Christmas tree masterpieces.

The students whipping up those tasty trees are from the small Aboriginal communities of Inverell and Tingha, and are part of the Strong, Smart and Deadly program at Inverell High School.

Strong Smart and Deadly aims to build self-esteem and improved relationships within and outside the school environment.

Zumbo comes from the small country town of Coonamble in NSW, where growing up, he saw the setbacks Aboriginal kids faced in school.

“Sharing my passion with these kids is important to me. Mixing cooking and



Peter Williams was delighted with his creation.

culture to celebrate their extraordinary achievements is well worth it,” Zumbo said, on why he donated 300 gingerbread stars.

Inverell High workers Jenny Donnelly and Mim Latham came up with the idea to celebrate Christmas with the students this year, by getting



Jannali Griffiths and Valerie McGrady.

each student to decorate their own Christmas tree, made out of the gingerbread stars.

“It’s not often our Aboriginal students get this kind of favour from celebrity chefs,” Ms Donnelly said.

“They’ve worked so hard this year, they are the real stars.”



Back, Terrekk Blacklock, Robert Mann, Lyncoln Gardiner, Stanley McGrady, Jannali Griffiths, Ebony Adams; front, Ethan Harvey, Teena Binge, Jodie Geyer, Nereisha Jerrard, Valerie McGrady, Vivian McGrady, Tegan Lazar.

EATTS, Doreen Mary-Ann (Dolly)

Formerly of Winton, who passed away on 3rd December 2011.

Beloved daughter of Joslin Eatts, sister to Pearl, Colin (dec.), Ronald, Roslyn, Glen, Jane, Richard, Merle, Donald, Kerry Ann (dec.) and Peta and all extended family members.

You are warmly invited to attend Doreen’s funeral service to be held at St Patrick’s Catholic Church Winton on Friday 16th December 2011 commencing at 3:00pm. To be interred in the Winton Cemetery after the service.



AMA

Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship 2012

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

Applications are now sought for the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship for 2012. Applicants must be people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be currently enrolled full time at an Australian Medical School and in at least their first year of medicine. Preference will be given to applicants who do not already hold any other substantial scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of an advisory committee appointed by the AMA. The value of any scholarship given in 2012 will be \$9,000 per annum.

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

Applications close Tuesday 31 January 2012.

To receive further information and an application package, please contact Mrs Sophia Habib, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5452 or by e-mail shabib@ama.com.au. An application package can also be downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au

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

The Australian Medical Association would also like to acknowledge the Reuben Pelerman Benevolent Foundation for its support of the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship.



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Schofields Road upgrade from Tallawong Road, Schofields to Richmond Road, Marsden Park

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is currently planning the upgrade of Schofields Road between Tallawong Road, Schofields and Richmond Road, Marsden Park.

An environmental assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* is proposed for this project.

As part of this assessment an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment may result in Roads and Maritime Services:

- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW*, and/or
- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and/or Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) near Schofields and Marsden Park for the Schofields Road upgrade project to register with Roads and Maritime Services to be consulted.

Registrations from Aboriginal people and/or Aboriginal groups wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by **Friday 27 January 2012**.

To register your interest, please contact Mr Barry Gunther, RMS's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Team Leader on:

PO Box 973 Parramatta CBD NSW 2124

T (02) 8849 2006, F (02) 8849 2886.

McCarthy Green Scholarship

This scholarship provides funding for a nurse/midwife to complete the Family Planning NSW Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Nursing). Funding up to \$6,000 will be awarded for tuition, travel and away-from-home living expenses.

Applicants must be a registered nurse/midwife with at least one year post-basic experience and be currently working in an Aboriginal community in NSW, an Australian citizen or permanent resident and able to commence study in 2012. Preference will be given to Aboriginal applicants.

Applications close 31 January 2012

For an application form and information go to www.fpnsw.org.au or call 1300 658 886.

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Building Supportive Communities Grants 2012

Community organisations are invited to apply for funding to host an event or project promoting a more inclusive community for Queenslanders with a disability. Events may coincide with Disability Action Week 2012 and International Day of People with Disability 2012.

A total of \$200,000 is available through the Department of Communities' Building Supportive Communities grants. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to community organisations wishing to host an event or complete a project.

Further information and an application kit are available at www.communities.qld.gov.au or phone the Disability Information Service on 1800 177 120.

Applications must be lodged by
4pm on Friday 16 March 2012.



Authorised by the Queensland Government, George St, Brisbane.

 Ministerial Taskforce on
Aboriginal Affairs

HAVE YOUR SAY ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS POLICY IN NSW

The NSW Government has established the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs to produce a new Aboriginal affairs strategy in 2012. The strategy will include concrete reforms based on the following Terms of Reference:

- to improve service delivery and accountability in Aboriginal affairs, with particular consideration of the recommendations of the Auditor General's report on *Two Ways Together*, and other arising reports;
- to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW; and
- to improve employment outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW.

As part of its commitment to partnership, the Taskforce seeks the views of Aboriginal leaders, communities and other stakeholders through submissions and participation in community public meetings.

Three Community Discussion Papers have been released, reflecting the Terms of Reference, to seek possible solutions and ideas from the public. The Community Discussion Papers can be found at <http://www.daa.nsw.gov.au/taskforce/>. The opportunity for comment and submissions is open from 12 December 2011 until 29 February 2012.

A series of public community meetings will be held as follows:

| DATE | LOCATION |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Tuesday 24 January | Redfern |
| Tuesday 31 January | Liverpool |
| Tuesday 7 February | Dubbo |
| Tuesday 7 February | Tamworth |
| Wednesday 8 February | Mt Druitt |
| Friday 10 February | Coffs Harbour |
| Tuesday 14 February | Wagga Wagga |
| Tuesday 14 February | Griffith |
| Wednesday 15 February | Wollongong |
| Thursday 16 February | Nowra/Shoalhaven |
| Friday 17 February | Narooma |
| Friday 24 February | Broken Hill |

Further details on venues and times will be advised, including through the website. In addition, if you would like to let us know that you wish to attend a community meeting, please email the Taskforce Secretariat at taskforce@dhs.nsw.gov.au to ensure venue details and times are forwarded directly to you.

For more information on the NSW Government's Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs please visit <http://www.daa.nsw.gov.au/taskforce/> or call the Taskforce Secretariat on (02) 9219 0702.



Artists Steve Russell and Noel Lonesborough from Boolarng Nangamai Aboriginal Corporation speak about the making of the canoe at Siteworks 2011 in September.

Bark canoe launched



FOR the first time for as long as locals can remember, an Aboriginal bark canoe made from tree bark sourced from a Bundanon property in NSW has been launched into the Shoalhaven River.

Local Aboriginal men Steve Russell and Noel Lonesborough, both artists from the Boolarng Nangamai Aboriginal Corporation in Gerringong, made the water craft while resident at Bundanon.

They received help from local Jim Walliss and artist Diego Bonnetto.

The canoe's construction took eight hours and was based on directions provided by maritime architect at the National Maritime

Museum, Davis Payne, and contemporary marine artist James Dodd.

Made from traditional materials including string from the stringybark tree, beeswax and resin from the grass tree, with a little help from a modern day vice from Bunnings, the canoe was then launched on the Shoalhaven River, the first to float there in living memory.

The canoe project was part of Bundanon's Siteworks 2011, which is an ongoing series of interactive projects focusing on Bundanon Trust properties.

Siteworks invites artists, scientists and scholars to meet and stay at Bundanon to respond to the site through their own eyes in their areas of discipline or expertise.

65 kids die in Qld



SIXTY-FIVE Queensland children known to the Department of Communities died in the year to June, a new report shows.

But child safety officers have been cleared of any wrongdoing in the Queensland Child Death Case

Review Committee's annual report, tabled in parliament last Thursday.

"Actions or inactions of the child safety service system were not linked to any of the deaths," the report said.

Of the 465 children who died in the state last financial year, 65 were known to child safety officers for the last three years, down from 82 the year before.

Of the 65, 17 had a significant involvement with the child safety system, 22 had repeated concerns raised about them, and 25 had one previous concern raised.

Of the 65, 32 deaths were due to diseases and morbid conditions, seven from drowning, six from suicide, four from transport incidents, three from sudden infant death syndrome, four in accidents such as electrocution, one in a fire, and seven either have their cause of death pending or unknown.

One was fatally assaulted.

Aboriginal children were over-represented, accounting for 26 per cent of the 65 deaths. Three of the six suicides were Aboriginal boys.

In almost all of the 65 cases, the child's family faced complex family and parental issues, such as substance misuse, domestic violence, mental health issues in parents, and parental involvement in the criminal justice system.

The committee made 17 recommendations to better focus actions and further strengthen the responsiveness of the system through training, professional development and policy reform.

Particularly, services provided to pregnant women and initial assessments need to be improved.

"Issues regarding assessment and screening decisions at intake were identified in relation to 25 children," the report said.

Minister for Child Safety Phil Reeves said Queensland's death review process was one of the most rigorous in Australia, if not the world.

"Sadly there were a number of preventable deaths, including drowning, suicide, fatal assault and transport incidents," he said.

"The death of any child is a tragedy."

He said the government had already introduced road safety campaigns and suicide prevention strategies. — AAP

Fun at First Contact



It wasn't just about the on-field action at the 18th Annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane last month. There was plenty going on – and smiles too – on the sidelines, as can be seen here in these photos by NAOMI MORAN.

● See Page 84 for results and more photos.



From left, Paul Coolwell, Shane Plummer, Graeme Finn and Andrew Dodd.



Graham Douglas joins in the festivities.



Gilibinbi Watson, from Brisbane, left, and Emanuel Roberts, from Lismore.



Robert Langton and nephew Kell Harrison, from Cherbourg.



The crowd was mesmerised by this daring fire dancer.



Jim Wright and Harry Brandy.



From left, Keona Ellis, from Brisbane, Marina Ellis, from Hervey Bay, and Jimaima Pettitt, from Toowoomba.



Rugby league star Jamal Idris and friend Jai Smith.



First Contact organisers Trish Williams and Geoff Coakley.

Former cop awaits sentence in race-hate case

By LIZ MURRAY



THE Perth District Court has found that a Perth police officer tipped off a suspect of a race-hate crime with privileged information he obtained through his work.

A jury last week found former UK police officer Robert David Critchley, 43, guilty on a charge of attempting to pervert the course of justice while working for the West Australian Police Service.

The former senior constable was conducting telephone interceptions for the

West Australian Police Service at the time.

On 15 January 2010, Critchley made a 66-second anonymous phone call to Murray Holmes, a friend of white supremacist Jacob Marshall Hort.

The call was made from a phone box in Stirling Street, near Curtain House police headquarters, and Critchley said Hort's wife should change her mobile phone sim card.

Hort, and his two accomplices – former employees of the Australian Defence Force, pleaded guilty in July 2010 to shooting at the roof of a mosque in Queen's Park with a .303-calibre rifle.

WA Police said the three men were a part of a Perth chapter of the UK neo-Nazi

group Combat 18, disbanded following a wide-ranging investigation that started in November 2009.

State prosecutor David Dempster said police found contacts on Critchley's mobile phone for other white supremacist groups as well, including Blood and Terror, Terror Machine, Lone Wolf and The Way Forward.

Critchley told the court he saved the contacts as research into the case under investigation.

The prosecution said Critchley had inquired with officers working on the investigation, about whether Holmes' phone was bugged. Despite being told it was not, he was later recorded giving Murray

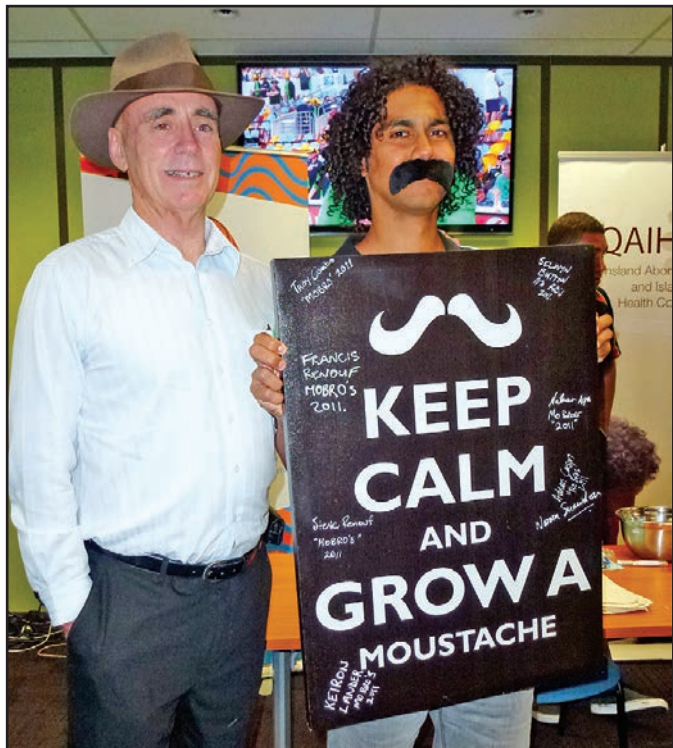
Holmes a warning for Hort.

The prosecution said both Critchley and his wife held racially intolerant views, and Critchley told police that his wife had 'views against blacks'.

Mr Dempster also said emails between the couple outlined their concerns that their own beliefs were 'possibly extreme'.

In court, Critchley said he did not associate with 'these types of people', denied he was racist and said he had a multicultural circle of friends and family.

Critchley quit his job with the WA Police Service after he was charged last year. He was granted bail and will be sentenced in February next year.



Warren Snowdon sans mo', with Nathan Appo a member of IUIH MoBros team that raised \$10,010 for Movember.

Snowdon's mo' a memory



WELL, there's no mo' now.

For just the fourth time since he was 19, Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon has shaved

off his famous whiskers – all for a good cause, of course.

Mr Snowdon took on a challenge from the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC), the state's peak Indigenous health body, and undertook to shave off his moustache if their team, the IUIH MoBros, raised \$10,000 for Movember.

"While I foolishly took on this group and I'll lose my whiskers, I'm pleased that \$10,010 has been raised to help lift the profile of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male health," said Mr Snowdon.

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the

sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in Australia and around the world with the aim of raising funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and depression in men. For Mr Snowdon, his show of support meant doing the opposite and shaving off his thick grey whiskers.

Mr Snowdon said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males experienced depression and different forms of cancer at rates well above the national average.

"The Australian Bureau of Statistics reported last year that depression affects more than 31 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults, with even higher

rates experienced by those who were removed from their families and who suffer racism and discrimination," he said.

All the money raised from Movember, including that raised by the IUIH MoBros team, will go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and beyondblue, the national depression initiative.

"My vanity aside," said Mr Snowdon, "Movember is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the seriousness of men's health and depression in a light-hearted way."

So the question now is – for how long will Mr Snowdon go with no mo'? Perhaps Santa might bring him a new one.



It's only the fourth time since he was 19 that Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon's moustache has felt the touch of a razor.

Laws stand in way of good health



LEADING Indigenous health figures have backed the findings of a study that found

Australian laws and a lack of constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is impeding efforts to close the health gap.

'Legally Invisible-How Australian Laws Impede Stewardship and Governance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health' was commissioned by the Lowitja Institute and shows that very few of about 250 existing state and federal health laws deal with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

And it found that under those laws that do, responsibilities were diffused and there was a lack of coordination.

Co-chairs of the National Health Leadership Forum (NHLF) Jody Broun and Justin Mohamed said the report's findings added weight to the importance of having a national body to monitor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health programs and to plan and lobby for better outcomes.

The new forum is part of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and is currently working with the Federal Government to develop a

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan.

"The NHLF has united every major player in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health area as members - that's over ten peak health bodies, including the community controlled health sector, and the TSRA," said Ms Broun. "But bodies such as this can only do so much when there is a mishmash of responsibilities and a lack of mechanisms for input."

Reforms

"The suggested reforms in this paper should be considered as part of an overall shake up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes through legal recognition and coherent policy."

Mr Mohamed said the report showed that responsibility for Indigenous health was subject to shifts in policy and funding, with little responsibility shared with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"The report compares different approaches to First Nations' health in New Zealand, Canada and the United States. The common denominator in improving health outcomes is ensuring First Nations Peoples make decisions about their health and health services," he said.

Former Social Justice Commissioner and founding Chair of the Close the Gap for Indigenous Health Equality Campaign, Tom Calma, launched the paper at the 7th Health Services and Policy Research Conference in Adelaide last week.

"This study highlights another issue brought about by the absence of recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our Constitution," Dr Calma said.

"Recognition would provide the basis for clarifying responsibility for the health of Australia's First Peoples in legislation. Now is a good time to consider how things might be different."

The author of the study Adjunct Associate Professor Genevieve Howse was optimistic that it would promote action in the right places.

She said she hoped it would stimulate policy makers and legislators 'to break free from the prison of history in which we have been so slow to recognise Australia's First Peoples in law and to embrace them in every part of our laws governing health, beginning with our Constitution'. To obtain an electronic copy of the study, go to www.lowitja.org.au. For hard copies, email publications@lowitja.org.au.



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Reformed smoker's message



IT took a major medical scare for Indigenous health worker Lee-Ann Broome to

quit smoking.

After suffering a heart attack, an ongoing gum disease and the risk of becoming diabetic, Ms Broome knew it was time to make a major change in her life if she wanted to stay alive.

That was 12 months ago, and she attributes her ongoing success to the fact that she asked her doctor for help.

"While it has been a long, hard journey getting back on track with my health, I count myself lucky every day to even be alive," she said.

"Without the continual support and advice from my doctor and making the necessary changes

to my diet, this would not have been possible."

Now Ms Broome, of Wide Bay, in Queensland, is hoping that she can inspire other Indigenous people to seek help from their doctor to give up smoking.

"It's a really big issue. It's unbelievable the number of Indigenous people with chronic diseases related to smoking," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Recently she took part in an anti-smoking initiative organised by GP Links Wide Bay, in partnership with the Australian Lung Foundation and Pfizer Australia.

Local smokers were giving the opportunity of using a Smokerlyzer device, which shows how much carbon

monoxide is present in their bodies.

Smokers were also given advice and doctor referrals.

Ms Broome said she was confident that the event would be a turning point for those that turned up.

"While a lot of Indigenous smokers would have thought about quitting, not knowing what the next step should be or how to handle the cravings often gets in the way of acting on it," she said.

"The most important first step I took was to see my local GP and ask for help."

The event was part of a broader initiative to improve the health condition of smokers.

One of the doctors at the event, Dr Ajesh Ishri, said GP Links Wide Bay's Tackling Smoking program would go a long way to improving Indigenous health in the region.

"We will not see an improvement in the health of our local Indigenous community from

serious, life-threatening smoking-related illnesses like chronic disease, unless we as a medical community act on it," he said.

GP Links Wide Bay's Tackling Smoking program is part of the Federal Government-funded Closing The Gap initiative, which strives to improve the health of Indigenous Australians so that ultimately they can enjoy a longer, richer life.

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Lee-Ann Broome with Deadly Dan the Smoke Free Man and Mitchell Granbauer, general manager at GP Links Wide Bay.

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ABORIGINAL people living in overcrowded conditions in the Northern Territory should be considered homeless, given the damage their accommodation is having on their health, according to a Territory health adviser.

Chips Mackinolty works for the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory (AMSANT) and was the guest speaker at last week's opening of a Darwin art exhibition promoting social justice and human rights.

The 17th Darwin Community Legal Service (DCLS) *Rights On Show* art exhibition in the foyer of Darwin's Supreme Court focuses on homelessness in the NT and the need for safe and secure housing as a fundamental human right.

The rate of homelessness in the NT is five times the national average, with Aboriginal people highly over-represented in that figure.

Mr Mackinolty lamented the lack of public and media attention paid to Aboriginal housing.

"Ten years ago, when housing policy and allocation was controlled by the Aboriginal-majority Indigenous Housing Authority of the NT, there was a planning target that called for a housing density of seven people per three bedroom house," he said.

"A few weeks ago, we discovered that under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure program – the new fangled housing program with no Aboriginal community input – that this density target has been expanded to 10 people a house.

"In other words, a 42 per cent increase in overcrowding. Or, as I argue in the definition of overcrowding as effective homelessness – a 42 per cent increase in homelessness. Thanks for nothing."

Mr Mackinolty said overcrowding was a direct cause of two major problems in Aboriginal health – ear and eye disease.

While the World Health organisation (WHO) says that a prevalence rate of Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media (COSM) of four per cent indicates 'a massive public health problem

requiring urgent attention', the rate of the condition in some NT Aboriginal communities is more than ten times as high.

"This is more than a 'massive public health problem'," Mr Mackinolty said. "It is a crisis of calamitous and long term proportions."

The eye disease trachoma, which can easily led to blindness, was also a major problem.

"It is famously almost an NT disease, because we seem to have it in greater quantities than most of the rest of the world – including most Third World nations," Mr Mackinolty said.

"Again, there are multiple causes for trachoma but you only have to look at the WHO's guidelines on steering clear of trachoma: 'avoid overcrowding'.

"For thousands of Territory Aboriginal people, there is little choice – and little chance – in 'avoiding overcrowding'.

"...I suggest we should define the endemic 'overcrowding' we see in the NT as effectively being a form of homelessness for the simple reason that overcrowded housing is not 'adequate' – and is in fact the direct cause of illness.

"Overcrowding does not meet the international human rights law definition 'adequate': such housing in the NT can make you deaf and blind."

DCLS executive director Caitlyn Perry said that, ultimately, human rights weren't

about complex, abstract ideas, or imposing United Nations documents.

"Human rights are about people having somewhere safe to sleep at night. They are about people having enough to eat, and being able to see a doctor when they get sick," she said.

"Expressions like 'living in the long grass' disguise the ugly reality that many Territorians simply do not have a home.

"Australia is a wealthy country. We can afford to look after our own better and to make a contribution towards helping those in poorer countries who are missing out."

Ms Perry said DCLS considered art to be a vehicle for social change because it invited the discussion of ideas and highlights the right to freedom of expression.



Larrakia man Ronald Quall welcomed exhibition guests to country.



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Health program born



THE Blue Mountains region in NSW now has its first Aboriginal health program as a result of lobbying by members of the Blue Mountains Aboriginal Sharing and Learning Circle.

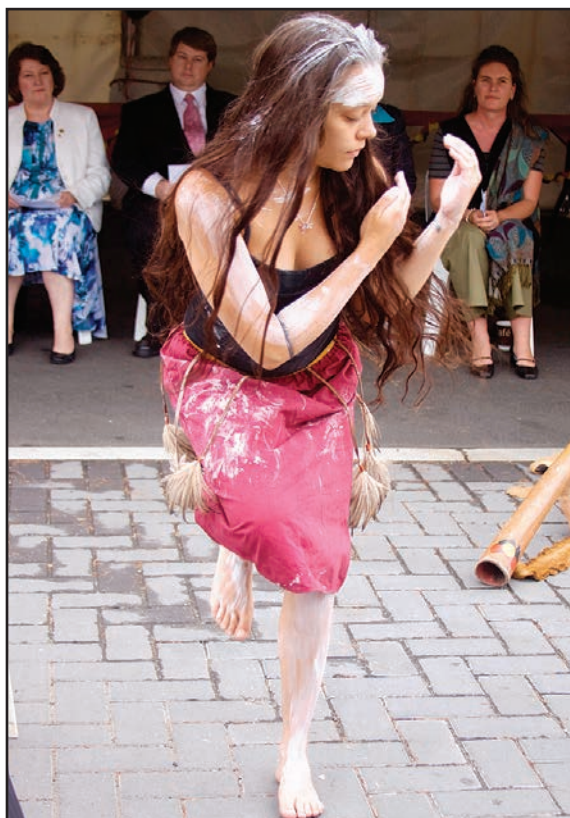
The Blue Mountains Aboriginal Health Coalition was formed as a result of the Sharing and Learning Circle, when five local Aboriginal-controlled organisations, the area health service, local government and the GP network came together as a united voice to advocate for the local Aboriginal community.

One of the outcomes of the collaboration has been the Healthy for Life consortium, an Aboriginal-specific dental clinic based in Katoomba, and funding for operation of the Blue Mountains Closing the Gap and Aboriginal Healthy for Life programs.

The Healthy for Life consortium comprises the Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation, Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation – Darug Mountains Group, Gundungurra Aboriginal Heritage Association, Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre, Link-Up NSW, Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District, Blue Mountains City Council and Blue Mountains GP Network.

The Healthy for Life programs work to improve community access to health services, monitor national key performance indicators of improved health, and to support the sites to continue their work in creating Aboriginal-friendly services.

At the opening event and cake cutting ceremony for the program late last month, the work of Blue Mountains Aboriginal artists featured in the program brochures and posters were on show.



Rebecca Chatfield danced at the opening.



Mitchell Chatfield played the didgeridoo.



Staff and guests joined in the cake cutting at the Healthy for Life opening.



Healthy for Life staff prepare for the opening celebrations.

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Students shine in



INDIGENOUS students, their families and communities will be able to relive the thrill of being part of the Schools Spectacular when it

features on television over coming weeks.

ABC Television will be screening a one-hour highlights package on Sunday 18 December, and an extended two-hour New Year's Eve special on ABC 2.

Up to 4000 talented students and dedicated teachers from across New South Wales took part in this year's event.

Some of the features included a performance of Stephen Page's *Lead*, which was re-choreographed by Frances Rings and assistant Chrissy Norford from the Bangarra Dance Company.

Tamworth High School student Loren-Jade Ryan joined Sydney Boys High student Sam Marques for the Welcome to Country and was also a featured vocalist.

Loren-Jade impressed the capacity audiences with her command of her Kamilaroi language.

Western NSW Regional Director Carole McDiarmid said she hoped the memory of capacity audiences at the Sydney Entertainment Centre would live long in the student's memories.



● **LEFT:** Darlington Public School student Mundarrah Wells was a member of the 1400-voice choir that enchanted audiences at the Schools Spectacular.

● **RIGHT:** Kingscliff High student Hayden Draman was part of the Aboriginal dance troupe that danced in a new version of Stephen Page's piece *Lead*.



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big show



Sydney Boys High School student Sam Marques, of Coogee, joined Loren-Jade Ryan of Tamworth High to conduct the welcome to country at the Schools Spectacular.



Jamaka Toomey, Niomi Williams and Krystil Spicer wait in the tunnel with the Cowra High dancers as part of the Aboriginal dance troupe that danced a piece, Lead.

CDU, Batchelor join to create new centre



A NEW university centre focussed on the academic needs of Indigenous people will begin delivering courses in the first semester of 2012.

The Northern Territory's Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education (ACIKE) is a joint venture between Charles Darwin University (CDU) and the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE).

The centre will offer a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate study options in the areas of languages, public policy, creative industries, education, health and Indigenous knowledges.

ACIKE's \$30 million state-of-the-art facility that is being built on CDU's Casuarina campus will house research, teaching and computer facilities.

ACIKE director Associate Professor Terry Dunbar said the partnership with BIITE represented a significant step in CDU's commitment to becoming a leader among Australian universities in relation to Indigenous participation and relevance.

"Post-secondary education is critical to

ensuring that Indigenous people can access available employment opportunities and in the development of Indigenous community leaders," she said.

"Our aim is to empower and inspire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through education and to support them in realising their full potential within Australian society."

Ms Dunbar said the shared vision was to 'create presence by respecting the past and looking to the future'.

Students would have the choice of full-time, part-time or online studies through campuses in Casuarina, Alice Springs or Batchelor, she said.

"The aim is to build Indigenous student capacity while recognising and valuing student learning styles and needs."

"The flexibility in study options allows students to study in ways that best suit

their lifestyle and commitments, and reflects the complexities in delivering education in some of the most challenging environments in the country.

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The trainees, their parents, guardians and learning partners joined SMTW and Westpac personnel and other supporters on a Tribal Warrior cultural cruise of Sydney Harbour. NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, centre at front, said it was clear on the day that the time the trainees and their learning partners had spent together online had gone a long way. "You could see the bonding already there," he said.



From left, trainees Chantelle Smallwood, Savannah Womal and Keane Perry supported in their video editing by facilitator Tim Pace.



Tribal Warrior dancers perform for the group on Belanglool (Clarke Island), Sydney Harbour.



Trainee Savannah Womal (centre) receives her certificate of achievement from the Westpac Group's Jon Nicholson and SMTW's chairperson Lola Forester.



● LEFT: Trainee Eddie McKenzie, Eddie's learning partner Rajina Almeida, and Eddie's uncle Michael Ahmat.

● RIGHT: Trainees and learning partners meeting face to face for the first time after chatting online since April.



Showing the way

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AT first glance, it might seem an unlikely union – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids and finance workers from the 'big end of town'.

But a partnership between Show Me The Way (SMTW), a not-for-profit organisation using role models, mentoring and technology to support Indigenous students throughout the country, and the Westpac bank is enjoying resounding success.

The Show Me The Way-Westpac program, under which Indigenous trainees are mentored by bank staff known as 'learning partners', now boasts an 85 per cent retention rate.

At the heart of the program, managed by SMTW general manager Chris Maguire and the Westpac group's Kate Blizard, is what's believed to be the first custom-designed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social networking site.

For much of the past year, trainees and learning partners

who have undergone cultural awareness and mentoring training have formed trusting relationships, contacting each other online via a secure login.

And, early this month, 11 of the program's trainees were brought to Sydney to meet their learning partners 'face to face' for the first time.

The gathering included workshops, the screening of videos made by the trainees, an award ceremony where Chief Strategist for the Westpac Group Jon Nicholson, and SMTW chairperson Lola Forester presented the trainees with certificates of achievement.

Later, the trainees, their parents, guardians and learning partners joined SMTW and Westpac personnel and other supporters on board the Tribal Warrior training vessel to cruise Sydney Harbour to Belanglool (Clarke Island) for a cultural tour and dance performance.

Lola Forester said the coming together of trainees and learning partners for the first time had been very emotional.

"Making that connection was wonderful for them all," Ms Forester said.

"The kids were sitting in the room and the learning partners came in and they plonked themselves and it was unbelievable, just non-stop chatter... it was like family."

"The program has really opened peoples' eyes to Aboriginal young people of today and where they want to go and what they want to do."

Year 11 student Savannah Womal is completing a school-based traineeship at a St George branch in Townsville, working as a teller and observing lending officers, private investment bankers and her local branch manager.

Full of praise

She had nothing but praise for the program and her learning partner, Sydney-based Westpac lawyer Kylie Gray.

"I think the best thing about the program is that it's a foundation for my future," Savannah told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'd definitely like to work in a financial institution – my long-term goal is to work at Westpac as a lawyer – but the work experience from this has been invaluable, no matter what

road I take.

"I have found Kylie great to talk to about balancing all aspects of my life and she has helped me to keep things in perspective. She'll constantly remind me of my goals and provide me with advice."

Darwin trainee Eddie McKenzie and his learning partner Rajina Almeida were amongst those to meet face to face for the first time.

"It was good to meet Rajina," Eddie told the *Koori Mail*.

"I wasn't that shy because we'd spoken to each other online. Every week we have a chat and talk about how I'm going in the workplace, if I need any help."

Ms Almeida, who works for the St George Group based in Concord, Sydney, said she had found her mentoring role very fulfilling and a number of her colleagues had inquired with her about it.

"Eddie has become more comfortable with me over time and he contacts me when he's unsure of something," she said.

"He's been open when he's wanted something more challenging.

"The use of technology has been very positive, to basically log in online and chat. It doesn't disrupt your daily routine. It's very positive."

SMTW education consultant, Associate Professor Peter Howard, of the Australian Catholic University in Strathfield, said the technology behind the program had been able to connect people right across the country in a way that never could have happened otherwise.

No embarrassment

"It allows people a sense of distance and freedom to talk without the embarrassment or shyness of meeting people face-to-face. You can suss each other out a little bit, and this can enable confidence when you're a young person talking to an older person," he said.

"I think the program has really created innovative ways that Australians can help one another. It's about technology and trusting each other, and now knowing there's a whole lot of people who care."

● The *Koori Mail* is a media partner of Show Me The Way.

Taste of uni life



STUDENTS from remote and rural schools in New South Wales recently had a taste of uni life at the University of Western

Sydney.

Forty students from Years Nine to 12 took part in various activities to familiarise themselves with what the university offers.

They took part in a range of fun and educational activities, along with cultural talks and sessions covering everything about getting into university and what it's like once you're there.

Those activities included a tour of the Penrith campus in the style of the Amazing Race, an Aboriginal astronomy evening at the university's observatory at

the Werrington North campus, and workshops in engineering and physics, astronomy, music, visual design and natural sciences.

Other social activities included a discussion session with local Aboriginal Elders, followed by a dinner with the Elders, community members, university staff and students.

Great opportunity

UWS Manager of Schools Engagement Anne McLean said the visit was a great opportunity to provide students with an experience not normally available to them.

"Students in rural and remote areas often miss out on visiting universities because there are none close to their homes," Ms McLean said.

"By bringing groups down to Sydney and having them stay on campus, they can get a sense of what uni is like, meet academic and support staff, chat to Indigenous UWS students, participate in academic enrichment activities and find out more about specific courses they might be interested in.

"We also make sure they have the opportunity to hear from local Elders and all of this makes them feel more comfortable with the environment they'd be part of if they enrolled with us and lived on campus."

Ms McLean said the university was keen to increase the opportunities for Indigenous students who were under-represented in higher education.

"The UWS is committed to creating, enhancing and promoting a variety of

opportunities and pathways to encourage and enable school students from all backgrounds and a range of academic achievement levels to enhance their educational attainment and increase post-school options," Ms McLean said.

Hawkesbury campus

Staff and students stayed at the Hawkesbury campus for the duration of the trip, visiting the Penrith campus as well.

The schools taking part in the university visit included Lightning Ridge Central School, Collarenebri Central School, Walgett High School, Gilgandra High School, Scone High School and Singleton High School.

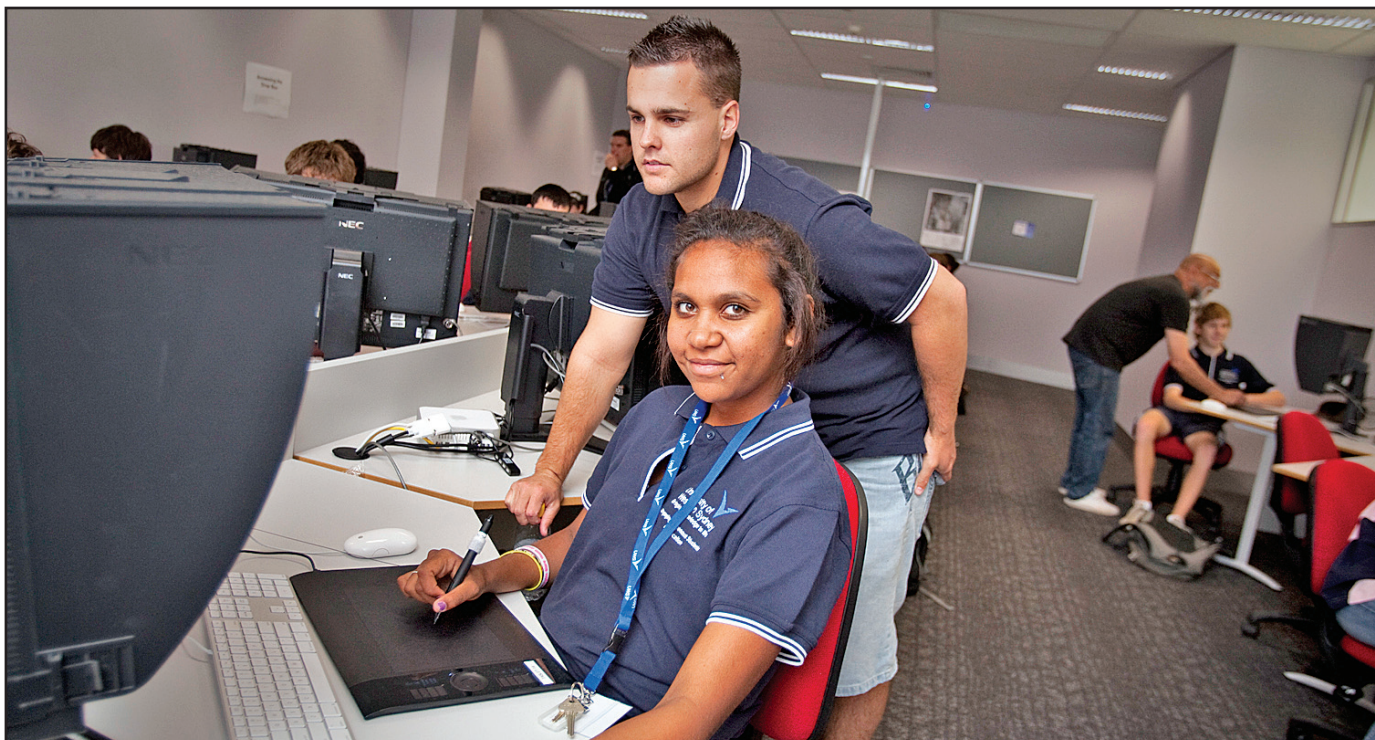
The visit took place from 29 November to Friday 2 December.



● **ABOVE:** Students Michael Graham and Dolly Adams, from Collarenebri High School, have fun at the UWS Rural Indigenous Student Visit.

● **RIGHT:** Students Joseph Rinkin, from Singleton High School, and Ashleigh Huckel, from Lightning Ridge High School, with Kyle James, a UWS student, get their photo taken with a snake from the UWS Reptile House.

● **BELOW:** Tamara Frail, from Lightning Ridge High School, gets a helping hand from UWS staff member Josh Mason at the visual design workshop.



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Leading by example

Young trainees already helping others

By TRACI WILLIAMS



A YOUNG New South Wales apprentice and current NAIDOC Apprentice of the Year has been named as this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year at the 2011 Australian Training Awards.

Twenty-six-year-old proud Wiradjuri man Joshua Twomey told the *Koori Mail* it was a pretty

humbling experience to be recognised.

"I suppose all your hard work and effort and everyone who supported you along the way is rewarded. It's a really nice feeling," he said.

Joshua is an apprentice with Ausgrid and completed his Certificate III Electricity Supply Industry – Distribution (Power Line).

Now fully qualified, he works as an electricity linesman.

Joshua has also excelled at

leadership training and taken on a mentoring role, promoting the opportunities and benefits of training.

"I just want to pass on what people have given to me," he said.

"If a person has questions, I'll have a yarn with them and tell them my own experience. I hope I've been able to show people the way and that if they are willing to stick things out, the rewards are on the table."

He says that Ausgrid HR

manager Sharon Sim has been an invaluable support to him during his time at Ausgrid.

"The main message I carry is to follow through and finish whatever you do in life. Everyone can start something but it's not good unless you stick with it and follow through," he said.

Runner-up

Runner-up Calvin Buckle, originally from Derby, in WA, and now working in Paraburdoo for Rio Tinto, was recognised for his commitment to training and consistently high assessment ratings in his Certificate III in Engineering (Electrical).

"I feel pretty good," he said.

"To take out the WA award and compete with the other states was a big challenge knowing they had the best of the best and to get where I am now, I'm very pleased."

Calvin told the *Koori Mail* that his dad was his inspiration to work. He said he could not have achieved what he had without the support of his family and friends, supervisor, superintendent, especially Leon Quartermaine, in the early days of

his apprenticeship.

He also uses his skills as an electrical mechanic in electric instrumentation to help in a volunteer capacity in the Paraburdoo community.

The annual awards are a chance to reflect on the contribution made by so many to Australia's vocational education and training sector and to celebrate excellence in achievement.

"These awards recognise the best in the business for their commitment to training and skills," said Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations Minister Chris Evans.

"Each winner is very deserving of their place and should be proud of their achievements and their contributions to skilling Australia."

In Joshua's words: "People in the community are the backbone. I just turned up and followed through. It's not where I go as an individual, but who I can encourage to come along with me."

No doubt there'll be many more young apprentices in the future whom Joshua will mentor and will follow his path.



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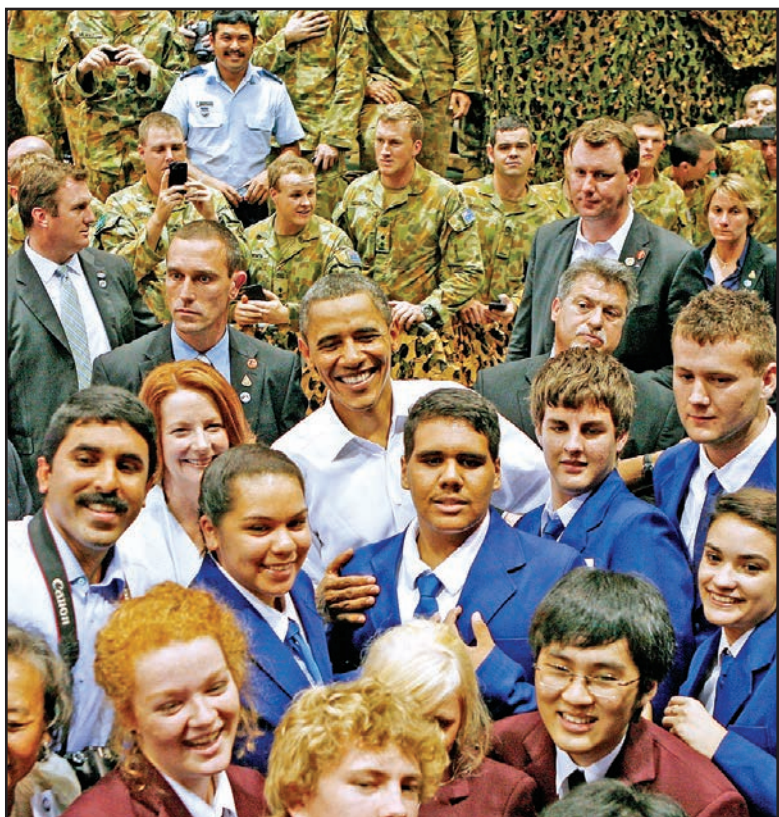
**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
Joshua Twomey.**



**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year runner-up
Calvin Buckle, from WA. He is employed by Rio Tinto at Paraburdoo.**

Close to the President

Tori a teaching assistant



IN our previous edition, we reported on United States President Barack Obama's visit to Australia in mid-November, including his time spent in Canberra and Darwin. Plenty of our mob followed Mr Obama's movements, but few got as up close and personal as some of the students from Darwin's Palmerston Senior College. In their blue blazers, Year 12 students Kara Huddleston, Nathan May, Taylor Opie, Rowan Smith and Tayler East stood out in a sea of camouflage as they grabbed a few seconds with the President and Prime Minister Julia Gillard at Darwin RAAF Base. – AAP Image



MAREEBA'S Tori Coats was amongst 40 Remote Area Teacher Education Program (RATEP) students who graduated at Tropical North Queensland (TNQ) TAFE recently. The students were from 15 regional and remote towns and communities throughout the State and are now qualified to work as teaching assistants in schools. Tori, who completed her Certificate III in Education, is seen here with RATEP state co-ordinator from Education Qld Gail Mitchell and TNQ TAFE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies faculty manager Alex Woodcock.



NURTURING A NATURAL TALENT FOR HELPING OTHERS

A mother of two went back to uni so she could return home to the mid-north coast as a doctor dedicated to her people and her community.

After already completing a social work degree, Kirsty Jennings, a Worimi woman from Forster, decided to enrol at the University of Newcastle to study medicine with the hope of helping disadvantaged rural and regional communities.

"I grew up in Kempsey and spent five years working there in Aboriginal Health and Mental Health. I feel that I could really make a difference back home working as a doctor at the Aboriginal Medical Service," Kirsty said.

Raising two children and studying medicine hasn't been easy for Kirsty, but the Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship she received when she started her degree helped her get to where she is today – qualified and passionate about using her skills to help others.

"With the support and friends I made through Wollotuka, it's been a very rewarding five years and I can't wait for the next chapter in my life to unfold."

If you would like to discuss your own career choices with someone at Wollotuka, call us on 4921 6863. You might be surprised at the choices available to you and the wealth of support and assistance you could be eligible to receive.

The staff at Wollotuka would also like to congratulate all of our students who graduated in 2011.

Applications for enrolment at the University of Newcastle for 2012 are now open through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC). Make sure you indicate that you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to be eligible for the Alternative Entry Program.



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Basket makers from Martumili.
— Photo by Morika Biljabu, 2008



Canning exhibition comes to Sydney

By DARREN COYNE



AN exhibition of paintings and multi-media by Aboriginal people living along the Canning Stock

Route is going on show in Sydney from 17 December.

The exhibition, *Yiwarra Kuju: The Canning Stock Route*, features more than 90 artworks and significant cultural objects that chart the history of the world's longest stock route, which ran through the deserts of Western Australia.

Exhibition co-curator John

Carty told the *Koori Mail* it was 'probably one of the biggest shows of Aboriginal art in Australia'

"The Canning Stock Route was used throughout the first half of the 20th Century for droving cattle through 1850kms of desert from the Kimberley to the southern goldfields of Western Australia," he said.

Frontier narrative

"That one road ('yiwarra kaju') has become a frontier narrative about the making of Australia, but absent from this history are the voices of those who it impacted the most.

"For the Aboriginal people of the desert region, the stock route cut through a land already full of story and rich in culture and history.

"This is the story told in the exhibition, *Yiwarra Kuju*."

Mr Carty said the holiday season was the perfect time for the exhibition to open in Sydney.

"It's not really a gallery show and not really a museum show... it's social history wrapped in beautiful fine art," he said.

"The exhibition includes fine art and incredible paintings, but there is also lots of new media such as touch screens.

"It's been designed for people who don't know anything about Aboriginal art and culture. It's for people who want to take their kids and have an experience together."

The exhibition, which has been touring around the country since opening at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra earlier this year, will be on display at the Australian Museum in Sydney until 29 April next year.

Mr Carty said the exhibition had proved very popular so far.

"It's just come from Perth where it was the cultural backdrop at CHOGM, and when it was in Canberra it was the single most successful exhibition they had had.

"One hundred and twenty thousand people went through to see it. Before that, the largest exhibition was 80,000."



Patrick Olodoodi Tjungurrayi painting *Canning Stock Route Country*, Papunya Tula Artists. — Photo by Tim Acker, 2007



Co-curator Hayley Atkins surveys the paintings at the end of the bush trip on the shores of Nyarna (Lake Stretch). — Photo by Tim Acker, 2007



GOTAFE student Kristy Atkinson with one of her works.

Students' works now on show in Shepparton



THE talents of Indigenous students at Goulburn Owens Institute of TAFE

(GOTAFE) in Victoria, and emerging artists from the local Indigenous community around Shepparton have been showcased in a new exhibition.

Celebrating Indigenous Art and Culture was officially opened by Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell late last month and is open to the public.

The exhibition features artwork produced throughout 2011 in GOTAFE's Certificate II

and III in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts courses.

It includes prints, paintings, jewellery, sculpture, ceramics, fibre and textiles, and digital stories. Some items of artwork are available for sale.

GOTAFE's Koorie Education Unit project co-ordinator Robyn Thompson said she was excited about the exhibition and the opportunities it provided for her students.

"GOTAFE's cultural arts courses have proved to be a strong foundation for emerging, Indigenous artists," Ms Thompson said.

Among those, graduate

Trudy West won first prize at the Royal Melbourne Show with a jewellery piece and another graduate, Eva Ponting, recently gained a six-month Indigenous visual arts residency at the Shepparton Art Museum.

Ms Thompson said the signature piece from last year's exhibition, the 'Generations' large coil mat, was again on display along with new fibre pieces produced by current students.

She said the collection of fibre pieces were the culmination of a three-year weaving project in partnership with the Shepparton Art Museum.



Pictured at the opening are back, from left, Allan Galilee, Joy Mitchell, Uncle Sandy Atkinson, Sylvia Warrenner, Shepparton mayor Geoff Dobson, GOTAFE CEO Paul Culpan, Robyn Thompson, Sasha Ponting and Kristy Atkinson. In front are Carol Smith and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeannette Powell, who opened the exhibition.

Darwin first to host Yalangbara travelling art exhibition



THE Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), in partnership with the Marika family and the National Museum of Australia, has launched a new travelling exhibition.

Yalangbara: Art of the Djang'kawu is the first major survey of works by the Marika family of Arnhem Land, profiling rare and significant works from public and private collections, including the first paintings produced at Yirrkala in the 1930s, unique crayon drawings from the 1950s, and monumental narrative bark paintings, along with contemporary sculptures, bark paintings, fibre items and prints.

MAGNT emeritus curator Margie West said the exhibition told the remarkable story of the Marika family, including three generations of artists, cultural diplomats and custodians of one of Australia's most important spiritual sites.

"The family comprises the Rirratjingu clan, one of Australia's most famous dynasties of artists who celebrate Yalangbara in their art and ceremony," Ms West said.

"The story of the Djang'kawu has been the subject of some major Australian artworks, and this compelling exhibition gives us an opportunity to understand more fully the deep and complex relationships between place and people.

"We are very excited to be showing these works in the Territory, as we know that Indigenous art and culture is central to the lives of thousands of Territorians."

Yalangbara, also known as Port Bradshaw, is one of the most significant areas in the Miwatj

(Arnhem Land) region, as it is where the Djang'kawu sisters and their brother landed and began their world-transforming journey across northeast-central Arnhem Land.

As part of their creative journey, the Djang'kawu gave birth to all the clans of the Dhuwa moiety, including the Rirratjingu, the traditional owners of Yalangbara.

Yalangbara: Art of the Djang'kawu will be displayed at MAGNT until 15 July 2012.



Djang'kawu Story by Wandjuk Marika (1964), MAGNT.

Invitation to tender CityArt

Eora Journey: Curatorial Advisor Tender No. 1190

The Eora Journey: Recognition in the Public Domain is a major public art program that celebrates the ongoing significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The City of Sydney invites curators to tender for the provision of consulting services as Curatorial Advisor who have in depth knowledge of Aboriginal art, culture and communities.

Submission Deadline 11:00am Tuesday 7th February 2012

For more information on this project visit cityartsydney.com/news

For enquiries and a copy of the documentation for this project please contact Paul Brown, tendering officer:

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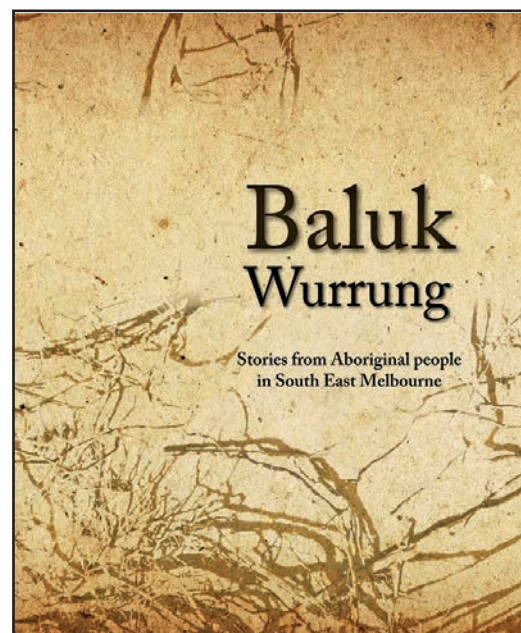
BALUK Arts, an Aboriginal arts organisation based in Victoria, has released its first publication called *Baluk Wurrung – Stories from Aboriginal People in South East Melbourne*.

The book features personal stories and artwork of Aboriginal artists from 11 to more than 50-years-old from Frankston, Dandenong and the Mornington Peninsula.

The name comes from the languages of the Kulin nation of Victoria and refers to the clan or extended family group, and what is spoken from the lips.

The stories give a glimpse into the lives of Aboriginal people in south-eastern Melbourne.

Victorian musician, performer and writer Richard J Frankland wrote the foreword to the book, saying it contained stories of raw



humanity, of wonder and courage.

"They will open up doors to you the reader of an Australia that few Australians know, see or even hear about," he wrote.

"I see resilience and courage shining through these artists, our story tellers, our community members. I see them reach out to Australia and the world with these stories and say, 'we are here'."

The book features artwork by Baluk artists and photographs by Wayne Quilliam, Victoria Morphy and Ricky Maynard.

It is available for sale on the Baluk Arts website www.balukarts.org.au and at limited stockists including Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King Street, Melbourne; Frankston Visitor Information Centre; and the Mornington Peninsula Tourism and Visitor Information Centre.



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Why are we doing this? The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board's *21st Century Stories* is a three-year funding initiative that will support 10 projects for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, arts organisations or community organisations to tell new stories.

We invite applications for artistic works that express reactions and outcomes to the way society has transformed in the first decade of the 21st century by highlighting an event from each year of the decade. These 10 new works will undergo further development and presentation in partnership with respective arts industry organisations and institutions.

Projects may be in any artform or combination of artforms. Examples include theatre productions of new work, writing for publication, song writing for recording or performance, or the creation of new works of art for exhibition.

Closing date Applications close Monday 16 January 2012

Get an application form by phoning Frank Trotman-Golden or Anastasia Charles on 1800 226 912 (toll free) or email atsia@australiacouncil.gov.au or go online at www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Traditional story of Nyoongar people

A NEW book that tells a traditional story of the Nyoongar people of the south-west of Western Australia will be launched in February.

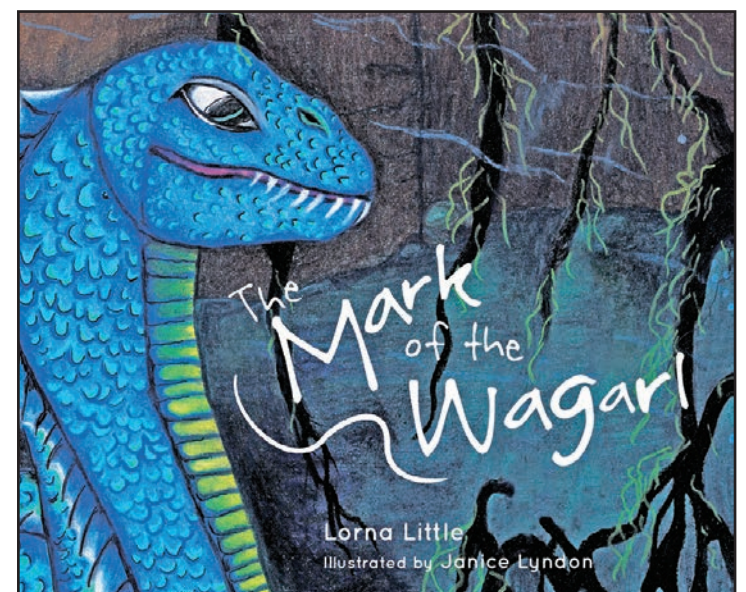
The Mark of the Wagarl is based on Maadjit Walken, the sacred rainbow serpent known as the mother spirit and creator of Nyoongar country, who formed the landscape and the waterways.

She made her first child Maadjit Wagarl the sacred water snake, the guardian spirit of all the rivers and fresh waters.

The Mark of the Wagarl tells of a little boy who dared to question the wisdom of his Elders and why he received the sacred water snake for his totem.

The book's author, Lorna Little, was born the WA town of Meekatharra in 1935. Her family moved to Pinjarra, her ancestral home, during World War II where she learned the Nyoongar language and stories of her people.

Today, she's an Elder of the Bindjareb Nyoongar community and enjoys passing on cultural



knowledge to her grandchildren.

Nyoongar artist Janice Lyndon was born in 1965 in Pinjarra, and draws her inspiration from her Elders and the environment.

Janice has a Diploma of Aboriginal Visual Arts and has participated in several group exhibitions.

The Mark of the Wagarl will be available in bookshops and online from Magabala Books (www.magabala.com) for \$17.95. Launched in 1987, Magabala Books is a Broome-based not-for-profit Indigenous publishing house that aims to promote, preserve and publish Indigenous Australian culture.

NAISDA wraps a busy 2011

By MARGARET SMITH



STUDENTS from the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Dance Association (NAISDA) will perform their end of year show in Sydney at the end of this week.

Some of the dance college's graduates have been drawn back to choreograph and manage the show *Zubugal – Tracking the Stars*.

Zugubal is a word used by all Torres Strait Islander people to acknowledge and give respect for past, present and future law.

The show will feature *Koiki* by renowned Indigenous choreographer Gail Mabo.

Including traditional dancers from the Torres Strait, *Koiki* is the story of Gail's late father, the celebrated Eddie Mabo.

It's been a big year for NAISDA, which has one of its graduates and former Sydney Dance Company principal dancer Kim Walker at the helm as CEO.

Dancer Raymond Blanco recently joined the college, as did resident Elder and cultural tutor Uncle Percy Jacksonia.

Uncle Percy said the new show was inspired by the large ceremonial head-dresses worn by Torres Strait Island men and the strength of their dances.

"There's also a geese migration dance, and some new contemporary works by Gail Mabo about her father," he said.

The *Koori Mail* visited the college at its Mt Penang campus just outside Gosford, to find students rehearsing a piece about three aspects of cultural memories which contained life lessons.

Graduating student Amy Lee Minchin told us she'd be sorry to leave NAISDA. She had two jobs lined up for next year, plus some dance tutoring with school students.

Fellow Damian Ralphs, who hopes to return next year to complete a diploma course, paid tribute to Kim Walker's leadership at the college.

NAISDA performs at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre in Church Street, Parramatta, at 7.30pm on 16 and 17 December.

Tickets: General admission \$28, concession/student/children \$25. Bookings: Phone (02) 8839 3399 or book online at <https://boxoffice.riverside@parracity.nsw.gov.au>



● ABOVE: Sedrick Waia doing a Saibai Island dance.



● LEFT: From left, Nicola Sabatino, Taree Sansbury, April Cunningham, Caleena Sansbury and Amy Minchin.



● BELOW: From left, Taree and Caleena Sansbury, Amy Minchin, Alexandra Barlow, April Cunningham. – Photos by VANESSA CHAPERLIN



Unknown maker, basket, c.1845, white flag iris and Audrey Frost. Collecting bag, 2008, white flag iris, photo: Simon Cuthbert TMAAG

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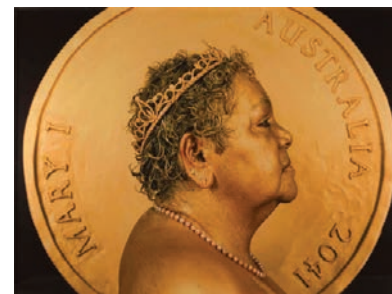
Long Way Home

A celebration of 21 years of Yunggoendi First Nations Centre

17 December 2011 - 19 February 2012

Curated by Ali Gumillya Baker, Natalie Wheeler and Jackie Wurm

www.flinders.edu.au/yunggoendi



Darren Siwes, *Gold Female*, 2008, photographic print on Kodak Endura metallic paper, 90 x 120 cm, Flinders University Art Museum 4547, copyright courtesy the artist



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National

Until 16 December: Youth Challenge Australia is calling for applications for Youth Challenge Australia's Indigenous Youth Leadership Program. Seeking Indigenous volunteers to participate in a six-week community development project in Vanuatu. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9514 5512 or visit www.youthchallenge.org.au/IYLP

Until 6 January: The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare is calling for submissions for an art competition themed 'Health and Wellbeing of Australia', to source the cover art for AIHW's publications. Free and all welcome, many prizes to be won. Details: (02) 6285 4660 or visit www.ruralhealth.org.au

Until 31 January: Black and Write Indigenous Writing and Editing Project is calling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to submit a story for the 2012 Kuril Dahagun Indigenous Writing Fellowships. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3842 9484 or email indigenous.writing@slq.qld.gov.au or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/comps

Until 24 February: Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School offers a Scholarship program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. This scholarship is open to students entering the secondary school as day girls in Year 7 or later years, covering all fees will be awarded on academic work, commitment to study, school and community work and more. Free and all female students are welcome to apply. Details: (02) 9332 1133 or visit www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au

NSW-ACT

Until 18 December: Fencer Napurrurla Art Exhibition, showcasing more than 60 Indigenous artworks from paintings on paper, canvas and prints also three-dimensional works. Free and all welcome. Held at Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra. Details: (02) 6125 5832 or visit www.anu.edu.au

Until 23 December: Strength to Strength Art Exhibition, showcasing Indigenous artworks by artists of the Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Co-operative. Free and all welcome. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Co-operative, 55-59 Flood St, Liechhardt. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until 10 June: Off the Walls, an Aboriginal art exhibition, showcasing rich and diverse collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, gathered over almost 40 years by Australian Government agencies responsible for Aboriginal affairs. It includes bark paintings, water colours, carvings, basket and fibre work, spears, sporting trophies and posters. Free and all welcome. Held at National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5351 or email media@nma.gov.au or visit http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off_the_walls/

14 December: Christmas Family Fun Day, featuring sport, arts and crafts, face painting, jumping castle, free BBQ lunch, free Christmas showbags and prizes and live entertainment. Free and all welcome. Held at Anzac Park, Kyogle. Details: (02) 6622 8860 or email css2@rekindlingthespirit.org.au or visit www.rekindlingthespirit.org.au

31 December: New Years Eve 2011 cruise, celebrating the New Year on Sydney Harbour with the Tribal Warriors Association featuring great food and beverages, Indigenous smoking ceremony, fireworks, live entertainment and more. All welcome, cost involved. Gather at Sydney Fish Market, Darling Harbour, Sydney. Details:

Exhibition marks birthday

THE Yunggoendi First Nations Centre at Flinders University in South Australia is celebrating its 21st birthday with an art exhibition titled *Long Way Home*.

The exhibition features artwork from across the country, drawn from the Flinders University Art Museum, and 18 students, staff and centre supporters have written the fully illustrated catalogue in response to the works.

The exhibition will be on display until 19 February 2012 at the Flinders University City Gallery, located at the State Library of SA, in North Terrace, Adelaide.

Artists featured include Ian W Abdulla, Michael Boiyool Anning, Nici Cumpston, Destiny Deacon, Julie Dowling, Jonathon Jones, Emily Kame Kngwarreye, Kerry Giles Kurwingie, Kunyi June McInerney, Tracey Moffatt, Eubena Nampitjinpa, Lin Onus, Shane Pickett, Wenten Rubuntja, Yhonnie Scarce, Darren Siwes, Jacob Stengle, Ellen Trevorror and H J Wedge.

Since its inception, more than 260 Indigenous people have graduated from Yunggoendi, and there are currently nearly 200 students enrolled.

Yunggoendi director Simone Ulalka Tur said the centre continued to provide a 'home' for Indigenous students and staff of Flinders University, positively influencing many people's life journey.

"There was little doubt that art would



Gold Female, a photographic print by Darren Siwes (2008). Copyright courtesy the artist

play its part in Yunggoendi's 21st anniversary celebrations," he said.

The idea for this exhibition took a familiar form: Invite the university's Indigenous students and staff, and colleagues with a close relationship to the centre, to choose works from the rich resources of the Flinders University Art Museum, write about them and share choice and response with others.

Former director Emeritus Professor Gus Warby said the title, *Long Way Home*, grew out of the deeply personal, but collectively understood offerings.

"It embraces country, identity and the myriad pathways that connect visions and voices to the pleasures of things made and people who care," he said.

(02) 9699 3491 or email sales@tribalwarrior.org or visit www.tribalwarrior.org

26 January: Saltwater Freshwater Festival, showcasing performances, workshops of local and regional NSW Aboriginal dance, chants and stomps, also weaving and didgeridoo workshops and an extensive line-up of Indigenous performers such as Casey Donovan, Black Turtles, Stiff Gins and more. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Taree. Details: (02) 6658 5995 or visit www.saltwaterfreshwaterfestival.com.au

26 January: Yabun Festival 2012. The day will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and will include art and craft stalls, dance workshops, politics, literature, information stalls, activities for kids, live entertainment and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Victoria Park, Broadway, Sydney. Details: (02) 9384 4000 or email yabun@gadigal.org.au or visit www.gadigal.org.au

26-29 January: Aboriginal Tent Embassy 40th anniversary. All invited to a corroboree to commemorate the 40th anniversary for our people's sovereign rights. Featuring smoking ceremony and flag-raising on Tent Embassy grounds, a march and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, 18 King George Tce, Canberra. Details: (0401) 663 913 or email aboriginaltentembassy@hotmail.com

8 April: *Our Generation* film screening. The film will be showing the ground-breaking documentary on Aboriginal rights. Featuring guest speaker Jeff McMullan, including light refreshments. Free and all welcome. Held at Amnesty International Action Centre, Level 1, 79 Myrtle St, Chippendale. Details: (0420) 354 096 or email nswdignity@amnesty.org.au or visit www.ourgeneration.org.au

Victoria

Until 18 December: Another Perspective, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the unique visionary works of

emerging artists from Utopia. Featuring 22 new painting from children and extended family of the famed Pwerle sisters. Free and all welcome. Held at the Dreaming Art Centre Utopia, 35 Spring St, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9646 5372 or email dacou.com.au

Until 21 January: Experiencing the Barmah: Creating the Vision Art Exhibition, showcasing up to 25 Indigenous artworks in a variety of media, including paintings, photography, and fabric art. Free and all welcome. Held at the GRAIN Store, 24-26 Blake St, Nathalia. Details: (0403) 756 571 or visit www.thegrainstore.org

Until 5 February: Our Children Our Future, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing traditional and contemporary expressions of culture through paintings that reflects Indigenous culture. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, Melbourne. Details: 13 11 02 or visit <http://museumvictoria.com.au>

3-31 January: Melbourne Museum for the summer school holidays. Featuring many programs including live performances, face mask, Aboriginal art exhibition, arts and craft and much more. Free and all welcome. Held at Melbourne Museum, Nicholson St, Carlton. Details: 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum

Queensland

Until 11 January: Kapu Kukuwam Art Exhibition, showcasing cultural heritage and tribal ancestors through artworks by Torres Strait Islander artist Sharon Phineasa. Free and all welcome. Held at UMI Arts Exhibition Gallery, 335 Sheridan St, North Cairns. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or email admin@umiarts.com.au or visit www.umiarts.com.au

Until 21 January: 'Divine Geometry' Aboriginal Art Exhibition, showcasing Indigenous artworks from many artists. Free and all welcome. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba. Details: (07) 3891 5551

or email email@wag.com.au or visit www.wag.com.au

Until 25 February: The Flash Women Art Exhibition, focussing on the fashions worn by Indigenous women. It includes pictures and the actual clothes, also a program of workshops. Free and all welcome. Held State Library of Queensland, Kurildhagun, Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Level 1, Cultural Centre, Stanley Pl, South Bank. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or email kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

27 December-1 January: Dreaming Festival, one of three international Indigenous festivals in the world. Featuring the rich diversity of Indigenous cultures, alongside a strong global line-up. Live entertainment, traditional and contemporary performances and a wide range of indigenous art and more. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Woodfordia, Woodrow Rd, Woodford. Details: (07) 5496 1066 or email info@thedreamingfestival.com or visit www.thedreamingfestival.com

4 February: The third annual Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars game, NRL All Stars vs. Indigenous All Stars. Kicking off the NRL season featuring some of the game's best Indigenous and non-Indigenous players. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Skilled Park, Stadium Drive, Robina, Gold Coast. Details: 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

Western Australia

Until 31 January 2012: Yarns of the Heart, an Aboriginal exhibition showcasing Noongar dolls, exquisitely crafted, hand-made dolls, which tell the traditional Dreamtime and contemporary stories for the women who made them from the Southern Wheatbelt. Featuring a documentary film screening, and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the West Australian Museum, Perth Cultural Centre, James St Mall, Perth. Details: (08) 9226 2422 or email emma@canwa.com.au

South Australia

2-18 March 2012: Adelaide Festival, a festival of arts and entertainment, with theatre, film, dance and opera, also showcasing two Aboriginal art exhibitions 'Bloodland', which features an Indigenous cast of 12 consisting of urban actors and traditional Yolngu storytellers, and 'Deadly', by Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8216 8600 or email contact@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

9-12 March: Womadelaide's 20th anniversary music festival, featuring some of Australia's best Indigenous performers. Also visual arts, dance, street theatre and food. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Botanic Park, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8271 1488 or email apadmin@artsprojects.com.au or visit www.womadelaide.com.au

Northern Territory

21-23 March: Indigenous Forces at Work Employment and Training Conference. The three-day conference will commence with a day of field trip visits to innovative local Indigenous enterprises conducted by Anangu Tours. Feature stories and storytelling by Indigenous people and more. Free and all welcome to register. Held Crowne Plaza, 82 Barrett Dr, Alice Springs. Details: (1800) 331 915 or email dbatty@ja.com.au or visit www.jaitn.com.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



● LEFT: Back, from left, Beyond Billabong mentor Kalen Schloss, Steven Purcell, Nathan Saylor, Beyond Billabong horse trainer Travis Saylor and Sean Bowie; front, from left, Beyond Billabong Mentor Sha, Jamie Moore, Thomas Sebasio, Albert Tabuai, Mervyn Hamlyn, Abraham Saylor (standing), Athol Goltz, Beyond Billabong mentor Maureen and Jesse.

Already working



THE New Year should be a good one for 11 young Aboriginal men from Brisbane who have secured employment after completing a four-week work-ready program.

The rigorous program run by staffing solutions business AWX with training provider Beyond Billabong was designed to help motivate and empower participants through the development of self-esteem and confidence in a hands-on, practical environment.

Held at Longreach and on the Sunshine Coast, it saw the fellas undertake activities such as horsemanship, leatherwork, art, computing, and team building.

Their graduation and a celebratory barbecue were held in Brisbane.

Beyond Billabong mentors supported the group to care for themselves and for others, take pride in their achievements and develop a better appreciation of their own identity.

"Our courses focus on the attitudes and core values of respect, safety and positive self-esteem through the creation of a safe, fun and supportive environment," said mentor Kalen Schloss.

"We've also focused on supporting ownership over the decisions that we make, and recognising cycles of behaviour to support our pathways into jobs that lead into careers. And enjoying the company along the way."

AWX director Cameron Dart said the program did not just provide the graduates with a job, 'it's a pathway for these boys to develop a career', he said.

"The skills they learn during the program and while on the job with their host employer will prepare them," he said.

"The employment opportunities that we have available far outweigh the available supply. We see with our clients that there is a real desire for people to engage with Indigenous people in the workforce and yet there is a gap in showing Aboriginal people and corporate Australia in how to step through that and engage them and retain them."

Beyond Billabong CEO Boyd Curran said the training provider was very proud of

what the group had achieved during the program.

"In making these decisions and accepting this challenge, they will become positive role models in their families and within their communities," Mr Curran said.

"The change doesn't just end when they graduate from the program."

Mervyn Hamlyn was amongst the group of 11 and said the course would 'do a lot' for participants, and help 'give them another way of life'.

Recognising that Indigenous unemployment is three-times higher than non-Indigenous unemployment, AWX has committed to placing 500 Indigenous Australians into the workforce through its First People program.

It's your guide to employment

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Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council

Aboriginal Family Worker

Position Title: Aboriginal Family Worker – Mid Hunter
Location: Mindaribba Aboriginal Land Council, 1a Chelmsford Drive, Metford, NSW. The project will be delivered from Maitland, Woodberry, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri and Dungog
Reports to: Chief Executive Officer
Hours of Work: Full time - 35 hours per week
Business Hours – 9 am to 5 pm (This position may require some work out of business hours)
Salary and conditions: Award Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry (SCHADS) Award 2010, Level 4 (\$42,863 pa to \$46,124 pa) An initial 3 month probationary period. Applicants must be willing to consent to a Police Check and hold a current Working with Children Card.

The Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council provides a range of community services including Pre-School, Families NSW Family Worker, Youth Worker, Satellite Medical and Housing services to the Aboriginal Community of the Maitland, Cessnock and parts of the Dungog LGAs.

Purpose of position: The Aboriginal Family Worker – Mid Hunter position works with parents in culturally appropriate ways to enhance their parenting skills by:

- providing groups and home-based services to assist individual families
- supplementing home-based services with group activities to assist parents to enhance social networks and life and parenting skills
- modelling good parenting practice
- assisting parents to identify their needs, set achievable goals and work towards their fulfilment.

Aboriginal Youth Worker

Position Title: Aboriginal Youth Worker
Location: Mindaribba Aboriginal Land Council, 1a Chelmsford Drive Metford, NSW. Project delivery will be Maitland and Cessnock Local Government Areas
Reports to: Chief Executive Officer
Hours of Work: Full time (38 hours pw) 9 am to 7 pm (This position may require some work out of business hours. Time in lieu arrangements will apply.)
Salary and conditions: Award Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry (SCHADS) Award 2010, Level 4 (\$42,863 pa to \$46,124 pa) An initial 3 month probationary period. Applicants must be willing to consent to a Police Check and hold a current Working with Children Card.
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The Aboriginal Youth Worker will:

- The Promote information and resource sharing between service providers.
- Develop partnerships and relationships with other agencies to support the delivery of services and programs to Aboriginal young people in the Maitland and Cessnock LGAs.
- Liaise with relevant groups and organisations in order to support existing initiatives and to advocate the development of new services.
- Network with relevant groups and organisations in order to maintain and develop a full range of information and resources.

Certificate III Childcare Worker

Permanent Part-time (3 days per week)

Mindaribba LALC is currently seeking friendly an enthusiastic Child Care Worker with a Certificate III in Children's Services or equivalent, for our high quality Preschool in Metford, NSW. You will enjoy working with a friendly and supportive team of professionals.

The successful applicant must have:

- Aboriginality as authorised by section 14d of NSW Anti-Discrimination Act.
- works well within a team environment
- excellent computer and communication skills
- a warm and caring personality
- A strong understanding and passion of Early Childhood Education and Development.

To be successful, you will need to possess the following:

- A Certificate III in Children's Services or equivalent
- Working with Children Check

Essential Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality as authorised by section 14d of NSW Anti-Discrimination Act.
2. Qualifications in the fields of health, education, psychology, social work, social welfare or the equivalent work experience with Aboriginal families (relevant experience and willingness to undertake appropriate studies will be considered).
3. Extensive experience in working holistically with Aboriginal families and communities and understanding of social issues impacting on Aboriginal people.
4. Demonstrated skills and/or experience in the area of family support and development, working with children and young people.
5. Demonstrated written and oral communication skills.
6. Competent computer systems, particularly Microsoft Word, Spreadsheets and email applications.
7. Proven ability in recordkeeping, time management and administrative abilities.
8. Knowledge of local Aboriginal organisations and resources.
9. Proven ability to advocate on behalf of clients.
10. Ability to work as part of a team.
11. Ability to deal with client issues in a sensitive and confidential manner.
12. Willingness to participate in training and development.
13. Demonstrated commitment to ethical practice with the capacity to implement EEO, the Charter of Principles for a culturally Diverse Society, and OHS policies, practices and standards.
14. Current NSW Driver's Licence.

Application Process via email or post;

- Cover letter stating why your the most suitable person for the job
- An application addressing each Essential Selection Criteria
- Provide a current resume with 2 referees and 1 Aboriginal Referee
- Proof of Aboriginality

For further information please contact: Mr Ken Riddiford, CEO, Mindaribba LALC on 02 4015 7000

Essential Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality in accordance with section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.
2. A tertiary qualification in youth work or related discipline or relevant experience in the youth services field.
3. Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal young people.
4. Demonstrated understanding of young people's issues and knowledge of youth work theory and practice, and the ability to apply that knowledge.
5. Knowledge of youth service networks and support services within the community.
6. Experience in developing collaborative working relationships with Aboriginal and mainstream services.
7. Demonstrated ability to plan and evaluate programs.
8. Demonstrated experience implementing projects and achieving outcomes within budget and timeframes.
9. Demonstrated ability to develop, maintain and facilitate networks and community partnerships.
10. Proven ability to work both unsupervised and as part of a team combined with a high level of motivation and initiative.
11. Competent computer and written and oral communication skills.
12. Demonstrated commitment to ethical practice with the capacity to implement EEO, the Charter of Principles for a culturally Diverse Society, and OHS policies, practices and standards.
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- Current First Aid and Anaphylaxis training
- Current NSW drivers licence

It is essential that you enjoy caring for children and approach your duties in a happy and enthusiastic manner.

The successful candidate must possess a strong level of customer service and a willingness to go the extra mile, as well as excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

The permanent part-time position (3 days per week – Wednesday to Friday) position will commence February 2012.

If you believe you will be an asset to our team, please send via email through your resume with a covering letter outlining why you would make a suitable candidate for this position to the attention of the CEO Mindaribba.

Please note: Only suitable applicants will be contacted and asked to come in for a trial day as part of the recruitment process. For further discussion and clarification please contact the Preschool Authorised Supervisor, Robyn Dosen on 02 4015 7000



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Assistant Director

Northern Territory Office

Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Branch

Executive Level 1 \$89,704 - \$102,309

DARWIN NT Ref Number: 11-1404

The successful applicant will be responsible for leadership, and resource and program management. They will also be required to represent the department in liaison and negotiation with relevant Commonwealth, territory and local government departments, industry organisations, service providers and consumers.

The Assistant Director will manage a section in the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Branch of the Northern Territory Office, or a sub-section of the Northern Territory Health Reform and Development Section, Remote Health Service Development Branch.

Contact officer: Tania McInnes (08) 8919 3411 or tania.mcinnnes@health.gov.au

Applications close: Thursday 29 December 2011, 7pm AEDT

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Diversity is important to us. Information about working for the department and workplace diversity is available on the Health website.

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NSW Police Force
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Project And Information Officer

**Aboriginal Strategy and Projects,
Operational Programs Major Events and Incidents Group, Field Operations
Clerk Grade 5/6
Permanent Full-Time
Parramatta
NSWPF 11/341**

Salary Package: \$85,816. **Salary:** \$70,480 - \$77,767. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Project and Information Officer works on allocated projects either individually or as part of a larger team to develop and implement policies, plans and strategies in partnership with the Aboriginal community with a focus upon improving relationships between the Aboriginal community and members of the NSW Police Force. The Project and Information Officer is closely involved with monitoring the supporting the implementation of the Aboriginal Strategic Direction (ASD) and, in particular, maintaining records associated with crime prevention strategies developed at Local Area Command level under the ASD.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

- Applications must address all Selection Criteria. If not, the application will be rejected.

- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality together with demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal history, culture and society.

- Thorough understanding of the issues impacting upon Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.

- Demonstrated ability to work as a part of a larger team tasked with responsibility for the delivery of tangible outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities within a criminal justice environment.

- Sound written, oral and interpersonal communication skills sufficient to provide information and advice on complex matters particularly those relating to Aboriginal issues in the criminal justice system.

- Knowledge of crime prevention priority areas generally but also those within rural and remote communities.

- A current unrestricted drivers licence and willingness to travel within NSW as required.

Enquiries: Ken Jurotte on (02) 8835 9129

Information Pack: Rajandra Nath on (02) 8835 9126

Applications must be submitted via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000Q14

Closing Date: Wednesday 21 December 2011

Applications close on COB 17/12/2011.

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Domestic Violence Response Training (DiVeRT) Indigenous Programs Coordinator

Full Time Contract Position
to June 2013 in Canberra

Lifeline is a national organisation that provides Australians with access to crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health support services. Lifeline National Office is seeking to fill the role of Domestic Violence Response Training (DiVeRT) Indigenous Programs Coordinator. The role will be responsible for coordinating the development, implementation and evaluation of the new DiVeRT Indigenous program.

Your involvement in developing the program will be pivotal in leading communication and engagement with Indigenous stakeholders. We are seeking candidates who have at least 5 years' experience in working with Indigenous communities. *Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.*

This role boasts a competitive salary and additional benefits include free parking and tax benefits as a Public Benevolent Institution.

Applications for this role close 5pm Tuesday 3 January 2012.

To find out more about the position and the application process please visit <http://www.lifeline.org.au/About-Lifeline/Jobs/Current-Job-Opportunities/default.aspx>; or call Alison McGrath on 02 62159420.



Chief Executive Officer

Attractive salary level with salary packaging options (DGR status) negotiable based on experience and/or qualifications.

Melbourne Based: As the Chief Executive Officer, you will be working closely with the Chairman and the Board to develop strategies to deliver future growth for First Nations Foundation, for the financial and economic inclusion of Indigenous people.

Selection Criteria

- Interest in advocating for financial and economic inclusion for all Indigenous people
- To have gained personal experience and an understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, their cultures and diversity of circumstances, with an ability to communicate effectively and sensitively
- To have provided leadership at a senior management level, promoting the strategic direction of the organisation
- An ability to manage senior corporate and government partnerships
- Well-developed administration and organisational skills, including the ability to write submissions and reports
- A good understanding of the financial services industry

First Nations Foundation (FNF) and My Moola: First Nations Foundation was established in 2006 to address the issues of financial inclusion for all Indigenous Australians. It is an independent Aboriginal organisation whose mission is to promote culturally appropriate financial inclusion and economic empowerment for Indigenous Australians. My Moola was developed by FNF and the ANZ Bank, with the Indigenous people of the Goulburn Valley of Victoria. The successful applicant will be working as part of a small team of 3 in the Melbourne Office. It was successfully piloted in Shepparton and FNF is now working in partnership with Rio Tinto Aboriginal Fund, FaHCSIA and DEEWR to trial and evaluate the My Moola project in Roebourne (WA) and Melbourne (VIC).

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

Position Description: Martha Piper (03) 9671 4780

Enquiries: Karen Milward (03) 9841 9497 or 0407 867 963

Closing Date 16 December 2011

Applications marked confidential to Karen Milward PO 3158 The Pines Doncaster East Vic 3109

Jabalbina

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mossman Region
Far North Queensland



Jabalbina is the Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Jabalbina Yalanji Land Trust. Jabalbina is the Eastern Kuku Yalanji organisation responsible for the Eastern Kuku Yalanji People's Traditional Estate and the cultural, social and economic development on that estate.

Jabalbina is seeking an Eastern Kuku Yalanji Bama to take up the role of Chief Executive Officer under a transitional arrangement working alongside the current CEO.

The Chief Executive Officer will lead the organisation through its next challenging stage of development with the assistance of a small staff team and the support of strong Directors.

The successful candidate will be able to utilise both their traditional and contemporary knowledge and skillsets to give effect to the aspiration of Bama working for Bama through engagement with the Government, philanthropic and private sectors.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate a sound knowledge of the environment in which PBCs and Land Trusts operate, along with a sound understanding of the cultural, social, environmental and economic issues affecting Eastern Kuku Yalanji Bama specifically, and Indigenous people of Far North Queensland more generally.

A remuneration package commensurate with skills and experience will be offered to the successful candidate.

To obtain an application package (including selection criteria which must be addressed in the application), contact Jabalbina office on (07) 4098 5500 or email: admin@jabalbina.com.au.

Applications must be received by 5.00pm, Monday 16 January 2012



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Liaison Officer (Grad/Non-Grad)

Ref: 56503, F/T or P/T at Campbelltown

Salary: \$22.54–\$38.45 ph

Enq: Lina Versace

Ph: (02) 4634 3888

Male Aboriginal Youth Health Education Officer (HEO)

Ref: 57298, F/T at Campbelltown

Salary: \$44,701–\$76,243 pa

Enq: Voula Kougelos

Ph: (02) 8717 1717

Being Male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Registered Midwife – Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy

Ref: 55809, P/T 20 hpw at Macarthur

Enq: Erika Lehner

Ph: (02) 4640 3515

Female Aboriginal Health Worker – Child and Family Health (Aboriginal HEO)

Ref: 55003, F/T or P/T x 2 Positions at Narellan

Enq: Erika Lehner

Ph: (02) 4640 3501

Being female is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

FOR ALL POSITIONS:

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date for all positions: 30 December 2011

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Contract Manager

Northern Territory Office

APS 5 \$66,170 - \$69,841

Alice Springs and Darwin NT Ref Number: 11-1409

The Northern Territory Office of the department has approximately 80 staff based in offices in Darwin and Alice Springs. We work in partnership with stakeholders to ensure that services provided through departmental programs, including programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, are responsive to local needs and conditions while maintaining high standards of equity, quality and efficiency.

We have several current and expected ongoing and non-ongoing vacancies at the APS 5 level, in the Darwin and Alice Springs offices. We are seeking to establish an order of merit that can be used to fill these vacancies for up to 12 months.

Duties of the positions include consulting with stakeholders, negotiating and managing funding agreements, financial analysis, making recommendations about health and ageing services and ensuring compliance with regulatory frameworks, and (in many cases) supervising staff.

Contact officer: Carolyn Ardler (08) 8919 3437 or carolyn.ardler@health.gov.au

Applications close: Thursday 22 December 2011, 7pm AEDT

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

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Jobs that make a difference

Indigenous Family Violence Regional Coordinator VPS 4

Children, Youth & Families

Work location: Shepparton or Wangaratta

\$66,735 - \$75,151 + 9% Super

Working closely with Aboriginal communities, and local community based organisations, you will have the opportunity to address and reduce family violence issues.

This key role focuses on the strengthening of Aboriginal communities, through planning, networking, community education, advocacy and project development relating to family violence issues.

Are you seeking an opportunity for:

- Diversity
- Valued participation in the Aboriginal community, and a
- Supportive work environment?

DHS employees are people committed to making a difference. If you too want to make a difference, we encourage you to join us.

This position has been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. This is pursuant to an exemption under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995, granted by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Exemption Number: A067/A068/2010/0064

To apply online and view the job description please visit:

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for the position are encouraged to contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or email us at aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close 18 December 2011

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Project Coordinator

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

Senior Administrative Officer 1 Remuneration Package Range \$110 503 - \$123 305

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Aboriginal Interpreter Service, Darwin

Temporary vacancy to 30/06/2012

Coordinate the implementation of recommendations from the Commonwealth Ombudsman's report: "Talking in Language: Indigenous language interpreters and government communication" through the provision of strategic direction and advice to the project implementation team.

For more information regarding this position please contact David Alexander on 08 8999 8923.

Contact us on 1300 659 247 or email recruitmentjobvacancies@nt.gov.au

Quote vacancy number: 212206

Closing date: 23 December 2011

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SWOP

SEX WORKERS OUTREACH PROJECT

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Outreach Officer, SWOP

The Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP) is a community-based not for profit organisation promoting the health, safety and well being of NSW sex workers while affirming their occupational and human rights. SWOP is co-located with and supported by *ACON.

SWOP is seeking an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community member to work as part of the SWOP outreach team. The position provides outreach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaged in sex work across NSW, with the aim of encouraging and supporting safe behaviours and empowering these community members to protect themselves and improve their health and wellbeing. This position will also work with and be supported by ACON's Aboriginal Project staff in joint activities such as outreach at Aboriginal community events.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine requirement of this position as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Previous experience in and or knowledge of the NSW sex industry is essential, as is a NSW driver's licence and some outdoor and evening work. All information provided by applicants is kept confidential and only viewed by the interview panel.

This is a part-time position three days per week (21 hours/week) and it's based in Surry Hills. Applications from those seeking job share placements will also be considered.

Applications for this position close 5pm Friday January 20, 2012.

For all the details, download a job pack from the SWOP website (<http://www.swop.org.au/about-us/work-at-swop>) or contact ACON reception after 11am Monday – Friday on 02 9206 2000. All applications must include a completed application form (from job pack), a document addressing the Selection Criteria (from job pack) and a copy of your resume.

*ACON is Australia's largest community-based Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender health and HIV/AIDS organisation.

www.swop.org.au

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NSW Police Force
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GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Aboriginal targeted position

Kuring-gai Local Area Command, North West Metropolitan Region

Field Operations

Clerk Grade 1/2

Permanent Full-Time

Hornsby and Gordon

Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/343

Salary Package: \$64,069. **Salary:** \$53,407 - \$58,060. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force. The position also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations, including within the Court Process Office.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.
- For your application to be considered you must attach an up-to-date resume and a written response addressing each of the selection criteria listed in the advertisement. If not, your application will be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills.
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence.
- Ability to operate the corporate records management system.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures, including workings of the local court system.

Enquiries: Tina Latham (02) 9476 9754

Information Pack: Kerry Melleuish on (02) 9476 9720

Applications must be submitted via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000R30

Closing Date: Friday 6 January 2011

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Contract Manager

Northern Territory Office

APS 6 \$72,997 - \$82,352

Alice Springs and Darwin NT Ref Number: 11-1408

The Northern Territory Office of the department has approximately 80 staff based in offices in Darwin and Alice Springs. We work in partnership with stakeholders to ensure that services provided through departmental programs, including programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, are responsive to local needs and conditions while maintaining high standards of equity, quality and efficiency.

We have several current and expected ongoing and non-ongoing vacancies at the APS 6 level, in the Darwin and Alice Springs offices. We are seeking to establish an order of merit that can be used to fill these vacancies for up to 12 months.

Duties of the positions include consulting with stakeholders, negotiating and managing funding agreements, financial analysis, making recommendations about health and ageing services and ensuring compliance with regulatory frameworks, and (in many cases) supervising staff.

Contact officer: Carolyn Alder, (08) 8919 3437 or carolyn.alder@health.gov.au

Applications close: Thursday 22 December 2011, 7pm AEDT

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Diversity is important to us. Information about working for the department and workplace diversity is available on the Health website.

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Family &
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Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Care Worker – ATSI Identified

Grade 2

Ngangana Home Care

Dubbo, Narromine, Wellington and Warren

Casual

Job Reference No. 00000P6N

Rate of pay commences at \$23.66 per hour plus travel and kilometre allowance, includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to enable them to live independently in their own homes.

We are seeking to employ a **Casual Grade 2 Care Worker** to provide personal care (showering) and domestic assistance (housekeeping) services to our clients in their homes.

Are You

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Caring and understanding
- Able to work independently and within a team
- Able to engage with the aged, people with disabilities and people from all backgrounds

Do You

- Have a licence
- Have your own vehicle
- Have a home phone and/or mobile

In Return We Will Offer You

- Good rates of pay and kilometre allowance
- Ongoing paid training
- Flexible working hours
- Supportive work environment

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. This is a Casual position. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details about the position and information about the department. Successful applicant will be subject to a criminal records check and a pre-employment functional assessment.

Enquiries: Kelly Doolan - Ph (02) 6841 1570

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000P6N

Closing Date: 30 December, 2011

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Namatjira Haven Ltd

Ph: (02) 6628 1098 • Fax: (02) 6628 0520

Namatjira Haven is a government funded Residential AOD healing centre based on the far north coast of NSW servicing the needs of Aboriginal men with substance use problems. Currently we are seeking 2 new team members to fill the following full time positions:

Transition Case Worker and AOD Case Manager

Aboriginality and being male are genuine occupational qualifications for these positions as authorised by Sections S14 and S31 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977(NSW).

Information packs must be obtained from the Administration Officer on (02) 6628 1098 or email: admin@namatjirahaven.com

Both positions require the applicant to have a current clean MR drivers licence and reliable transport.

**Applications close on:
December 23, 2011 at 5.00 pm.**



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BUGALMA BIHYN ABORIGINAL COUNSELLOR

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SCHADS/SACS award Grade 4 (\$25.53 - \$27.66p/h)**

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ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATION PACKAGES

Karen Roberts ph: (02) 6621 5187 or email:
karen.roberts@norwacs.org.au or visit www.norwacs.org.au

Applicants must address the selection criteria.

To be Aboriginal is a genuine requirement for these positions under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "working with children's check" and a Police criminal record check.

Closing date: Friday 16th Dec 2011

Secretary/Project Officer: Get a career that matters.

Community Placements Program (CPP) Dubbo

The Secretary/ Project Officer is a permanent full time position (35 hours) responsible for administrative support to the Manager CPP, and taking carriage/oversighting of CPP-wide projects. The successful applicant will need to develop and maintain administrative systems and be able to work as a member of a cohesive team providing positive support to other team members.

Applicants will require:

- Empathy for the needs of young people in crisis
- Extensive experience in general office administration with a high level of accuracy & attention to detail
- A professional manner with excellent written & verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated flexibility & organisational skills in managing a workload across a range of programs.

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Applications Close 06 January 2012

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Applicants will require:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent workplace experience including proven team leadership skills
- Demonstrated experience with & understanding of issues related to the placement of children & young people with challenging behaviours
- Highly developed communication, conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation skills.

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Faculty of Arts

Academic Head, Indigenous Studies Unit

Indigenous Studies in the Faculty of Arts is anchored in the critical study of Australian Indigenous experiences: their cultures, histories, politics and societies. This core is enriched through comparative analyses of other Indigenous experiences and engagement with Indigenous voices and organisations on the international scene.

The University is seeking to develop and expand Indigenous Studies with a number of new appointments. The key appointment is offered at Associate Professor level to provide leadership in this area.

We are seeking a dynamic and experienced academic to take a leadership role in the growth of Indigenous Studies teaching and research. The position is central to the development of Indigenous Studies. The appointee will provide dynamic leadership and take on the position of Head of the Indigenous Studies Unit following a probationary period.

The appointee will have a substantial academic record and standing in their discipline. Candidates will have significant research publications in Indigenous Studies within a Humanities or Social Science discipline. They will have ongoing current research projects; demonstrated successful teaching and curriculum development; and evidence of team leadership.

The successful applicant will play a leading role in the development of the Indigenous Studies Major, including teaching in the core subjects and developing new subjects. The appointee will be expected to take a leading role in developing research including the development of Honours and supervision of Higher Degree Research students. The Faculty of Arts encourages staff to participate in interdisciplinary research and teaching.

The University believes this position will be best served by a person with an Indigenous background and experience as a member of an Indigenous minority community in an economically developed country. We strongly encourage Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander academics and Indigenous academics of these countries to apply.

For further information about this position, please contact Professor John Bern, Interim Head, Indigenous Studies Unit, Faculty of Arts, University of Wollongong (Phone: 61 2 4221 4245; email: jbern@uow.edu.au).

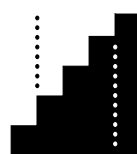
Applications Close 22 January 2012

Ref No 24099

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University of Wollongong



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NOL manages the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation (CRC-REP) which is a public good research centre that delivers solutions to economic disadvantage in remote Australia. It began its operations on 1 July 2010 and is funded until 30 June 2017. The research undertaken by CRC-REP will systemically investigate and provide practical responses to the complex issues that drive economic participation in Australia's remote regions.

Based at the offices of one of the research provider partners, this position will take a leading role in the strategic direction and operational delivery of the Climate Change Adaptation, Energy Futures and Carbon Economies research program. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and implement this important and multidisciplinary research project by engaging a team of researchers (from partner organisations) and end-users in the conception and conduct of the project.

Our client is seeking an appropriately qualified professional with extensive experience in a management or leadership role within a complex research project environment involving multiple partners and other stakeholders, preferably within a remote area context. The ability to establish rapport quickly together with strong cross-cultural communication skills are essential.

A PhD in a relevant discipline and publishing record in one or more of the following fields is essential: natural resource management or economics; carbon sequestration and emission; biological, engineering or socio-economic research related to climate change adaptation; renewable energy or systems science.

For a job and person specification, please visit www.hender.com.au and for further information on our client, please visit www.crc-rep.com

Applications in Word format only should be forwarded to Justin Hinora by email to 14885@hender.com.au Telephone enquiries are welcome on (08) 8100 8829.

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The program offers Aboriginal people an opportunity to complete a nationally recognised qualification at the Certificate IV level whilst working and there is a job at the end.

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Six positions are now available:

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Region: Southern Metropolitan.

Child Protection Case Support Worker, Level 1

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Region: Eastern Metropolitan.

Disability Development & Support Officer Level 1

Two positions available

Region: Gippsland Region.

These positions have been exempted for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. VCAT Exemption Number: A067/A068/2010.

For more information and to apply, please visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au and search the site for 'ASTWP'.

For all enquiries please call the Aboriginal Employment Unit on: 1300 092 406 or email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close: 14 January 2012

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Department of
Human Services



Senior Policy Officer VPSG5

Aboriginal Early Years Services

This position offers an excellent opportunity for a dedicated person to work within the department to contribute to improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. The Senior Policy Officer will lead and support the implementation of the In-Home Support and Home Based Learning Program. The Position will work with a number of funded sites to increase support for Aboriginal children and families and increase school readiness for Aboriginal children. An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A23/2011). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply. Further information about this position is available from Sonia Harvey, phone (03) 9651 3354 or 0418 256 158.

Interested applicants should apply for this position at www.careers.vic.gov.au.

In the Reference field on the Jobs Board page, enter the **reference NEW549**.

Applications close 31 December 2011.

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Aboriginal Exercise Physiologist (Level 1/2) – Temp P/T 20 hpw

Ref: 57789. At Liverpool.
Salary: \$26.72–\$38.71 ph.
Enquiries: Brianna Crawley.
Ph: (02) 4633 4126.

Trainees – Aboriginal Mental Health (Aboriginal HEO Non-Grad) F/T

Ref: 57709. At Camperdown & Liverpool/Macarthur
Enquiries: Barry Kinnaird
Ph: (02) 9616 4271

**For above positions: These are Identified Aboriginal/
Torres Strait Islander Positions. Applicants for these
positions must be of Aboriginal descent through
parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being
accepted in the community as such. Exemption is
claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act.**

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Employment

BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Lecturer – Creative Writing PART TIME

Position No: 18080

12 month fixed term appointment – Alice Springs

Remuneration: PART TIME (.5) - Academic Level B - \$36,237 - \$43,031

Responsible for delivery of approved Higher Education programs in Diploma of Creative Indigenous Writing including delivery of Higher Education Creative Writing programs through flexible remote delivery mode, development and evaluation of curriculum and course materials consistent with accreditation documentation, facilitation and delivery of Creative Writing workshops at either Alice Springs or Batchelor campuses and possibly in communities.

Note:

All applicants must address the selection criteria.

Applications close:

Friday, 23rd December 2011

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment,
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Careers with Queensland Health

Advanced Health Worker

Chermside Community Mental Health Team, Metro North Mental Health Services, Chermside, Metro North Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$69 812 p.a., comprising salary between \$55 492 - \$61 187 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties / Abilities:** Provide culturally sensitive social, emotional and spiritual well-being support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a mental illness, including direct care coordination and support to the consumer, their families and community. This also includes working as a member of a mental health multi-disciplinary team in the provision of co-case management, advice to staff on social and cultural aspects of assessment, treatment and rehabilitation. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Gerhard Venter (07) 3139 6777.

Job Ad Reference: H11PCH11598.

Application Kit: (07) 3170 4255 or (07) 3170 4256
or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Tuesday, 3 January 2012.

You can apply online at
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.
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Aboriginal Client Service Officer

Clerk Grade 5/6, Community
Offender Services, Newcastle
District Office, Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Number: 00000JPL. Total remuneration package valued at \$85,815 pa including salary range \$70,480 pa to \$77,767 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Purpose of the Position: Provide advice and support to Probation and Parole Officers in the case management of Aboriginal Offenders in a culturally sensitive manner. Identify and build collaborative community networks and partnerships to enhance the delivery of community based offender programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Ability to provide advice and support to Probation and Parole Officers case managing Aboriginal offenders in a legally mandated environment. Understanding and knowledge of group work processes and solid presentation skills. Knowledge of Aboriginal culture and history, experience in and acceptance by Aboriginal communities to provide influence in community partnerships. Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, liaison and oral and written communication skills, including computer literacy. Ability to utilise Aboriginal targeted resources with a focussed outcome of strengthening community and Government relationships. Current Driver's licence and a willingness/ability to drive within NSW as required.

Job Notes: In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and should attach their resume as a word document to their online application. Applicants must provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which must be a current or recent supervisor. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment. An Eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future temporary positions within the area.

Inquiries Contact: Christine.Salway@dcs.nsw.gov.au
(02) 4929 3921

Closing Date: 8/1/2012

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1 x Community Development Officer / Supervisor &

1 x Community Development officer / Art Centre Manager Balgo and Mulan

Based in Balgo/ Mulan

(CEA) is a not for profit organisation specializing in working with and for indigenous people to develop their skills and capacity to overcome the disadvantages of long term unemployment and work with them in partnership to develop clear pathways for future training and employment.

**CEA is committed to building stronger
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self esteem through partnering work
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Applications from Local Indigenous people and those with current relevant knowledge and understanding of Indigenous culture & Issues, and also couples are invited to submit resumes.

ALL Applications are to be sent to:

p.voase@cealtd.com.au

Pauline Voase 0448440751

By COB 13th January 2012

MANAGER POLICY & PROJECTS, INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT PROGRAMS AND SMALL BUSINESS BRANCH

- VPS6
- Salary: \$93,740 - \$125,443
- Location: Melbourne, Victoria

The newly established Indigenous Economic Development Unit is located in the Programs and Small Business Branch of the Trade and Industry Development Division.

This unit will be responsible for developing key policies and programs associated with Indigenous economic development, including enterprise improvement and the development of initiatives to promote business growth, expansion and employment.

To be successful in this position, you will need to have a demonstrated ability to produce policies, programs and strategies relating to Indigenous business development and manage the associated budgets. In addition you will need to have strong stakeholder relationship skills.

A demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Koori community, including culture and society and the issues affecting it, along with an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous people is a must for this position.

If you are interested in applying, applications are to be submitted online at www.careers.vic.gov.au - position reference VG/018754. Applicants will need to address the specific selection criteria contained in the position description. Alternatively, for a confidential discussion, please call Roger Arwas, Executive Director, Small Business Victoria on (03) 9651 9880.

Closing date for applications: 21 December 2011

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Health Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinical Leader

Eastgardens, Pagewood

Temporary Full Time – 26/03/12 up to 02/11/12

JH No: 11/337

Salary: Health Manager 2: \$80,640–\$95,646 per annum.

Only permanent employees or temporary employees with 12 months continuous service with Justice Health or with the Department of Health, Health Administration Corporation, Local Health Districts, Statutory Health Corporations and the Ambulance Service of NSW are eligible to apply.

A career development opportunity exists for a suitably qualified and experienced applicant to work in the role of Aboriginal Mental Health Clinical Leader. The successful applicant will work across both Adolescent and Adult Mental Health Services within Justice Health. The position works closely with Aboriginal young people from 12–24 years of age with mental health problems who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

Enquiries: Morgan Owen on (02) 8372 3052 or 0417 481 613.

Closing Date: 13 January 2012.

• This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of Anti-Discrimination Act.

Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 9700 3048.

Applications to: recruit@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service – Justice Health Division is committed to OH&S, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Victorian Aboriginal Health Service MEN'S HEALTH PROGRAMS

2 Full-Time positions available

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled organisation that provides primary and preventative health care, including physical, emotional and social support to the Aboriginal community.

The following positions are available in their Men's Health Programs. The Program will be located at the new Men's Centre, Bell Street Preston, as part of a partnership between VAHS and VACSAL.

MEN'S FAMILY VIOLENCE CASE MANAGER

This newly created position is responsible for Case managing Aboriginal Men referred to the service, including the provision of intensive support and client referral to the identified programs.

The successful applicant will have Tertiary qualifications in Social Work, Welfare, Community Development or a related discipline and have extensive experience case management. The person will also have demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal Family Violence issues in Victoria and demonstrated experience in work with Aboriginal Men and perpetrators of family violence.

MEN'S FAMILY VIOLENCE WELLBEING ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER

This newly created position will work as part of the VAHS Men's Family Violence team and is expected to be involved in the development and implementation of social emotional wellbeing plans for a number of MFV clients. This will involve facilitating counselling, referral and support services for Aboriginal Males (youth and adult) who present with health issues and other problems and will include some outreach work as required.

The successful applicant will have Certificate 3 in Aboriginal Health Work or equivalent training and experience and demonstrated understanding of health issues related to Aboriginal Males. The person will also have demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal Family Violence issues in Victoria and demonstrated knowledge of and experience in working with Aboriginal Males including the key area of family violence.

A current Victorian Drivers Licence is mandatory.

A Working with Children Check is mandatory.

Great salary packaging benefits (\$16,050 tax free)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For a copy of the position description and key selection criteria contact Narelle Carter or Lesley Day in HR on (03) 9419 3000. If you wish to find out more about the position please contact Alan Brown on (03) 9419 3000.

Closing Date: Friday 23rd December, 2011.

Applicants should address the key selection and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to:

Mr Rod Jackson, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065.

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Aboriginal Health Network Coordinator, SV&MHS

Position No: 142630

Applications Close: 23/12/2011 5:00 PM

Location: St Vincents Hospital- Darlinghurst Campus Sydney NSW

Aboriginal Health Network Coordinator, SV&MHS

Permanent full-time

Award: Aboriginal Health Education Officer - Graduate or equivalent

Applications are now invited for a newly created, exciting role within St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney for an Aboriginal Health Network Coordinator. The Mission of St Vincent's Health Australia (SVHA) and St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney (SV&MHS) is to provide high quality and efficient health services to all they serve and in accordance with the philosophy of the Mary Aikenhead Ministries. The Mission of SV&MHS is based on the values of compassion, justice, human dignity excellence and unity. St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney embraces the policies and principles of equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety and quality improvement.

The Aboriginal Health Network Coordinator (AHNC) is responsible for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients who are dealing with health related issues primarily in the acute and sub-acute settings at St Vincents Hospital. The AHNC will also assist and provide consultation to St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney staff to provide culturally safe/respectful care to Aboriginal patients and families. The AHNC role carries responsibilities for effective liaison and linkage with key community controlled organisations, particularly Aboriginal Community groups and services. The AHNC works in close collaboration with unit social workers, care coordinators, and other health professionals for care planning.

The position will also have a pivotal role and contribution to the implementation and promotion of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney.

Key selection criteria:

- Adhering to the Philosophy, Mission and Values of Mary Aikenhead Ministries;
- Of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (To be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background. An applicant's race is a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).);
- Relevant Qualifications in education or other as relevant to the position;
- Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal culture and values and social health issues;
- Demonstrated experience in working constructively with Aboriginal communities and personnel;
- Experience in providing support and advocacy for Aboriginal families;
- Demonstrated understanding of the NSW health system;
- Ability to communicate effectively - written and verbal - and to work with a range of stakeholders;
- Awareness of the need to maintain confidentiality;
- Ability to participate in program improvement activities;
- Basic computer skills;
- Current NSW driver's licence;
- Immunisation history complies with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2011_005.

Enquiries: Ms Margaret Bramwell, Manager Social Work Department, Phone: (02) 8382 2423 (Office) or (02) 8382 2213 (Social Work Department).

Application Instructions:

Applicants are requested to apply online www.careersatvmhs.com.au and you are required to address the selection criteria.

Please address your application to:

Ms Margaret Bramwell, Manager Social Work Department.

Community Health Nurse (RN Grade 4A)

P/T (30.4h/w), Temp (ends 30/06/2013)

Community Services, Aboriginal Health Team – Dandenong, Melbourne

This is an opportunity to join the Population Health Team in Community Services to deliver an exciting new project - Healthy Koori Kids. The project aims to facilitate health assessments for ATSI children who are in out of home care or at risk, and co-ordinate the follow up care. The nursing role requires advanced engagement, assessment, care planning and care co-ordination skills and will be pivotal in assisting the Project Leader to develop and implement the project. Paediatric experience is essential for this position. The program will be delivered from a number of settings and includes outreach. The position will be based at Thomas St, Dandenong site.

Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply. You should have experience of working with, and a well developed knowledge of, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, kinship and health issues.

It is a requirement of this position that you hold a current Working with Children Check or have made an application for one.

ENQUIRIES/APPLICATIONS (Ref No 125640): Michelle Ravesi, Population Health Manager on 0405 180 406. For more information & to apply please visit the 'Careers' link on our website www.southernhealth.org.au

Applications close: 22 December 2011.

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Recruitment

Dental Assistant

Our well respected Albury client, a successful Aboriginal health service, is seeking to appoint a qualified Dental Assistant.

Responsibilities for this position include:

- providing chair side assistance to dentist / therapist
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- dental administration
- oral health promotion

- liaising with the reception staff and other disciplines that network within the dental team.

The successful candidate will have a Certificate III in Dental Assisting or equivalent, relevant dental assisting experience and an understanding of infection control procedures.

Effective time management skills, the ability to work within a multidisciplinary team and excellent communication skills are essential for success in this role. Current drivers licence and computer proficiency will also be highly desired. An attractive hourly rate is being offered.

Aboriginal candidates are encouraged to apply.

To apply, please log onto:
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Phone: 02 6041 6286 Fax: 02 6041 6285

Email: admin@mppersonnel.com.au

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Indigenous Access and Equity Worker

EEO No: A269/2009

22.8 Hours Per Week Permanent Position

An exciting opportunity for an experienced worker to work closely with a local Indigenous community in an innovative and established program to:

- Advocate for Indigenous community members and enable access to health and welfare services
- Engage with Indigenous and mainstream services to improve service delivery
- Provide cultural awareness support and consultation

To obtain a position description please visit our website: www.ischs.org.au or email: recruit@ischs.org.au for further information.

Closing Date: Tues 20th December 2011 @ 5pm

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Associate Lecturer – School of Indigenous Australian Studies

Ref. No. 11300 – Cairns

The appointee will be required to teach, assist in research and travel to remote and rural areas in relation to recruitment activities and the delivery of our teaching program. The position will provide high level support for Indigenous students across the university. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Employment Type: Appointment will be half-time on a continuing basis.

Salary: Academic Level A - \$27,346 - \$36,541 per annum. Commencing salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience. Benefits include 5 weeks annual leave, generous employer superannuation contribution and attractive options for salary packaging.

Applications close on 6 January 2012.

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INTRAIN scholarships are offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to assist them to complete degrees and diplomas in the health, allied health and community sector.

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To be eligible you must:

- Be enrolled in a course relevant to careers in health, allied health or community services.
- Be enrolled to study (full or part time).
- Be completing the last one or two years of an undergraduate or post graduate degree course.
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Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

INFORMATION

Before applying, you must obtain an Employment Package for the position. The Package includes a position description, Selection Criteria, Information about the appointment process, and advice on how to apply including formats for your resume and claim.

To request an Employment Package, please phone 02 4351-2930.

For further information please call Sean Gordon, CEO on 02 4351-2930 or 0400-890-420.

Applications may be emailed, posted or delivered to DLALC, Attention Sean Gordon by **COB Wednesday 21 December 2011**.

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(36 hours per week – 4.5 days)

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Vocationally Registered
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Information Packages: Jean Blair (Administration Assistant)

P: 02 98805 2141 or email Jean@amsws.org.au

Position Enquiries: Joanne Delaney (Deputy CEO/Programs Manager)

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Duties/Abilities: Contribute to the implementation of the Cultural Capability Framework with particular emphasis on the development and implementation of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Program in the Children's Health Services to improve the cultural capability of all staff, and in turn, the health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Dianne Wooley (07) 3895 3035.

Job Ad Reference: H11RCH11712.

Application Kit: (07) 3170 4255 or (07) 3170 4256

or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Thursday, 22 December 2011.

Advanced Health Worker (Youth)

Young Peoples Health, Child and Family Health Services, Community Health Services, Ipswich Health Plaza, West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 632 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 108 - \$54 018 p.a. or salary rates: \$24.76 - \$27.24 p.h., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (One temporary full time or two temporary part time positions, 38 hrs p.f. until June 2014. Applications remain current for 12 months.)

Duties/Abilities: Implement the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Health and Well Being Program in secondary schools and other settings to target Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth age 12 -19, increase their knowledge and skills associated with general health, self-care and sexual and reproductive health. Access health services, especially prevention and early intervention services. Deliver this program through schools and in other settings where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who have disengaged from education are found. Will have a lead role in engaging with their local schools, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and Indigenous young people to identify and prioritise needs and develop/implement appropriate activities to meet those needs. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Ann Helen Walker (07) 3817 2347.

Job Ad Reference: H11WM1242.

Application Kit: (07) 3136 5616 or (07) 3121 1411

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**NATIVE TITLE CLAIMANT APPLICATION
UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)**

4 RANGES 4 RIVERS PEOPLE

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People** intend to make an application to the Federal Court of Australia seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) for the area depicted below. This Claim will be known as the **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People** Claim.

Meeting for all persons, asserting rights and interests in the area depicted in the map below:

Date and time of Authorisation Meeting: Sunday 18 December 2011 at 11.00 am.

Venue: Cooe Bay Community Hall at 160 Matthew Flinders Drive, Yeppoon QLD 4703

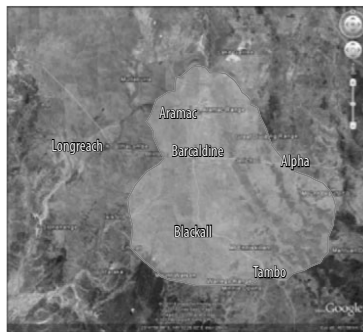
Purpose:

- Authorise Applicants for the **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People** Claim
- Authorise Applicants to bring a **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People** Claim on behalf of the **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People**
- Authorise a boundary description for a **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People** Claim (as generally depicted on the map below)
- Discuss a description of the native title rights and interests claimed in relation to **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People** land, air and waters; and
- Discuss the role of the Applicants and the extent of their powers.

The proposed **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People** Claim intends to describe the **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People** native title Claim group as being made up of any person who claims to be a biological descendant or natural relative according to the continuing law, custom and practice of the **4 Ranges 4 Rivers People**. To date the persons identified as having an interest in the proposed Claim area include the descendants of King Billy of Bonnie Doon, Polly, Minnie Bertram, Charles A Thompson, Maggie Breene, Elizabeth Thompson, Sally Jones, David W Thompson, Ada Hardiman, Bernard Thompson, William Thompson, Edith Hazel, Bridget Woods, and Maisie Abdullah.

All persons wishing to attend are asked to contact Pi-CaTS Pty Ltd on (07) 4938 3511 by 16 December 2011 to register their intention to attend the Authorisation Meeting.

4 Ranges 4 Rivers People regret they are unable to assist with transport to or from the meeting or accommodation costs, however a light lunch will be provided.



PUBLIC NOTICE

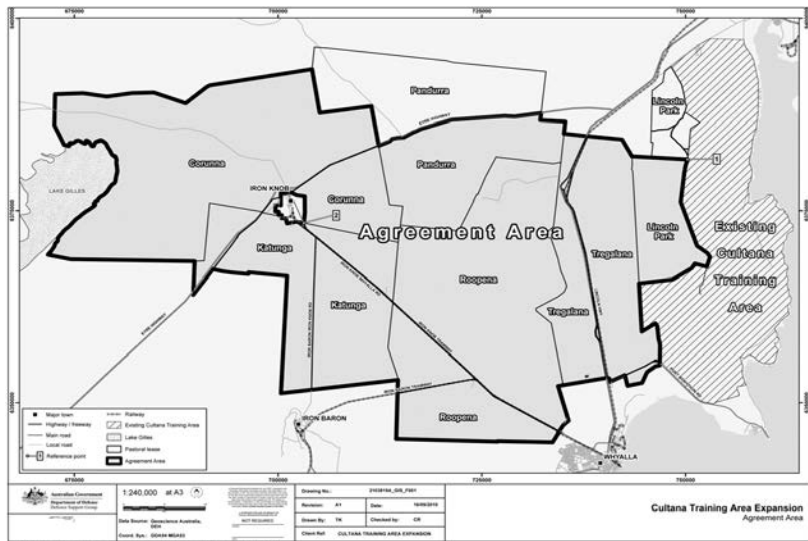
BARNGARLA AUTHORISATION MEETING FOR A PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT (CTH)

The Barngarla registered native title claimant in relation to native title determination application number SAD6011/1998 in the Federal Court of Australia invite all persons who identify as Barngarla and are acknowledged as Barngarla by the Barngarla community and have an interest in the Agreement Area depicted in the map below to attend a meeting to consider the authorisation of the making of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA") with the Commonwealth of Australia (represented by the Department of Defence) (Commonwealth) and the State of South Australia (State) in respect of the Agreement Area depicted in the map below.

The Barngarla community comprise the descendents of the following apical ancestors:

Percy Richards, Susie Richards, Maudie Blade, Phyllis Croft, George Glennie, Mary Glennie, Bob Eyles, Harry Croft, Jack Stuart, Arthur Davis and his sons Andrew Davis, Jack Davis, Stanley Davis, and Percy Davis.

The purpose of the ILUA is to provide consent in relation to the grant of one or more leases by the State to the Commonwealth to enable the Commonwealth to use, develop and maintain the relevant lease area as a defence training area, as an expansion of the Cultana Training Area, and for defence purposes and related matters.



All Aboriginal people who claim to hold or who may hold native title in the Agreement Area depicted in the map above are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Location: Centrals Football Club, McDouall Stuart Avenue, Whyalla Norrie, SA 5608

Date & Time: Saturday, 17th December 2011 at 9:30am.

Limited financial assistance will be available to those persons who attend the meeting and who permanently reside at a location of more than 150kms from Whyalla.

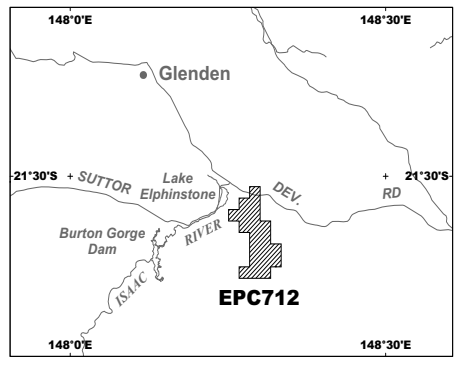
All enquiries in relation to assistance should be directed to Philip Teitzel on 0431-443-304 no later than **Thursday, 15th December 2011**.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF AN EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit for Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit 712 sought by West Walker Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 117 316 739 and Citic West Walker Pty Ltd, ACN 117 281 679 over an area of 20 sub-blocks (64km²) centred approximately 32km SE of Glenden, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 5, 10 December, 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October, 2010. The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for coal specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3006 5946.

Notification Day: 04 January 2012



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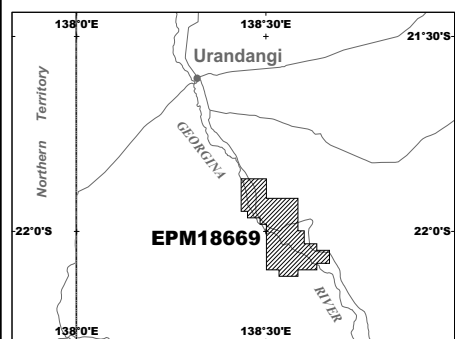
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS

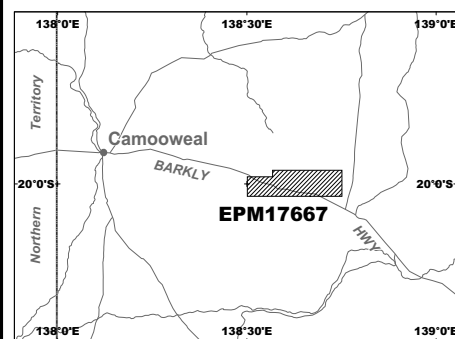
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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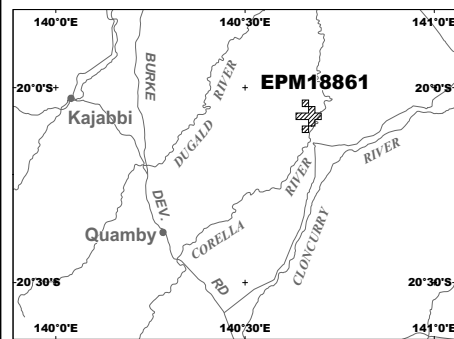
Exploration Permit 18669 sought by Vanguard Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN138 483 306, over an area of 100 sub-blocks, (318 km²) centred approximately 49km SE of Urandangi in the locality of Boulia Shire Council.



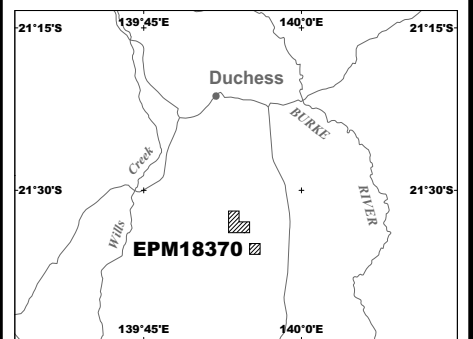
Exploration Permit 17667 sought by Syndicated Metals Limited, ACN 115 768 986, over an area of 56 sub-blocks (180 km²) centred approximately 55km East of Camooweal, in the locality of Mount Isa City.



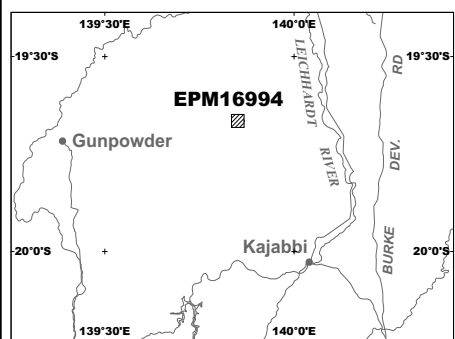
Exploration Permit 18861 sought by Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 108 366 591, over an area of 8 sub-blocks (26 km²) centred approximately 51km NE of Quamby, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



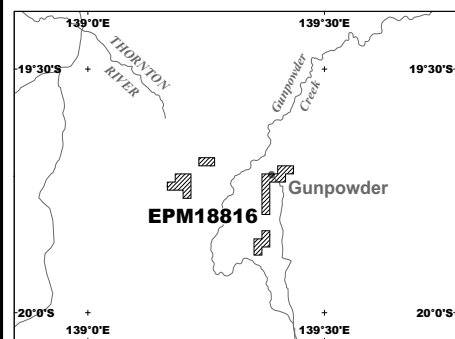
Exploration Permit 18370 sought by Tread Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 132 006 949, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²) centred approximately 23km SSE of Duchess, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



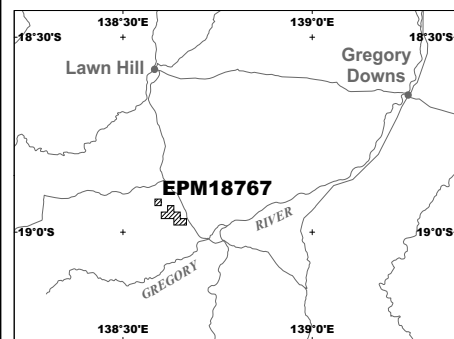
Exploration Permit 16994 sought by Kabiri Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 118 563 652 over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²) centred approximately 45km NW of Kajabbi in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



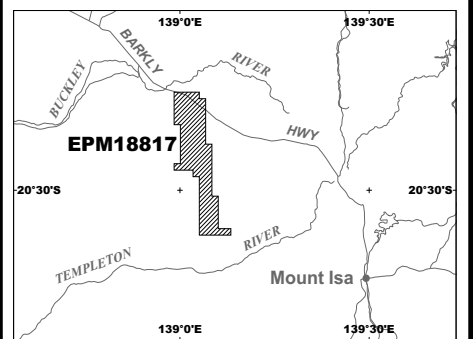
Exploration Permit 18816 sought by CST Minerals Lady Annie Pty Limited, ACN 136 930 222, over an area of 21 sub-blocks (68 km²), centred approximately 11km SW of Gunpowder, in the locality of Mount Isa City.



Exploration Permit 18767 sought by Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd, ACN 124 926 944, over an area of 7 Sub-blocks (23 km²) centred approximately 41km South of Lawn Hill, in the locality of Mount Isa City.



Exploration Permit 18817 sought by CST Minerals Lady Annie Pty Ltd, ACN 136 930 222, over an area of 86 sub-blocks (276 km²), centred approximately 55km NW of Mount Isa, in the locality of Mount Isa City.



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 General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

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Notification Day: 04 January 2012



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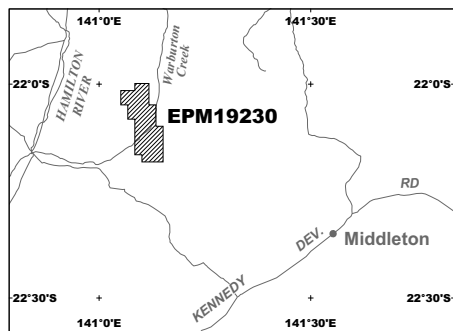
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS

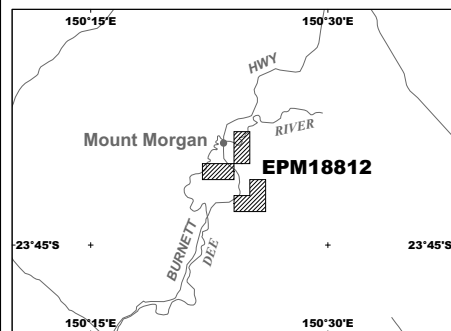
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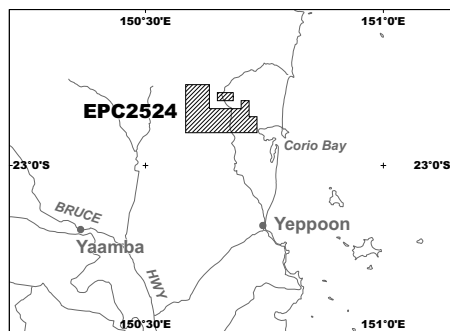
Exploration Permit 19230 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 40 sub-blocks (127km²), centred approximately 53km NW of Middleton, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



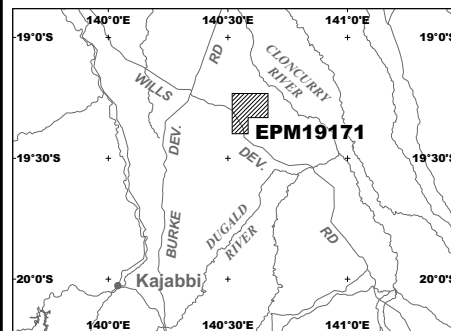
Exploration Permit 18812 sought by GBM Resources Limited, ACN 124 752 745, over an area of 7 sub-blocks (22km²), centred approximately 3km SE of Mount Morgan, in the locality of Rockhampton Regional Council.



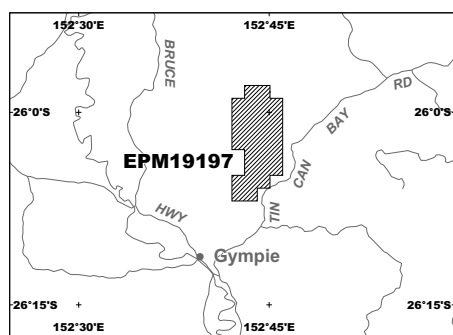
Exploration Permit 2524 sought by Wavenet International Limited, ACN 087 139 428, over an area of 38 sub-blocks (120km²), centred approximately 28km NNW of Yeppoon, in the locality Rockhampton Regional Council.



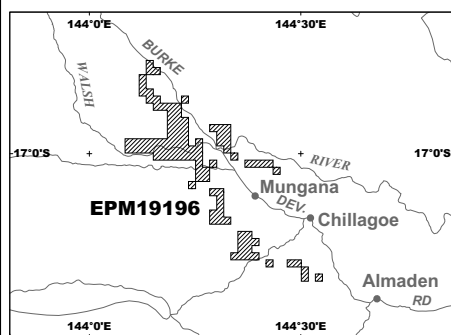
Exploration Permit 19171 sought by Mount Isa Mines Limited, ACN 009 661 447, over an area of 70 sub-blocks (226km²), centred approximately 98km NE of Kjabbi, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



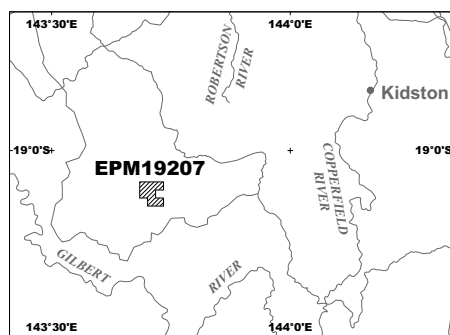
Exploration Permit 19197 sought by Troppo Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 101 221 505, over an area of 29 sub-blocks (89km²), centred approximately 17km NE of Gympie, in the locality of Gympie Regional Council.



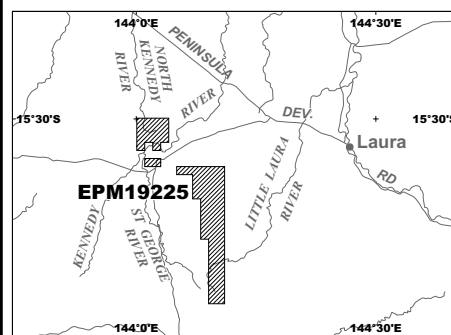
Exploration Permit 19196 sought by Mungana Goldmines Ltd, ACN 136 606 338, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (327km²), centred approximately 30km NW of Chillagoe, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



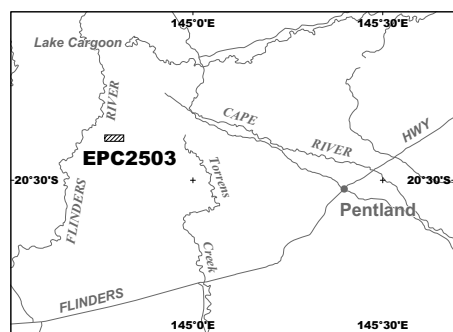
Exploration Permit 19207 sought by Activex Limited, ACN 113 452 896, over an area of 7 sub-blocks (23km²), centred approximately 53km SW of Kidston, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



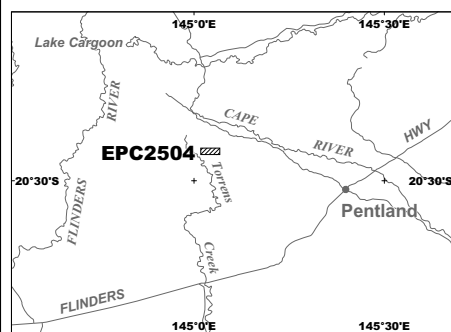
Exploration Permit 19225 sought by Mungana Goldmines Ltd, ACN 136 606 338, over an area of 65 sub-blocks (214km²), centred approximately 36km WSW of Laura, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



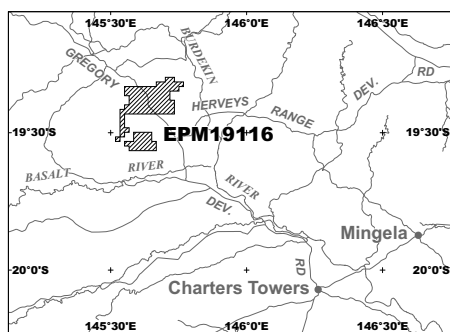
Exploration Permit 2503 sought by Guildford Coal Limited, ACN 143 533 537, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10km²), centred approximately 65km East of Pentland in the locality of Flinders Shire Council.



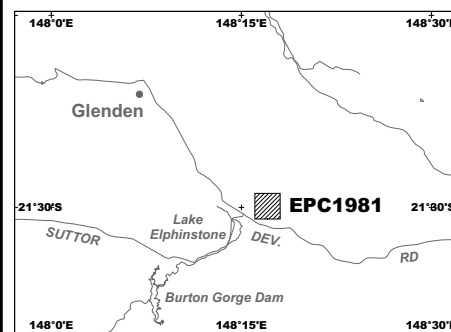
Exploration Permit 2504 sought by Guildford Coal Limited, ACN 143 533 537, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10km²), centred approximately 39km NW of Pentland, in the locality Bundaberg Regional Council.



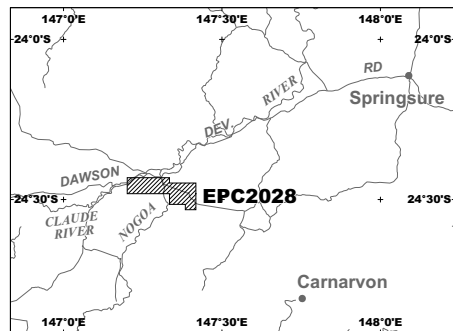
Exploration Permit 19116 sought by Monax Mining Ltd, ACN 110 336 733, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (323km²), centred approximately 97km NW of Charters Towers, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



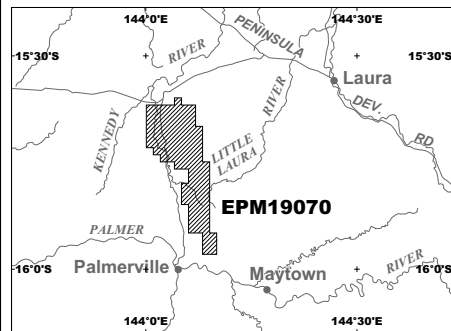
Exploration Permit 1981 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 005 057 125, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13km²), centred approximately 24km SE of Glenden, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



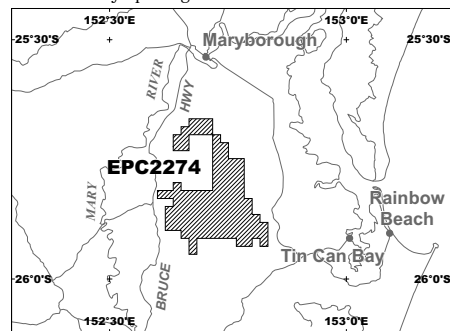
Exploration Permit 2028 sought by Seymour Energy Pty Ltd, ACN 132 928 897, over an area of 46 sub-blocks (143km²), centred approximately 89km SW of Springsure, in the locality of Central Highlands Regional Council.



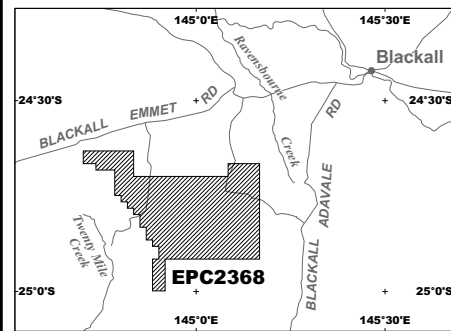
Exploration Permit 19070 sought by Mungana Goldmines Ltd, ACN 136 606 338 over an area of 100 sub-blocks (329km²), centred approximately 45km SW of Laura, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 2274 sought by Jindal Steel & Power (Australia) Pty Ltd, ACN 144 630 179, over an area of 106 sub-blocks (327km²) centred approx 30km South of Maryborough, in the locality of Fraser Coast Regional Council and Gympie Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 2368 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (932km²), centred approximately 69km SW of Blackall, in the locality of Blackall Tambo Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to explore for minerals and for coal 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 General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3006 5946.

Notification Day: 04 January 2012



NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR EXPLORATION PERMITS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals and for Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to explore for minerals of for coal 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 General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

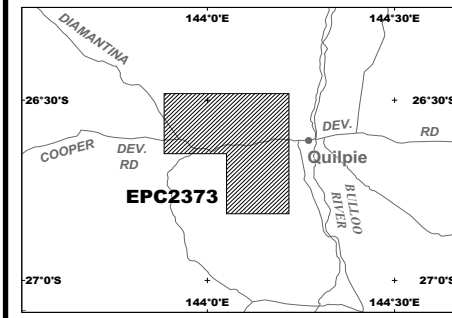
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit for coal to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless within a period of four (4) months after Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

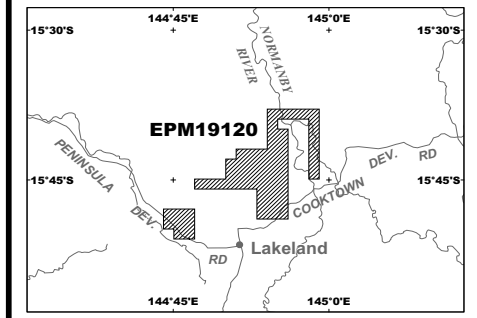
Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3006 5946.

Notification Day: 04 January 2012

Exploration Permit 2373 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (920km²), centred approximately 21km West of Quilpie, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 19120 sought by Jacaranda Minerals Limited, ACN 117 264 570, (50%) and Minerals Australia Pty Ltd, ACN 124 475 538, (50%), over an area of 59 sub-blocks (195km²), centred approximately 10km NNW of Lakeland, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



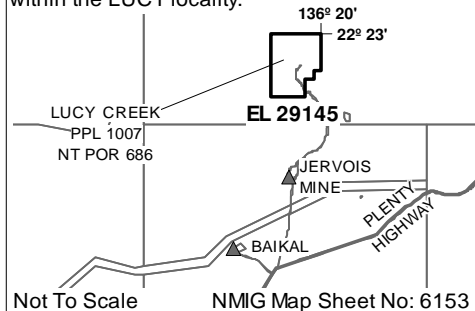
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

MINERAL TITLES ACT SECTION 71 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

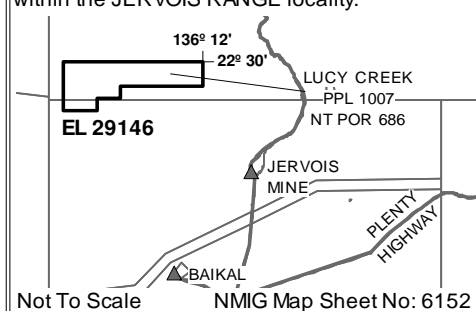
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, and the Chief Executive, Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)* and section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act* respectively of the intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

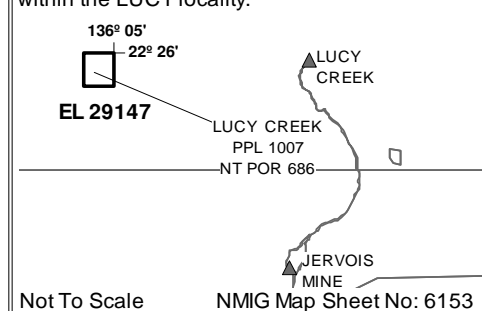
Exploration Licence 29145 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 37 Blocks (117 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LUCY locality.



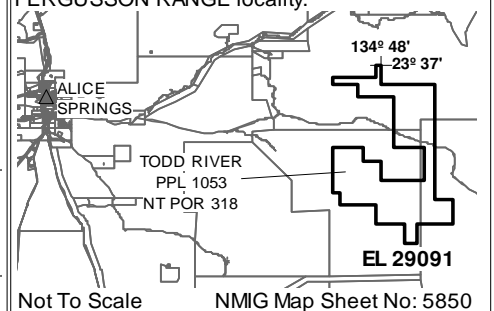
Exploration Licence 29146 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 32 Blocks (102 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



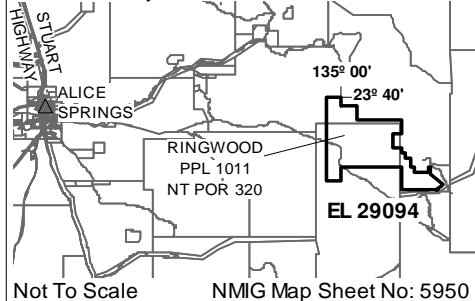
Exploration Licence 29147 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LUCY locality.



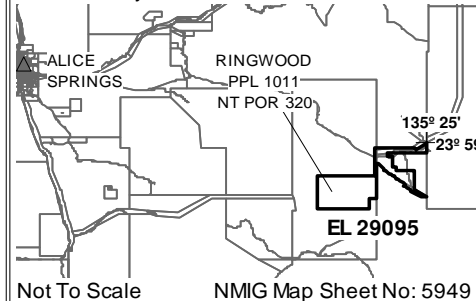
Exploration Licence 29091 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 250 Blocks (785 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FERGUSON RANGE locality.



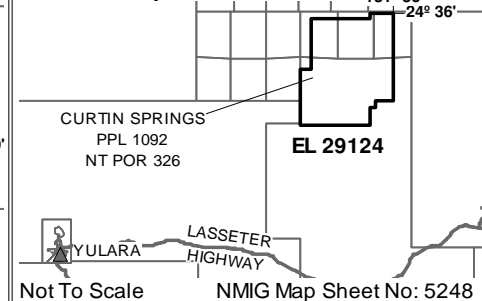
Exploration Licence 29094 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 245 Blocks (757 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBLA locality.



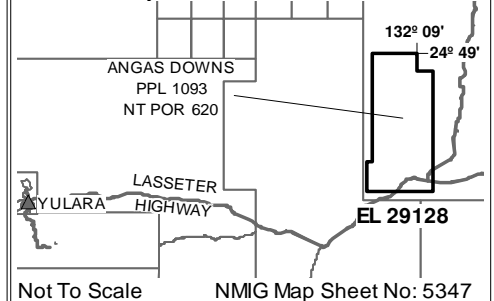
Exploration Licence 29095 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 153 Blocks (428 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TODD locality.



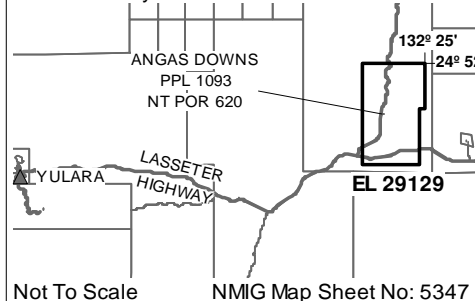
Exploration Licence 29124 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 245 Blocks (264 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ININDIA locality.



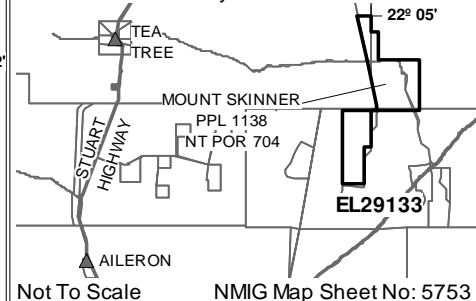
Exploration Licence 29128 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 249 Blocks (775 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANGAS locality.



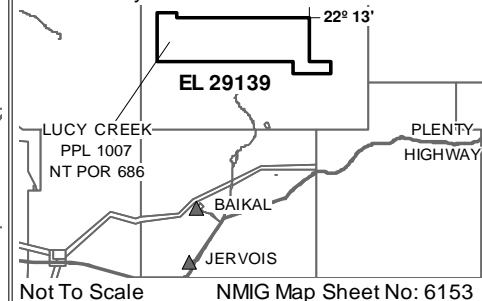
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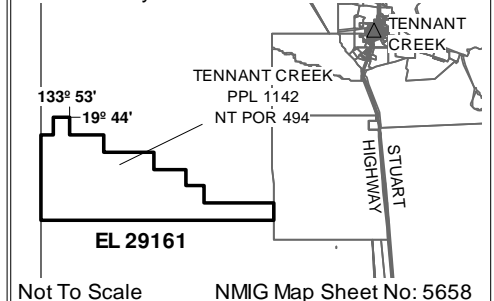
Exploration Licence 29133 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 106 Blocks (302 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WOODGREEN locality.



Exploration Licence 29139 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 250 Blocks (795 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LUCY locality.



Exploration Licence 29161 sought by OYASA EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 152 243 653 over an area of 46 Blocks (142 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KELLY 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 exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoin Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

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, Level 10, Chesser House, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 or GPO Box 9973 Adelaide SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1230.

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.

Objection or Submission, Section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act*: The landowner(s) of land in respect of which the following applications are made, may lodge an objection to the grant of the exploration licence application; any other persons may lodge a submission. Objections and submissions must be lodged in writing with the Department of Resources, at the above mentioned address, within 30 days from the relevant Notification Date which is set out below.

Notification Day 14 December 2011



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

| TENEMENT TYPE | NO. | APPLICANT | AREA* | LOCALITY | CENTROID | SHIRE |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Exploration Licence | 04/2130 | KIMBERLEY QUARRY PTY LTD | 28L | 118km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing | Lat: 17° 17' S Long: 124° 59' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 04/2141 | RICHMOND, William Robert | 198L | 116km SE'ly of Derby | Lat: 18° 9' S Long: 124° 16' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 04/2144 | AFMECO MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 938L | 44km SE'ly of Derby | Lat: 17° 33' S Long: 123° 57' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2221 | GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD | 348L | 63km S'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 46' S Long: 117° 42' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2251 | NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD | 18L | 96km S'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 22° 29' S Long: 116° 9' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2252 | NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD | 18L | 98km S'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 22° 30' S Long: 116° 10' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2298 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 28L | 50km SW'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 22° 1' S Long: 116° 3' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2309 | RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED | 1058L | 86km W'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 13' S Long: 116° 50' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2310 | NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD | 68L | 42km W'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 19' S Long: 117° 17' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2322 | SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD | 948L | 41km E'ly of Coral Bay | Lat: 23° 2' S Long: 114° 9' E | CARNARVON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1853 | FERROWEST LTD | 558L | 173km NW'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 116° 58' E | MURCHISON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1854 | GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD | 228L | 81km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 24° 47' S Long: 115° 57' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1880 | WA GYPSUM PTY LTD | 668L | 79km N'ly of Carnarvon | Lat: 24° 12' S Long: 113° 50' E | CARNARVON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1891 | GOLDEN GECHO PTY LTD | 1088L | 126km NE'ly of Carnarvon | Lat: 24° 5' S Long: 114° 33' E | CARNARVON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1905-6 | GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD | 1588L | 71km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 25° 3' S Long: 115° 55' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1907 | YO YO BOING PTY LTD | 248L | 133km SW'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 59' S Long: 116° 41' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1908 | BARACUS PTY LTD | 718L | 177km NE'ly of Kalbarri | Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 115° 40' E | MURCHISON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1909 | WEST COAST POTASH PTY LTD | 688L | 84km E'ly of Denham | Lat: 25° 51' S Long: 114° 22' E | CARNARVON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1911 | DESERT ENERGY LTD | 678L | 141km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 25° 15' S Long: 116° 35' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1912 | HERON RESOURCES LIMITED | 1008L | 75km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 24° 24' S Long: 115° 24' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1916 | ATTILA RESOURCES LTD | 708L | 87km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 25° 35' S Long: 115° 50' E | MURCHISON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1918 | ATTILA RESOURCES LTD | 708L | 146km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 26° 13' S Long: 115° 53' E | MURCHISON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1920 | ATTILA RESOURCES LTD | 708L | 106km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 25° 50' S Long: 115° 48' E | MURCHISON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1926 | UNIVERSAL EXPLORERS PTY LTD | 488L | 137km SW'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 24° 19' S Long: 117° 5' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1928 | ATTILA RESOURCES LTD | 928L | 152km S'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 26° 25' S Long: 115° 19' E | MURCHISON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1935 | GOLDEN GECHO PTY LTD | 1208L | 120km SE'ly of Coral Bay | Lat: 23° 57' S Long: 114° 33' E | CARNARVON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1249 | VALLEY FLOOR RESOURCES PTY LTD | 88L | 15km S'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 31° 20' S Long: 121° 40' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1306 | BULLSEYE MINING LIMITED | 298L | 89km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 120° 15' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1307 | BULLSEYE MINING LIMITED | 358L | 71km E'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 120° 3' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1309 | GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD | 28L | 30km S'ly of Widgeemooltha | Lat: 31° 44' S Long: 121° 41' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 20/789 | KNOPE, Howard William | 258L | 63km NW'ly of Cue | Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 117° 36' E | CUE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2148 | IMAGE RESOURCES NL | 308L | 130km E'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 122° 57' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2168 | INTEGRA MINING LTD | 668L | 98km E'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 122° 39' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 29/805-1 | RADAR RESOURCES LTD | 128L | 101km SE'ly of Sandstone | Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 119° 53' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 29/850 | HERON RESOURCES LIMITED | 168L | 15km S'ly of Menzies | Lat: 29° 49' S Long: 121° 4' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 31/1001 | SALAZAR GOLD PTY LIMITED | 88L | 113km E'ly of Menzies | Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 122° 12' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1093 | LAKEWAY RESOURCES PTY LTD | 88L | 21km W'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 7' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1124 | CONDOR METALS LIMITED | 198L | 92km NE'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 121° 21' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2405 | GLOBAL NICKEL INVESTMENTS LIMITED | 148L | 60km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 123° 30' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2538 | AFMECO MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 2008L | 175km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 124° 26' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2539 | ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED | 28L | 47km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 122° 36' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2610 | SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD | 158L | 66km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 123° 34' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2623 | BRUTUS CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD, MOUNSEY, David Reed | 708L | 38km SW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 28° 16' S Long: 122° 40' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2681-2 | REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED | 518L | 112km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 8' S Long: 122° 17' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2683 | REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED | 198L | 123km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 26° 59' S Long: 122° 22' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/3207-9 | SPITFIRE RESOURCES LTD | 2618L | 155km SW'ly of Telfer | Lat: 22° 40' S Long: 121° 19' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/3940 | HAOMA MINING NL | 28L | 12km S'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 17' S Long: 119° 45' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/3941 | HAOMA MINING NL | 278L | 43km SW'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 22' S Long: 119° 23' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/3942 | HAOMA MINING NL | 118L | 33km S'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 28' S Long: 119° 43' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/3952 | WITX PTY LTD | 708L | 62km E'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 120° 20' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/3960 | COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 118L | 82km SW'ly of Nullagine | Lat: 22° 13' S Long: 119° 24' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 46/945 | MT STEWART RESOURCES PTY LTD | 38L | 22km N'ly of Nullagine | Lat: 21° 41' S Long: 120° 5' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 46/946 | WITX PTY LTD | 418L | 7km NW'ly of Nullagine | Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 3' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 46/947 | WITX PTY LTD | 2008L | 78km SE'ly of Nullagine | Lat: 22° 28' S Long: 120° 32' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/1361 & 47/1363 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 948L | 61km NE'ly of Tom Price | Lat: 22° 20' S Long: 118° 14' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/1453 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 78L | 103km E'ly of Tom Price | Lat: 22° 39' S Long: 118° 47' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/1652-6 & 47/1665 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 4048L | 115km S'ly of Port Hedland | Lat: 21° 19' S Long: 118° 20' E | PORT HEDLAND TOWN |
| Exploration Licence | 47/1673-4 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 1408L | 95km NE'ly of Tom Price | Lat: 21° 57' S Long: 118° 15' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2504 | MOLY METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 18L | 52km W'ly of Tom Price | Lat: 22° 43' S Long: 117° 17' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2521 | BHP BILLITON MINERALS PTY LTD, ITOCHU MINERALS & ENERGY OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, MITSUI-ITOCHU IRON PTY LTD | 198L | 13km N'ly of Mount Newman | Lat: 23° 15' S Long: 119° 41' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2544 | AUSTRALIAN IRON LTD | 1408L | 25km NE'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 21° 27' S Long: 116° 28' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE, ROEBOURNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2545 | AUSTRALIAN IRON LTD | 1048L | 51km NE'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 21° 24' S Long: 116° 44' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE, ROEBOURNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2610 | COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 78L | 51km SW'ly of Karratha | Lat: 21° 7' S Long: 116° 36' E | ROEBOURNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2611 | COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 38L | 57km NE'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 116° 33' E | ROEBOURNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2612 | COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 148L | 45km NE'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 116° 31' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE, ROEBOURNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2613 | COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 18L | 33km N'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 21° 21' S Long: 116° 25' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2614 | COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 128L | 24km N'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 21° 25' S Long: 116° 19' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2631 | COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 88L | 23km N'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 0' S Long: 117° 36' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1492 | MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD | 598L | 78km W'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 26° 19' S Long: 117° 46' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/2612 | MOUNT RESOURCES PTY LTD | 128L | 158km NE'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 25° 21' S Long: 119° 17' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/2710 | CENTRAL PILBARA SOUTH IRON ORE PTY LTD | 698L | 90km S'ly of Mount Newman | Lat: 24° 9' S Long: 119° 55' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/2721 | DELGARE PTY LTD | 118L | 141km NW'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 25° 31' S Long: 120° 3' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/2724 | AUSTRALIAN COPPER PTY LTD | 708L | 40km S'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 33' S Long: 117° 47' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1515 | VALE AUSTRALIA EA PTY LTD | 248L | 79km W'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 120° 3' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1631 | BOGADA GOLD PTY LTD | 228L | 26km NW'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 23' S Long: 120° 41' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 58/412 | JML RESOURCES PTY LTD | 588L | 46km E'ly | | |

Stop the talent drain



MAL MENINGA



MAL Meninga is determined to prevent any more talented youngsters slipping through the Maroons’ net after signing a new four-year deal that expands his powers as Queensland’s rugby league State of Origin coach.

A day after the death of Queensland’s favourite son Arthur Beetson, Meninga said the emphasis in his now full-time job would be identification and retention of talent while also guiding the State’s successful Origin team.

Over the past two years, the Maroons have lost four quality backs in Israel Folau and Karmichael Hunt (both to AFL) and Brisbane Broncos pair Josh Hoffman (New Zealand) and Jack Reed (England).

And although it hasn’t stopped the Maroons from winning six straight series against NSW under Meninga, the former Kangaroos and Queensland skipper is intent on ensuring the future remains rosy.

“We’re starting to lose players to New Zealand and Great Britain,” Meninga said.

“It’s important that we give our young kids the opportunity to know what’s required to play in the maroon jersey.

“I know we’ve got a great side, but there will always be opportunities to put that maroon jersey on.”

With regular Maroons centre pairing Justin Hodges and Greg Inglis being injury prone, Castleford-born Reed was a strong possibility of making his Origin debut in 2012 after a stellar rookie season with the Broncos.

But the 23-year-old committed to representing England in the recent Four Nations tournament, won by Australia under skipper Darren Lockyer, making him ineligible for Origin football.

Lockyer will be missed

Meninga admitted Lockyer’s retirement from the game would leave another chink in the Maroons’ armoury.

“Darren’s been a great player and a great ambassador for Queensland,” Meninga said.

“We’re going to sorely miss him. We can’t replace him but we move on.”

Meninga has stressed the importance of carrying on the legacy of ‘father figure’ Beetson, who was heavily involved in the non-profit organisation FOGS (Former Origin Greats) Queensland.

Asked whether he felt added responsibility to carry the flag for Queensland rugby league following the death of Beetson, Meninga said: “I think we’ve all got a responsibility. We’ve bled for the Queensland jersey over a number of years.

“It was a sad and tragic day for all Queenslanders in particular with the passing away of Arthur Beetson. It certainly reinforces the fact that losing an icon like that, someone else has to step up.” – AAP



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 | 09/142 | DEEPLUE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD | 103.11HA | 29km W'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 25° 6' S Long: 114° 55' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Mining Lease | 15/1799 | ST. IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LTD | 464.45HA | 17km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 121° 40' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Mining Lease | 38/1257 | REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED | 302.88HA | 52km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 122° 22' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Mining Lease | 39/1075 | POSEIDON NICKEL LTD | 356.74HA | 27km W'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 122° 7' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Mining Lease | 45/1209 | ATTGOLD PTY LTD | 1916.97HA | 63km SW'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 32' S Long: 119° 17' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Mining Lease | 47/1471 | DRAGON ENERGY LTD | 2840.19HA | 35km SW'ly of Tom Price | Lat: 22° 49' S Long: 117° 29' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Mining Lease | 53/1093 | MAXIMUS RESOURCES LTD | 282.20HA | 28km S'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 120° 46' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| | | NEMEX PTY LTD | | | | |
| Mining Lease | 63/654 | MCKENNA, John Leslie | 154.45HA | 36km NE'ly of Salmon Gums | Lat: 32° 45' S Long: 121° 55' E | ESPERANCE SHIRE |
| Mining Lease | 63/655 | MCKENNA, John Leslie | 167.32HA | 34km NE'ly of Salmon Gums | Lat: 32° 45' S Long: 121° 54' E | ESPERANCE 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: 14 December 2011

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, 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 **14 March 2012**. 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*. 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. 14 April 2012**), 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 3828.

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PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

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 Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority with Acreage Option application applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

| NUMBER | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | SHIRE |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| STP-SPA-018 with Acreage Option | RUSA RESOURCES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD | 19006km ² | The application is located in the Southern Carnarvon Basin; of which the western boundary is approximately 7 kilometres east of the township of Coral Bay, the southern boundary being approximately 15 kilometres north of Gascoyne Junction. The northern boundary encroaches by 5 kilometres at the most into the southern end of Exmouth Gulf (15km ²). The application occupies 242 5' x 5' blocks of which 24 are on the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SF49 – Cloates, 163 blocks are on the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SF50 – Hamersley Range and 55 blocks on the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SG50 – Meekatharra. The coordinates are starting at the most north-west point (Lat 22°29'55.38"S, Long 114°10'4.71"E) then east to (Lat 22°29'55.37"S, Long 114°30'4.71"E), then south to (Lat 22°49'55.37"S, 114°30'4.73"E), then east to (Lat 22°49'55.36"S, Long 114°55'4.73"E), then south to (Lat 23°4'55.37"S, Long 114°55'4.74"E), then east to (Lat 23°4'55.36"S, Long 115°0'4.74"E), then south to (Lat 23°24'55.37"S, Long 115°0'4.75"E), then west to (Lat 23°24'55.37"S, Long 114°55'4.74"E), then south to (Lat 23°39'55.38"S, Long 114°55'4.75"E), then east to (Lat 23°39'55.37"S, Long 115°5'4.76"E), then south to (Lat 23°44'55.37"S, Long 115°5'4.77"E), then east to (Lat 23°44'55.36"S, Long 115°15'4.77"E), then south to (Lat 23°54'55.37"S, Long 115°15'4.78"E), then east to (Lat 23°54'55.36"S, Long 115°25'4.78"E), then south to (Lat 24°14'55.37"S, Long 115°25'4.80"E), then east to (Lat 24°14'55.37"S, Long 115°30'4.80"E), then south to (Lat 24°39'55.38"S, Long 115°30'4.83"E), then east to (Lat 24°39'55.37"S, Long 115°35'4.83"E), then south to (Lat 24°54'55.38"S, Long 115°35'4.84"E), then west to (Lat 24°54'55.40"S, Long 115°10'4.83"E), then north to (Lat 24°14'55.38"S, Long 115°10'4.79"E), then east to (Lat 24°14'55.38"S, Long 115°15'4.79"E), then north to (Lat 24°4'55.37"S, Long 115°15'4.78"E), then west to (Lat 24°4'55.38"S, Long 115°5'4.78E), then south to (Lat 24°9'55.38"S, Long 115°5'4.78"E), then west to (Lat 24°9'55.39"S, Long 114°50'4.79"E), then north to (Lat 23°44'55.39"S, Long 114°50'4.76"E), then west to (Lat 23°44'55.40"S, Long 114°40'4.77"E), then north to (Lat 23°34'55.39"S, Long 114°40'4.75"E), then west to (Lat 23°34'55.39"S, Long 114°25'4.74"E). then south to (Lat 23°49'55.40"S, Long 114°25'4.76"E), then east to (Lat 23°49'55.40"S, Long 114°30'4.77"E), then south to (Lat 24°14'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.79"E), then west to (Lat 24°14'55.42"S, Long 114°20'4.78"E), then north to (Lat 23°59'55.41"S, Long 114°20'4.77"E), then west to (Lat 23°59'55.42"S, Long 113°50'4.75"E), then north to (Lat 22°59'55.38"S, Long 113°50'4.72"E), then east to (Lat 22°59'55.38"S, Long 114°15'4.72"E), then north to (Lat 22°39'55.38"S, Long 114°15'4.71"E), then west to (Lat 22°39'55.38"S, Long 114°10'4.71"E), then north to the commencement point (Lat 22°29'55.38"S, Long 114°10'4.71"E). | Shire of Carnarvon (65.7%) Shire of Upper Gascoyne (14.4%) Shire of Ashburton (12.1%) Shire of Exmouth (7.8%) |

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| STP-SPA-0021 with Acreage Option | RUSA RESOURCES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD | 19315 km ² | The application is located in the Southern Carnarvon Basin; of which the north west corner is approximately 100 kms north east of Carnarvon and the south west corner being approximately 230 kms south east Carnarvon. The application comprises 250 5' x 5' graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheet SG50 (Meekatharra). The coordinates are, starting at the most north-west point: (Lat 24°14'55.41"S, Long 114°25'4.79"E) then east to (Lat 24°14'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.79"E) then south to (Lat 24°19'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.79"E) then east to (Lat 24°19'55.41"S, Long 114°40'4.80"E) then south to (Lat 24°24'55.41"S, Long 114°40'4.80"E) then east to (Lat 24°24'55.40"S, Long 114°45'4.81"E) then south to (Lat 24°29'55.40"S, Long 114°45'4.81"E) then east to (Lat 24°29'55.40"S, Long 114°50'4.81"E) then south to (Lat 24°34'55.40"S, Long 114°50'4.81"E) then east to (Lat 24°34'55.40"S, Long 114°55'4.82"E) then south to (Lat 24°54'55.40"S, Long 114°55'4.83"E) then east to (Lat 24°54'55.38"S, Long 115°35'4.84"E) then south to (Lat 25°9'55.39"S, Long 115°35'4.85"E) then east to (Lat 25°9'55.37"S, Long 116°0'4.86"E) then south to (Lat 25°14'55.37"S, Long 116°0'4.87"E) then east to (Lat 25°14'55.36"S, Long 116°0'4.87"E) then south to (Lat 25°59'55.38"S, Long 116°10'4.91"E) then west to (Lat 25°59'55.39"S, Long 116°0'4.91"E) then south to (Lat 26°24'55.40"S, Long 116°0'4.94"E) then east to (Lat 26°24'55.43"S, Long 115°30'4.94"E) then south to (Lat 26°34'55.43"S, Long 115°30'4.96"E) then west to (Lat 26°34'55.43"S, Long 114°55'4.92"E) then north to (Lat 25°59'55.45"S, Long 114°55'4.90"E) then east to (Lat 25°59'55.44"S, Long 115°0'4.90"E) then north to (Lat 25°54'55.44"S, Long 115°0'4.90"E) then east to (Lat 25°54'55.43"S, Long 115°10'4.90"E) then north to (Lat 25°44'55.43"S, Long 115°10'4.88"E) then east to (Lat 25°44'55.41"S, Long 115°30'4.89"E) then north to (Lat 25°39'55.40"S, Long 115°30'4.88"E) then east to (Lat 25°39'55.40"S, Long 115°40'4.88"E) then north to (Lat 25°24'55.39"S, Long 115°40'4.87"E) then west to (Lat 25°24'55.45"S, Long 114°45'4.87"E) then north to (Lat 24°54'55.41"S, Long 114°45'4.82"E) then west to (Lat 24°54'55.42"S, Long 114°35'4.82"E) then north to (Lat 24°39'55.41"S, Long 114°35'4.80"E), then west to (Lat 24°39'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.80"E) then north to (Lat 24°24'55.41"S, Long 114°30'4.79"E) then west to (Lat 24°24'55.42"S, Long 114°25'4.79"E) then north to the commencement point (Lat 24°14'55.41"S, Long 114°25'4.79"E). | Shire of Upper Gacoyne (40.9%) Shire of Murchison (24.4%) Shire of Shark Bay (20.8%) Shire of Carnarvon (13.9%) |
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Nature of the Act: Grant of Special Prospecting Authority, which authorises the applicant to carry out petroleum exploration operations so specified as a geochemical survey over the area. The program consists using a portable gas chromatograph to take soil gas samples at 2 km intervals, 262 samples in total, along public roads in the authority area for a term of 6 months from the date the grant becomes effective.

Notification Day: 14 December 2011

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **14 March 2012**. 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*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination 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 this act is an act attracting the expedited procedure. The permit may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **14 April 2012**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, 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 application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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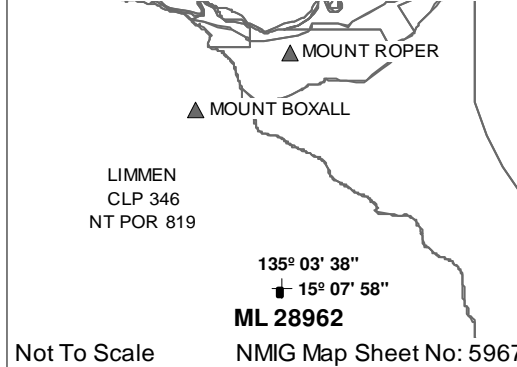
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

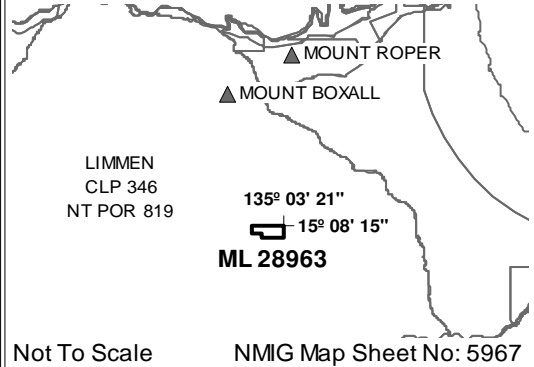
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following mineral title application(s).

The application to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 28962 sought by WDR IRON ORE PTY LTD, ACN 132 204 025 over an area of 50 Hectares depicted below for a term of 30 years, within the TOWNS locality.



Mineral Lease 28963 sought by WDR IRON ORE PTY LTD, ACN 132 204 025 over an area of 1090 Hectares depicted below for a term of 30 years, within the TOWNS locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease/s commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

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, Level 10, Chesser House, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, SA 5000 or GPO Box 9973 Adelaide SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8360 1230.

Notification Day: 14 December 2011

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

National Native Title Tribunal

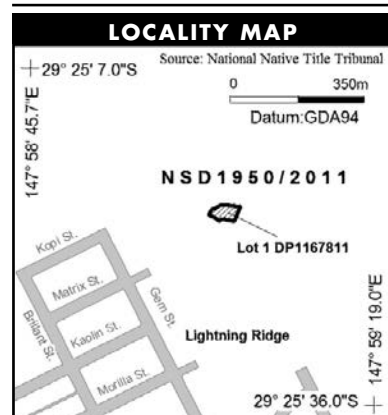
Notification day: 28 December 2011

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but, rather, they are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in the area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 27 March 2012. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 27 March 2012, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to this non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 27 March 2012. After 27 March 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Peter David Hall

Federal Court File No: NSD1950/11

Non-native title interest*: Mining Purposes Lease 317 is held over the land for the purposes of building, dam, mining plant, plant nursery, stockpiling or depositing of overburden, ore or tailings, storing of fuel, machinery, tools, timber, equipment.

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

Description: The area subject to this application is Lot 1 on DP1167811 covering about 0.25 hectares, located in the vicinity of Lightning Ridge as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Walgett Shire Council.

[*The applicant has indicated that if the non-claimant application is unopposed by a native title claimant application they intend to seek the protection of section 24FA of the Act to validly undertake the proposed act and then withdraw the non-claimant application.]

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Public Sector Mapping Agency.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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James Gallagher with some of his medals. Image: Milton Ulladulla Times

South coast express is one to keep an eye on



JAMES Gallagher is a name to keep an eye on – he's the second fastest sprinter for his age in Australia.

The NSW Ulladulla (south coast) 11-year-old recently finished second in the 100 metres at the National Primary Schools Athletics championships in Darwin.

The road to Darwin began in July when, at the south coast regional carnival in Canberra in July, he won the 100m and 200m, was second in the long jump, and was a member of the winning 4x100m relay team.

Then it was off to the NSW championships in Sydney in October, where he won gold in the 100 and 200m and silver in the 4x100m relay.

James last month picked up the South Coast Indigenous Junior Sportsman of the Year award and the NSW South Coast Junior Sportsman of the Year award.

There to see James proudly accept the awards were his mum Samara Williams, step-father Mick and father Stephen.

James is no slouch on the footy field and this year in junior rugby league on the south coast, was named man of the match in his age division grand final.

He finished the season as the highest pointscore – 96 from eight games (he broke a wrist early in the season and missed several games).

He scored 14 points in his team's 32-12 grand final win.

He also was nominated for the Modified Footy Player of the Year.

McCafferty wins back-to-back carnival medals

By PETER ARGENT



THE South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) under 20 development squad won the 2011 South Australian Lord's Taverners Indigenous State-wide Cricket Carnival on 21-22 November.

They collected the crown in a close final by defeated Riverland. This was after seven rounds of dynamic Super 8s cricket.

The Kaurna team finished third, while the combination that travelled from Port Lincoln was a commendable fourth.

Winning the Vince Copley Medal for the most outstanding cricketer of the carnival" was Kaurna all-rounder Jamie McCafferty, with 26 votes.

Runner-up was Riverland player Gilbert Tayler (24 votes), while former SANFL footballer Jeremy Johncock, from Pt Lincoln, was third with 22 votes.

Bat dominated

The willow dominated over leather for the majority of the tournament, with McCafferty also collecting the batting award with 222 runs, from Tayler with 174 runs and Johncock being a close third with 162.

McCafferty was known for his liking of the cut and put shots, along with being a strong exponent of the reverse sweep.

"Yes, it was back-to-back Vince Copley medals, along with the batting trophy for two years in a row," the 27-year-old Jamie McCafferty, already a dual Imparja Cup player, said.

"There is always room for improvement.

"I guess you can call me a batting all-rounder, but I also keep as well.

"My form in the local competition (for Gawler Central in the Barossa and Light competition) has been getting better after a quiet start."

He produced an unbeaten 83 in a recent match against the

Kapunda side.

Before coming to Gawler Central, McCafferty played with Pooraka in the Adelaide turf competition and Salisbury West.

Bowling honours at the Lord's Taverners were shared by Cecil Karpany, from the Riverland, and teenager Ayden McGregor Baptista, with six wickets each.

McGregor Baptista also won the fielding trophy from Tim Stewart (Murraylands), with Tayler and Michael Burgoyne (Silver Bullets) equal third.

The wicket-keeping award was also a tight affair, being won by Ray Smith, from the SACA Under 20 side.

Perennial Imparja Cup cricketer Peter Thomas, from Kaurna, and captain of the Southern Boomerangs last summer, was second.

Port Lincoln glovesman and former AFL footballer Harry Miller was third.

The initial Southern Boomerangs squad for the 2012 Imparja Cup was also announced after the championships.

The squad is: Matt Bedgegood, Jordan Charles, Dominic Croft, Ethan Ericson, Dayne Hancock, Ken Karpany, Luke Lavender, Jason Mamo, Jamie McCafferty, Ayden McGregor Baptista, Marcus McGregor Cassady, Matt Ness, Jayden Newchurch, Chris Schilling, Willie Serle, Ray Smith and Peter Thomas.

Two 13-years-olds, Wayne Ericson and Tyrell Sinclair, will also come under consideration.

The trio of Marcus McGregor Cassady, Croft and Smith are also in the Australian Indigenous Under 20 squad, while Ayden McGregor Baptista, who is a Les Favell Foundation scholarship holder, is in the South Australian under 15 squad.

There are four squad members from Gawler Central – McCafferty, Thomas, quick Willy Searle and teenage talent Matt Ness.

The final team will be selected just before the Adelaide Test, which is over the Australia Day holiday in January.



South Australian Imparja Cup squad member Chris Schilling.



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 |
|-----------------|---|----------|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 40/283 | DIXON, Trevor John | 382933 | 95.87HA | 21km S'ly of Leonora | Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 121° 21' E | LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE |
| 47/709-I | ROBE RIVER MINING CO. PTY LTD MITSUI IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD NORTH MINING LTD CAPE LAMBERT IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) PANNAWONICA IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) | 381902 | 23.53HA | 98km E'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 11' S Long: 118° 38' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| 47/797-I | ROBE RIVER MINING CO. PTY LTD MITSUI IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD NORTH MINING LTD CAPE LAMBERT IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) PANNAWONICA IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) | 381903 | 10.42HA | 94km E'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 8' S Long: 118° 35' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| 77/1391-I | POLARIS METALS NL WESTERN AREAS NL | 381706 | 35.91HA | 25km N'ly of Bullfinch | Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 119° 0' E | YILGARN SHIRE |

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 14 December 2011

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, 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 **14 March 2012**. 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. 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. 14 April 2012**), 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 3828.

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Notice of a compensation application in relation to an area in the State of South Australia



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 28 December 2011

This notice is given to provide details of an application asking for a determination of compensation to be made under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) by the Federal Court. The De Rose Hill-Ilpalka Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, which is a registered native title body corporate, has made the application.

The application covers the whole of the land and waters within the pastoral leases known as 'Agnes Creek' (De Rose Hill), 'Paxton Bluff North' and 'Paxton Bluff South', including the areas subject to the native title determination made in *De Rose Hill (No 2)* (Federal Court No. SAD253/2002) and the areas excluded from that determination on the basis that native title had been extinguished. The application area is further described below, where a locality map is also provided. To avoid doubt, the area covered by the compensation application excludes any area covered by native title determination application Tjayiwara Unmurru Native Title Claim (Federal Court no. SAD208/2010).

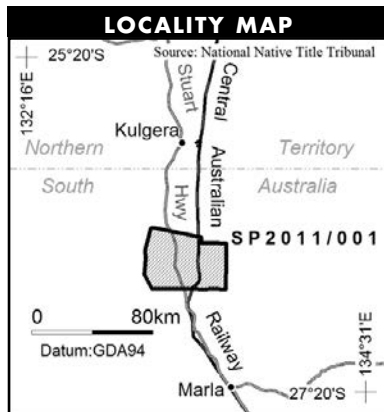
The De Rose Hill-Ilpalka Aboriginal Corporation is claiming compensation for those acts that have extinguished native title, including:

- The freehold grant of 0.65 square kilometres made on 20 January 1992 to Noel Coulthard, being CT Volume 5422 Folio 657;
- 3.97 square kilometres of the 100 metre wide Stuart Highway strip that is the surrendered land from Pastoral Lease No. 2133 pursuant to Partial Surrender No 4860713 on 15 October 1981;
- The 0.4 square kilometre Agnes Creek car park, Lot 31 in DP 23552, resumed on 1 November 1996, by way of endorsement on Pastoral Lease No. 2133 pursuant to Certificate of Alteration No. 8250597 dated 20 February 1997;
- 9.62 square kilometres of the 100 metre wide Tarcoola to Alice Springs railway corridor that is the surrendered land from Pastoral Lease No. 2133 pursuant to Certificate of Alteration No. 8583773, being portions of CT Volume 5817 Folio 682, being the land in portions of sections 1316 and 1317 of block 527, including the 'Utah Ballast Bore';
- Those pastoral improvements on De Rose Hill Station that are compensable under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth);
- Any other compensable acts

to the extent that compensation is payable.

Once a compensation application has been made under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth), if any part of the application area is not covered by a previous determination of native title, the Federal Court must make a determination of native title if it is going to make a compensation determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1350, Adelaide, South Australia 5001 **on or before 27 March 2012**. After 27 March 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party to the application is required.



Application name: De Rose Hill-Ilpalka Aboriginal Corporation Compensation Application

Federal Court File No: SAD140/2011

Date filed: 9 June 2011

Location: An area in the north-west of South Australia which traverses the Stuart Highway and the Central Australian Railway line.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 1850 square kilometres, located approximately 65km north of Marla as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.

Data statement: compensation application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Environment and Heritage (SA).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au.

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Facilitating timely and effective outcomes.

The Foxtel Cup is on again, with 16 teams lining up

THE Australian Football League (AFL) has announced the fixture for the 2012 Foxtel Cup – the knockout competition introduced this year to showcase the quality of state league football across the country.

AFL General Manager National and International Development Andrew Dillon

said the AFL had been delighted with the success of this year's inaugural competition, won by Williamstown, and said the 16 teams had now been confirmed for next year's tournament.

Williamstown will defend its title with the senior state leagues in the VFL, WAFL and the SANFL to again supply three

teams each, joined by two teams from the TSL, two teams from Queensland, the NT Thunder, one team from NSW and one team from the ACT. As the GWS Giants have now moved into the AFL competition, their 2011 spot in the competition was taken by a second team from Tasmania.

The 16 competing teams are Ainslie

(ACT), Burnie (Tas), Claremont (WA), Launceston (Tas), Morningside (Qld), Mt Gravatt (Qld), NT Thunder (NT), Port Adelaide (SA), Port Melbourne (Vic), South Adelaide (SA), Subiaco (WA), Sydney Hills Eagles (NSW), Werribee (Vic), West Adelaide (SA), West Perth (WA), and Williamstown (Vic).

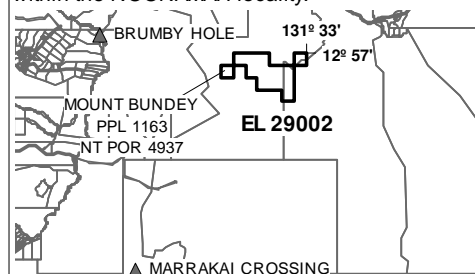
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 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.

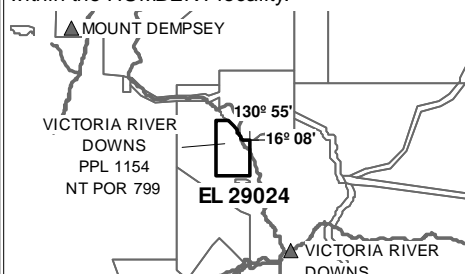
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 29002 sought by AUSTRALIAN GEOSCIENCE PTY LIMITED, ACN 092 577 029 over an area of 13 Blocks (43 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



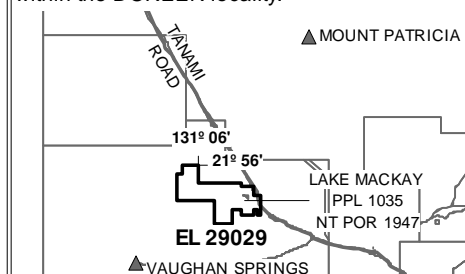
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Exploration Licence 29024 sought by DARWIN MINING EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 151 529 145 over an area of 35 Blocks (111 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HUMBERT locality.



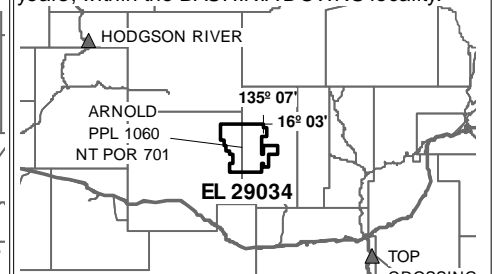
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Exploration Licence 29029 sought by DARWIN MINING EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 151 529 145 over an area of 127 Blocks (404 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DOREEN locality.



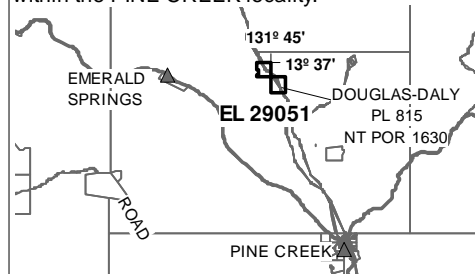
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Exploration Licence 29034 sought by ENDEAVOUR INVESTMENTS (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 133 112 811 over an area of 227 Blocks (749 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BAUHINIA DOWNS locality.



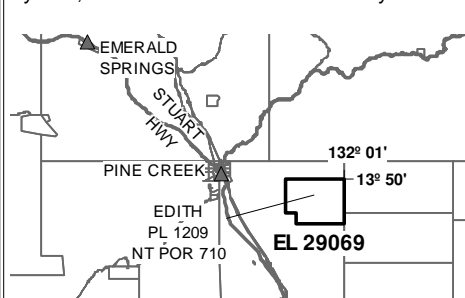
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Exploration Licence 29051 sought by ENDEAVOUR INVESTMENTS (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 133 112 811 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



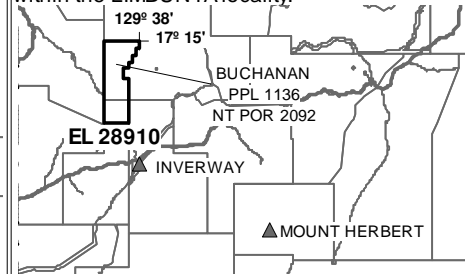
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Exploration Licence 29069 sought by GORDON BRUCE MACTAGGART over an area of 23 Blocks (67 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



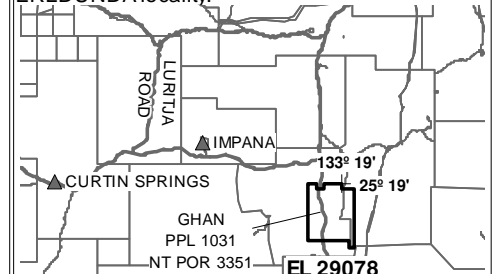
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Exploration Licence 28910 sought by KINGSLAND RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 152 164 380 over an area of 198 Blocks (625 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality.



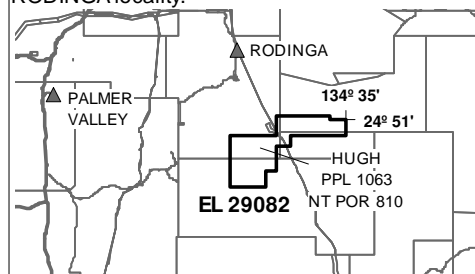
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Exploration Licence 29078 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 247 Blocks (766 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ERLDUNDA locality.



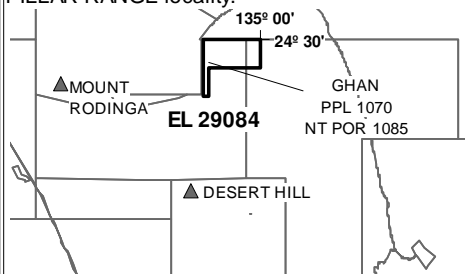
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Exploration Licence 29082 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 260 Blocks (810 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RODINGA locality.



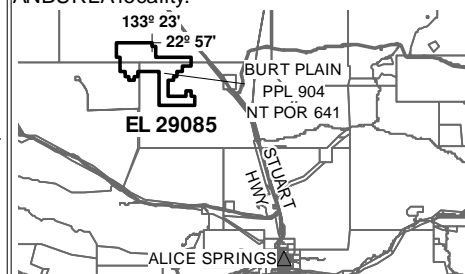
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Exploration Licence 29084 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 60 Blocks (187 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PILLAR RANGE locality.



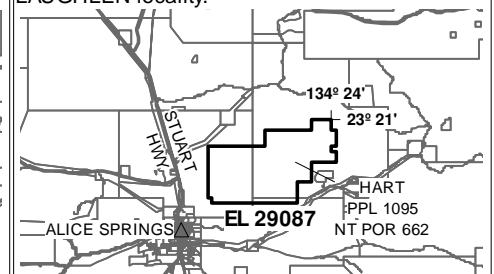
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Exploration Licence 29085 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 106 Blocks (335 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANBURLA locality.



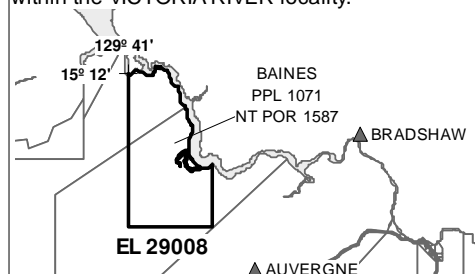
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Exploration Licence 29087 sought by NT MINERALS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 885 771 over an area of 296 Blocks (932 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAUGHLIN locality.



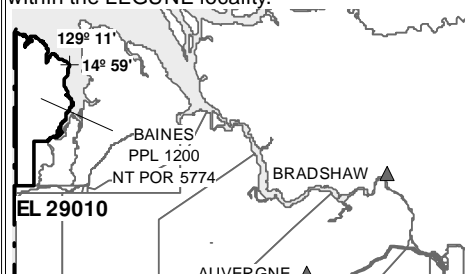
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Exploration Licence 29008 sought by RED DOG EXPLORATION (AUST) PTY LIMITED, ACN 152 983 036 over an area of 256 Blocks (797 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORIA RIVER locality.



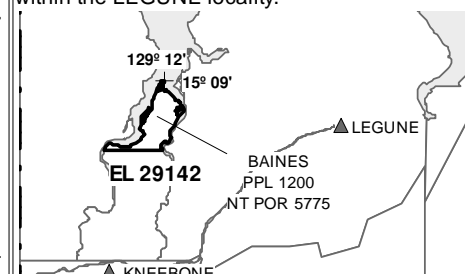
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Exploration Licence 29010 sought by RED DOG EXPLORATION (AUST) PTY LIMITED, ACN 152 983 036 over an area of 263 Blocks (775 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LEGUNE locality.



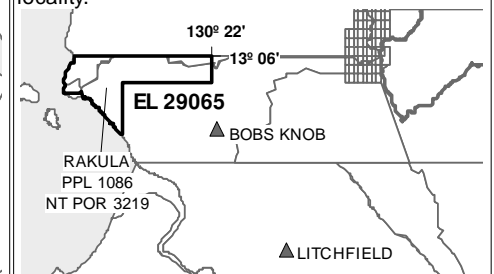
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Exploration Licence 29142 sought by RED DOG EXPLORATION (AUST) PTY LIMITED, ACN 152 983 036 over an area of 27 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LEGUNE locality.



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Exploration Licence 29065 sought by TOP END ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 152 286 774 over an area of 61 Blocks (180 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANSON locality.



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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 Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepnt 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, Level 10, Chesser House, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 or GPO Box 9973 Adelaide SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1230.

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: 14 December 2011

Flying Boomerangs program wins international award



THE Australian Football League's (AFL's) Flying Boomerangs program has won a prestigious Beyond Sport Award.

AFL Community Engagement Manager Jason Mifsud accepted the award in Cape Town, South Africa, last week.

The program was nominated in the Sport Federation or Governing Body of the Year category and was amongst 400 entries from more than 125 countries.

AFL Chief Executive Andrew Demetriou said he was extremely proud of the Flying Boomerangs program and the recognition it had received.

Indigenous component

"The AFL game, with the support of our players, our clubs, Government and our major partners, has been focused heavily on building greater access to our game," he said.

"More than ten per cent of players at the elite AFL level have an Indigenous

background and we have sought to use the game to increase opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"This is a tremendous recognition of the work being done across the football industry, with support from so many people, for better sporting, health, leadership, education and employment outcomes for Indigenous people across Australia.

"To have our program recognised internationally is very rewarding."

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 28 December 2011



National Native Title Tribunal



QI2011/060 Combined Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji Yarrabah Towers ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 750 square metres on the Malbon Thompson Range, located approximately 22 kilometres south east of Cairns as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and the Cairns Regional Council.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses

State of Queensland [Party to the QI2011/060]
C/- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services
Department of Environment and Resource Management
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Les Murgha and Charles Garling on their own behalf and on behalf of the Gunggandi People and Vincent Mundraby on his own behalf and on behalf of Mandingalbay Yidinji People [Party to the QI2011/060]
C/- North Queensland Land Council
PO Box 679N
CAIRNS NORTH QLD 4870

Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation [Party to QI2011/060]
PO Box 821
GORDONVALE QLD 4865
Ergon Energy Corporation Limited [Party to QI2011/061]
C/- MacDonnells Law
GPO Box 79
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Les Murgha, Charles Garling and Vincent Mundraby on their own behalf and on behalf of the Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji People [Party to QI2011/61 and QI2011/062]
C/- North Queensland Land Council
PO Box 679N
CAIRNS NORTH QLD 4870

Annie Wonga, Andrew Miller, Mark Wilson, Monica Willis, Adrian Murray and Lillian Willis (Senior) on their own behalf and on behalf of the Wanyurr Majay People [Party to QI2011/062]
C/- Williams Graham Carman
1A Water Street
CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

QI2011/060 Combined Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji Yarrabah Towers ILUA

[References below to:

'Conservation Park' has the meaning in the NCA

'NCA' means the Nature Conservation Act 1992

'Determined Area' means Lot AB on Plan DP192160 and Lot AC on Plan DP192160 as shown on the plans in Schedule 2

'Tenure' means a licence, permit or other authority issued in accordance with s 34 of the NCA].

5.1 The parties consent, in accordance with the NTA, to the dedication of the Agreement Area as a Conservation Park.

5.3 The parties consent, in accordance with the NTA, to the Chief Executive [as defined in the NCA] issuing one or more Tenures over land within the: (a) Determined Area, before the dedication of the Conservation Park; and (b) Agreement Area, after the dedication of the Conservation Park.

6.2 Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA [which deals with the right to negotiate] is not intended to apply to the dedication of the Conservation Park or issuing of Tenures.

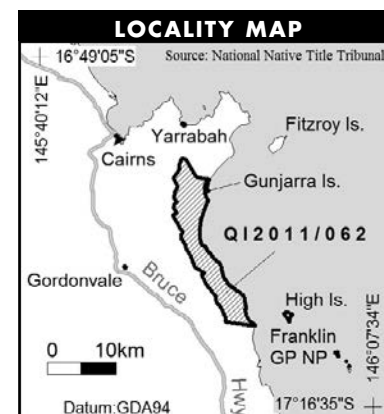
QI2011/061 Combined Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji Ergon Energy ILUA

[References below to:

'Aboriginal Land' has the meaning given in the Aboriginal Land Act, 1991
'Electricity Infrastructure' means 'Works' as defined in section 12(1) of the Electricity Act, 1994 and includes 'Operating works' as defined in section 12(3) of that Act].

5.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in this Agreement.

5.2 The Parties consent to Ergon Energy performing any of the following future acts [This includes: Minor Works and access to conduct Minor Works; use and access of all land siting Electricity Infrastructure in existence at the execution date and of any adjacent land required for operational use and maintenance of Electricity Infrastructure, including access by way of relevant access tracks; future acts on Aboriginal Land with prior written consent of the entity holding Aboriginal Land; and subject to Cultural Heritage Management Processes stipulated in the Agreement, the grant of any easement, licence or permit over relevant Electricity Infrastructure].



QI2011/062 Combined Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji and Wanyurr Majay ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 83 square kilometres, located approximately 10 kilometres south east of Cairns and includes Gunjarra Island, High Island and the Franklin Group National Park as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and Cairns Regional Council.

5.10 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [which deals with the right to negotiate] does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.

6.1 [The Native Title Party consents to the State of Queensland granting Ergon Energy any tenure or other interest over land within the Agreement Area on which Electricity Infrastructure is located].

7.2 and 7.3 [The Native Title Party consents to and authorises: Ergon Energy's use of all land on which Electricity Infrastructure existing at the execution date is located and all land adjacent to any Electricity Infrastructure; Ergon Energy's use of an area 10 metres on each side of the line on the ground falling beneath any powerlines or other Electricity Infrastructure located in airspace].

7.7 [For the purpose of accessing Electricity Infrastructure, the Parties consent and authorise Ergon Energy and its Contractors to use, maintain, repair and be granted an interest in the nature of an easement, permit or licence over relevant access tracks].

QI2011/062 Combined Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji and Wanyurr Majay ILUA – this ILUA does not contain any relevant statements

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These three applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the respective maps. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, CAIRNS, QLD, 4870 by 28 March 2012.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment & Resource Management. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Louise Doyle on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information session for the Jetimarala People for a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) ARROW ENERGY LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECT

Arrow Energy Pty Ltd ACN 078 521 936 (**Arrow**) proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (**LNG**) project involving the development of gas fields and the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure for Arrow to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone. This project is known as the Arrow LNG Project (**Arrow LNG Project**).

Arrow proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) pursuant to Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision C of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the land or waters that are subject to the Arrow LNG Project shown on the map below (ILUA Area) and for any such ILUA/s to be authorised by all persons who hold or may hold native title in the **ILUA Area**.

The **ILUA Area** is partly located within the outer boundaries of the Darumbal People Native Title Determination Applications (QUD6131/98 and QUD6001/99). The remainder of the ILUA area is over areas where there is presently no registered native title claim. The **Southern Barada, Kabalbara and Jetimarala/Yetimarla People** have been identified as persons who may hold native title in the ILUA area.

An information session regarding the Arrow LNG Project and proposed ILUA for any persons who identify as **Jetimarala People** will be held as follows:-

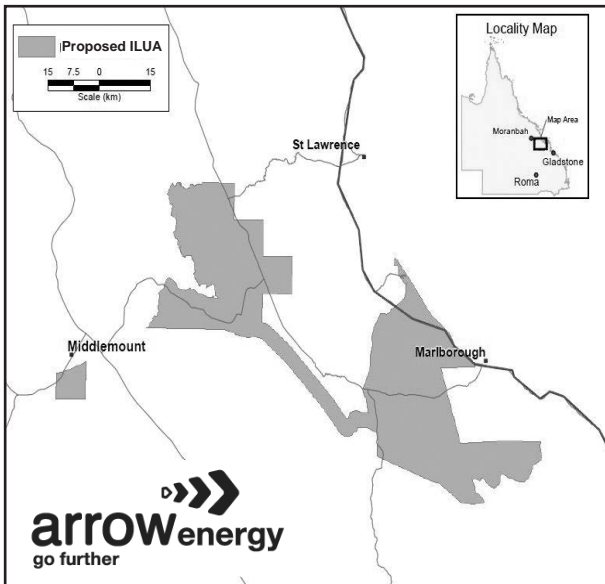
Date: Saturday, 17 December 2011

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Wadja Wadja High School, 8 Munns Drive, Woorabinda, 4713

Information sessions for others may be held separately.

Financial assistance with travel and accommodation is not available, however a barbecue lunch will be provided. Attendees should register their intention to attend with **Hayley Docherty** on (07) 3009 5400.



NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONSWITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 SA SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that COPPER RANGE (SA) PTY LTD (ACN 115 759 245) of Level 1/33 Richardson Street, West Perth, WA 6005 and its successors or assigns as registered holder and mining operator proposes to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licences (ELs) 3783, 3784, 3785, 3798, 3807, 3959, 4754 and 4755 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or any other dealings with any such Exploration Licences and any other exploration authority or any interest in any exploration authority from time to time held in respect of the whole or any part of the area of any such Exploration Licence) on the following land (Land):

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3798 – WEST LAKE TORRENS AREA

Approximately 15km E of Andamooka, bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°25'S and longitude 137°18'E, thence east to a western boundary of Lake Torrens National Park, thence generally southeasterly, northwesterly and southeasterly along the boundary of the said National Park to latitude 30°29'S, west to longitude 137°18'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area 25 square kilometres approximately.

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3807 – SANDY POINT AREA

AREA A - Approximately 55km SSW of Andamooka, bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°55'S and longitude 136°56'E, thence east to longitude 137°00'E, south to latitude 30°56'S, west to longitude 136°57'E, south to latitude 30°58'S, west to longitude 136°56'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B - Approximately 55km SSW of Andamooka, bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°55'S and longitude 137°05'E, thence east to longitude 137°06'E, south to latitude 30°59'S, west to longitude 137°05'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area 29 square kilometres approximately.

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3959 – CHINAMAN SWAMP AREA

Approximately 30km NNE of Woomera, bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°55'S and longitude 137°00'E, thence east to longitude 137°05'E, south to latitude 30°59'S, west to longitude 137°04'E, south to latitude 31°00'S, west to longitude 136°55'E, north to latitude 30°58'S, east to longitude 136°57'E, north to latitude 30°56'S, east to longitude 137°00'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area 118 square kilometres approximately.

EL 4698 – ANDAMOOKA STATION-PERNATTY LAGOON AREA

AREA A - Approximately 60km S of Andamooka, bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°43'S and longitude 137°08'E, thence east to longitude 137°14'E, south to latitude 30°45'S, west to longitude 137°11'E, south to latitude 30°46'S, west to longitude 137°08'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B - Approximately 60km S of Andamooka, bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°55'S and longitude 137°06'E, thence east to longitude 137°14'E, south to latitude 30°57'S, west to longitude 137°11'E, south to latitude 31°00'S, west to longitude 137°04'E, north to

latitude 30°59'S, and north to the point of commencement

AREA C - Approximately 60km S of Andamooka, bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°20'S and longitude 137°14'E, thence east to longitude 137°18'E, south to latitude 31°40'S, west to longitude 137°14'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area 376 square kilometres approximately.

EXPLORATION LICENCE 4754 – WEST LAKE TORRENS AREA

Approximately 80km ne of Woomera, bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude, 30°50'S and longitude 137°36'E, thence east to longitude 137°45'E, south to latitude 31°20'S, west to longitude 137°36'E, and north to the point of commencement. Area 794 square kilometres approximately.

(All the above latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66)). The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on such land as follows: Exploratory operations to determine the geological structures of the land and presence of economical mineralization which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: geological mapping and gridding; airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical and soil and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; rotary airblast, aircore, reverse circulation, percussion and diamond core drilling; minor clearing for drill rig access, and construction of temporary camp sites.

WE COPPER RANGE (SA) PTY LTD, seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, COPPER RANGE (SA) PTY LTD may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if within four (4) months from the initiation of negotiations, COPPER RANGE (SA) PTY LTD and any other native title party(ies) have not reached agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act 971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land. Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who require further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent **COPPER RANGE (SA) PTY LTD**.

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Sport

Barty wins tennis award

INDIGENOUS Ipswich tennis sensation Ashleigh Barty has been named Tennis Australia's junior girls athlete of the year.

The youngster received her award in Melbourne on Monday 5 December at the Australian Tennis Awards, where US Open champion Samantha Stosur won the Newcombe Medal at the country's best player for the second consecutive year.

Stosur said she hoped her breakthrough year marked the start of another successful era for Australian tennis.

The legendary John Newcombe presented the 2011 US Open champion and current world No 6 with the medal.

With Bernard Tomic and Matthew Ebden rising through the men's rankings and the achievement of Ashleigh Barty and Luke Saville in winning the Wimbledon junior girls and boys titles, Stosur hoped the success for Australian players would continue.

Barty was the first Australian in 31 years to win the junior girls' crown.

"It's been a great year for tennis in Australia with Ash and Luke winning at Wimbledon and Bernard doing so well, and hopefully this is just the beginning of more success to come," said Stosur.

Meanwhile, Barty last week was attempting to win a wildcard entry into the Australian Open.

Playing at Melbourne Park, the 15-year-old on Thursday breezed into the semi-finals, beating Emelyn Starr, of NSW, 6-3 6-2.

Then, on Saturday, she

qualified for the final when she beat sixth-seeded Arina Rodinova 7-5 6-3 in the semi-final.

Earlier, Barty upset top seed Casey Dellacqua in the first match of the round-robin event and was shaping as a strong favourite for the wildcard.

"I just wanted to see how I went. I was just out here to have fun and to play against Casey was great," she said.

'Surprised'

Barty admitted she had 'definitely' surprised herself with her progress, but was unsure about whether she was prepared for an Open main draw spot.

"I'm not really sure, I'm ready when I'm ready. I can't tell you when that will be but I'll just keep developing and see if I get there," she said.

What was to be a 'fun' week for Barty turned into a serious proposition.

She was to meet Victorian Arina Rodionova in Saturday's semi-final. – *With AAP*



Ashleigh Barty in action in the 2011 US Open last 5 September at Flushing Meadows, New York.
– Getty image

Complicated selection process for NRL All Stars begins

Marshall new skipper



BENJI Marshall is to replace retired Darren Lockyer as captain of the National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars team for the annual clash with the Indigenous All Stars on the Gold Coast on 4 February.

All Stars coach Wayne Bennett revealed Marshall's promotion when it was also announced the All Stars trophy will carry the name of rugby league legend Arthur Beetson who died on 1 December.

"Darren Lockyer is a significant loss to us," said Bennett.

"But Benji Marshall has been a part of the All Stars since its inception and I have every confidence in his ability to lead the team."

As well as acknowledging Beetson on the trophy, players from both sides will wear jerseys carrying a tribute to the first Indigenous player to captain an Australian team in any sport.

And the Federal Government will sponsor two \$5000 education and training scholarships in his honour.

'Power play'

The All Stars game will feature an innovative 'power play', in which each captain can nominate a five-minute period in both halves, where the opposing side must drop two players.

The defending team will nominate which of their players must leave the field and if the team that has called the power play scores a try in that five-minute period, the power play will end immediately.

The two teams cannot call a power play simultaneously.

In another innovation, infringements in the ruck area will lead to an immediate restart of the tackle count, as opposed to a kick for touch.

The 40-20 rule has been expanded to include 20-40 kicks in play.

Bennett said the new rules would excite fans and players alike.

"The All Stars is an incredibly important event for rugby

league," he said.

"It is played in a great spirit, it is played with great passion and there is a real focus on attack.

"The power play is a real chance for teams to back themselves with the ball and I am looking forward to it.

"Certainly with Benji as the All Stars captain, we are going to see people having a real go."

As captain and also being the NZ skipper, the 2010 Golden Boot winner is an automatic selection in the 20-man NRL All Stars squad. In addition, following the retirement of Darren Lockyer, Storm captain Cameron Smith takes his place as the Australian team's automatic selection.

The public now take on the role of selector and will vote on the 16 players to join Marshall and Smith. An additional two players will be selected by Bennett at the completion of stage two voting in January.

Fans have until 23 December to be a selector in the first stage of voting at www.nrl.com/allstars for one of the greatest coaches in rugby league history. As in previous years, they must choose two forwards and two backs from each club to form a shortlist for Bennett to then refine his team for stage two of the voting.

Blockbuster opening

MEANWHILE, Newcastle will kick-start the Wayne Bennett era against his former club St George Illawarra in a blockbuster opening to the 2012 NRL season which also features a grand final rematch.

Premiers Manly will travel across the Ditch on the opening weekend to take on the Warriors at what is sure to be a hostile Eden Park, while arch-rivals South Sydney and the Sydney Roosters also do battle in round one.

The opening round has been brought forward a week to accommodate a representative weekend in late April, with the Knights hosting the Dragons in the first game of the season at Ausgrid Stadium on Thursday 1 March.

Notice of a compensation application in relation to an area in the Northern Territory.

Notification day : 28 December 2011



National Native Title Tribunal

This is an application made by Ngaliwurru and Nungali persons who are members of the Makalamayi, Wunjaiyi, Yanturi, Wantawul and Maiyalaniwung estate groups and certain other Aboriginal persons. They are asking the Federal Court to determine that the members of that group (the compensation claim group) are entitled to compensation for the loss, impairment, diminution or other effect of certain acts on native title rights and interests in the area described below.

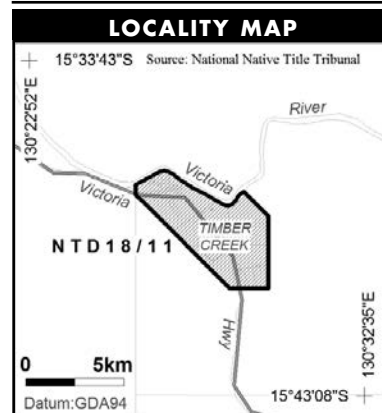
The compensation claim group members claim compensation for the effect of the following acts on their native title rights and interests:

- (a) past acts attributable to the Northern Territory validated under Pt 2 of the Validation (Native Title) Act 1994 (NT);
- (b) intermediate period acts attributable to the Northern Territory validated under Pt 2 of the Validation (Native Title) Act;
- (c) previous:
 - (i) exclusive possession acts;
 - (ii) non-exclusive possession acts; attributable to the Northern Territory in respect of which extinguishment is confirmed by Pts 3B and 3C of the Validation (Native Title) Act.

Once a compensation application has been made under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth), if any part of the application area is not covered by a previous determination of native title, the Federal Court must make a determination of native title if it is going to make a compensation determination.

If native title rights and interests are found to have been affected, the Federal Court must determine whether any compensation is payable. Generally, compensation for any loss, impairment, diminution or other effect of an act on native title rights and interests is payable by the Commonwealth, state or territory government.

A person who wants to become a party to any of this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1806, DARWIN, NT, 0810 on or before 27 March 2012. After 27 March 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Application name: Town of Timber Creek

Federal Court File No: NTD18/11

Date filed: 29 August 2011

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 23 square kilometres and is located over the town of Timber Creek as shown on the locality diagram.

The application falls within the local government authority of Victoria – Daly Shire.

Data statement: compensation application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Department of Planning and Infrastructure (NT).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Carissa Kok on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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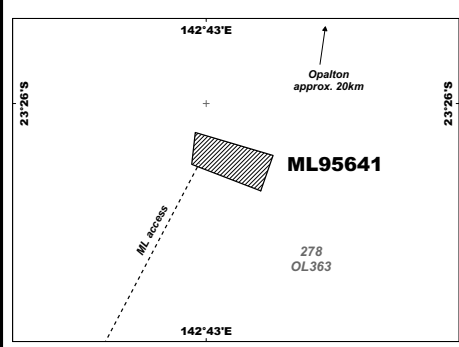
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease 95641 sought by Vivienne Coleman (50%) and Craig Coleman (50%), over an area of 0.7436 ha, centred approximately 121km South West of Winton in the locality of Winton Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding ten (10) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Winton Mining District, Vindex Street, Winton, Qld 4735. Telephone: (07) 4657 1727.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 4 January 2012



Queensland Government

Palm Island hosts four footy games

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



SIDES from Yarrabah and Charters Towers travelled to Palm Island to take on local teams at an Indigenous rugby league carnival on 26 November.

It was hosted by Palm's Bwgcolman Brothers club and featured four action-packed matches.

Games were played over 30-minute halves in 35 degree-plus heat.

In the main game, Bwgcolman Brothers scored a 44-32 win over Charters Towers.

Scores were locked at 32-all with five minutes remaining and Bwgcolman Brothers scored two late tries to snatch the win.

Charters Towers fought back well after trailing 6-22 at half-time.

Try scorers for Brothers were Malcolm Larry, William Marpoondin, William Bramwell, Ben Baira, Robert Johnson, Winston Noble, Gavin Charles and John Baira.

John Baira and John Kidner each kicked two goals, with singles to Gavin Barry Jnr and Jimmy James.

Charters Towers standouts were Bobby Masso, Kane Egan, and Frank James Jnr, Clinton Palmer, Christopher Rankin and Lincoln Poynter Jnr.

Played for shield

The first game was between Palm sides Skipjacks and Stingrays for the Darwin Marpoondin Memorial Shield.

Skipjacks included members of the Marpoondin family and they led 18-12 at half-time.

However, Stingrays fought back and finished the stronger, winning 36-26.

For Stingrays, James Sibley, Thomas Oui, Alan Baira, John Baira, William Charles, Frank Baira and Adrian Poynter scored tries, and

Tabua Oui booted four goals.

A team official rated Adrian Poynter, Costa Sam, John Baira, Frank Conway, James Sibley, Ben Nomoa Jnr and Tabua Oui as the Stingrays standouts.

For Skipjacks, Michael Noble, Owen Wilson, Gresham White, Robert Snyder and Anthony Thompson scored tries. Anthony Thompson kicked three goals.

Best were Raoul Miller, William Marpoondin, Anthony Thompson, Robert Snyder and Jason Bulsey.

After the game, Owen Marpoondin presented the shield to Stingrays captain Tabua Oui on behalf of the family.

Palm Barracudas United No 2 team defeated Charters Towers 32-24 after leading 22-6 at half-time.

For United, James Sibley scored two tries, with singles to Tabua Oui, Miceal Sibley, Malcolm Kennedy and Michael Wotton. Tabua Oui kicked three goals and Gavin Barry one.

Charters Towers try scorers were Bobby Masso, Mick Masso, K Keegan and Gary Pryor. Christopher Rankin kicked four goals.

In what was an exciting encounter, Yarrabah Bukki Buna beat Barracudas United No 2 side 20-16.

Yarrabah had led 10-6 at half-time and their try scorers were David Ambrym (two), CJ Mossman and Andrew Garrett, while halfback Bert Harris kicked two goals.

Palm Islanders Raoul Miller and Jason Bulsey lined up with Yarrabah.

For Barracudas United No 2, Robin Nallajar, Pita Bourne and Clive Poynter scored tries. Tabua Oui booted two goals.

It was 16-all with ten minutes remaining and Yarrabah star David Ambrym scored to give his team the four-point buffer which they held until the siren.

Many of the Palm-based players lined up in all three games.



The Charters Towers side.



The Stingrays side that beat Skipjacks in a game for the Darwin Marpoondin Memorial Shield.



Yarrabah's Bukki Buna side.

'Excuse me Sir, will you blow into this device?'

A COMBINED effort by organisers of an Indigenous football carnival on the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island and police in which players were breath-tested for alcohol before being allowed to play proved a great success.

Bwgcolman Brothers Club hosted the carnival on 26 November at the Palm footy oval. It attracted five local teams and visiting sides from Yarrabah and Charters Towers.

It was an alcohol and drug-free event and carnival co-ordinator Vernon Walsh requested that police breath-test players for alcohol.

"We wanted to ensure that no players had any alcohol reading and it they did, they would not have been allowed to play. We had a large crowd and many were children," Mr Walsh said.

Local police were happy to oblige between other jobs and Acting Snr Sgt Tony Hosie and Constable Russell Satour were on hand.

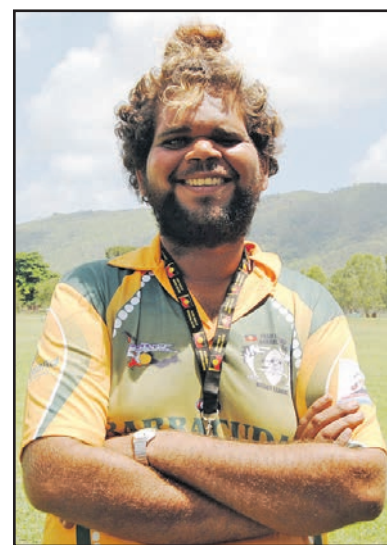
Every player from the visiting Charters Towers side and Palm Barracudas United No 1 team blew into the hand-held device before

they ran out for their clash.

"They all passed and none had a reading," Acting Snr Sgt Hosie said.

One local player who was keen to be tested was Greg Barry, who gave a positive reading and was happy not to have a run.

"I just wanted to see as I had a few drinks last night," he said



Vernon Walsh, whose idea it was to have players breath-tested.



Bwgcolman Brothers side from Palm played the main game.

Five-a-side soccer carnival in Melbourne



Melbourne Victory's Grant Brebner was at the event, where he gave a presentation and happily posed with children, including Ruby, Shakira, Emily, Rai and Tiarn, from Geelong.



A FIVE-A-SIDE soccer carnival for Indigenous children was held on 26 November in Melbourne.

The Indigenous State Football Carnival was held at Jubilee Park, Ringwood, and was for boys and girls between the ages of eight and 16.

A-League club Melbourne Victory Football Club was one of the major supporters of the carnival and star player Grant Brebner was at the carnival.

Melbourne Victory FC spokeswoman Cassandra Bradshaw said many of the children taking part had already represented Victoria in age divisions.

She said the tournament was a big success and many of the children had come from across Melbourne and from regional Victoria.



The Thomastown 'Cuzzies' – they're all cousins – front, from left, Charlie, Soul and Rose, rear, Kanoa, Medica and River with Grant Brebner.



Grant Brebner with children from Morewell – Mussy, Joshua, Ethan and Harmony.



Swan Hill children Sean and Trevor with Grant Brebner.



Jye, Chris, Casey, Anthony and Daniel, from Shepparton, with Grant Brebner.

JT gets the 'Boot'



AUSTRALIA'S Four Nations Final man of the match Johnathan Thurston has been named as the winner of the 2011 Golden Boot.

It is awarded annually to the game's greatest international player by *Rugby League World* magazine.

Thurston snatched the award by the narrowest of margins over 2007 winner Cameron Smith in a vote involving five former Golden Boot winners – Wally Lewis, Brett Kenny, Hugh McGahan, Ellery Hanley and Garry Schofield, plus Australian coaching guru, journalist and broadcaster Phil Gould, former France coach Louis Bonner, Papua New Guinea legend Stanley Gene and journalists and supporters from both hemispheres.

One of the closest

Rugby League World editor John Drake said: "It was one of the closest races for the Golden Boot in years, which emphasises just how much fantastic talent there is in our game at the highest level. It gets harder to separate the best players when it comes to individual awards in what is very much a team game.

"Johnathan's stand-out performances for Australia in the Four Nations thrilled the crowds in



Johnathan Thurston is mobbed by team-mates after a try against England during the Four Nations rugby league final at Elland Road, Leeds, England, on Saturday 19 November. – AP Photo

England and Wales, just as he has thrilled the crowds back home with his club, North Queensland Cowboys in the NRL and for Queensland in State of Origin."

Drake said the Golden Boot award recognised a whole year of performances at domestic and international level.

"Johnathan's match-winning performance in the biggest game of the season, the Four Nations final against England proved he is

a worthy recipient. The very best players produce their very best performances on the biggest stages," he said.

Golden Boot points:

- 1: Johnathan Thurston (North Queensland Cowboys/Australia) – 175 points.
- 2: Cameron Smith (Melbourne Storm/Australia) – 170 points.
- 3: Darren Lockyer (Brisbane Broncos/Australia) – 141 points.
- 4: Sam Tomkins (Wigan

Warriors/England) – 110 points.

5: James Graham (St Helens/England) – 89 points.

6: Ryan Hall (Leeds Rhinos/England) – 49 points.

Previous Golden Boot Award recipients have included Greg Inglis (2009) and Mal Meninga (1989).

Five of the six players shortlisted for the 2011 Golden Boot also won a place in *Rugby League World* magazine's annual

World XIII. The only Golden Boot nominee not to make it was England's Sam Tomkins, who finished runner up to Australia's Billy Slater in the fullback position.

Slater was unlucky to miss out on the Golden Boot shortlist, having been injured in the Four Nations group game against England at Wembley.

Apart from Slater, the only other player to make it into the World XIII who didn't play in the 2011 Four Nations final is Manly Sea Eagles centre Jamie Lyon.

Team of the Year

International Team of the Year:

- 1: Billy Slater (Melbourne Storm)
- 2: Akuila Uate (Newcastle Knights)
- 3: Greg Inglis (South Sydney Rabbitohs)
- 4: Jamie Lyon (Manly Sea Eagles)
- 5: Ryan Hall (Leeds Rhinos)
- 6: Darren Lockyer (Brisbane Broncos)
- 7: Johnathan Thurston (North Qld Cowboys)
- 8: James Graham (St Helens)
- 9: Cameron Smith (Melbourne Storm)
- 10: Paul Gallen (Cronulla Sharks)
- 11: Sam Thaiday (Brisbane Broncos)
- 12: Gareth Ellis (Wests Tigers)
- 13: Anthony Watmough (Manly Sea Eagles).

Sibling rivalry

THE one thing about being a brother to all the other Indigenous players in the Australian Football League (AFL) is that you never run out of a sibling to compete with.

Adam Goodes is set once again for a big season and my 'little brother' is set to take my record of the most number of games for the Swans in round four.

But there is no rivalry in this... I could not think of a better person to hold that distinction.

Adam, however, knows the importance of rivalry and has indeed used the concept of sibling rivalry to promote the season opener against Greater Western Sydney (GWS) next year.

Adam has welcomed the arrival of 'little brother' GWS and the AFL limelight they've taken in the past few months.

As he approaches his 15th season, Adam has become the face of the Swans and is indeed one of the most recognised sportsmen in the country.

Back seat

Yet he, and the Swans, have taken a back seat to the Giants over the past few months.

It's a trend likely to continue ahead of their clash to open the 2012 season on 24 March – and that sits just fine with the Swans stalwart.

"I think it's great they're getting the attention," Adam said.

"They need it. They need it for their membership... and if it means we get a really big crowd for round one, it's fantastic."

Goodes, who hails from the South Australian town of Wallaroo, knows all about cross-town rivalry.

Like me, he grew up in an era when the home town derby was almost as important as winning the flag itself.

"If we can create that sort of rivalry, it's going to be fantastic for both football clubs," he said

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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of the Swans and GWS.

"We are the sort of big brothers up here in Sydney. I've got two younger brothers and as a kid you always used to beat them in the games you play in the back yard."

"Hopefully, that sort of rivalry – big brother, little brother – at the start can happen and we've got a lot of respect for them."

As my 'little brother', he also has eyes on round four – or at least his Mum has.

Proud mother

Like all mums, Adam's mother – Lisa Sansbury – is proud of her son's achievements.

So while Sydney's first game of the 2012 season has most fans' attention, it's round four that she will be making the trip to watch.

Adam will, barring injury or suspension, usurp me as the Swans' games record-holder



Michael O'Loughlin, left, and Adam Goodes earlier this year. Goodes is set to beat O'Loughlin's record for the most number of games for the Swans, and O'Loughlin says he couldn't be happier that the record is being taken from him by his mate.

when he plays North Melbourne at the SCG on 22 April and as his mate, I couldn't be happier.

Adam, who played his 300th AFL game against Hawthorn in a losing semi-final this year to be in touching distance of my tally of 303, says he's yet to study the draw next year.

However his mum, who lives in country Victoria, certainly has.

"I asked her why she wanted to come up so early in the year (round four).

"She said 'that's... the game, (where) you might beat Micky O's record'."

"I said 'Oh. Yeah. Sweet. When we get there we'll get there'."

"She likes to plan these things in advance."

"Next year's got a lot of things to be excited for – individually and as a football club."

Lisa accompanied Adam when he won the 2003 Brownlow medal.

Like most of us, he attributes

much of his success to her guidance and devotion.

Like many parents, she made sacrifices to ensure her son had every opportunity and Adam's success should remind us all to appreciate what our parents and guardians have done to allow us the chance to pursue our dreams.

Goodes is only one week into his 15th pre-season, but loving every second of the hard work.

"I had a great off-season. I've had nine weeks off and the one thing you sort of miss towards the end of your time off is just getting around the boys," he said. "Especially when you know they've been back for a couple of weeks training."

"It's something I've missed over my break."

Adam's words reflect the anticipation of all as we prepare for the Christmas break.

The Boxing Day Test will only be an interlude before the real season commences.

Like all fans, I can hardly wait for the season to commence.

Before I conclude with my Christmas message, I would like to join the broader sporting community in recognising the passing of rugby league great Arthur Beetson.

Beetson was not only a giant in his own game, but was recognised by other sports and the Indigenous community as a pioneer and a trail-blazer.

Benchmark

As the first Aboriginal to captain any national side, he set a benchmark for others to follow.

My sympathy is extended to his family and all whose lives were touched by his presence.

His passing should remind us all to treasure our family and loved ones this Christmas.

I trust you all have a safe and peaceful time and look forward to a happy New Year.

Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!

Williams returns to lead Qld in Imparja Cup



ALL-ROUNDER Worrin Williams will make his return to the Queensland Imparja Cup ranks in 2012, and will do so in his new role as State captain for the national Indigenous cricket tournament in Alice Springs.

The Beenleigh/Logan product is back playing in Brisbane after a 12-month playing and working holiday in Europe and will lead Queensland for the first time at the Imparja Cup.

An Imparja Cup regular as a youngster, Williams, 24, will lead a strong line-up that includes Wests all-rounder John Hay, Queensland Country batsman Brad Stout, experienced Cairns all-rounder Glen Martin, as well as ex-Northern Territory paceman Greg Louis, who is now playing in Warwick. Hay, originally from Mt Isa, was named

in the Black Caps all-championship team last season after impressing with bat and ball in his first tournament.

The Townsville-based Stout, who is also a wicket-keeper, was named in the Queensland Country Brahmans side for the first time recently and will play at the Australian Country Championships in Geelong next month.

New players to the line-up include Louis, Gympie schoolboy Carlin Anderson, who is also a State softballer, and the Gold Coast Dolphins' Robert Miller.

Anderson, who played in the Queensland Under-15 schoolboys team last season, has come through the Eddie Gilbert Indigenous Talent Identification Program, which has also produced Dwayne Malone and Hayden Busk in this year's squad.

Australian Indigenous all-rounders

Cameron Trask (Wynnum-Manly) and Preston White (Toombul) were not considered for the tour, with each establishing themselves strongly with their respective XXXX GOLD Premier Grade clubs this season.

The Imparja Cup will be held between 5-12 February in Alice Springs. Queensland finished third last season after winning a hat-trick of titles between 2004 and 2006 and claiming the trophy in 2008 and 2009.

The Imparja Cup squad fulfils a development role in Queensland Cricket's Indigenous player strategy, with the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI taking on flagship status though its annual match against the Queensland Academy of Sport.

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI to play the annual match against the Queensland Academy of Sport

in the New Year will be named soon.

The 2011-12 Queensland Imparja Cup Squad

Worrin WILLIAMS (C – Beenleigh Logan), Carlin ANDERSON (Ipswich Grammar School), Hayden BUSK (Brisbane Northern Suburbs), Jake KUBINEK (Redlands), John HAY (Brisbane Western Suburbs), Greg LOUIS (Warwick), Dwayne MALONE (Brisbane Western Suburbs), Glen MARTIN (Rovers Cricket Club – Cairns), Adam McDERMOTT (Wynnum-Manly), Robert MILLER (Gold Coast Dolphins), Bradley STOUT (Norths – Townsville), Michael STRANGE (Brisbane Northern Suburbs), Mark THOMPSON (Toombul).

Coaches, Michael MAINHARDT (Brisbane Northern Suburbs), Mark DINGLE (Queensland Cricket).

Umpire, David STAINES (Ipswich).

Cedar's winning throw after the full-time hooter

By ALF WILSON



FOR star Townsville Crocs National Basketball League (NBL) shooting guard Michael Cedar, scoring the winning point after the final siren to give his side an 82-81 win over the

Wollongong Hawks was one of the highlights of his career.

Scores had been deadlocked at 81-all in the 3 December game at the Swamp in Townsville and the home side was awarded two free throws after a foul with .02 second left on the clock.

Cedar was handed the ball in a pressure cooker situation as thousands of parochial local fans waited in anticipation.

"There was a lot of pressure and the opposition players were sledging me and it went in and it would rate as one of the highlights for me," he told the *Koori Mail* on 7 December.

Deliberate miss

Cedar purposely missed the second free throw to deny the Hawks a chance to get the ball back for a shot from the middle.

The 25-year-old Cedar is of Darnley descent on one side of his bloodline, and is a veteran of 168 NBL games.

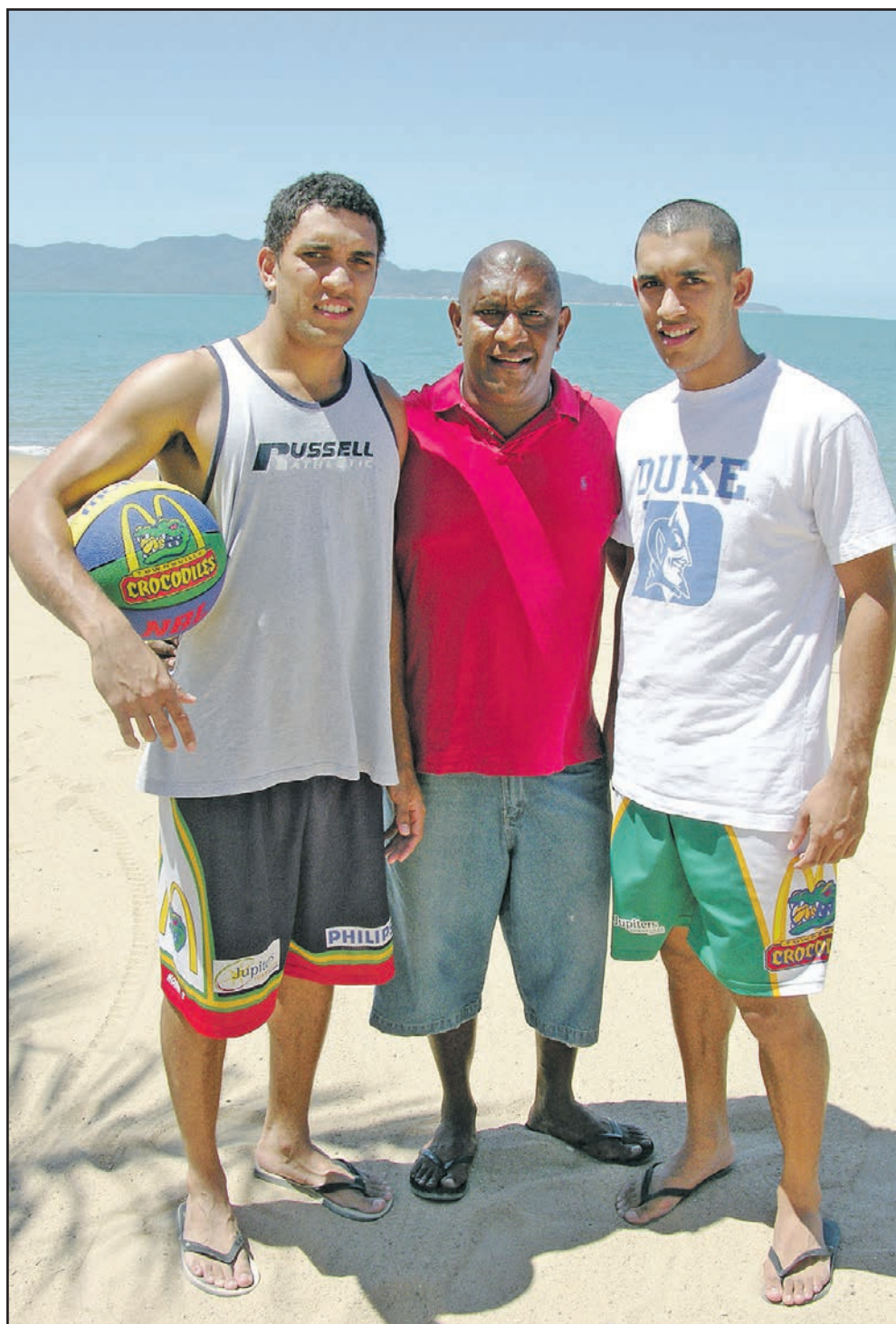
Even though he rated the moment highly, he still reckons that a win by his team in the 2012 NBL final would overshadow it.

Cedar is the captain of the Crocs. He is believed to be the first player of TSI descent to captain a team in the prestigious NBL.

Cedar was always destined to be a captain, but that was fast-tracked after Crocs skipper Russell Hinder broke his right leg in a pre-season match against the Gold Coast on 23 September.

Only weeks before, Cedar had been named vice-captain of the Crocs.

The winning throw also proved a big moment for Cedar's proud dad Robbie, who had been a champion rugby league forward for Souths in the



From left are Michael Cedar, dad Robbie and brother Chris. — Picture: ALF WILSON

Townsville competition.

"It was a great win on the weekend by the Crocs. It was like the 1985 Townsville rugby league grand final when Steve Mulley scored for my Souths side in the corner during the last 60 seconds against University and we won," Robbie said.

Michael Cedar was born in May 1986 at Townsville and is 190cm tall and weighs 82kg and made his debut for the Crocodiles in 2006.

He joined the Crocs roster after progressing through the Carmichael

Ford/McDonald's Sharp Start Program and was a member of the School Sport Australia team that toured New Zealand in 2004.

He was a graduate of the Town High Tropics program and is a former Queensland junior representative.

Indigenous history

Four seasons ago, Michael and younger brother Chris became the first Indigenous brothers to play together in an NBL side when they were in the Crocs team which lost 85-78 to the Sydney Kings at the

Townsville Entertainment Centre.

Chris Cedar is in his first season as a fully contracted player and is a genuine star of the future.

After the win over the Hawks, the Crocs sat on fifth spot on the nine-club NBL ladder behind the NZ Breakers, Perth, Melbourne and the Gold Coast.

Michael Cedar is determined to visit the Torres Strait islands in the NBL off-season.

"I want to conduct coaching clinics on as many islands as I can," he said.

Collingwood links with SportsReady in Barrawarn jobs program



A THREE-YEAR program involving the Collingwood Australian Football League (AFL) Club Foundation is aimed at providing young Indigenous people with education and employment opportunities in metropolitan and regional Victoria.

The Collingwood Magpies have entered into a partnership with AFL SportsReady to present 'Barrawarn', where the aim is to create up to 15 employment positions within regional Victoria and within the City of Yarra and Darebin communities.

Training will be at Victoria Park and the trainees will be fully supported by Indigenous mentors.

The Collingwood Football Club (CFC) Foundation has been established to oversee the development and management of the CFC Community Centre at Victoria Park.

For three years, the Magpies will fund ten school-based traineeships working in the City of Yarra area.

The Magpies' Andrew Krakouer is the face of the program.

The trainees will receive personal and career pathway support, access to attend trainee network meetings and will come in contact with their AFL SportsReady field officer.

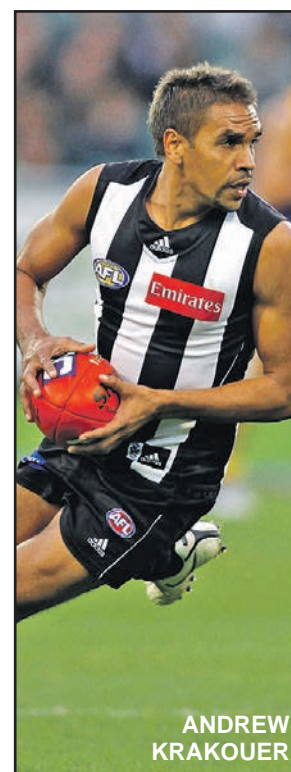
They will work in a range of organisations within the cities of Yarra and Darebin in sporting administration, business administration, local government, hospitality, parks and gardens, retail, finance, community services, aquatics and education.

Five full-time trainees will be placed with AFL Victoria's regional development areas to increase football engagement amongst regional Indigenous communities.

They will work in Shepparton, Morwell, Dandenong, Ballarat and Mildura.

Another five trainees will work with regional development managers and may be involved in Auskick, football clubs, talent identification, welfare and community services, administration and management.

AFL SportsReady has employed more than 1000 Indigenous trainees across Australia in its 17-year history. It is a not-for-profit organisation with a focus on Indigenous employment programs.



ANDREW KRAKOUER



The men's open plate winners All Sparks and runners-up Wild Boyz.



Mixed Plate winners Shear Us and runners-up Bang It.



Men's Open runners-up Trackadigeniez.



Mixed Cup winners Lazer 2 Sharp and runners up Echidna Magic 1.



Men's Open winners Waitangi Touch.



Waitangi Touch captain Drummyne Dayberg Muir accepts the spoils of victory on behalf of his team.



TEAMS from Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea took part in the 18th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane last month.

The event was fully sanctioned by the Queensland Touch Association and Touch Football Australia.

The action was fast and furious, and crowds were entertained by some of the best touch football yet seen.

Teams ranged from the gun serious to social.

Current Indigenous representative players from the touch football and rugby league worlds included Phil Gyemore, Mook Harington Jnr, Peter Stoddart, the Norford Brothers, the Morrie and Kempsey crew, Jessie Shaw, Cody Green, Lachlan Pearce and Theo Majid.

Non-Indigenous players included Drummyne Dayberg Muir (Aka Drummy), Gavin Shuker, Nathan Jones, Dylan Hennasey, Reamus Gentles and Dan Withers.

Prizemoney for the carnival totalled \$30,000.

Backed up

Many Indigenous players backed up to play in the international clashes and the Battle of the States on the Saturday night.

In the mixed secondary schools/youth group division, the Trackadigeniez team beat a gallant One Force team.

In the mixed open division, Lazer 2 Sharp beat Echidna Magic 1.

The prestigious men's open division was won by Waitangi Touch in a tight drop-off over Trackadigeniez.

In the mixed open plate, Shear Us downed Bang It.

The men's open plate was won by All Sparks from Wild Boys.

In the international games, the NZ Maoris beat the OZ Indigenous men's team in the game many judged to be the highlight of the carnival.

Maori team touch too good

It showcased some of the most capped and talented next-generation Indigenous Australian and New Zealand players.

The Invitational Indigenous Men's team defeated a talented Papua New Guinea team.

It was a clean sweep by Queensland in the Battle of the States with the Maroons winning all three divisions.

These games featured players who already had played the community and international games, so backing up for the interstate matches was a big ask.

A new trophy named in honour and memory of Rick Griffiths was announced. Rick created the Battle of the States with the late Robbie Williams. The trophy goes to the Player of the Battle of the States – male or female. This year it was won by Queenslander Cody Green.

The Robbie Williams Player of the Tournament went to a very tearful Cody Green. This is the first time in three years that a male has won the award.



Action from the men's open final between Trackadigeniez and winners Waitangi Touch.



Action from the Mixed Cup final between Echidna Magic 1 and Lazer 2 Sharp.

Simon celebrates return with a goal



WESTFIELD Matildas and Sydney FC star striker Kyah Simon made her return to the pitch following a long lay-off with an ankle injury.

Having missed the first six weeks of the Westfield W-League 2011/12 season, Simon declared herself fit and for the

week seven clash against Perth Glory on 3 December at Leichhardt Oval, Sydney.

But she found herself on the bench and spent much of the time watching her team over-run Perth.

She did make a late appearance and scored Sydney's last goal in their 11-0 rout of the Glory. She picked up a loose ball and scored from near the

penalty spot.

Simon, the Westfield W-League Player of the Year and Golden Boot player, picked up her ankle injury at the recent AFC Olympic qualifiers in China.

"I'm excited to finally get back out on the pitch with the girls, and get some game time under my belt, given my recovery and fitness efficiency this

week," Simon said in the lead-up to the Perth Glory game.

"I've got high expectations of myself and want to inject myself into the game as much as possible, but at the same time bearing in mind I've been out of the game for ten weeks or so and I'm going to need patience and persistence to get me through".

The greatest of all

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

ARTHUR Beetson was an immortal in Indigenous communities long before the game of rugby league gave him that honour.

He was a hero to many people.

I heard the news of Arthur's passing when I was in the remote community of Doomadgee, in north-west Queensland, where – along with Dean Widders, Jamal Idris, Beau Champion and Clinton Toopi – I was delivering a program that Beetso would have been proud of.

I know he would have been proud of it because Jamal, Dean and I remember his words to us as members of the Dreamtime Team that played New Zealand Maori at the opening of the World Cup in 2008.

He spoke to us with passion about what the game would mean to 'our mob' and that we were part of realising the dream of many who had gone before us.

He spoke to us with passion about what the game would mean to 'our mob' and that we were part of realising the dream of many who had gone before us.

He spoke to us of bringing joy and hope to a new generation of kids and his passion inspired us not only in that game but beyond.

The All Stars game was – and is – a continuation of all that Beetso stood for.

It is a celebration of the Indigenous contribution to the game and the power of rugby league as an agent of change within communities.

It is also played in honour of Arthur and others of his generation who were not given such an opportunity.

Arthur was a passionate advocate, not only for Aboriginal causes within the game, but also used his profile to support broader social issues affecting his people.

Often this was in an era when people were less understanding of issues confronting Indigenous people.

Deano lived with Arthur when he first came to the Roosters from Armidale and we were both shocked by the news.

Our initial reaction was to find some private space to come to grips with the news.

But the kids were waiting for us and we knew we had to continue.

In the same way, we will carry the true legacy of Arthur well into the future.

I am certain he will be not only be in the hearts and minds of the Indigenous All Stars team on the night of 4 February.

He will be in the hearts and minds of all true lovers of the game of rugby league.

On a night celebrating 'all stars' there will only be one true star shining down on Skilled Park.

It will be the greatest Aboriginal player ever to play rugby league.

Farewell Arthur. Rest in Peace.

NSW, Qld name teams for under 16 clash



WHILE the focus will be on the 'big boys' at the Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars fixture on the Gold Coast on 4 February, the curtain-raiser is sure to have

the same commitment and passion as the main event.

If the under 16 game between the NSW Kooris and the Queensland Murris follows the script of this year's game, it promises to be a beauty.

Selectors have announced the two teams.

The Townsville Walkabouts have strong representation in the Queensland squad, with eight players.

South Sydney dominates the NSW team, with five players.

The Queensland team is:

1. David Nogar (Townsville Walkabouts)
2. Gideon Gela (FNQ Dodgers)
3. Simone Fatafehi (FOGS Flyers)
4. Tristan Nelliman-Adams (Townsville Walkabouts)
5. Joel Hagan (SW United Wedgetails)
6. Adrian Aiden (Brisbane Stingers)
7. Ralph Daniel (Townsville Walkabouts)
8. Leonard Snowball (FNQ Dodgers)
9. Tyrone Hussey (Townsville Walkabouts)
10. Devon Chinfat (Townsville Walkabouts)
11. Zengrey Nona (Townsville Walkabouts)
12. Kelvin Lui (Townsville Walkabouts)

13. Linton Enoch (FNQ Dodgers)
14. Sebastain Stiegler (Gladstone United)
15. Joshua Kerr (Toowoomba Warriors)
16. Noah Saumalu (Gladstone United)
17. Jordon Remfrey (Townsville Walkabouts)

18. Jesse Domic (Bundaberg Boomerangs)
19. Thaddeaus Johnson (Dirringhi)
20. Damon Anderson (Toowoomba Warriors)

Head coach, Sid Domic
Assistant coach, Graeme White
Team manager, Chris Waters
LSO/trainer, Aaron Keevers
LSO/trainer, Jeremy Batt
FAO/strapper, Ron Tasker

The NSW team is (alphabetical order):
Kaji Buchanan (Nambucca), Frederick Campbell (Armidale), Daniel Donovan (Bowraville), Travis Edwards (Toronto), Jake Ennis (Penrith), Tyrell Fiumaono (St Marys), Grant Garvey (Souths), Jerome Green (Tugun), George House (Canberra), Jarmarley Jerrard (Tamworth), Keeden Kelly (Kempsey), Kiearan Kennedy (Souths), Cleveland McGhie (Illawarra), Shane Nolan (Souths), Ethan Roberts (South Grafton), Latrell Robinson (Souths), Tyrone Walsh (Newcastle), Conner Watson (Kincumber), James Widders-Leece (Armidale), Steven Winters (Souths).

Touch footy winners



MEET the Dubbo Googars – winners of the inaugural Brewarrina Indigenous touch football carnival last month. Organised by Ashley Gordon from the NSW Aboriginal Safe Gambling Program, the carnival attracted teams from the north-west, including Collarenebri, Wiradjuri, Dubbo Googars and Brewarrina. Gordon said the carnival was a runaway success. The Dubbo Googars beat Wiradjuri 4-2 in the final after a series of pool matches.

NT to bid for AFL women's titles



THE Northern Territory is to bid for the hosting rights to the 2013 Australian Football League (AFL) national women's championships to be held in Darwin.

On the back of the Pathway To Excellence Strategy and Vision presentation, AFL Northern Territory will lodge the bid.

"We are extremely proud of the progress we have made in women's football and we feel we are one of the leaders of developing

and embracing women's football," said AFLNT CEO Tony Frawley.

The Northern Territory has the largest per capita participation rates in the country for women's football, and also has the largest league in the world per head of population in Galiwinku.

"Galiwinku is a prime example of the passion and drive that women in the NT want to be part of the football scene and we at AFLNT want to assist breaking down the barriers and negative stigma that is attached to women's football."

Since 2007, AFLNT has set up five new youth girls competitions and numerous other women's senior competitions.

The AFL School Ambassador program has 75 females on board out of the 160 in 2012.

AFL Women's Development Manager Jan Cooper was at the recent AFLNT conference and threw her support behind the Northern Territory bid, viewing Darwin as at the forefront of women's football.

"Game development in NT is run by a

group of very dedicated personnel, who are doing an outstanding job in engaging young people in our great game," said Cooper.

"When you consider the remoteness of many of the communities and complexities of other communities, they are achieving incredible results."

"In respect to female football, AFLNT is a model of best practice, and has performance measures across all departments and boasts an inclusive talent pathway, something I am keen for other states to adopt."

Short's one-day debut

By PETER ARGENT



THE *Koori Mail* reported in its previous edition that West Australian

cricketer Darcy Short was looking for higher honours.

He didn't have to wait long... the former Northern Territorian found himself in the WA team that took on NSW in the Ryobi One-Day Cup match on 30 November at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

His selection in the WA one-day side came hard on the heels of his appearance for the WA Second XI against South Australia at the Adelaide Oval.

He starred in that game, scoring 107 off 110 balls, with 80 runs coming in boundaries.

Then followed a rain-marred game against the NSW Second XI.

The 21-year-old Short was then included in the Western Warriors side batting, in the number seven position, for the Ryobi One-Day clash with the Blues.

It was a fearsome start to his career at State level – WA was 5-43 in the 13th over when Short came to the crease.

After nearly being run

out charging through for a quick single, Short got his first runs, with a classy push through the leg side.

But his innings then came to an end – out for three off the bowling of Test off-spinner Nathan Hauritz, trying to cut the ball, but getting cramped and being caught behind.

Western Australia eventually made 199.

In the field, Short had more impact, grabbing two top-order wickets.

Surprisingly brought on before Test player Michael Beer in the tenth over, he struck with just his second delivery, having NSW top-order batsman Tim Cruickshank caught at point.

Another wicket

It got even better – with the first ball of his third over, he claimed the scalp of 56-test veteran Simon Katich, caught behind by Warriors skipper Luke Ronchi.

After an initial spell of 2/6 from three overs, Short put the hosts on the back foot.

But he was replaced at the bowling crease and did not return until the 28th over.

He finished with the respectable figures of 2/14 from four overs.

The Warriors went down by five wickets, with NSW winning in the 44th over.



A file picture of Darcy Short bowling.

Less bench time for Mills in China



BOOMERS point guard Patty Mills is optimistic his move to China will pay big dividends for Australia in the lead-up to the 2012 London Olympics and pave

the way for a return to the National Basketball Association (NBA).

Mills joined the Xinjiang Flying Tigers, leaving NBL team Melbourne Tigers, last month on a deal reportedly worth upwards of \$1 million before the NBA lockout was resolved and a season start date set for Christmas Day.

Without an opt-out clause in his contract, Mills can't return to the NBA until the end of

the Chinese season in March.

With his future with NBA team Portland Trail Blazers uncertain, Mills felt China was the best option and the bonus for Australia's Olympic campaign is his greatly increased court time as a starting player there.

Mills wasted no time making his presence felt, scoring a game-high 42 points in a 121-108 victory over Tianjin Rong in a recent outing.

Agent Bruce Kaider says Mills 'absolutely' retains the long-term goal of playing in the NBA.

"There were no guarantees in Portland. He would've had to go back there and fight for a spot and he may not have even been

in Portland," said Kaider.

"He probably wouldn't have played the minutes he will in China.

"Certainly leading into London 2012, I think it's important for Patty and the Australian men's program that Patty is actually playing minutes and working on his game and developing his game."

Stepped on to world stage

Mills announced himself as an NBA talent when he helped Australia reach the quarter-finals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and he was drafted by Portland in 2009.

Kaider is confident if the dynamic guard can continue his current form through until

the Olympics in July, NBA scouts will again take notice.

"Beijing was his coming out Olympics where people got to see him and what he could do for the first time really at an international event at that level," Kaider said.

"I think London is going to be the evolution of Patty, where he's developed, how he can lead his team and how he can progress the Boomers beyond where they've been in the past.

"Without putting too much pressure on Patty, London is going to be a really important milestone for the next five years of his career." – AAP



The winning side Waur United and some of the supporters.

Moa team wins a thrilling final

By ALF WILSON



A STRONG Waur United side from Moa Island, from the Torres Strait, which included former Melbourne Storm player Sam Joe, scored a 44-42 win over Alau Eagles in a cliffhanger final of the Dan Ropeyarn All Blacks rugby league carnival.

Ten men's sides and two women's teams competed at the carnival at Bamaga, near the tip of Cape York, from 17-19 November.

Sam Joe is now based at Moranbah, south-west of Mackay, where he is working in the mines, and looks set to play for the Mackay Cutters in the 2012 Queensland Cup.

It was the first major carnival win by a Moa Island team since Mua Razorbacks took out the 2010 Island of Origin on Badu Island.

Joe also starred in that side.

Utility Robbie Congoo scored five tries in the final, with singles to blockbusting forward Harry Mooka, Sam Joe and Harold Mosby, who also booted six goals for the winners.

For Alau Eagles, Jim Baira and Peter Lui each scored two tries.

In the semi-finals, Waur United beat Bamaga Roos and Alau Eagles defeated Northern Goodline Stallions.

That Stallions side included 2011 North Queensland Marlins players Tremayne Bowie and Roy Baira, and Steve Singleton, who recently won the best and fairest players award in the strong Cairns and District rugby league competition.

Waur United coach Terry Abednego said his team had felt confident going into the finals, but the Alau boys had 'really gone for it, making it a very tough game'.

Team manager and Moa Island Kubin village councillor David Bosun said he dedicated the win to his late father, sports, health and education advocate Oza Bosun.

Alau Eagles won the recent Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) grand final, beating Injinoo Crocs.

Eagles coach Peter Lui, who was also co-coach of the Remote Area rugby league side which contested the Foley Shield carnival in Townsville, said it was a great final.

"We came back after they led 24-4 and my players all tried hard," he said.

Only two teams contested the women's competition, with Top End United beating Ropeyarn Razors in the best-of-three games.

United won 18-8 in the decider.

United had the services of Mabuig Islander Stephanie Mooka, who is regarded as one of the best Indigenous female footballers in Queensland.

Mooka scored two tries and booted two goals.



Sam Joe holds the trophy aloft for Waur United.

Josh Ross is on the way back



A COMEBACK by Indigenous sprinter Joshua Ross has taken athletics officials by surprise.

Ross, 30, announced last month that he was ready for competition again.

Ross retired from athletics in November 2009 after becoming disillusioned with the sport.

He became one of the most dominant sprinters in professional athletics and went on to represent Australia in the 2004 Olympic Games and the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

He made his mark in Tasmania by winning the Latrobe Gift on Boxing Day 2003 – just eight months after winning the first of his two Stawell Gifts.

He won the 2004 Burnie Gift from scratch a week after the Latrobe Gift and he returned three years later to win it again.

He also ran at Burnie in 2005 and after failing to qualify for the gift, later won the backmarker's event.

Ross' return to athletics means the end of his dreams of becoming a professional footballer in the United States.

Until recently, Ross was trying to break into the National Football League (NFL).

But the lure of the track ultimately proved too hard to resist.

Refreshed

The 30-year-old says he is refreshed and refocused, and ready to launch an assault at qualifying for next year's Olympics.

"I felt like I needed to stop and pursue something else in my life, because athletics was there for so long and it's all I did and knew," Ross told the Canberra Times.

"But athletics is in my blood and I started to miss the life, training and atmosphere, so here I am."

The Canberra Times said Ross' quest to become the first Australian to play wide receiver in the NFL wasn't just a pipe dream.

He impressed at an official testing event last year, where observers rated him in the top 10 per cent of prospects.

"My coach over there was freaking out when he was teaching me to run routes," Ross said.

"We wanted to set our goals high, and become the

first Australian wide receiver the NFL's ever seen.

"I could have a scholarship and a college over there right now, but I weighed up the options and I have my heart set on the Olympics."

Ross said he no longer harboured any NFL aspirations.

He is hell bent on proving he's still Australia's fastest man.

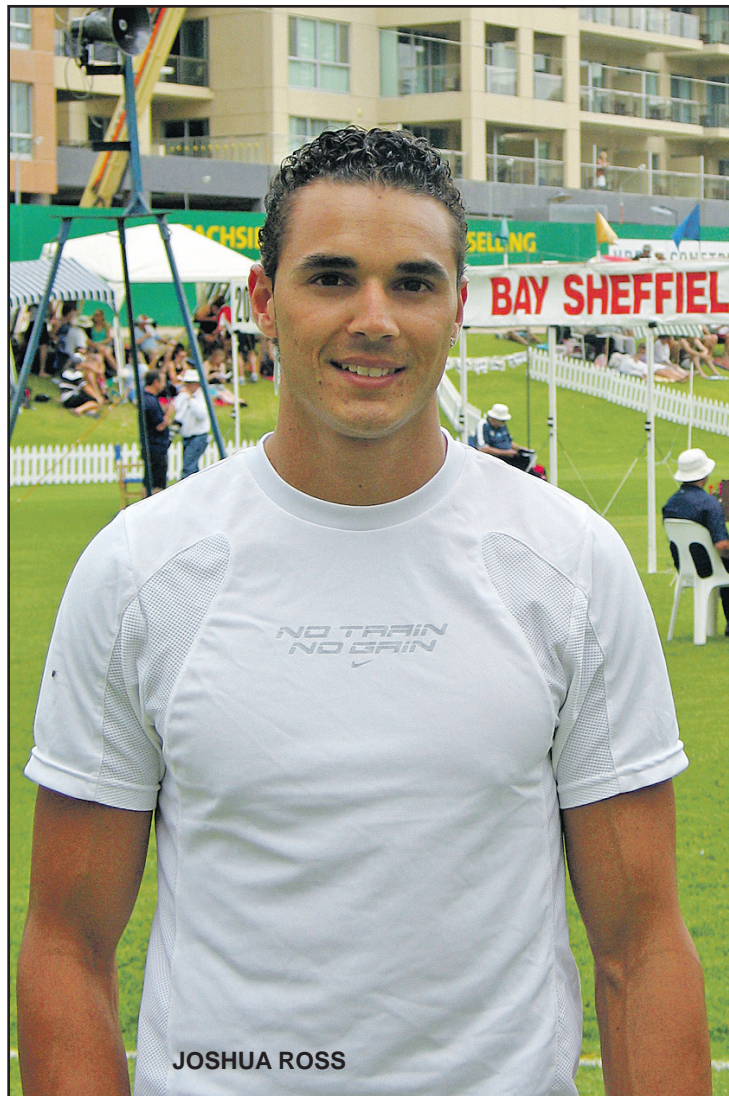
Ross made the quarter-finals at the Atlanta Games in 2004, but failed to line up for the Olympic trials in 2008.

Ross says he is in a better place and ready to reclaim his mantle as the country's premier sprinter.

He now coaches himself and says he will stick at athletics.

"I haven't ruled out going to another Olympics (Rio de Janeiro in 2016)," he said.

"I'm coming into the best shape of my life mentally and physically and feel like I have unfinished business. I know I can do so much better than I have done, and I've got six years of athletics left in me if I take care of myself."



JOSHUA ROSS

Trophy to be named for Arthur Beetson



THE Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars trophy will carry the name of Arthur Beetson as one of a number of tributes to the late rugby

league legend.

Federal Sports Minister Mark Arbib also said the Federal Government would sponsor two \$5000 education/training scholarships in honour of the rugby league and Indigenous champion who spent a lifetime nurturing and developing the talents of young Australians.

Players in the 2012 Harvey Norman All Stars at the Gold Coast on 4 February will

also wear jerseys carrying a tribute to Arthur's sporting and cultural leadership (these will not be offered for commercial sale).

NRL chief executive David Gallop said: "There isn't a player in the game who would not be honoured to hold a trophy bearing Arthur's name and given his contribution to developing talent and promoting Indigenous culture, there would seem no more fitting occasion to recognise his many achievements than the All Stars.

"One of Arthur's great passions was discovering and developing talent on and off the field and we are delighted that the

Federal Government has also moved to recognise his legacy."

Senator Arbib announced the Federal Government would sponsor two Learn Earn Legend! scholarships in Beetson's name for an Indigenous boy and girl.

Further details of the scholarships will be announced soon.

Plans are being formulated for tributes within the 2012 All Stars week to allow fans and players alike to celebrate their memories of Artie Beetson.

Leading players, including Preston Campbell, have made it clear they will see the event as an emotional tribute to a true leader.



Sid Domic in Sydney last week at the naming of the Indigenous All Stars team and the launching of his 2012 Indigenous All Stars jumper. – Picture: Joseph Mayers

TSI part of All Stars jersey design

INDIGENOUS All Stars captain Johnathan Thurston showcased the 2012 jersey that was designed for the third year by former player and Indigenous artist Sid Domic.

The jersey features a turtle shell, representing the people of the Torres Strait Island, boomerangs for the Australian Aboriginal people and a blue circle symbolising the Gold Coast.

The other major change to the jersey this year is the appearance of a Torres Strait Islander traditional 'Dhari' head-dress, which Domic incorporated after requests from Torres Strait Islander All Stars fans.



Preston Campbell and Rhys Wesser at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney, last Wednesday, where the Indigenous All Stars rugby league team was announced.

– Pictures on this page by Joseph Mayers



Jamal Idris and the captain of the Redfern All Blacks U11's Luciano Svagelli.

The best yet, says coach Laurie Daley

● From back page

Thompson (Raiders) and Nathan Peats (Rabbitohs) were the coach's selections.

"I am really happy with the quality of the team the public has selected, and with the names announced today we are in the very best position to win the Arthur Beetson trophy come February 4," said Daley.

"I know all Indigenous rugby league players look up to Artie for what he did for rugby league and for Indigenous Australians and with the trophy representing a true legend of the game, we will have extra incentive to win the All Stars match.

"The NRL All Stars team will be a world-class side, but all the players announced today will be playing to win and also to honour the passing of a rugby league legend."

The 2012 Indigenous All Stars team is:

1. Ben Barba (Bulldogs) Goreng Goreng.
2. Jharal Yow Yeh (Broncos) Margany.
3. Greg Inglis (Rabbitohs) Dunghutti.
4. Justin Hodges (Broncos) Indigenous tribes of the

Cairns region.

5. Nathan Merritt (Rabbitohs) Wiradjuri.

6. Johnathan Thurston (capt – Cowboys) Gungahri.

7. Chris Sandow (Eels) Bigambul/Gubbi Gubbi.

8. Tom Learoyd-Lahrs (Raiders) Indigenous tribes of the Tweed area.

9. Travis Waddell (Raiders) Torres Strait Badulaig.

10. George Rose (Sea Eagles) Kamilaroi.

11. Sam Thaiday (Broncos) Torres Strait Ima (Yam Island).

12. Jamal Idris (Titans) Worimi.

13. Greg Bird (Titans) Kamilaroi.

14. Andrew Fifita (Sharks) Wiradjuri.

15. Cory Paterson (Cowboys) Indigenous tribes of the Blue Mountains region.

16. Matthew Bowen (Cowboys) Binthi and Dhaarrba.

17. Scott Prince (Titans) Kalkadoon.

18. Anthony Mitchell (Roosters) Waka Waka.

19. Joel Thompson (Raiders) Wiradjuri.

20. Nathan Peats (Rabbitohs) Biripi nation.

Laurie Daley (coach) Wiradjuri.

– With AAP



Johnathan Thurston, Naomi Mayers and Nathan Merritt.



Rhys Wesser and Sol Belleair.



Ray Robinson, George Rose and Judy Anderson.



Mal Cochrane and coach Laurie Daley.

Time to vote for NRL All Stars

WITH the Indigenous All Stars team now in place, fans can turn their attention to voting for Wayne Bennett's NRL All Stars side, with stage one voting open at www.nrl.com/allstars until 23 December.

In this stage of voting the public is asked to select two forwards and two backs from each of the 16 NRL clubs.

Bennett will then place the 64 shortlisted players into his chosen positions, including his preference for the make-up of the bench.

Stage two of NRL All Stars voting will start on 27 December, where the public have the challenge of selecting just one player from

each of the 16 NRL clubs to join automatic choices, captain Benji Marshall and Australian team selection Cameron Smith.

The final team will be announced on 19 January.

Tickets for the All Stars game are available through Ticketek outlets on 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au

All Stars ticket categories and prices: Category 1: Adult \$95, concession \$75, junior \$65, family \$255.

Category 2: Adult \$65, concession \$50, junior \$40, family \$180.

Category 3: Adult \$35, concession \$30, junior \$25, family \$100.

Faingaa back home



Australian rugby union player Anthony Faingaa arrives at the Brisbane International Airport last Tuesday. The Wallabies returned from their England-Wales spring tour, where they beat the Barbarians 60-11 at Twickenham, London, and Wales 24-18 at Millennium Stadium, Cardiff. Inside centre Faingaa was a late replacement in the Wallaby team against Wales. – AAP Image

Rose to remain a Sea Eagle



MANLY prop George Rose has re-signed with the National Rugby League (NRL) club for two

seasons.

Rose was off-contract after his side's success in the 2011 grand final, but has penned a deal that will tie him to the Sea Eagles until the end of the 2013 season.

"It's pretty much a home for me, Manly, and it's the place that I always wanted to stay, even before we won the grand final," Rose said.

"It's just a great bunch of players, great staff and a club that I really enjoy."

Rose debuted for Manly in 2006 and has played 97 NRL games.

The 28-year-old, who was thought to have agreed to a deal some time ago,

is upbeat his side will defend their premiership under new coach Geoff Toovey.

"We've worked hard for a number of years to get to where we are and I really want to go back-to-back," Rose said.

"Even if we can't, I'll have a lot of fun trying to either way."

Rose finished the 2011 season with a one-match ban for a striking charge, due to a hit on Warriors hooker Aaron Heremaia in the grand final. – AAP



George Rose pictured on the Gold Coast earlier this year.

Jeff hits the diamond once more

By GRAHAM HUNT



AFTER playing 109 softball games for Australia and winning a world title in 2009,

Wiradjuri man Jeff Goolagong decided to give the game away.

But he found that once out of the game, he 'had an itch that needed scratching'.

It didn't take much encouragement from a senior Softball Australia official for Goolagong – a nephew of tennis legend Evonne Goolagong-Cawley – to come out of retirement.

Four months later, the third baseman was back playing for Australia.

That was last week, when he played in the Oceania qualifying tournament leading up to the 2013 world men's softball championships in New Zealand.

The qualifying tournament involved Australia, Papua New Guinea and Samoa and was played in Goolagong's home city of Canberra.

New Zealand normally would also have taken part, but because it is hosting the next world tournament, it has an automatic entry into that event, where the world's best 16 countries will battle it out for global supremacy.

Australia was well on the way to qualifying for Auckland in 2013 when it beat PNG 8-0 and Samoa 12-4 on the opening day of the Canberra qualifying tournament.

The Australians just needed to win one of the two games on the second day to clinch a place in Auckland.

Qualified

They did this when they beat Samoa 12-2 in their first game of the day.

Samoa was the other Oceania country to qualify for Auckland.

Goolagong's previous games for Australia were at the world championships in 2009 in Saskatoon, in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan.

The Australians broke New Zealand's domination and brought the world title trophy back home.

Goolagong grew up at Barellan (population 350),

JEFF GOOLAGONG



between West Wyalong and Griffith. It was the home town of his aunty and godmother Evonne Goolagong.

Goolagong moved Canberra at the age of 11, and took up softball when he was 14.

His talent was spotted quickly and he was in the ACT junior team as a 14-year-old,

and continued to represent the ACT at junior levels for the next five years.

When he turned 18, he played for the ACT open men's team and at 19, was chosen in the Australian team.

A carpenter by trade, he married his wife Kate last March.

The many faces of 'Big Artie'



Artie Beetson in 2009 with Elder Manny Ross at a jobs expo in Townsville.
— Picture: Alf Wilson



Artie Beetson with Argon Warriors players Terry Baira, left, and Harry Mooka at the 2011 Island of Origin carnival in the Torres Strait.
— Picture: Alf Wilson



Arthur Beetson (left) and Wally Lewis at the revamped Lang Park (Suncorp Stadium) in Brisbane in June 2003.
— AAP image



Artie the Eel – Arthur Beetson runs on to the field in his days at Parramatta.
— Action Photographics



Artie Beetson and another rugby league great, Sam Backo, at the Island of Origin this year.
— Picture: Alf Wilson



Arthur Beetson is introduced to the crowd at the 2011 Bumehla Festival at Southport. The festival was part of the lead-up activities to the All Stars rugby league match.



● LEFT: Arthur Beetson runs during the Olympic torch relay in Redcliffe, Australia, in the lead-up to the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. — AP photo

● BELOW LEFT: Artie Beetson at a FOGS expo in Townsville last September. He is pictured with Chief Petty Officer Ray Rosendale. — Picture: Alf Wilson

● BELOW: Arthur Beetson meets some of the locals on Palm Island. — Picture: Alf Wilson



Artie Beetson presents a trophy to champion women's player Stephanie Mooka at the 2011 Island of Origin.



Christian close to Test debut



SURPRISE packet Dan Christian put up his hand to don Shane Watson's cape and perform his key all-round role at Bellerive Oval, Hobart, in the second cricket Test against New

Zealand.

Christian admitted he was as stunned as anyone when named in Australia's 12-man squad for the second Test, but believed he could continue on the success of debutants, if selected.

In the end, he wasn't named in the starting line-up, with selectors deciding to give opener Phil Hughes another chance.

Averaging 59 with the bat this Shield season, the T20 international's inclusion in the Test XII had been expected to cost struggling opener Hughes his spot in a reshuffled batting order.

James Pattinson, Patrick Cummins and Nathan Lyon all starred on debut in recent matches and the South Australian Christian was keen to make a mark with the ball.

"I didn't think I was close to the Test side at all so it's a nice surprise," he said when named in the Test XII.

Reverse-swing bowler

While more renowned as a hard-hitting batsman, Christian is a fine reverse-swing exponent with his medium-pacers.

Christian's switch from NSW to Adelaide three seasons ago has proven to be a masterstroke as it's prompted him to return to the bowling which helped him make the Junior World Cup in 2002.

"I played Aussie 19s as a bowler, but made my first-class debut as a batsman, so it's a bit of a roundabout thing," he said.

"It's going to be interesting to see how they end up (selecting the Test XI) but if I get an opportunity that would be great," he said before the starting line-up was announced.

While veteran left-hander Mike Hussey is opposed to a batting rotation policy, he said



Dan Christian speaking to reporters after he had been named in the Australian squad for the Second Test against New Zealand that started last Friday at Bellerive Oval, Hobart.

— Picture: Peter Argent

Christian had the ability to be a match-winner.

"He's a good all-round option," Hussey said. "I think he can bowl long spells and keep it tight and he can bowl reverse swing."

"But I think the area where he's most dangerous is with the bat. Particularly against a tiring attack he can really take the game away from them very quickly."

The Redbacks all-rounder was named in the Hobart Test squad on the back of two centuries at the start of the 2011-12 first-class season.

The Wiradjuri New South Welchman played T20 and one-day cricket before he ventured

across to Adelaide to get a chance to play first-class cricket.

Christian said he had relished the responsibility of moving up a place in the batting order this year to number six.

In the recent Sheffield game at the Adelaide Oval, he came to crease with SA in trouble at 4/68 and put on 166 for the fifth wicket with team captain Michael Klinger.

Christian was dismissed for 108 from 211 deliveries, in a performance that including 12 boundaries and a six.

"I feel I'm at the top of my game — I'm batting well and although the figures may not reflect it, I believe I am bowling as strongly as I ever have."

By making the Test XII, he follows fast bowler Jason 'Dizzy' Gillespie and Australian women's cricketer Faith Thomas in 1959 as Aboriginal players to win Test caps.

"If I get selected, naturally I'd be proud to follow in the footsteps of 'Dizzy'," Christian told the *Koori Mail* before the final Test XI was named.

"It's a proud day for me and my family."

Christian also said his shot selection while batting had improved this year in the longer forms of the game, and his batting efforts had been because his arrival in the middle had been when the Redbacks were under pressure.

Born on May 4, 1983, at Camperdown (NSW), Christian, 28, made a name for himself when recruited to the Indian Premier League T20 competition, securing a \$1.8 million contract over two seasons.

He started playing for NSW in the shortest form of the game in 2005-06.

His first class debut for South Australia came in 2006-07 and he was selected in the Australian T20 side for three games against the West Indies and New Zealand in 2009-10.

Christian also had a highly successful stint for Hampshire in the English county competition and played in an Australian under 19 one-day team in 2002 on a four-game tour of New Zealand.

— AAP and PETER ARGENT



Dan Christian on his way to a century in a recent Sheffield Shield match at the Adelaide Oval.

— Picture: Peter Argent

Thurston eyes move from halfback

INDIGENOUS All Stars skipper Johnathan Thurston wants Darren Lockyer's vacant representative No 6 jumper — with next year's season-opener the first step in what he hopes is a permanent move to five-eighth.

Thurston — last month crowned the best player in the game — is keen to walk away from the halfback position he has dominated in the past few seasons.

He claims Lockyer's retirement following last month's victorious Four Nations triumph presents the perfect opportunity to make the shift — as he looks to fill Lockyer's boots for Queensland and Australia.

And he doesn't want to stop there — saying he has already spoken to North Queensland coach Neil Henry about making the move for the Cowboys as well.

"I've made no secret that I want to play six — I'm very familiar with that role, I played it all through my juniors, I moved to the Bulldogs as a six, I made my debut there, the Cowboys recruited me as a six," Thurston said.

"No 7, you're on the ball a lot more."

"Playing alongside Locky so much — he likes to sit out the back and get the ball when he's ready."

"That's what I'd like to do as well."

Thurston's first shot back at five-eighth will be alongside new Parramatta halfback Chris Sandow, who will be looking to make a big first impression on his representative debut.

Yet another Queensland, the inclusion of Sandow highlights the depth the Maroons have in the halves — with Indigenous All Stars bench player Scott Prince and Test squad members Cooper Cronk and Daly Cherry-Evans also amongst their ranks.

Cronk remains favoured to line up alongside Thurston for next year's State of Origin opener, but as Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley noted, the game will give Sandow a chance to stake his claim.

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Some of the Indigenous All Stars team and rugby league officials at the naming of the Indigenous All Stars team for the 2012 Harvey Norman All Stars game at Skilled Park, Gold Coast, on 4 February. Front row, from left, Travis Waddell, Chris Sandow, Johnathan Thurston, Greg Bird, George Rose; second row, Joel Thompson, Nathan Peats, Jamal Idris, Andrew Fifita, Scott Prince; back row, Anthony Mitchell, NRL CEO David Gallop, Federal Sports Minister Mark Arbib, Indigenous All Stars jersey designer Sid Domic, Nathan Merrit, Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley and Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council chairman William 'Smiley' Johnston. The team was announced at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Sydney, last Wednesday. – Picture: Joseph Mayers

The strongest yet



INDIGENOUS All Stars coach Laurie Daley has described his 2012 rugby league squad the best in the concept's three-year history, with Test centres Greg Inglis and Justin Hodges set to make their first appearance for the side.

The inclusion of Inglis and Hodges – who have missed the first two versions of the game due to injury – adds a touch of class to a line-up that boasts ten internationals, with Sam Thaiday also returning after being scratched from the 2011 encounter.

"It would be (the strongest) – if everyone is available," Daley said.

"I'm really looking forward to working with them.

"Those three in particular (Inglis, Hodges and Thaiday), because they're Australian

reps... it's a really good squad."

The most intriguing selection is that of new Parramatta halfback Chris Sandow.

His call-up has resulted in skipper Johnathan Thurston switching from his customary halfback position to five-eighth, a role the representative regular hopes will flow on to the Queensland and Australian sides following the retirement of Kangaroos No 6 Darren Lockyer (See P91).

Idris in the forwards

Gold Coast recruit Jamal Idris has been named in the back row alongside Titans team-mate Greg Bird, while South Sydney youngster Nathan Peats has been rewarded for a strong finish to 2011 with a spot on the interchange bench.

Peats, Joel Thompson and Anthony Mitchell were Daley's three 'coach's picks'. Prized Parramatta recruit Chris Sandow

is one of five newcomers in a star-studded Indigenous All Stars team.

The 2012 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars game will be played at the Gold Coast's Skilled Park on 4 February.

Sandow's superb 2011 season and high-profile switch to the Eels captured the imagination of fans, who selected him to partner captain Thurston in the halves in the 20-man squad released at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney last Wednesday.

Sandow joins superstars Inglis (Rabbitohs), Hodges (Broncos) and young guns Nathan Peats (Rabbitohs) and Andrew Fifita (Sharks) as debutants in an exciting Indigenous All Stars line-up that boasts ten players with Test experience.

"It is a great honour to be selected to represent my people and I am really excited about the opportunity to play alongside

Johnathan Thurston in the halves," Sandow said.

"I love the All Stars concept and I know my friends and family will be excited about coming to the game."

More than 15,000 fans cast their vote online at NRL.com to pick 16 players to join Thurston, who was an automatic selection as captain, while coach Laurie Daley and his selectors added a further three players to the 20-man squad.

Thurston topped the poll

Thurston topped the voting with 11,282, followed by Broncos winger Jharal Yow Yeh (7568), Inglis (7530), new Broncos captain Sam Thaiday (7331) and Titans lock Greg Bird (7105).

Anthony Mitchell (Roosters), Joel

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